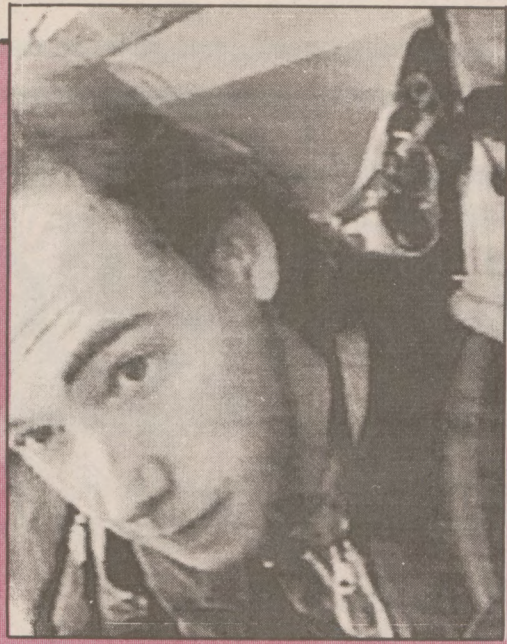


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Opinion

Binkley, Opus, Bill the Cat and crew from 'Outland' now appear weekly in *The Oakland Post*. See page 4.

Features

Does jumping out of an airplane and plummeting 10,000 feet sound like fun? A Post reporter lives to tell about his first skydiving free-fall.

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Sports

Pioneers, ranked tenth nationally in NCAA II, win two with two games left in the regular season and hope for post-season tournament bid.

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Briefly...

Board meetings

The Board of Trustees will convene in an open meeting Thursday Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Vandenberg Hall Lounge (formerly Beer Lake Yacht Club).

The University Affairs Advisory committee will meet today at 4 p.m. in rooms 126 and 127 of the Oakland center. The Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee will also meet today at 4 p.m. in room 125 of the Oakland Center.

Multicultural forum

After recent problems with racial graffiti in bathrooms and in various places on OU's campus, the Oakland University community will hold a forum to improve race relations on campus. All races will come together Nov. 9 in the Hamlin lounge at 8 p.m. to communicate, exchange ideas and seek commonality. For more information call 370-2987.

Psychology Series

Psi Chi, the psychology club will present speaker, Gergann F. Fuller. She will discuss psychological trauma, sudden traumatic death, grief and loss and coping with grief at the holidays Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pryale Hall conference room.

Fuller has a masters in social work from the University of Michigan and a specialist degree in clinical psychology.

Global Preservation

Jungle Pharmacy, depicts the essence of tropical rain forest resource and natural development. The movie will be shown Nov. 3 in Annex 1 of the Oakland Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Living species, sources of medicines and indigenous cultures are discovered as well as the depletion of these sources of natural resource.

The series will feature the movie Rivers of Fire Nov. 10 in Annex 1 of the Oakland Center.

Students sick at Kresge

By ROBERT CARR
Staff Writer

Studying at Kresge library at Oakland University can be a long and boring task, especially if you're trying to cram for an exam.

However, Cathy Stramaglan, said she doesn't want to study in that building for very long, and for a good reason.

"On Sunday, October 17, a

Ventilation may be to blame for ailments

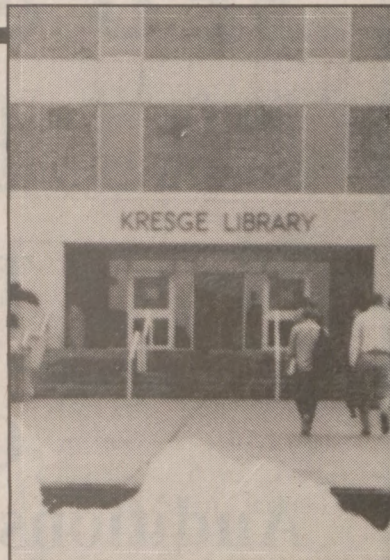
friend and I were studying for an accounting 301 exam on the third floor at Kresge," Stramaglan said. "We were there about four hours, from 4 to 8 p.m. Sometime between 6 and 7 o'clock, I began to notice I was getting light-headed."

Stramaglan said that at first she didn't worry, she thought that maybe she just had been there too long. She had experienced dizzy spells before at Kresge, and thought she just needed some food. That was until she looked down and made

a strange discovery.

