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20 percent tuition hike possible

OU looks to consolidation for next year

By RITU SEHGAL

Editor-in-Chief

Budget officials have sent a package of proposals to President Champagne, outlining a series of measures designed to reduce a \$3.6 million deficit the university is anticipating for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

The recommendations of the Executive Budget Committee include cuts in spending for specific departments, the elimination and consolidation of others, and a tuition hike of up to 20.7 percent. In addition, 34 positions are expected to be affected by the trimmer budget for the new year, which begins July 1.

The committee has recommended a \$1.4 million cut from the \$33 million budget proposed for 81-82. The tuition hike, which would become effective with the summer semester, would raise \$2.2 million to cover the remainder of the deficit.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS, which were made after the restoration of temporary budgetary restrictions (moratoria on filling vacancies, purchasing equipment, and travel)

imposed last year, are tentative, however. They are based on the assumption that OU will get no increase in state appropriations over last year. And although the state legislature has tentatively approved a 12.7 percent increase in the state higher education appropriations bill, Vice-President for Business Affairs Robert Swanson says the university will continue to toe the conservative line.

"We don't believe anymore than we did last year that we're going to get that much," Swanson said.

"For us to assume anything more than (a zero percent increase) would be dangerous," Champagne added.

Next year's budget also includes \$298,000 for funding what budget officials call "new, high priority" items. These include a development office that will function as an endowment center, a cable television office that will explore the feasibility of OU hooking into a cable TV network, general fund support for the Continuum Center, and increased support for student financial aid.

THE FIGURE ALSO includes money for the operation of the newly opened O'Dowd Hall, a staff attorney to

handle an increased work load, and the purchase of word processing units for O'Dowd and Varner Halls.

The endowment center and the cable TV office are part of Champagne's plans to open the university up to more community involvement. Champagne says the university intends to apply for external support for the cable TV office through grants.

In addition, the university will be committed to the establishment of a \$200,000 Economic Development Center, should the state approve funds for it. Another \$12,000 will go for funding a position to study the need for health programs in the area.

The budget committee also has made the following recommendations to save money:

- Eliminating the Conference Department.
- Merging the Center for Community and Human Development (CHD) into Career Advising and Placement.
- Eliminating the administrative structure of the Center for General and Career Studies.

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Former coach says race was factor in firing

By BOB VAN WINKLE

Sports Editor

A former OU coach and athletic administrator has asked the university's Board of Trustees for a hearing to investigate the possibility that he was denied due process in 1976 when he was reassigned to fulltime teaching duties.

Gene Boldon, who coached the men's basketball team and was an associate athletic director from 1968 to 1975, has charged that his dismissal from those positions and subsequent reclassification was the result of racial discrimination.

Boldon, who is black, took a year's leave of absence after the reassignment and then resigned in 1977 rather than return to OU. He has been teaching and coaching in Port Huron for the past four years.

According to Athletic Director Corey Van Fleet, John DeCarlo, secretary and general counsel for the OU Board, told him that Boldon had appeared at the November, 1980 Board meeting and asked for a hearing to reopen his case. That request was remanded to the Board's Personnel Subcommittee by then Interim President George Matthews and Board Chairman Richard Headlee.

THE PERSONNEL Subcommittee is expected to meet with Boldon in the near future and report back to the full Board on whether or not Boldon's complaint is a legitimate one.

Boldon said Headlee promised him in November that he would have a hearing, but since no action has been taken so far, Boldon said he is worried "that somebody is holding this up until all the students are off campus."

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Final Postures

An OU student takes advantage of an unseasonably warm spring and gears up for finals on the shores of Beer Lake.

Job hunting: a rocky road for grads

By RITU SEHGAL

Editor-in-Chief

Finding a job this summer should be no problem for college graduates who have majored in the health, computer science and engineering fields, and for those who are willing to relocate, job placement officers say.

But for the majority of young people looking for a job, "it's going to be a very tough summer," according to Ron Kevern, director of OU's Office of Career Advising and Placement.

"There was a time when a person who was in his or her junior or senior year and in good academic standing, there would be no problem in getting a job," he said. But a tight economy and a high unemployment rate have sharply altered the job market, he says.

