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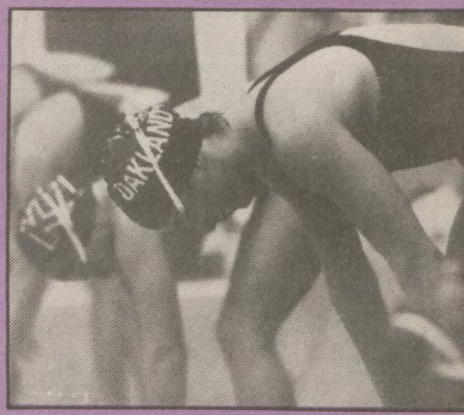
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Briefly ...

Undergrad instruction

Last Thursday, the University Senate decided to establish a new standing committee on "Undergraduate Instruction". The committee's charge is to prepare an overall university assessment plan and to help coordinate and advise academic units on the implementation of these plans.

In a series of informational items brought before the Senate, Campus Development and Environment Committee member Gerald Brieger recommended because of "large campus-wide interest", smoking on campus should be restrained.

The recommendation, which will be brought to the Senate steering committee to be potentially placed on March's agenda, asked for smoking be eliminated from all campus buildings. Private residences like the Matthews apartments, Meadowbrook Hall, Sunset Terrace and other off-campus housing would be exempted.

Since the residence halls are in the process of developing a separate policy, they are excluded from the proposal.

Other exceptions would include special functions, theatre performances and scientific research on smoking.

Brieger said to the Senate, "It is a more restrictive policy, but a simpler one."

Committee on openness

The committee on open meetings will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center Gold rooms. The university community is encouraged to attend.

March Board meeting

For the first time since January, the Oakland University Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in the OC's Gold Rooms.

Intramural volleyball

Sign-up for men's, women's and co-ed intramural volleyball leagues ends this Friday, as all team rosters are due in to the cage at Lepley. Competition will begin on March 14. For more information, call 370-4059.

Bookstore facelift

David Bixby, bookstore manager, recommends that all students begin their winter textbook return process as soon as possible, since the bookstore will begin its renovation on March 1.

Also, if there are any student who have not purchased books for the winter semester, they should do so at this time.

The renovation is expected to be completed by May 1.

Dates to remember

Today - ABS African-American Celebration lecture, OC Gold Room C, noon.

Tomorrow - Closing Ceremonies of African-American Celebration, OC Gold Rooms, noon.

Tomorrow - OU basketball vs. Grand Valley State at Lepley. Women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - Spring Break begins at 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday - Fifth Annual Rochester Antique Arms Show, O.C. Conferences, Crockery, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By MARGARET O'BRIEN
Senior Editor

Oakland must bridge the gap between the ethnic communities from which many minority students come and the university community, according to a proposal for an Office of Minority Equity presented last week to President Sandra Packard.

Manuel Pierson, assistant vice president for university and school

relations, outlined 15 recommendations for creating the office which, he feels, "will dramatically increase the graduation rate of the targeted minorities who will then be able to live more effectively in the external communities and will have closer ties to and a feeling of warmth for the university."

Pierson said he found that attempts to integrate minority students have resulted in feelings of isolation and non-acceptance that

need to be minimized or eliminated with a transition program.

"There should be no attempt to replicate this larger community from which our students come. Rather, there should be an acknowledgement of its existence and a bridge within the university to ease this adjustment," Pierson said in the report.

Pierson said the information was gleaned from seven weeks of interviews with more than 130

faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, students and former students who did not graduate; telephone interviews with 258 current students; and group interaction with more than 400 additional members of the university community.

The recommendations offered include:

- Naming the office the Office of Minority Equity.
- Placing the office, administra-

tively, in the Office of the President, with its chief administrator titled Assistant to the President for Minority Equity.

• Financing the office adequately to achieve established goals. The report suggests reclaiming staff and money granted to the Operation Graduation project.

• Staffing the office with three full-time professionals, one executive.

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Tossing twosome



The Airborne Comedians toss juggling pins and jokes last Thursday in the Crockery during their appearance at Oakland as Mainstage performers. Next month, rhythm and blues singer Ricky Walter will give a Luther Vandross-style performance on March 17.

No charges in rape case

By BRYAN LUXON
Staff Writer

OU Police were recently notified by an 18-year-old residence halls female that a male of Vandenberg Hall resident raped her in his room last September.

Last week, the female victim notified OU police she would not be pressing formal charges against the alleged rapist.

According to the police report the woman met the alleged rapist over the summer while participating in the Academic Opportunities Program and renewed her friendship with him when school began in September.

The woman told OU Police that the male wanted to escalate the relationship.

"I didn't know how to exactly go about breaking it off with him because he was very nice to me and I thought he was a nice guy," the woman said.

No reason was given as to why she didn't want to press charges but in a brief interview told *The Oakland Post* "I just want to put this whole thing behind me."

The decision saved the alleged perpetrator from a possible 15-year jail sentence if found guilty.

Instead the matter is now being handled by the university's Campus Conduct System, carried out by the Office of Student Life.

"Even though we encourage victims to prosecute in alleged rape situations we don't try to compel them into anything because it's a very personal decision and it's usually a difficult time for the victim," OU Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy said.

While the absence of a formal complaint does keep the case out of the court system, a less formal complaint concerning the welfare of OU community members can trigger an investigation by the Student Life Office. The university investigation can either run its course alone, or concurrently with the legal system.

Most similarities existing between the legal system and the campus judicial system stem from the due process clauses of the fifth and 14th amendments of the Constitution.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Recent rapes, robbery fuel fear

By LAURA OTENBAKER
Special Writer

While OU has a relatively safe reputation, many students have mixed feelings about night-time safety on campus.

This fear was fueled by a robbery at gunpoint on January 11 and an alleged assault on January 19.

Jennifer Sheritt, 20, a sophomore, said she's worried for her safety when walking to her car

after a night class.

"Oh, yeah. I always do. I didn't really worry about it until I heard those stories about the other people," Sheritt said.

Another female, senior Karen Kopinski, 21, is not particularly worried about being victimized. "Usually I walk out with someone from my class, so it really does not bother me."

However, Danielle Bozich, 21, has become more fearful since she

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Committee on openness faces long process

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Editor in Chief

A committee charged to study openness kicked off its first meeting February 19 by keeping its doors open to the public as the first order of business.

Members also decided to keep university committees and board advisory committees together in the discussion as requested by Board of Trustee Howard Sims, who initiated the request to study openness, despite requests from the university community to do

"It's impossible
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without a proper
process."

Andrea Fischer
OU Trustee

otherwise.

Last week, The Oakland Sail, Inc., owners of *The Oakland Post*, requested that the committee split the issue between university committees and board advisory committees.

During the hour plus meeting,

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Pigeons reprieved from poison

By ROBERT SNELL
Staff Writer

Buckling beneath the mass of anti-pigeonicide phone calls and a single death threat, university employees have waffled on their decision to poison the flock that turned their lab into a little shop of odors.

Biomedical science professor Frank Gibling received "about 10 phone calls" including a death threat.

What started as an effort to restore order to a research lab had evolved into a public fiasco.

"With all this publicity, I told them (campus facilities and operations) 'please do not poison

them...that doesn't seem reasonable anymore," he said. "I do not want this lab bombed."

According to landscape architect Albert Nordheden, he received an order from Gibling to cancel the mass-poisoning.

The order came less than a week after Gibling stopped feeding the birds that have caused considerable damage to Dodge's roof and created an unhealthy habitat for Oakland researchers.

"We are not feeding them in any way," Nordheden said.

"It's being completely reevaluated and alternate methods of solving the problem are of the highest priority. Our intent is not to poison them, it's to solve the

problem in another way."

Rather than exterminating the birds, Nordheden has reviewed a plan calling for welding metal sheeting to the refrigeration unit's base on top of Dodge Hall.

The sheeting would contain holes large enough for mice, or a sparrow, but most importantly, not for pigeons, according to Nordheden.

"We're hoping to create an environment that isn't conducive to them staying around," he said.

"If somebody says they're not a health hazard, we'll let them be."

Presently, the question of a major health hazard exists and after visiting the refrigeration unit and

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ABOUT THE STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD (SPB)

The Student Program Board is a standing committee of University Congress and is the largest programming organization on campus. SPB consists of volunteer students and a chairperson who select and plan quality entertainment in the areas of films, lectures, dances, recreation and special events. Individual committees also meet once a week and are open to all Oakland University students. If you are interested in becoming involved with SPB, visit the SPB office at 19E Oakland Center or call 4295 for information. Help make something happen!

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Feb. 15 - Morning. Whileshowering, a Hill House female had \$400 stolen from her purse at her bedside. According to the report, the front door was unlocked and nothing else was disturbed.

Feb. 18 - 11:10 p.m. Apparently while testing the extensive length of her phone's cord, a 19-year-old Vandenberg female left her \$70 phone/answering machine sitting in the hallway unattended and upon returning, discovered it had been stolen.

Feb. 18 - 5 p.m. Over \$69 was discovered missing from the OU mail room's cash register after clerks there realized the key found in the register earlier that morning was actually a key stolen two months earlier.

Feb. 19 - 7 a.m. OU police were notified that unknown person(s) had broken into Hamlin Hall's candy & chips vending machine sometime during the night, cleaning out the majority of the food and change. According to a vending machine repair man, the perpetrators also attempted to break into the cigarette machine but were unsuccessful. According to the report, Night-watch staffers were on duty all night, less than 50 feet away.

Feb. 19 - 6:15 p.m. OU police were called to Vandenberg Hall's fourth floor, east tower, by other floor residents who heard commotion coming from a room and an individual yelling for someone to call the police. Upon arrival, officers heard the situation brewing from inside and promptly beat on the door, identifying themselves when they heard, "I'll stab your ass and let you die!" The female occupant of the room told police everything was OK but after asking the male for identification, it was discovered he was on the Residence Halls Restricted Visitation List. Police escorted the male from the building.

Feb. 21 - 1:30 a.m. OU police, taking notice of a '92 Pontiac LeMans illegally parked in Hamlin Circle, ran a check on the car which showed that it was a stolen Avis rental from Highland Park. OU police took up a position of surveillance in the nearby North lot in hopes of stinging the driver but after two hours, they gave up and impounded the vehicle.

CRIME WATCH

By BRYAN LUXON

Aggie band probation ends

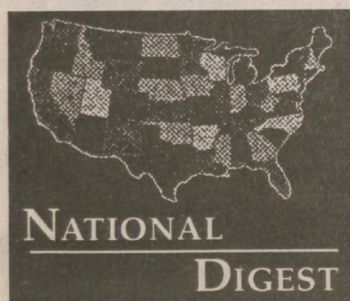
DAVIS, Calif. (CPS) - Officials at the University of California-Davis have lifted a 10-month probation imposed on the California Aggie Marching Band after charges of sexual harassment surfaced last spring.

Alumni band representatives, university administrators and student band leaders met in January to discuss how to restructure the band and implement new guidelines that will prohibit sexual harassment.

The probation was imposed after a former band member accused the band director of sexual harassment.

Some of the changes agreed upon include implementing a formal grievance procedure, fully defining the post of faculty band director, reviewing slogan buttons and school cheers for appropriateness, and upgrading dress codes for band members.

"The band will not tolerate sexual harassment," Andrew McPherson, the newly appointed band manager said.



Other nations outspend U.S.

WASHINGTON (CPS) - The United States ranks behind eight other nations in overall public and private education spending, according to a survey of the 24 wealthiest democracies.

The survey, the first to compare education systems among industrialized nations, was conducted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an intergovernmental agency in Paris that monitors the economies of the world.

Denmark and Finland were at the top of the list, which ranked countries by the percentage of national wealth spent on education. The United States was ranked 13th.

In public funding of education, the United States spent 5 percent of its income, while the leaders, Denmark and Finland, each spent 6.8 percent. Japan was last at 3.8 percent.

Rape victim files \$18.9 million suit

Fairfax, Va. (CPS) - A young woman has filed an \$18.9 million suit against George Mason University, claiming that campus police bungled the investigation of her alleged rape.

The woman, who was a 17-year-old freshman at the time of the attack, said she was raped and sodomized by three men in her dormitory room at 2:20 a.m. Sept. 2, 1991, the campus newspaper reported.

