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Clean-up Day to wage war on litterbugs

By AMY NOVAK
Staff Writer

To battle OU's growing litter problem, OU's Environmental Committee of Residence Hall Council, in cooperation with Campus Facilities and Operations, is sponsoring a Campus Clean Up Day Wednesday from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Participants will roam the campus grounds, pick up any trash they can find and return to the OC's West Crockery afterward to receive free pop and pizza.

Dick Moore, director of buildings and grounds, said this is a project the committee tried during this time in 1989 with mixed results.

This year he expects 50-60 participants to show.

"We're expecting bigger and better things this time," Moore said. "There has been more notice for the project this time."

"It's for residence and commuting students, or staff, administrators, or really anyone who cares to join us," Moore added.

Moore said that the problem with trash is most evident during this time of the year.

"As soon as the snow melts," he said, "is when it really starts to look bad."

"If it's a success we'll certainly go at it again," Moore predicted. "We'd like to see everyone come on out and pick up a bag of trash. If they did that, it'd make a nice impact."

Gaining new respect



The Oakland Post / Steve Szocik

During last week's Handicap Awareness activities in the OC organized by an ad hoc committee of Student Congress, students and staff were given opportunities to find out first-hand the challenges handicapped people face everyday. Former Congress President Brian Murphy, pictured above, discovered Friday how difficult it is to maneuver through doorways in a wheelchair.

Scholarships for minorities come under scrutiny

By KIMBERLY PRICE
Special Writer

Federal and state-funded minority scholarships are being looked at by the U.S. Department of Education and universities across the country.

If this issue goes to the courts and is found illegal on the basis of discrimination, many colleges would be required to change their programs or risk losing government money.

However, according to Vice President of Government Affairs and General Counsel John De Carlo, OU would not be affected since it does not have any race specific scholarships.

"In my opinion," De Carlo said, "individuals won't lose current scholarships by virtue of the U.S. Department of Education policy statement."

Civil rights groups have voiced concerns that the loss of minority scholarships will hurt the enrollment of minorities and discourage them from attending colleges.

However, Wilma Bledsoe, vice president of student affairs, does not think a court ruling would affect minority enrollment or the ability to award scholarships to minorities at OU.

"The university can provide scholarships for disadvantaged students

and may approve scholarships in a non-discriminatory manner to students in certain geographic areas or school systems," De Carlo said.

In these geographic areas there may be a higher percentage of minorities, but all students who meet the academic criteria would be eligible regardless of race, sex, national origin or religion. Therefore targeting minority students without discriminating against non-minority students.

However, many universities are confused on the U.S. Department of Education's six-point plan. Point five states that there will be a four-year transition period where scholarships won't be investigated, unless a complaint is received.

This means that students receiving race specific scholarships won't lose these for four years. However students who don't meet these requirements, but meet the academic or financial requirements are eligible to apply and receive the same scholarships.

The only universities that would be allowed to use government money for race specific scholarships after the four-year period would be those that had past cases of discrimination. However, these would have to be specific cases, but the scholarships would not be allowed indefinitely.

Financial aid cut for 347 OU students

By JENNIFER HEIL
Special Writer

Budget cuts and lack of funds are forcing the Michigan Department of Education to ask scholarship recipients to give back portions of the financial aid they received for this semester, but OU is footing the bill for its students affected by the cut-backs.

The 347 OU students who receive financial aid from the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program (MCSP) must take a \$15 reduction in scholarship money.

Although the money to cover the scholarship reductions is not coming directly from students' pockets, the MCSP award recipients expressed concern about the principle

behind the reductions.

"It's not fair," Paula Merchant, 19, said. "It's only \$15, but it is their own fault they gave out too much money."

Lori Stier, 21, said, "It is stupid for them to pay the scholarship then ask for it back."

OU will pay the bill from another funding source that has been set aside to make up the difference, Anne Bulliner, associate director of financial aid, said.

"The state is over-committed. It counted on attrition it did not get, which caused the award reductions," Bulliner said.

Bulliner added that the reductions should have no effect on scholarship awards for next year.

When the MCSP distributes

scholarship money, it does not expect that all the money it awards to students will be used because some students change their college plans and can no longer use the money they have been awarded.

This year, an unexpectedly low number of scholarships, which are based on ACT scores and financial need, were turned down by students and the number of scholarship recipients increased.

Budget cuts last December further hurt the scholarship programs.

"We annually try to make as many awards to as many students as possible, and don't plan on setting money aside in anticipation of budget reductions," Jean Maday, program director of scholarships and grants for the Michigan Department

of Education, said.

Confusion that MCSP recipients would have award reductions of more than \$15 arose when that program and the Michigan Tuition Grant Program were "lumped under one umbrella," Maday said.

Only students who attend private Michigan colleges and universities are eligible to receive funds through the Michigan Tuition Grant Program.

They will be hardest hit by the award reductions and must face a reduction of up to \$100 in scholarship money.

Maday stressed that students are not "paying back" money that was given to them by the state, but they are instead receiving an "award reduction."

AIDS support group requests student help

Courses offered to increase awareness

By TYRONE WHITE
Special Writer

The AIDS Volunteer Network is recruiting OU students to assist AIDS patient centers in dire need of help with data entry, babysitting children with HIV positive mothers and visiting PWA (Patients with AIDS in home and hospital.)

According to consultant Roberta Sharpe, the Detroit-based group is recruiting students from OU and 20 other colleges in Michigan for training and placing volunteers at various service organizations in the Detroit area.

The sessions are scheduled for 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month during the spring and summer at the Sibley House on East Jefferson.

Sharpe has targeted students for a variety of reasons including wide spread ignorance on how sexual diseases are transmitted.

Through these sessions students will be given straight facts about the prevention of AIDS and will discuss the topic with their peers.

"This is something that will touch everyone, so we should get the facts now," Sharpe said.

Two sessions are being offered through AVN and can be attended by anyone in the community interested in volunteering.

AIDS 101, taught by a trained educator from Detroit Health or Special Office on AIDS prevention, is considered a level one training session. AVN's level two training session is offered every other month.

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Insight on culture



The Oakland Post / Steve Szocik

Jeanie Man fills Bruno Ricciuti in on the details of International Night at OU which was held Saturday night in the OC Crockery. Sponsored by the International Students Organization, the annual event is a potpourri of international and ethnic cuisine, fashion, entertainment and displays.



The Oakland Post / Chris Lamphear

Aaron Kolehmainen's pick-up (top) was just one of about sixty cars damaged by heavy winds and flying objects Wednesday night.

Wild wind wreaks havoc on campus

By AMY NOVAK
Staff Writer

About 60 vehicles were damaged in the parking lot across from Vandenberg Hall during Wednesday night's storm, according to Mel Gilroy, senior investigator of public safety.

"My passenger side window was smashed out," Hill House resident Jane Dalbec said. "There was glass and water everywhere."

Most of the damages included broken windows and sunroofs. Wendy Howard, 19-year-old

Hill House resident, said, "Right after the talent show Jean Ann Miller told us we should go out and check our cars."

Howard, a dance major, said there was a crowd of students in the parking lot checking their vehicles as well.

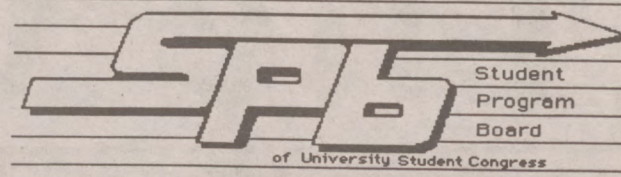
"There were tons of people outside and three Public Safety cars."

Dick Moore, director of buildings and grounds, said 25 trees were damaged as well as part of the roof of Pryale House.

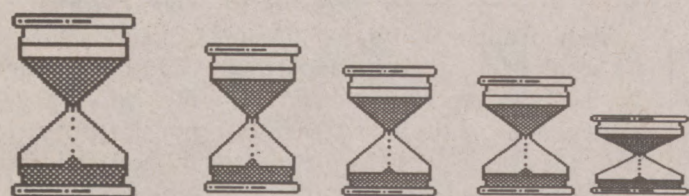
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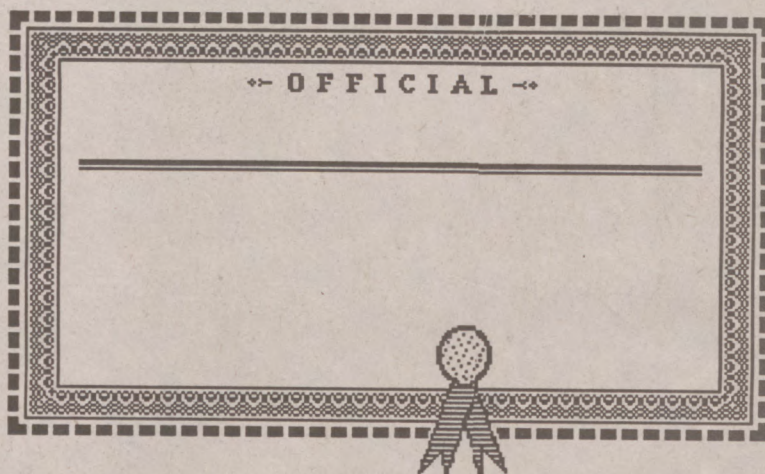
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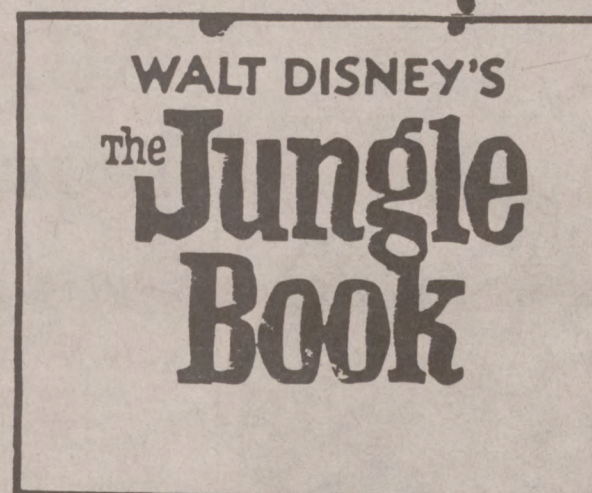
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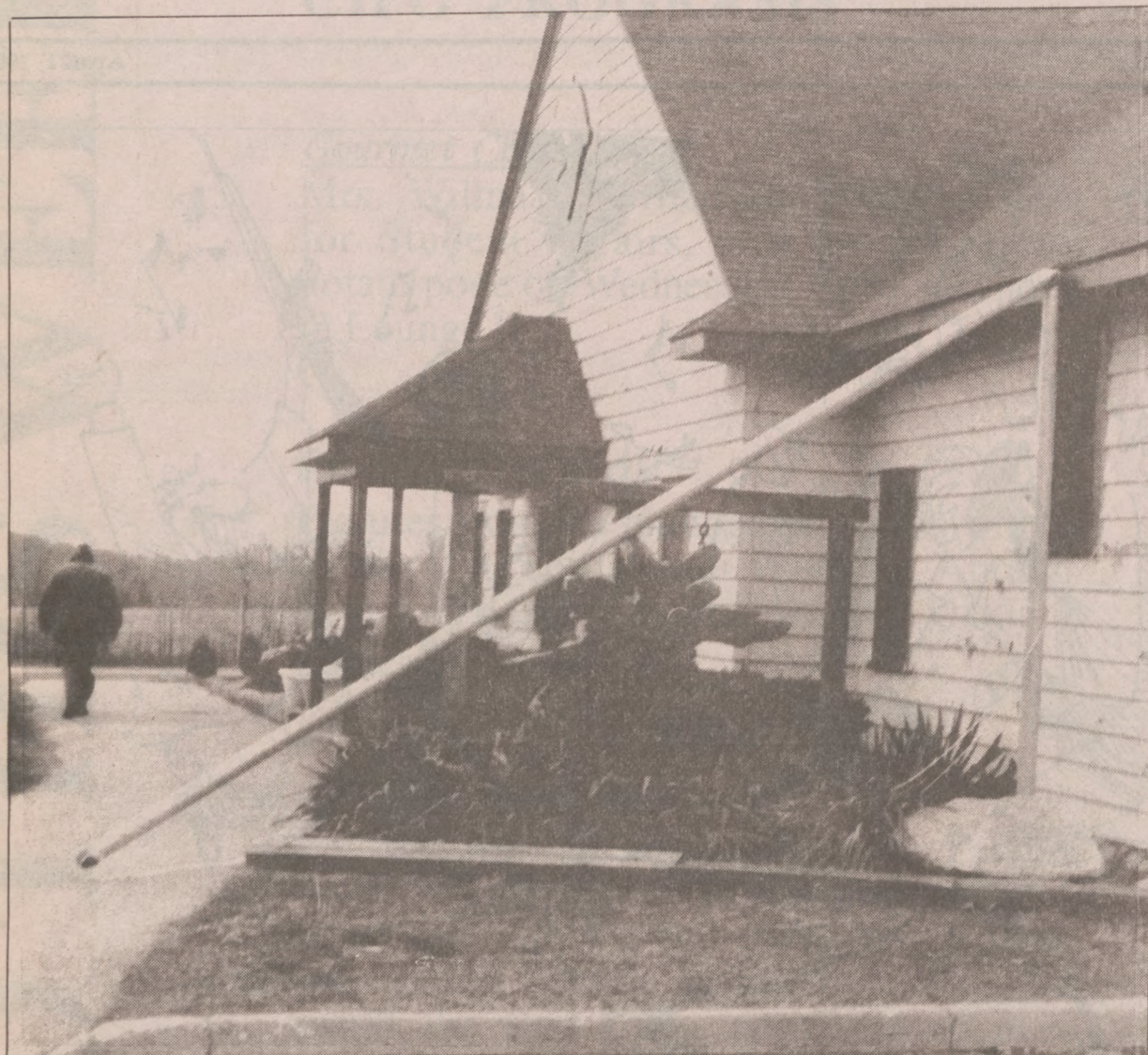
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Wind wreckage



The Oakland Post / Steve Szocik

This flagpole in front of the Ground Department was just one victim of the storm which ravaged the campus: Wednesday night. Windows in buildings and cars all across campus were broken by strong winds and flying objects, making clean-up crews busy well into Thursday. Complete story on page 1.

Research grants on the increase

By COLETTE M. RUSSELL
Special Writer

OU received a record \$6,601,103 in external funding support for research and other sponsored projects during 1989-1990 which is up \$525,749 over the previous year.

This increase of 8.65 percent represented an outstanding effort by the faculty and staff in the pursuit of outside funding, university officials said.

External funds supporting education programs accounted for the single largest increase through two awards received, one from The Kellogg Foundation of \$152,033 and the other award from Wayne State University of \$133,857, which brings a total increase of \$285,890 for the School of Human and Educational Services.

Arlene M. Pamukcu, grant and contract administrator said, "This seems to be the main significant difference in the increase."

The award from The Kellogg Foundation has been targeted toward the development of senior citizen and adult day care center personnel.

The Wayne State University grant has been established for union minorities and women leadership training project, according to the Office of Research and Academic Development.

There was also a gain in support through the College of Arts and Sciences in the area of mathematical sciences and physics, up \$211,643 from last fiscal year.

University officials say the federal research grants continue to be the largest overall contributors of external funds to support research and academic programs. In fiscal year 1990, 51 percent of funds were received from the federal government.

Pat Nicosia, director of budget and financial planning, said that even though the major increase in fund-

ing over the last year can not be attributed to the federal government, it is still the largest part of support received by the university.

Federal support comes from the National Institute of Health (NIH), with a contribution in 1989-1990 of 34 percent, the National Science Foundation (NSF) at 5 percent and 12 percent from other federal agencies, according to official reports.

State and local funding for fiscal 1990 remained at about the same levels at 26 percent. In 1988-1989 a Research Excellence and Economic Development Award of \$500,000 was awarded to Oakland University from the State of Michigan.

"It is a substantial number," Nicosia said, "and especially compared to the other institutions our size."

Nicosia added that he expects this area to start growing again in the near future.

Hospitals, universities and business make up the balance of support and contributed a combined total of 23 percent in funding, according to the report.

Official reports show that in 1989-1990 a total of 199 proposals for external funding were submitted, of which 95 were actually funded, reflecting a 7 percent increase over fiscal 1989 and reflect a 48 percent success rate.

