

## LOW MAINTENANCE



Today's student's haircuts are carefree and stylish.

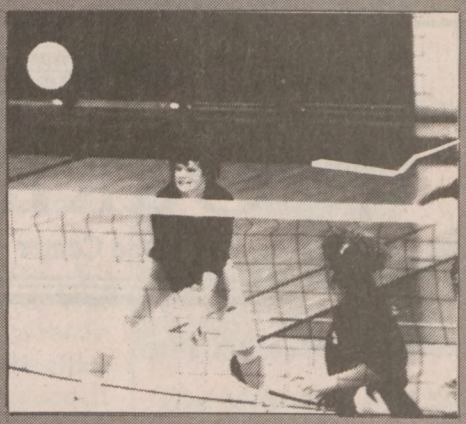
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## PIONEERS CLING

Spikers hold on to second after a weekend split with FSU and GVSU.

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## Briefly ...

### Library research tips

The faculty of Kresge Library offers the following special research services to the OU community and invites students to take advantage of them.

• Research consultations - You can make an appointment to meet personally with a librarian to discuss your individual research needs. Librarians can help you locate sources of information on a specific topic and show you how to use the library's online catalog, LUIS, as well as the various CD-ROM databases, print indexes and bibliographies. There is no fee for this service. For more information or to set up an appointment, stop by the reference desk or call Linda Hildebrand at 370-2483.

• Computer search services - Through commercial vendors like DIALOG and BRS, the library has access to hundreds of different online databases, covering subject areas like physical and life sciences, education, the humanities, business and the social sciences. While this service is often used by faculty and graduate students, it is offered to all OU students. There is a charge for this service because of the cost of online searching of sophisticated, commercially generated databases. For more information or to set up an appointment, stop by the reference desk or call Kris Condie at 370-2469.

### Environmental series

CIFO, the Honors College and the Environmental Studies Program environmental film series continues today at noon. The screening of "More for Less", a 57 minute movie, will be held in 215 O'Dowd Hall.

### Philosophical meeting

The philosophy club at OU is sponsoring a discussion of the following topic: "Should the United States maintain its current policies regarding the military and national defense after the demise of the Soviet Union and the subsequent end of the Cold War?" The discussion will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge in the Oakland Center. All majors are welcome.

### Job fair comes to OCC

The ninth annual Michigan Collegiate Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Over 100 public and private employers will be present to interview graduating seniors for entry-level positions. Free parking is available and the registration cost is \$20.

### Thanksgiving food drive

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is collecting Thanksgiving food donations in boxes located by CIFO, J.W.'s in the Oakland Center and by the Financial Aid window in North Foundation Hall. The food drive to benefit The Pontiac Lighthouse will run from November 1 to 14.

### Self-study requested

Library Dean Sue Frankie, a guest speaker at Monday's OU Student Congress meeting, said that the library and the university need to go into a "major self-study".

Frankie said the university should look at how it is working with students and their (library's) adequacy.

# Lepley Center has a bad week

## Electrical fire clears building, extinguished by employees

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

A small electrical fire broke out in a heater fan unit in the ceiling in Lepley Sports Center's men's locker room on Monday afternoon, causing minor damage to the swim team's room.

OU swim team member Sean Peters smelled something burning and noticed the vent fan and fluorescent lighting fixture smoldering.

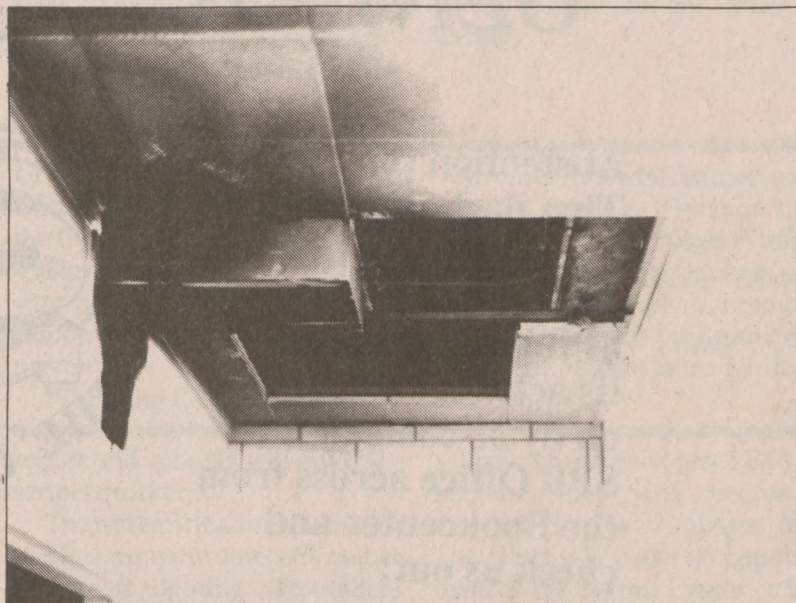
Peters alerted Lepley Facility Manager Steve Lyo, who with the aid of other Lepley employees,

used fire extinguishers to douse the burning fan and light fixtures.