According to the lawsuit, which identified the victim as "Jane Doe," initial reports circulated by the university media relations department indicated that the crime was an "acquaintance rape" even though the young woman told investigators she did not know her attackers, the Broadside reported.

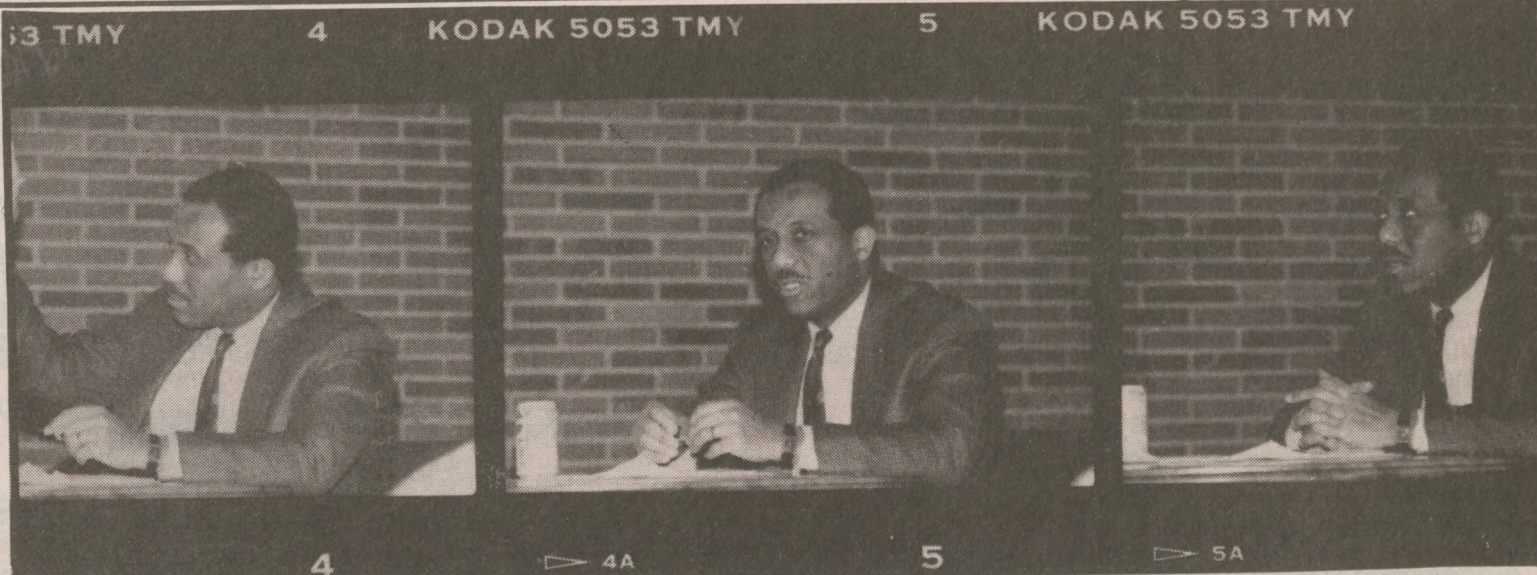
The lawsuit said "the university administration attempting to coerce her, and through her parents, to withdraw from the university" and "the university's employees published reports about the crime implying the victim 'asked for it.'"

The suit claims that Jane Doe was not taken to the hospital until 6 a.m., and she was not examined until 9 a.m.

The suit claims that university police "took the wrong bedding to the forensic laboratory" and "failed to monitor the collection and evaluation of evidence."

The woman also is suing the three alleged rapists, all former George Mason students, for assault and battery, false imprisonment and trespassing.

Campus Spotlight



TV and print media members visit OU

Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom and WDIV anchor and education reporter Emery King both came to OU last week for two separate events. Albom appeared for an interactive lecture and a book signing last Wednesday afternoon in the O.C.'s Gold Rooms. For more on Albom, see related story on page 10. Last Wednesday night in Hamlin Hall's main lounge, King helped celebrate part of OU's African-American history month by giving a lecture on his career in the media.

Photos by Clive Savage



Engineering gearing up for dean search

By JASON DOBRY
Staff Writer

Howard Witt, current dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, will be ending his five-year term this summer, leaving the dean search committee to seek new candidates for the position.

As Witt leaves the position to continue as a professor of engineering, the committee is considering approximately 40 candidates to replace him.

The committee was appointed last October to assess candidates for the job, and on March 6 it will make the first cuts.

These cuts will leave only five to eight candidates by the third week in March, Glenn Jackson, chair of the search committee said.

The dean's primary duties are to provide academic leadership, to interface with industry in an effort to raise funds, and to direct research and education within the school itself.

The primary consideration for

choosing applicants, aside from having a substantial background in engineering, is to have a "great deal of integrity and a lot of energy to put into the job."

Among the candidates are former deans "at other places bigger than us," men and women from the industry, and former vice-presidents of other institutions.

There are also applicants from within OU, but Jackson declined to give specific names.

The 12 member committee is mostly made up of faculty, a per-

son in graduate school and two OU graduates currently working in industry, one from Cadillac and the other, from the Board of Visitors, is a retired GM employee.

Once the list of applicants has been cut down to the five to eight members, the committee will meet with the yet-to-be-chosen Vice President and President Sandra Packard.

Jackson says the committee will "definitely make their own recommendations" for the administration's final choice.

Arts and Sciences hunts for professors

By TOM MULLIGAN
Staff Writer

The "help wanted" sign is up at the College of Arts and Sciences. The department is beginning searches to fill four faculty positions for the 1993-94 school year.

The history department will hire two professors, one to teach American history, the other to specialize in European history. Math and science and political science will hire one faculty person each. All departments are within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Arts and Sciences Dean John Urice said he is gratified that the college is hiring again. Urice termed it a "positive" move from the OU administration.

"These are tough times," Urice said. "It's [the hirings] a show from the president that she has confidence in the college [of Arts and Sciences] and faculty."

The announcement of four vacancies to be filled at once comes after several years of reductions in the faculty staff due to attrition. Professors that resigned were often not replaced. But Urice denies there was ever a hiring freeze for faculty.

"There was never any discussion" of a freeze, according to Urice. He explained that funds are allocated for faculty and non-faculty hirings, and money allocated for one cannot be used for the other.

"There are a number of vacan-

cies that we are not filling," Urice said, due to budget constraints, primarily non-faculty positions.

Urice said filling positions is based on "student demand and program need", and said every effort is made to keep the departments whole.

But Associate Dean David Downing said "there was a hiring freeze last year. We only hired one faculty person from the General Fund," he said.

He added that there is a hiring freeze on for non-faculty personnel, which includes clerical workers and other support staff.

Each department will conduct its own hiring process, following both federal and OU guidelines for hiring.

Catherine Rush, director of the office of Equal Opportunity, explained that the departments must conduct a nationwide search to find candidates and make a special effort to reach out to qualified women and minority candidates.

"We really are involved in two aspects," Rush said. "We identify ways to recruit, to broaden the search, and then monitor the process," she said.

But Rush denies that quotas will be used in the hiring itself.

"That's not the case at all," Rush said. "What it means is they are supposed to take affirmative action to identify women and people of color as candidates."

RHC considers future escort service, Lepley Sports Center improvement proposals

By CARRIE DELONG and MELISSA LAROSE
Staff Writers

Dean of Student Life David Herman and OU Police Chief Richard Leonard asked Residence Halls Council (RHC) members if they would support the idea of an escort service to provide safety on campus last Wednesday night.

If implemented, this service would allow students to call an escort to walk with them to their car or to the residence halls so students wouldn't have to walk alone at night.

Herman would like to see a pilot program implemented in the last four or five weeks of this semester if OU's Student Congress and RHC are in favor.

There are two models of escort service that are being considered. The first is a group of voluntary escorts or those who would be paid on an hourly basis.

In other action, renovating or replacing the athletic facilities at Lepley Sports Center was discussed at the RHC meeting.

RHC members were told to go back to their floors and ask residents if they would be interested in having a new recreational facility.

If the response is favorable, a group of students will visit other universities to get ideas as to what they would want.

Herman had presented the same idea earlier in the week to Student Congress, where members had reacted favorably to establishing a committee to look at other types of athletic facilities.

The main concern raised by RHC members to Herman was regarding how the facility is to be funded.

"The amount of money depends on what people want in it," Herman said.

Another topic was a petition to be presented to Director of Residence Halls Eleanor Reynolds regarding a drive to ban smoking in the Marriott cafeteria located in Vandenberg Hall.

Setting it straight...

• In the Feb. 17 edition, "Pigeons poised for a poisoning" should have read, "Currently the U.S.D.A is awaiting word from Albert Nordheden to proceed."

• In the Feb. 17 edition, "Briefly...Fischer nets position" should have stated that Board of Trustees member Andrea Fischer finished second behind Betsy DeVos and not last in the race for National Committee woman for the state of Michigan GOP.

• In the Feb. 17 edition, "Hill slated for conversion" story, The Oakland Post would like to stress that the Hill House renovation is just in the proposal stage and has not been formally approved by OU President Sandra Packard.

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OUR VIEW

Last week's acts reek with racism

Last weeks defilement of Kresge Library's third floor men's room and racist message written on its wall reeks of ignorance and hate. This act is one which we would like to believe could not happen in a place of higher learning where all races, both sexes and different sexual orientations all converge to seek enlightenment and a better life.

Whoever did such a hateful and sick thing should not be walking this campus or anywhere else. The person or persons who did such a ugly and hateful thing should take a good long hard look in the mirror. What should stare back should be shame—big red hot shame.

Questions should bubble and rise within. The racists should ask themselves the origin of their racist attitudes.

The bigots should ask how these bad attitudes, outmoded beliefs and shallow values can be changed to ones that show compassion, humanity and love for all.

But, we won't hold our breath; and right now we don't hold much hope.

We don't know if enlightenment or a "higher education" is possible within the mind and heart of the individual or individuals who took the time to leave fecal matter stuck with pencils on a tile bathroom floor and then write in ink "This is what I think of niggers" on a bathroom wall.

Many of us on this campus are outraged by such an hateful and ignorant act. We hope that these people are found and punished—maybe then some of pain will be erased.

Until then, those of us who hold compassion, humanity and love in our hearts, minds and souls can continue about our business. We can continue to embrace and share our differences. We should continue to walk with our heads high and our hands held out in peace and love. We should teach our children to do the same and not to react with fear and hate.

Who knows, maybe some of this will begin to rub off on those who really need it.