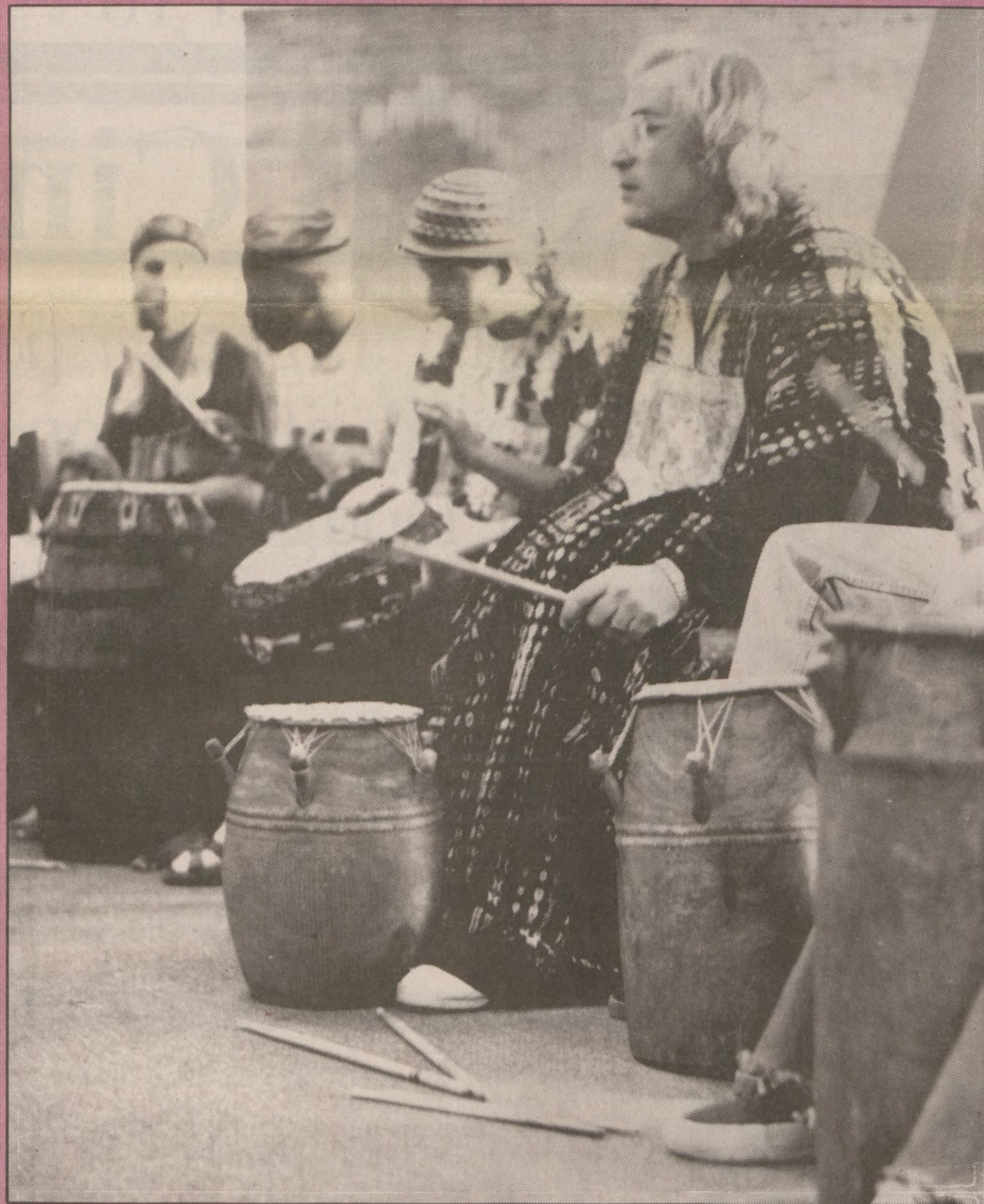
"I looked down at my hands, and noticed my fingernails had turned blue," Stramaglan said. "My friend's nails were blue, also." In a telephone interview in which he refused to give his name, her friend denied that his nails had changed color, but acknowledged that Kathy's had been blue.

