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Many people are fascinated with medieval history but know little more than what they read in books.

However, Hawkland Moor, OU's branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism takes its appreciation one step further and actually recreates aspects of medieval life.

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"Nick Deren quit the team. We had a meeting yesterday (Monday) and he quit the team. It was a matter of the amount of minutes he was playing. He has quit voluntarily," Head Coach Gary Parsons said.

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## Division I debate continues Athletes speak out at recent forum

By JENNY KIRKBRIDE  
Staff Writer

With the Nov. 15 deadline to present a recommendation to President Russi closing in, the athletic fact-finding committee held an open forum Monday to obtain input from a divided group of students, alumni, and faculty members for the possible move.

Committee chair Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration, opened the forum with information about

what the fact finding committee was doing and the benefits of a move to Division I AAA.

"We have been taking and gathering information. All of the questions that you ask us are recorded and answered in writing in our report to the president," said Bissonnette.

The committee's report and recommendation will be given to the president before Nov. 15. According to Mehl, when it becomes public, is up to President Russi.

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**NATIONAL WORRIES:** Freshman swim and dive team member Betsy Hansen feels a move to Division I AAA would crush hopes for future national titles.

## Student Congress divided on future of athletics

By LEE MCPHERSON  
Staff Writer

Congress failed to reach consensus Monday on a resolution on OU's anticipated jump to NCAA Division I. In marked contrast to last week's emotional meeting, Monday's discussion was mild, controlled and ultimately inconclusive.

Last week when members of the women's swim team made an emotional appeal to Congress to oppose the jump to Division I. This time representatives of the men's basketball

team presented a pro-Division I slant for the group to consider, despite some Congress members' negative response to the possible move.

As a result of the mixed feelings, Congress is no closer to writing a resolution either in favor or against the move, despite previous expectations to have one ready for discussion at its next meeting.

Congress Vice President Carla Sabbagh said after the meeting, "There's still a lot of people who need convincing."

Dan Champagne, a freshman on

the basketball team, was the first athlete to speak at the meeting. "On behalf of the basketball team, we're pretty much for it," he said.

In response to David Bricker, a philosophy professor, who insinuated that Division I is "a moral cesspool," Champagne said, "As far as it goes, your morals don't have to change, even as you recruit better athletes."

Bricker, who was outspoken at the last University Senate meeting, came to Congress to kick off the Division I discussion. "I'm not anti-athletic by

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## A question of equality



Post Photo / Nelson May

## ARAMARK faces charges of employee discrimination

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Former employees of ARAMARK are alleging discrimination for cause of termination, claims the food service company denies.

Peter Bible, a former Marriott employee for two years who made the switch to ARAMARK, said extreme measures were taken when he was terminated last month. He claims ARAMARK let him go because he was a black man who was paid too much.

"I have bent over backwards for these people. ... They just kicked me out onto the curb," said Bible.

According to his employment records, Bible was terminated Oct. 1 for allegedly stealing two salads. According to ARAMARK policy, the company provides each employee one free meal each day of work. However, workers are not allowed to leave the building with the food because then it is considered stealing, said ARAMARK Retail Director Delta Gibson.

Bible said that though he took the salad out of the OC, his actions did not constitute theft.

After punching out for lunch, Bible said he went to the credit union to attend to personal business. On returning, he said he did not take his one free lunch because of the lack of time remaining on his break.

When his shift ended, he planned to drive another employee home because her son was sick. Bible said that since he did not take his meal during his lunch break, he wanted to take one chef salad to go, even though he knew it was against the company's policy.

"I still feel like that was my one meal for the day," said Bible. He added that he felt termination was not necessary, and at the most, ARAMARK should have suspended him for a few days.

Upon termination, Bible said he was not presented with his employment discharge forms, and

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## Union approves contract

By DORCAS GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

The contract between OU's clerical technical workers (CTs) and OU was ratified Monday although more than a third of the members voted against it.

The agreement, ratified by 62% of voters, was discussed at the union's general membership meeting that preceded the vote. According to CTs' union president for local 1925 Susan Forgette, members adamantly voiced their concerns and focused on one issue—job posting and filling of vacancies.

Under the new contract, external applicants may be considered for posted vacancies along with bargaining unit applicants. In the former contract only bargaining union employees were allowed to bid on union jobs within the first five days of job postings.

"I'm disappointed," said one secretary who asked not to be identified. "When you are in negotiations you are trying to obtain a better contract and not have anything taken away; that's taking away."

Some CTs said that the language change will allow OU to be able to filled CT positions with employees that they've chosen, without the consent of the union.

Another secretary, wishing to remain anonymous, said that she saw the new language as a way to break down strength within the union. "I see it as the beginning of the end," she said. She added that even though the new language didn't directly effect her department, she can see why other CTs may be concerned.

Other CTs who didn't agree with the

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## Contract

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contract consented for other reasons. "I think that OU would've have gotten what they wanted one way or the other," said two other anonymous secretaries. One of them also said that she didn't see the new language as a

conspiracy to bust the union; outsourcing is common.

Some union members felt that other issues were more important such as health and pension benefits. They were not willing to risk losing those to keep the former job posting language. Other members said that the union isn't really losing anything right now.

Union district representative Carol Drouin is encouraging members to be optimistic. "Whether or not we are happy with the contract, we have to put smiles on our faces and continue to be the best employees this university has," said Drouin.

The contract will be retroactive as of July 1, and will end June 30, 1999.

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Students, employees, and Alumni Association members with valid current OU ID will be admitted at the Showcase Theater in Auburn Hills for a discounted price of \$3.75 Sunday through Thursday.



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Ad campaign shot for prime-time slot



Post Photo / Nelson May

**TV SPOTLIGHT:** Student organizations participated in OU's latest advertising campaign. The two television commercials made will air during prime-time hours.

By SUZY SCHOLZ  
Assistant News Editor

OU is taking a starring role in two television commercials being shot this week to sell the university to prospective students and their parents.

The televised effort is OU's first foray on the small screen. Past advertising efforts have centered on print, direct mailings and radio.

The two 30 second commercials were shot on campus Monday and Tuesday by Bird Boy, a production company which works with the Detroit-based advertising company,

Eclipse Creative.

Filming began Monday after a month long effort by staff in the communications and marketing department. The team of three was headed by Director of Communications and Marketing Geoffrey Upward and consisted of Director of Marketing Services and Community Relations Laura Mutz, and Staff Writer for Communications and Marketing Vicky Billington.

Upward said the team chose to hire Eclipse Creative after interviewing four different production companies.

"It was time for OU to get into television advertising as part of the university's strategic plan for increased name recognition," said Upward.

"We are trying to build 'brand awareness' for the university. We want to build up our image so people remember Oakland," he said.

"We're getting a little more sophisticated in advertising. We're gaining strength, (and) this (the commercials) is something that points to that," said Mutz.

The two commercials are planned to air in 18 spots beginning the week

of Nov. 11 and continue on until Dec. 1. One is a general advertisement for OU which will air in 10 spots, and the other, advertising the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), will air in eight spots during this period.

The commercials are planned to air during prime time television on WDIV (Channel 4), WJBK (Channel 2), WWJ (Channel 62) and WXYZ (Channel 7). The general commercial for OU will air during programs as the movies *Jurassic Park*, *Speed* and during the television shows *Dangerous Minds*

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## Opinions conflict over charters

LEE MCPHERSON  
Staff Writer

The January launch of three OU affiliated charter schools is not without controversy. Some faculty in the School of Education and Human Services oppose OU's involvement even though it could net the university more than \$100,000 in the next academic year.

At the August 30 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously approved those schools' applications for chartership, acknowledging their wishes to be affiliated with OU and SEHS.

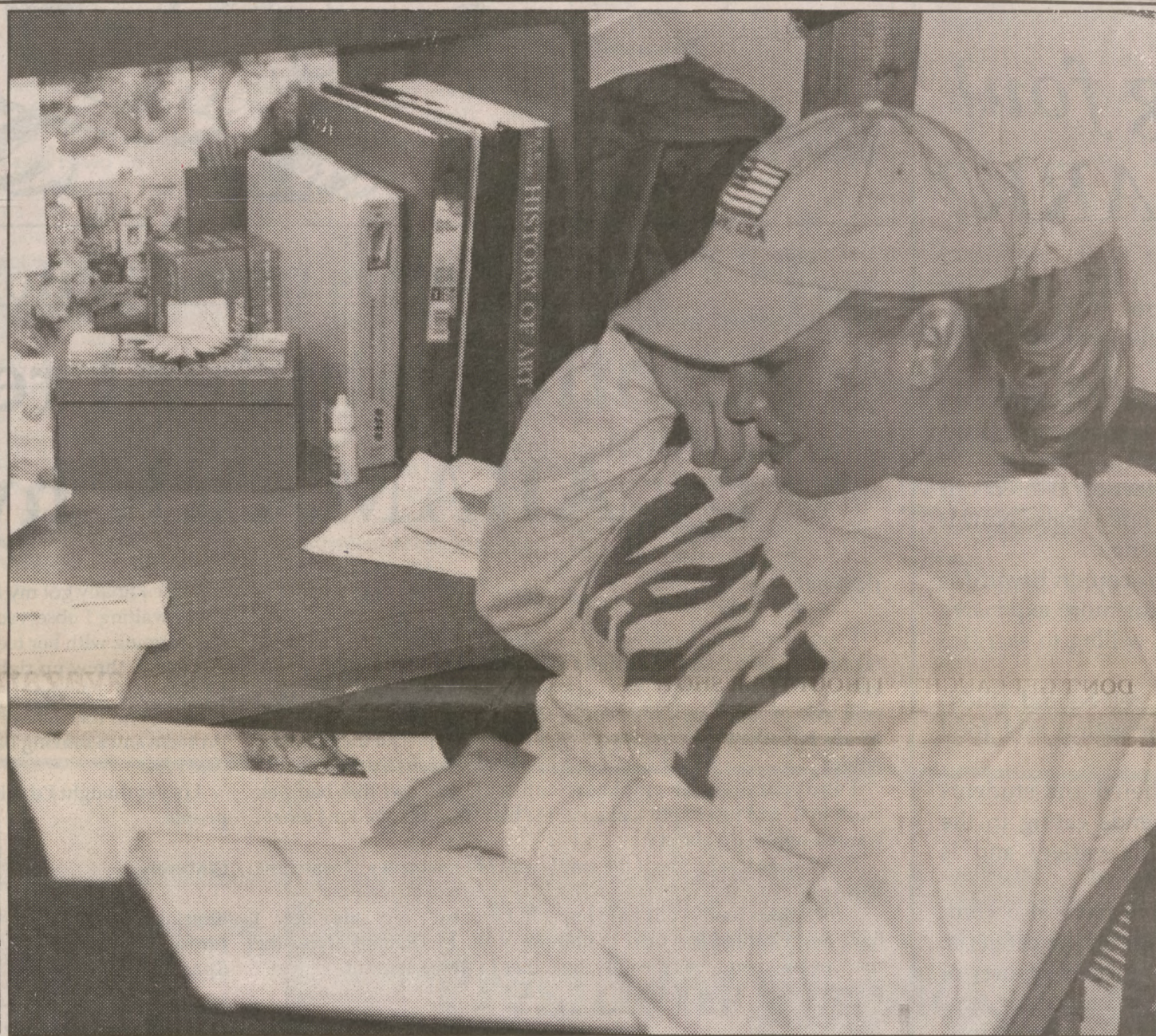
Robert Christina, an associate professor in the school and a member of the Faculty Senate, said there was a token consultation of faculty in the pursuit of charter schools.

"The message got around that if you were going to do charter schools, Engler was in favor of it," he said.

Christina added that there was a time within the past year when SEHS Dean Mary Otto and College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Downing met with faculty to present a schedule of policy. "I guess you could say we didn't 'approve that policy,'" he said. He added, "I wouldn't say they brushed us off. I just felt it was going to go through."

The schools, officially termed "public school academies," are three of eleven that applied to the university for chartership. They are: the Academy of Michigan (Harper Woods, 9-12 grades),

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Post Photo / Brian Donnellon

**COMMUTING PREFERRED:** For some, the short drive and home-cooked meals outweigh the advantages to living on campus. Jeanine Grzenia, junior pre-physical therapy major, chose to room in the residence halls.