ANOTHER VIEW

Military system needs reform

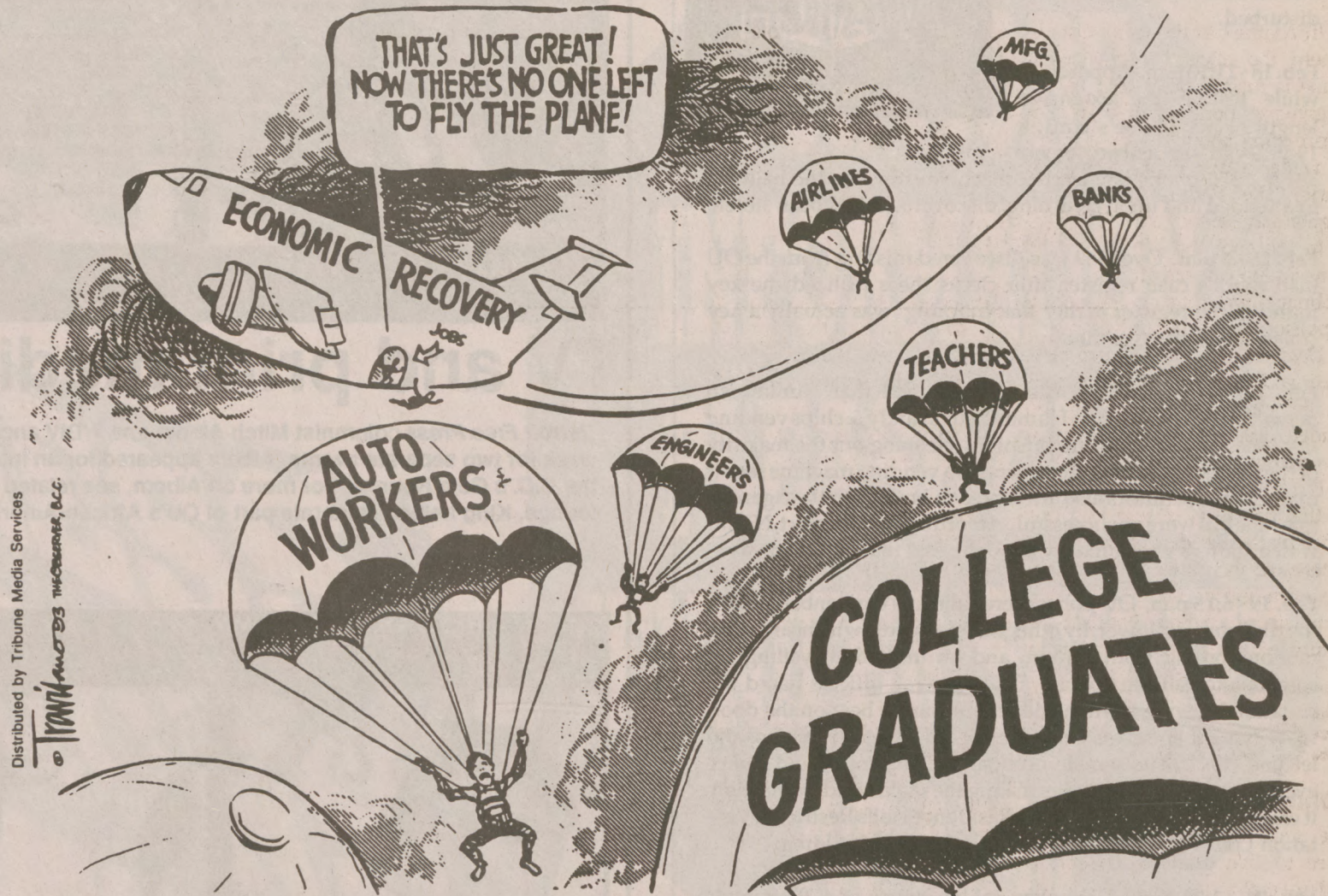
Derek Riethmeir's letter of Feb. 17, about a veteran's personal experiences with gays in the military, was revealing, but not in ways that he intended. First, as Riethmeir acknowledges, the question isn't one of "keeping gays out: of the military. Gays are already there, and always have been. The question is how to control behavior of all servicemen and women to ensure good morale.

Agreed, the supervisor who sexually harassed Riethmeir and other men under his command should have been discharged. So, for that matter, should any straight service man or woman who abuses his or her power over members of the opposite sex. Riethmeir seems to think that sexual harassment is an inevitable part of human nature, and that given the opportunity with an attractive woman on his tank, he'd do exactly the same. Well, it's depressing but not a bit surprising, especially after the "Tailhook" episode, to find that mentality still so prevalent. But here's a news flash: not all people automatically harass anyone they find attractive. I may never have fought in the military, but I've worked with many men in predominantly male institutions who are capable of treating their female colleagues and students with respect, and refraining from flirtatious behavior. In universities, we call that "ethics" and common courtesy." In the military, it's known as "discipline." Most people male or female, straight or gay, have the intelligence and self-control to observe such codes of conduct; some don't, but they belong to a rather special subcategory known as "stupid jerks."

What President Clinton is rightly trying to change is the criteria for disciplining a member of the military. As things stand now, anyone who admits to being gay or lesbian is discharged, even if he or she has never committed a breach of conduct. (I'll bet Riethmeir served alongside other gay people besides his supervisor in Desert Storm, but never knew it because they kept their private lives to themselves). On the other hand, someone like that sexually harassing supervisor might stay in the military if he could manage to convince investigators that he was "just kidding" or that his behavior was a one-time fluke. And meanwhile, the military goes on wasting money investigation people who haven't hurt anyone. You don't need to be a veteran to understand that the system needs reform.

SUSAN WOOD
Associate professor
Art and Art History

Opinion



Humane does not mean pain and cruelty

About two years ago, some students and faculty were trying to get the geese removed from campus because of the messes they left on the sidewalks and the noise they made.

Today, there is a parallel to this issue on campus. It is pigeon removal. Only this time it's not just removal, it's blatant killing.

We live within nature. So does every other animal on Earth. Why is it that we want to change nature to suit our own needs? We pollute nature to "get ahead." Every other animal on the face of the Earth has to deal with our pollution. Many of these animals die. They don't ask for it, they're just trying to survive.

Again, on Oakland University's campus, we are trying to control nature. Because pigeons are making a mess on top of Dodge Hall, some people feel the need to get rid of them. Why, when we live in nature just like other animals, do we reserve the right to kill for no reason? They have to live with our messes, our buildings, our cars, our smog, why can't we live with theirs?

Glen Dudlerar from Michigan State University has proposed a "humane" way to exterminate the pigeons. It involves poisoning corn and feeding it to the birds. This poison would "humanely" stop the urinary tract from working, thereby causing a buildup of wastes in the birds' bodies. They would painfully, "humanely," die, while suffering, within 48 hours.

I guess the word humane has

taken on a different meaning. It used to mean sympathy and compassion. Now it means pain and cruelty.

We want to get rid of the pigeons, who have done nothing wrong, by painfully poisoning them. We are willing to do this because they smell and excrete waste. Not me. I will not stand for this. It's the same reasoning behind getting rid of a dog because it smells. Clean up after it if you don't like it. These birds will probably die soon enough from our pollution anyway. If you don't like the smell, send someone to clean up the mess weekly.

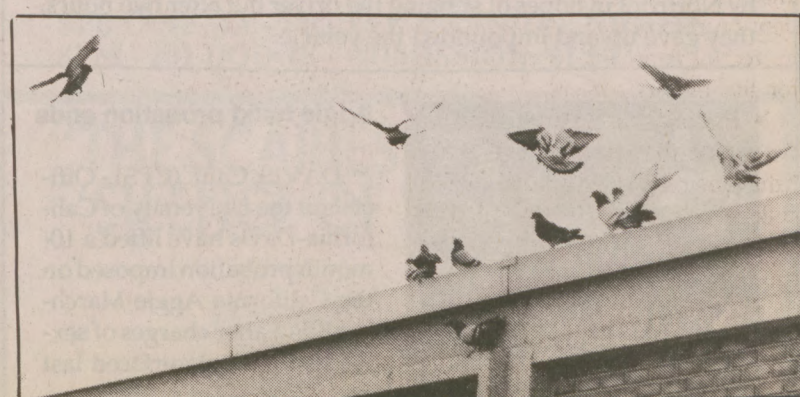
I do not like the idea of killing innocent animals just because we don't like what they're doing. If you don't either, voice your opinion. Call Frank Gibson and tell him. Tell him that you don't support death. Tell him to watch every minute of the 48 hours in which that bird struggles hopelessly to live.

Ask him how he feels. What is the difference between birds and human beings? We're all animals. We come from the same place.

They are not trying to kill us, so why should we kill them.

If you say no to death, call Gibson at 370-2395 and tell him so. Call President Sandra Packard and tell her how you feel. You cannot be heard unless you say something, and I can't believe that you all want death for these birds.

MICHAEL WISNIEWSKI
Junior



Try other means than killing

It's a shame that a University can't outsmart a few pigeons and must resort to poisoning them. What a bird-brained idea! Has anyone thought of the possibility of cleaning the unit and enclosing it in chicken wire. This should cost less than \$500 poisoned corn. Have plans been made for the disposal of 30 dead pigeons? Maybe we could have a funeral service. And what about our other feathered friends who mess up campus, the geese? If we are planning to poison pigeons for smelling up one lab, what horrible torture could we possible have planned for the geese. Maybe open hunting season would be a fun and economical idea.

RITA GRAY

Consider humane choices

After reading your article in the Oakland Post regarding the four problem on the roof of Dodge Hall, We felt compelled to respond. As animal lovers, we do not understand why it is necessary to kill the pigeons when this will only serve as a temporary solution which will have to be repeated every year. It looks, from the photo, as though an easier and more economical solution would be to clean the refrigeration unit (which would have to be done anyway) and to enclose it in chicken wire or screen. You seem to think that the method you have chosen is the only method. We do not feel this can be considered a humane choice when no other solution has been tried.

ROBERTA CLARK AND JUDY BURTO
Purchasing Department

Let women undergrads make own decisions

I read with interest Mr. Gritzinger's article in the February 17, 1993 Oakland Post ("Brightway plans to be presented to Packard.") I was particularly struck by the remarks attributed to Professor Randy Hansen of the Psychology Department.

In the article, Prof. Hansen's remarks are paraphrased to say that the poor lighting around Pryale House is limiting the female participation in the department's research. In the next paragraph, Prof. Hansen is directly quoted, stating "I am no longer allowing female undergraduates to work at night." It seems to me that it is Prof. Hansen (and not the lighting situation) that is limiting in nature.

The rather patronizing, paternalistic attitude implicit in Prof. Hansen's remarks does not do women justice. I seriously wonder if college women require someone to make life/safety decisions for them, or whether they would be better served by Prof. Hansen doing the following: (1) offer to them a realistic risk assessment of their after dark participation; (2) make suggestions

on ways to minimize those risks (or refer them to those qualified to make such suggestions, e.g. the university police); and (3) allow them to make their own informed decision. A radical thought? Depends on your view of women.

I do not question Prof. Hansen's sincere concern, and I applaud his desire to have corrected what he believes to be a deficiency in the

lighting around Pryale House. But to deny an entire class of persons, based solely upon their gender, the opportunity to make their own decision is the type of thinking that feminists (and others) continue to work so long and hard to change.

DOUG GODWIN
Senior

Dreams should reflect America's mind, face

We applauded Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. for teaching us his complimentary Baptist principles of toleration and national strength from diversity—separation.

However, since his death, we have only lessened "biological bigotry."

Blatant "ideological bigotry" still rages in our land! Just ask the politically correct biological in our land. Just ask the politically correct biological quota doctors if we can base our national affirmative action goals on ideology rather than biology and watch them shriek in horror as 20 percent of the federal moneyed jobs are re-

served for Roman Catholics, 20 percent for Baptists, 20 percent for Methodists, and only 5 percent for atheists.

I have a dream! I dream of a time when every TV receives 100 working stations, each with a different ideological base—Hindus on Channel 2, Democrats on 4, Libertarians on 7, the Jewish on 8, the voice of Islam on 12, Atheists on 13, Anarchists on 20, Republicans on 50, the ACLU on 56, and the 700 on 62.

I dream of a time when we become a nation of voracious readers and movie goers, so much so, that we can support hundreds of

movie production studios and thousands more news magazines.

I dream of a time when the writing, the production and the direction of the not closed shop media guild is open to the unwashed, politically incorrect masses.

I dream of a time when our media our educational institutions and President Clinton's "town meetings" and cabinet appointments reflect the mind as well as the face of America.

I have a dream.

STEPHEN PATTON
Graduate student

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Recant

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In contrast to the legal system, where the alleged perpetrator's name is made public after an arraignment, none of the specific information about the proceeding is available due to its protection under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

In the end, the types of sanctions issued can range from a disciplinary warning to indefinite expulsion from the university.

Dean of Students David Herman said he could not comment on the particular action that the Student Life Office has taken on this matter due to FERPA.

But he explained, "A complaint of this nature is directed to this office by the Residence Halls Staff, where we then attempt to schedule a pre-hearing with the victim/complainant where we outline the nature of the problem and who

was involved; including the victim, the accused and any other witnesses."

If it is determined that there is a need for university adjudication, the accused has the choice of selecting either an Administrative Hearing or a University Student Conduct Board (USCB).

The USCB consists of three members: an OU faculty member, an OU administrative staffer and a student. The accused has the choice of selecting any one of the three individuals, while the dean of students selects the other two.

An assistant to the dean of students sits as chairperson, who assures uniformity but cannot vote.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the USCB votes on innocence or guilt and makes a recommendation of sanctioning to the dean of students, who delivers the sentence.

At an administrative hearing, the dean of students presides over the examination and alone makes

a determination of innocence or guilt and then delivers the sentence.

