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The Black Panther Party. Militant party of the '60's and '70's.

Many thought they were thugs, hoodlums and violent perpetrators of the law.

Kathleen Neal Cleaver, former National Communications Secretary for the BPP, came to campus Monday to speak about the BPP.

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When Jack Wilson leaves his administrative posts in student affairs and counseling services for OU in July, it's a toss up as to who'll miss him the most. In his 26 years at OU, his contributions and responsibilities have touched nearly everyone and every department.

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OU, like many other universities, offers scholarships to athletes, but not all athletes are created equal. According to Athletic Director Jack Mehl, the most competitive teams receive the highest amounts of money.

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Congress president-elect thanks students for voter support and encourages them to keep involved.

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Russi to recommend Cronn Maine dean arrives on campus today

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Dagmar Cronn, dean of the College of Sciences at the University of Maine, is flying in tonight and will attend tomorrow's Board of Trustees meeting where she will be introduced to the Board as President Gary Russi's choice for VPAA.

Technically under the State Open Meetings Act, only the

Board of Trustees is authorized to extend an offer of employment.

Cronn is the only VPAA finalist being flown to Michigan on OU's expense. As of late Tuesday, both of the remaining two finalists, Stanley Liberty and Bernard Oliver said they had had no contact with OU.

Cronn's husband, Bob, confirmed flight plans yesterday, and said he will accompany her

on her Michigan trip which will last through the weekend.

Russi and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and VPAA Committee Chair David Downing flew into Maine last Thursday night to visit Cronn's campus on Friday.

Russi said at the search committee meeting last Tuesday he might visit a candidate's campus if any questions or concerns arose as to how the candidate

operates at his or her own campus.

Downing said that while at the University of Maine, he and Russi met with a variety of the campus constituents, including deans, students, faculty and vice presidents.

Cronn became the apparent front-runner in the search for a new VPAA when Marlene

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"I'm very, very confident in (Cronn's) candidacy,"

David Downing
CAS Dean,
Search Committee Chair

DADA DAY Celebrating art in original ways

By LIDIJA MILIC
Staff Writer

April Fool's Day practical jokes are sometimes embarrassing or even painful, depending on what kind of friends you have.

But yesterday in the OC, all jokes were plain funny, as the art history Department celebrated the day turning the serious art world upside down.

In some cases, literally. Some exhibited art was actually turned bottom up, like two paintings "stolen" from 3rd floor of Wilson Hall, the home of art history department.

The "thieves," art history students Steve Bowers and Brandy Hirschlieb, didn't feel a bit of remorse about taking the paintings off the walls.

"Everybody hates these paintings anyway," said Bowers, who is also the president of La Pittura, the student art organization that started the Dada day tradition 15 years ago.

Bowers called the project "The Purging of Wilson Hall."

"In the past month or so, we've been hanging them upside down, and nobody

even noticed," Bowers said. "Nobody will even know they're gone, and even if they do, nobody will miss them for sure."

Dada, an art form originated by Frenchman Marcel Duchamp in 1913, breaks the codes of artistic establishment and creates new, challenging and entertaining art with a humorous spin, often mocking famous art works.

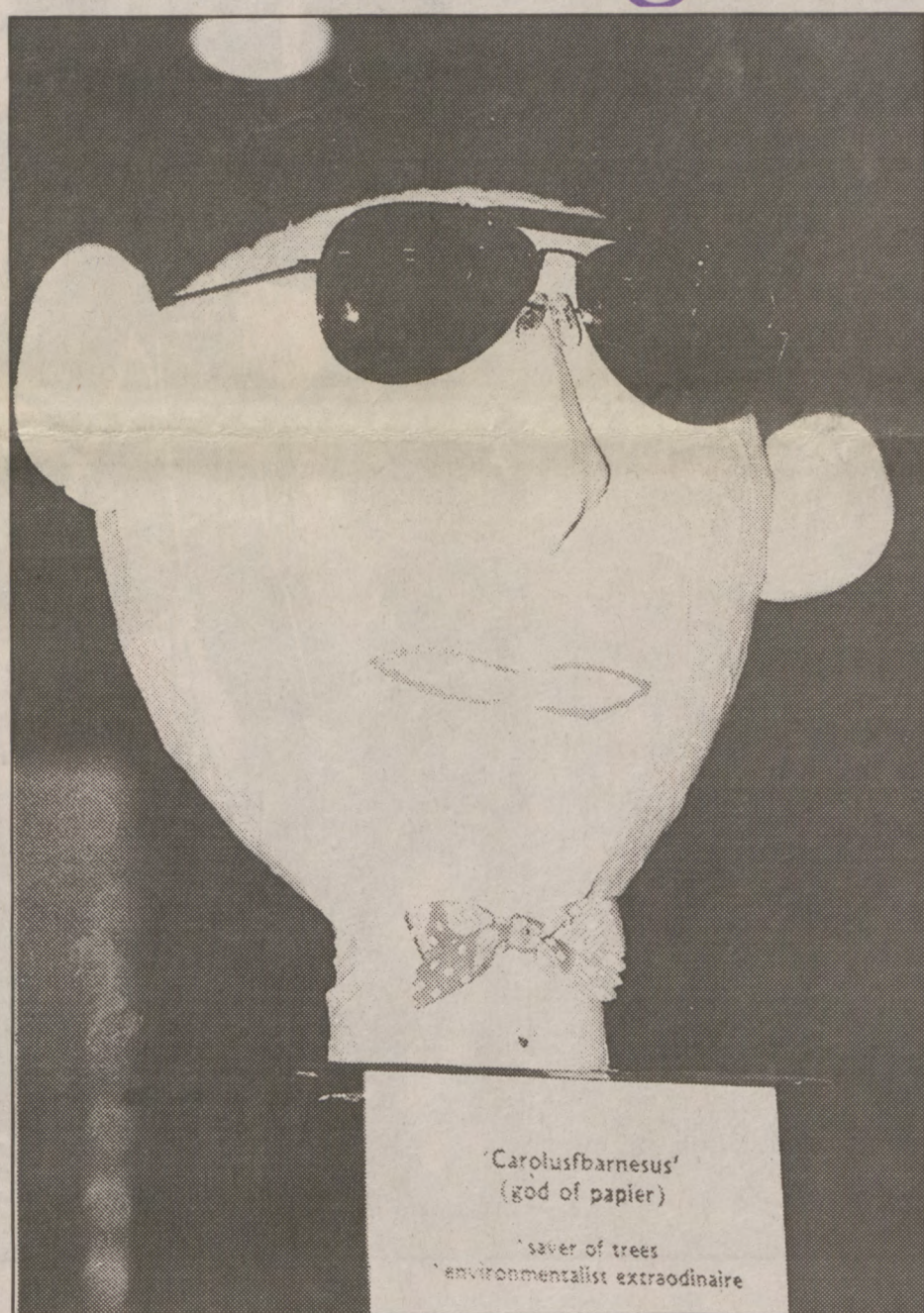
Rachel Yank's work captures the mocking spirit of Dada. Yank, a senior art history major, based her exhibit piece on the work of Rene Magritte, a photorealist whose famous 3-D looking painting of a pipe was named "Ceci n'est pas une pipe," translating to "This is not a pipe."