As part of the \$6.6 million total, the \$4.1 million that the faculty received for research are supported by: the Eye Research Institute, \$1,585,253; the College of Arts and Sciences, \$1,470,011; School of Engineering and Computer Science, \$438,264; School of Business Administration, \$10,000 and an additional \$553,0331 was received under the general university program funding category, according to official reports.

The balance of \$2.4 million are geared toward education, program development, student services and fellowships, according to the report on external funding.

Crime Watch

The following is a list of incidents on OU's campus during the past few weeks. Information was received from police reports.

By RAY TAYLOR
Staff Writer

• March 23 - Hill House resident Lestina Gates reported that she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend in the early morning. The reporting Public Safety officer arrived to her fifth floor room to find Gates crying. Gates told the officer that she told her boyfriend that she did not want to see him any more and asked him to leave. Instead, Gates said, he grabbed her and forced her into the hallway. After a long struggle, the assailant dragged Gates to the stairwell and hit her head against the wall.

He then pushed Gates toward the stairs, saying, "Stairs don't mean shit to me," and "I'll throw you down the stairs." Gates said she broke free and ran back to her room. The assailant followed her and the struggle began again, but other residents heard Gates' cries and attempted to break up the fight. Grabbing one resident by the arm, the suspect pushed her into a wall where she fell and hit her head on a desk, and he fled when he heard that the police had been called.

• March 20 - Student Danielle Allen, 19, reported that her Pontiac Sunbird was damaged in an attempted break-in. Allen said she parked the car in the North lot at 5:30 p.m. and when she returned at 2 a.m. she noticed that part of her door lock was missing. A piece of molding was missing from the rear passenger side window and she saw scratches around the gas cap area.

• March 23 - Student Leslie Manning, 19, parked her parents' 1986 Ford Escort in the North lot at 5 p.m. When she returned to the car at 9 a.m. the next day, she discovered that the front grill was missing.

Corrections

- In the March 25 issue, we should have reported the date of the Students for Academic Excellence book sale to be April 9.
- Also in the March 25 edition, we should have reported that Betty Monroe designed the costumes for the Varner Studio Theatre production of *Into the Woods*.

Wind

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Other damages include half a dozen broken windows in halls on campus.

Dan Nizuwowski, director of plant maintenance, said the currently boarded up windows will be replaced early next week. The damages to the roof of Pryale Hall are estimated at \$20,000.

Aaron Kolehmainen, 20-year-old engineering major, said the damages to his pick-up "came as a surprise."

While he was at the Lepley Sports Center, the passenger-side window on his truck was broken in the storm. A friend of Kolehmainen had taped paper until Kolehmainen could arrive and repair it himself.

"I went out to get valuables from my truck," Kolehmainen said, "and filed a report with Public Safety right there."

Gilroy believes "whatever it was that struck the vehicle was carried by the storm. And with the force of the winds that night, there's damage to be expected."

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The Post
and think
to yourself,
"I could do
this?"

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Help

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In the course, legal issues and patient confidentiality will be discussed by Brian Garvis, practicing attorney with Kitch and Saverbrier. AIDS 101 is a required course for all students before volunteering.

"The students are introduced to more in-depth issues, such as AIDS and substance abuse and women, kids and AIDS and dementia, as it relates to AIDS," Sharpe added.

This session is recommended for students interested in direct-service volunteering.

After completion of the sessions, volunteers will be placed at facilities like AIDS Consortium of Southeastern Michigan, and the Simi House.

You're smart enough to write about Alice Walker's use of African storytelling traditions.



And you're still smoking?

Opinion

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Loss of life tragic when preventable

While the loss of life is always tragic, the tragedy is compounded when that loss might have been prevented if life saving measures had been expedited.

On Monday, Mar. 18, a white-tailed deer died after it became entangled in a wrought iron fence between Oakland Center and North Foundation Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

Public Safety officials, acting on a call from the president's office, attempted to free the animal by pulling the fence apart. However, after doing so, the animal was still found to be experiencing difficulties and a decision was made to call the Humane Society for help.

It wasn't until later that afternoon that that help arrived. By then things weren't looking good for the injured deer, and the only alternative appeared to be to destroy the animal.

Regarding the incident, the Humane Society questioned why they weren't notified when the incident initially occurred. However, it should be noted that when Public Safety did contact them, the resident veterinarian was in surgery and unavailable.

When the Humane Society questioned the methods of the Public Safety department, it left itself open to query. Questions like: why was there such a time lapse for anyone from their department to arrive on the scene? And while one can always dismiss conjecture, is it possible the could the animal have been saved if the Humane Society's actions were prompt?

The Humane Society's response was one to deflect the blame from themselves. What it boils down to is one professional questioning the professionalism of another.

But this is not a question of professionalism.

The question to be addressed here is cooperation, or lack of. When the Public Safety department acted on its own to handle this problem, it was with reasonable assumption that it could have been rectified without the intervention of experts. However, when events became more complicated than they could handle, they sought respite.

But even the experts could not remedy the situation, because it already digressed to the point of futility.

With the amount of wildlife present on the campus, especially deer, certainly there must have been other incidents previous that called for a like response. And one would think that there must be some collaboration between the departments in view of this.

However it is obvious the two parties were acting independently of each other, with the Public Safety department responding to a call, and the Humane Society calling to respond.

The big loser in all of this was the deer. The animal was a victim of bureaucracy more than anything else.

Perhaps Public Safety acted unwisely to attempt to free the animal. Nevertheless, it was human instinct for the preservation of life which prompted them to attempt this life saving action, even if it wasn't human. Help would arrive too late.

But it would also be unfair to suggest that the Humane Society's slowed response was out of neglect or its destruction of the animal lacked compassion.

So who is to blame? Everyone and no one.

It was the deer's misfortune that it ended up in its predicament. The campus erected the fence, the deer jumped into it. It was a freak accident of nature even if death was unnatural.

Granted, and thankfully there was not a human life to be saved here. Still it was a life.



Disabled students treated as second class citizens

First in a series. on accessibility.

In this day and age many people automatically assume that a large educational institution such as Oakland University would be well prepared to assist and work with all students, including students with disabilities. Many people would like to think that discrimination is a severe mistake of the past. It is also assumed that a large university would be at the forefront of educating people in an effort to combat any remaining discrimination in our community. People think that Oakland University would be helping to solve the problem of discrimination, not contributing to it.

Being that these are the 1990's and Oakland University is dedicated to education of its students to improve our world, the above perception would seem reasonable and easy to believe. The reality, however, is that these assumptions could not be further from the truth. Sadly, Oakland University has become a part of the problem of discrimination rather than a major way to help people rid the world of prejudice and actions which hurt and limit the potential of people.

The purpose of this project is to set forth the many problems that are created for disabled students at Oakland University by some administrators, staff and students on campus. Once I have identified the problems, I will offer reasonable and practical solutions to how to deal with and solve the current discriminatory situation at this university.

There are many different types of disabilities. Each disability has its own unique situation and everyone

is disabled in some way to some degree. For example, a person in a wheel chair may have difficulties with campus sidewalks and barriers but not have any problems writing. Someone else with different disabili-

ties may handle sidewalks easily but may have difficulties writing. Every person has their own set of needs. It is the responsibility of all universities, schools, public institutions and my school — Oakland University and its employees to meet the needs of all of the students. Teaching and learning is for everyone no matter what problems a person may have, and particularly a modern university should be a place of acceptance and facilitation of learning.

Instead as you will read, this paper briefly states many problems that are created for students in many different situations. Education at Oakland University is not only not "barrier free" it is full of university created barriers. All of the problems do not relate to each person with a disability and there may be some students for whom none of the following problems create a hardship. However, if only a few students are not able to learn and fit in, then everyone suffers. The main focus of this article is to show that there are problems for students with disabilities at Oakland University created by the campus population, to bring attention to this fact, and to help make the university realize that it must deal with and solve these problems so that everyone can benefit.

This report is the result of work for political science special research credit. Next week: examinations policies.

Viewpoint

Scott Pearsall
Senior

Letter to the Editor

Time will display real intentions of music department

So who do believe! We may never know for I will not respond to any of the allegations made by either Dr. Daniels whose numerous student complaints were never in my tenure referred to me, or to Mr. Frappier who I never had as a student.

Two facts: 1. The following complete listing of courses to be dropped by the violation of the department prior to the initial Post article was not printed — how wonderful if some have now been reinstated. 2. Since I have not been replaced, but instead withdrew my

review for re-employment, personal attacks are neither necessary nor frankly my forte.

Finally, the fact remains, there are no black students involved in any of the "jazz or commercial music" courses — now limping along. Time will tell if the department is sincere in their efforts to support these programs or if, as stated in their mission statement: "this out-reach can only enhance our image in the educational and musical community." Image enhancement and sincere support are quite

different, eh?

I will now simply bow out of this endeavor and will offer to you — the reader a letter each week if necessary from a former professor or instructor of either jazz or commercial music or their family members to demonstrate how different the department's perception of their treatment of instructors is from the instructor's perception.

It may have been the "worst mistake" the department made, but as you will see from as many of the letters I will submit to the Post as the

department ultimately will make necessary — I have not been their only mistake. I do hope however, that I will be their last mistake.

The first letter comes from former director of the jazz program - Marvin "Doc" Holladay, now "happily retired in South Carolina."

MICHAEL NAYLOR

Assistant Professor of Music

A three-page letter from Doc Holladay written Nov. 10, 1990 was submitted with this letter but could not be run because of space limitations.

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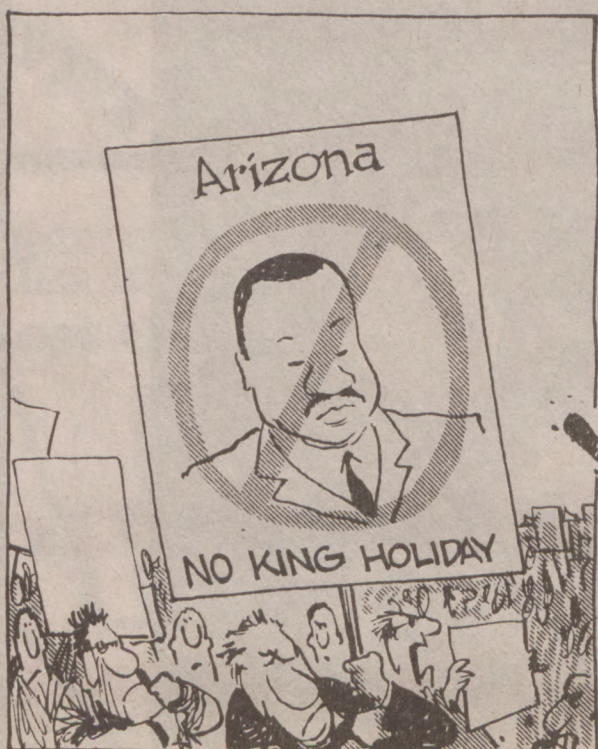
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Applications due April 14.

CIPO THIS WEEK

CIPO PROGRAMS:

Gourmet Chef Series

Mrs. Wilma Ray Bledsoe, Vice President for Student Affairs, will prepare sweet potato pone on Wednesday, April 3 at noon in Lounge II.

Photo Display

Pictures from the photography class will be on display Tuesday thru Thursday, April 2-4 in the Exhibit Lounge of the Oakland Center.

OU Blood Drive

Monday, April 8. During the recent Persian Gulf war, blood donations soared. However, with the end of hostilities there was a huge decline in donations and as a result the Red Cross continues to need blood for the Southeast MI Region. Please make an appointment with CIPO at 370-2020 or walk in. The drive will be held in the Gold rooms of the Oakland Center from 9 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Student Life Lecture Board- Dr. Helen Caldicott

Today, Monday, April 1, 1991, at 2:30 in the Crockery. Dr. Helen Caldicott is one of the leading environmental activists; she founded "Physicians Against Nuclear War" and developed a stunning presentation called "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War". Her lecture will shed light on the importance of dealing with a variety of environmental crises which threaten not only our lifestyle, but our lives. Ticket are \$6 for the General Public, \$4 for OU Employees and Alumni Association Members and \$2.00 for OU Students. General Public Tickets are also on sale at all Ticket Master Outlets, the CIPO Service Window, and at the door.

Student Organizations Recognition Night

The 13th Annual Student Organizations Recognition Night is Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center. This event recognizes 1991's best programs by student organizations at O.U. Last year's recipient of the coveted "Organization of the Year" award went to OASIS. "Advisor of the Year" award went to Sandy Loeffler from JSO/Hillel. Who will be this year's big winners? Please join us for this exciting evening!

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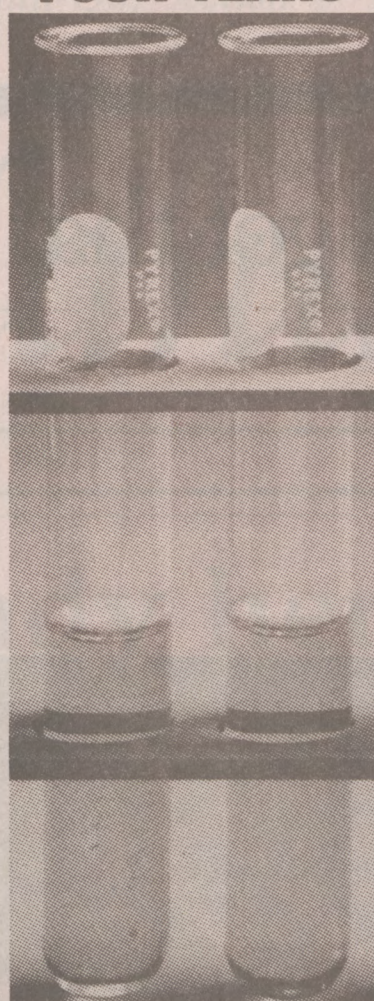
International Student ID Cards

These cards are always on sale through CIPO for \$14. A passport photo and a current student ID required.

J.D Sumner and the Stamps/Joel Burnell Concert

Tickets are on sale for the J.D. Sumner and the Stamps/Joel Burnell Concert on April 20, 1991 in Varner Recital Hall. J.D. Sumner has been called a country/gospel legend. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance plus a \$1.00 Service Charge at the CIPO Service Window.

