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## Summer tuition hike possible

# Financial uncertainty ends for OU

By Ritu Sehgal  
Editor-in-Chief

Several months of uncertainty and doubt over the level of financial support OU would receive from the state this year came to an end for university officials over the Christmas holidays.

The Governor signed into law a higher education appropriation bill on Dec. 22, assuring OU \$18,709,800 in state support for the 1980-81 fiscal year. The figure includes \$164,700 for the opening and operation of O'Dowd Hall.

The news was good for university officials who had built a budget on the assumption that OU would get \$18.5 million from the state for the current fiscal year. But worries over the continued

decline in Michigan's economy led Interim President George Matthews to admit that OU students could be facing another tuition hike in the summer semester.

"IF WE DON'T get any more money in '81-82 than in '80-81, we will have to raise tuition again in order to maintain our present standard of teaching," Matthews said. "How high (the increase) will be, I can't predict right now."

But Matthews says he is confident that OU can survive the rest of this year "if the Governor does not take any more money away from us" by issuing an Executive Order cutback later in the year.

The appropriation bill signed into law by Governor William

Milliken came three months after the start of the state's new fiscal year, and six months after the start of OU's new fiscal year. The bill consists of a \$635.4 million appropriation for higher education — a 4.7 percent decline over last year's appropriation for higher education. It calls for an across the board 5.1 percent reduction in financial support to all state-funded Michigan colleges and universities.

However, 10 Michigan colleges and universities have been given an additional sum of money for operating newly constructed buildings. These institutions include Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State College, Lake Superior College, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan

University, Saginaw Valley College, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, U of M Dearborn, Michigan State University, and Oakland University. As a result of these supplemental appropriations, the actual decreases in state support range from two percent to 5.1 percent for various Michigan colleges and universities.

OU's final 1980-81 budget is the product of several months of revisions made by the Executive Budget Committee, which had originally estimated a 4.7 percent increase over last year's state appropriation for OU. That increase never materialized, and budget committee members have been revising the budget downward since August.

MILLIKEN'S announcement in October of major cuts in the state's 1980-81 state budget had OU officials scrambling to come up with \$1 million the Governor ordered cut from OU's new state appropriation. Matthews quickly implemented several budget-cutting measures designed to keep the books balanced.

Since mid-November, the university has observed a complete hiring freeze in non-faculty employment, placed a moratorium on all new equipment purchases and out-of-state non-motorpool travel (except that which is mandated by faculty contracts), and the provost has been ordered to curtail new faculty appointments not absolutely necessary to maintaining a quality level of instruction. The freeze does not affect payments and purchases

funded from grants and mandated by faculty contracts.

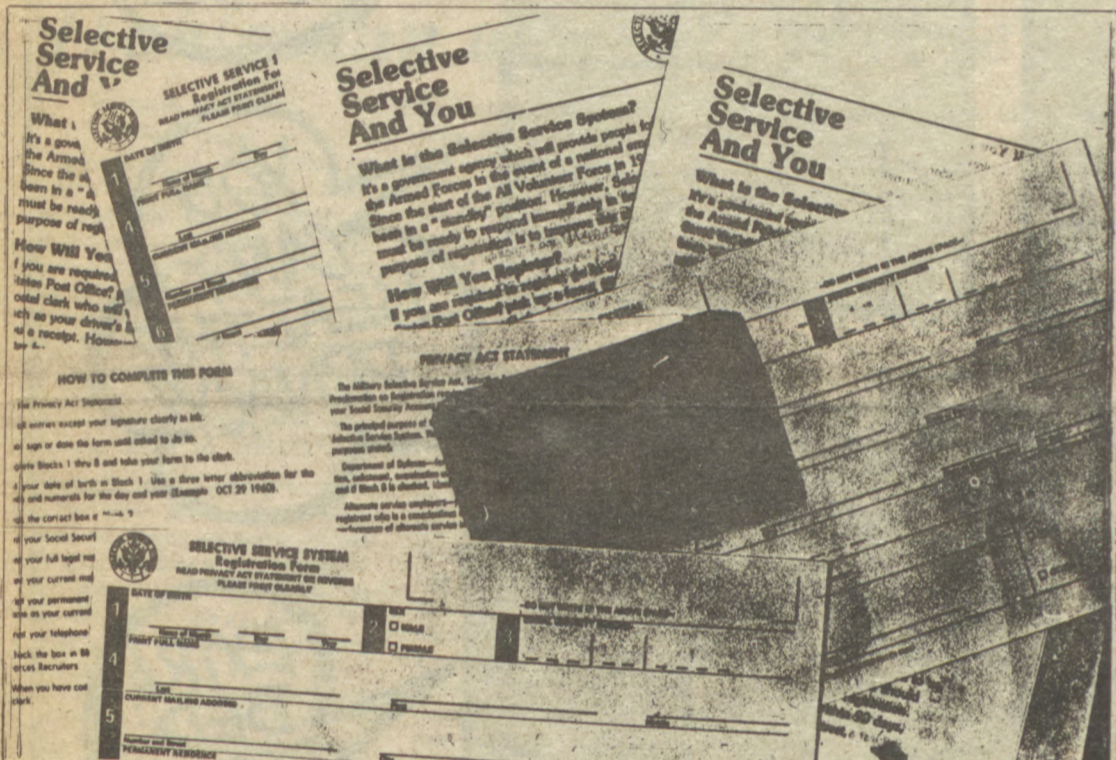
The university will raise \$286,000 from the tuition hike that went into effect this semester. The \$286,000 figure is net of \$9,833 set aside to increase need-based financial aid grants to students. The budget has been further trimmed by the termination of certain staff positions through attrition. In addition, an enrollment freeze — the first in OU's history — is expected to cushion the university against more budget problems.

