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## Theft a result of confusion

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A misunderstanding may have led to the disappearance of audio-visual equipment from Varner Hall.

The equipment, donated by Channel 4, was "mostly TV control room equipment," according to George T. Preisinger, manager of the Instructional Technology Center (formerly the AV Department). The donation also included an assortment of smaller items, including lenses and studio lights.

THE SHIPMENT arrived on the evening of Jan. 13. The AV department left it in a room near the loading dock. "We didn't want to move it any farther than we had to until morning," Preisinger said, adding that the room was locked but not under AV protection.

According to Preisinger, the equipment was marked. "We did think that we had labeled it sufficiently," he said.

THE NEXT morning, AV personnel returned to discover that some of the equipment was gone. "It had been tampered with," Preisinger said. "Some pieces were missing." He added that some "cables were cut," as well.

Detectives were called from Public Safety and a police report was filed.

According to an employee at Varner Hall who wished to remain anonymous, the story was a little different. The employee said that while the room is locked, it is ordinarily a "trash room," where equipment meant to be thrown away is sometimes placed.

"There was some stuff in a trash room, and no, it was not marked," he said. It was "just a pile of junk."

He believes that some of the equipment was taken on the mistaken assumption that it was going to be thrown out.

THE ROOM may also not have been as secure as the AV Department had believed. "(The) lights were on and (the) door was open in that (room)."

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Unless mother nature cooperates these guys' snowman may be the winning snow sculpture this year.

## New program adds funds for Congress

DEAN STANLEY  
Staff Writer

In addition to passing a cut-back budget last Monday, University Congress was told about a new loan program for students.

The cut in the discretionary monies is indicative of the situation Congress faces with reducing the deficit it has been left with by previous administrations.

THE PROGRAM, which is available at public institutions in Illinois, would be run by the Financial Aid Office to benefit students with cash flow problems.

Zorn said that "a lot of things have to be hammered out" but he is looking toward Fall 1983 as a starting date.

"My hope is to get it going in September," Zorn said, adding that he feels about 2,000 students will donate \$2.50.

Zorn feels that a program such as the one in Illinois will make OU more attractive to prospective students.

"We're trying to make cuts where their impacts will be felt less," President Zorn said.

Expenses such as telephone and legal aid have been cut, whereas organizations or programs for students have been left intact.

Zorn also suggested the possibility of a student-to-student loan program; when students register for classes they may check off a donation to the program.

## Rats may live in Vandenberg

By CINDY MOOTY  
News Editor

Dorm students in Vandenberg Hall could soon be sharing their building with the psychology department.

Crowded facilities in Hannah Hall may cause the move, resulting in the placement of research laboratories in the

lower floors of Vandenberg Hall.

"I appointed a committee to study a move from Hannah to probably Vandenberg," said Brian Copenhaver, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It's a space problem and the psychology department has the least space and equipment demands. Their demands aren't

as extensive."

PART OF the equipment involved in the move would be the rat laboratories used for experimental purposes.

"The administration asked us to consider it (the move) to make more room in Hannah, and right now we're considering the feasibility of the move," said Dean Purcell, a psychology professor. "Many of the department members disagree, but it would meet the health codes."

The tentative site slated for the move is either the basement of Vandenberg or the second and third floors.

"We're in a 'show cause' situation—show cause why we should not be moved," Purcell said. "The psychology department is conducting a survey and will make a recommendation to the dean about what it would include to move us, and the dean will take into consideration our recommendations."

"Yes, it (the move) is possible, but it's undesirable," he added.

"WE'RE LOOKING at ways to try and deal with the space problem, and what would be involved with moving the psychology program," said David Shantz, chairman of the psychology department.

One of the major concerns is if they were placed in the basement, the cafeteria noise would distract the animals.

Purcell said the "traffic would be a major consideration in determining the feasibility of the labs."

Another problem would be sharing the building with the dorm students.

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## Cash shortages may cause student limits

ROBERT WATERS  
Staff Writer

Bad news from Lansing put a damper on the January 19 Board of Trustees meeting, as many members expressed their concern for the future.

While senior vice-president and provost Keith Kleckner saw "no immediate dire consequences and no cause for alarm," he nevertheless advocated "a close monitoring of expenditures."

"Each month we get more bad news from Lansing," Kleckner said. "They're withholding \$3.5 million from us now, and when we'll get it

back, or how much we'll get back is unknown."

Governor Blanchard deferred \$135 million from higher education as of Jan. 10, \$3.5 million from OU.

MONEY SHORTAGES have created specific problems for the School of Engineering and Computer Science (formerly named School of Engineering).

Expectations of future employment has created an avalanche of students into these fields, which in turn created a shortage of professors, facilities, and laboratory equipment.