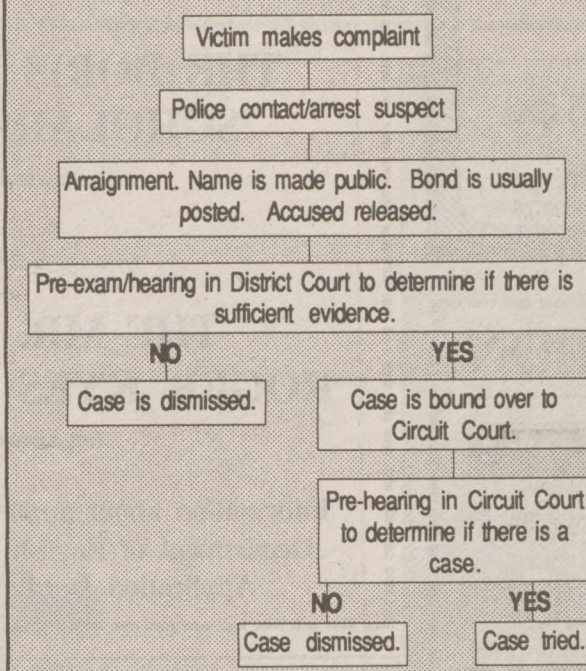
Prior to and during proceedings, the accused's rights include fair due process, to have an advisor present, a refusal to attend the hearing, a refusal to make self-incriminating statements and the use of witness testimony.

The decision and or sanction levied at the administrative hearing or USCB can be appealed within 10 business days to the vice president for student affairs office, but only to the extent that pertinent evidence was overlooked or that procedural due process was violated.

The vice president for Student Affairs can affirm, reverse or remand the case back to the lower level for further review, however, the decision is final.

The Student Life Office said that since August 1, 1991, five cases of sexual assault have been reported to them and of those five, two of the victims/complainants refused

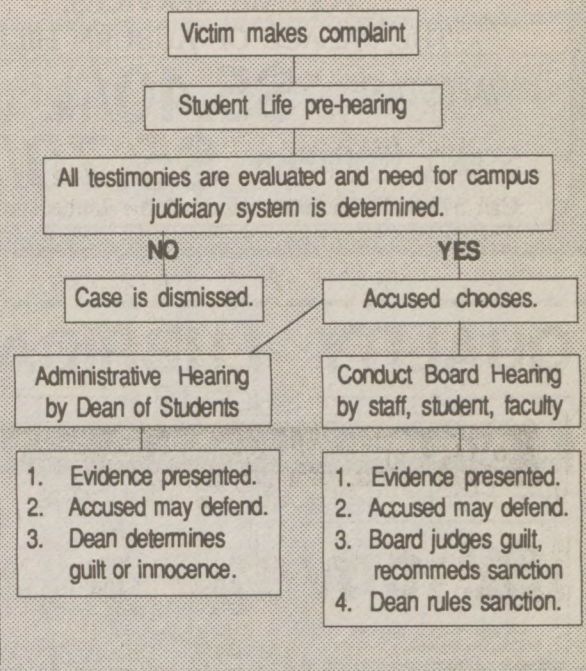
LEGAL SYSTEM



to follow through with the procedures.

The remaining three cases were handled by the campus conduct

OU JUDICIAL SYSTEM



system with two of the violators being found guilty who were suspended from Oakland. A Student Life Office spokes person could

not comment on the duration of the suspensions.

The remaining case is still under adjudication.

Equity

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tive secretary, a faculty fellow, three to five graduate assistants and several work study students.

- Establishing a 25-member Minority Equity Advisory Council consisting of area minority alumni and friends to advise the president on minority issues and assist in recruitment and fund raising for the minority agenda.

- Establishing a committee to determine the feasibility of establishing an ethnically oriented inner college using the Honors College and former Charter College as models.

- Strengthening strategies to ensure a diverse minority community in proportion to state demographics.

- Instituting strategies to ensure an increase in the retention and graduation rates of minority students.

- Initiating new strategies to assist minority students in financing their college education with credit card payment, minimum balances and emergency assistance policies targeted for review.

- Establishing 25 \$1,000 scholarships to attract minority students from across the state.

- Instituting strategies to ensure access to certain majors.

- Developing strategies to reduce racial polarity with a focus on brotherhood and pluralism to help students understand that they are not each other's enemy.

- Re-evaluating remedial programs where students accumulate credits in courses which do not count toward graduation and use up financial aid money which is only available for a specific time.

- Initiating an incentive plan with the Office of Equal Opportunity to design strategies to increase minority faculty university-wide.

- Re-evaluating the charge, focus and need of the Senate Human Relations Committee.

Discussions on campus before the report indicated that the word "minority" in the title may be on of the more controversial aspects of the project, with some students and faculty advocating a multicultural focus.

Pierson said while the term may be considered pejorative by many, "It was the clear choice of the target population."

According to the report, 78 percent of those interviewed opposed the term "multiculturalism" as being too broad. Pierson said the Office of Minority Equity was a combination and is in line with institutions that have established such an office including the state of Michigan which has an Office of Minority Equity.

Packard said she will study the recommendations during the spring term in cooperation with the appropriate administrators, committees and members of the board and will seek to establish an office ready for student service by the time students return to campus in the fall.

"I am sure as we seek to implement some of these suggestions, we will significantly improve the service of our campus for minority students," Packard said.

Safety Tips

OU Public Safety suggests the following tips to prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- Use the "buddy system". Walk to your car with someone else.

- Use the Brightway paths

- Park as close to the main roads as possible.

- Walk in the center of the aisles in the parking lots.

- Back into your parking space.

- Study where there are people around.

- Make eye and/or verbal contact with people approaching you.

- Be aware of what is going on around you.

- Use common sense.

Safety

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heard about the other attacks on campus.

The junior said, "I don't like it (walking to her car after class at night) anymore. I try to cut through the buildings because my first class is in Varner Hall and my last class is in Wilson Hall."

However, safety fears seem to change when a male is involved.

Aaron Boyer, 21, a sophomore, said, "I come out here a lot at night and I've never had a problem. I think it might be sexist to say, but I think girls have more to worry about than guys. I don't worry about it, but if I am in a parking lot and I see someone suspicious out of the corner of my eye, I'll keep an eye on them."

To help alleviate fears, Officer David Birkholz of OU's Department of Public Safety offers students some safety tips to help protect themselves from becoming victims.

Birkholz stressed using the "buddy system" when walking on campus, particularly at night. He said even if you do not know someone in your class, make an effort to introduce yourself and walk to-

gether to your cars.

"You've got to be thinking because the bad guy's thinking," he said.

He also suggested getting to class early. He said that people who are assaulted are usually rushing and are not paying attention to what is going on around them. Also, whenever possible, use the Brightway paths.

When walking in the parking lots, walk in the center of the aisle staying away from the cars. You are less likely to be attacked by someone hiding between cars.

Another safety tip is to back into parking spaces. This allows you to immediately drive forward out of a potentially dangerous situation.

When you are studying late at the library or in other buildings, do not isolate yourself. Try to study where there are others around.

If you have a night class and need to stay after to talk to your professor, see if the professor can walk out with you or watch you get to your car.

When you are on campus and are hesitant to walk to your car alone, you can call the OU Public Safety dispatcher at 370-3331 and ask for a visual escort. The OU police will drive to the area to see

that you get to your car safely.

Birkholz also said not to avoid eye contact with someone walking near you. If you are ignoring someone, they know it, and according to Birkholz, "you're blinding yourself."

Look at people. Take note of their appearance, or if they are in a car, look at what type of car it is. If someone is sizing you up as their next victim, they may change their mind because of your attentiveness to details and your ability to identify them.

"When you see it coming, you can react," he said. He also said, "If you can carry yourself like a victim, you'll be a victim."

Sergeant Dave Scott, investigation section supervisor for Wayne State's Department of Public Safety, echoed Birkholz's ideas.

He said that in addition to making eye contact with someone, say something like, "Hey, how are you doing?"

Scott said, "Verbal contact tends to be disarming."

The two most important safety tips that Scott gave are, to use common sense and be aware.

He said students tend to walk around in their own little worlds, only paying attention to their immediate surroundings, not to what

is going on around them.

"A lot of our students who are victimized set themselves up for it," Scott said.

In addition to these safety measures, Sara Harrod, 21, an OU senior and a member of Student Congress on the legislative affairs committee, is working to institute an escort service on campus that would provide protection upon request.

When she originally tried to get OU Public Safety involved, she was told that OU was a relatively safe campus, so the need for that service was not great.

According to Harrod, "If a crime does happen on campus to only one person, that person is relevant. I wouldn't want anyone to go through that."

Harrod also said that if other universities are finding a way to have an escort service on campus to promote safety, then OU can find a way also.

David Herman, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students, is talking with Student Congress and the Residence Halls about the issue of establishing an escort service.

Whether an escort service is established depends "...on the level of student interest," Herman said.

Process

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the committee began the process to determine what university committee meetings should be open or should remain closed. What began as specific inquiries of what meetings were now open to the public ended in a philosophic discussion of why or why not meetings should be open.

Not all agreed that the public should be included in all university meetings.

"Until something is to be voted on, I do not think meetings should be public," Ronald Olson, school of health sciences dean, said. "In the managing and running of my unit, it's not democratic. I run the unit."

Others agreed that the public need not to be part of the early stages of discussion citing that early discussion of such topics as

budget cuts and program changes tended to spread throughout the university community like wildfire as "gospel."

Ronald Cramer, education professor and president of the AAUP, said he believes privacy issues are changing.

"Individuals did not have access to personnel records; now the individual has access," Cramer said. "Down the line, it will be appropriate to open meetings, so to have access might be fairer."

Pigeon

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researching the associated risks, Rikki Schwartz, OU's environmental health and safety coordinator discovered the refrigeration unit could harbor serious problems.

"It's horrible," she said. "It's the most disgusting thing I've ever seen in my life. I couldn't work up there...nobody could. It (The smell) burned my lungs."

"Pigeons are an enormous problem," she said.

"It's very difficult to say 'would someone die if the pigeons weren't killed.' The question is who's going to decide how much is too much risk."

CF&O will be having a staff meeting today to discuss possible alternatives, according to Nordheden, who said they hope to reach a decision this week.

However, the situation will stay stagnant until springtime when the weather permits a cleaning crew to clean the roof, according to Nordheden.

Until cleaning crews are able to clean the roof, "(Eye research professor) Dr. Ari will have to put up with the smell for a couple of months," Giblin said.



Members of RAKUGAKI will perform at Oakland March 11, 1993.

March program seeks to improve Japanese-American relations

The U.S. Japanese Club and professor Shaye Howell are taking positive steps to affirm relationships between the two nations by bringing contemporary Japanese music to OU.

The group has been working on the concert idea since last year when students approached Howell after listening to Lee Iacocca's speech about the Japanese.

"We had to do something about the Japanese bashing that was so prevalent in this country, especially around here," Howell said.

Headlining the March 11 concert in the Oakland Center's West Crockery, will be Rakugaki, a twosome who plays contemporary Japanese music on the Koto, a 13-string Japanese harp, and on the Shaku-hachi, a bamboo flute.

A Michigan based group, Surrogate Earth, will also play. The group is known for its world fusion and world rhythms.

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Smokers are people too

The buzz around campus is that OU may soon become a smoke-free university. That

means no more smoking lounges. No more...smoke.

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Personally, I don't smoke but I still think this idea stinks as bad as any Camel you'd care to light up.

When I was growing up, both of my parents would smoke a combined total of four to five packs a day.

I guess it was inevitable that I would try it. When I was 13, my friends used to come over and I'd supply the cigarettes. That lasted a few months.

I never got caught, I just moved away from it on my own. I got tired of the constant, overbearing presence of cigarettes in my life.

So, imagine my joy when I was in high school and non-smoking areas sprung up everywhere.

Finally, I could go somewhere and not be exposed to cigarette smoke. Separating smokers from non-smokers was, and is, a great idea.

I think it's a good move to ban smoking from hospitals, for obvious health reasons, but entire office buildings and now college campuses? Isn't this a case of the pendulum swinging too wildly the other way?

Isn't there a way to keep our environment relatively clean without stomping over one specific group of people?