Stramaglan said that the next See LIBRARY page 3



The quality of the air in Kresge Library has been questioned by several students recently.

We got the beat.



Students of Nana Boachie-Yiadom's West African drumming class perform during last Thursday's lunch break in Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge.

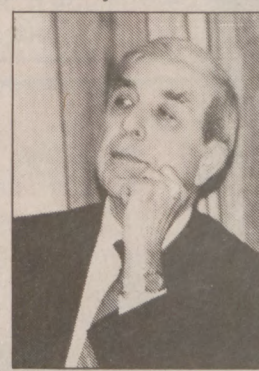
Packard tracks money trail to East Lansing

By ROBERT CARR
Staff Writer

You would imagine that a university president's life would be hectic. Attending different functions, chairing numerous meetings on campus; the outside world seems far away and meaningless.

However, Oakland University President Sandra Packard doesn't just stay here on campus, she makes countless visits to the state capitol to lobby OU causes.

"I was in Lansing two days this week," Packard said Friday. "I'm making sure the legislators know about us



DeCarlo

and will care about us."

Lobbying support from Lansing is a complicated affair. The two main players, the Senate and the House of Representatives, both have sub-committees that deal with appropriations (money set aside for institutions). These committees

have sub-committees for higher education.

School administrators go to Lansing to lobby members of these committees for state appropriations. Sometimes it helps to go even higher.

"I paid a courtesy visit to Governor John Engler last year," Packard said. "He had 15 minutes set aside for me, but he spent an hour and a half talking, he was very positive about our university."

She said OU is very respected in Lansing, very well-known, and our presence is growing. She attributed some of this growth to John DeCarlo, senior vice-president general counsel.

"We're building on 24 years of political contacts with the legislature," DeCarlo said. "I go up once a week, and if there are important meetings I go two or three times a week. We meet with critical committee members to provide critical data and information regarding OU's needs and its objectives."

He said that the school administration also invites legislators to campus in order to confer with them regarding OU's needs.

One of those recent needs was funding for a new science and See PACKARD page 3

Plan helps bridge cultural differences

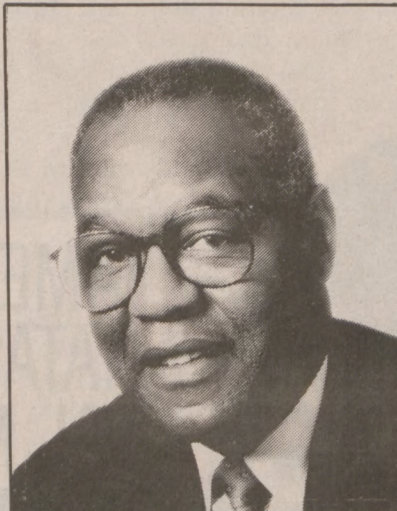
By ROBERT CARR
Staff Writer

Oakland University's bi-annual Affirmative Action Report was presented to the Board of Trustees last month with one goal in mind for OU, according to Catherine Rush the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.

"The primary motivation is that diversity is good for the university," Rush said. Women and minority hiring increased during 1992-93.

The report is based on OU's Affirmative Action Plan, a policy that was adopted by the OU Board of Trustees on May 20, 1981. It stresses "equal opportunity in hiring and employment," and that "no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, sex, age, handicap, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, or veteran status."

Rush said that the report she gives twice a year is "sort of like a report card." She said that



Trustee chairman James Sharp believes OU's affirmative action plan helps people respect cultural differences. When there are vacancies to be filled in the university, broad outreach is made to people who would have these skills. Also, when the hiring process begins,

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Employee morale views differ among OU staff

By KEN POWERS
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"Hello," freshman worker Tabatha Chapa at Sweet Sensations says to an impatient customer. "Can I take your order please?" she asks with a friendly smile.

After the customer sneers at her and rattles off his order, Tabatha patiently gives him his order and to her surprise, he leaves her a tip.

While the Campus Family task force states that most employees do not find Oakland University to be an "employee friendly" place to work, several employees like Chapa enjoy their jobs as well as serving the campus community.

The task force, which is part of a strategic planning process to meet the goals of OU's mission and vision statements, is composed of OU employees and people outside the university. They also research