OU's new budget also has a one percent contingency provision of \$316,131 built into it to protect the university in the event of an Executive Order cutback issued later in the year because of a worsening economy, according to OU Budget Director Ray Harris. If no such order is issued, Harris said the reserve will be carried over to the 1981-82 fiscal year.

"Any dollar we can carry over for next year will alleviate next year's budget problems," Harris said.

This final budget will be approved at this month's Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 21.

Members of the Executive Budget Committee have already started to work on the 1981-82 budget which should go into effect at the start of OU's new fiscal year on July 1. Despite Milliken's claims that Michigan's economy will improve by the start of the next fiscal year, most OU officials are predicting that next year will be worse than this year.



The second phase of registration for the Selective Service System began last Monday. But most OU students, even those who registered last week, aren't "losing any sleep over it."

## Selective Service sign-up begins

By Mark Marentette  
and  
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Staff Writers

Young men born in 1962 began the new year by registering for the Selective Service System, becoming the second group to do so since Congress authorized the process in 1979.

During the summer, approximately 3.68 million of the 3.88 million men eligible for the first round — those born in 1960 and 1961 — went to Post Offices across the nation to fill out registration forms.

About 1.9 million men were ordered to report Monday, January 5th through Saturday, January 10th for the second round. Men born in 1963, and

after, will be required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthdays.

THE ENTIRE Selective Service process, however, remains in the air for a variety of reasons, including legal proceedings initiated by anti-draft groups and President-elect Ronald Reagan's pre-election statements opposing the peacetime draft.

Furthermore, the issue of whether or not to include women in the registration process has yet to be resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court, and may further delay any decision from the Reagan transition team on the subject.

Yet, the Selective Service System may continue registering young men despite these problems.

Most anti-draft groups are uneasy about recent Reagan statements concerning the registration. They feel that Reagan may be softening his positions because of the influence of defense-minded advisors as well as the still unannounced decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Opposition to registration has not been as vigorous as it was during the 1960's when the burning of draft cards and the ransacking of draft offices were common. Reasons include the fact that the current action taken by Congress is merely a registration whereas in the 60's, there was an actual draft. The registration is merely a selection process which provides for a list of names of persons who are eligible for the draft.

Exemplifying this attitude, one OU student summed up much of the same feeling that many people of the draft age have shown, remarking, "Everybody has to sign up, but as far as actually going (to war) not many people would want to. No one is losing any sleep over it."

## Judge allows new OU president to take office

By Ritu Sehgal  
Editor-in-Chief

An Oakland County Circuit Court judge has cleared the way for the inauguration of OU's newly appointed president.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Alice Gilbert lifted on Dec. 17 a temporary restraining order which would have barred university officials from inaugurating Joseph Champagne, OU's new president. Champagne is presently Vice-chancellor at the University of Houston in Texas. The order had been issued after the Michigan Attorney General had filed a suit against OU's Board of Trustees in Nov. for alleged violations of the state's Open Meetings Act during the course of its year-long search for a new president.

The Act requires that public bodies having a quorum must interview all candidates for public office in a public forum. OU's Presidential Search Committee, which is comprised of the entire OU Board of Trustees, has held all its deliberations on the candidates applying for OU's presidency in closed meetings. It has contended that it is not violating the state's Open Meetings Act.

GILBERT'S RULING came after university attorneys filed for summary relief in the Attorney General's suit. University counsel James Howlett argued that the uncertainty caused by the restraining order, which Gilbert had issued at a previous hearing on Nov. 17, would cause undue hardship for OU's newly appointed first officer, who had personal matters to resolve prior to taking office at OU.