## Residence halls dream makes life made more appealing

By CHRISTY GROVE  
Staff Writer

News Flash!!!! Four-hundred custom-built apartments to be built on the campus of OU. Psyche! Enter the dream world of Residence Hall Director, Eleanor Reynolds.

Her dreams may remain just that—

at least until the year 2000 when the residence halls pay off their bonds to OU. OU paid off the residence halls, but now the halls must pay the university about \$400,000 a year. They owe the most on Vandenberg Hall and the least on the George Matthews apartments.

What exactly would these dream apartments include? "All apartments

would have individual entrances opening into a community courtyard..." said Reynolds.

The community building would have an exercise area, computer facilities, a common multi-purpose space and laundry facilities.

"It's important that our students interact with each other. That is why we

would have a center court building. It would help to enforce that interaction," said Reynolds.

Reynolds said that the single entrances would allow privacy, but the center court would help hall staff to keep an eye on students.

There would be approximately four

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Reynolds said that changing the

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## Rash of hit and runs in campus parking lots

At least three students returned to their cars last week on campus to find they had been a victim of hit and run in OU parking lots.

A 22-year-old student parked his '93 Pontiac Sunbird in the P-1 lot on Oct. 29.

When he returned an hour and a half later, he found damage to the right front fender.

A witness told OU Police he saw a '91 Chevrolet Suburban hit the Sunbird as it pulled into the parking space next to the car. The driver of the Suburban got out of his car, looked at the damage to the Sunbird and then drove his vehicle to another space.

The driver of the Suburban was cited for failure to report property damage.

Two other hit and run accidents took place on Oct. 31.

A 27-year-old student parked his '95 Ford pickup on Dodge Drive the morning of Oct. 31. When he returned

in the afternoon he noticed damage to the left quarter panel.

An 18-year-old student parked her '90 Ford in the Varner Lot also on Oct. 31, only to find damage to the left rear



quarter panel when she returned.

No witnesses came forward in either case.

Stolen car found on campus

A stolen vehicle was recovered in the overflow lot near Vandenberg Hall Nov. 2 by an OU Police officer on routine patrol.

The vehicle, a '96 purple Dodge Caravan, was reported stolen on Oct. 27 to the Rochester Hills Police Department.

Rochester PD had the van towed off campus and held it for fingerprinting.

### Purse stolen from blood drive

While giving blood Oct. 29, a 23-year-old OU student had her purse stolen from the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The woman told OU Police she left her black purse with a friend while she donated blood.

The woman's friend left the lounge for approximately five minutes and found the purse missing when he returned.

## Voters cast ballots with little information

By MICHAEL MURPHY  
Staff Writer

Some OU students went to the election polls yesterday, uninformed about candidates running for smaller offices.

Though television debates and newspaper headlines clued many in to the parties' presidential candidates, ballots filed yesterday were filled with unknown candidates running for smaller offices.

Roughly one in ten students surveyed at OU could only name at least one candidate for State House of Representatives, and less than half of students surveyed knew the names of three local political figures in their hometown districts.

One of the more informed voters regarding local elections was Tim McKeone, a senior political science major. "Local politics are extremely important because they involve the area

that's right around where the voters live. The decisions (local politicians) make affect voters on a everyday basis," he said.

"National politics deal with a grand scheme, but local politics deal right within the voter's community."

Regina Ward, a sophomore English major, considers herself uninformed about local politics but plans to reform. "I don't really pay attention to most local races. I see a lot of signs with people's names on them, but I don't make an effort to find out about them. I'd like to be more knowledgeable, though," she said.

Freshman Adam Banker, an engineering major, used an absentee ballot but decided not to vote in many of the local elections.

"I skipped that section, because I didn't recognize any of the candidates

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## EDITOR'S VIEW

### Something foul at ARAMARK?

Be careful what you wish for, it might come true. The old adage is often spoken but rarely believed, but in the case of OU and its new food service it's being proven every day.

When OU replaced Marriott with ARAMARK in April students, faculty and staff were excited about the hopeful prospect of better food and variety.

Many couldn't wait to see Marriott booted out and welcomed ARAMARK with open arms. Now it seems some are regretting the change.

Residence Halls' students who couldn't wait for the new food court, signed up for more expensive meal plans and were more than willing to sacrifice cafeteria weekend hours.

Unfortunately, the food court fell behind schedule and students are paying for eating at a food court which doesn't exist yet.

No compensation has been offered and students are forced to spend their weekends eating in the Oakland Cafe, which offers little variety and is under stocked on many weekends.

Some Residence Hall's students have also complained of becoming ill after eating in the cafeteria. Though there have been no confirmed reports of food poisoning, some students have moved off campus mid-semester. In addition to these complaints, there has been a rash of concerns on cleanliness and hygiene of some ARAMARK workers.

We've received letters alleging things such as workers failing to wash hands before returning to the work place as well as unclean dishes. THE POST is investigating the claims.

Of course, there is no way for the company to monitor its employees 100 percent, and ARAMARK officials have been quick to try and rectify the situations, but the workers should know better.

Disappointment with quality is happening within the company as well. A few former ARAMARK workers have rallied together because they feel they've been mistreated by the employer.

One man claims to have been discharged after removing a salad from the OC.

If all of these claims are true, then ARAMARK needs to sit back and evaluate what exactly its objectives for business are. Especially since ARAMARK's proposal was accepted to staff cleaning crews for the new science building. OU may be putting too much faith in this company.

Maybe these instances can be cleaned up and the situations rectified, but what if they can't?

ARAMARK is under a five year contract with OU. That is an awfully long time for people to endure unsatisfactory food service.

If things don't begin to shape up students and staff will leave campus more frequently for outside food. This will do wonders for local businesses, but will put a damper on OU's food service intake.

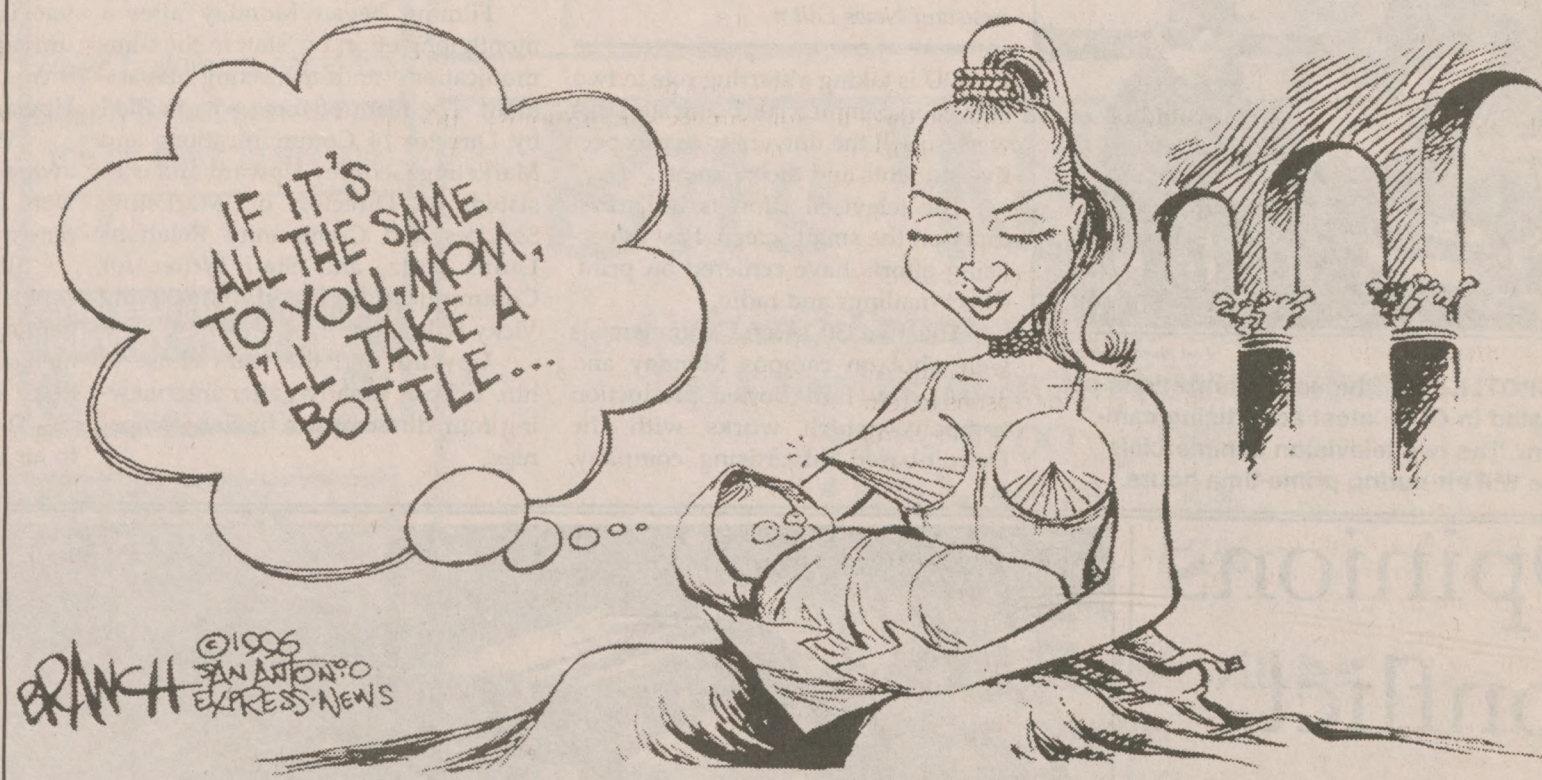
It's not even as if the food is delectable this year. It really isn't possible to cook for such vast amounts of people and have the food taste spectacular. Marriott's didn't taste much better.

But at least the main complaints against Marriott were about taste.

When it comes down to it, it really is a no win situation. OU found out the hard way that the grass is always greener on the other side, until you get there.

# OPINION

## Madonna & Child



## Letters to the Editor

### Another student repulsed by ARAMARK hygiene

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Christopher Chatham's letter in regards to the disgusting habits of the ARAMARK employees. I have never encountered an employee in the bathroom, but I have seen one of them pick his nose, and instead of going to wash his hands, he picked up some 'clean' silverware and placed them in their holder.

I also confronted an employee with a 'clean' bowl that had hair stuck in it, and he simply looked at me blankly and asked me what I wanted him to do about it.

Sometimes it seems as if the employees are too busy girl-watching to care.

Off-campus food is our only hope, but that isn't very safe either. I have never waited less than 15 minutes at the McDonalds across the road; even when I was the only customer in the restaurant.

Dear Editor:

This letter is to inform all the students of Oakland that their opinions don't matter. I'm talking about the amount of respect that was given to the comments made by congress members, athletes and faculty at last week's Congress meeting and Monday Night's forum regarding OU going Division I.

At the Congress meeting, all the answers didn't really give us any facts that would let us formulate an opinion. It seemed as if the men that represented the committee were there to act as President Russi's 'yes' men. Some questions were even ignored. Emotional pleas given by swimmers didn't seem to faze these men.

At the forum on Monday more of the same happened. The responses given to alumni of this university by the chair of the committee were appalling. Most of the committee members seemed to be cocky.

The only voice of reason on the committee that I heard was Student Body President Garrick Landsberg. He appeared to truly have an interest in what the students felt. I think the other members should look to him for leadership.

Students remember you have a voice, use it. You have the only opinions that matter since you make this campus work. I encourage you to call for a referendum. Call 370-4298 or 370-4290 and leave your thoughts. If the committee doesn't want to hear you, Congress will.

Sincerely,

Donny Aird  
 OUSC  
 Sophomore  
 Communication

Once I finally got my food, it was cold, hard and dried-out. While I was waiting I observed an employee opening a bag of fudge sundae-topping with her teeth!

I nearly threw up right there, but who knows, if I had they might have served it as soup.

Everyone that I have talked to on campus has had a digestive problem since moving back into the residence halls and eating in the cafeteria.

I never thought I'd miss Marriott, but I do, and so do a lot of other people.

Sincerely,

Krystal Kaltz  
 Junior  
 Spanish

## Committee Shows Lack of Respect

### Examine OU History Before Deciding on Div. I

Dear Editor:

This letter to the editor is in response to the talk of whether we need a Division I team.

A little historical perspective would be useful. As late as 1969, OU was internationally known as a small, elite university. Students from all over the country and the world came to OU for that reason. OU has, until very recently, built a reputation of having the best deal and quality education in the country. Sports never played a role in drawing some of the best students.