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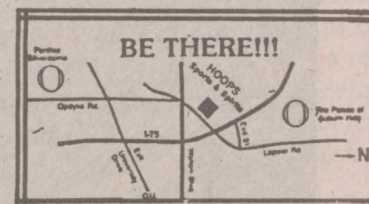
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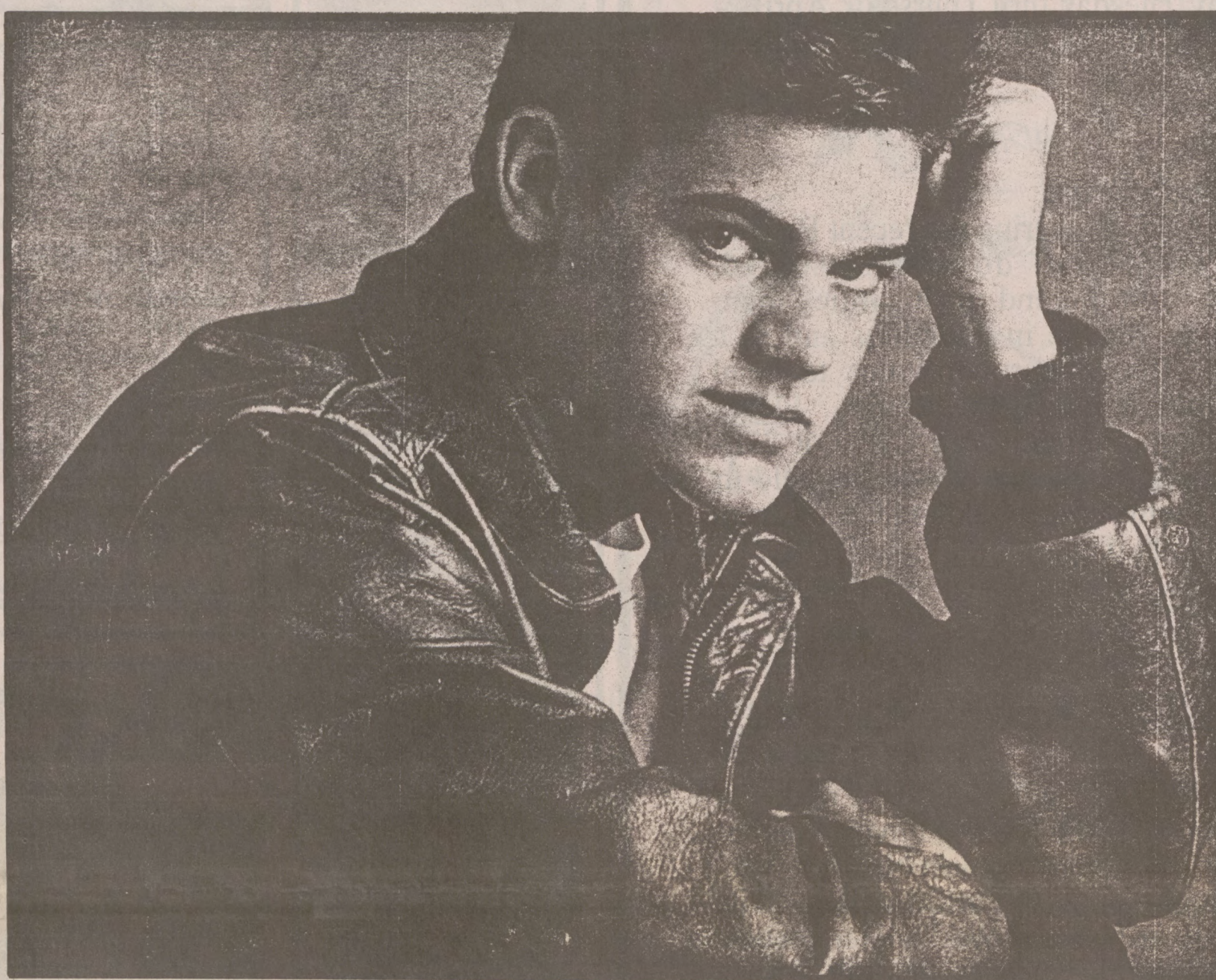
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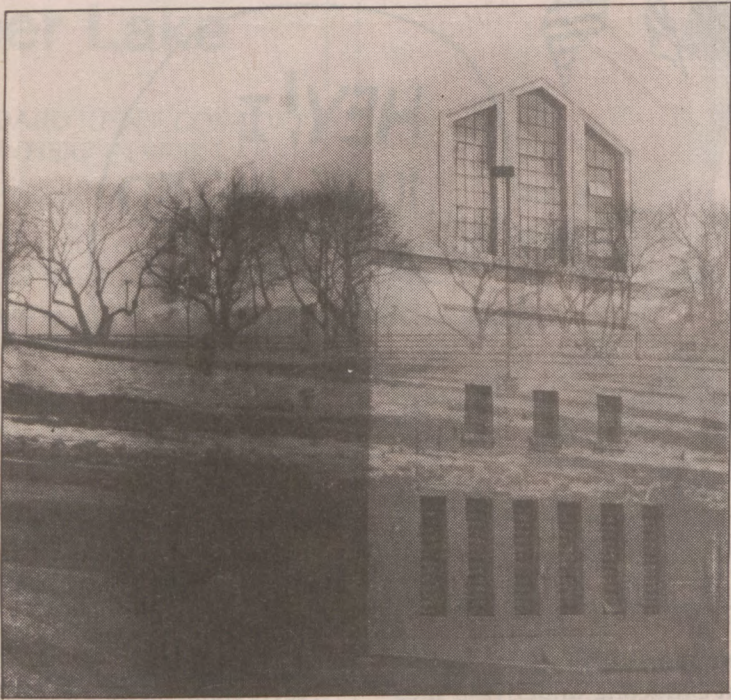
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Conference center already here, but invisible!



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With a special de-cloaking filter, our brilliant photographer managed to get this shot of the invisible, secretly-built conference center located behind Meadowbrook Hall.

By MIKE TYRKUS
"The Next Geraldo"

Confusion regarding plans for the development of a possible conference center was cleared up Monday when Hank Interiman, vice president of university outgrowths, admitted the center already exists.

"We didn't think anyone would notice," Interiman said. "We thought if it could be kept secret long enough, the trustees would approve it and we could unveil it immediately."

Interiman said that the conference center has been kept hidden from the public by a top-secret government issue cloaking device similar to the type used aboard stealth bombers.

"We heard of this nifty gadget and thought, 'Why not put it to use?'"

According to Interiman, the center has been cloaked for six tension-filled months.

"We were constantly worried that

someone would stumble upon the center and expose our ruse."

Eviry Stoodant, an undecided major, said he was admiring the wetlands behind Meadow Brook Hall when he walked into a transparent wall.

"It was like in that Star Trek movie," he said. "I couldn't see anything, but I couldn't go forward either."

When asked why he didn't report the incident to the authorities, Stoodant replied, "I figured they would think I was crazy. Besides, I didn't want to get involved."

The existing conference center is a mammoth structure overlooking Meadow Brook Hall and the surrounding golf course.

It houses one banquet hall, two ballrooms, three full-scale motion picture rooms, two tennis, basketball, and badminton courts, a bowling alley and an Olympic-size pool.

The center is also home to 200 campus offices and can accommodate nearly 600 campus officials in spacious, suite-style rooms.

This center, Interiman said, was both economically and politically built. "We had all this land with nothing but trees on it," he said. "We just weren't making any money."

The center was built, according to Provisional Vice President of School Related Stuff Clock W. Orange (orange), last August during a four-day weekend by several members of an un-named contractor.

According to Orange, the center cost nearly \$79,000,000. This price was compensated, he said, by a recently approved increase in the student activities fee and an additional mortgage being taken out on university grounds.

The university is also planning a massive garage sale to cover any additional costs, Orange said.

The activities fee however, according to Orange, is the method that the university is focusing upon. "Students will use the center from time to time," he said. "Therefore, they should front most of the money for it."

The conference center plans have come under scrutiny in past months. Confusion arising from the mating of brilliant journalists and psuedo-administrators has made the conference center a taboo subject.

Pandemonium created by the center eventually resulted in a faculty member resigning from the ad hoc committee which was considering the campus need for a conference center.

Flem Letitbee, who resigned from the committee because he suspected that the issue had already been decided upon, commented, "I told you so."

Elvis alive and well at OU!

By STEVE SUREISSMART
Journalistic Has-Been

Rock legend Elvis Presley was spotted by several students at J.W.'s Deli in the OC Tuesday, prompting officials at Graceland to release a statement revealing that Presley did not die back in 1978.

"Because of deteriorating health and personal problems," the statement read, "Presley found it necessary to exaggerate failing health."

"It was him and I knew it," Henry Dobbs, 21, junior, chemistry major, Democrat, hockey player, baseball card collector, Menudo fan said.

"I was eating one of those rancid fruit salads—the ones with the bugs in them—and I happened to glance over and saw him trying to figure out how to order a sandwich."

"He was having a pretty hard time."

Reports placing the living legend at locations ranging from Kalama-

zoo to Egypt were incorrect, the Graceland statement said, revealing that Presley spent most of his time on a fat farm in Wisconsin.

Friends of the Master of the Hip Thrust told *The Post* that he came to OU when reporters from several other tabloids began to narrow in on his fat farm retreat.

"Believe me," one of Presley's friends said, "when you really want to retreat to a domain where the outside world is light years away,

where no moron in his right mind would consider going unless under the most desperate of circumstances, then you think Oakland University, Michigan."

Others agreed.

"Elvis came here because he knew no one would bother him here, once he got past registration," a close friend told *The Post*.

Another said, "To sink further into obscurity, he even considered running for student congress."

Kresge Library's mad bomber named to Board of Trustees

By TAMMIE TATAS
Village Idiot

The Board of Trustees Tuesday named Jay L. Bomber, professor of home explosives to a vacant seat in order to add "a little flare" to OU politics.

Relatively new to the campus, Bomber has stirred up enough action for his colleagues to take notice.

Last year, he confessed to setting off two bombs on the third floor of

Kresge Library, prompting officials like Jane Wayne, department head of journalism, rhetoric and communications, to recommend him to fill the board's vacant seat.

"Jay L. has this explosive personality and a way of arousing excitement among the student body," Wayne said.

"He's just what this campus needs—a spark in the action."

In the Fall of 1989, Bomber was invited to lecture students on the

joys of explosives. He was then hired as a professor for the Department of Environmental Hazards in January of 1990.

"His appointment to the board was a bombshell, but well-deserved," Professor Didno A. Neebetter said, sounding a little shell-shocked.

"He's proof of what a good college education can offer to young people today."

OU President Dom Perrignon could not be reached for comment

on Bomber's appointment, but apparently gave Bomber his private fax number for use anytime.

Bomber is currently teaching an evening special topic class in the library regarding the necessity for bombproof shelters on campus.

Although he admits that his line of work makes him feel a bit sheltered, he is proud to be a trustee.

"I've always wanted to shake things up. Now I have an opportunity to leave a mark here at OU."

New Wilson winners!

By RICHARD TRICKLE
Staff Screw-up

The Student Life Office five weeks ago announced the 1991 Wilson Award winners.

Seniors Josephine (don't call me a woman) Beerlite, and David (silent but deadly) Harleyson were selected on their "poolhall leadership" and "responsible drinking-ship" qualities.

Seen below celebrating at a local

sushi bar with close, and we mean CLOSE, friends, Beerlite and Harleyson were giddy with delight.

"I feel like singing a dozen showtunes!" Harleyson cried in joy.

Planning on attending several sensitivity seminars and running for the Board of Trustees after graduation, they summed up their college experience with a masculine yet tender "Duh".



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Josephine Beerlite (left) and David Harleyson (second from left) celebrate their Wilson Awards with pals at a local sushi bar.

New ledger system just a practical joke

By MASTER O'LYIN
Ethicist in chief

Financial Systems Wrecker Gawn Toofar announced Friday that the new IFIS accounting system was just a big April Fool's gag and that the actual February ledgers will be distributed today.

Toofar said that he just wanted to loosen things up around the university and thought this would be a fun way to do it.

"Man we really got 'em this time. I can just see all those people sitting there trying to make sense out of those numbers that we just selected randomly. What a scream," he said laughing.

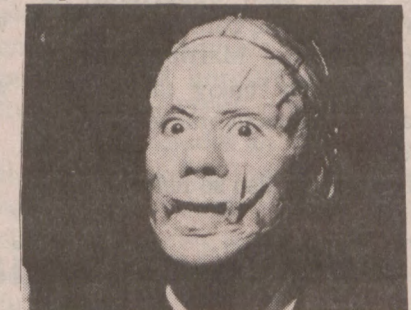
The new ledgers containing random numbers and extraneous words such as "pool budget transfer" were sent to departments two weeks ago prompting skyrocketing aspirin sales on campus.

Toofar said his office has received at least a thousand phone calls with questions about the February ledgers.

"It was so hard to keep a straight face when talking to all these people. But the best part was sending back

all the little internal stuff with nasty notes about having the old object codes and wrong sub-account numbers," Toofar said.

Mob McBarry, vice president of savings and loans, said that no one in the administration knew about the prank.



Mob McBarry

"After receiving the new ledgers I commented to my colleagues about what an improvement it is on the old system and they agreed. While it was an ingenious trick, I really think we ought to look into this. It could work," McBarry said.

Reaction around campus wasn't quite as favorable from the clerical technical workers who are planning a lynching and roasting tomorrow at noon in the Fireside Lounge.



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Officers Wendell Wickle and Freddy Figgie shortly before the Friday afternoon shoot-out which left Gossimer Goose dead.

Gossimer Goose shot for violating swimming rule

By CHRIS LAMBCHOP
Alleged News Editor

Well-loved OU resident Gossimer D. Goose, 4, was fatally shot Friday by a Public Safety officer enforcing the Beer Lake no swimming policy.

Witnesses told investigators that they had seen Gossimer heading toward Beer Lake for his afternoon dip when the two officers, Wendell Wickle and Freddy Figgie, approached him with pistols drawn, prompting a heated exchange of words.

"Freeze, sucker!" Wickle yelled, according to witnesses. "What do you think you're doing?"

"Honk," Gossimer replied, taking another step toward the water. "Honkity honk."

Wickle then fired three shots, two of which struck Gossimer in the back. The third apparently ricocheted of a steel railing and hit Officer Figgie in the left buttock.

Faced with such allegations, Wickle insisted, "I had no other choice but to blast the webfoot into next week."

Wickle's version of what occurred that fateful afternoon is as follows:

Wickle and Figgie were on their way back from rescuing three babies from a burning building, helping an old lady across the street

and coaxing a frightened kitten down from a tree, when they heard screaming coming from Beer Lake.

"Normally, we would have dismissed it as just another harmless mugging or stabbing or something, but this time we decided to take a look-see."

Wickle and Figgie reached Beer Lake to see Gossimer poised to dive into the green water before horrified students.

"Please don't swim in the lake," Wickle said he pleaded to Gossimer. "It's a no-no."

According to Wickle, Gossimer's eyes widened and his beak took on a twisted grin as he cackled, "You talkin' to me? You talkin' to me?!"

Gossimer then allegedly raised a .38 caliber at Figgie, prompting Wickle to draw his pistol and fire in a split-second. Two bullets struck Gossimer in the chest.

"Unfortunately," Wickle lamented, with a tear in his eye, "the suspect's firearm fell to the ground and discharged, hitting my partner in the lower back. It's a senseless tragedy."

Officer Figgie was listed Friday night in good condition at the Graham Health Center. According to Public Safety, he will be on medical leave for the remainder of 1991 with full pay.

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Give students their pride back; allow students to pay big part of tuition bill

Oakland University students found out earlier this month that their already low contribution toward their education is going to be cut once again. This displays the Board of Trustees disregard for the students all too clearly.

This information came from an announcement made by university officials that tuition prices for the 1991-92 school year are going to follow the continual downward trend we've experienced over the last few years.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT leaves us outraged. When students don't feel like they are contributing to their education massive guilt takes over their lives preventing them from being able to study.

Officials are obviously not aware of the amount of pride a student takes in going to school full-time, working 20-40 hours per week, and then going home to do homework all night. With this new rate, students probably will probably have to quit one of their part-time jobs. How cruel it is to take away a students pride.

Also, this decision will give students more time to sleep at home, thus taking away their only excuse for sleeping in class. Students will be more attentive in class, will be caught up in their homework, won't cut class and professors will be in shock trying to figure out what happened. As clearly demonstrated this cut in tuition will upset the working, comfortable status quo.

AS IF cutting tuition wasn't bad enough, the university also announced it will be lowering the costs to live in the residence halls. This is just going to add to the long list of students that are already waiting to become dorm residents.

Seeking an apartment can't be thought of as a solution either. With the clean rooms, good food and all around attractive atmosphere offered at the dorms, a student would have to be a fool to consider living anywhere else.

This entire situation has students in a grief-stricken state. It is impossible for them to overcome their feelings of guilt and they can't accept the idea that they may actually have time to enjoy the "best years of their lives."

It is very unfair if the university expects us to sit back and accept this. We encourage students to contact university officials and express their feelings on the topic. They should be made aware of the fact that if they cut the costs of education, they will be diminishing our identity as "poor, starving college students." And that is what attending a university is all about.