Gilbert ruled that the issue of whether injunctions should be issued against OU's Board of Trustees was now moot since the university had already selected its new president. However, the circumstances surrounding OU's presidential search process will serve as the basis for issuing a later interpretation of the Open Meetings Act for the Attorney General's office. The university, however, will not be liable for actions it has taken over the past year as a result of this interpretation of the Act.

THE PROCESS that OU has used in selecting its new president may soon receive the approval of the governor and state legislature which is considering a bill that seeks to amend the state's Open Meetings Act to allow public bodies to interview candidates for public office in closed meetings.

In the meantime, OU's new president is making preparations to take office at OU. Champagne is expected to arrive at OU on February 15. He will officially take office during the first week of March.

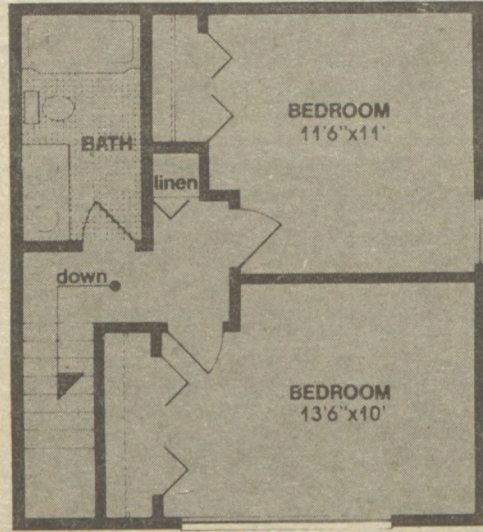
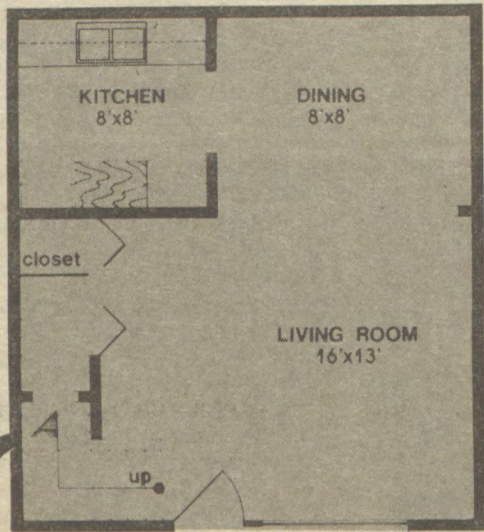
## Sail welcomes new editor

Ritu Sehgal, a senior journalism major, was recently named the new Editor-in-Chief of *The Oakland Sail* by the newspapers' Board of Directors.

Formerly the *Sail's* Managing Editor, Ritu has had extensive journalistic experience. She will be replacing Gail DeGeorge who resigned her post in December.

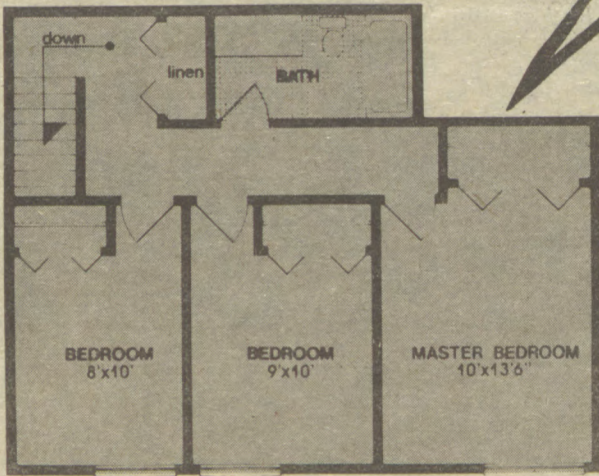
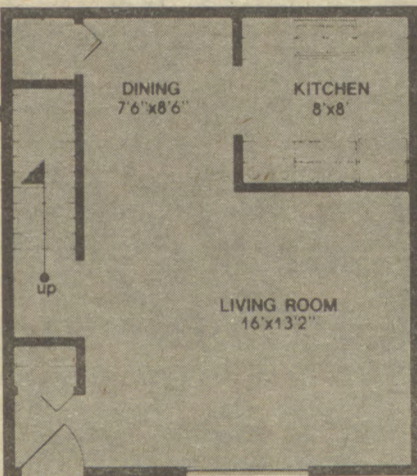
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# Beer Lake truck rescue, fire disrupt X-mas break

By Mary Ellen Burke  
Staff Writer

Fall semester closed with a bang on Dec. 15 as a 1973 blue Chevy pick-up rolled into Beer Lake from the Wilson parking lot.

