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Despite his resignation last fall as financial assistant for Student Congress, Walter Tornopilsky re-entered the realm Monday when he gained a vacant seat on congress—as a voting member this time. Tornopilsky's decision to leave his position last fall left many Congress members unsure about whether to vote the former cabinet member back in.

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Religious music of the 21st century is the theme for the second annual Lettie Alston and Friends performance where music, theatre and dance faculty will showcase new works by living composers at Varner Hall this Sunday.

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OU didn't exactly play to the best of its abilities this past week but was able to secure three victories against a couple of GLIAC cellar dwellers and a non-conference opponent.



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A freshman student raises questions about an editorial on abortion that ran in last week's edition.

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Ice arena studied; hockey an option

Division I hockey could be in OU's future if Auburn Hills builds an ice arena on campus

By SALLY TATO and CHRIS TAIT
News Editor and Sports Editor

Division I hockey could be the brass ring OU wants to grab if results from a feasibility study conducted by Auburn Hills show it's the right move for the university and the city.

Hired in October, the University of Michigan Sports Facilities Research Laboratory will have results of the multi-purpose survey next month, said Pat Greve, assistant city manager for Auburn Hills.

"What precipitated this is that OU approached the city and said it had interest in Division I hockey, and it was seeing if Auburn Hills was interested in being the owner of an arena on campus property.

"We scratched our heads and thought

about it and said maybe but we wanted a study first," Greve said.

Surveys were distributed to some residents and business owners in Auburn Hills with the intentions of determining interest in a city-funded ice arena.

Additionally, surveys were also distributed to students on campus to determine OU's interest in a hockey team, as well as other on-ice activities, like figure skating.

The deciding factor, however, probably rests on whether OU is successful in

getting Division I hockey, Greve said.

"There is no inherent desire (to build an ice arena) if OU doesn't get Division I hockey," Greve said. "It's a good core to support the cost of an arena which would in turn give good reason to build it and allow others to use



Jack Mehl

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"Four hundred years of racism, and the one thing we do know is that things are better when we talk."

Shea Howell



The RACE For Diversity

Funds in flux for faculty-formed program to help OU deal with racial issues

By SUZY SHOLZ
Special Writer

A faculty initiated series of discussions aimed at reducing racial tensions and misunderstandings may be derailed by bureaucratic wrangles between the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Faculty members Kevin Early and Shea Howell want to steer a program aimed at initiating conversation on campus between different races with intentions of educating the OU community on cultural diversity.

"After the O.J. trial and the Million Man March, it was clear to everyone in the U.S. how different African-Americans and Euro-Americans view the world. Due to that, we believe OU needs a lot of different forums to communicate," said Howell, professor of communication.

Early, an assistant professor of sociology, thinks a program like this is long overdue.

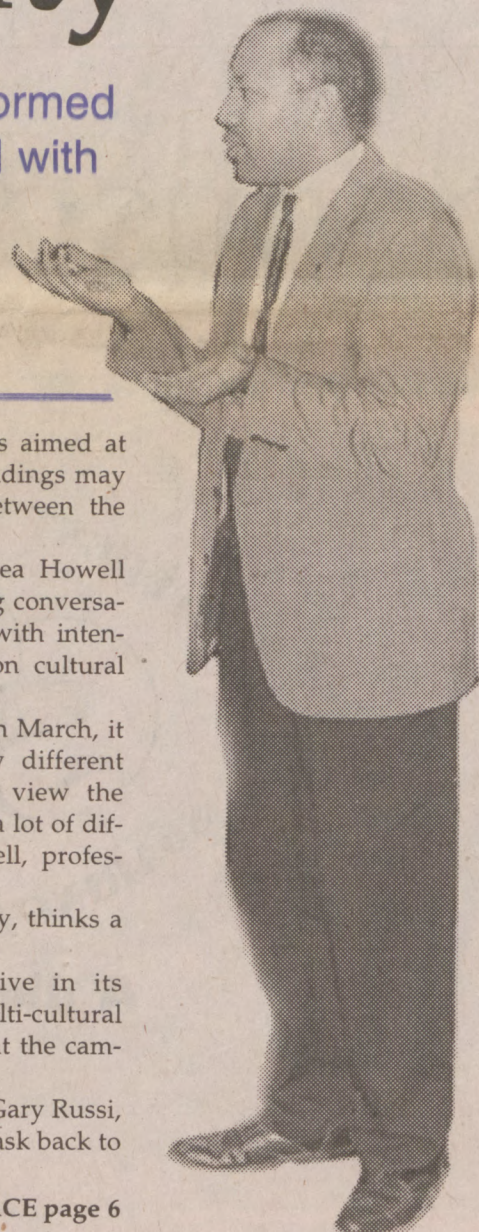
"This institution has been conservative in its attempts to make this campus a diverse multi-cultural environment," Early said. "We just felt that the campus needs to be moving at a faster pace."

The two, in a letter to Interim President Gary Russi, asked him to take the lead. He turned the task back to

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"I think it's time for our Board of Trustees to stop playing politics, set egos aside, and do what's best for Oakland University and its community."

Kevin Early



Ire raised over sports parking fee

By ERICA BLAKE
Editor in Chief

The new \$2 parking fee for games has Anibal and Fitzgerald students feeling displaced and they're fighting back.