Now we have been loaded with extra fees to build a rec center that probably should have been as a commercial venture (I have talked with maintenance people and know what chunk of operating revenue will go to running it.)

You have an article in the Oct. 30, 1996 issue which speaks of Notre Dame students feeling humiliated over a football game. Is this what we really want at OU?

I suggest putting the effort into making the classes smaller and insuring continued access to the PhDs that have justly made OU great.

What do we really want? I recommend that Matt Karrandja do some introspection and ask himself who is he?

Sincerely,

Henry S. Bareiss  
 Senior  
 Education

## Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories

In the Oct. 30 issue of THE OAKLAND POST an article on the possibility of going Division I, Bryan Barnett was indirectly quoted to have said, that if Congress passes a resolution it will ensure current Division II athletes would be pushed to the side.

It should have said, they wouldn't be pushed aside.

## F.Y.I

The next vice president for academic affairs search committee meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in 125 OC.

Also don't forget to check out the Student Congress meeting Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. when Dean David Downing will be discussing why the VPAA meetings have been closed.



## Fired

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the first time he saw the form was after ARAMARK released his records (at Bible's request) few weeks ago. In his records, "N/A" replaced his signature on the "employee's signature" line of the Bible's discharge form.

Though Bible signed a form releasing his employment records to THE OAKLAND POST, Gibson said she would not discuss Bible's employment because of employee confidentiality.

Gibson did say, however, that in certain circumstances, especially those which require immediate action, employees may not be presented with disciplinary forms before being discharged.

Gibson said, for example, if an employee was caught being extremely offensive and rude to a customer, that employee would probably not receive a written form to sign.

A written warning, signed by Bible, was issued on June 14 when he ate a salad without purchasing it with his meal card. Bible said he ate the salad after ARAMARK closed and his evening shift ended. The salad, he said, would have been thrown out if it wasn't eaten.

The warning, as written in his records, stated: "This discussion (verbal warning on June 14) is a final written warning. Any further violations of employee handbook policies regarding meal plans will result in Peter's dismissal."

Bible said he hesitantly signed, feeling it was his only choice in rectifying the situation. He added that he did not want to upset the management even more. "I told him (the manager) I didn't understand. I shouldn't have been written up," said

Bible.

Gibson said that it is up to the employee to sign. The signature, she said, is not required, and if the employee does not want to sign, he or she does not have to.

Bible has also received other warnings, but he said these were petty charges. One disciplinary action filed against him in regards to attendance stated that Bible missed two days of work in a "short period of time." Bible said that it was necessary to miss work because his mother was ill the first day, and for the second, he had a doctor's note.

The action stated that it would be pulled after 30 days if no other violations occurred. The charge was filed on July 22, and the next disciplinary action did not occur until Bible's termination in October. The report was not pulled from his records, however.

Bible feels that ARAMARK was looking for reasons to terminate him because he was earning more per hour as a former Marriott employee than new workers hired. While employed at ARAMARK, Bible earned \$8.22 per hour as a cook and received medical benefits.

Those full-time employees now hired by ARAMARK receive wages based on the skill level of the position. Full-time employees are offered health benefits, however, Gibson said they do not have to accept.

"They (ARAMARK) are trying to weed us (former Marriott employees) out," said Bible.

Gibson, however, disputed the claim that ARAMARK is terminating employees simply because they were previously employed with Marriott. She said 90-95% of Marriott employees who transferred to ARAMARK earlier this spring are still with ARAMARK.

"We are very happy about

that," said Gibson.

Bible also feels that while working at ARAMARK, minorities were treated with less respect than white counterparts, and blacks were refused managerial positions, despite experience.

"None of the white people have been written up. They're weaning out all the blacks. They don't talk to us (the minorities) the way they talk to the white people. ... They ignore us. ... Everyone who is getting promotions and good jobs are white," said Bible.

He also said that when the minorities asked for applications for supervisor positions, the black employees were mocked and not taken seriously.

Openings for supervisors are posted frequently, said Gibson. She also said that, in one instance, only one person applied for the job. That person, who she said was white, received the job.

For the second posting, said Gibson, the only person who applied was a black employee. That employee received the position.

"We do have a minority secretary and supervisor based on qualifications, ... (and) we do have affirmative action (policy) for employees. Those are false allegations (from Bible)," said Gibson.

Allegations, however, have not stemmed from Bible alone. Melvin Griffin, former ARAMARK employee in charge of the dish room earning \$8.60, claims he was terminated in July after injuring his back on the job. Once Griffin requested disability compensation, he said ARAMARK terminated him. He still needs physical therapy, but said he does not want to apply for unemployment because he feels it would hurt his case.

Gibson said she was not at



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**AFTERNOON SHIFT:** Marie Catlett has been employed with ARAMARK for two months. With a new food service on campus, Sweet Sensations was replaced this fall with Freshens.

liberty to discuss former or current employees' records because it violates employee confidentiality.

"We treat all of our employees fairly," Gibson emphasized.

Samika Hudson, former ARAMARK cashier who earned \$7.38 per hour, also felt the supervisors' and managers' lack of respect toward minorities.

"A bunch of them (supervisors and managers) act like they don't like black people. ... They're too high and mighty," said Hudson.

Jimmie Scott was also upset when ARAMARK discharged him. He believes ARAMARK terminated him after requesting time off to take his aunt to the doctor once a week after her leg was amputated. Though Scott said he told the manager in advance he only needed one hour during his shift off for the doctor's appointment, he said ARAMARK was not sympathet-

ic.

"They said she is interfering with the business," said Scott who feels ARAMARK discharged him for unjust causes. Scott did say, however, ARAMARK did offer to give him part-time status. He said he refused because ARAMARK was expecting too much work in only a few hours.

Like the three other employees, Scott, who earned \$8.25 per hour, believes discrimination played a role in his employment termination. "It's only the blacks that it is happening to, ... (and) they've almost got rid of all the old Marriott workers," he added.

Griffin said he has contacted an attorney to file a discrimination suit against the company. Griffin, with Bible, hopes other employees will join them, as well. No suit has been filed as of yesterday.

Bible, on the other hand, is ready for action. "If he (Griffin's

attorney) does not work, I'll get my own lawyer," he said. "The only thing I want to do is expose them and show the university who they really are."

Two current black employees, however, expressed that they have experienced no discrimination from ARAMARK. Cashier Lakeitha Grant said that there has been "nothing like that (discrimination) at all that I've seen."

Devon Albeit, who has worked in the stock department for three months, agreed. "I haven't noticed (any discrimination). I'm pretty much happy with my job," he said.

Bible, though, feels ARAMARK was wrong for its reasons of termination. "I know I probably can't get my job back. I was a good worker. I was one of the best workers they had," he said.

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# Charter

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the Elbert T. Clark Academy (Detroit, K-8), and the Nsoroma Institute (Highland Park, K-8).

According to Angie Melhado, SEHS coordinator of urban partnerships and public school academies, there was no specific reason why these three were chosen. "OU couldn't oversee all eleven, so they picked three that they felt fit in best with the school's mission statement," Melhado said.

These academies can be new schools, or existing private or public schools that wish to be affiliated with a State-approved entity. "The State of Michigan has decided that certain bodies can charter schools. Public schools, intermediate school districts and universities can all do this," said Otto.

Generally, private schools with unique curricula seek charter arrangements in the hopes of securing the same state aid given to public schools. "State aid is equivalent to whatever the particular school district is getting per pupil per year," Melhado said. Typically, that amount approaches \$5,600 annually.

OU benefits by getting 3% of each student grant, which is, as

Melhado says, "an administrative fee." Each school is targeting an enrollment of 200 students by Fall 1997, so OU will be overseeing 600 students. At 3% of \$5,600 per student, OU will be collecting roughly \$100,800 for the 1997-98 academic year.

All the schools must be approved by the State, meaning their sites and facilities must be inspected for safety and handicap accessibility by the Fire Marshal, the Department of Labor and the Department of Health. In addition, they must show the Board of Education that they fall in line academically, offering the same core curriculum found in all public schools, as well as conducting standardized tests like the MEAP.

The Clark Academy Monday was notified by the State that it has been approved on all levels. Melhado said, "They have a school code and a building code, and the state recognizes them as a public school academy."

The Nsoroma Institute awaits approval, and the Academy of Michigan, having never operated in any capacity, can't be gauged for inspection by the State, except to ensure the suitability of its site, until they are in operation. (Currently, they are planning to do so using space in Bishop Gallagher H.S., Harper Woods.)

For its end, said Otto, "OU is involved in oversight similar to the way the state is. The charter schools will meet all requirements and file the same paperwork as other public schools. OU reviews the paperwork, also. The schools are responsible to the State Board of Education as well as OU."

Charter schools, in order to be in line with OU and its Policy on Public School Academies, have to meet 10 criteria, the first of which is to maintain the goals of OU's Strategic Plan.

More important, at least in terms of distinguishing each specific school, is the mandate that charter schools "Meet the educational needs of its students through the use of an innovative instruction plan."

The Academy of Michigan, which is not operational yet, plans to be a vocational trade school, focusing on teaching applied skills in banking, insurance, and medical technology. The initial focus of the vocational curriculum will be on 11th and 12th grade students.

The Clark Academy will be using an internet computer program in January called Novanet as part of their curriculum. The Novanet system has been in existence for at least 25 years, having been used in schools in Iowa, Arizona, Texas and Alabama.

Students will be able to surf Novanet for tutorial aids, and sample GRE and SAT tests. However, the school's initial focus for Novanet will be with K-4 students.

The Nsoroma Institute teaches standardized subjects, like math and science, through an African-centered viewpoint. For instance, Nsoroma teaches that the history of math evolved from the early innovations of ancient Egyptians, and an instructor can show his/her students what their early scrawl might have looked like. Nsoroma is a K-8 institution.

Christina is not the only faculty member hesitant to support the current charter school arrangement. The Nsoroma Institute, for example, raised some eyebrows. Marc Briod, an associate professor in SEHS, said, "Nsoroma could be controversial. It's the business of OU researchers to answer a question of fundamentals: 'Are they set up to provide a minimum basis of standards?'"

Briod stressed that he was generally in favor of the concept. "I like the idea in principle, but I'm not entirely happy with the method. I have reservations. I think it's a device for providing public funds for private schools, funneling public school money into the private domain."

# Campaign

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and Entertainment Tonight. These times are subject to change, however.

The commercial on SECS is scheduled to air during football games and local news broadcasts instead of movies and television programs in hopes of targeting a more conservative, engineering minded audience, said Upward.

"With the engineering ads we wanted our image to influence a corporate audience," Upward said.

The separate commercial for SECS was necessary to establish the school as the learning center for the automotive industry, according to Mutz.

"We wanted to position them as 'auto centered' and 'auto focused', so students who are interested in working for the Big Three will immediately identify Oakland," she said.

All tallied up, the ad campaign to produce the two commercials and air them costs \$57,000. The President's Office,

the Department of Academic Affairs, the Department of Publications, and the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences paid for the television campaign.

The revenue generated from expected increased enrollment from the commercials should repay the up front costs of the advertisements, Upward said.

The commercials will feature OU faculty and students. Student organizations and faculty were notified of the filming so they could participate if available, according to Mutz.

Senior dance major Heather Lobbestael and two other dance majors performed for one of the commercials. They were told about the filming on Friday by Greg Patterson, assistant professor of dance.

Lobbestael said it took 15 minutes to tape the spot with the dancers performing a small, unrehearsed routine.

"It was pretty much improv. There wasn't enough room to do a whole routine, ... (but) I'm excited to see what it is going to turn out like," said Lobbestael.

# Vision

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to six students in each apartment. The apartments would have movable walls so that they could be used as singles or doubles.

"I would also have a shuttle

service with a centralized lot that was well secured to get students from one building to another," said Reynolds.

For now it may just be a pipe dream, but maybe one day it may become a reality.

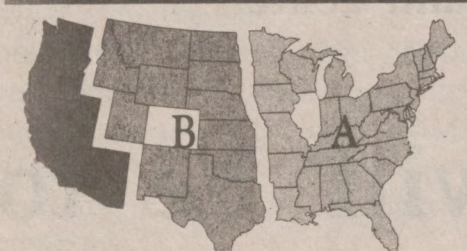
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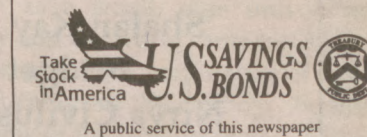
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# FEATURES

## Fascination surrounding medieval life

**Learning about pre-17th century life, times and experiences**

By HEIDI HEDQUIST  
Editor In Chief

Many people are fascinated with medieval history but know little more than what they read in books.

