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At the meeting Monday, Student Congress discussed the allocation of the Student Activity Fee budget.

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Women's volleyball team struggles through a rough week with a total of three losses.

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### FACTS

•THE OAKLAND POST is temporarily relocated due to renovations in the OC. The new office is located on the south end of campus, in Trailer B next to SEB.

•The Counseling Center will hold a Depression Screening Day on Thursday, Oct. 8. For more information, call (248) 370-3465.

•The Honors College is hosting the second lecture in this term's Faculty Forum series at noon Thursday, Oct. 8 in 112 Vandenberg Hall. Susan Wood, associate professor of art history, is the featured speaker with a presentation titled "Who is Juno Ludowski, Anyway?" Admission is free.

•The Rec Center may become the host of the June 1999 graduation for the Warren Consolidated Schools. One of the district principals will be inspecting the facility, whose athletics complex has the estimated capacity for the event.

•Poet Marianne Boruch will be the guest at this year's Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading, to be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the OC Oakland Room. The reading is sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Arts and Sciences. There is no admission charge.

•Greek Week begins Monday, Sept. 28 and lasts through Saturday, Oct. 3. For more information, contact Jean Ann Miller at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

## Salaries on the rise for deans, top executives

By LIDIJA MILIC  
News Editor

When the Board of Trustees approved this year's raises for top administrators, the figures changed but the political hierarchy stayed the same.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs, got the highest percentage raise in the last three fiscal years, among executives and deans alike.

However, she remains the lowest-paid executive, earning \$19,225 less than other VPs and less than most deans.

Snyder's 4.42 percent hike brought her only \$4,400, which raised her annual estimated total to \$104,000.

Among other VPs, Snyder has been at the university the longest.

The two female deans, Mary Otto of the School of Education and Human Services, and Justine Speer of the School of Nursing, are also earning less than their male counterparts.

Like Snyder, Otto received the highest percent hike of 3.53, but it only brought her salary to \$108,550.

Speer saw her annual salary increase 3.40 percent to \$118,450.

Among the deans, the biggest estimated paycheck goes to John Gardner, dean of School of Business Administration.

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### Salaries of Top Executives and Deans, 1998-99

<b>Gary Russi</b> President	\$164,759	<b>John Gardner</b> Dean, School of Business Administration	\$139,250
<b>David Downing</b> Interim VPAA and Provost	\$135,770	<b>Ronald Olson</b> Dean, School of Health Sciences	\$121,100
<b>Dagmar Cronn</b> Former VPAA and Provost	\$130,000	<b>Mary Otto</b> Dean, School of Education and Human Services	\$108,550
<b>Lynne Schaefer</b> VP, Finance and Admin.	\$132,500	<b>Michael Polis</b> Dean, School of Engineering	\$134,418
<b>David Disend</b> VP, University Relations	\$123,775	<b>Justine Speer</b> Dean, School of Nursing	\$118,450
<b>Mary Beth Snyder</b> VP, Student Affairs	\$104,000	<b>Brian Goslin</b> Dean, Graduate Studies	\$ 89,700

Courtesy of Budget and Financial Planning Office

## Witnessing history

Students gathered in the OC Fireside Lounge Monday morning to witness a historical event of President Clinton's testimony in front of the Grand Jury.

For students' commentary on the issue, see the Opinion page.