The truck, which at first was believed to be occupied, was seen rolling into Beer Lake by OU Public Safety Officer Len Celletti. Celletti dove in after the truck, but because of the cold temperatures, could not dive deep enough or remain in the water long enough to get down to the truck.

As ambulances, fire trucks, and officers from Pontiac Township and OU's Public Safety arrived on the scene, the owner of the truck returned to the parking lot to find his vehicle totally submerged.

**THE STUDENT** said he had left the truck in neutral, with the parking brake engaged, in the second aisle of the lot. Apparently the parking brake failed and the vehicle rolled over the curb, knocking down a light pole and leaving

bare wires exposed. It then crashed through the ice into the lake.

As the broken light pole and other debris lay on the ice, a tow-truck pulled the vehicle from the lake approximately 45 minutes later.

Officer Celletti was treated for exposure and shock at the Public Safety building.

Earlier that same morning, Public Safety had been called to Hamlin Hall where a fire had broken out in an incinerator room on the sixth floor of the south wing of the dorm.

"This fire was similar to three other fires we've had in the past two years," said Mel Gilroy, investigator for Public Safety. "But we have no evidence to substantiate any belief in arson."

**THE FIRE STARTED** in a trash can in the incinerator room; fire alarms on the sixth floor failed to operate. No one was injured and there was little structural damage.

"The alarms had been tested Friday prior to the fire (Dec. 12) and they were operating fine," Gilroy said. "Apparently there was a problem with the master control and some electrical relay did not function."

Damage, which consisted of the trash can that burned, another trash container that melted from the heat, and water damage to the carpeting, was estimated at \$5,000.

Once the Christmas holiday began for the campus community, Public Safety enjoyed a rather quiet Christmas break this year. "I think we wrote up only about eight reports over the vacation," Gilroy said. "It was great!"

There were no major thefts reported in the dorms, only one traffic accident occurred, and there was a hunting complaint on the Meadow Brook Hall grounds and one report of malicious destruction of property on the site of the Married Student Housing project.

## He's in "Word of Honor"

# Dahlmann appears in special

By Mark Marentette  
Staff Writer

Members of the Oakland University community who watched the movie *Word of Honor* on television last week may have noticed a familiar face among the actors in the film.

Jerry Dahlmann, assistant director of General and Career Studies and a theater arts instructor at OU, played the part of a missing girl's father who sought help in tracing her whereabouts at a local newspaper.

The main theme of the story centered around a reporter (played by Carl Malden) who investigated the matter, and his refusal to release his sources after discovering that the girl had been murdered.

The movie was filmed entirely in Michigan, and the majority of the cast was selected from talent in the metropolitan Detroit area. For Dahlmann, who graduated with a degree in theater from Central Michigan University, and who

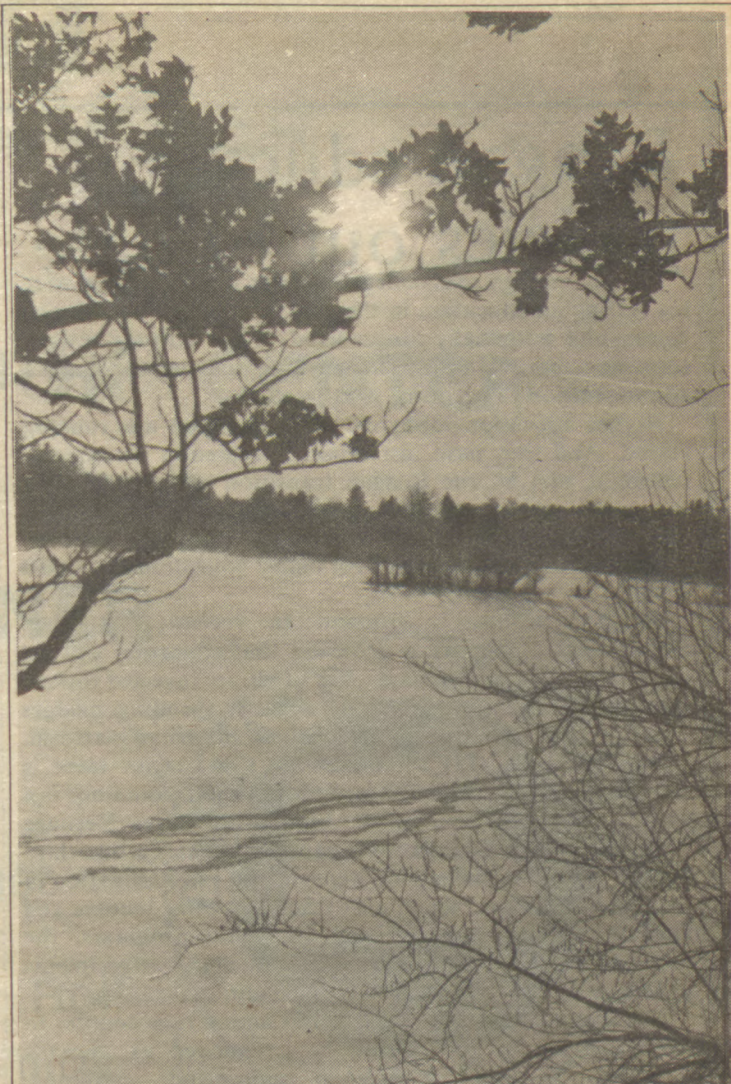
went on to continue his studies at Michigan State University, the role was just the latest in a long series of acting engagements he has had over the past years.