OU police arrived on the scene at 4:30 p.m. and called the Auburn Hills Fire Department. A fire alarm was pulled, and the building was evacuated for approximately 20 minutes.

By the time the Auburn Hills Fire Department was dispatched, the fire had been extinguished. There were no injuries.

Damage to the locker room consisted of a destroyed fan unit and light fixture, plus the smoke and fire extinguisher foam damage.



Blackened ceiling tiles and fan duct show where the electrical fire started.

## Rain water buckles gym floor boards

By ERIC DEMINK  
Copy Editor

What was a small roof leak in the gymnasium at the Lepley Sports Center has turned into a much larger problem for Campus Facilities and Operations (CF&O).

The leak, which occurred about six weeks ago after an overnight rain, allowed a large amount of water to be deposited on the gym floor.

According to Steve Lyo, Lepley's facility manager, CF&O See FLOOR page 3

## Democracy in action



Not so subliminal thoughts convey political voting suggestions (left) while Rochester Hills residents (above) vogue as they vote at Rochester Adams High School, Madonna's high school, Tuesday.

## Packard inauguration festivities set

By MARGAERT O'BRIEN  
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After a couple of inevitable erasures and switches, the schedule of events for the week of President Sandra Packard's inauguration is ready to be written in ink, according to committee members in charge of planning.

"We're just fleshing out those last minute details now," Beth Millwood, assistant registrar and co-chair of the inauguration com-

mittee said yesterday.

Millwood said she was pleased with the committee's progress and especially the 660 people who responded to invitations and said they planned to attend the ceremony or special events planned for the week.

A 15-member inauguration committee, that involved faculty, staff and a student, has spent the last few months planning every detail of the ceremony from invitations to the donation of a \$2,000

bronze medallion to be presented to Packard.

Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences David Downing, who chaired the events subcommittee, said coordinating events for faculty was relatively easy because "everybody has been really enthused."

That enthusiasm brought an overwhelming number of responses from faculty members offering to open up their lectures See INAUGURATION page 3

## Tuition raised an average of 10% survey says

Campus Press Service

The average student at a four-year public institution will pay a whopping 10 percent more for tuition and fees in 1992-93 according to a new survey from the College Board.

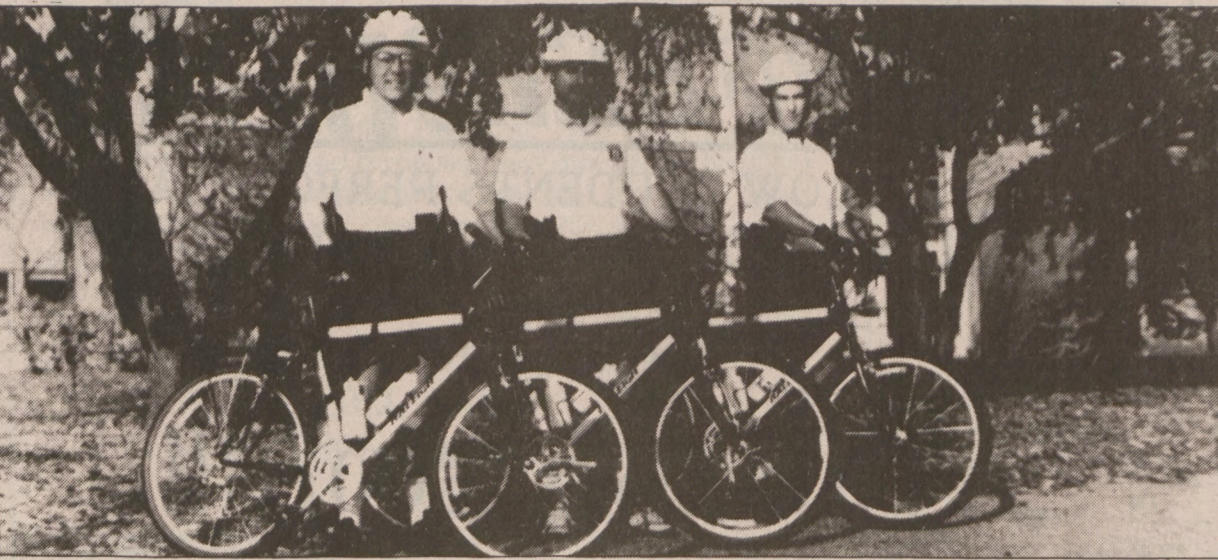
The average tuition fee and charges for in-state students was \$2,315 at public four-year colleges or universities, the survey said, which comes to 10 percent more than in 1991-92.