EVEN TEMPORARY summer jobs on the assembly line and in the construction field, plentiful in a healthy economy, have dried up because of a faltering auto industry

and high interest rates, which have hit the construction industry hard. In addition, college students will be facing stiff competition from workers who have been laid off.

"You're going to be faced with unemployed adults who are going after the same jobs that are usually taken by youths," says James Corson, an occupational analyst for the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).

And those who already have jobs will probably hold on to them, even if they are low-paying, he predicts.

Reductions in many state and federal programs, such as CETA (Comprehensive Education and Training Act), may further add to the unemployment rate, which now stands around 12 percent in Michigan.

But both men say that jobs are available for those who are willing to relocate, especially to the

Southwest part of the country.

"THE OUTLOOK is bright in many of the southern states, such as Texas and California, which have an unemployment rate of around three, four, or five percent," Corson says. Although wages are lower in the sunbelt, Corson says there are less taxes to pay and the cost of living is also lower.

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—James Corson

"In Texas, there is no state income tax, for instance," he says.

Kevern adds that many students have come to the placement office asking about relocating to the sunbelt, where jobs opportunities have been well advertised.

"Persons only need to purchase the Sunday Houston paper to

here," Talbot said. "He is a terrific guy. OU would be getting a first-class citizen," he added.

In addition to his position as associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, Copenhagen also heads up the honors program at WWU.

"He has really built up the honors program since taking it on," Talbot said. "He is a hard driver who has a good way with students."

Prior to entering WWU, Copenhagen held several one year positions at the Kansas City Art (See SEARCH, page 11)

By MARK CALIGIURI

News Editor

Another candidate in the search for a new dean for OU's College of Arts and Sciences has been tentatively identified as Dr. Brian P. Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, who is an associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Washington University (WWU) in Bellingham, is being considered by the search committee to fill the post of dean now held by Jack Moeller.

In addition, two other candidates have been identified as William Carpenter, an associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State University and Marjorie Cook, an assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Miami University in Ohio. The remaining two candidate's names have not yet been disclosed.

Copenhagen, 38, has been at WWU since 1971 when he entered the school as an assistant professor in the department of liberal studies.

Since that time, Copenhagen's career has been "meteoric" according to Jim Talbot, vice-president of academic affairs and one of Copenhagen's associates.

IN 1975, Copenhagen became an associate professor. Three years later, he received his full professorship. According to Talbot, he is "one of the youngest" to attain that status at WWU.

"He has had a spectacular career

recognize the excellent opportunities there," he says.

Liberal arts major, however, will have a hard time finding a job wherever they go.

"Government has always been the number one employer of liberal arts graduates," Kevern says. But with cutbacks in government spending, the demand for such graduates has dwindled.

THE DEFENSE Department is most likely the only federal agency approved for hiring," Kevern says.

Those who were smart enough to major in the hard sciences, such as chemistry, physics, and biology, and in the health sciences, will find plenty of opportunities in their field, he adds.

The average salary for a 1979-80 graduate with a bachelor's degree was \$16,392 per year, Corson says, quoting a study done by placement officers at Michigan State University. But he cautions that