Sure, I've heard about all of the damage that second-hand smoke does to non-smokers, but there's a lot more in the air that will pollute our lungs worse than cigarette smoke.

For instance...cars. We may have emissions tests, but we're still dumping a lot of garbage into the air and into our lungs.

Maybe we should have non-driving areas. Instead of driving to campus from say, Rochester or Pontiac, we could walk or bike the five or ten miles. All on non-driving roads, of course. Would you prefer driving or non-driving?

Of course, we could do all that and still end up sucking enough emissions to guarantee a close, personal relationship with our doctors in later life.

Or not.

Some people who have never smoked may die from lung cancer because of passive smoke, but there are also plenty of people who have smoked three packs of cigarettes per day for 50 years, and will die from something totally unrelated.

We live in a crowded world. When it's crowded, what other people do around you may affect you more.

Yes, this includes cigarette smoke, but it also includes car emissions, fires and toxic wastes, which we can't seem to get cleaned up.

I'm not defending smoking. It's a pointless habit. But the fact remains that it is legal.

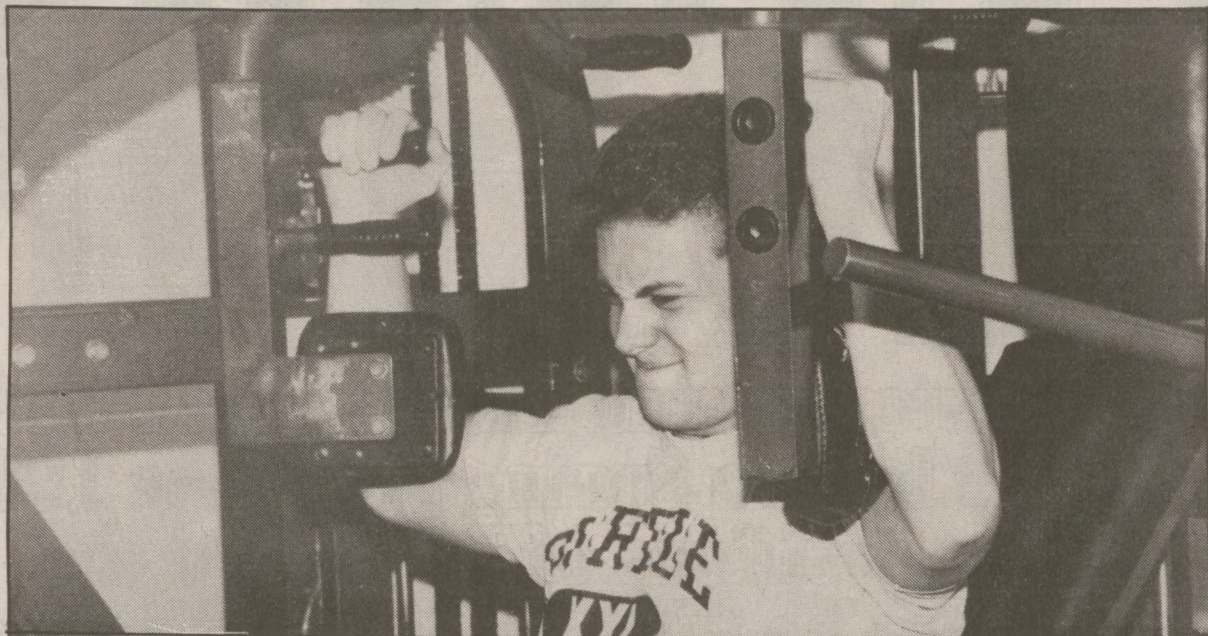
While nobody is calling for smoking to be outlawed, it's clear that smokers are made to feel unwelcome these days.

My guidelines for smokers are simple. As long as I'm not constantly inhaling your smoke, light up. Respect my rights, and I'll respect yours. Is that too tough to grasp?

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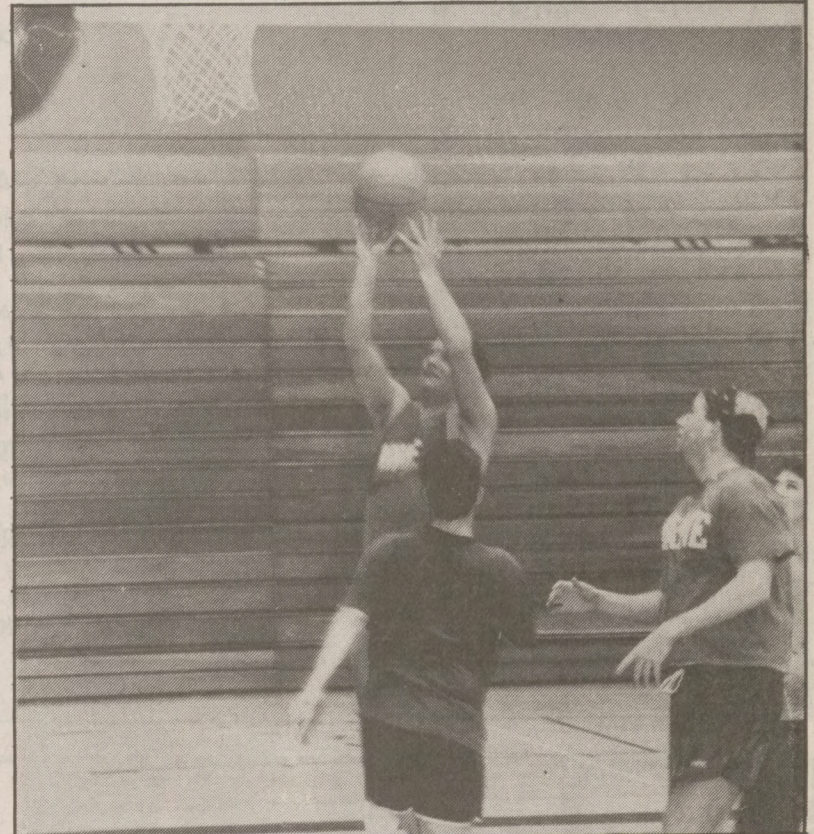


Although the facilities at Lepley are insufficient for many students, this lady takes advantage of one of the two exercise cycles located in the weight room.



Above: The weight room, located in the lower level of the Lepley Sports Center, is used for strength training classes. It is also available for student use.

Right: Many students rely on personal training programs to stay fit, such as the student at right who relies on sit-ups to keep her abdomens in shape.



Slowly rising in its overall participation, the intramurals program offered at Lepley provides a variety of sports opportunities.

Let's get Physical

OU looking for ways to improve programs

By THERESA O'KRONLEY
Features Editor

It seems the whole world has gone overboard and become addicted to promoting healthier ways of living. That is unless OU is included in that world.

With the exercise and fitness crazes sweeping America like never before, the sad truth remains that OU is out of shape.

Out of shape in its offerings that is. Compared to other state universities, OU has some strange proportions in its programming. According to Fred Stransky, director of health enhancement programs at Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, the reason can be traced back to Oakland's beginning.

"OU was established with the basic understanding that there would be no athletics on campus. Not only did we not have athletics, we didn't have courses that dealt with any physical aspects. It's unfortunate that they thought they could remove the physical from the intellectual," he said.

Stransky said the reasoning for not offering such courses was because, "There was a lot of question as to the academic relevance of receiving credits for physical exercise classes."

Although some classes are now being offered for interested individuals, opportunities are still scarce.

According to Brian Goslin, associate professor of exercise sciences, OU currently offers four courses each semester.

Their focus is, "Partially on health promotion and enhancement and partially on the activity of the class itself; how to do it and how to participate," he said.

This semester, offered classes focus on resistance weight training, aerobics, swimming and jogging.

The question now becomes how helpful are these classes to students?

Junior Laura VanHouten, who is currently enrolled in the jogging class, feels it isn't very beneficial for people who are already athletically inclined.

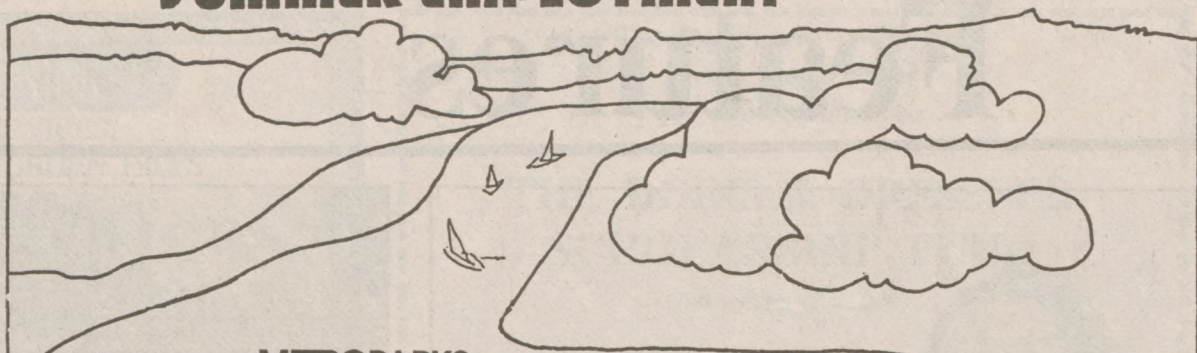
"If you're an athletic person already, this class is kind of a joke. The lecture portion is just common sense and stuff that people who are into exercising would already know," she said.

Stransky feels these classes are a step in the right direction, but not

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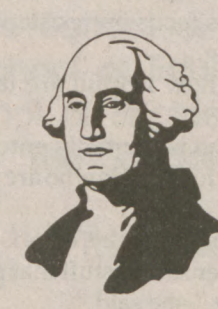


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March 25	Return of the Presidential Debate
	(Debate #2)
March 29 - April 1	Elections
April 2	Validations Meeting

Calendar

THEATER

• Wayne State University's Department of Theatre is presenting *A Raisin in the Sun*, a story of a mother's struggle to keep her family together after receiving \$10,000 from a life insurance policy. Performances will be held at the Bonstelle Theatre from Mar. 5-Mar. 14. Call 577-2972 for tickets and times.

• The Troy Players presents *South Pacific* at the Troy Community Center from Mar. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20. Call 879-1285 for tickets, times and additional details.

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ART

• The Paint Creek Center for the Arts is featuring a variety of paintings by artist Delphine Miller throughout the month of March. Call 651-4110 for gallery hours and other information.

• The Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum presents a new installation entitled *Do Not Think About the Blue Door: An Installation in Progress* by Tony Hepburn, until Mar. 28. Call 645-3312 for gallery hours.

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CONCERTS

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• The Gem Theatre is hosting a preview performance of *Forbidden Broadway* on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. to benefit the Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt. Call 963-9800 for tickets.

• Prism Productions presents the *King of the Blues B.B. King* on Mar. 6 at 7 and 10 p.m. at the State Theatre. Call 345-6500 for tickets.

EVENTS

• The Palace of Auburn Hills is hosting the 5th Annual Stroh's Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo from Mar. 4-Mar. 7. Call the Palace for tickets and Expo hours.

• The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Detroit Council for World Affairs presents *Trade and the Global Economy: Projecting U.S. Interests*, on Mar. 10 at Wayne State's Birmingham Extension Center. Call 577-3453 for fees and times.

• The Caravan Circus is coming to the Breslin Student Events Center on Feb. 26-28. Call (517) 336-1989 for tickets, times and directions.

Excursions

Simon's mastery shows on stage

By JANICE TROMBLEY
Special Writer

Depending on who you are, you may one, see yourself or two, recognize your parents or someone you know in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." If not, then you can laugh at it anyway because it relates very well to human nature, good or bad.

"Plaza Suite" is a trio of mini-plays all taking place in the same Plaza Hotel suite 712 (remember that), thus the name.

The first is called "Visitor from Mamaroneck." It is about a married couple who seem to be operating at different levels and unfortunately, they don't connect. Karen Nash is dreamy, forgetful and just wants her husband to pay attention to her. Sam Nash is occupied with work, and in more ways than one. The two can't agree on what day their 23rd or 24th

anniversary is, when his secretary Jean McCormack arrives at the suite with some work.

This one wins my nomination for most dramatic, or sad-deningly truthful.

Curious? You should be. Simon makes a terrific trio of funny and realistic scenarios.