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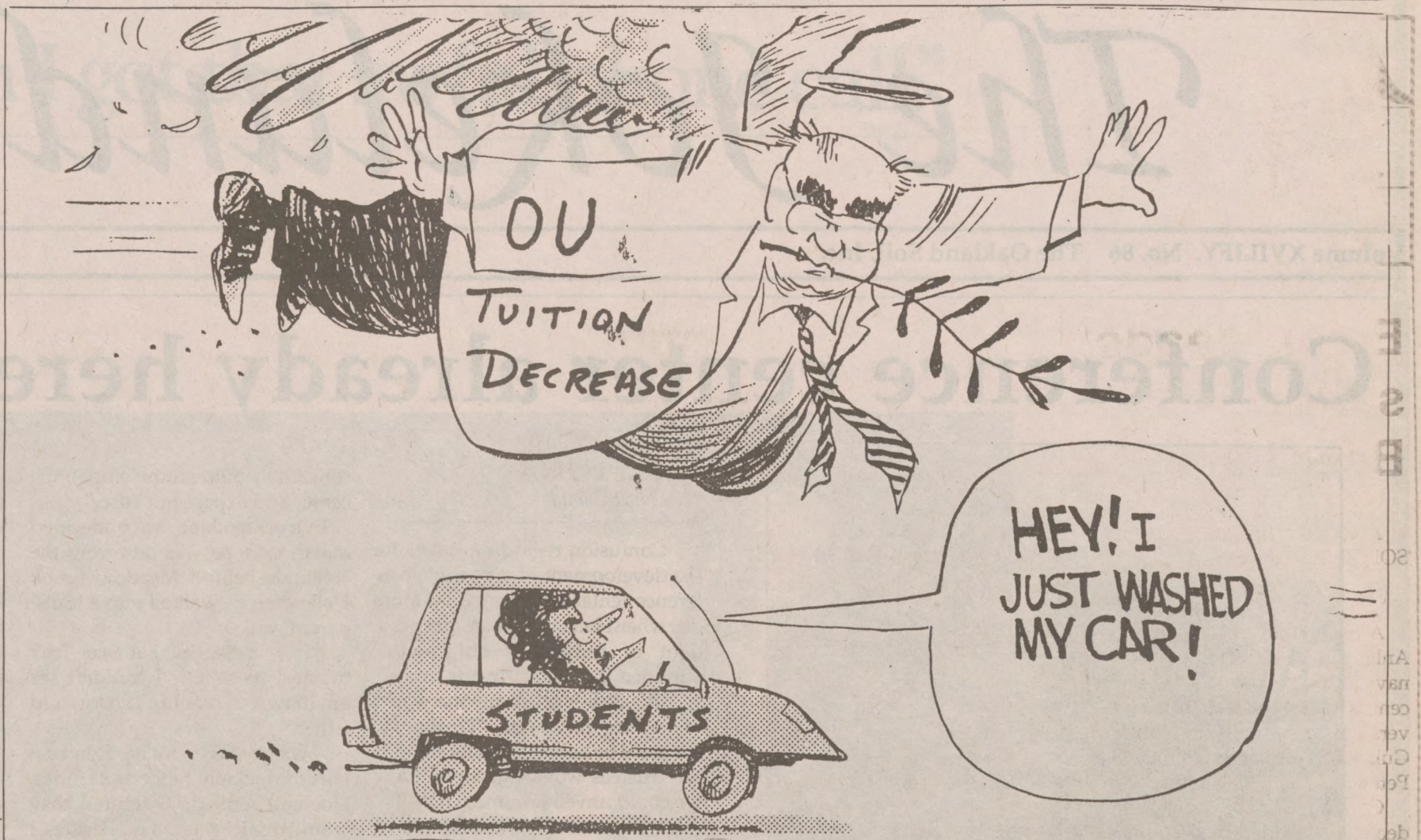
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Letters will be considered litter if they are:

- Anti-Post because we are never wrong.
- Pro-University because the media only prints bad stuff.
- Boring because we are already tired enough.

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Give more room to mindless chatter, babbling

I do not feel that enough space is budgeted to the mindless chatter, babble and blather available to this paper. What good are news, sports, and features? These media are all passing fancies whose intended purpose is realized from week to week, but whose ultimate purpose is served as old news, wasting away in the annals of some filing cabinet or underfoot, paper training someone's pet dog or elephant.

Now if you could just fill up this paper with more opinion and less fact, it would make things much easier for writers. In order to do stories they wouldn't have to spend countless hours interviewing boring people.

It would eliminate them having to translate scribbled gobbledeygook from some pocket worn notebook. The writers could save money on batteries, too, because all their material would come from voices in their

mind and not tape recorded emmisions. Imagine the man hours and frustration that could be eliminated. Of course the editors would still have to work, but I guess it's their job, right?

In attempting to draw water from a rock in extracting underlying messages where there are none. We who play our records backwards at home. We should allow our subliminal voices to be heard.

newspaper viable.

Never mind that the letters don't make sense or rhyme or meet the critical standards of an editing staff. They have a job to do. Never mind that sentences run on or paragraphs don't mesh. Editors have a job to do. Never mind that they have spell check on their computers. Never mind that they take English and journalism classes to learn how to write. We are all college students for Pete's sake. Put an editor to work. After all he or she has the experience, so why try to make things easy for them? Be creative. Be absurd. And argue for the sake of argument. Editors love the added pressure and extra work. Never mind that their social and family suffer, they have nothing better to do. Never mind I said anything.

Viewpoint is available to anyone interested in helping us fill space or see their name in print. Due Fridays.

Viewpoint

Eric DaFink
Staff Tattle-tale

That is why the letters to the editor column is the beacon for this rag. It is the sole saving grace. It provides an excellent forum for those professed experts among us (myself included), and there are many, who are not satisfied with fact or rational argument. We who pride ourselves

To those of us (we know who we are) who write in and speak our piece, it is our cause. It is our meaning. It is our purpose. And it is our intrepidity that causes a resurrection of dead issues. It is also our resilience and determination in begging to differ that keeps this

Litter to the Preditor

University needs to keep football in perspective

It's a shame. It's really sad.

The thought that Oakland University's football team, the "fighting Pioneers" have become the main drawing point to Oakland and not the academics and the fine guidance this institution offers.

I'll be the first to admit that one of the reasons I wanted to come to Oakland was because it had a big football team but now I realize that there is just too much emphasis placed on them.

An average game at the Covered Wagon Dome on campus attracts thousands of spectators, some from as far away as Traverse City and Ironwood, but only a handful of people participated in the rally to ban neon colored apparel on campus.

It is nice to see a solid enrollment, having risen almost 60 percent since Oakland began their football program, but isn't the reason why we are attending this institution for its

small classes and personal attention?

While I'm just as happy as the next guy about the lowered fees due to the large enrollment, the number of people here is getting on my nerves and damaging the campus. There are so many floor and tail-gate parties that this place is starting to feel like Central Michigan. Doesn't anybody study anymore?

Another thing that upsets me is that the alumni office is currently raising money to build homes and

buy cars for the football players. While I agree that its important to keep our players happy, shouldn't we get some books to fill the library's shelves first or at least a subscription to USA Today?

It's a shame. The Pioneers have helped our university in many ways, but we must remember to keep our priorities straight.

LYLE AMNERD
Junior

Cafeteria cuisine a cultural experience; great service

I would like to tell all students and staff of OU about the fantastic food that Marriott serves! I live in the dorms, so one of the many benefits I receive from the enriching experience is the daily opportunity to sample all of the culinary delights prepared by the Marriott chefs.

I especially enjoy the turkey tetrazinni, the tacos and the soup of the day!

The staff is also so helpful! Last

week, I discovered a cockroach in my chili and when I mentioned it to the helpful employee serving food from the line, she simply helped me catch it, invited me to enjoy my meal and let me keep it free of charge. What service!

Keep up the good work and thank you very much.

GASTER O'NOMICHELL
Sophomore

Newspaper is biased and sucks

I don't like reading your paper. You have so many errors, it often appears that English is your second language.

You are so biased against other student organizations. For example, my group had a bake sale last week and you didn't even run a picture. I mean we sold cupcakes, donuts, cookies, brownies, turnovers, eclairs, muffins, pies and cakes. No other group has had that kind of selection in years. You can't even recognize a story when it's right under your nose.

Get a real staff and a dictionary.

WENDY WYNER
Senior

Preditor's Note: Oh yeah, well if you knew anything about newspapers you'd know that we have a style book that tells how certain things are written. It's our style book that has the typos, not the paper. Get a clue. Also, we never said we weren't biased, we are. For example, we now hate you and will make your life a living hell. Thanks for writing.

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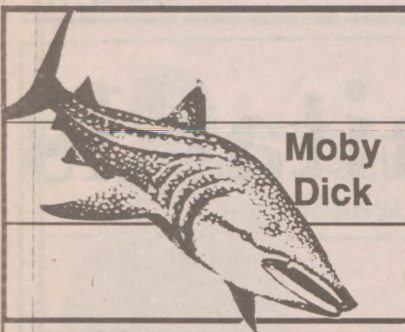
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Error leads sailors to Beer Lake

ABOARD USNS COMFORT, SOMEWHERE IN BEER LAKE -

A navigation error blamed on Anheuser-Busch left this 900 foot navy hospital ship anchored in the center of a suburban Michigan university throughout the Persian Gulf War, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said Tuesday.

Crew members on the ship, who declined to be identified for fear of disciplinary reprisal, reported that they first became certain about their ship's true location after a flock of Canada geese was accidentally decimated by shotgun-toting ship's security forces.

"After those birds strafed the executive officer, the goon squad here got a little carried away," said one hospital corpsman who witnessed the attack.

"We didn't know what the hell they were."

"I thought I saw a missile hanging off one of them," he said. "And we'd never seen no Canada geese this far east."

The waterfowl incident also fueled existing speculation about the nature of nearby lights visible from the ship.

"Those lights on the horizon, they kept telling us were oil platforms, looked an awful lot like Vandenberg Hall," said one nurse corps officer.

She was referring to a residence hall at Oakland University, in the north suburban Detroit city of Rochester Hills, Mich.

"It was either that or Cleveland, but we knew that something wasn't right," added the nurse.

She blamed the navigation problems on a beer ration the Navy traditionally offers sailors after 45 days at sea.

The Pentagon's Williams said the normal ration of two Budweisers was increased accidentally through a computer error.

But he refused to indicate how much.

A sailor familiar with the Navy supply system, however, said such mistakes are usually made "on a grand scale."

The ship's captain, faced with a potential mutiny after the crew realized the likelihood of their being ticketed for illegal parking by the university's ruthless police force, acknowledged the navigation error in a rare "all hands" announcement shortly after the enemy geese were shot down.

The captain also was encouraged to discuss the error by the otherwise unexplainable appearance of two Michigan conservation officers, who issued poaching citations to the ship's security chief.

The Navy is now attempting to determine how the ship, a converted supertanker, suddenly appeared in the land-locked lake.

Investigations underway focus on underground springs and the nearby Clinton River.

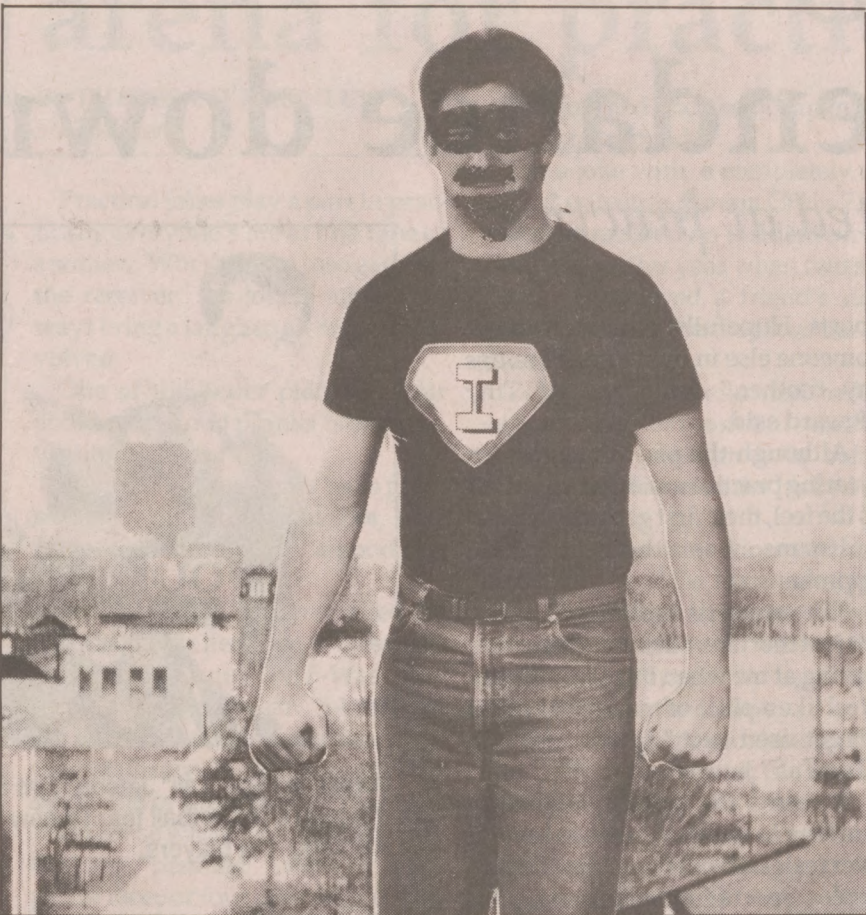
Senior officers also are grappling with plans to extricate the ship.

A scholarship fund in memory of the geese has been established by the Defense Department, Williams said.

"If we can help just one orphaned gosling earn a college degree, perhaps we can help blunt the edge of its terrible loss," said Williams.

"Any turkey could see that."

Interim-man is heroic



The Jokeland Post / Richard Trickle

Interim-man is taking the campus by storm with daring and amazing feats.

By FANNY FARMER
Staff Sweetie

President Dom Perignon announced the formation of a search committee to fill the post of Vice President of external Stuff and Public Duties.

Search committee members include three retirees, a deceased member of the faculty and four others to be hired within the next five years.

The search committee is expected to name the new vice president in eight years when the interim vice president retires from the position.

All involved admit it will be tough to find a replacement for the current job holder, Art Les Interim-man.

"The guy's absolutely amazing. He's been on the job only two years, but he's been able to build a conference center without a single an-

proval, save Meadow Brook Theatre with his truly innovative approach involving audience participation in the plays and cut a deal with the Palace to handle the overflow crowds from Detroit Symphony Concerts at the Meadow Brook Festival," said Perignon.

Interim-man is modest about his achievements. "Hey! I knew these budgets cuts from the Guv's office would be troublesome, so I knew a reactive rather than a proactive reaction was of the utmost necessity. I got my team together, we worked out the nuts and bolts as risk takers hedged our bets achieving our goals which we limited to realistic expectations."

Theatre critics have been awestruck as have long-standing Meadow Brook Theatre patrons who are now routinely drafted from the audience to play roles in whatever

performance is currently being staged. "It's been great. On only one or two occasions there weren't enough folks in the audience to do all the necessary tasks. We've also learned to be a little more conservative on the Wednesday matinees. It's just too distracting to have anyone over 80 moving scenery. The death of that one woman could have been trouble. But when we named a seat after her, the family was satisfied," said Interim-man.

His highly successful "Village Idiot's" series replaced the faltering "Conundrum of Genius" offering he first created. "Let's face it, who can relate to that high brow stuff. How many people have ever met a genius—that's why they're so enigmatic. Now everyone knows an idiot or two. Who they are, where they came from and how they got to where they aren't, that's the kind of stuff that grabs people," he said.

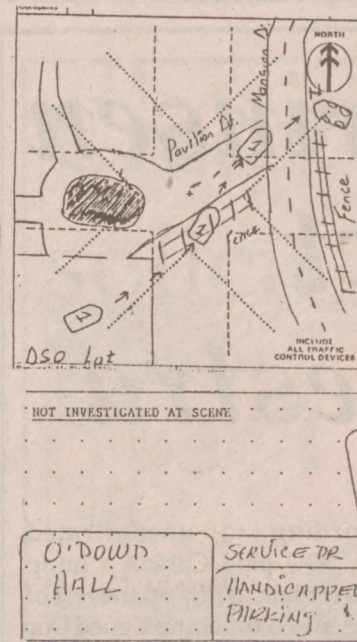
Interim-man came to the university from the real world, quickly working his way up the ranks as an adjunct faculty member until assuming the lofty position of Acting Vice President nearly two years ago. Though some had concerns about being named to the position without a search for the best qualified candidate, he has no doubts about his quick success in the university environment.

"These people speak my kind of language. I can relate. I mean most of the top people are white males like me, right? I was born right here in the good old U.S.A."

Interim-man is content that critics of his performance will now quiet down.

"There's now a search committee right? I'll be ready to retire when its recommendations are made," he said.

His future after retirement is settled. "Isuzu Motors has hired me as spokesperson for their new lines of cars and trucks. They say I'm perfect for the job," Interim-man said.

By MARCI MAYHEM
Wildlife Editor

Pastime activities come in many different shapes and sizes. The public safety officers at OU seem to have found one to call their own, a trade that shows off the sensitive, artsy side to these tough guys.

They usually serve and protect. We have all seen them either hiding out, waiting for an unsuspecting victim to come along, or zipping around the campus as if they had some place important to go.

Just the other day, during one of their many lunch breaks, two members of this esteemed patrol were seen at Beer Lake, blowing away a flock of geese in a move that made Charles Manson look like Mother Theresa.

"We had nothing better to do," said Luke Roberts, the ring leader of this bloody event. "They were breaking the law: No swimming."

"It's time that they realized that there are no exceptions," added his partner Mark Jensen. "Besides, it sure beats the hell out of sleeping on those hard patrol car seats."