However, Hawkland Moor, OU's branch of Society for Creative Anachronism takes its appreciation one step further and actually recreates aspects of Medieval life.

Every Monday the group meets in

the OC to discuss and reenact a variety of medieval things including fighting practice and a once-a-month dance practice which includes dressing up in costume.

The group also meets on Sundays for combat practice.

Members of the organization have individual skills which they work on. J.J. Ryan, senior, computer science is the president or senisha of the group. Ryan and his fiancée Linda Carpenter, a 1995 OU graduate, are costumers.

Nelson Haynes, one of the founders of OU's chapter, is a master craftsman Medieval woodworker. The honor is one of the highest possible for the group. Haynes is self-taught in his craft and creates things such as furniture, toys and hairsticks.

The SCA is an international organization which began 30 years ago at The



Post Photo / Nelson Moy

**ALL DRESSED UP:** The OU chapter of Hawkland Moor, shows off the traditional garments worn in pre-17th century times at their once a month dance practice in the OC.

University of California Berkeley. "It was started by a bunch of hippies," said Ryan.

The SCA is broken down into kingdoms (regions) with the mid-west being the Kingdom of the Middle.

There are approximately 50,000 members worldwide. OU's group consists of approximately 150 members with around 40 attending meetings consistently. "Basically if you show up, you're a member," said Ryan.

"It's a way for people to keep learning and growing," said Haynes.

Haynes and his wife Kathy started the group in 1981. "We were involved in a group in Detroit and there was a feeling that we needed a group closer to home (Clarkston). Haynes chose OU because it was a local college and, "there was an awful lot of interest here," he said.

Haynes and Kathy are still very active in the group. "It's great because you can leave so much of the modern world behind," said Haynes.

Besides individual events the organization attends several international functions including Pennsic War, the largest event of the year.

Pennsic takes place in Slippery Rock, Penn. and is a two week event in

which more than 10,000 people participate.

All participants must make an attempt to dress in pre-17th century fashion. "Everyone must make an attempt to look accurate, it doesn't have to be a good attempt but they still have to try," said Carpenter.

If no costume is available the group will loan one out to members until they can make or come up with one themselves.

Attendees stay in accommodations ranging from campers to traditional tents and cooking over wood fires.

The highlight of Pennsic is a battle which is fought with weapons made of rattan. "It flexes and gives a good solid blow," said Haynes. Haynes explained that these types of weapons were used in the Middle Ages while practicing with their own men before actual battles.

All members make their own weapons as well as armor. The metal can be purchased from Pontiac Steel for about \$15. "It's time consuming but not that difficult (to make)," said Ryan.

Besides the battle, Pennsic includes a variety of booths and crafts similar to that found at renaissance festivals. Although Carpenter says it is a different

experience because literally everyone at Pennsic is traditionally dressed.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival and SCA are not related, but Haynes said there is a great deal of cross-overs between the two.

SCA has also helped people develop friendships around the world and within their own chapters. Carpenter and Ryan met through Hawkland Moor. They plan to get married in February. Though not medieval, the wedding will be done in the style of cavaliers.



Photo Courtesy / Anne Akin

**GEARING UP FOR BATTLE:** Hawkland Moor member Angus MacKinnon, gets ready to take part in the Pennsic festivities in Pennsylvania, which include a battle, craft shows and people sharing the love of medieval lifestyle.



Photo Courtesy / Anne Akin

**EN GARDE:** Garth Brandon, left and Angus MacKinnon, right face off in a fencing tournament at the Pennsic festival.

## Bridging cultural gap for equality at OU

By SUE YAX and DIANA PLETZ  
Features Editor and Staff Writer

A talk show type of event to promote equality on campus drew a small non-diverse audience Monday night.

The event sponsored by Hyksos was organized in an attempt to bring all the student organization on campus together to answer the question, is there equality at OU?

Hyksos, is a two year campus organization that takes its name from an 16th-18th Century B.C. Egyptian dynasty. The OU organization was established "to teach spiritual things, to better all people. The group especially likes to help those on campus and those who can't help themselves, for instance the hungry and homeless," according to its literature.

The meeting was moderated by electrical engineering sophomore Bill Howard, the host and one of the presidents of Hyksos.

A six member panel made up of student leaders and Glen MacIntosh, director of the Office of Equity, were chosen from those who responded to invitations placed in mailboxes.

The majority of those who responded were of African-American descent,

according to Howard. More than 30 people attended the event.

The purpose of the talk show is to gain, "a lot of different views on the topic," said Howard. "We want the audience to be very diverse so that everyone can stress their views on it."

"Hopefully, it will bring people together and make them realize that everyone is equal and hopefully all the racial views will be eliminated on campus," said Howard.

Howard opened the show with a question about how people felt about equality on campus.

Barry Gray, representative of Student Congress and member of the panel felt that other issues needed to be dealt with before answering that question, such as, whether their is equality within the minorities themselves before asking whether there is overall equality.

The overall tone of the show was whether or not minorities were being treated equally.

"You can always look in the files and find situations of racial overtones," said MacIntosh. "But I don't think the students have the power on campus to be racial because they aren't the ones with the power here."

He said that he often sees students

complain that they are being discriminated against but what often happens is that the individual isn't taking advantage of opportunities that are there for them.

"I give it straight, so what if there is racism," said MacIntosh. "So what if there is prejudice, your primary goal here is education."

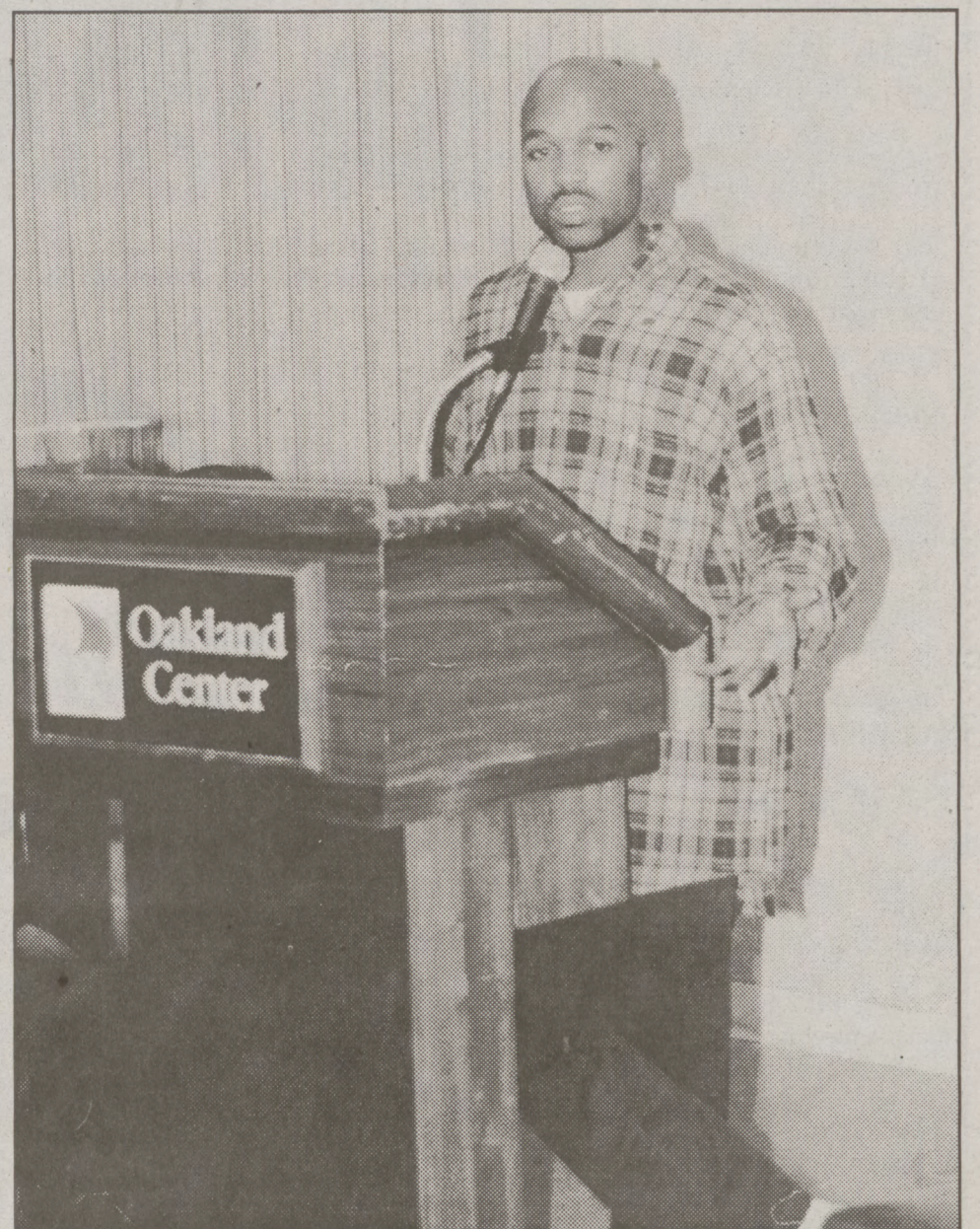
"You're not here to say they don't treat me equal, the whole point is to get your education," said Tawana Pitts, freshman, pre-med. "You're not here to worry if someone else is doing something you can't do."

Host Howard asked the audience why they felt that it was important for equality on campus, no one answered the question.

Gray brought up the fact that moving out of one's comfort zone is important in creating a change in equality.

"In order for me to get things done, I need to just stop being around African-American students," said Gray. "I need to step up with those students who are making decisions regardless of their race."

Another talk show forum will be scheduled in the future, with more emphasis being placed on getting students from all races involved.



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**TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** The talk show forum moderated by Hyksos president, Bill Howard, was formed to find out if there is equality among students, faculty and staff at OU.



# Magical tale of friendship brought to life on stage

By RENEE UITTO  
Special Writer

The atmosphere at Varner Studio Theatre on opening night was busy with everyone putting finishing touches on the set, rehearsing lines for the last time and trying to calm jitters.

The Music, Theatre and Dance cast had been rehearsing since September. Nate Topie, senior Theatre major, felt opening night came much too quickly to be prepared for the real thing.

"Tonight's the night where it really starts counting," said Topie. "I wish we had a couple of more days to rehearse." Topie plays Ben Whetherstaff, the gardener.

Written by Frances Hodgson Burnett in the early 20th century, *The Secret Garden*, is about an orphaned little girl, Mary played by Jennifer Ripari, freshman, Theatre major. Mary is sent

to live with her uncle, Archibald Craven, played by Gerald Kelel.

"I was nervous this morning," said Paul Moran, senior, Theatre who plays the evil Dr. Craven. "When I get my makeup on, I'll probably be nervous again."

"I feel very confident when I am on stage, it's just the moment before the curtain goes up," said Moran.

Moran said the orchestra was hard to hear on Thursday night, but was o.k. on Friday.

Because she is ignored by her uncle, Mary discovers the overgrown garden which was started by her aunt who passed away 10 years earlier. As she discovers the magic of the garden, Mary starts changing her attitude about living in the house.

After some time, Mary discovers her invalid cousin, Colin, played by Sean Mitchell, locked away from every-

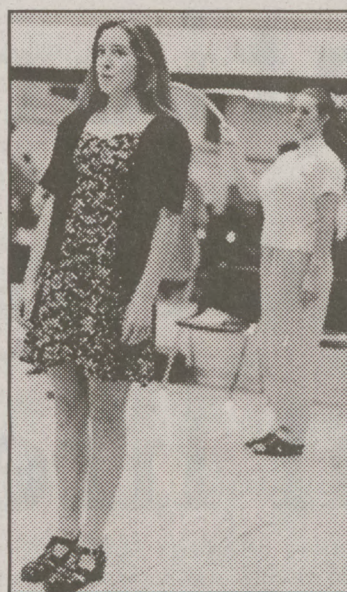
body in a dark room. He believes he is dying. Mary eventually gets Colin into the secret garden where he regains his strength and walks again.

The Secret Garden seemed to please the crowd. Ghosts of Mary's mother and father Rose Lennox and Captain Albert Lennox played by Stacy Cole and David Havasi, and songs performed by cast members added excitement to the production.