**IN ADDITION** to his work in *Word of Honor*, Dahlmann has had parts in the films *Blue Collar*, with Richard Pryor and Harvey Keitel, *Jimmy B and Andre*, with Alex Karras and Susan Clark, and *Detroit 9000*, with Alex Rocco and Hari Rhodes, as well as the television drama *The Secret Sader*.

Hired by the likes of General Motors, Montgomery Ward, Michigan National Bank and the Detroit Free Press, Dahlmann also has been involved in industrial training films and has appeared in over 50 television and radio commercials. Perhaps his most recognized commercial is the one in which he praises the 1980 Buick Le Sabre.

Actively engaged in theatre, Dahlmann has been on stage many times, including performing in

over 12 Meadow Brook Theater productions. As director of OU's Academy of Dramatic Arts, Dahlmann at one time staged Edgar Lee Master's *Spoon River* (See DAHLMANN, Page 11)



The Oakland Sail, Ted Villella

## Winter sunset

After a winter storm, there is the peace and tranquility of a winter sunset.

# Ride pooling attracts students

By Marian Czarnik  
Special Sail Writer

In the '50s college students stuffed themselves into automobiles for fun and fame. In the '80s OU students are setting local records for car cramming, not for the glory of Guinness, but for the economic reasons of saving gas, time and money.

These students participate in the OU Ride Pool, a computerized ride sharing system available to interested students, faculty, and staff members commuting to and from the university.

The Ride Pool, which originated in 1971, has been

computerized since 1974 in an effort to handle the increased amounts of interested commuters.

In the new system, a pooler fills out an information sheet obtained from CIPO listing his name, address, location and schedule. The system is driven by grid coordinates. A Large map outside of the CIPO office is divided into grids and numbered. These grid numbers, along with the student's schedule, provide the computer with the basis for matching students.

**STUDENTS RECEIVE** print-outs of this computer scan. It is then up to the individual students to contact others in their area and

time schedule, set up the ride pool, and register that pool with CIPO. The pool then receives a sticker to place on the automobile in use.

The benefits of ride sharing are many and varied. Ride pool cars are given preferential parking, with two lots on campus containing reserved areas for ride poolers. A student in a ride pool can save between \$225 and \$350 per semester in commuting costs.

Ride poolers have become aware of other advantages as well. Matt Mazurkeiwicz, an engineering student, has been in a ride pool for one and a half years.

(See RIDE POOLS, page 11)

## Sail Shorts

**JOSEPH KLAITS**, associate professor of history, has been awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers.

Klaits will spend the 1981-82 academic year in Paris and Strasbourg studying "Culture and Society in 18th Century Alsace."

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**THE ASSOCIATION** of Black Students will hold a special program this Thursday honoring civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King. Interim President George Matthews will make a proclamation at 1:30 pm in the Oakland Center Crockery. Walter Douglas, president of New Detroit, Inc. will be the guest speaker and the OU Gospel Choir will provide music for the program.

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**OU'S WINTER CARNIVAL** will feature a week long series of fun-filled events open to all members of the OU community. Carnival events include a week long series of sports competitions as part of the Winter Olympics, a snow sculpture contest, a week long indoor picnic sponsored by Saga, featuring summer foods, a Winter Ball in the Crockery, and a Gong Show in the Abstention. The Carnival will run from Jan. 26 to Jan. 31.

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**STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES** interested in commuting via a van pool can attend an organizational meeting sponsored by the N.W. Detroit Van Pool Interest Group on Tuesday at 4 pm in Room 125 of the Oakland Center. Persons participating in the pool must live within a five mile radius of Greenfield and West Eight Mile Road. If unable to attend the meeting, call Gwen Heard at 377-3481.

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