After receiving several complaints from students that this melee had interrupted their beauty sleep, a sharp reprimand was given to the duo from Mutant Safety Director Leonardo.

Now, with some extra time on their hands, these officials have unveiled a new talent that shows the public their soft sides as well: drawing. Move over Raphael, here comes the safety patrol.

Officers quick on the draw

"We are getting quite good at it," said Sergeant Mike Davidson. "So good, in fact, that a special exhibit has been set up in Meadow Brook Art Gallery to show it off to the public."

According to Terry Smythe, gallery curator, stick figures and odd shapes are the most commonly seen in the drawings.

"There are many crime scenes, holiday symbols and strange doodlings that have some psychological reason behind them," she said.

"But you know that all public safety officials are high school drop outs, that is a requirement on the application, so all of their work is a great, personal accomplishment for them."

So now, public safety officials are not out stalking the animals of the forest as often, so they are saving bullets and helping overworked students get their well deserved rest.

The masochist look is fading slightly and will only return when the Meadow Brook Art Gallery runs out of space, which according to Smythe is going to be within this month.

So it is time to issue a couple of warnings.

To the critters of our campus: your time is just about up, if you are hibernating, stay that way and if you are not, try it. To the students: drive a bit slower unless you know where an official is napping and buy some earplugs so you are prepared for the sound of gunfire.

Wellness dorm is hottest spot

By BUNYA BOUFFANT
Health Sleuth

Maybe you've seen them, they're disguised as the health conscious students.

In actuality they're closet party animals indulging in great binges of fast food and constant babbling interspersed with the occasional green vegetable.

They were once healthy vibrant individuals seeking an environment conducive to their chosen lifestyles. Instead they've locked themselves into contracts that practically require an individual to be perfect.

Animal, the Wellness Hall requires students to attend 15 programs sponsored by the staff, eat rabbit food, and set goals no one has any intention of ever completing.

Rumor has it that these students are not becoming perfect doing aerobics, but are instead being turned into droids. Students rise in the morning to eat that stuff Buryit generously calls food. After all, part of a healthy diet begins with starting your day with a wholesome breakfast.

Students report when they do find something whole in the cafeteria, they also find some company, but they have too many legs and too little time, to stop crawling around and take time for a chat.

In an effort to escape the additional restrictions of the curriculum at the Wellness dorm, students order a proponderance of fast food.

Resident assistant Rey-noldos Wrap said, "We've had so many residents send out for take-out that we've been forced to install a revolving door."

This eliminates the annoying habit of students having to come downstairs to sign in a complete stranger so that they can receive their food."

Few people know that these droids really know how to put down the dumb bells and fruit baskets to have a good time.

According to Dimples Wellington, just last night they all piled into the lounge to enjoy some carrot sticks as they watched the newest episode of *Exercise Till You Puke*.

Animal offers a real family like atmosphere, complete with sibling rivalry and family hour, Wellington said.

In fact, she said it was during one of those family hours that Rob Kazoontite told Reve Hone to stop trying to regulate when and how he ate his vegetables. As with all siblings, the disagreement escalated and Hone went to bed that evening with a little swollen tissue.

Roommates don't always get along either. After breaking fast from the cafeteria, Rob Kazoontite and his roommate Tim Stinkbomber returned to their dorm for a little fun in the weight room and some strenuous mirror watching.

After exercising, both students went to take a shower.

Tim pushed Rob, "boys will be boys," they said. Inevitably a fight broke out, Wellington walked in to witness Tim kissing the floor for good luck while Rob accidentally bashed his head against the wall.

They may be droids but life does exist within the walls of Animal.

Hall director Soo Late said, "The Wellness program has been going real good. I've gotten a lot of input from students."

Late said she has never encountered such a diverse group of droids. Students residing in Animal are glad to be the first guinea pigs, to show that they made it work.

The problems that have popped up in the Animal dorm have had little effect on its reputation. The



Photo courtesy of Orion Pictures
Clifford, portrayed by Martin Short in an upcoming movie, is the idol of Animal Hall residents.

waiting list to move into the Animal Wellness dorm is still non-existent.

In an effort to increase enrollment, housing has developed a full-proof plan to entice students, who are now enjoying the sinful life of off-campus food and unrestricted social lives, to Animal Hall.

The plan includes an increase in the cost of housing, imposing more segregated housing facilities and the clincher, replacing junk food vending machines with alfalfa and tofu vendors.

The current droids feel that they are being treated differently simply because they don't enjoy typical fun college life.

According to Harry Duffman, fun can also include fruits and vegetables, exercise bikes, but more importantly shows like *Exercise Till You Puke*.

NoLand University students may be stereotyping those who simply do what they're told and enjoy take-out and the occasional grass root, Late said.

Party room swings

By MOANA BAREIT
Rumor Writer

The sound of cocktail peanuts filling paper cups echoed through the corridors of Hamlin Hall last weekend.

Saturday night bridge parties were in full swing again in the popular third floor party room.

Despite the Easter Holiday, the wild parties resumed at Hamlin.

Card tables were set up by the dozens for the weekly bridge party which is eagerly anticipated by students during the school week, according to Susie Joecker, organizer.

The score cards were in position right next to the overflowing bowls of cheese-balls, which were neatly centered on lace doilies, as students arrived for the fast-paced, exciting games.

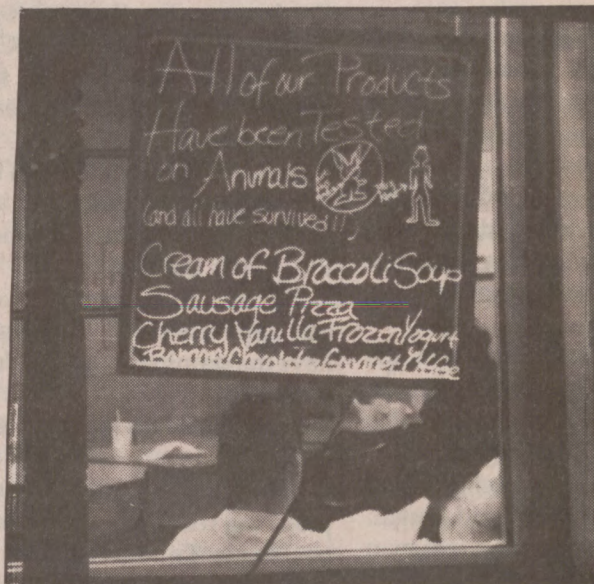
Occasionally a few card players took a break from shuffling their decks for impromptu dancing between the rows of card tables.

Hamlin Hall residence assistants patrolled the halls in full force to keep the parties under control. At one point in the evening, a heated argument broke out over whose turn it was to pop more popcorn. RA's handled the situation by asking the two individuals involved to pick a number between one and ten.

Before Joecker hit the dimmer switch indicating the last call, nine pitchers of grape Kool-Aid had been stirred to perfection at the convenient portable bar, before the exhilarating evening of high scores came to an end.

Students hope to squeeze in one more bridge-game weekends before this semester's final exams.

Food tested



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J. W. & Company posts signs occasionally when recent testing of their food products has been conducted. Animals, which survive, according to the sign, are never available for comment.

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Doc Severinsen to conduct Pep Orchestra

By GINO WANG
Sports Editor/Analyst

Nationally acclaimed bandleader Doc Severinsen has left the Johnny Carson Show and has signed on to conduct OU's Pep Orchestra for the next five years.

In negotiations that lasted over two months, both parties finally hammered out a contract that was agreeable to everyone.

"We are so pleased that Doc has joined our crew. He'll be a very important member of our incredible orchestra," marketing and promotions director, Tim Van Halen said.

The orchestra which started as a mere 20 member pep band has blossomed a the 200-piece orchestra in just a few short months. The members are thrilled with the addition of Severinsen.

"I just can't believe it," junior Connie Chello said. "But when you think about how world-renowned our orchestra is, I'm sure he is just as thrilled to join us as we are to get him."

According to unconfirmed reports, OU paid Carson a lump sum \$10 million to buy up the rest of Severinsen's contract and signed Doc to a three-year, \$5 million contract, which will include endorsements for OU's athletic teams.

"I cannot reveal the terms of Doc's contract. Let's just suffice it to say our Pep Band is worth any price we have to pay in order to keep them at OU," Van Halen said.

Promoters in London had contacted several members of the orchestra and had attempted to woo them away from OU and send them on a European tour.

"There is no way I would give up playing in the pep band to tour Europe. Who wants to go anywhere they don't speak English? Anyway there's no way I'm leaving now that the Doc is here," senior Dizzy Armstrong said.

Severinsen could not be reached for comment and is said to be consoling Carson, who is rumored to be canceling his show because of Severinsen's leaving.



Doc Severinsen will conduct the OU Pep Orchestra for the 1991-92 season.

Swim teams finish fourth in annual doggie paddle competition

By Mis D. Boat
Staff Lifesaver

The men's and women's swim teams paddled to fourth place this week at the annual Marco Polo swim match.

This was the first time both OU teams competed in a match without using water wings. Men's coach Pat Havlend contributed the low placing to the lack of training.

"Many of these swimmers just aren't used to such long distances. I mean you try to swim a 50 meter doggie paddle relay without getting tired," said Havlend.

Women's coach Tracey Hutch agreed, but said his team continues working hard for next week's match against the YMCA tadpoles.

"It will be a tough match, we may need to wear our fins," said Hutch.

Both coaches will ride a two man power boat, in the swim lanes to help out those exhausted swimmers.

"Last year he used the boat and gave everyone a ride," said senior Leeza Gillfoyl. "My goal this year is to make it all the way across the

pool without getting towed."

The competition includes several junior highs and elementary schools from Vancouver, British Columbia, a city well known for its watersports.

OU dropped out of the Great Lakes Inter Collegiate Athletic Conference when they just could not beat powerhouse Hillsdog College, but hope to develop skill so they may be able to re-enter the league in the near future.

Both Havlend and Hutch believe the competition the teams are up against now will provide them with the proper training.

"It will be tough especially for our upperclassmen, they just don't have the stamina of those kids," said Havlend.

Hutch believes his team is up for the task.

"My team is ready. We've been practicing real hard, about one hour per week. I'm sure a few of our swimmers will even attempt this meet without the water wings," Hutch said.

The competition will be held this Friday at Beer Lake, (the pool is being cleaned).

Men cagers to wear unitards fan attendance down

Freshman assaulted at practice

By GINO WANG
Sports Editor/Analyst

The men's basketball team in an effort to increase fan attendance at their games will sport new uniforms - one-piece lycra unitards - beginning with Thursday's game against Wayne State University.

"We had to do something about the attendance at our games. It's just pitiful. I hate to resort to such a drastic measure but maybe fans who come in to see a little skin will realize, we have some talent, although it's nowhere near the women's talent," coach Craig Kemp said.

The men's team, which plays two hours before the women's games, have had impatient women's fans yell at them to get off the court and bring on the real basketball team.

"It's such a gyp, everyone comes to see the women play but no one comes to see us. Just because we're men people think we cannot play

sports. Hopefully now we can get someone else in here to yell besides my mother," senior guard Tiny Heward said.

Although the players have been wearing practice unitards to get used to the feel, their first game in the new uniforms has them a little apprehensive.

"The unitards fit all right I guess. It's just that now all these women are staring at me when I'm on the court. I feel like a piece of meat, but I guess I'll get used to it," junior center Jo "Too Tall" Jetson said.

It seems the unitard is already working in attracting fans several overzealous fans were thrown out of Lepley Sports Center yesterday for interrupting practice by throwing themselves upon freshman forward Kent Crim.

"I was kind of embarrassed," Crim said of the incident. "I hope they have a lot of security at our next game."

In order to keep the men looking their best, a make-up artist and



Junior Jo "Too Tall" Jetson right and freshman Kent Crim sport the men's basketball team's new look. Already fans have been mobbing the players.

hairdresser will be on hand to spruce up "the boys" when they sit on bench to take a breather.

"We keep bugging the athletic department to get us these much needed additions to our staff. I mean I hate to run and get all sweaty. Now I'll never have to worry about how I look on or off the floor. It's

about time," junior guard Enrique Tyler said.

The men take on the Tartars at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. However, the real action does not start until the women's game who will be taking on the Detroit Pistons at 7:30 p.m. Standing room only tickets are still available.

One injured when bleachers collapse during volleyball game

By JOAN GASTNER
and GINO WANG
Staff Inquisitors

Tragedy nearly struck at Lepley Sports Center on Thursday when a section of overcrowded bleachers collapsed during a women's volleyball game.

According to OU Public Safety Inspector Columbo, the only injury was sustained by Mickey the Mime who performs after the second game of each match.

"Mickey was knocked unconscious but he was taken to Pontiac General. He's a little shaken up, but he's going to be fine," Columbo said.

Columbo was the only public safety officer on the scene because he ran out of quarters and was consequently forced to leave his fellow officers playing the video game Galaxian.

Hence, he proceeded to walk to his car parked at Lepley, where he tried to wedge his way into the already sold-out volleyball game.

The section of wooden bleacher had been getting weaker each time the Pioneers played a match as more and more fans keep sneaking into the games. According to sports information director Andy Glintzman, the athletic department had implemented plans to build new bleachers when Lepley is expanded next year.

"We were hoping nothing like this would happen, but the fans will stop at nothing to get in this place. The bleachers weren't made to hold all these people. If they're constantly strained eventually they're going to give way," said Glintzman.

The collapsed section of bleacher apparently broke in half right after a group of students disguised as volleyball players squeezed their way onto the front bench.

"I couldn't believe it! I waited for two years to get on the waiting list for tickets and now this happens. I'm telling you. I'm not giving up my seat. I'll sit on the floor if I have to," said junior Wayne Campbell who was seated on the other side of the gym from the collapsed set of bleachers.

The volleyball team was not thrown off by the pandemonium surrounding the bleachers collapsing and went on to beat their opponent, The U.S. Men's Olympic Team winning in three straight games, 15-0, 15-1, 15-0.

"I was really angry those bleachers gave way. I would have never missed that dig that scored their only point if I hadn't looked up when people started screaming," Hannah Hacker.

"I was really upset when Hacker was disrupted by the bleachers collapsing. The team is used to total chaos in this gym and there's no reason something insignificant like bleachers collapsing would distract them," Rob Huddle women's volleyball coach said.

The fallen section was dismantled in a two hour operation by public safety and transported to an empty floor in Kresge library for further analysis. Until the bleachers are

reconstructed, the volleyball fans will just have to stand.

"I don't mind standing. I just don't want them to close off the gym," senior Jim Jarese said.

Columbo said that Public Safety will release the official report of the incident upon completion or in two years, which ever comes first.

The "fans" who caused the accident, were apprehended when they cut through the OC and ran right into Columbo's partners, Inspector Kojak and Detective Barnaby Jones, who were entering their initials in the Galaxian Hall of Champions for high scores on the game.

The students who were charged with unlawfully breaking and entering and illegally representing themselves as volleyball players are identified as follows: freshman Sup R. Fan, freshman Mike Moron and freshman Ima Idiot.

The students are appealing to the administration to go easy on them and have offered to attend a men's

basketball game to make up for their actions.

"We didn't mean to cause any harm. But as freshmen we may never get a chance to get to tickets for volleyball. We just wanted to see the game," said Howell.

Tickets for the women's volleyball, 1991-92 season will go on sale May 11. Sales will be in the following order: alumni, seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Five pieces of ID is required to purchase tickets.

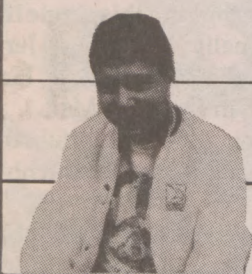
As always current ticket holders have the option to renew their current seats for next year, however full payment is due to Lepley Sports Center by April 15.

According to athletic director Pete Heartburn any student camping out for tickets before April 15 at 12 a.m., will be expelled from OU.



Photo courtesy Touchstone Pictures

OU public safety officers rush to assist Mickey the Mime who was injured when the bleachers collapsed at the women's volleyball game Thursday. Mickey was knocked unconscious and rushed to Pontiac General Hospital by his parents, who were attending the game. When he came to, he mimed "What Happened?" and everyone knew he was back to normal. The bleachers collapsed when three students disguised as volleyball players snuck into the sold-out game. No other injuries were reported.