The survey also states that tuition and charges at two-year public institutions averaged \$1,292, which also reflects a 10 percent increase.

At private institutions, tuition and fees average \$10,498 at a four-year college or university, and \$5,621 at a two-year college, increases of seven and six percent respectively over last year.

The increases were not as high as anticipated.

"Given the state of the econ-



OU Public Safety has become the 10th educational facility in Michigan to start a mountain bicycle patrol. Posing with their bikes Sergeant Mark Godwin and officers Dave Birkholz and Mark Gordon.

## OU police start pedaling for safety

By BRYAN LUXON  
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Don't be surprised if on one of these temperate late fall days you spot the latest division of the Oakland University Police around campus, it's the mountain bicycle patrol.

Oakland will become the 10th educational facility in Michigan to utilize the new law enforcement tool. The bike patrol originated in Seattle, Wash., and is now found in many communities around the state including Pontiac and Traverse City.

Project supervisor Sergeant Mark Godwin and officers Dave Birkholz and Mark Gordon will integrate the three-bike unit into regular patrols in the spring. They hope it will bring closer relations with OU community people.

"Police typically have an untouchable image because a lot of their job is done from inside a patrol car," Godwin said. "We're hoping to break that barrier down so we can be more closely linked with the community. It's a lot easier to talk with a cop on a bike than in a car."

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## Congress debates scope of liaisons

By MARINA SHARA  
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Oakland University Student Congress tabled a bill that would form a subcommittee entitled the Committee on Congressional Liaison with *The Oakland Post*, to address any "disparities" dealing with stories printed.

The bill, 92-03, was introduced by Congress member Chander Nijhon. Nijhon felt that something needed to be done to correct "false coverage of Congress."

However, he did say that he was not trying to put down *The Oakland Post*.

"This bill is not some sort of put down of the Post. In fact, the point of this bill is to build a bridge of communication with them," Nijhon said.

Many members, who originally supported the idea, expressed mixed feelings after reviewing the first letter to the editor addressing an Oct. 28 article "Congress adds and subtracts members, debates election."

"We wish to point out that the headline of this story ... is incorrect. The meeting witnessed two resignations and no new election to the primary membership of the body, thereby resulting in an overall decrease ('subtraction') in the size of Congress. There was no addition to the primary mem-

bership of the body," an unsigned letter attributed to the committee said.

A straw vote showed that the majority of the members felt that it needed to be revised.

"This bill is one of those things that looks a lot better on paper... the Post may not take it well. I don't ever think these articles will ever come on top," Congressman Joe Wydeven said.

Congress President Derek Wilczynski said *The Oakland Post* requested for Congress to address them with any problems.

Congress member Joel Gibson said the bill was a positive effort but that major revisions would be needed. Gibson said that future letters should be more simplistic and lack emotion.

Many members of Congress noticed cynicism the letter.

"If we are reading this and we see cynicism, who is to say they won't," Christine Wodkowski, Congress' office manager said.

Wodkowski also commented that the letters should not be published unless, "it is very important."

Other members said it is unnecessary to print the letters in the paper. "We have to remember it's their paper... we can't tell them what to print," Committee and Elections Coordinator Jennifer Schutt added.

## GRE test offered for first time on computer

By JOHN WILLIAMS  
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At first glance, less stress and taking the Graduate Record Examination appear to be mutually exclusive. Just because your academic future is on the line doesn't mean you have to be nervous about it, does it?

Not so anymore, say Educational Testing Service (ETS) officials and college administrators, due to the advent of the GRE general test that can be taken by computer.

"I really liked it. It wasn't as ponderous as taking the paper-and-pencil version. I felt like I was going at my own pace," Rosalinda Lidh, said a history major at Troy State University in Alabama.

As of Oct. 12, students can schedule an appointment to take

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