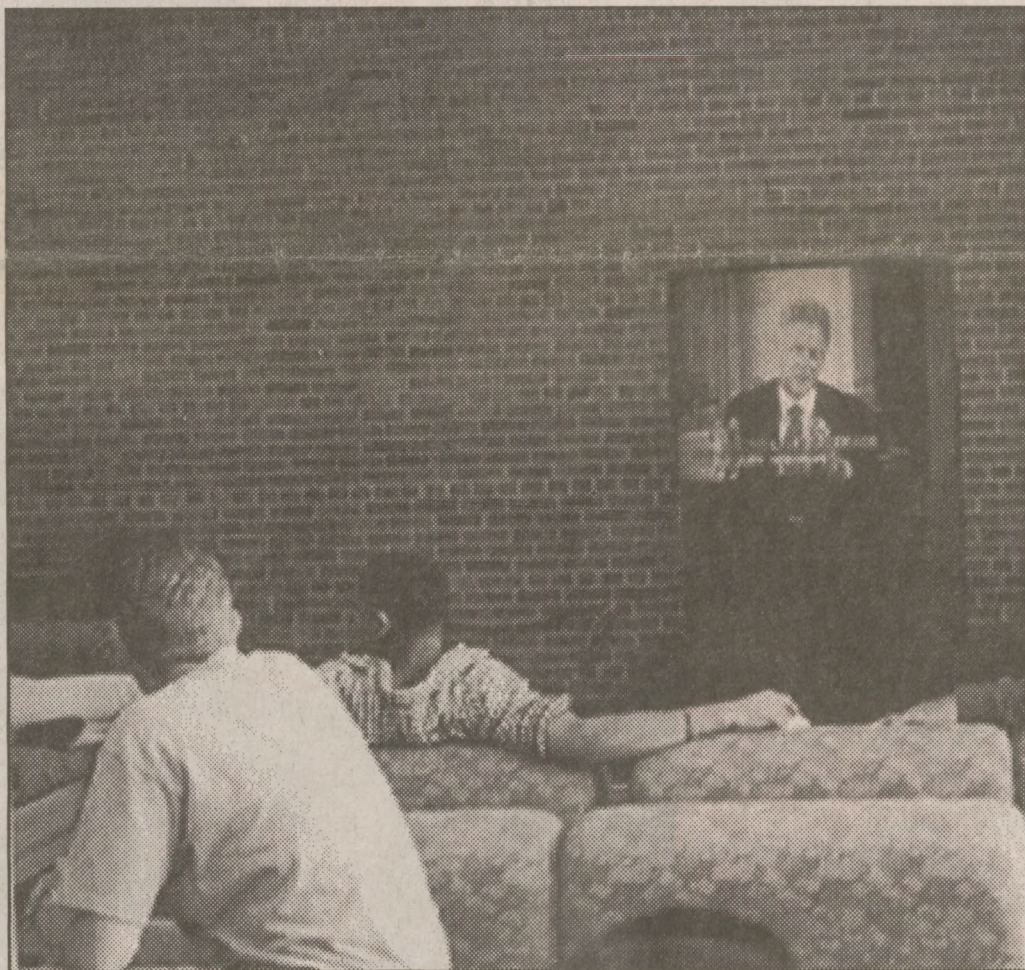


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## VPAA committee establishes criteria

By SUSAN ROBINSON  
Special Writer

Search committee members met Tuesday to review a draft of the Final Selection Criteria, as they continued preparations for a search for a new vice-president of Academic Affairs and Provost.

The 12-member committee, which includes five members from last year's search, will also be considering candidates that were considered qualified through that search. Candidates and committee members aren't the only things that will look familiar.

"The selection criteria are exactly the same that were used in the last search," said committee chair and Professor of Economics Kevin Murphy. Some minor changes were made to the fourteen criteria items, however, though they were read and discussed in no particular order.

"Everyone will have a different priority (regarding the criteria)," said Beverly Berger, professor and chair of the Department of Physics, who added that one of the search objectives was "to bring a

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## Honors College fall registration almost doubles enrollment

By LISA VALENTINE  
Staff Writer

Prompted by the recent additions of the new Science and Engineering Building and the Athletic and Recreation Center, Oakland University's campus is blossoming more each year. And the student population is following suit.

One of the results of this recent population boom is a high increase in enrollment in the Honors College, located in East Vandenberg Hall.

The Honors College is a special program consisting of core courses offered to students who qualify. The core courses are designed to be more challenging than the usual undergraduate general education classes offered. Courses are also offered in conjunction with specific departments.

The Honors College had a total enrollment previously of about 200. This year, they had an enrollment of 136 freshmen.

This means the four classes the Honors College usually offers its members each semester will not be adequate to fulfill

the demand this year.

"We will be adding more classes next year," said Acting Director Sally Silk. "We can't add any this year because the schedule has already been established."

Silk, an associate professor of French in the Modern Languages Department, is filling in as Acting Director of the Honors College while Director Brian Murphy is on sabbatical leave.

"We haven't decided how many classes (we will need) to add," Silk said.

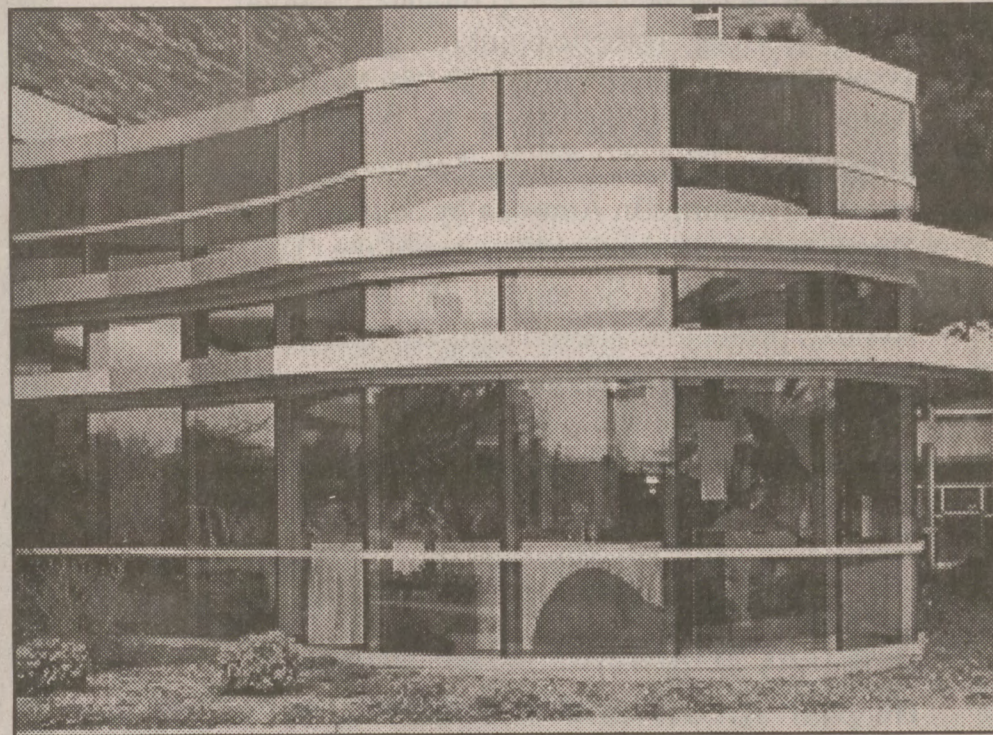
She said funding for these additional classes will come from the same source the Honors College classes have always been funded from.