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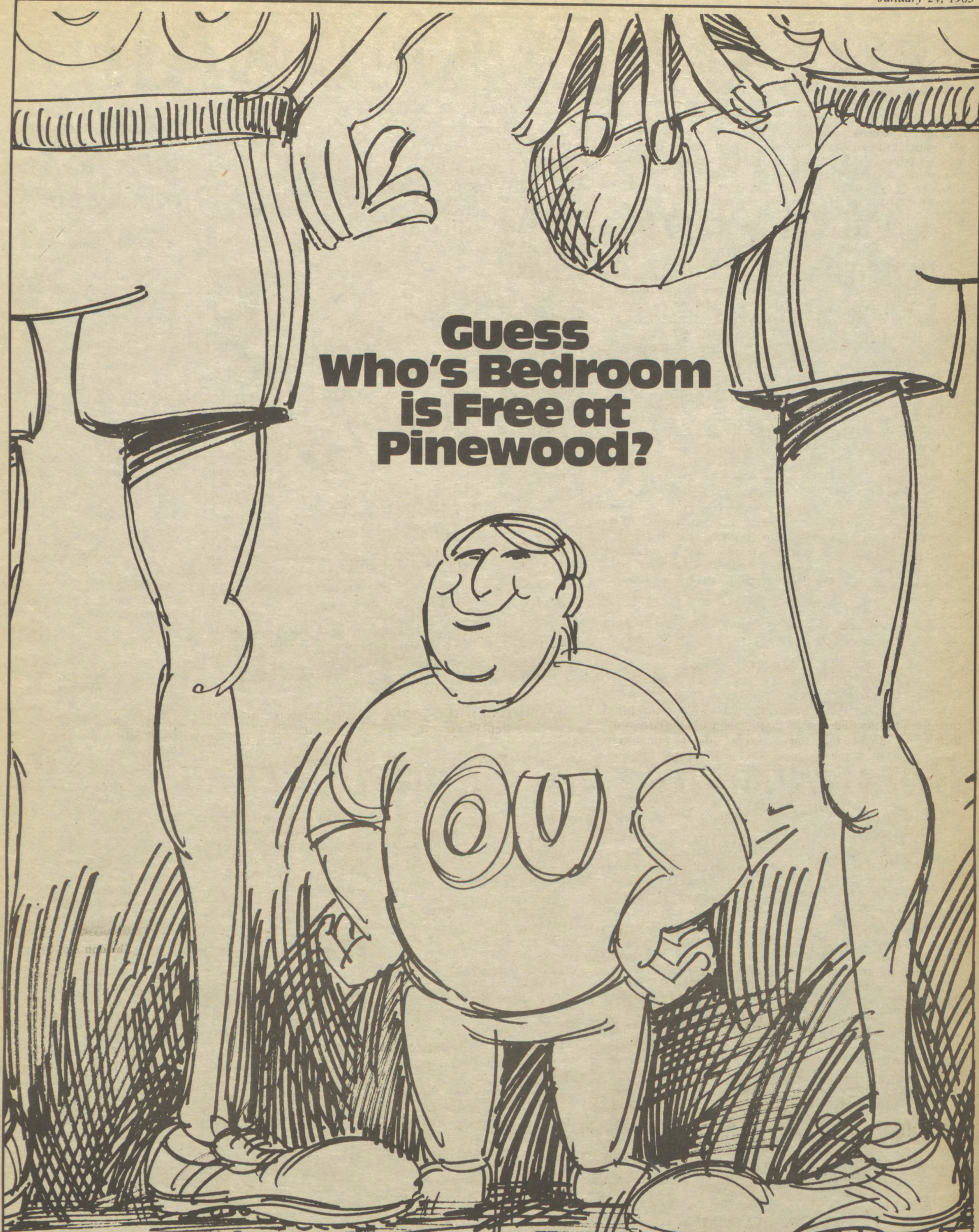
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Where this critter lives rests in the hands of others.

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# Grant awarded for hormone research

**MARY KAY DODERO**  
Staff Writer

In these hard economic times with cutbacks in all areas, but most notably in educational institutions, associate Oakland University professor and biologist Virinder K. Moudgil has received a valuable grant.

"I feel this is an achievement for me as an individual and the university at large. It represents the excellence of the faculty as a whole," Moudgil said.

The professor is the Principal Investigator for the three year grant funds of \$254,000 he won from the National Institute of Health to continue his research on

"Interaction of Nucleotides and Steroid Hormone Receptors" and "Activation of Steroid Hormone Receptors."

The grant was awarded on the basis of results of preliminary tests performed in Moudgil's Dodge Hall lab. These indicated that the female hormones estrogen and progesterone failed to function properly in systems that lacked or were artificially depleted of the energy-rich ATP molecule found in cells.

Since hormonal regulation is necessary for fertility, growth and development and nutrients for cell function, this area of research is very important.

For example, nearly one third of all cervical and breast cancers develop because of elevated levels of estrogen, Moudgil said.

The researcher came to Oakland seven years ago from the Mayo Clinic. He feels his choice was a good one because there was room at this university for a beginner that was lacking at the larger research center.

"There is also an excellent staff here and very little interference from the administration," he said.

