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Team loses six games, including two to Ferris State.

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Professor and new president conflict in their views about university's purpose.
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Briefly ...

Diversity Class

The Faculty Senate last Thursday approved a proposal to require students to complete as a graduation requirement at some time in the future, a course which will include at least three weeks on ethnic diversity. The course could be a general education class, a course within a major or minor, or an elective. The proposal will not go into effect until sufficient courses to satisfy the requirement are approved by a subgroup of the General Education Committee.

Forensics Team

The OU forensics team left Monday morning for a 10 day national competition in Mankato, Minn. with money from donations from various campus departments. Those who contributed include: Student Affairs, \$2,000; President's office, \$2,000; Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism, \$750; Academic Affairs and Provost, \$1,000 and Congress, \$500. The team needed \$5,000 to send 17 qualifying members and some additional funds to pay off a deficit.

Mini-Vacations

Women of Oakland University is sponsoring a talk on short and creative mini-vacations in Michigan with a representative from Berkley Travel today in the Gold A room in the Oakland Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Outstanding AP

Assistant Registrar for Records, was Elizabeth Millwood, was honored as the 1992 outstanding Administrative Professional after 15 years at a reception in the OC Monday afternoon.

Award Nominations

Members of the university community are invited to nominate faculty members for the 1992 College of Arts and Science Alumni Association Outstanding Academic Advising Award to be given at commencements June 6. Nominations should include a brief statement of why the nominees deserve to receive the award and should be turned in Friday, April 24. Call 370-4571 for further information.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Broadway director and choreographer Authur Faria will stage the Tony Award winning play "Ain't Misbehavin'" to Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University starting April 23 for a four-week run. Meadow Brook is also presenting Chicago's Puppet Place Theatre in a special children's performance of "The Firebird" on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. Call 377-3300 for ticket information.

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Collection

The OU Jewish Student Organization/Hillel is collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for use by new immigrants to Israel from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. Call 370-4257 for further information.

Wellness House Benefit

Pontiac night club Industry and the Center for Creative Studies are teaming up to present "Creative Visions for Life," an art show with works from CCS students and faculty to benefit the Detroit Wellness House, a hospice facility for AIDS patients, on April 14. General admission is \$5. For further information call Industry at 334-1999.

Budget cuts are deep, inevitable

By ROBERT PARKER
News Editor

Oakland University, in an effort to combat a zero increase in state appropriations for next year and tough economic times, put its \$64.5 million operating budget under the knife.

University divisions, including Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Office Finance and Administration have been forced reduce their operating budgets for the 1992-93 academic year.

Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, said her office was originally targeted to cut \$425,000 from its \$5.8 million general fund budget.

"Targets (for reductions) were established by the Budget Office," Bledsoe said. "Although, we had been exploring areas where we could save money."

"Some things identified by the Budget Office, like Graham Health Center, I disagreed with."

According to Bledsoe, the Budget Office had suggested the possibility of turning Graham Health Center into a "first-aid station", and reducing the staff at the neighboring counseling center to one professional.

"An examination of that option will continue, but I was not ready to make that shift yet," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe's cut-back proposal includes a \$31,700 elimination of support to expand the orientation program, a \$25,300 elimination of an engineering co-op placement position and a \$14,700 elimination of stipends to faculty overseeing rhetoric.

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OU evaluating Sunset Terrace renovations

By JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writer

OU is evaluating renovation needs and expenses for Sunset Terrace, the on-campus house new OU president Sandra Packard is scheduled to move into this June.

The 20-room home, which was built in 1953 and overlooks Meadow Brook Music Festival, has been used as a conference center since former president Joseph Champagne moved out in 1986, Paul McDowell, assistant managing director for Meadow Brook

Hall, said.

The house is currently under the direction of Meadow Brook Hall, but will become the responsibility of campus facilities and operations (CF&O) as it now undergoes renovations in preparation to become a residence once again, Alan Miller, assistant vice president of CF&O, said.

"They (the renovations) range from minor changes to very significant items," Miller said. "They range from critical to nice-to-have."

Miller said a major problem is a See SUNSET page 8



A view from the circular living room of Sunset Terrace.

Signs of spring(s)



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It's spring. As sure as the Robin comes, so does discarded dorm furniture. This family-room armchair showed up outside the OC on Monday morning.

Board approves compensation

By AL COOK
Staff Writer

It's a deal.

The final document has yet to be signed by either party, but last Wednesday, OU's Board of Trustees telephoned Dr. Sandra Packard to perform the electronic handshake that completed the presidential search.

"Dr. Packard and her attorney are satisfied with the current version of her contract," Board of Trustees Chairman Howard Sims said.

The details of her employment contract were approved Wednesday at the board meeting and announced by Trustee Larry Chunovich.

Her term of office will begin on June 15 and continue "at the pleasure of the board," but she will be available for consultation immedi-

ately on signing.

The contract is modelled on President Joseph Champagne's 1991 agreement.

It indexes his salary of \$120,000 by five percent annually to arrive at Packard's 1992-1993 compensation of \$132,000, payable in equal monthly installments.