John Masson

Debts await reservists

Warning to the politically correct: Certain satirical references made in this column may be deemed offensive by the sensitive and enlightened. The author, an eco-conscious kind of a guy, hopes you'll spare some trees and let me rant without bothering to reply.

We're back.

Well, some of us are back. I know you remember us: we're the thousands of Michigan citizen soldiers and sailors who were called up for "Operation Desert Bonehead."

My vantage point for the war was the unarmed Navy hospital ship *Comfort*, home-ported in Baltimore, which bopped around various parts of the Persian Gulf, anxiously awaiting an influx of combat casualties that never came.

And far be it from me to complain, but what happened to the good old months? Remember when all the pundits could talk about was the war of attrition? I thought this war was scheduled to last a year. (Don't even get me started on schedules. I'm beginning to think CNN scheduled this war for January 15 to counteract a ratings slump.)

Anyway, I'd counted on a year and I'd planned on a year. Now I have to go back to work early. I have to get that second mortgage so I can pay off my fines at the Kresge Library. Worst of all, I'm back in time for the spring semester.

And I missed Spring Break.

It wouldn't have been so bad over there if it hadn't been for the constant reminders that someone nearby meant business with this war stuff. The oil slick, the mines, the endless waves of bombers, an eclipsing cloud of oil smoke drifting south over the Persian Gulf from burning Kuwait oil fields had us convinced that someone, somewhere was pissed off about something.

But about what? An Iraqi-Kuwaiti border dispute that's old enough to be my grandmother? Nah. The death-a-borning of the New World Order? (Would someone please fill me in on what that is—and why we have to use capital letters for it?)

And just what was wrong with the Old World Order? Chaos, terror and the threat of nuclear annihilation got to feeling downright homey, after all those New World Order anti-ship mines started drifting past.

So picture this: the modern-day Saladin, crouched in that luxury bunker of his, 400 feet down, thinking about how he's just about guaranteed to lose his a-- , is trying to come up with a plan to rid Islam's sacred ground of the last Crusaders.

And this 20-watt bulb comes on over his head, and he says, hey! Why don't I have my army just collapse? That'll fix 'em. And how about if I have my Republican Guard just runaway, or something?

Then those American reservists will choke on their own Visa payments, heh heh heh.

Even a ruffler of kidnapped kids' hair should know that that's just plain rude.

Seems to me this Visa-gate caper was just a small part of the twisted master plan of the modern-day Nebuchadnezzar: "Okay, and after that, we can give a hundred and fifty of our best warplanes to our age-old archenemy,

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Residence halls are arena for practical jokes

By THERESA O'KRONLEY
Staff Writer

Practical jokes play a part in practically everyone's life at one time or another. Whether the instigator or the receiver, the jokers almost always bring a laugh to all who are involved.

One of the better places to hear about some good pranks is on a university campus.

Living in the residence halls gives students numerous chances, and reasons, to try and pull a good one on a friend.

Junior Debby Christie recalled the constant battle her floor, 4-West, had going with the guys on 5-West during her freshman year. 5-West got the best of all of them one day when they skillfully "pennied" each and every one of them in their rooms.

For those who aren't familiar with the term, "pennied" means having a pile of three or four pennies wedged in the crease of the door in a few spots which causes the door to be-

come jammed and the occupants in the room trapped.

For a joke with a completely opposite outcome, Junior Chris Zimmerman recalled an incident on his floor earlier this year when two students unscrewed a friend's door from its hinges, then hid it under his own bed.

When the friend returned, he had easy access to his room, but searched the floor for over an hour before discovering it was under his bed the entire time.

Another favorite for dorm students is to take one of the huge metal garbage cans found in the incinerator room and fill it with water. It is carefully propped up against a closed door in the hallway.

When the person on the inside opens the door to leave, the water is a cool surprise.

Junior Erin Jackson, a resident-assistant in Vandenberg, knows about practical jokes in the residence halls, but one that she recalled as being funny also made somewhat of

a mess.

Jackson said a student filled a paper shopping bag with shaving cream, and carefully slipped it a quarter way under the door. When it was all set in place, the student jumped on the bag, sending the shaving cream splattering all over the room on the other side of the door.

Practical jokes aren't just limited to residence halls. There are a lot of jokes that take place off campus, but they are definitely of a different nature.

Sophomore Kristie Kerr said she put her retainer in her mom's cup when she went to get her some coffee one morning.

Kerr said the reaction was "very interesting and a little louder than expected."

A favorite joke played by sophomore Amy Komarzec and some of her friends took place in her old high school. Komarzec said they went back one day, got the keys to the

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Mystery-thriller opens at Meadow Brook

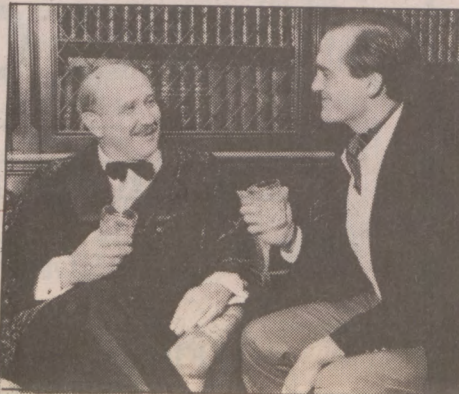


Photo Courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

Arthur J. Beer and Alexander Webb play leading roles in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of *Sleuth*.

By Don Honstain
Staff Writer

If you happen to be dating a woman who is cheating on her husband, don't accept an invitation to have drinks with him.

When Milo Tindle (Alexander Webb), a handsome Brit of Italian descent doesn't heed this warning, he sets off a deadly game of cat and mouse.

This is the basic plot for *Sleuth*, the wonderful play that recently opened at Meadow Brook Theatre.

The husband is Andrew Wyke (Arthur J. Beer), a mystery writer with a passion for game playing. He

knows of his wife's indiscretion and plans to draw Tindle into a web of trickery and deceit.

Sleuth, by Anthony Shaffer is a classic mystery-thriller set in England in the 1970s.

It has enough twists and turns to keep even the die-hard fan guessing, with a lot of comedy mixed in for a perfect blend.

The performances are inspired, especially those of Webb and Beer who portray the dueling parties.

In one scene Wyke is explaining marriage to Detective Sergeant Tarrant. "Sex is a game and marriage is the penalty."

And when the detective inquires about his wife, whom he doesn't really love, he responds "I like having my cookie and ignoring it."

Webb's Tindle is brilliant, from a British sophisticate to a man in a clown suit who thinks he is about to die.

He is convincing in all facets. In the clown scene he walks the perfect line between comedy and horror.

Webb recently played Paul in the Meadow Brook production of *Barefoot in the Park*.

Beer, who worked on last season's *A Walk in the Woods* as Andrew Botvinnik, won the *Detroit Free Press* Best Actor award for his performance.

Peter Hicks' set is simply perfect.

With its card displays on the walls and a dummy that laughs at all Wyke's bad jokes at the press of a button, we get a sense of this lonely man who lives through his novels.

The director, Charles Nolte, who has done such Meadow Brook productions as *Amadeus* and *The Comedy of Errors* is always going forward, there is no dead-time in *Sleuth*.

Although the play is over two hours long the only time that drags is the intermission.

If you can't get out to see the Meadow Brook production, there is a good film version of *Sleuth* made in 1972, starring Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine. The screenplay was written by Shaffer.

If you can, see both. It is interesting to see how different actors portray the same roles.

Shaffer received the Tony Award for *Sleuth*, his first play in 1971. He then did the screenplay for Alfred Hitchcock's *Frenzy* prior to the screenplay for *Sleuth*.

Remember things may not be as they appear.

Stay on the edge of your seat, you might miss something. And be ready not to be ready for a great ending. Rating A

Sleuth runs through April 21 at Meadow Brook Theatre. For ticket information call 377-3300.

Credit card firms solicit students



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Freshman Mohammad Mashiur Rahman signed up for credit at a booth in the OC.

By ROBERT PARKER
Staff Writer

Almost four million, or 70 percent of all undergraduates at four-year schools currently have at least one credit card, a 37 percent increase from 1988 according to the trade magazine, *Credit Card News*.

Bank and credit card companies, in response to recent studies showing that students are as responsible with credit as most adults, have implemented intensive campaigns that target college students.

"This is a priority market," said Robert Taglin, a vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank. "We want to help students establish themselves now."

OU has proven to be no stranger to credit card companies, and they can be found regularly in the Oakland Center soliciting students.

The companies often are extremely lenient with income requirements, and offer special dis-

counts on travel and retail to attract potential card-holders.

The four major credit card companies that are targeting students — Citibank, American Express, Chase and Discover have seen substantial growth in student cardholders in the past year.

The convenience and ease of credit has been attractive to students and merchants alike, and college book stores nationwide have reported large increases in credit card usage.

"Every week we get something (promotional materials) in the office about credit cards," said OU Bookcenter manager, David Bixby.

During its fall and winter terms, the Bookcenter's sales were approximately 25 percent Visa or Master Card transactions, according to Bixby.

"I've seen a definite increase in the use of major credit cards," said Richard McDaniel, director of Cornell Campus Store at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

"Today, credit is in excess of 80 percent of our receipts. People simply do not buy with cash."

According to McDaniels, new technology has made the handling of credit transactions cheap and relatively easy.

With the economy struggling to climb out of a recession, credit card companies have no choice but to aim at college students, one of the last sectors of the adult market with room to grow according to Stuart Himmelfarb, president of College-track, a marketing research and consulting company in Manhattan.

Collegetrack has projected that students will spend almost \$13 billion on clothes, entertainment and consumer goods this year.

Not all students have discovered

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Women's film festival announces program

By Stacy L. Rousseau
Staff Writer

The story of the Reverend Jan Griesinger, an ordained minister, an active feminist and a lesbian, has been captured in the film, *No Need*

to Repent.

The Griesinger story by Ann Alter focuses on Griesinger's ability to integrate her ministry, her politics and her personal life.

This is one of the three films which is part of the tenth film festival-seminar, Films by Women about Women, sponsored by Oakland University's women's studies program.

Another production, *Calling the Shots* is an acclaimed documentary by Janis Cole and Holly Dale about women in the film industry.

This feature-length work tells the tale of woman's struggle and acceptance in the film industry.

Half the Kingdom is a film concerning not only issues of feminism, but also of religious pluralism and civil rights.

The film, by Francine Zuckerman, is about the quest of seven Jewish women who try to blend their 20th century lives within a traditional religion.

Professor Harriet Margolis, the festival committee co-chair, said that "the response this far has been enthusiastic anticipation."

Ursula Schmidt, the student president of the NOW campus chapter, has also helped coordinate the event.

The festival-seminar is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 6, 156 North Foundation Hall.

OU students with ID's will not be charged admission to the films, and an optional lunch will be available to them for \$7. Admission is \$12 for non-students, including lunch.

"We hope the festival will provide an opportunity for women and men to come together for film viewing and discussion about films by women, about women," Margolis said.

Desert Storm increased campus blood donations



The Oakland Post / Amy Files

The American Red Cross has conducted on-campus blood drives for the past 18 years.

By CHARLOTTE STROHMER
Staff Writer

Donors gave 310 pints during the three-day October, 1990 blood drive at Oakland University, a low amount compared to the January 16, 1991 drive, the day Operation Desert Storm began.

"That one (blood drive) was extremely successful. We collected 169 pints of blood in one day," Cathy Mullins, student blood drive coordinator said.

Concern for troops overseas led to the dramatic increase in January

donations, according to Mullins.

During the war, the American Red Cross maintained its usual schedule of blood collection drives, according to Alison Zellner, regional representative of the Southeast Michigan region.

She said that because of low casualty rates, neither the International Red Cross nor the military requested blood.

Zellner emphasizes the importance of giving blood at all times and not just in times of national crisis. She said that while only ten percent of the population donates blood, a greater number than that are recipients.

"No one plans to get into a car accident or to be a leukemia patient," she said.

For the Red Cross to meet the needs of the 72 hospitals they supply, 1,000 units of blood need to be collected each day, according to Zellner. Actual donations range from 700 to 900 units daily.

From May to December, 1990 the Red Cross in Michigan experienced a critical shortage which forced them to begin importing blood from other locations on a larger scale than it ever had before, according to Zellner.

Zellner said that holidays and summer vacation are also a critical time for blood donations.

Shortages often arise because at these times fewer blood drives are held, and people are thinking of family rather than community activities, Zellner said.

Requests from hospitals for blood during those times increase because of a higher incidence of accidents, she said.

"It's like a two-edged sword. More people need blood around the holidays, but there are fewer donors at that time," she said.

Although whole blood can be stored for up to 42 days, certain blood components last for a much shorter time.

Blood platelets, for example, have

a shelf life of only five days, and because of that, shortages often arise, Zellner said.

According to the Red Cross, blood can be either used whole or broken down into component parts of red cells, white cells, plasma and platelets.

Each component can be used in treating different types of health problems, from patients who are experiencing massive bleeding to those with anemia, leukemia or hemophilia.

A blood donation from one individual can be useful in treating as many as four people, Zellner said.

Since January 1, 1991, the Southeast Michigan Red Cross collected almost 1,000 pints of blood; the Red Cross for the entire state of Michigan collected 2,500 pints.

The American Red Cross said nationally 7,150 pints were donated.

Tami Ivanov, junior, said she has given blood several times in the past.

"I like to give blood. It's just a matter of finding the time to do so," she said.

The next campus blood drive is Monday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Prospective donors may register April 1 through April 5 in the OC at CIPO or Sweet Sensations.

Reservists

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Iran! Allahu akbar, this is great! And when those infidel American reservists get home, we'll unleash the mother of all collection agencies on them! Perfect! We may lose the battle, but we'll win in bankruptcy court."

Wonderful.

And now that we've discovered this desert ninny has stock in just about every western bank except First Federal Savings (guess he's not a total knucklehead), why don't I save time and just skip town now?

Oh, I know what you're probably thinking: "Who is this clown? Does he really expect a man who gassed thousands of his own citizens to be considerate of an enemy reservist's financial stability?"

Well, a guy can hope, can't he? The old gas-passer was pretty concerned about his own financial stability, wasn't he?

Oh well. Now that the homecoming hangover is finished, it must be time to get on with it.

What's there to do around here this time of year? It's too late to shovel snow and too early to mow lawns. Guess I'll have to use my extensive journalism experience and see if I can pick up a paper route somewhere. If I can get one with an apartment complex, I might make enough money to stay out of jail.

Meanwhile, some wonder what really did cause this war. Who cares? I still had to go, and so did about half a million other soon-to-be-bankrupt soldiers and sailors.

And now that the war is over so soon, thanks to the Bozo of Baghdad, we reservists have commitments to dodge. Guess I should get started.

Credit

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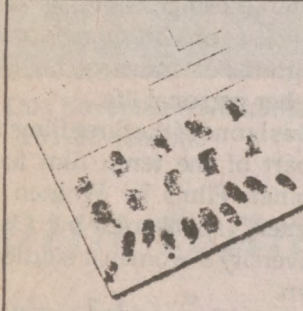
the ease of credit without encountering some problems.

"I have a Master Card, Visa and Hudson's card, and they are all at their limit," said sophomore Tiffany Curtis.

"Sometimes I give my cards to my friends so I won't use them."

Credit cards like Visa, Mastercard and Discover can be paid off in monthly payments that include an interest charge on the balance. Last year, the average interest rate for a Visa or Mastercard was 18.86 percent.

Citibank and Discover have developed programs to help educate students about the use of credit, and Chase Manhattan Bank is in the process of creating a credit card guide for students.



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Jokes

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vending machine, and replaced all of the pop in the machines with beer. She remembers seeing the bewildered look on the face of the first teacher who used it.

The only student who would confess to being on the other end of a practical joke was Mike Itschme.

He said he was told one day that someone wanted to test his coordination skills.

Itschme followed the instructions to put a funnel in the waist of his pants. If he could tilt his head back and drop a penny from his forehead into the funnel, then that meant he was extremely coordinated.

As Itschme put his head back and went to place the penny on his forehead, he got the surprise of his life when he realized a glass of cold water was being poured down the funnel.

"I definitely felt stupid," Itschme said.

Organizers of these practical jokes enjoy planning these comedy capers.

"It's just the fun," Kerr said. "The practical jokes just seem to liven up the whole atmosphere and give you something to laugh at for a while."

While you're planning it, while it's going on, and depending on how bad someone fell for it, or what their reaction was, (you're laughing) for some time afterwards too."