Because he has been teaching two courses each term for the last three years, Moudgil does

the majority of his work in the lab and at the library, which he visits every day, after hours. "There is no way anyone can do this job in a nine to five day," he said.

Moudgil is quick to point out that he enjoys teaching and is not forced to carry the courses. "You have to blend teaching and research. You can't grow in biology without sharing what you know with students," he said.

Moudgil's students are an integral part of his work. Six Oakland students and graduates, Shaun Healy, Angela Wright, Virginia Caradonna, Guiseppina Ombardo, Sanghya Ghag

and Therese Quattrococchi are currently part of his research team. Other associates include Dr. Naomi Eliezer and Dr. V. B. Singh.

Three OU grads, Thomas Eessalu, Vera Kruczak and Judith John, have also contributed to his progress, Moudgil said.

All have co-authored papers for biochemical journals.

Some of his assistants help for university credit and others are paid from grant funds. "Most of them are here because they want to learn and accomplish something, not for the money," Moudgil said.

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## RATS

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"By department standing it wouldn't be worth it," said Bill Cobert, Head Resident for West Vandenberg Hall. "From what I understand, they want the second and third floors which presently have students. It doesn't seem like a real worthwhile move. It doesn't seem like a compatible situation."

"WE JUST STARTED researching it and seeing if there's space where it is, and would it be satisfactory to both students and faculty," said Eleanor Lewellen, Director of Residence Halls. "We don't want to disrupt the living conditions for the students, yet there's no doubt that the faculty needs more space."

"We're not convinced yet that they won't need the space for students next year," she added. "There are other buildings to see about, other spaces to see. We want the faculty to be comfortable as well."

"We would say no way (to the move) if it was up to us," said Purcell. He said, however, that if the university is set upon moving the department, everyone foresees the move to be completed by fall.

"That's a rough time table," Shantz said. "It would be nice to have all the problems ironed out by them, but I have no opinion at this point, because we haven't done a study yet."

# University begins cable program

By **CLIFF WEATHERS**  
Staff Writer

The rapidly expanding cable television market shows great educational prospects which OU is intent on taking advantage of.

The OU Cable Television Office was established by President Joseph Champagne to maximize the school's educational facilities by proving the surrounding communities with educational programming.

"It's part of the new technology and it's important to take care of the future," President Champagne said.

The office's administrator, Audrey I. Marriner said that all of the major cable franchises in the area have reserved two channels for educational facilities.

MARRINER SAID that although the cable program is still in a developmental stage, they have just begun doing some production.

Antonia Sillick, a communications major, produced their first effort, a commentary on the CBS mini-series "The Blue and the Grey." The program was broadcast by five local companies.

In addition to providing the community with educational services, the Cable Office offers internships to OU students through their departmental

programs.

"Antonia, for example, did her internship through the communications department under Dr. (Donald) Hildum," said Marriner, adding that the office would welcome help from anyone who was interested.

"WE DEPEND on volunteers for our production crews," she said. "Anyone interested should attend production workshops offered by the local cable companies and stop by

my office. Cable offers a tremendous opportunity for the community to work together. It takes a small town-type effort."

Marriner said that OU may produce some credit telecourses but such projects are expensive and take at least nine months to produce. The Cable Office is currently concentrating on public service and non-credit courses.

She also foresees the possibility of two-way

communication in the teaching of courses on cable television. With a microcomputer hooked into the cable system, the student may someday be able to relay messages back to the instructor while watching a class lecture on the television.

"It's hard to predict what will happen, there are a lot of question marks," Champagne said. "But it's important to track technology and take advantage of it any way we can."

# Professors graded in contest

By **MARTINA WHETSTONE**  
Staff Writer

Students can now grade professors in a new university contest.

The Teaching Excellence Award, a program begun last year, allows students, faculty, staff, or alumni, to nominate a professor they feel has done outstanding work.

Any full-time, non-visiting instructor is eligible.

Letters of nomination will be reviewed by the Teaching Excellence Award Subcommittee, which is made up of three

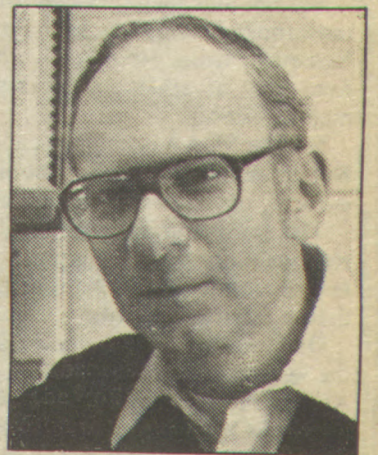
faculty members, two alumni, and two students.

The subcommittee will review the nominations, the instructor's accomplishments, and talk with some of the professor's former students. It will then choose from the half dozen remaining nominees.

This year's winner will be announced in May, and the award ceremony will be held at the fall commencement.

The winner will be awarded \$1000 and a plaque commemorating his or her achievements.

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