Colleen Gilginas, junior, theatre major, worked on the set. She believes this set is the biggest she's worked on in her seven years of theatre. She was finishing painting flowers Friday afternoon and said all finishing touches must be made one hour before curtain time.

The Secret Garden will be performed Nov. 6 at 10 a.m., Nov. 8 & 9 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students and seniors.



Post Photo / Brian Donnellan

**ALMOST SHOWTIME:** Mary, played by Jennifer Ripari, at a practice for *Secret Garden*.



Photo Courtesy Brian Hamill Warner Brother Pictures

**GOOD TIMES:** a happier scene from the movie *Sleepers*, in which all aspects of friendship are put to the ultimate test.

## Friendships that stand test of time

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY  
Assistant Features Editor

*Sleepers* is a good on the edge drama with an impressive list of cast members. It is a film that will keep the audience's eyes glued to the screen, but will also leave audiences feeling emotionally drained when it's all over.

Going into the movie, I was unaware that it was a *Now and Then* type of film. So don't expect to go and be able to look at Brad Pitt's face for the entire length of the movie.

For more than half of the film, four

young boys, who did an excellent job, portrayed the characters in movie.

Pitt, Jason Patric, Ron Eldard, and Billy Crudup, who did a great job and worked well together playing the roles of the boys in adulthood.

Directed by Barry Levinson and released by Warner Brothers, *Sleepers* is a noir (dark) film, based on the novel by Lorenzo Carcaterra, filled with twisted suspense and unimaginable turmoil.

Pitt continues his current film trend and stars in this dramatic and

**See SLEEPERS page 13**

## Eisenhower Dance Ensemble premieres sixth season with *Your Arizona, My Arizona*

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) was back in the saddle again last weekend at Varner's Recital Hall, marking the company's sixth season.

EDE is a professional repertory dance company with many of its dancers being faculty members in the Music, Theatre and Dance Department at OU. Associate Professor of Dance and EDE Artistic Director, Laurie Eisenhower started the company in the summer of 1991.

Though EDE and guest company Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Company performed six dance pieces in *On the Move*, it was EDE's premier of *Your Arizona, My Arizona* which highlighted the show on Friday's opening night.

By mixing both comedy and serious tones, the audience was able to find humor in an otherwise important theme—exploiting the environment through tourism does not preserve nature.

Besides modern dancing, *Your Arizona, My Arizona* featured modest singing by a few of the characters,

Southwest garb by M. E. Cameron-Scott, music by an array of Country artists and even a computer generated program which provided humorous text on a movie screen for the audience to see. The text was written in part by Eisenhower, with some lines taken from country western songs.

In the first of a seven section work, choreographer and dancer Eisenhower set the stage with a brief song and dance. Immediately following, the words "That was the comedy part" appeared on the screen.

However, that was soon mirrored by a more serious mood.

The next section featured dancer Darby Wilde performing a modern dance to the music of Carlos Nakai. Other company dancers remained still and in odd positions, providing the Southwest landscape. Wilde, Mother Earth, served as the serious tone for the piece, with movements echoing in sections four and seven, as well.

Comedy again prevailed in the next section which featured dancers Anne Bak, David Genson, Gregory Patterson, Jacqueline Pierce, Stephanie

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### OU EVENTS

Want to explore Biodiversity? At noon on Nov. 6 *Web of Life* will be shown as part of the Environmental Film Series in 159 of North Foundation Hall.

Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic tale of friendship, love and understanding comes to life as MTD performs *The Secret Garden* running through Nov. 10.

Check out pieces taken from the Manoogian Collection, *The Trompe L'oeil Tradition in Contemporary Realism* now through Nov. 24 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

### MUSIC

One of the hottest local bands in town, *Dark Carnival* will be hosting a CD release party at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9 at The Magic Bag of Ferndale.

Playing their own style of music *Phish* will rock the Palace Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Rock-n-Roll taken to the extreme when *Soundgarden* takes the Palace by storm on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### THEATRE

The Ridgedale Players presents *Dancing at Lughnasa*, a drama by Brian Friel is a story of five unmarried sisters who live in a small Ireland village. Opening night is Nov. 7 and runs through Nov. 10.

*Apartment 3A*, comedy by Jeff Daniels tells the story of getting a new apartment, meeting new friends and falling in love, at the Purple Rose Theatre running through Nov. 24.

Shakespeare's romantic comedy *All's Well that End Well* opens the Bonstelle Theatre Oct. 25.

Six actors perform 57 different roles in the comedy *The Dining Room* at the Hilberry Theatre running through Nov. 23.

Ever wonder about arranged marriages? *A Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare is now running through Dec. 14 at the Hilberry Theatre.

Timothy Findley's tale of diplomacy, mystery, and love opens Nov. 7 and runs through Dec. 31. *The Stillborn Lover* opens the thirty-ninth season of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.

### ART

Serigraphs and new paintings of world famous artist, Ali Golkar, have arrived in Southfield. Golkar's work is now on display at the Park West Gallery through Nov. 21.

What can be done with everyday products? The DIA exhibit *Re(fuse)- Good Everyday Design from Reused and Recycled Materials* running through Dec. 14 shows the interesting art options available with just a little imagination.

### MOVIES

The edge of the seat thriller *Ransom* starring Mel Gibson opens Friday.

### OTHER

Check out the first annual *Antique Preview Show and Sale*, sponsored by the Mental Illness Research Association (MIRA) to benefit brain research. Help MIRA eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. Stop by the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the Meadow Brook estate at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 8.

For all horse lovers the Novi Expo Center will be hosting *The North American Horse Spectacular*. On Nov. 8 through Nov. 10 over 20 different breeds of horses will perform and demonstrate.

*The Professional Figure Skating Championship* starring Brian Boitano, Katarina Witt, Oksana Baiul and many more will dazzle audiences at the Palace Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.



Sue Yax

## How to beat the cold weather blues and survive

The cold weather is approaching and many people are spinning cocoons around themselves to prepare for the onslaught of snow that is sure to fall soon.

Now I don't profess to be an expert on the subject by any means but I do know that with the cold weather people seem to hide away in their homes nestled up trying anything to keep from braving the storm.

Myself included.

I hate the feeling of waking up in the morning and not wanting to get out of bed because it is so cold you just about freeze going from the bedroom to the shower.

And who doesn't hate when they are running late in the morning going to work or school and getting out to their car and having to scrape the windows, not only making them late but freezing in the process.

And that is only half the battle. After scraping the windows you have to wait for what seems like a lifetime for the heater in the car to kick in so your hands don't freeze on the steering wheel.

But not everyone wishes they were in warmer weather when the snow piles up.

Some just head for the slopes or get out their snowmobiles and ride across the snow covered fields.

But I have only one question for them.

How can they stand the cold?

I guess growing up in Michigan I should be used to this weather by now, but I never seem to get used to the fact that for just about six months out of the year I will be miserable due to lack of sunlight.

If it isn't bad enough that it is so cold out all the time but we have to lose all daylight in the process.

I hate getting out of class or out of work at 5 p.m. and it is already either dark or pretty close to it.

So when do I see any daylight?

Basically I don't. If I do it may be for 15 minutes here or there on my lunch break or as I am driving home.

All of this didn't seem too bad when I was a kid.

But then at that point in life all you had to worry about was who you were going to play with when you got off the school bus.

I didn't mind winter when I was a kid.

I could play outside for hours on end and it never seemed to faze me.

I remember going sledding, ice skating, snowmobiling or even just building snow men.

And remember there was always some poor kid who thought it would be cool to stick his tongue on the metal slide, and well you know the rest of the story.

It didn't matter how long we were outside, we could lose our mittens or be covered head to toe in snow but as long as we had a cup of hot chocolate to warm us up it didn't really matter.

But now I go outside to get the snow off of my car or walk from one building to another and it is so cold I can't imagine how I used to do it.

Maybe as we get older our tolerance for cold weather declines, or maybe we just realize that we don't have enough time to go out and do the fun things we were able to do as kids.

Maybe that is the key to the whole cold weather dilemma.

Just grab some friends and go outside and have a snow ball fight or play a game of football if the snow hasn't started flying yet.

Have the mindset many of us had as kids.

If we have good friends, time on our hands and the attitude that we can do anything we want maybe, just maybe the cold weather will be easier to take.



# SPORTS

## Deren quits soccer team

By CHRIS TAIT and JEFF SHELTON  
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

As a freshman out of Livonia Stevenson High School last year he was the team's leading scorer with 32 points.

On Monday, with two games left in the regular season, sophomore Nick Deren was no longer a Pioneer.

"Nick Deren quit the team. We had a meeting yesterday (Monday) and he quit the team. It was a matter of the amount of minutes he was playing. He has quit the team voluntarily," Head Coach Gary Parsons said.

According to Assistant Coach Steve Seargeant, it came as a total surprise.

Deren was reached for comment but said that he did not want to talk about it.

With seven teams still battling for three postseason NCAA Tournament bids, the Pioneers improved its appeal to the selection committee with back to back shutout wins last week against Lewis University and Tiffin University.

However, with Deren gone the team will be without one of its true goal scorers as the Pioneers look to close out the season with victories against Eastern Michigan University and GLIAC rival Ashland University.

Last season Deren was an All-GLIAC Men's Soccer First Team selection and played and started in all of the team's 18 games.

Against LU last Wednesday, OU managed only three shots but capitalized on those scoring opportunities.

The Pioneers got a helping foot late in

the first half as a LU deflected the ball past his own goalkeeper.

LU kept in the game until late in the second half, when freshman forward Paul Snape received a pass from freshman forward Adam Heinemann to post the 2-0 victory.

With mission one accomplished, OU traveled to TU, completing the road trip with a 3-0 victory.

The Pioneers were sparked by sophomore midfielder Rob Wissner, as he tallied the first goal of the game, then assisted on goals by senior midfielder



Nick Deren

Tony Jones and freshman forward Paul Snape.

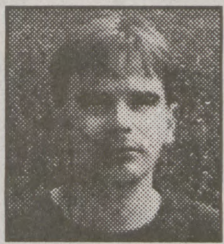
Junior goalkeeper and GLIAC Player of the Week, Amir Tal registered his eight shutout of the season. His performance last week lowered his goals against average to a league low 0.79.

The two victories ensured OU its 17th straight year of 10 or more wins in a season.

This feat has been accomplished by the Pioneers 20 out of its 24 years of intercollegiate competition.

OU improves its record to 11-5-2 overall, but to gain one of three bids left the Pioneers have to win its remaining home matches.

Yesterday, OU hosted EMU but the game results were not available by the time this issue went to print.



Chris Tait

*It seems strange  
that quest for  
equality creates  
more inequality*

Last Sunday night my friend and I went to the Penn Theatre in Plymouth to see "A Time to Kill."

As a film, the movie is very well done and Samuel L. Jackson turned in another brilliant performance.

As a commentary on the general mentality in the United States, this film cuts to the heart of very real problems in society today.

The aim of this column is not to review or critique the film, but to recommend it for the sole purpose of illuminating people's minds.

One of the things that make this film so powerful is that it taps the raw and often savage energy that stems from the black-white issue in the South and in America.

This film begs for discussion and analysis.

The power of this movie sparked a powder keg of emotion that finally led to me writing about the quest some people undertake in the attempt to find equality. Specifically, equality in the work place.

To begin with, the idea of equality is an abstract term that requires a working definition.

For the purpose of this column, equality should mean that a person is solely judged on ability, skill and experience.

This brings me to the whole point of the column.

Too many groups that strive for equality seem not to want equality at all. Quite the contrary, some groups seem to beg for special attention — special treatment.

GALA, or the people who found it necessary to chalk the walkways in honor of national coming out day several weeks ago, seems headed in the wrong direction.

What seems very odd about chalking up sidewalks with propaganda and urging closet gays and lesbians out into the open is that this appears to contradict the goal of equality.

Case in point: Chris walks down the street. Chris, the person from GALA who took part in the coming out day, walks down the street.

The first Chris may or not be gay or lesbian and may or not be a member of GALA. Nobody knows and therefore, cannot be treated unequally because of that lifestyle.

However, the second Chris is very definitely associated with GALA.

The difference is very obvious. One person is making their lifestyle a public part of their identity and one is not. Herein lies the problem.

Expressing a gay or lesbian lifestyle draws attention to that fact — positive or negative.

I am perfectly willing and able to hire or work with anybody that is polite and friendly.

When someone wants to write or cover a sports story or is interested in taking over the sports editor position I don't ask if they are heterosexual or homosexual.

