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Black students seek investigation of reorganization

Black students, concerned that the realignment of the administrative structure of the university may have an adverse impact on minority students, have asked the University's Board of Trustees for an investigation into the reorganization.

In a show of solidarity, about 100 black students—many of them members of the university's Association of Black Students (ABS)—appeared at this month's Board of Trustees' meeting to demand an investigation by the university's affirmative action officer.

In a resolution presented to the Board, the students charged that the reorganization will have a "definite adverse effect" on the future of black students currently enrolled at OU as well as on future black applicants to the university.

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—Sam Craig
ABS President

THE STUDENTS requested the Board to postpone the final vote on the second stage of the reorganization, which called for the reorganization of five departments related to students activities under the Division of Students and Urban Affairs.

The Board, however, declined to postpone the vote. Chairman Richard Headlee said the Board couldn't delay the decision because the "university must function." It agreed to look into the charges brought by the students, directing OU's affirmative action officer Barbara Murphy to look into the matter.

In an interview last week, ABS President Sam Craig said that he was concerned that of 15 black administrators on campus, 11 of them were in the Division of Students and Urban Affairs.

"We (ABS) feel that they can be spread out in other positions throughout the campus," Craig said. He said that another concern of ABS was that "no blacks were moved into key positions" other than Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice-president for student and urban affairs. And at least five of the 11 black administrators in the division were funded by federal grants that run out in 1984, he said.

"With grants at the federal level being cut, we are concerned about losing those positions," Craig said.

THE ABS RESOLUTION took president Joseph Champagne, who had met with some of the students earlier to discuss the reorganization, by surprise.

"The first I heard of the resolution was in the Board meeting," Champagne said in an interview last week. He said he had discussed the reorganization with representatives of ABS two weeks prior to the Board meeting. "I sat here with black students and went over the whole reorganization," he said, indicating his office. "They did not articulate any concerns to me at that meeting. Then, when I got to the Board meeting, I saw that lying on the table," he said, gesturing to a copy of the resolution lying on his desk.

Craig said he and other members of ABS had needed time to study the reorganization and the impact it would have on black students. He said he had not been able to meet with ABS' Board of Directors until the week that classes began, when Board members returned.

"I couldn't make any decisions or comments to him (Champagne) until I had consulted with my Board," Craig said. "I'm merely the spokesman for ABS. I couldn't just make the decision on my own."

MEMBERS OF ABS are expected to meet with Champagne (See ABS, page 6)



Nancy Brown and her 11-month old daughter, Melissa.

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Married Housing

It's a step up from living down the road

By Marianne Poulin
Staff Writer

Michael and Maureen Mancini say they love their new apartment on campus.

Michael, a Histo-tech major, (similar to pre-med) and Maureen, a pre-med major watched their apartment complex being built, but didn't decide to live there until last August.

"All this popped up in the last month," Maureen said. "We had to rent our house, come up with tuition and be in by the first. Kim, (their daughter) was already registered for kindergarten."

The Mancinis are one of 46 families living in OU's married housing complex, which became available to students this fall. The \$2 million complex represents a new dimension in campus living.

BECAUSE NO pets are allowed, the Mancini's had to leave their cat and five kittens with a friend. Michael also had to give up his water bed. But despite the inconvenience, both agree that their new apartment is a step up from their house on Mound road. "On Mound road, semi-trucks were always going by," Michael said, "It got to the point where we couldn't go to sleep without those sounds."

"Michael does a good semi-sound now," Maureen said.

The couple say they love the layout of the apartment, especially the skylight and the view of OU. In their five year old daughter's room, there is a four foot loft, where she can play. The only negative thing about the place so far is the broken refrigerator, the Mancinis say.

Living in another apartment are Nancy and Doug Brown and their

11-month old daughter, Melissa.

NANCY IS A junior in Early Childhood Development, and her husband is a draftsman.

"We like it," said Nancy, referring to the apartment. "The rent is reasonable, and the view is beautiful. It's a lot better than looking at another building."

The Browns, like the Mancinis, had to leave a pet behind. Ginger, a mixed terrier, is now living with Nancy's parents.

Not all of the families in the apartment complex are from Michigan. Shuang Yeo Tan, his wife Tana, and their two children, are from Singapore.

Shuang Yeo is working on a Ph.D. in Engineering at OU. They have been married for seven years, and they have two children 5-year old Joyce and 2-year old Kelvin.

The couple moved into the (See HOUSING, page 20)

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RANEE SLOAN
Parttime job is a must

By MARK CALIGIURI
and KAY GEORGE
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Students, beset by a sagging Michigan economy as well as a gloomy unemployment picture, echoed sentiments of anger and frustration about college costs last week as classes officially got under way at OU.

"I think that it (tuition) is getting much too expensive," said Polly Preston, a 21 year old senior majoring in Management. "It is getting to the point where no one will be able to afford it."

OU, along with most other universities in Michigan, has been

forced to raise tuition and other college costs because of state cuts in the higher education budget.

This increase in college costs, coupled with a tight job market prevented many students from getting a job over the summer, thus creating an uncertain future for students.

"I THINK that there should be more financial aid available," said Rane Sloan, an 18-year-old sophomore majoring in Account who receives no financial aid assistance, said that paying for school is "a little hard."

However, she said her part-time job has been helpful. "If I can still

get a part-time job next summer, then I think I can make it," Sloan said.

But many students, like Chris Miller, an 18 year old freshman majoring in Engineering, went unemployed this summer. Miller, who is receiving no financial aid, said that his situation "is not that bad right now."