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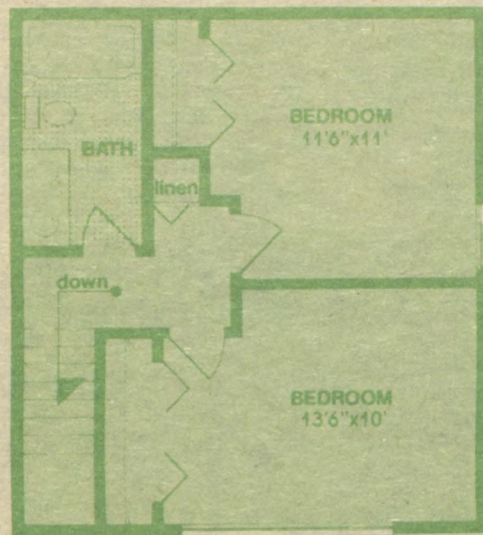
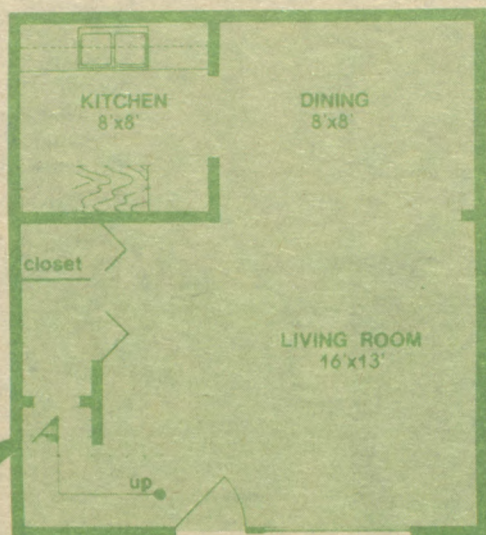
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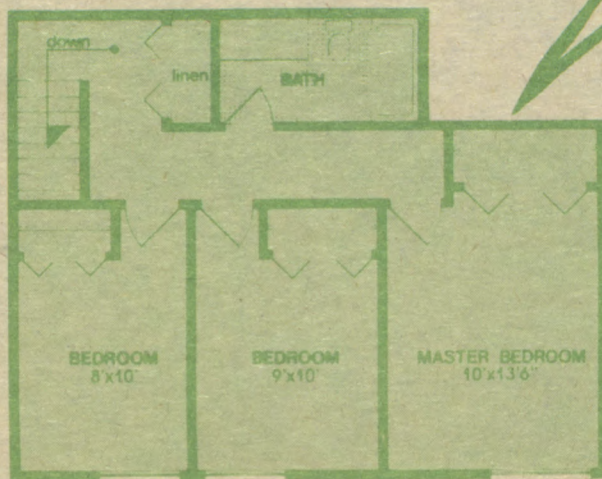
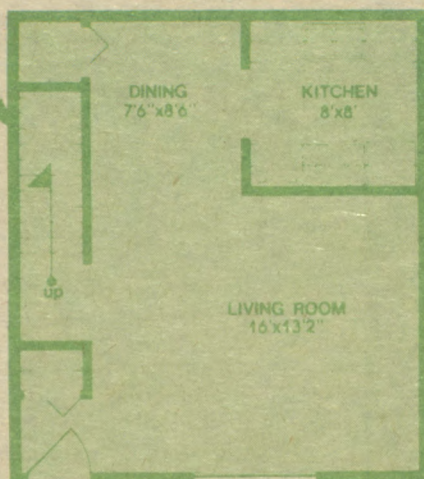
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Officials blame 'carelessness' for sixth dorm fire

By MARK MARENTETTE
Staff Writer

Another incinerator room fire in Hamlin Hall early last Monday morning has further increased dorm resident's worries over fire protection and safety. However, Public Safety Director Richard Leonard says that the situation will be difficult to correct unless students become more conscientious about dumping warm cigarette ashes into trash cans.

According to Public Safety Investigator Mel Gilroy, Monday's fire was the sixth one on campus since September and the second that required assistance from the Pontiac Township Fire Department. As with the others, the fire which was on the eighth floor of Hamlin's south tower was in a trash container in one of the incinerator rooms.

Although it produced heavy smoke, the fire did not trigger the dorm's sprinkler system because no flames escaped from the new,

specially designed metal trash bins that have recently been distributed throughout OU's seven residence halls. A fire that took place last December caused extensive damage because flames from a container in an incinerator room on south Hamlin's sixth floor triggered the sprinkler system and caused flooding.

"(LAST WEEK'S FIRE) was completely contained inside the basket," said Tim Murphy, the resident assistant (RA) on south Hamlin's ninth floor. "If it weren't for that basket, it would have set off the sprinklers and ruined the carpet." Murphy and south tower Head Resident Alan Crandall tried to put out the flames with fire extinguishers until township fire fighters arrived on the scene.

The new bin, which is supposed to prevent fires from starting because of a self-closing lid that seals out oxygen, was crammed so full of trash that the heavy metal lid could not swing completely shut, according to Leonard.

students should think about that when emptying waste baskets into them, he said.