That has no influence on a person's ability or inability to cover events and turn in a good story.

If a person has the ability, skill and experience to perform a job in the work place that should be enough.

The underlying message of "A Time to Kill" was that human beings should start seeing each other as fellow human beings without exception.

Unfortunately in this politically correct era, there is something to be gained by exploiting differences.

## Pioneer basketball teams early favorites

By DAVID CAMERON  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball teams was picked to finish first outright while the men's basketball team pulled in enough votes for a first place tie in the GLIAC South Division in the preseason poll passed out at the league's annual media day last Wednesday at "The Bubble".

The men's squad garnered 22 points to tie with Mercyhurst College for the top spot and the women's squad claimed 24 points to lead its poll.

Rounding out the men's South Division were: Wayne State University, Ashland University, Gannon University and Hillsdale College. The women's draw was as follows: AU, HC, MC, GU and WSU.

This season the conference will sport a new look. The conference will be split into North and South Divisions.

The GLIAC North will be home to Grand Valley State University, Michigan Technological University, Saginaw Valley State University, Northern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Lake Superior State University and Northwood University.

Each team will play 17 conference games. Each school will play only one division crossover game per school plus a home and away series against teams in the same division.

The GLIAC playoff format has changed to include the top three teams from both the North and South divisions. The conference tournament is slated for Feb. 27 - March 1, 1996. The club with the best overall record will host the tournament.

The only schools not represented at the media day were MTU and NMU because the coaches' flights were canceled due to high winds. A telephone hook-up with the coaches was attempted but it was not successful.

Both of OU's basketball teams will have to deal with the loss of key seniors. The women's team lost three starters from last year's edition — Deanna Richard, Heather Bateman and Kristen Francis. The trio combined for 650 points out of the 2225 OU scored last season.

"The loss of these players will affect us early, until we have time to get adjusted," said OU Women's Basketball Coach Bob Taylor.

The men lost four players from the 1995-1996 season: Jason Burkholder, Tom Marowelli, Matt Stuck and Andy Brodi. That group accounted for 23% of the team's total offense last season.

This means that preseason All-American pick, Kevin Kovach will have to shoulder the offensive burden. Kovach led OU in scoring, minutes played, assists and steals last year as OU won its first ever GLIAC Championship and finished with a 21-8 record.

According to OU Men's Head Basketball Coach Greg Kampe, the exits of those seniors have been noticed.

"Two weeks ago, when practice started, you could already see the difference from years past," said Kampe.

Consequently, the teams style of play won't be as up-tempo as last year because of the size lost.

"Last year our front line averaged 235 pounds

See BASKETBALL page 11



Post Photo/Bob Knoke

FINAL ENCORE: Graduate Student Genevieve Long played out her final year of eligibility this season and completed her collegiate career last week with games against Lewis University and Tiffin University.

## Women's soccer team finishes season, 16-3-0

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The GLIAC Champion women's soccer team closed out the season with two road wins last week.

Last Wednesday OU defeated Lewis University 2-1 and then blanked Tiffin University 3-0 on Saturday.

Assistant Coach for Women's soccer Nick O'Shea said that the team didn't play well last Wednesday, but came out for the second half and played hard.

Junior Jessica Mrozek capped off the season with a two-goal effort last week. Against LU, Mrozek notched the game tying goal in the second half and tallied the game winner against TU.

Mrozek also garnered Women's GLIAC Soccer Player of the Week Honors and Pioneer of the Week honors for her performance.

The Pioneers finished the season 16-3-0 but will still miss the playoffs.

Ranked No. 21 in the nation and No. 4 in the Northeast region, the Pioneers only losses have been against two NCAA II Top 25 schools and against an NCAA I school.

The Pioneers lost to Eastern Michigan University 3-2, St. Joseph's College 1-2 and Lock Haven University 1-2.

Against TU, sophomore Erin Gallagher scored on a pass from sophomore Heather Hawley to give OU a 2-0 lead. Sophomore Terry Sywak rounded out the goal scoring at 84:50.

"The first half of the Tiffin game was the best soccer they have ever played. Not only did they get two

goals, they got them against a strong team," O'Shea said.

Adelphi University and Bloomsburg University earned the two playoff bids from the Northeast Region.

Ironically, BU was a team that O'Shea tried to schedule this season, but the team couldn't fit OU into its schedule.

"We did set quite a few school records. It was a good year overall, but right now it's a bit hard to swallow (not making the playoffs)," O'Shea said.

In its third season, the team set records for win (16), shutouts (11), goals for (76) and fewest goals against (15).

On an individual note, sophomore Cathy Miniuk led the league in points (39) and goals (15). Sophomore Brooke Kairies led the GLIAC with assists (17) to set a school record.

|    |   |
|----|---|
| OU | 2 |
| LU | 1 |
| OU | 3 |
| TU | 0 |



Pioneer of the Week



Jessica Mrozek  
Midfielder  
Women's soccer  
Junior

Mrozek scored goals in both OU matches last week as the Pioneers concluded the season with two wins. Mrozek tied the Lewis University match at 1-1 just 27 seconds into the second half, and scored the only goal OU would need against Tiffin University just 2:88 into the match.

The Pioneer sports week

Fri., Nov. 8

•Women's Volleyball Team hosts Hillsdale College (7:30 p.m.)\*

•Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Team at Ashland University (4 p.m.)\*

Sat., Nov. 9

•Women's Volleyball Team hosts AU (11 a.m.)\*

•Men's and Women's Cross Country at Michigan NCAA II Great Lakes Regional at Cape Girardeau (10 a.m.)

•Men's Soccer Team hosts AU (2 p.m.)

•Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Team at Wright State University (4 p.m.)\*

•Women's Basketball Team hosts Michigan Free Agents in exhibition game (3 p.m.)

Extended calendar

Sat., Nov. 16

•The Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Team hosts University of Western Ontario (2 p.m.)

\* Denotes GLIAC game.  
\*\* Home games in bold type.



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

FLYING AWAY: Senior Gisa Alessandri (above) finished fifth in the 200-yard butterfly last weekend against the University of Toledo.

Rockets cruise past Pioneers

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

Senior diver Becki Bach became the first Pioneer to earn a trip to the 1997 NCAA II Swimming and Diving Championships last Friday at the University of Toledo. Bach clinched her position by capturing a 269.85 points performance on the three-meter. In addition to clearing the

255 point qualifying hurdle, she set a UT pool record. "She really dove well. She kind of has that midseason form already," Women's Head Swim Coach Tracy Huth said. In the meet the Rockets downed the Pioneer women 130-111. Swimming well for the women, senior Jessie Bailey won the 200-yard individual medley, junior Laura Juncker took the 200-yard freestyle and junior

Jill Mellis won the 50-yard freestyle. Including this weekend's meet against Wright State University, the women will have swam in two dual meets against Division I programs. "There's a reason why we scheduled that meet. We need people that will challenge us," Huth said. The team will have to fight of training and competition fatigue against WSU to pull out the win.

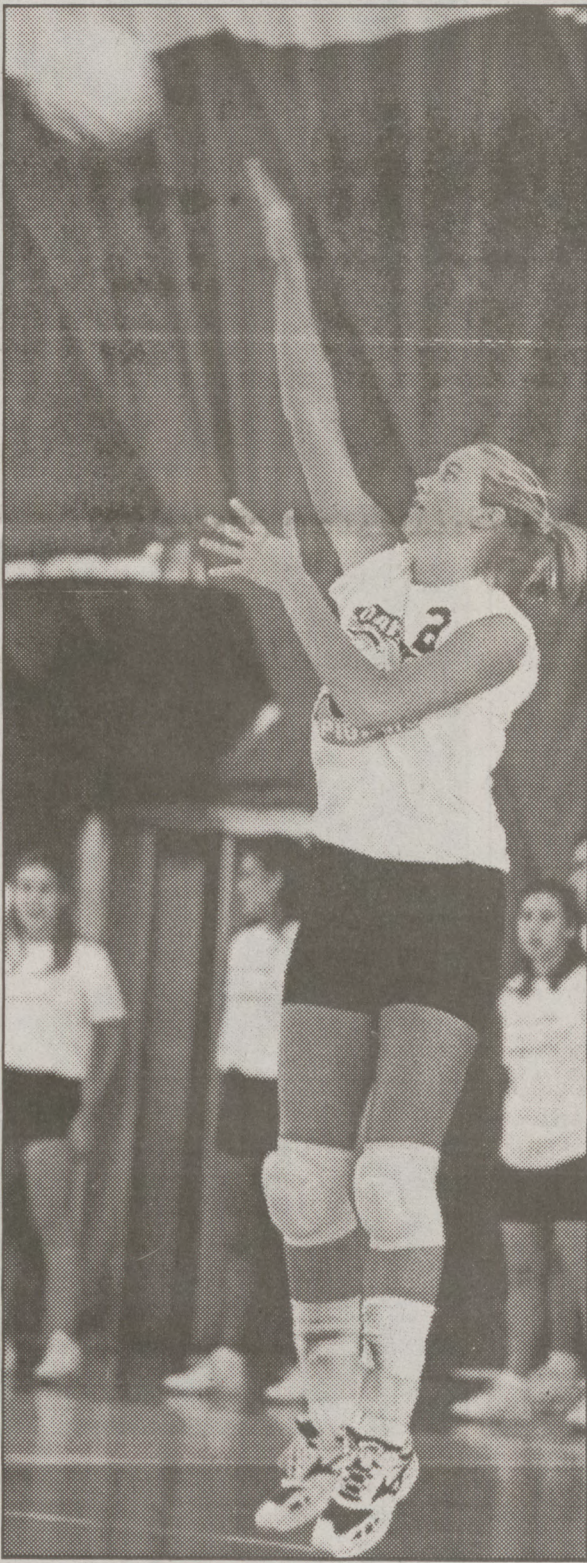
Last year, OU trailed heading into the final event but pulled out the 1-2 finish in the 400-yard free relay to take the win. Huth also said that this weekend's road trip will allow the team a chance to bond and compete without the home support. In addition to competing against WSU on Saturday, the Pioneers will face Ashland University on Friday.

Wayne State takes lead in GLIAC South

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The women's volleyball finished last weekend on the upswing. The week started out rough for OU as it lost a two hour battle against Wayne State University for first place in the GLIAC South in four sets Tuesday, Oct. 29. In that match at "The Bubble" the Tartars won: 15-13, 15-17, 15-9, 17-15. "That was a heart breaker. That's all I can say," Head Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte said, adding that he hopes that the team will get another shot at WSU in the conference tournament. However, the team rebounded as it defeated Grand Valley State University Friday in three straight and then dropped Ferris State University in four games on Saturday. OU triumphed over GVSU 15-12, 15-12, 15-10 and FSU 15-13, 15-10, 6-15, 15-7. Against the Lakers junior middleblocker Rachel Clor tied a school match record with a .706 attack percentage on 12 kills, 17 attempts and no errors. "I think that I played good — better than I've played in a while," Clor said. Senior Stephanie Sasek started a strong weekend of play with 23

kills, 17 digs and five service aces against GVSU. She then gave an encore performance against FSU, recording 15 kills and 19 digs. Sophomore Renee Williams added 13 kills and five digs. Against the Bulldogs on Saturday, the Pioneers came out slow and quickly found themselves at the wrong side of a 6-0 score. "They started out slow with their passing and passing's the name of the game," Schulte said. Junior setter Nicole Zimmerman sparked an OU rally from the service line as she pulled the Pioneers to within four points, trailing 7-11. On her second turn at the service stripe, Zimmerman led the Pioneers out of its deficit and completed the come-from-behind effort as she closed out the game. "I thought we fought hard to come back and our team hustled as a whole," Sasek said. In the second game OU took control and raced out to a 12-4 advantage. After FSU closed the margin to 14-10, the Pioneers pulled out the game on a little dink shot. After jumping out to a 4-0 lead in the third game, the Pioneers stalled and allowed FSU to cruise to any easy 15-6 win. However, OU regained its focus and finished off the match by winning the fourth game with some strong serving and hitting. The Pioneers close out the regular season with two home matches this weekend at "The Bubble."



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HOME STAND: Sophomore middleblocker Jennifer Nagel recorded one service ace against Wayne State University Oct. 29. She also tallied nine kills and nine digs against the Tartars. Against Saginaw Valley State University she had eight kills, six digs, four block assists and one block solo.

