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Valentine's Day is considered a special day honoring friends, sweethearts, family members and lovers by sending cards, flowers, giving candy or other expressions of love to each other.

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At the Board of Trustees meeting Feb. 6, the Board passed a resolution that Barnes and Noble will remain in the bookstore's lease agreement for the next two years.

For the past five years, the company has leased and operates the OU Bookcenter with lease holder options to extend the term for an additional three years, ending in June 2000.

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OU women's coach Bob Taylor referred to Saturday's game against Ashland University as a "show-down."



The Pioneers battered AU, with junior Tamika Bates scoring a career-high 30 points and won at Kates Gymnasium, 84-73.

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Post to file suit to open meetings

VPAA search committee will meet this weekend to interview candidates

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

The vice president of academic affairs (VPAA) search committee has scheduled closed interviews of 12 semifinalist candidates beginning Friday night.

However, those interviews could be forced open by a judge's order.

THE OAKLAND POST and Editor-in-Chief Heidi Hedquist expect to file a lawsuit today against OU, the search committee, and OU's Board of Trustees on allegations the closed search process violates

the state's Open Meetings Act.

The committee planned to interview the candidates through the weekend.

According to College of Arts and Sciences Dean and Committee Chair David Downing, the search meetings will continue to be closed until finalists are named. At that time, he said, the finalists public presentations will be held on campus.

POST attorney John Ronayne said, the university will be in violation of the state's Open Meetings Act if it stands by its decision to hold interviews privately.

He said that the law is fairly specific and that it is a requirement for interviews for public offices or positions to remain open.

Downing said the search is staying secret to protect confidentiality of applicants.

"Many, if not all of the candidates have requested confidentiality," Downing said. "Our procedures are not to release any names at this stage (semifinalists)."

Monday, THE POST filed a freedom of information request seeking the names and institutional affiliations of candidates

who have not requested confidentiality. OU has five business days to respond to the request.

Candidates will be flying into Metro Detroit Airport. At least two interviews have been scheduled for Friday night.

Downing said the committee is still accepting candidates' applications. Of the 12 semi-finalists, three are African-American, four women and one is a Native American.

The search began last October, and Downing hopes the committee will have the position filled by July.

OU prepares for Division I

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

OU's Board of Trustees approved going Division I AAA at its Thursday meeting.

"Let me make a couple of comments about how pleased I am at the steps the university has taken to move into Division I AAA," said Board Chair Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.

The decision to move into Division I came after almost six months of research conducted by an ad hoc committee and President Gary Russi.

"I'd like to commend President Russi for the job he's done. Every possible interest group he's talked to about this process. I believe we have had a complete community involvement," said Schlaybaugh.

Student Congress Representative Hemant Mahamwal had requested to speak to the Board before it voted on the issue, but Schlaybaugh was not aware of the request until after the vote had gone through.

Mahamwal raised concerns that another student needed to be added to the athletics advisory committee.

The resolution currently limits one student to the committee which will advise the athletics director and the vice president for finance and administration on athletics matters relating to the university's athletics program.

The committee will consist of a Faculty Athletics representative, two faculty members, one staff member and one external / community member.

Schlaybaugh suggested the Board not vote on adding a second student at the meeting.

Instead, Trustee James Sharp suggested that they forward the information to the University Affairs Committee to be reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed.

The next University Affairs meeting is scheduled for March 18.



Post Photo / Leah Inabritt

Lending a hand

COMMUNITY HELP: OU's Society of Women Engineers took time on Saturday to assist local Girl Scouts with their projects. Lisa Andrews, computer science major, helps Whitney Plumb, age 6, earn a badge.

Students benefit from alumnus' book royalties

By NATASHA VANOVER
Special Writer

Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll is not just another title of a celebrity's expose of an era past. The book is due in March, but \$40,000 from the sales has already been promised to help fund a scholarship in the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS).

Author and OU alumnus Barry Klein graduated in 1968 with a degree in sociology and anthropology, but he still keeps ties with the university.

Klein has already donated more than \$25,000 to OU's Enduring Legacy to help fund Kresge Library, guest teaches in the School of Business Administration, was a past president of the OU Alumni Association and recipient of OU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. He also serves on the OU Foundation Board of Directors.

"I have deep feelings about (OU). ... I wanted to write about my past and make a contribution back to the place that

taught me how to think critically. "Oakland was the place that exposed me to a

divergence of people and opinions in the mid-60's, where students were encouraged to question and verbalize their doubts and concerns," he added.

Klein stressed that he learned important lessons from the faculty at OU who taught him to question authority. An exam-

ple of this occurred in fall 1964 when a student working in a campus food service position was fired because he was unwilling to shave his beard. Professor of Philosophy James Haden encouraged his students to grow beards in protest.

The proceeds of his book will establish the George R. Klein Memorial Scholarship in the SEHS, named after his father. Though his father was strict during Klein's teen years, Klein values the "tough love" his father instilled in him. Klein wrote it in his memory.

Post-masters degree students studying substance abuse counseling in SEHS will be eligible to apply for the memorial scholarship which will benefit annually from royalties.

The book is due the same time as the

30 year anniversary of the Summer of Love where the hippie movement flourished and drugs, love and music was shared freely.

"I don't make excuses or rationalizations condoning or promoting anything. ... I wrote it to convey the feeling felt during the zenith of the hippie lifestyle movement," he said.

Klein said it is a candid account into OU's campus life before fraternities or sororities, giving an uncensored account of a student's quest to make the experience the basis of learning, he said.

Critics have cautioned the book is not intended for readers under the age of 18 years.

The book can be ordered in paperback for \$4.99 by calling 800-491-7737.

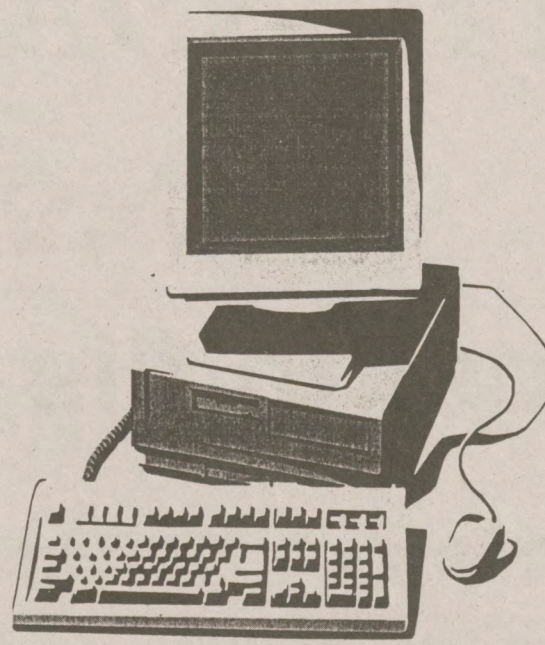


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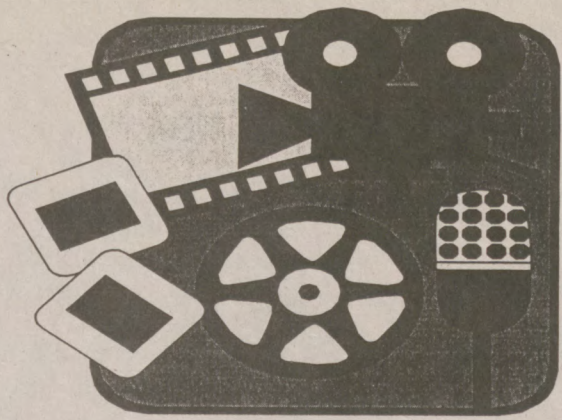
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