"I feel we were so lucky. By the time I would have noticed the smoke in my room we would have had a lounge full of smoke."

—Marsha Dahlgren

Marsha Dahlgren, the RA on south Hamlin's eighth floor, said she first became aware of the fire when another student on the floor noticed smoke in the hall. The student, along with her roommate, awoke Dahlgren and the other residents on the floor.

"When I opened my door there was just a thin trail of smoke," Dahlgren said. "Within five minutes the smoke was incredible. It was just billowing all over the place."

DAHLGREN SAID SHE immediately called the head

resident, Crandall, so he could notify Public Safety and turn on the alarm from outside his room on the fourth floor, in case it didn't work on eight. "We've had trouble with the alarm before," Dahlgren noted. She said that there was no malfunction Monday, however. Public Safety received the call at 3:02 am.

Murphy said he heard the alarm and headed down stairs to the eighth floor where he noticed the smoke and joined Crandall in the attempt to put out the fire. Dahlgren supplied the pair with full extinguishers from other floors and also brought them wet towels to protect their faces and lungs.

"I feel we were so lucky," she added. "By the time I would have noticed the smoke in my room we would have had a lounge full of smoke."

Vicki Templon, the resident

who first noticed the smoke, said she was on the hall phone when the smoke started drifting in. "(I first) thought that my glasses were dirty," she said. But when the smell became really bad, Templeton said she and her roommate ran to Dahlgren's room. In minutes, the lounge was "super, super smoky," she said.

ONCE THE TOWNSHIP fire fighters took over, Dahlgren said that Crandall, Murphy and she left to help with the evacuation of the dorm. Most of the building's residents packed into the lounge and the study rooms of neighboring Van Wagoner House.

The fire department used portable fans to draw the smoke out through the lounge windows while finishing off the smoldering trash inside the barrel with extinguishers.

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Invalidation possible

Craig wins by 21 in ABS election

By MARK CALIGIURI
News Editor

In a hotly contested election, interim president Sam Craig beat challenger Phillip Ray by 21 votes during last week's Association of Black Students (ABS) presidential election.

The final vote totals were 153 to 132. In addition, Julie Price defeated Kevin Davis for the vice-presidential position by a comfortable margin.

The victory, however, was marred by several voting irregularities which could invalidate the results according to Tamela Lee, the ABS elections commissioner.

LEE INDICATED that Ray had grounds for possible invalidation of the election because of certain incidents in which some voters were not allowed to cast their ballots on Tuesday because they had failed to pre-register in the ABS office the

previous day.

"The polls were closed at 5 pm Tuesday so that this situation could be discussed and settled for the next day," Lee said.

Ray, however, challenged this procedure as being wrong. "White students were not allowed to vote on Tuesday, but were given that right on Wednesday," he said. "We switched the rules in midstream and that is unfair," he said.

"Also, what about the voters who were denied that vote on Tuesday? How many knew that they would be allowed to vote the next day?" Ray asked.

"I think that the election was mismanaged and unorganized."

—Phillip Ray

"I THINK THAT the election was mismanaged and unorganized," Ray said. "I wrote a memo to

Tamela (Lee) about it," he added.

Lee acknowledged some of the irregularities in the election as well as receiving Ray's letter.

"It was my responsibility to carry out the voting procedures and to see that they were consistent," Lee said. "However certain students and administrators interfered with my orders to the election volunteers."

"A certain administrator called the voting place and instructed the elections volunteers not to let white students vote," Lee said.

During the discussion, Lee withheld the names of the people

involved, indicating that it would not be right to mention them. She said, however, that these people know who they were.

"I am dissatisfied with certain administrators," she said. "(When I took the job) I never anticipated this."

LEE AND RAY, however, downplayed a move to have another election saying that "it would be divisive to the black students."

"I just want to find out how the election was run," Ray said. "I just don't want it swept under the carpet."

Craig, however, felt the election went well, especially in regards to voter turnout. He indicated, however, that he had no knowledge of any irregularities.