Men win three events, fall to UT

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The men's swimming and diving team won three events, but lost its first dual meet of the season last Friday to the University of Toledo 130-107. Winning for the Pioneers, senior Jay Judson in the 200-yard breaststroke, senior James Collins in the 500-yard freestyle and freshman Yoav Ritter in the 200-yard butterfly. Men's Head Swim Coach Pete Hovland commented on Ritter: He's the real McCoy. He sure is the real thing. He loves to race. He really, really swam well. In addition to Ritter's performance, Hovland said that Senior Ken Ehlen swam one of his best dual meets of his career. Ehlen raced to a second place finish in the 100-yard freestyle and a third place finish in the 200-yard freestyle. "Toledo is tremendously improved. They swam real well. You could tell that we were someone they were focused on beating," Hovland said. He added that the loss of swimmers like Chris Zoltak and Randy Teeters hurts the team during the dual meet season because those swimmers swam fast at the beginning and the end of the season. Hovland knows that his team will be tested more at this year's nationals than in the past two years and has scheduled tougher meets to give his squad good competition. "We need tough competition and I hope that it helps us. I told the team after the Bowling Green meet that we weren't going to sacrifice any training to beat them," Hovland said.

Pioneer weekly sports standings

| Men's Soccer         |   |   |           |    |    |   |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|----|----|---|
| GLIAC                |   |   | All Games |    |    |   |
| School               | W | L | T         | W  | L  | T |
| Mercyhurst College   | 3 | 0 | 1         | 12 | 3  | 2 |
| Gannon University    | 3 | 1 | 0         | 12 | 5  | 1 |
| Oakland University   | 1 | 1 | 1         | 11 | 5  | 2 |
| Ashland University   | 1 | 2 | 0         | 7  | 10 | 1 |
| Saginaw Valley State | 0 | 4 | 0         | 1  | 14 | 2 |

| Women's Soccer       |   |   |           |    |    |   |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------|----|----|---|
| GLIAC                |   |   | All Games |    |    |   |
| School               | W | L | T         | W  | L  | T |
| Oakland University   | 7 | 0 | 0         | 16 | 3  | 0 |
| Gannon University    | 5 | 2 | 0         | 11 | 8  | 0 |
| Mercyhurst College   | 5 | 2 | 0         | 9  | 8  | 0 |
| Ashland University   | 5 | 2 | 0         | 7  | 11 | 0 |
| Grand Valley State   | 3 | 4 | 0         | 7  | 8  | 0 |
| Northwood            | 2 | 5 | 0         | 7  | 9  | 1 |
| Northern Michigan    | 1 | 6 | 0         | 2  | 9  | 0 |
| Saginaw Valley State | 0 | 7 | 0         | 1  | 13 | 1 |

| Volleyball               |       |    |           |    |
|--------------------------|-------|----|-----------|----|
|                          | GLIAC |    | All Games |    |
| <u>Southern Division</u> | W     | L  | W         | L  |
| Wayne State University   | 11    | 4  | 18        | 10 |
| Oakland University       | 10    | 5  | 20        | 11 |
| Ashland University       | 7     | 8  | 14        | 19 |
| Hillsdale College        | 6     | 9  | 10        | 20 |
| Mercyhurst University    | 2     | 12 | 6         | 22 |
| Gannon University        | 1     | 13 | 7         | 20 |
| <u>Northern Division</u> |       |    |           |    |
| Northern Michigan        | 16    | 0  | 25        | 3  |
| Michigan Technological   | 14    | 2  | 22        | 7  |
| Northwood College        | 11    | 5  | 24        | 5  |
| Ferris State University  | 9     | 6  | 16        | 12 |
| Grand Valley State       | 8     | 7  | 17        | 12 |
| Saginaw Valley           | 3     | 13 | 8         | 18 |
| Lake Superior State      | 1     | 15 | 4         | 27 |

Sports in brief

GLIAC Soccer  
Players of the Week

•Junior goalkeeper Amir Tal recorded two shutouts last week. He recorded a 2-0 shutout against Lewis University last Wednesday and a 3-0 shutout over Tiffin University last Saturday.

•Junior Jessica Mrozek scored two goals last week as the women wrapped up its season with two road wins. She tied the game at 1-1 against LU and netted the winner against TU.



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Shelley Obrad  
Professional educator

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## Basketball

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— this year it will average 200 pounds. We won't be as physical obviously. I think we'll be a little more athletic, a little faster," Kampe said.

Besides the senior losses, 6-7 freshman Dan Champagne appears done for the season after he suffered a posterior dislocation of the hip while doing a conditioning drill Oct. 2.

The women's squad will try to temper its losses. Coming off a 23-6 season (15-3 GLIAC) they are looking to replace Richards, Francis and Bateman.

"Alyson McChesney has developed into a very good basketball player and Lori Young is

more comfortable this year. Kristen Grant is injury-free, so she will be a factor this year," said Taylor.

Grant tore her anterior cruciate ligament during her first practice at OU in fall 1993 after transferring from the University of Toledo.

Freshmen Sue Karber, Jamie Ahlgren, Becki Wheatley, along with transfers Courtney Ruffing (University of Dayton), and Teresa Tallenger (Wisconsin-Green Bay) complete the list of new faces for the women's team.

New to the men's team are freshmen Mark Kempa, Pete Maienknecht, Steve Reynolds, Mike Riley, Myke Thom, and Champagne.

On Nov. 19 the men open at Concordia College; the women start their season Saturday, Nov. 16 against Madonna University.



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#### A Fireside Chat with Greg Jordon and Dave Herman

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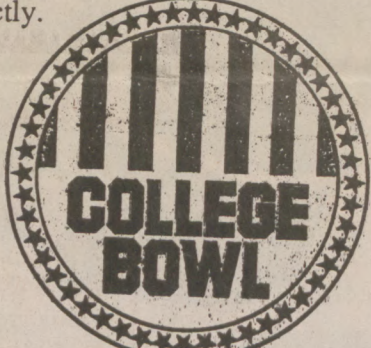
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## Vote

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names," Banker said. "If you're going to vote for someone, you probably should know more about them than their political party. That's why I didn't participate in that part of the ballot." Political Science Professor Thomas Casstevens said that voters' indifference regarding local elections may not be so bad.

"It indicates some nice things. For example, it indicates that partisan politics doesn't deeply and thoroughly divide people in the United States. That shows that the U.S. as a whole, has a stable political system," said Casstevens.

Casstevens also commented that the general public's lack of knowledge in local elections inadvertently releases some interesting facts. "The apathy is an ongoing reality. In fact, among observers of elections, it is a rule of thumb that if you want to get a notion of what the partisan balance is in a region, that information is revealed by party preference voting in state representative and other local races."

"The only thing that is known about these candidates by the typical voter is what they see on the ballot, which is each candidate's party affiliation," Casstevens said.

McKeone suggests that voters should take the time to be more informed about local elections. "To be realistic, the average citizen has to educate themselves on the small races. Local politicians don't have the resources to really get out there and educate the people the way

national politicians do," he said.

"These people have influence on a local level and influence on the people above them on a state and national level," McKeone said. "So, it's good to educate yourself on what they know, what they stand for, and how they're going to be representing you. We are, after all, in a school. I'd rather know everything and waste my time than be ignorant to the issues," he added.

Casstevens finds some peace of mind in the public's lack of involvement. "The unawareness of local politics in America does indicate that if we were bitterly divided on partisan terms, the division would go down to the bottom of the ticket," he said.

"If we were so divided, we would know something about every small candidate. The unawareness indicates a degree of political calm on an ongoing basis because this (indifference) is typical throughout history. I'd be nervous if we weren't fairly calm about local elections," Casstevens added.

"One can deplore this sort of apathy for the intuitively obvious reasons. It's proper to deplore it, but the fact is, its an indicator of some good things. It shows that we take politics seriously, but not too seriously," Casstevens said.

Ward believes that all voters should be at least slightly informed about any election in which they participate. "If people select a candidate randomly, they might pick the wrong person for the job. That's why I want to learn more about local politics, because I don't want to pick the wrong person and be responsible for what they do," she said.

## Hall

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market means going outside of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties to recruit new students. Admissions officers have begun recruiting heavily on the west side of the state and in Ohio and Indiana.

Another factor that has caused residency to drop is the mild winters we have had lately. "People always laugh when I talk about the winters being a factor, but we've had five mild winters in a row and that has an impact on residency," said Reynolds.

"Why live on campus when I only live about 15 minutes away? I choose to live at home where my parents help support me," said Kim Kiefus, senior, communication.

There are plenty of advantages of living on campus. It allows students access to all of OU's academic, athletic and social activities.

"You can become more involved in campus activities, rather than just coming here for class and leaving," said Joan Love, residence halls office manager.

"The biggest advantage is the proximity to class and activities. It relieves the major stress of parking," said Reynolds.

Extracurricular activities may not be a big selling point with students. In a 1995 ACT survey of entering freshmen, 52 percent said they were going to

join campus activities, but only 10 percent of all OU students actually got involved.

Contrary to the statistics, many students choose to live on campus for the social aspect. "The biggest advantage about living here is all the friends you make," said Michael Smith, sophomore, undecided, Hamlin resident.

Freedom from the family is another key reason students live in the halls. "I like it. It's fun being around different people, and not always being around my mother getting on my nerves," said Shakeia Rayford, freshman, pre-elementary education who also lives in Hamlin.

For about 8,695 OU students, home is still the choice. "There is more pressure in the dorms because there are more distractions," said Josie Viviano, junior elementary education who lives in Clinton Township.

Many students do not want to stay on camps all of the time. "I kind of need to get away from the campus and I was older when I came here for the first time so I felt out of place," said Ken Slavik, elementary education, OU graduate majoring in english.

It's easier to live at home because I don't think I'm ready to move out yet, and it's cheaper," said Orban.

Home living is the overwhelming choice of students on OU's campus, but life in the residence halls can be an exciting and memorable time in a student's life.

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## Sleepers

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provocative story as one of four boys living in Hell's Kitchen in New York in the 1960s.

Lorenzo, Michael, Tommy, and John were four mischievous adolescent boys who enjoyed playing stick ball in the streets and hanging out with the neighborhood priest, played by Robert De Niro.

Born into semi-dysfunctional families with little family support, the boys turned to De Niro for comfort and advice. It was surprising to see De Niro playing a role that involved love and compassion considering that in his most recent roles he portrayed bad guys.

On one hot afternoon, after laying out in the sun and looking down into a crowded NY street the boys decide to pull a prank. It is a prank that brought their childhood years to a sudden halt.

The four were sent to the Wilkenson school for boys, which housed 780 juvenile delinquents, for the period of no more than one year.

The scenes that took place while at Wilkenson are the most disturbing of the film. During their stay, the boys were forced to eat off the floor, and often were physically and sexually abused.

Watching these scenes will leave an impact on audiences and will make one wonder if the children who are put into correctional institutions around the world really undergo the abuse that these four boys endured.

Kevin Bacon plays a big bully and the guard who is responsible for provoking all the abuse. Bacon's acting skills were strong, but I must warn, his character in Sleepers will be hard to like.

The events that took place

while at the school were both embarrassing and humiliating. After their release the boys decided to remain silent and bury their secrets forever. Lorenzo, played by Patric, and Michael, played by Pitt, were able to cope best of the four and went on to lead successful lives.

John, played by Eldard, and Tommy, played by Crudup, were less fortunate. The two got involved in a local gang and continued to stay in trouble throughout their teens and into adulthood.

One night John and Tommy had a run in with Bacon's character, which led them to be arrested.

Michael went on to become a district attorney and took the case against two of his oldest and dearest friends. But was he in it to win?

For Lorenzo, Michael, Tommy, and John the saying "What goes around comes around" proved to be true. Find out how Lorenzo and Michael plot revenge on behalf of the quartet and how the district attorney manipulates the jury.

Unfortunately, the end of the movie was disappointing because just when you think everyone's going to live happily ever after another curve ball is thrown. It would have been a better ending if everyone would have been left sitting around the table celebrating.

All in all, Sleepers, is a good film. However, it was too long to enjoy a second time, and if it wasn't for the list of awesome cast members, I probably wouldn't have sat through the entire show the first time. Watching movies that deal with physical and mental abuse of children usually don't appeal to me.

Sleepers, also starring Dustin Hoffman, Bruno Kirby, Minnie Driver, and Brad Renfro, is now showing in theaters.