"The Honors College is not funded for classes," she said. "The funding comes from the individual departments whose professors teach Honors College classes."

Silk said these departments will also pay for any classes added to the schedule next year.

When asked what could be attributed to this sudden increased interest in the

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Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

THAT CURVY BUILDING: The Honors College facility, located in 112 Vandenberg Hall, may soon have its capacity tested as the new students keep flowing in.



Salaries

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Gardner has received the same percent raise like Otto, but his estimated annual total is \$139,250. Ronald Olson, dean of School of Health Sciences, got a 3.50 percent raise to a yearly total of \$121,100. Michael Polis, dean of School of Engineering and Computer Science, received a 3.20 percent raise, or an estimated annual salary of \$134,418. Finally, Brian Goslin, acting dean of Graduate Studies and Research, was given a 3.22 percent

raise to \$89,700. At the start of the fall semester, OU President Gary Russi received a 3.20 percent salary increase, or \$5,109. His last year's salary of \$159,650 now totals an estimated \$164,759. Russi also receives free housing at the Sunset Terrace on campus, which is maintained by the university. Another fringe benefit Russi gets is a university car, which is provided for all VPs as well. David Downing, interim vice president of academic affairs and provost, is the administrator who gained the most with the newest hike. Downing first received a raise this year for his

position as dean of College of Arts and Sciences. The raise of 3.63 percent, or \$4,120, brought his estimated yearly salary to \$117,770. However, Downing also gets a \$1,500 monthly stipend for performing the interim duties. The post was previously held by Dagmar Cronn, who was earning \$130,000. With the monthly stipend included in his estimated annual salary, Downing is receiving a total of \$135,770, or \$5,770 more than Cronn. William Macauley, interim dean of College of Arts and Sciences, is also receiving a stipend of \$1,250 each month while in new position. The amount of \$15,000 he would receive annually while interim dean comes up to a total of

\$87,300. Lynne Schaefer, the new vice president of finance and administration, was hired after she negotiated to receive \$132,500. That is \$6,000 more than the salary of Paul Bissonnette who resigned from the post in April. David Disend, vice president for university relations, received a 4.03 percent raise, which increased his estimated annual salary by \$4,800, to \$123,775. In the meantime, other university branches got the negotiated annual raises as well. However, while administrators' raises are in the 4 percent neighborhood, faculty and staff get significantly lower figures.

According to their three-year contract, the faculty gets an established percentage raise each year. The rate is usually around 3 percent, according to Eileen Bantel, director of American Association of University Professors at OU. This year's faculty raise, effective as of Aug. 15, was 3.2 percent. The raise brought the average estimated annual salary from \$58,000 to almost \$60,000 for faculty. Last year's negotiated raise was 3.15 percent, and next year's will be 3.25 percent. The clerical technical (CT) staff receives even less. Their annual raises are in the vicinity of 2.5 percent, said Susan Forgette, CT president. Forgette said average staff salary is less than \$30,000. The three-year staff contract, beginning July 1, 1996, established hike rates of 3 percent in 1996, 2.2 percent in 1997, and 2.5 percent in 1998.

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Danny Seo

founded the organization Earth 2000 with just \$10 and a few friends. Born on Earth Day, Seo created the organization to "save the planet by the year 2000." Soon his organization had blossomed into a 20,000 member organization rallying a new generation of caring, compassionate young people to action. In 1997, Seo wrote his first book *Generation React*, which reveals his unique approach to activism while giving insight into his life as the teen CEO of a powerful national organization. An adamant supporter of environmental and animal-protection efforts, Seo believes the only way to truly educate people is to approach cruelty-free, ecologically-sound living "from an aesthetic point of view." In 1998, Seo was named one of the "50 Most Beautiful People in the World" by *People Magazine* and "one of the most powerful twentysomethings in America by *Swing*. Danny will be in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center on Monday, September 28, 1998 at Noon to present his speech entitled "**Generation React: Activism for Beginners.**" All are welcome and it is a FREE event! This event is brought to you by YOUR Student Program Board.

Just for attending, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Natural Wonders! Plus, lunch will be provided...and of course it will be vegetarian friendly!



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