For the second situation, a visitor from Hollywood comes to the suite. He is Jesse Kiplinger, a famous entertainment figure and is the perfect manifestation of the Hollywood stereotype. This makes for abundant laughs, as he calls up a long-lost hometown friend who he contacts and convinces to meet him. Former girlfriend Muriel Tate is married now, and about as homegrown and wholesome as a bunch of backyard lilacs. There is something Jesse wants from her, and the whole scene revolves around him manipulating her

as she is blindly in awe of his celebrity status.

When the curtain rose for the third time, the visitors from Forest Hills are in a veiled panic, in the midst of a wedding. The bride, Mimsey Hubley, has locked herself in the bathroom and her frantic mother informs guests waiting downstairs that everything is just fine. Add the father to this scene, and the two of them try to figure out where they failed as parents. You can just see the blood pressure rising and as they take drastic measures to coax Mimsey out, a number of catastrophic events ensue. This creates a very funny situation and I would say this scene, of the three, is the most laugh provoking.

While Simon put this play to paper, these actors brought it to life. I was impressed with all their performances. As the same actors and actresses are in all of the

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Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

Wil Love and Mary Pat Gleason star in Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite," currently running at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Current smashes remakes of foreign films

By DON HONSTAIN
Staff Writer

Everything that is wrong with American cinema (and best about foreign cinema) can be seen in the translation of the Dutch masterpiece "The Vanishing" to its horrid stateside counterpart.

Both films are the story of a man whose wife has disappeared into thin air, and his obsession to find out what happened to her.

The Dutch version is diabolically brilliant. It comes mostly from the point of view of the victim's husband Rex (Gene Bervoets), who hasn't stopped searching for three years. He puts up posters throughout the Netherlands and France, goes on talk shows hoping anyone has information and desperately waits in cafes because someone who may be the kidnapper is

toying with him. He has found a new girl but she can't compete with his obsession—he must know what happened.

We get to meet the abductor—Raymond—even before Rex does. He's a teacher, a loving family man with a wife and two daughters, and he shares his first initial with Rex.

We see Raymond (Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu) drugging himself to see how long his victims will be under and the cool, calculating way he plans on getting unsuspecting helpers to his car and most incredibly, the reasoning behind his derangement.

When they finally meet, Raymond plays Rex's obsession against him, resulting in an ending that is a hundred times scarier than anything Freddy Krueger ever dreamed.

The American version tells the story mostly from the



Photo courtesy of Hecency Enterprises V.O.F. and Le Studio

Jodie Foster (Laurel Sommersby) and Richard Gere (Jack Sommersby) share a passionate moment in "Sommersby," which is based on the film "The Return of Martin Guerre."

criminal's point of view. But in-

stead of being cool and calculating, he's visibly a wacko-uncontrollable with long hair and slow speech. We go through the same motions albeit with familiar faces but with none of the emotion or the touches that made the original so tight and crisp. The American offering adds worthless splinter plots.

Rex, now Jeffery, is writing a book of the ordeal and his new girlfriend is off to the rescue when trouble arises. Kiefer Sutherland is Jeffery and he more or less calls in his performance. Nancy Travis is the new girl whose role is too big for the picture's own good and Jeff Bridges is the teacher gone nuts but unlike his foreign counterpart, Bridges goes over the top and we can see that this guy is crazy.

In the Americanization, the film gets set in Seattle. Jeffery drives a Jeep Cherokee and the

film becomes typical, falling into the trap so many other revenge flicks jump into. Like other recent revenge snoozers—"Unlawful Entry," "Consenting Adults" and "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle"—"The Vanishing" tries to give its audience the feeling that all is well, but this is an empty victory, the simple way out. The ending is right out of "The Player," but this time the joke is on us.

The only thing that the American version adds is a bit of nervous humor, but it's kind of like a rapist offering his victim a cigarette afterward.

The American "Vanishing" fails on its own terms but when compared to its predecessor, it's a waste of time. Screen it to compare, not to enjoy.

Do not miss the original, it's in Dutch and French with English subtitles. A small price to

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Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

Nancy Travis and Kiefer Sutherland star in "The Vanishing," a thriller about a man who becomes obsessed with learning the fate of his girlfriend, who has mysteriously disappeared.

At A Theater Near You:

February 26

- Falling Down
- Tous Les Matins Du Monde
- Love Field

March 5

- Amos & Andrew
- Best of the Best 2
- Opposite Sex
- Shadow of the Wolf
- Strictly Ballroom
- Swing Kids
- Mad Dog and Glory

March 12

- Fire in the Sky
- Street Knight
- CB4
- A Far Off Place With Trail Mix



Latest Releases

McCartney's new release high in form, sound

A chemist would reason that once a good, effective formula has been found, why change it? This sentiment is why "Off the Ground," Paul McCartney's newest release, should be a critical success. The quality of the music is stupendous: "Looking for Changes" is an animal rights song that takes off where "Wild Life" left off on "Wings Wild Life" (1971). "Mistress and Maid" is one of two McCartney/Elvis Costello collaborations. This song is a black waltz, much like "Baby's in Black" from the "Beatles For Sale" (1964). "I Owe It All To You" resembles a Metallica/Extreme song in its introduction and "Biker Like an Icon" twists love into an obsessive state, the mood is sensed to be dark but with an optimism that cannot be missed. Wow! Try and avoid tapping your foot in time with this song. Three additional songs appear on the CD single that are not available on "Off the Ground." Final analysis? If you want a quality disc/cassette, make this one a priority. The variety of musical styles astounded me and I haven't listened to anything this good from an ex-Beatle in years. Bob Weaver

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Not your average sportswriter

By JOANNE GERSTNER
News Editor

If you read a newspaper, listen to the radio or watch TV, chances are good that you've encountered Mitch Albom.

The 34-year-old *Detroit Free Press* columnist, WLLZ sports director and ESPN commentator has carved out an ardent sports fan following in Detroit.

Last Wednesday, Albom appeared at OU for a Student Life Lecture/Student Program Board two-hour question and answer session and a Barnes and Noble sponsored book signing in the University Bookcenter.

Albom said he was surprised at the crowd of 300 that packed the O.C.'s Gold Rooms to hear him give his thoughts on topics from Detroit's professional sports teams to jazz.

However, he said the attention placed on his appearance was indicative of Detroit's overall obsession with sports.

"I think that you're in a sports crazy town and people are going to do some crazy things. Why did 300 people show up to hear me

speak? I'm a sports writer, not a world peace leader, I didn't negotiate Yalta. It's crazy too, and it's probably inappropriate too, as much as I benefit from it, there's too much emphasis placed on sports. But, we live in a town where sports is very real to us. Our celebrities are our athletes, as opposed to L.A. where they have movie stars and in Washington they have politicians. In New York, they have everybody else. Here, you know, we have athletes. And these are the people who are celebrities and that's basically all we have," the Philadelphia native said.

Educationally, Albom is not the average sports columnist. He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Brandeis University (Mass.) and two master's

degrees from Columbia University (NY), one in journalism and the other in business administration.

While he may possess more education than his job description requires, he said his greatest teacher was life itself.

"When I finally did get into the newspaper business, I had already worked at other jobs. I had seen how other things worked. I had held a lot of junk jobs. I worked as a security guard for Pinkerton Security Service in Harlem when I was in New York. I was a janitor, a waiter, a cab driver. I've done all of those things to try to support myself. So when I got into journalism, I brought a lot of that stuff with me and the perspective from that point of view from all those other kinds of jobs. That's where I got what I would call life lessons and that's what been really invaluable to me," Albom said.

Ironically, he did not intend for a career in journalism. Rather, he focused his energies on music.

"I didn't know that this is what I wanted to do when I was going to school. A lot of journalists and

sportswriters know that this is what they want, so you're studying it in college, you're working at the school newspaper, you're already familiar with what's going on and chances are when you get out you're going to get a job in journalism and just keep going. I didn't do that. I didn't read my student newspaper. I didn't write for my student newspaper. I had nothing to do with it. I was in the music business and that was the world I was in," he said.

Albom has authored several best sellers, including *Bo*, an autobiography with former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler and three compilations of his *Free Press* columns, *Live Albom I*, *II* and *III*.

His personal schedule is hectic; trying to juggle the *Free Press*,



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300 people showed up on Feb. 17 to listen to the *Free Press*' Mitch Albom answer their questions in the O.C.'s Gold Rooms.

WLLZ and ESPN schedules along with writing an upcoming book about the Michigan basketball team is not easy.

"Well, I don't sleep very much. I sleep about four, four and a half hours a night," Albom said.

"I'm working all day. It's not all work, but it's work-related stuff. But I like it. I'm not complaining or anything, nobody holds a gun to my head. There are just a lot of things that I'd like to do and I run out of time."

As for the things he has penciled in on his to-do list, "I'd like to do some screenplay work. I was asked to do some of that and I started it and I had to stop. I'd like to get back to that. I've even been approached about writing the text for a sports comic strip, which I'd really like to do. Develop some characters and everything, but I can't even think about doing that until this book is done," he said.

Fortunately for a prolific writer like Albom, he says that he never suffers from the dreaded writer's

block or a lack of subject material. A *Free Press* columnist since 1986, he has graduated from exclusively writing sports columns to a general subject column on Sunday's "Comment" page.

Albom, a resident of Franklin, Mich., said his writing schedule is dictated by the event he is cover-

ing. "It varies, depending on the event. I mean, at a lot of the events I only have five minutes after the game's over to write those columns," he said.

"Sometimes I have to write during the game and send it before the game is over, which is really crazy because you don't even know who wins. Other days, if I'm not at a game, I may start, you know, like the Sunday column I always write at the same time, I write Saturday morning early. It has to be in early, so I get up early, like 6 and I'm already writing by 6:30, 7. And I'm done usually by noon, 1. Other days, late after-

noons, mornings, I almost never write late into the night, I don't have any creativity after midnight. A lot of people do, I don't. I have it in the morning. I can fall out of bed and start writing. Brush my teeth and just start but I can't write like at 1:00 in the morning, my head just starts to fall off."

As for subject material, Albom

"Listen, why did 300 people show up to hear me speak? I'm a sports writer..."

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ball coach.

Lyon attributes the increase to the fact that the program now tries to focus on student wants.

"I think we've got a handle on the activities students want to participate in. We're only going to increase the numbers by finding out what they want," Lyons said.

As for overall use of the rest of the sports center, the outlook is not too promising.

"For a school that is supposed to have 12,000 or so students, we definitely don't experience the usage that would be normal. This facility is terrible and I think that reflects in the amount that students do use it. It's a definite drawback for this campus and campus life in general," Lyon said.

OU senior Christina Caponi agrees.

"Lepley sucks. That's all there is to it. Why would someone choose to work out here when our

facility can't even compare to some local high school's? It's a joke," she said.

Unfortunately, the joke may be on the university community as a whole if one of these aren't made.

"We're one of the most obese nations in the world. The major cause of latent weight gain is lack of physical activity," Stransky said.

He believes help may soon be on the horizon because of our current president's feelings towards the situation.

"Dr. Packard is extremely health oriented. She has expressed concerns about not having enough opportunities for students to deal with the physical aspects of their lives. She feels we need to provide more opportunities for just that," Stransky said.

One proposed change involves a cooperation between the university and the health institute.

Stransky said the possibility of offering credit courses at the insti-

seems to prefer writing about life on the wild side - spending time in Italy with former Piston Rick Mahorn, running with the bulls in Pamplona, getting dunked with water by former Tiger reliever Guillermo Hernandez and chronicling the Iditerod sled race saga.

"The Iditerod series was definitely a favorite. It was something different from everything I have ever done before. I didn't know where it was going, you know, and I was still writing it and I wrote it connected. Each one connected to the next one. You know it was like I would leave off and come back tomorrow. It was like a serial. And I was doing it without knowing how it ended. It was like writing a book with no ending. And each day, the things would happen and I would go up in the plane and I would sit and write with my gloves on and write what was going on. We'd land and I'd write a little bit more what was going on. It was like it happens, write, it happens, write, you see it, you write it. It was almost like a running commentary. It was very unique and I enjoyed it, even though I have never read it, I've never read it at all. I don't know if it's that good," he said.