## Dance

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Pizzo and Wilde. Wilde, however, switched roles to join the others in a creative and playful cowboy number to "Back in the Saddle Again," sung by Gene Autry.

With three cowboy characters lassoing calves while riding the horses (the three other dancers) and yelling like a cowpoke, the audience came alive with laughter. Not only did the dancers display strength and balance, but the character portrayal made them look as if they were having as much fun as the viewers.

Mother Earth and her dancers' visual representation of the landscape returned for an encore during the next section. The same movements and music that were seen during Wilde's first appearance in the piece came to stage again as the natural beauty of the Southwest was

again exemplified. By keeping this serious tone for this section, it reminded the audience of the true theme behind the work.

"Stand by Your Man," sung by Tammy Wynette, was the choice of music for the following comedic interlude with dancers Eisenhower, Bak, Pierce and Pizzo. Though it was not clear what their "husbands" did to make them want to abandon them, the "wives," the dancers, did feel a strong will to leave, until the song's chorus brought them back to stage and back to their husbands.

Keeping with the humorous tone, the second-to-last section saw Patterson alone on the range. Though the cowboy Patterson created was simple-minded and probably not the best dancer on the range, Patterson himself evoked smiles and chuckles from the audience as he lip synced a song by Rex Allen. The rest of the company helped him out with the backup singing as they poked their

heads out from the sides of the stage.

The last section began with a serious tone as Mother Earth, Wilde, alone with only a cactus as the symbol of the landscape, began her recognized movements, but his time to music by Wink Martindale and Thomas Dorsey.

Unfortunately, tourists Bak, Genson, Patterson, Pierce and Pizzo interrupted the beauty while stealing the nature, literally. Not only did the tourists steal the cactus, but also Mother Earth, as well, leaving the stage empty.

The visual effects through computer generated text, costumes and overall dancing variations, from modern to character song and dance, added to the depiction of Arizona's lifestyle and nature which is sometimes robbed by tourists seeking to own, rather than enjoy.

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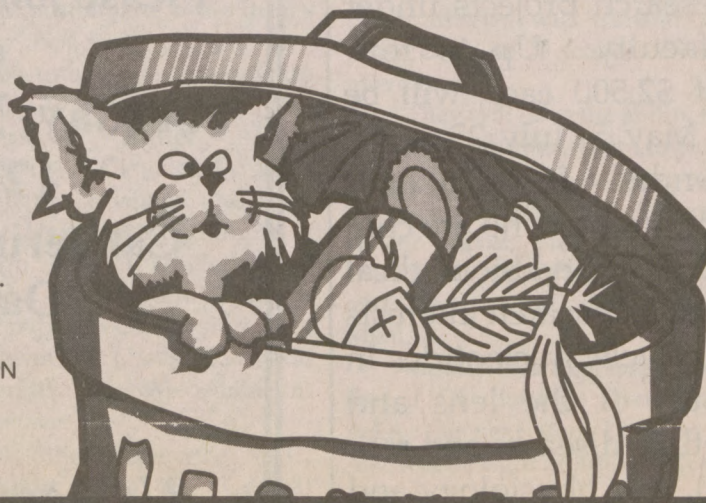
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## Congress

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any means, I just don't think it's wise to embark on Division I," he said.

He proceeded to reiterate many of the points he had previously made at the Senate meeting, including his fears that he and other faculty would be forced to teach in the vein that "winning is everything."

When asked by former Congress member Paul Carradonna whether the tenor of faculty sentiment matched his own, Bricker responded, "Most of my colleagues have financial concerns, whereas I'm making a value argument."

"They anticipate seeing attractive financial figures (from the fact-finding committee on Division I athletics). ... My colleagues are not confident they're accurate," Bricker added.

What followed was a great deal of back and forth debate of whether OU should increase its athletic standings to Division I AAA.

Congress Member Walter Tornopolsky cautioned members to consider all the evidence, some of which he said seems unconvincing to him.

"I went back over the report on Intercollegiate Athletic Planning, and I have tried to understand the positives. I have no problem with sports, but I have not made up my mind. I'm having trouble understanding the benefits. My problem is that no one has convinced me what the benefits are," said Tornopolsky.

Lynette Buffa, Congress residence halls council representa-

tive, conceded that she, like other Congress members, feels as though the jump to Division I is not an "if" situation, but a "when" situation. She asked why there was such a rush to determine OU's athletic fate by Nov. 15.

Despite Dean of Student Life David Herman's response that NCAA restructuring is coming to a close and that it is necessary for the university to move now, Buffa remained skeptical.

"When will we know whether it's just difficult or impossible to make the move in the future?" questioned Buffa.

Jennifer Stair, a member of the women's swim and dive team, echoed Buffa's comments, saying, "The NCAA committee is just huge. Somebody should be able to find out (whether the move would be impossible in years to come). We already know we have."

Congress member Hemant Mahamwal questioned if the general fund would be able to support the funding needed for the move.

"Right now, we spend \$2.1 million on athletics, and by the year 2000, it will be \$3.7 million. Where will this come from, the general fund? Our academic resources will take the brunt of the hit. Are we going to get \$1.6 million in name recognition, in donations and gifts? We need to protect the general fund so that they don't take (the money) out of academic affairs," he said.

Congress member Matt Karrantja feels the move is in the university's best interest.

"You have to move into the future. The athletes will have to pay a small price, but it won't be a loss like everyone thinks it's

going to be," said Karrantja.

Faculty Representative Kevin Early, an associate professor of sociology, however, feels that the funding could be better spent in academic areas.

"There is not sufficient computer resources to sail into the 21st century, ... (yet) Division I is a fait accompli. I resent that students are being misled into thinking they have input," said Early.

Senior Kate Kenney agreed that academics need to come first at OU.

"Academics should be the number one priority, and athletics should be number two. There's lines out the door at the computer lab. I'd like to see more money go to academic tools. Let's put the horse back in front of the cart, so to speak," Kenney said.

Freshman OU basketball player Pete Meightnight addressed the concerns of some of the gallery members that academics would be lost in the shuffle.

"I can only speak for men's basketball, but we're all pretty much above a 3.0 GPA. Our graduation rate is pretty high," said Meightnight.

Mike Thom, also a freshman on the team, said, "I chose OU because of the balance between athletics and academics...I want to compete on both levels. The push toward Division I will help me do that. If we don't go Division I, it will be holding us back."

The next Congress meeting is scheduled for Monday at 4 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. It is unknown whether a resolution will be introduced at that time.

## Forum

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Bissonnette said that under OU's current conference affiliation, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), OU athletes have competed well.

The GLIAC is a conference within Division II athletics in which OU competes. If OU moves to Division I AAA, they will no longer be able to be a part of the GLIAC because it is not a part of Division I. However, they will join another conference that does compete in Division I AAA.

The committee has researched possible conferences for OU in Division I AAA, and the members are targeting two—the Mid-West Collegiate Conference (MWCC), and the Mid-Continental Conference (MCC).

Bissonnette made it apparent that the committee is only researching, not taking action, with those conference possibilities.

"We are looking, talking, and listening," Bissonnette said. "We are not applying to these conferences. We are still retaining relations with our existing conference. The institutions in the conferences we are looking at have very good academics and hold important the same things we do," he added.

The universities making up the MWCC include Wright State University, Butler State University, Cleveland State University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, and University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

The other conference, MCC, is made up of Central Connecticut State University, Chicago State University, Howard State University, Northeastern Illinois University, New York State University at Buffalo, New York Institute of Technology, Pace University, SUNY-Oneonta, Troy State University, University of Missouri at Kansas City, Valparaiso University, Western Illinois University, LIU-C.W. Post College, Youngstown State University, and DePaul University.

According to Bissonnette, the process of joining a conference could be a long one, but could be well worth the wait.

"It takes years to join some of these (conferences). It's not an easy process, but (it is) a necessary process because they look at

our academics and other things about the institution, rather than just athletics, before we are accepted," Bissonnette said.

The GLIAC, however, has recently expanded to include new institutions which have smaller enrollments than OU.

"The university is growing, and this is a tremendous opportunity to seek other conferences that look like Oakland University. It will help us with name recognition, and campus life. The is an opportunity for this institution to extend itself in every other area, and athletics is the way progress can be made," said Bissonnette.

Director of Athletics and committee member Jack Mehl, however, said the committee is not ignoring the negative aspects of the transition.

"I can tell you that there is not anyone who hasn't thought of the downsides. There were a number of women at a recent meeting who said, 'What will happen to me?' I have to address that specifically. We asked each of the coaches what we could do to mitigate the situation in the next two years when the athletes won't be allowed to play," said Mehl.

Mehl reassured the athletes that they will not lose their scholarships during the two-year probationary period, and that OU understands that some of these athletes will transfer to other Division II schools if the move is made.

"They will have the ability to transfer to another school to participate in athletics, (but) we are going to offer greater opportunity for travel, and swimmers would be supported at Junior and Senior Nationals," said Mehl.

Another fear expressed was that if OU does go Division I AAA, the next step, Division I AA, will be right around the corner.

The institutions in Division I A, and Division I AA both include football as part of their athletics. Division I A has larger game attendance, and more money offered in the form of scholarships that Division I AA. Division I AAA does not include football.

"In order to have a football team, it would take a long evolutionary process. An institution builds its base first and it takes time," Bissonnette said.

All discussion did not come from the committee members. Student athletes also became vocal.

Freshman basketball player, Michael Thom, biology major, gave his support for the move.

"I keep hearing that the ath-

letes are against becoming Division I AAA. I, and the basketball team, we are in favor of it. A question was asked of us, 'Are you good enough to compete in Division I?'" said Thom.

"All of us were recruited by Division I schools. I chose Oakland because of the balance between academics and athletics. We'll be affected most because we are freshmen. It will increase our competitiveness, and build a positive recognition," Thom added.

However, many of the athletes present were not in favor of the athletic move.

Scott Collins, senior and former cross-country runner and a human resource development major, questioned OU's motives to go Division I.

"A lot of non-traditional students attend Oakland, and many of the students here don't even know about our athletics. We want to have more prestige outside of Rochester, and we have trouble looking good even here," said Collins.

To respond to this, Bissonnette said, "As a Division II school, you get very little exposure. You won't get it in papers, television, or otherwise, until you find competition in a conference with recognition, and institutions in metropolitan areas. Those cities begin to recognize who we are. It is a by-product on the procedure."

One alumnus who did not identify himself when speaking, was not convinced. "From what you've been saying, the transition is because Oakland is suffering from inferiority complex. No matter what we do here, you (OU) won't get recognition."

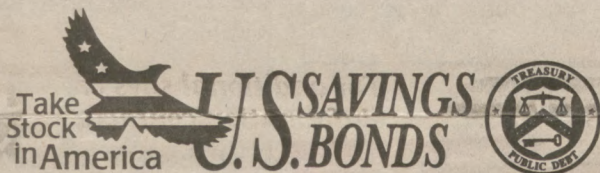
"There are too many big name schools, in the area, like U-M. If we want that (recognition), we have to move it (OU) to a small town. Most importantly, how is this going to benefit students. It sounds like we're using the athletes. We're leaving them without chance to compete and receive honors for two years," he said.

Bissonnette responded, "It's not just recognition we're looking for; it benefits the students through helping student life. In a survey conducted last year, students went to class, went home, and came back for class. They were looking for something to come back to. They wanted to see a sense of being and something to look forward to," he said.

Whatever the decision of the committee, Mehl made it clear that no one's opinions would be pushed aside.

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## GREEKS

### AKΨ

The brothers of Alpha Kappa Psi would like to wish our Pledges good luck in Friday's Pledge Challenge! You will need it!!

We would like to thank **Dean Gardner** for taking the time to inform the Business Organizations of what is up and coming in the School of Business and for listening to our concerns! We truly appreciate it!

### ΔΔΠ

Congratulations to all of our new Deltas: April, Carolyn, Amy Leann, Martha, Julie(FINALLY!!), Melissa, Jeni H., Becky, Nicole F., Jeni V., Nicole., Nancy, Sabrina and Andrea!! Once again, welcome to the First and Finest Sorority!!

### ΓΦΒ

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### ΧΥ

The strength and positivity of Chi Upsilon has, once again, prevailed. Only the strong survive. Way to go girls!!

### GREEK COUNCIL

Please REmember that there are two chairs open on E-Board that need to be filled by someone like you!! Please come talk to a current E-Board member if you are interested or leave a note in the Greek Council Mailbox in CIP0.

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
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