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Video features contortionist

By LINDA CIRAULO
Special Writer

ITouch Myself, *Lay Your Body Down* and *Cafe Interlude* are not the titles of current porno movies.

These are just a few of the tracks from the new self-titled album by the Divinyls, an Australian band who have been around since 1983.

After making the switch from the record label Chrysalis, where they made their first album *Desperate* to Virgin, the group's success is improving.

The controversial video for their current hit, *ITouch Myself*, was filmed in Pasadena in a nunnery and features a contortionist touching herself.

In a recent interview with *HITS Magazine*, Divinyls' Christina Amphlett said she didn't think they would be sending a copy of the video to the nunnery.

"I don't think they'd (the nuns) approve. I had this contortionist in the video touching herself—something a contortionist can do very well," Amphlett said.

The single hit number one on the Australian charts in February, and is quickly gaining popularity here in

the states.

"People are buying this single like crazy, it's really big," said Jerzy Czykalowsky, a sales clerk at Harmony House in Oakland Mall.

Unlike their older material, this album is very pop-oriented but hints of rock can be heard.

Amphlett's voice, which resembles vintage Pat Benatar, seems to add a fresh approach to the heavy pop sound of the album.

"A lot of what inspired us was doing the album in Europe. I sang on the streetcorners in Paris and explored the darker side of town, so that probably rubbed off on our music," Amphlett said.

Group members Mark McEntee and Amphlett, native Australians, said they are essentially "music vagrants," having recorded the album in several L.A. studios with Charlie Drayton, Benmont Tench and Randy Jackson.

It seems they are finally succeeding where previous efforts have failed. Talk of touring with INXS has also been circulating.

The video from the single *ITouch Myself*, which may very well be pornographic material, can be seen on MTV's *Buzz Bin*.

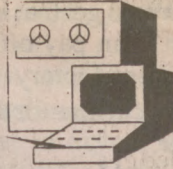
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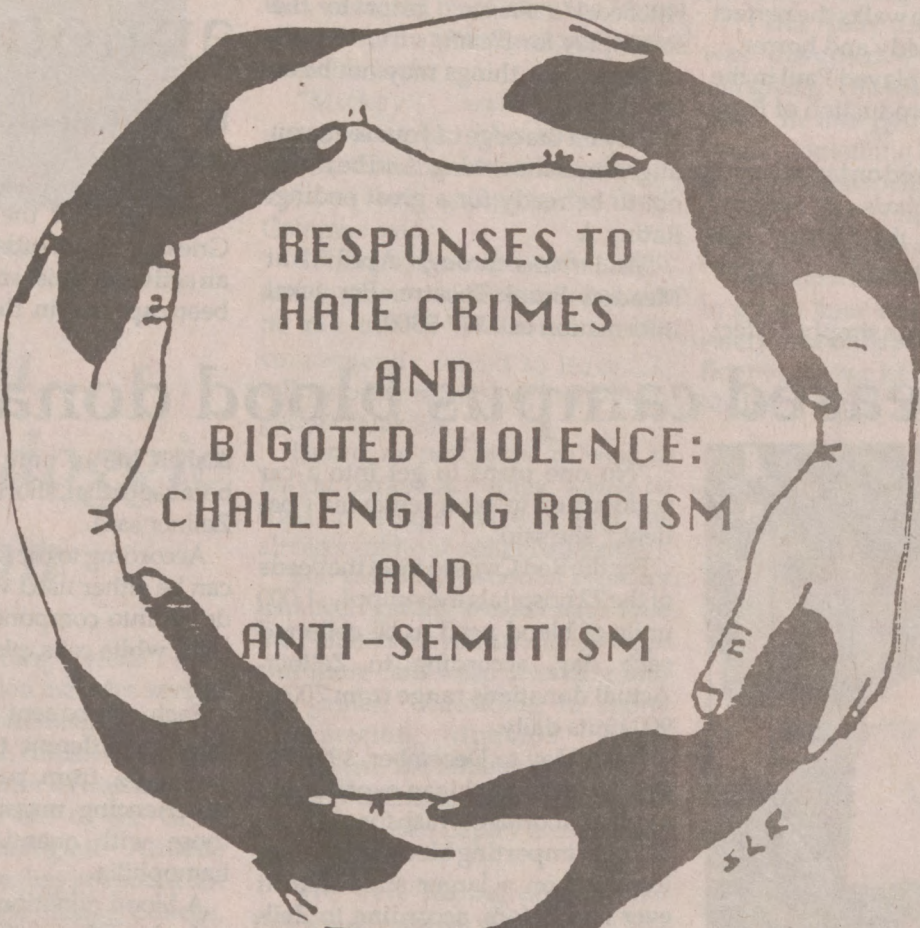
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What's the first section of the paper that you read?

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TIFFANY THOMAS, 19
communications and English, sophomore

"Section A. Because it's very informative and it keeps me informed with what's happening around the world."



BASEL ABBASI, 22
mechanical engineering, junior

"The comics. Because I like the Far Side."



STEPHEN LIM, 30
computer engineering, graduate student

"The comics. They make you relax after a long day of studying or working."



GREG OUELLETTE
former alumni

"The sports. I like sports, especially the Pistons. But, I also like the local news."



SUSAN TOLLAFELD, 22
music, senior

"The comics. Because I've heard everything on the news and I don't want to read about it."

Compiled by Elizabeth Reghi
Photos by Steve Szocik

Fraternities punished for hazing activities

(CPS)—Still more campuses punished fraternities for hazing during the last month, leaving chapters devastated and reformers wondering what to do next to stop the practice.

"We're sharing our message every way we can," said Jonathan Brant of the Indianapolis-based National Interfraternity Council, which has campaigned to stop hazing. "Somehow people still make bad decisions."

Since Feb. 1, for example, fraternities at Alfred State, Baylor, Vanderbilt and Seton Hall universities as well as at Whittier College have been disciplined for hazing.

In New Jersey, Rutgers University officials suspended the school's Delta Upsilon charter after members allegedly branded the buttocks of pledges with the Greek letters "D" and

"U" during pledge activities last fall. Seton Hall suspended Tau Kappa Epsilon for three-to-five years. Six of its pledges had been arrested last October for possession of stolen property and theft.

The six had been participating in a scavenger hunt and had taken, among other things, a 200-pound pumpkin, Chinese and American flags, a New York City police barricade, three traffic signs, a restaurant menu and tiles from the Holland Tunnel.

At Alfred State in New York, where fraternity-pledge Chuck Stenzel's death during pledge activities in 1978 inspired Stenzel's mother to start the anti-hazing movement, a commission has been formed to decide about the future of greek life at the school after the charters of Kappa Sigma Epsilon and Psi Delta Omega were revoked for hazing.

Now Alfred State officials have formed a commission to decide what, if any, kind of future fraternities should have at the school.

The recent punishments of greek houses, moreover, were preceded earlier in the school year by rebukes of frat pledging and party activities at Trinity and Western Illinois universities, the universities of Akron, Idaho, Maryland and New Mexico, as well as Long Island University's C.W. Post campus.

Frustrated by the ongoing injuries and sanctioned crimes involved in the pledging process, a number of schools have moved to restrict and even abolish fraternities on their campuses in recent years, including Colby College in Maine, Amherst College in Massachusetts, Middlebury College in Vermont and Bucknell University in Pennsylvania.

Sororities and fraternities themselves also have tried for many years to end hazing, defined as the physical or mental abuse of a person or persons by others in a group.

"We are encouraging our member fraternities to do whatever is appropriate to eliminate hazing," said the NIFC's Brant.

Some fraternities, including Zeta Beta Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon, have eliminated the pledge period altogether, when most hazing incidents occur.

A similar plan has been proposed for societies at Whittier College in California.

Pledging should be replaced by a "brief and legal initiation process which affirms the sanctity and uniqueness of each person," said a statement released by the faculty committee.

A final decision on banning pledging will be made later this year.

Campus Spotlight



ZOO U. by Mark Weitzman



Quote of the Week

"It's not fair. It's only \$15, but it is their own fault they gave out too much money...It's stupid for them to pay the scholarship then ask for it back."

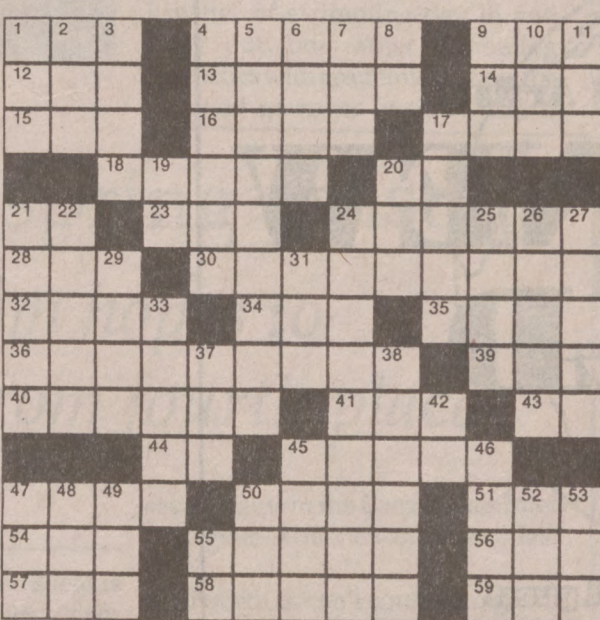
OU students Paula Merchant and Lori Stier on the effects that the budget cuts have on students. See story page one.

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The Weekly Crossword Puzzle



This Week's Horoscope

By Venus Flytrap

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You're certain someone is cheating on you. What a terrible way to start the week!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stop nagging others. Worry about your own faults, you have enough of them.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Killing that spider was not a good idea. Revenge will be sought, so beware of webs and people with more than two legs.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): You forgot. Better apologize or you will never hear the end of it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your life is going to pick up in pace. Make sure your shoes are tied on tight.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): That open position is not meant to be yours. Don't accept that decision meekly: pain works on most if done correctly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your conscience is bothering you. Plant a tree.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Sex is a good way to relieve tension, but not four times a day. Give your body a rest and cut that number down to three.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Better start thinking of a good excuse.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Vegging out in front of the TV is fine but now you resemble a tomato.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beware of probing fingers. If problems arise, use the paper shredder.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to change your life's direction. Walking backwards will work.

What's Happening

Troy Marriott. Will be conducting a "CHUCK ROAST" on April 3 at 7:30 to benefit deserving students at the Center for Creative Studies. Chuck Daly will be grilled at this event. Tickets are \$75. Call 872-3118 for more information.

Varner Studio Theatre. Presents INTO THE WOODS from Mar. 22-April 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10,\$5,\$4. For more information, call 370-3013.

Prism Productions. Presents the PET SHOP BOYS on Friday, April 5 at Clubland. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 665-4755.

Women's Studies Concentration. Is presenting its 10th annual Women's film festival on Saturday, April 6 from 9am to 4pm. \$12 for general registration, students are free. Call 370-2264.

University of Michigan School of Music. Is hosting its first Power Party on Saturday, April 6 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$12 and \$5 for students with ID. Call 763-1478 for details.

Kenny R.E.H.A.B. Is supporting Michigan's Armed Forces with the sale of Victory Trees. These four-year-old Colorado Blue Spruce trees cost \$5. For more information on how you can purchase one of these trees, call 1-800-237-3422.

Rochester Hills Museum. Will be hosting an orientation workshop on Saturday, April 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. A variety of talents are needed and the Museum will provide all training. For more information, call 656-4663.

Student Program Board. SPB offers a variety of movies, dances, entertainment and sporting events. **Movies:** April 5, 7 *Jungle Book* and April 12, 14 *Home Alone* in 201 Dodge Hall, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$1.50. **Dances:** On Saturday, April 6 the Thank God It's Almost Over dance in the OU Crockery from 9 pm-1 am. Party before finals start with free beverages. Come one, come all! **Crittendon Fitness Institute.** Offers a free analysis of your body's fat percentage. If you are interested, call 652-5653 for specific details and to schedule your visit.

The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Palace has a wide variety of performances coming up. **Events:** The Royal Hanneford Circus comes to town for nine shows April 18-21. Tickets are now on sale for \$12, \$8, \$5. Call 377-8600 for more information. **Sports:** The Pistons take on the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday April 5 at 8 p.m. **Concerts:** DEEP PURPLE with special guest WINGER play the Palace on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$13 and are already on sale. Call 377-8600 for more information.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Presents artist Darryl Stawinski's paintings and sculptures, now until April 5. Hours for the show are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 651-4110.

Hilberry Theatre. Will be hosting Wayne State University Theatre Department's PLAYBOY OF THE WEST INDIES from April 4-6 and 11-13 at the WSU Studio Theatre, which is downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, staff, faculty, alumni and senior citizens. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 577-2972.

Troy Players. Announces OPEN AUDITIONS for *Prisoners of Second Avenue* on April 2, 3 at 7 pm at the Troy Community Center. Two men and four women are needed. Call 879-1285. **Winchester Mall.** Is hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 5 in the South Arcade from 1-7 pm.

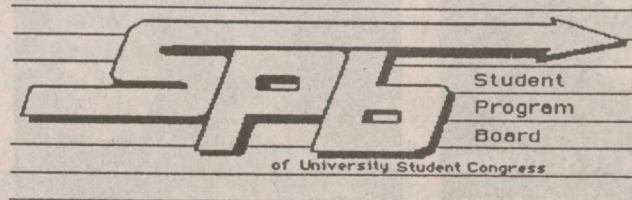
Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Is showcasing paintings by area artists Carl Angevine and Grace Serra until April 5 in its Main Gallery.

Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum. Presents "Toshiko Takaezu: Four Decades." This showcase of ceramics, sculptures and fiber works will be shown until April 7.

Oakland University Chorus. Is performing on April 6 at 8 pm at Varner Recital Hall for \$3,\$2.

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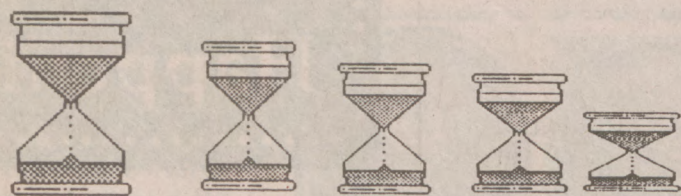
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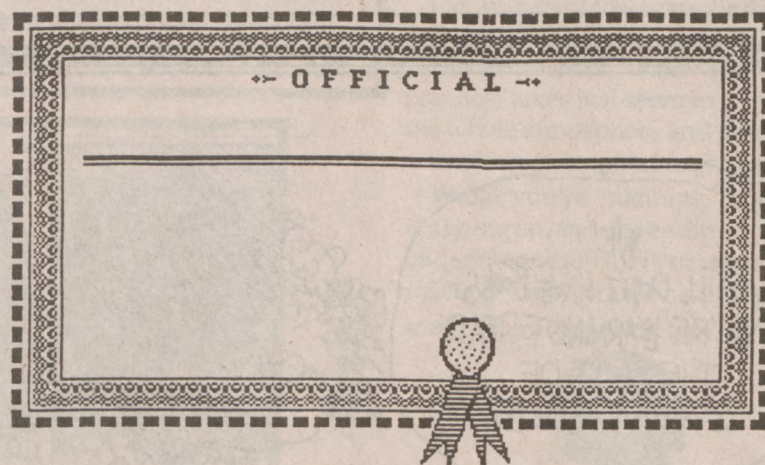
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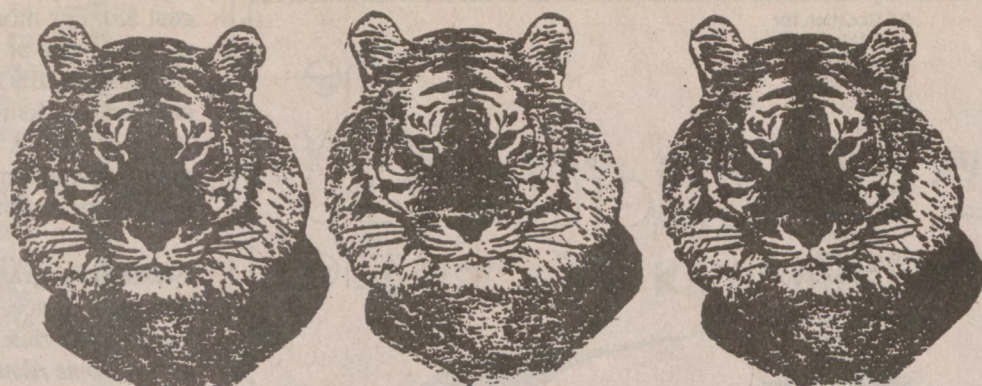
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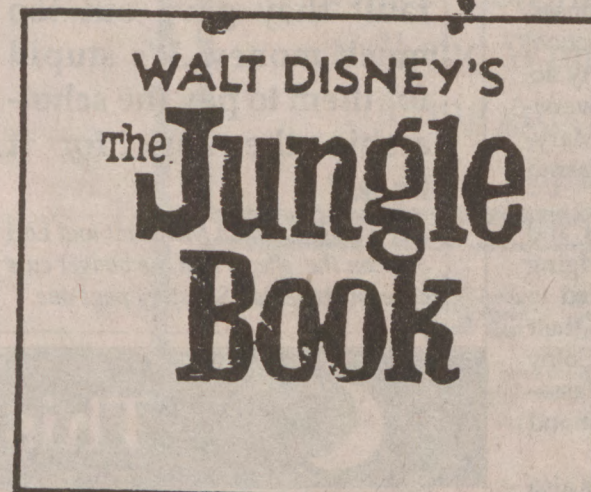


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Equestrian club waiting for sponsors



Sophomore Patricia Bartley and coordinator of the equestrian team takes a ride. The team is hoping to get corporate sponsorship, so they can compete by this fall.