The residents of Anibal and Fitzgerald Halls are joining together to bring attention to the problems caused by the "The residents of Anibal new parking fees set up in the Lepley Sports Center parking lot during sporting events. This forces us to either pay,

Although 25 spaces have been set aside in that lot specifically for the use as overnight parking, Anibal A-wing Resident Assistant

and fee collectors prevent residence hall students from parking there without paying the fee.

"The student's perspective is that in the lot directly behind Lepley has overnight parking which the residence hall students use," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of the residence halls. "They don't feel as though they should have to pay, and I agree."

Alternative solutions to the problem force students to park in the lots adjacent to Varner Hall or east of the residence halls, areas most residents of Anibal and Fitzgerald find well out of their way.

"The residents of Anibal are angry that the sports teams have been allowed to charge for parking," said Stacey Hoffman, Anibal A-wing Resident Assistant. "This forces us to either pay,

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Student takes the reigns during a one day switch with Interim Pres. Russi

By SARA CALLENDER
Special Writer

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you were president of Oakland University?

The Golden Key National Honor Society will give one student the chance to show off his or her political abilities by participating in "President For A Day."

By purchasing raffle tickets, students will have their names entered in a drawing. One student will then be chosen to take part in a president/student exchange with Interim President Gary Russi on Monday from 1-5 p.m.

The President's Office is setting up some special meetings for the student

to attend, but the rest is left up to Russi. Meanwhile, Russi will be busy taking notes in the student's classes or participating in any extra-curricular activities.

"Although no earth shattering decisions will be made (by the student)," said Golden Key Co-President, Michelle Malotke, "it will be interesting to see how the student takes on responsibility."

Golden Key designed the event to function as an eye-opener for the students and the president to gain more interaction amongst the two.

"We are doing this more or less for the students," said Golden Key Co-President Heather Nicholson. "We

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University mourns death of professor, adviser

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

Students used to pack the hall outside of Communication Professor Don Hildum's office on the fifth floor of Wilson before early registration to seek his advice on class requirements for the major.

His advice will be sorely missed.

Hildum died of complications from cancer on Monday, Feb. 5.

"He was always giving words of advice," said Michael Simon, former Student Congress president and a past student of Hildum's. "It's funny because every person I know who had him in the past always says the same thing. They say that even though they sat in class in a daze, a couple of years down the road you smack your head and say 'I got it, that's what he meant.'"

Colleagues and alumni knew the importance Hildum placed on students and honored him twice with an Outstanding Academic Advising award from the College of



Don Hildum

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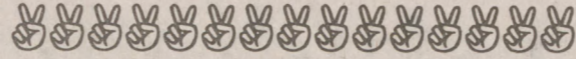
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Outcome of the January 29th meeting of the OUSC

- Committee members were nominated and approved to the Returnables Committee.
- Resolution 96-06 which resolved that the Oakland University Student Congress support the passage of bill S1312, *The Middle Class Education Opportunities Act of 1995* was passed unanimously.
- Resolution 96-07 which resolved that the Oakland University Student Congress support the passage of bill HR2431, *The IRA Self-Loan Act* was passed unanimously.

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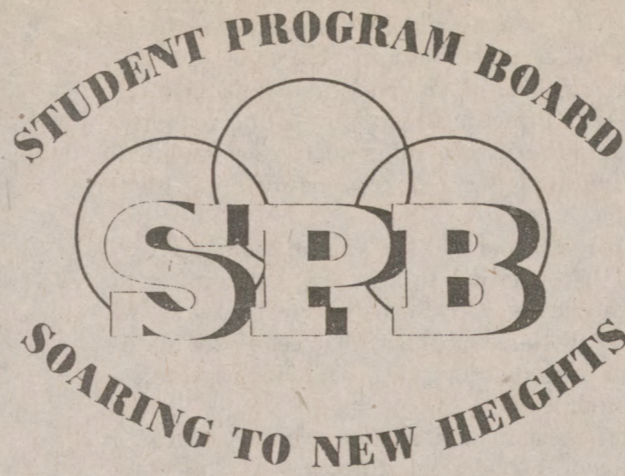
Are you creative? A team player? Then join the committee responsible for course evaluations, bookswaps, and administering Congress scholarships. Those interested should contact Hemant Mahamwal at x4294.

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for March/April allocations are due Monday, February 19th by 3:57 p.m.

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We're always looking for good people. Whether you just have one hour or twenty we can use you. So come down to our office at 19E O.C. or call us at #4295.



Get your tickets to see **WOMEN OF THE CALABASH** at the CIPO Service Window and Varner Recital Hall. Come see this dynamic group perform on Saturday, February 17!



Tired of paying Beaucoup Bucks to go to a movie? Students, employees, and Alumni Association members with valid current University I.D. will be admitted at the Showcase Theater in Auburn Hills for a discounted price of \$3.75 Sunday through Thurs



Don't miss the COFFEEHOUSE this Saturday on Feb. 10, at 8:00 in the Abstention. Come see VINCENT YORK'S NEW YORK FORCE!!! As always - FREE ADMISSION!

Are you stuck here for your **SPRING BREAK???????** If so, why not spend the weekend in our home town - **DETROIT?** The cost is only \$55 per student. Get you tix at the CIPO Service Window now, while spots are still open.