Recently, Albom attained songwriting success with a contribution to cable's Turner Broadcasting Network's "Christmas In Connecticut", directed by actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

However, Albom said that he doesn't see his career turning permanently toward the footlights of Hollywood anytime soon.

"If I did do anything, it would be A, only behind the camera, I can guarantee you. And B, I don't actually think that I would leave here, I would like to stay here and do that kind of work from here as opposed to living out there. I'd never live out there full time or be in that business full time because I was in the music business and it drove me out of my head."

Plaza

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scenes, they displayed the ability to change faces for new characters very quickly.

Mary Pat Gleason (Karen Nash, Muriel Tate, Norma Hubley) seemed to be natural in her roles, similar in character, but she put distinction in all of them.

Wil Love (Sam Nash, Jesse Kiplinger, Roy Hubley) was able to go from self-absorbed businessman Sam Nash, to seedy Hollywood celebrity Jesse Kiplinger, to a desperate "you-come-out-

right-now" angry father.

The rest of the natural and talented cast included John Kapp as the bellhop and groom Borden Eisler; Liz Zweifler as Sam Nash's secretary Jean McCormack and bride Mimsey Hubley; and Paul Hopper as the patient waiter.

"Plaza Suite" is a funny peek at human nature, for what makes it that way is its applicability to life.

"Plaza Suite" will continue to run at Meadow Brook Theatre until March 7. Call 377-3300 for tickets, times and additional information.

Films

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pay for an unforgettable experience, for its terror comes not from the false world of Jason, Freddy or some other madman on the loose, but from the real fear that the scariest monster of all is the one we think is harmless.

Coincidentally, another foreign

film remake opened the same day as "The Vanishing." "Sommerby," a remake of the French film "The Return of Martin Guerre," doesn't go for the simple ending and is much better because of it.

Soon Hollywood will release a remake of the French film, "La Femme Nikita." We can only hope Nikita isn't treated as rudely as "The Vanishing."

Fit

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enough students and faculty take advantage of them.

"Only a small percentage of students take advantage of these courses. We still have a problem with faculty thinking that we can deal solely with the intellectual and ignore the physical," he said.

The low enrollment in classes may mean that students are relying on other outlets to stay fit, such as the intramural program or other facilities offered at the Lepley sports center. Or, maybe not.

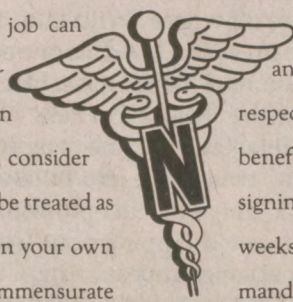
From the 1989-90 school year to the 1990-91 year, participation in the intramural program dropped from 1,200 students to 690.

It has risen since, and predicted participation is expected to be about 1,150 this year, according to Steve Lyon, facility manager at Lepley and OU's assistant base-

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Sports

Heist! Tankers take GLIAC jewels

Men take 16th title; Zoltak, GLIAC Swimmer of the Year

By ERIC DeMINK
Copy Editor

Some say the first step is always the hardest. Some say it is the last.

But don't ask the Pioneers.

The step that earned them a national bid was as much a step down as it was a step up.

But only in terms of ease.

In a most enviable fashion, the OU men on Feb. 18-21 captured their 16th consecutive GLIAC swimming title on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, easy as pie.

Just as expected, the Pioneers flaunted the debility of the field, reeling off 804 points, and winning by a margin of 346.

Of the weaker sister clubs, Ferris State University placed second with 458 points followed by Grand Valley State University with 340, and Wayne State University 239.

Individually, the tankers were led by freshman Chris Zoltak, who was named 1993 Men's GLIAC Swimming Athlete of the Year, sophomore Steve Traube, and junior Sean Peters each with 45



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Freshman Chris Zoltak captured the 100 butterfly and backstroke.

points.

But Peters was the real workhorse in the bunch. He appeared in seven heats, including three relays (the 200 medley, the 400 and 800 freestyle relays) and scored victories in the 100 and 200 yard freestyle events.

The Pioneers captured 18 of 20 events in cutting a wide swath to the title. But more importantly, the Pioneers qualified three individuals for the Nationals.

Peters, and seniors Jon Stump, and Enos Pritchett qualified for both the 50 and 100 freestyle

events by finishing either first or second in either event.

"This was a better performance for our team than in years past, from top to bottom," Coach Pete Hovland said. "We swam in a nice, brand new facility. The pool was fast and a fast pool is conducive to a championship."

"I would attribute our success to the pool," he said.

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For men's conference final results see page 12.

Freshmen lead Pioneers past stubborn NMU for fourth title

By ERIC DeMINK
Copy Editor

Fresh off a conference win over Northern Michigan University last week, the Pioneer women put the double whammy on the Wildcats, returning the GLIAC title to Lepley from where it had been wrested.

With 580.5 points, last year's champs (NMU) were no better than a paltry second to the Pioneers 625. Ferris State University finished third with 356.5, followed by Grand Valley State University (317), Hillsdale College (209), and Wayne State University 68.

In its fifth year, the rivalry between the schools (OU and NMU) has OU winning four of the last five.

In this contest the Wildcats were once again frustrated by the Pioneers overall depth. Despite having several fine individual talents in seniors Jennifer Kleeman and Shao Hong (named 1993 Women's GLIAC Swimming Athlete of the Year) the difference according to Coach Tracy Huth "is that our depth people are national qualifi-



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Freshman freestyler Kristen Nagelkirk was entered in six heats.

ers."

"(In the GLIAC Championship) our depth showed," he said. "I also feel we swam better this year than last year because we weren't as tired."

Junior All-American Amy Comerford led the Pioneers with 42 points, scoring wins in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle relay events. Freshman diver Becki Bach captured both the one and three meter boards for 41 points.

The Pioneers were also able to qualify another swimmer in senior co-captain Beth Surowiec in

the 200 backstroke. This will give the Pioneers 12 national qualifiers (10 swimmers and two divers).

Huth, who was named 1993 Women's Coach of the Year, for the first time, was of course, pleased with the effort. "That's not to say that we don't have things to work on," he said.

"We wanted to win this meet and we didn't go all out getting it. "But we were very tough."

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Men's future up in the air, three way fight for last GLIAC tourney spot

By JOE PICKERING
Copy Editor

After two wins last week, the OU men's basketball team has made the race for the fourth and final spot in the GLIAC post-season tournament as tight as it could possibly be, and just as confusing.

The Pioneers clobbered Northwood University by 34 points, 85-51, on Thursday, Feb. 18, in a non-league match up at Midland, Mich.

Junior forward Tom Eller went wild on the Northmen by scoring 15 points in the first half, including nine from three-point land en route to a 37-28 Pioneer lead at halftime.

Eller's fury was picked up in the second half by junior guard Ty McGregor, who scored all of his 12 points in the first nine minutes of the second stanza.

Eller finished with 19 points and nine rebounds while junior forward Jeff Plank put in 12 and pulled down seven boards. Senior center Dennis Kann, averaging almost 18 points per GLIAC contest, was held to only eight points. Jerry Priessorn scored 22 for NU.

"This was an important game because we weren't feeling very good about ourselves, losing four of our last five games," Head Coach Greg Kampe said. "When we're searching for any ray of hope we can find, it's a good feeling to get a win that big."

OU continued its presumed late-season surge by slapping Saginaw Valley State University with its ninth league loss, 78-60.

McGregor scored 12 points in the first half on the way to 20 for the game to lead the Pioneers past the SVSU Cardinals (12-10 overall, 5-9 in GLIAC).

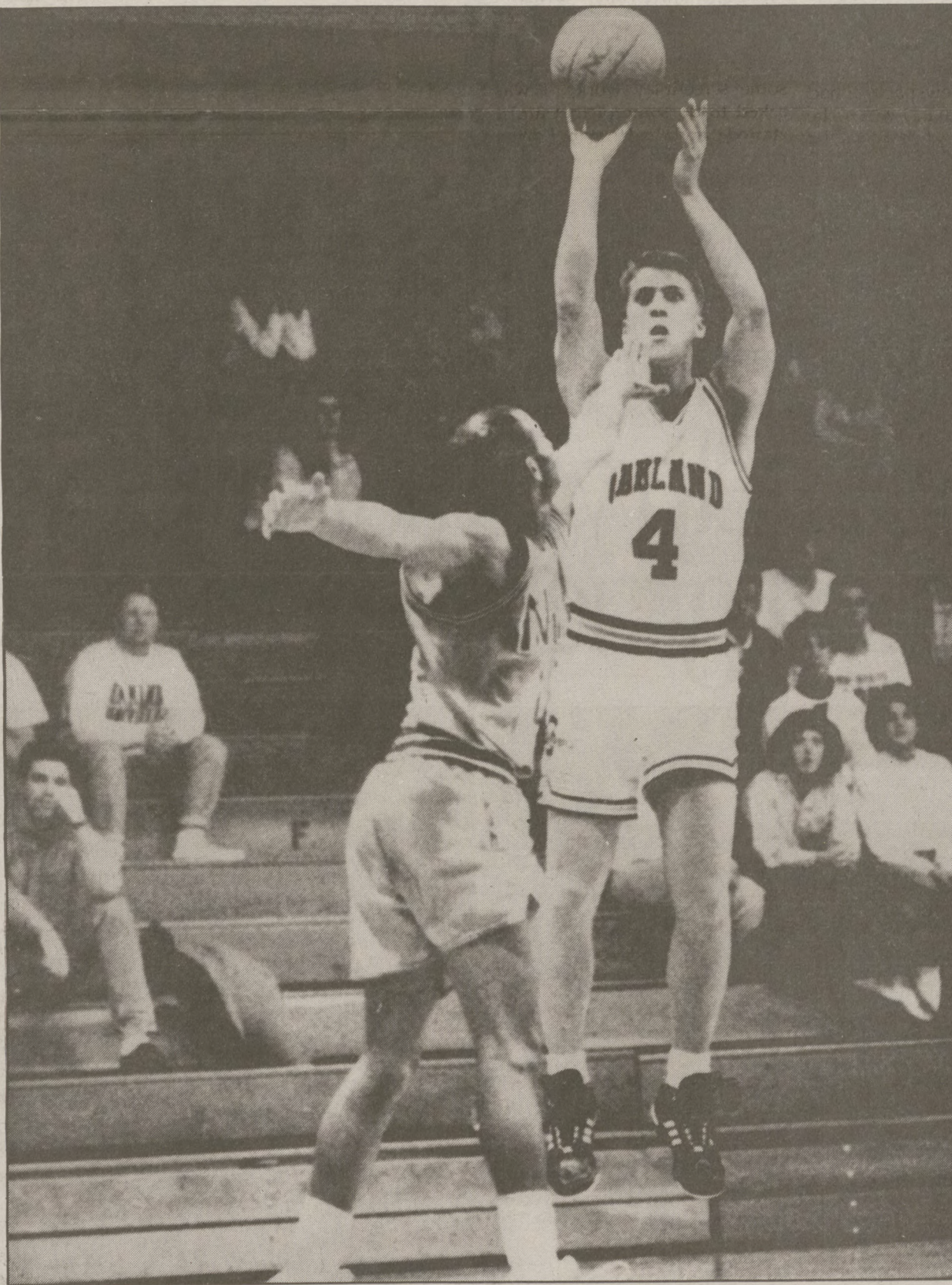
Eller, the third highest scorer in the league with a 21-point average per contest, netted only four against SVSU in limited playing time due to stomach pains.

Freshman forward Matt Stuck helped to make-up for Eller's absence by scoring 18 points, including 12 from beyond the three-point arc. Kann added 14 points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds and SVSU's Michael Williams, leading scorer in the GLIAC, canned 23 points, equalling his per-game average.

The two wins put OU's season record at 13-11 and 7-7 in the GLIAC, good enough for fifth place, one game behind Wayne State (8-6) and one game in front of Grand Valley State (6-8).

OU will battle GVSU and WSU in its final two regular season games for fourth place in the GLIAC and a trip to the post-season tournament at Northern Michigan University, home of the regular-season champion Wildcats (20-6 overall, 12-4 in GLIAC).

The Pioneers have beaten GVSU and WSU already this season, both on buzzer-beating shots. Sophomore forward Bryan Borchardt's bucket at the final horn lifted OU past GVSU, 73-71 on Jan. 21, and two days later, sophomore guard Chris



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Sophomore guard Bryan Borchardt, transfer from Youngstown State, shoots the rainbow jumper.