But it does not contain any future indexing provisions or cost-of-living clauses.

In addition she will receive the use of a university automobile which she will choose, along with options, subject to the approval of the finance and personnel committee.

She is entitled to 22 days annual paid vacation, holidays and recess time, 130 sick leave days annually, and an audited expense account, the value of which has yet to be determined.

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Local companies submit bids to operate OU Bookcenter

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

Three book store companies have been asked to submit a proposal outlining how they would do at least as good or better job operating the Bookcenter.

Barnes & Noble, Follett, and the Nebraska Book Co. have been asked "based on your experience what would you do," Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs,

said.

"I'm telling each company that last year I did \$3.6 million in sales and that we are a comprehensive university," Wilson said. "I ask that they tell me how they will run it (Bookcenter)."

The Board of Trustees finance and personnel committee decided last week to ask for a less formal proposal because it thought it would be premature to formally bid it out without more information," he said.

The plan to possibly outsource the Bookcenter is part of university's search to solve its severe budget crunch.

"Outside companies can probably produce \$150,000 more in profit. But not at the student's expense," Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration, said. "The book stores are multi-million dollar companies and they have ways to make money."

Last week, Keith Kleckner, vice

president for academic affairs and Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, presented the faculty senate with a "budget in review," in which the university is expected to reduce its budgets q3 by \$2.5 million.

Bledsoe was given six weeks to come up with a plan to cut \$500,000 or 25 percent out of student affairs' \$2 million budget.

One way that would ease the crunch is to increase profits out of its

money-making operations such as the Bookcenter, according to Kleckner.

"We want service, inexpensive books and to make a lot of money," Kleckner told the faculty senate.

Wilson, in his letter sent to the companies Thursday, included a five-year history of the Bookcenter sales, beginning with 1988's sales and ending with projection of 1991-1992 budget. He also sent the Book-

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Expense account is a profitable perk

By MARGARET O'BRIEN
Editor in Chief

While university department budgets are being stretched to the breaking point, Interim President John DeCarlo has exceeded the set limits on his personal expense account by nearly \$3,000 for the last three quarters in 1991.

Expense accounts reveal that meals, flowers, gifts and nursing costs made up the bulk of the \$6,910.86 DeCarlo turned in for expenses in 1991. The first quarter of 1992 was not yet available.

DeCarlo spent \$3593.29 during the last quarter of 1991, exceeding the \$1,800 budget. He spent more than \$600 at Jacobsons for flowers to give as gifts including \$287 for azaleas to members of the Board of Trustees "as a thank you for the year's support."

DeCarlo wrote off other gifts including a \$20.23 present for Phys-

ics Professor Abe Liboff and his wife who invited the DeCarlos for Thanksgiving dinner.

Three dinners at Meadow Brook Hall during the fourth quarter ate more than \$2,000 of DeCarlo's expense account including a \$531 dinner in October to recognize "outstanding work of the OU negotiating team" and two \$700 dinners before Meadow Brook Theatre performances.

The university agreed this summer to pay nursing costs for the mother of DeCarlo's wife Marcell, to allow her to attend university functions such as dinners and Theatre luncheons and meetings. For the last quarter of 1991, nursing costs totaled \$265.

In 1989 and 1990 while serving as vice president for governmental affairs, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, DeCarlo stayed within his yearly \$3,000 limits spending \$2,237 and \$2,793 re-

Presidential Expenses

\$108 - Flowers
For University Party

\$531 - MBH Dinner
Contract Negotiation Team

\$702.40 - MBH Dinner
Introductory Dinner

\$287 - Azaleas
Gift to Board members

\$20.23 - Gift
Liboff Thanksgiving Dinner

\$21.15 - Cards
Holiday Greeting Cards

spectively.

DeCarlo receives the expense allowance in addition to a \$120,000 salary, university-provided car, \$19,000 in housing and tax reimbursements, life insurance, maid service, trash pick-up, yard maintenance, snow plowing, window cleaning, utilities, 30 days of vacation and three-months leave.

Tuition increase is a reality for OU students next year

By KYLE GREEN
Copy Editor

Every student's dreaded nightmare is going to come true.

A tuition increase is going to be a reality for the next academic year, maybe in the double digits, and should be decided at the May Board of Trustees meeting, Board of Trustees member, Larry Chunovich, said during last Wednesday's meeting.

Gov. Engler has provided a zero state funding increase, so a tuition hike is vital to the university, he said.

The Board is presently examining how to balance the university's budget with a mix of cut backs and cost saving measures, but a tuition increase is certain, Chunovich said,

who is also the Board's Finance and Personnel Committee chairperson.

"I see a tuition increase as absolutely unavoidable when you see it as a sole, absolute resource," Chunovich said.

State appropriations contributed 56 percent to last years OU's annual budget while tuition contributed 41 percent. Investment incomes, private donations and indirect cost recovery from grants provide the remaining three percent, according to Patrick Nicosia, Budget and Finance Planning director.

For the 1991-92 academic year, state appropriations totaled \$36 million while tuition and fees brought in \$26.5 million from the See TUITION page 8

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