Yank's art piece is a framed page of her French term paper, with more red ink than her print on it. She calls it "Ceci n'est pas ma dissertation," or "This is not my term paper."

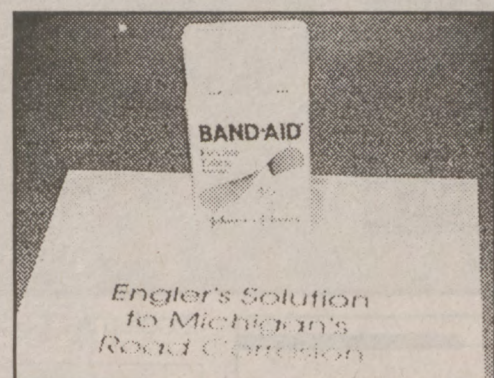
"This is actually graded. Isn't it terrible?" she said. "It's called 'no shame.'"

Another Dadaist was Lisa Ngote, curator of visual resources in the art and art history department. Her exhibit piece was called "Dis-Articulated Cloud, or Stormy Weather." It was a broken and

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HUMOROUS RENDITIONS: Art history professors and students came together to celebrate April Fool's Day by exhibiting art that makes fun of serious art. Works of art at the Dada Day exhibit included a 3-D caricature of an art history professor (far left) and a political statement of road conditions (immediate left). The exhibit was held yesterday in the Heritage Room of the OC, unlike last year's location on the third floor of Wilson Hall.

Women's basketball coach unexpectedly resigns

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

OU women's basketball coach Bob Taylor resigned unexpectedly last week after leading the Pioneers to their tenth 20-plus win year in his 11 seasons as coach.

His resignation is effective June 30, 1997.

Assistant Athletics Director Tracy Huth, who is also the women's swimming and diving coach, said the resignation occurred after a conversation between Taylor, Athletics Director Jack Mehl and Huth at about 5 p.m. last Wednesday.

Mehl accepted Taylor's resignation Thursday morning.

"Bob did not give me a reason why he resigned," Mehl said. "I hold no animosity towards Bob. I like him as a person and if he harbors some ill feelings, that's regrettable to me."

A search for a new coach will start before Taylor's resignation becomes effective. Taylor was earning \$40,086 per season on his current contract.

"It was a matter of principle," Taylor said. "It was something that I feel if I'm going to give my best effort, I don't want to do anything but (put forth) my best effort for the players."

The decision to step down wasn't a pleasant one, but one in which matters of beliefs got in the way, Taylor said.

"It was an emotional thing that had been building for some time," he said. Taylor did say however there was a disagreement between his top assistant coach of the past two seasons, Richelle Reilly and himself. Taylor wouldn't elaborate on the issue.

Reilly said she was shaken by his resignation.

"His decision is a complete shock and surprise to me," Reilly said.

"Obviously, for him to make this decision he had to feel strongly about it. I have a lot of respect for him as a coach and I appreciated the opportunity to learn from him. There are a lot of people that you might not get along with, but you can still work toward a common goal."

Ann Serra, a former OU All-American and the new Clarkston High School girls basketball coach said she too was stunned by the news. Serra was also an OU assistant coach for the 1991-92 season.

"Oakland just lost the best coach in the state of Michigan," said Serra. "He's a great, great man. It's a shame for the players who played for him and the players who are there now."

The OU women's program will soon face the transition period in connection with OU's decision to move to the Division I-AAA level. Taylor said however that the move from Division II to

Division I had nothing to do with his decision to resign.

Sophomore guard Courtney Ruffing said that after Taylor told the team of his decision, the players went to Mehl's office to express their concerns.

"There was anger, there was tears, there was frustration," Taylor said, describing his players' reaction to his stepping down.

Huth said he wishes Taylor the best in his future endeavors.

"It's extremely unfortunate that Bob felt that he needed to resign from his posi-



Bob Taylor
Women's
Basketball Coach

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