Wasilk drained an 18-footer as time expired to down WSU, 78-76.

Now the confusion sets in.

It's possible that OU can tie for third place with Hillsdale and WSU at 9-7, if the Pioneers win two, Hillsdale loses Saturday at GVSU and WSU beats Lake Superior State on Thursday and loses Saturday to OU. The Pioneers' season would be concluded in this circumstance, and Wayne State would be in the tournament after tie-breakers.

It's also possible that the Pioneers can be entangled in a three-way tie for fourth place at 8-8 with WSU and GVSU if OU loses to GVSU and beats WSU, if WSU loses to LSSU and OU and if GVSU can beat OU and

Hillsdale. The Pioneers would slip into the tourney in this case.

Another way Oakland could get a ticket to post-season play is if the Pioneers can win both of their games and Hillsdale can take care of GVSU.

The most likely scenario would be WSU beating LSSU and OU beating GVSU on Thursday, which would make the OU-WSU game on Saturday the deciding factor. If the Pioneers win, they embark to Marquette, Mich. for the GLIAC tourney, if they lose, it's time to start thinking about next year.

Whew!

Lost? Don't worry, I am, too.

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Women clinch fourth and final spot for the GLIAC tournament

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The ups and downs of the OU women's basketball team continue.

The Pioneers clinched fourth place and a spot in the GLIAC post-season tournament for the third straight year and followed that accomplishment with a blow-out win and two losses last week.

OU bludgeoned Northwood University, 79-43, for its 16th win of the season on Thursday, Feb. 18, then fell to third-place Saginaw Valley State University (16-7, 9-5 in GLIAC) on Saturday, Feb. 20, 85-77.

The Pioneers second loss was the season-ending knee injury to junior forward Patty Robak, OU's leading lady in rebounds (7.1 per game), free-throw percentage (.771) and three pointers made (52, 2.4 per game), according to the OU Athletic Department. Robak is currently the fourth-leading scorer on the squad with a 12.3 average per game.

Robak's injury, sustained during OU's 70-57 romp over Ferris State University on Feb. 15, was diagnosed Feb. 17 as tears to the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in her left knee. She will be scheduled for surgery as soon as possible, but she is definitely gone for the season. "The loss of Patty is bad," Head Coach Bob Taylor said. "She's our most aggressive player. We're going to miss her."

Back on the court, in the first complete game without Robak, the Pioneers were able to easily handle NU (5-21 overall), 79-43, in a non-conference game.

OU let NU stay in the game until freshman center Karen Ill's seven-foot bank shot gave the Pioneers the lead, 19-17 with 4:04 left in the first half. The Northwomen saw the deficit grow to 29-19 by halftime and it got much worse.

Three pointers by junior forward Leisha Sadler and freshman forward Deanna Richard to open the second half was only a prelude to NU's decimation as OU bombarded the Northwomen with a 50-point second-half performance.

When the final buzzer mercifully sounded for NU, the Pioneers had racked up a 36-point lead for the win.

Four Pioneers scored in double figures, led by sophomore guard Kelli Krajniak's 17 points and freshman forward Kristen Francis' 16.

OU could not muster up the fury it had against NU and dropped its eighth contest of the year, the

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Amidst the confusion, one thing is clear: the Wayne State game will be a must-win situation for the Pioneers.

"We have to win both games to get in, that's what it's going to come down to," Kampe said, simplifying things. "We have to keep shooting the ball well and play defense, and with the youth on this team, that's easier said than done."

The GLIAC tournament will pit the league's top four teams against each other, three of which are NMU, second-place Ferris State and third-place Hillsdale. The champion gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II tournament.

If the Pioneers do advance to Marquette, a tough task awaits them. OU is 0-6 against the top three conference teams this season and 7-1 against the rest.



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Sophomore guard Kelly Krajniak sets up play.

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sixth in GLIAC play, to SVSU, 85-77, in a game that was not as close as the score might indicate.

The Pioneers were able to open a 10-point lead, 22-12, with two free throws by Ill with 11:43 left in the first half before the Lady Cardinals commenced their comeback.

A nine-point run by SVSU chopped OU's lead to one, 22-21, only three minutes later, and the Pioneers lost the lead and trailed at halftime, 43-37.

The Lady Cardinals' lead blossomed to 22 points, 76-54, with 5:11 left in the game, and the Pioneers attempted a comeback of their own.

Oakland outscored Saginaw Valley 23-9 in the last five minutes of the game, but ran out of time and lost by eight, 85-77.

"We just shot the ball crappy (35 percent for the game)," Taylor said. "We had a lot of turnovers. Just terrible no-sense turnovers. Saginaw is very athletic and they have four scorers on the court. They play hard and they have a great point guard."

Junior guard Doreen Belkowski led OU with 13 points, Richard netted 12 and three others had 11. SVSU guard Roseann Rutledge pummeled the Pioneers for 24 points and fellow teammate, center Tracy Bruno scored 19.

The loss did not hurt OU's chances in gaining post-season status, since the Pioneers have already qualified, but their work is cut out for them, as the Pioneers are 1-5 against tournament-bound teams.

The 1993 GLIAC post-season tournament will be held March 5-6 in Houghton, Mich., home of the regular season champion Michigan Tech. (23-2, 15-1 in GLIAC), ranked sixth in the latest NCAA II Top 20 poll. Included in the tourney grouping is second-place Northern Michigan (21-4, 12-4 in GLIAC), ranked 18th in the nation, SVSU and OU.

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The win according to Hovland put them in good position to challenge for no lower than third at the Nationals held March 10-13.

"California State University-Bakersfield and California State University-Davis are loaded, sending the maximum 18 swimmers each (and two divers), Hovland said "We will be a bit undermanned with 10," he said.

Hovland, or rather his swimmers not yet qualified for Nationals will have one last opportunity at the University of Michigan Invitational. "Maybe with the faster times, our guys will rise to the occasion and we can sneak a few more in," he said.

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Men's Basketball Standings				
Team	GLIAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Northern Mich.*	12	4	20	6
Ferris State#	10	5	16	8
Hillsdale#	9	6	15	9
Wayne State	8	6	16	8
Oakland	7	7	13	11
Grand Valley	6	8	13	11
Saginaw Valley	5	9	12	10
Lake Superior	4	10	8	15
Michigan Tech	5	11	11	12

Women's Basketball Standings				
Team	GLIAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Michigan Tech*	15	1	23	2
Northern Mich.#	12	4	21	4
Saginaw Valley#	9	5	16	7
Oakland#	8	6	16	8
Ferris State	7	8	14	11
Wayne State	6	8	13	11
Lake Superior	5	9	9	14
Grand Valley	3	11	7	17
Hillsdale	1	14	6	18

*Climbed GLIAC title # Climbed spot in GLIAC championships

Women's swimming at GLIAC Championship

50 freestyle -3rd, Ellen Lessig, freshman, :24.21..

100 freestyle -3rd, Kristen Nagelkirk, freshman, :52.97.

200 freestyle-3rd, Nagelkirk, 1:53.88.

500 freestyle -2nd, Nagelkirk, 5:09.38.

1650 freestyle-1st, Debbie Nickels, 17:51.47.

100 butterfly- 3rd, Lessig, 1:00.40.

100 backstroke- 1st, Amy Comerford, :57.34.*

200 backstroke-2nd, Comerford, 2:07.64.

100 breaststroke-4th, Danni Lentine, sophomore, 1:07.73.

200 breaststroke-2nd, Lentine, 2:27.47.

200 individual medley-2nd, Comerford, 2:11.58.

400 individual medley-1st, Nickels, 4:5.95.

One meter diving- 1st, Becki Bach, freshman, 352.60.

Three meter diving-1st, Bach, 420.50.

200 free relay-1st, Comerford, Lessig, Laura Fisher, senior, and Angie Johnson, junior, 1:36.87.

400 free relay-2nd, Lessig, Nagelkirk, Fisher, and Jody Parker, sophomore, 3:32.22.

800 free relay-2nd, Lessig, Parker, Nagelkirk, and Shannon Taylor, senior, 7:7.71.

200 medley relay-2nd, Comerford, Fisher, Lessig, and Lentine, 1:49.63.

400 medley relay-2nd, Comerford, Johnson, Lentine, and Nagelkirk, :4:01.13.

*-GLIAC record

Men's swimming at GLIAC Championship

50 freestyle-1st, Enos Pritchett, senior, :20.87.*

100 freestyle-1st, Sean Peters, junior, :46.16.

200 freestyle -1st, Peters, 1:43.56.

500 freestyle-1st, Steve Traube, sophomore, 4:41.53.

1650 freestyle- 1st, Eric Newton, sophomore, 16:20.41.

100 butterfly-1st, Chris Zoltak, freshman, :51.33.

200 butterfly-1st, Traube, 1:57.01.

100 backstroke-1st, Zoltak, :51.64.

200 backstroke-1st, Carl Boyd, senior, 1:54.08.

100 breaststroke-1st, Adric Arndt, freshman, :59.94.

200 breaststroke-1st, Jeff Van Norman, senior, 2:10.68.

200 individual medley-1st, Van Norman, 1:56.80.

400 individual medley-1st, Doug Allen, senior, 4:09.50.

One meter diving- 3rd, Joe Rasette, 377.95.

Three meter diving-3rd, Sam Castillo, freshman, 423.25.

200 free relay- 1st, Jon Stump, senior, Pritchett, Peters, and Bob Holdridge, freshman, 1:22.25.*

400 free relay-1st, Peters, Stump, Pritchett, Holdridge, 3:06.34.

800 free relay-1st, Peters, Allen, Newton, Holdridge, 7:03.29.

200 medley relay-1st, Zoltak, Peters, Van Norman, Pritchett, 1:34.65.#

400 medley relay-1st, Zoltak, Boyd, Peters, Van Norman, 3:29.29.

*-denotes GLIAC record

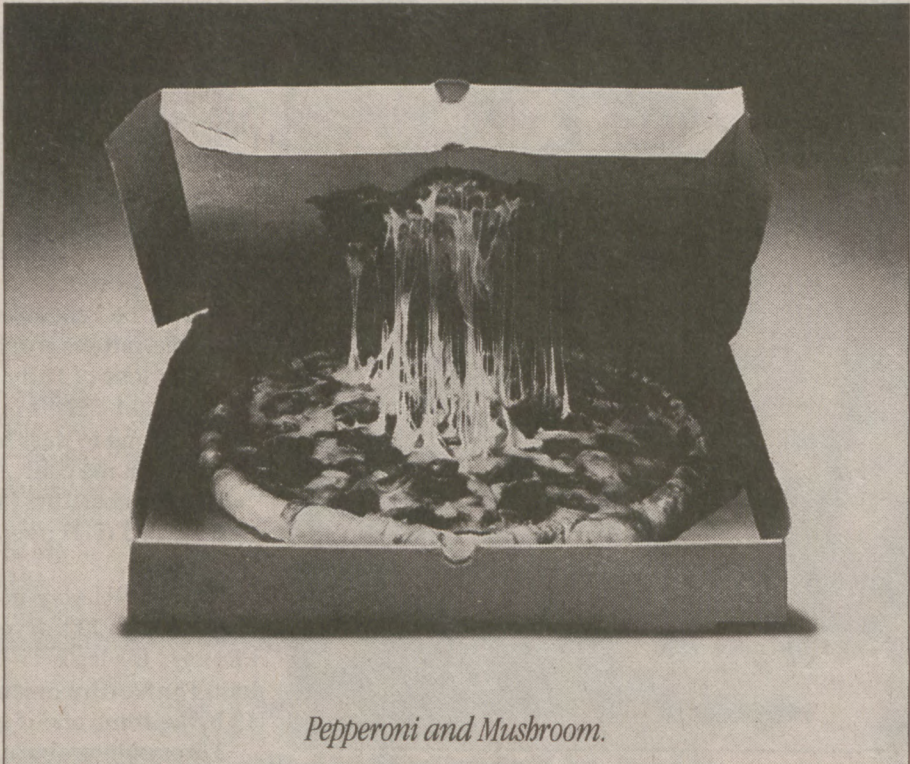
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