"The ballot box was officially closed until the white student voting question was validated that night," Craig said. "Most white students expressing concern, were notified that they could vote on Wednesday," he added.

In a conciliatory move, Craig pledged to work with those who voted against him. "I plan on giving Phillip a high administrative post being currently vacated by the present administration," he said.

"I AM WILLING to work with anyone willing to work with ABS," Craig said.



Gertrude and William White The Oakland Sail/Tom Primeau

OU bids farewell to two charter faculty members

By DEANNA HASSPACHER
Staff Writer

The end of one semester simply means the beginning of the next for most professors at OU, but for two faculty members, the close of this academic year marks a very special kind of 'ending'.

William and Gertrude White, both charter faculty members at OU, will be finishing their long and distinguished careers at the end of this semester.

William White, 70, director of the journalism program since 1974, says he has enjoyed his experience at OU because, "It (has given) me a chance to write a lot."

White, who earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Southern California and a doctorate from the University of London, says he has had a "full career" in writing and teaching.

His interest in writing began when was 13, working for the Chattanooga Times. Since then, White has written articles and worked at more than 20 different newspapers including the Los Angeles Examiner, the Detroit Free Press, the Rochester Clarion, the East Side Shopper, Inkster Journal, Dearborn Press, Southfield News, Troy Times, Berkley Advance, Clawson Times, Birmingham Eccentric-Observer, and the Oakland Press.

TODAY HIS WRITING career is still very active. "I enjoy writing and will continue to write after retirement," he said.

One of his main interests is writing from Walt Whitman's manuscripts, White says. His latest accomplishment in this area was

the best seller "Leaves of Grass at 125" which he edited. He has written several books and articles on Whitman, including his thesis for a master's degree.

WHITE'S INTEREST in Whitman came "out of luck." A collection of letters and manuscripts accumulated by a young Detroit businessman caught White's attention.

"Because of Feinberg (the young businessman) and his collection and the great poet himself, I became interested in Whitman," White said.

His teaching career is also extensive. White has taught at several universities around the country including the University of Southern California, University of Rhode Island, California State University at Long Beach, and the University of Hawaii. He has also taught at three different universities in Korea. He has also taught at Detroit's Wayne State University for about 30 years.

Speaking about success, White was once quoted in "Who's Who in America" as saying that he doubted if there was any formula for it. Rather he gave this reply:

"With a certain intelligence, sensitivity (but not too much), an optimistic temperament, experience (what you learn from books and your own coming and going), a sense of humor (so you won't take yourself too seriously), every, good health, and lots of luck, you may succeed in doing what you set out to do, get a little recognition and some money, though that's not important, only pleasant."

Gertrude M. White, 65, professor of English for 22 years and (See WHITE, page 5)

Sail Shorts

LOUIS MACKENZIE, retired senior partner of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, an international certified public accountants firm, will be the featured speaker at a lecture entitled "Corporate Governance," sponsored by the School of Economics and Management.

MacKenzie, a former managing director of the Detroit and Washington D.C. offices for the firm, will lecture on the Sullivan Principles as part of a program initiated by the Board of Trustees on April 16, 1980, concerning the divestiture in stock of companies that are currently involved with the Republic of South Africa.

The lecture will take place on Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Crockery in the Oakland Center.

CIPO AND REPOLITIK (a non-partisan political information group) will co-sponsor a debate on handgun control on Thursday, at noon in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

Howard Simon, director of the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will be speaking on behalf of gun control. Harold Glassen, a member of the executive council of the National Rifle Association (NRA) for 25 years, will speak against handgun control.

For further information on the debate, contact Paul Franklin, coordinator of CIPO programs, at 377-2020.

STARSHINE, one of OU's performing musical ensembles, will be having their last show Tuesday, April 14, at 8:00 pm in Varner Recital hall. There will be no admission charged at this event.

The group composed of 20 singers (10 male, 10 female) will perform various renditions of jazz, pop, musicals, theatrical, and rock numbers. Their attributes include several performances at local malls including a recent show at the Meadowbrook Mall.

For further information, contact Sally Albrecht at 377-2032.

—Compiled from press releases and staff reports.