By CHARLOTTE STROHMER
Staff Writer

Beginning next fall, several students would like to begin adding their winning horsemanship skills to the list of successful athletic accomplishments already enjoyed by other OU sports teams.

Although not yet competing, OU's 17-member Pioneer Equestrian Team was officially formed in the fall of 1990, making it the third college equestrian team in Michigan. Michigan State and the University of Michigan also have equestrian teams.

The division in which the team will compete includes not only the two Michigan teams, but also over 20 Ohio teams.

Because most of the shows are in Ohio, the OU team is currently waiting for sponsorship from Michigan corporations before it is able to compete. Corporate sponsorship is necessary because of the high cost of attending shows

outside Michigan, says Patricia Bartley, OU sophomore and team coordinator.

"We tried to pursue it last fall, but it came down to a matter of money," she says, citing the costs of housing, food, show fees and transportation.

Competitions consist of ten two-day shows per semester, held on weekends. Riders are judged by their skill in the practice of riding, which is defined as equitation. Classes of riding are English Equitation on the Flat, English Equitation Over Fences, and Stock Seat Equitation (Western riding). Levels of classes range from those designed for novices to those for highly experienced riders. There are also classes with provisions for handicapped riders.

Bartley said she has no doubts about the riding talents of many of the OU team members and of the team's ability to compete effectively.

"We have a very diversified team with a lot of potential to be very, very effective," she said.

Bartley also said that beginning riders are welcome to join the team and that a student can start taking riding lessons and show in novice level classes within a semester's time.

"The system is set up so that you don't have to be a real horse person," she said.

It is also not necessary for members to own a horse. All horses ridden by team members are donated for show use either by other competitors, or by colleges which own their own horses. Bartley said horses are not ridden by team members prior to the show.

"We literally pick a name out of a hat right before we compete to find out what horse we will ride," she said.

Bartley also said that there is a definite challenge in riding an unfamiliar horse for the first time in a show, and that in some cases she compared it to going from a Mercedes to a Yugo.

See EQUESTRIAN page 12

Senior athletes ready to meet other challenges

By SAL GIACOMANTONIO
Staff Writer

With four years of grueling practices, road trips, trials and triumphs behind them, most senior athletes are ready to pack up their swimsuits and basketballs and move ahead with life.

With graduation approaching, most seniors are looking ahead to the future and looking back to cherish

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-Tony Howard
senior basketball player

fond memories of the past.

"Swimming has been great. I've reached all my goals, but I'm happy I'm done. I'm turning my attention to what I have to look forward to," senior swimmer Lisa Guilfoyle said.

"There will be many great memories. I met a lot of people, but you come to a point when you realize you have to move on," said senior basketball player Janice Kosman.

Some athletes felt that playing sports at the collegiate level has taught them more than how to win and lose. It has prepared them for the most important game they will ever play - the game of life.

"It's been a great experience with a great bunch of guys. I've learned to carry discipline - just sitting down and getting the work done," senior swimmer John Kovach said.

"Playing a college sport has been a great experience. As a person, it's really helped me to develop and improve myself," senior volleyball player Holly Hatcher said.

To other athletes, like senior basketball player Tony Howard, his sport was everything. Howard says leaving OU basketball will not be easy for him to do.

"I'm going to miss playing at OU because basketball is my first love," Howard said. "I came a long way and the game has prepared me for the real world."

Although graduating may be a relief from their pressure schedules, some seniors admit time will take its toll.

"It's a good feeling to have no more practices or deal with team turmoil anymore, but I will miss it. Especially when I see my teammates playing," Kosman said.

"I don't have any grief yet, but that will come. But I know I'll have fun just being at the meets and watching the guys," Kovach said.



Lisa Guilfoyle

Coach reaps success

By ERIC DEMINK
Staff Writer

As the old saying goes, you reap what you sow.

When Tracy Huth planted his seeds four years ago, he was reasonably sure that given the proper care and watering that they would flower into something special. Four years later on March 16, 1991 his first recruited class captured its second consecutive National Championship.

Huth took over the women's swimming program in 1988 after the resignation of Mary Ellen Weiden.

Just as it was a huge learning process for him, Huth stresses education to his girls.

"Upon entering college it is sometimes hard to get off on the right foot. They need to understand that swimming is not a professional sport that will earn them a \$200,000 annual salary," Huth said.

Huth makes sure his athletes are prepared.

"Swimming at OU is an opportunity to learn. It isn't a matter of swimming day in and day out, but rather combining athletics with academics to become a good manager of time. And if

one can do that, then they can be successful in life outside of school," Huth said.

Although he does work his swimmers hard, they seem to accept the training and work hard. He wants them to realize that it will pay dividends for them. He wants them to understand there are reasons for the things he does, even if they don't agree with them. But he finds that as the year goes on the individuals learn to discipline themselves.

"Perhaps I don't give them enough credit. But I try to give them the impression that I'm not satisfied and they shouldn't be satisfied with themselves either. When they leave here, they might not miss the training, but they will certainly miss the swimming."

Huth, who has been coaching four years, believes his own success begins with the team. "It's just a matter of getting people together who want to do the job when crunch time comes. We may not field the greatest swimmers in the world, but each individual serves a purpose in the performance of the team. Other teams can win as many individual awards as they want, but as far as measuring success goes, the team championship is all that matters," Huth said.



Women's swim coach Tracy Huth has led his team to two consecutive national championships. Huth, who swam at OU, was a 24-time All American and claimed 12 national championships.

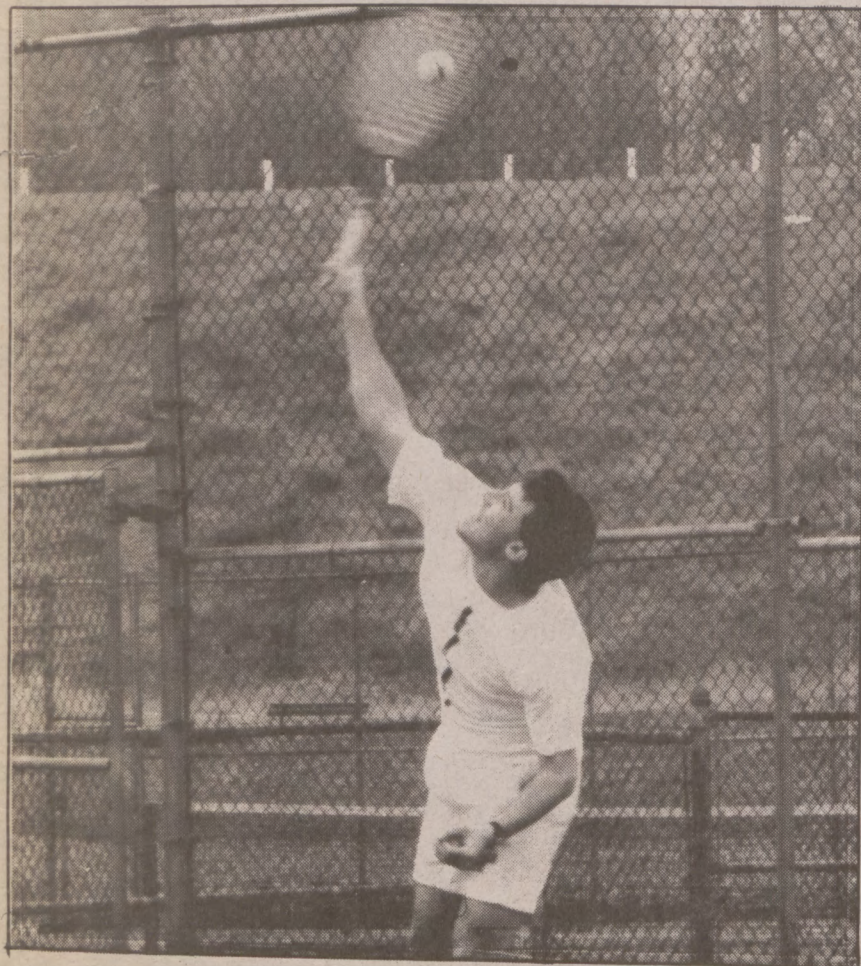
That is one reason why Huth considers this year's "team" his best ever.

Huth, who hails from Yakima, Wash., started swimming at age six. His brother had wanted to join the swim team and Tracy like any little brother wanted to tag along.

Soon his brother lost interest in the sport, and his sister who had been a swimmer, as well, dropped out to pursue other things. But

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Men's tennis team prepares for spring season



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Freshman Mike Vogel gets ready for the upcoming tennis season.

Young team hopes to improve from fourth place

By MELISSA BROWN
Staff Writer

The members of the men's tennis team, who have been practicing since February, know that this year is going to be a tough one.

"It's going to be interesting. We can't take anything lightly this year," coach Kris Jeffrey said.

This year's team is young carrying one junior, two sophomores and four freshmen.

"We do have a very young team. I think we've recruited well, but only time will tell," Jeffrey said.

The team's lack of experience is an obvious weakness but Jeffrey feels the team is more of a unit this year. Jeffrey believes the toughest matches for the team this year will be against, Eastern Michigan University, University of Minnesota - Duluth, University of Toledo and University of Detroit.

The team finished fourth out of

seven teams in the Great Lakes Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference last year.

"Fourth doesn't sound too good, but the way it came down, it was a dogfight," Jeffrey said.

Team members know their spring season will not be easy.

"We're not going to have an easy match this year," sophomore Jim Fleming said.

"We work hard. We know we have to work hard, because we don't have any seniors on the team," sophomore Dave Brown said.

This year may be a year for each player to improve his personal game, according to first year player Mike Vogel.

"I'm just going out there to improve my game and work for a better spot for next year," he said.

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- Baseball vs Madonna College, 1 p.m., Pioneer Baseball Field (doubleheader)

April 3

- Baseball at the University of Toledo, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)
- Men's tennis at Hillsdale College, 3 p.m.

April 4

- Baseball vs Alma College, 1:30 p.m., Pioneer Baseball Field (doubleheader)

April 6

- Men's tennis at Michigan Technological University, 8 a.m.
- Men's tennis vs University of Minnesota - Duluth, 12 noon, Michigan Tech
- Baseball vs Saginaw Valley State University, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)

April 7

- Men's tennis at Lake Superior State University, 10 a.m.
- Baseball vs Saginaw Valley State University, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)



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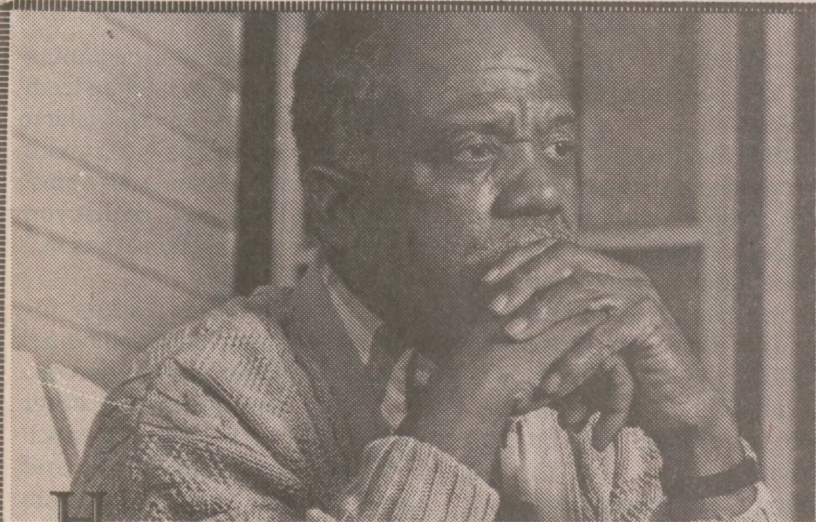
shows is more intense because some schools have horsemanship programs where accredited classes in riding are available to students.

Student opinion of the formation of the new team was generally supportive.

"I think it's good, if there is an interest, to have something that gets OU more interplay with other colleges," said Julie Yoder, OU graduate student.

Michael Welsh, OU senior, had some doubt as to how much student interest there would be in the new team.

"Being that most people grow up in the city, I'm not sure how big it will go over," he said.



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Tracy continued on to age 10.

At age 10, he discovered Little League Baseball like a lot of boys his age, but never lost sight of swimming, his first love.

When high school rolled around, Tracy discarded the other extracurriculars, and concentrated on swimming where he felt he had his best shot.

"Outside of my coaches here at OU, John Turner, my high school coach was the best I ever had," said Huth. "He gave me direction and helped me develop into a swimmer. His labors paid off when we won the high school state championship (Washington)."

Huth was looking at Division I schools when he graduated from Eisenhower High School, in Yakima, as he was not too familiar with collegeswimming programs outside of the West coast.

After his team won the championship, he was approached by several recruiters, but of these Dr. Ernie Maglischo, men's swimming coach at California State University at Chico appealed to him the most.

"When I was contacted by Ernie, I was unsure of which direction I was headed. Ernie was taking his talents east to a school in Michigan

that I had never heard of called Oakland University. He wondered if I would like to be a part of his program. Of all the people I talked to, Ernie seemed to be the most honest to me. After talking to the man for a half an hour, I was decided," Huth said.

It turned out to be a very difficult freshman year for Huth. Although OU won the national championship that year, Huth who suffered from mononucleosis, was not a part of the winning team.

To top it off, Maglischo decided to return to California during Huth's sophomore year to coach at California State University at Bakersfield.

Huth thought about transferring, but Pete Hovland changed his mind.

Huth's first contact with Hovland, OU men's swim coach, was after he had just completed a successful swimming career of his own at Cal. St.-Chico. Hovland was also a disciple of Maglischo's methods, and when Maglischo left, he was chosen to replace him.

All skepticism and uncertainty disappeared when Huth decided to give Hovland a chance. "I would put him (Huth) at the top of the list as far as his performance in this program. His accomplishments are unequaled at this school," said Hovland. "For someone to win the 200 and 400 Individual medley events, four years running is a testimony to his greatness."

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Tracy Huth
- women's swim coach

With his disappointing first year behind him, Huth enjoyed a successful career at OU. Among his list of accomplishments were: three NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year awards, 12 individual national championships, and earning All-American honors 24 times.

"The personal highlight of my career was being named Swimmer

of the Year at the 1982 nationals held at Clarion University. It was some of my best swimming ever. With a slow pool, I turned out some of my best meets," Huth said.

Among others, Dr. Paul Hartman, the Athletic Director at OU, took notice of Huth efforts, and when Weiden resigned as women's swimming coach, Hartman had already chosen his candidate for the job.

"Tracy is an excellent person to work with and he was one of Pete's swimmers. We felt he would teach in the same way. In retrospect, I felt I made a good decision in hiring Tracy. So far it has been borne out to be a good one," Hartman said.

Modestly, Huth credits his success to his swimmers and he feels the student and alumni backing is the best around.

But he gives the most credit to the someone most special in his life.

"Without the support of my wife Renea I could not keep this job because family comes first. It is her support that has allowed me to feel comfortable spending the necessary time with the team."

For now Huth seems happy with his coaching job.

"It is a good base or foundation to build on. But I'm still looking forward to going back to school and earning a master of Arts degree in teaching," Huth said.

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