Like many other students polled, he believes that OU is "pretty inexpensive as universities go." But his attitude toward the future reflected student opinion: "It'll get worse, I'm sure," he said.

Tuition and unemployment are

not the only factors worrying students at OU "I paid \$108 for books alone," said an angry Kip Beck, a Biology major. Beck said that "postponing school" may be a possibility in the future if things continue to get worse.

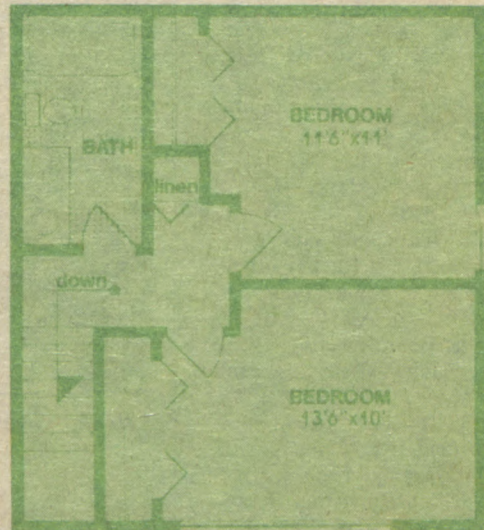
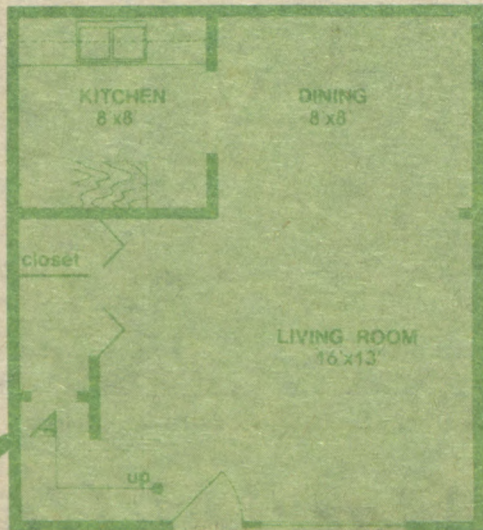
For Kathy Daly, a 25 year old senior, Veteran's benefits are posing the problem as the university attempts to close the Veteran's Affairs office. Asking a common question echoed by many other students, Daly inquired, "Why don't they give more money to college students? The world is so

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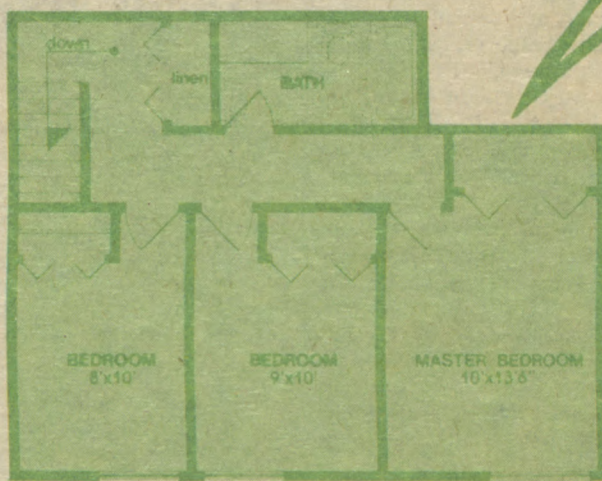
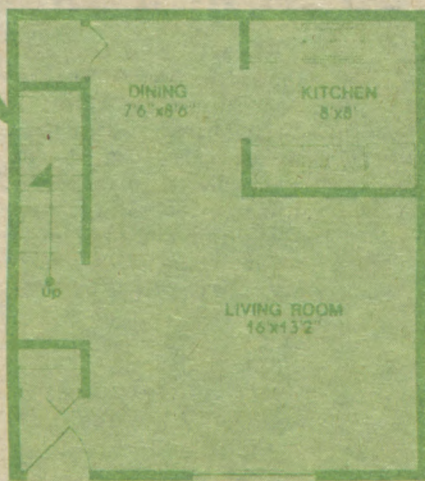
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Heritage Room, Kettle Korner close

Food service options fewer under new SAGA contract

Food service in the Oakland Center will be curtailed this year under a new contract negotiated with SAGA, the company that provides food services on campus. The company requested a subsidy of \$64,885 for providing food service to the university for the 1981-82 year. The request was an increase of \$31,036 over the subsidy the university paid to SAGA in 1980-81, according to Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice-president for student and urban affairs. Ray-Bledsoe said that in order to save money, the university had requested SAGA to submit

proposals for the level of service it could provide for the same subsidy \$33,549 it received last year. Ray-Bledsoe said SAGA proposed cuts in four areas: eliminating the Kettle Korner, an evening snack service at a window in the Iron Kettle, hot breakfasts in the Iron Kettle, narrowing the options in cold sandwiches to egg salad and tuna salad, and closing the Heritage Room which provided a la carte service to members of the university. **RAY-BLED SOE SAID** the decision to make these cuts was

made after an analysis of these four options indicated that the cost of maintaining those services exceeded the benefits derived by a small number of students. Ray-Bledsoe said the cuts in the Heritage Room and the Kettle Korner would be absorbed by the Oakland Room and the Fish Bowl, the glass enclosed area in South Foundation Hall. Coffee and doughnut service in the Fish Bowl will be expanded to include cold sandwiches, Ray-Bledsoe said, and services in the Oakland Room will be expanded, to compensate for

the shutdown of the Heritage Room. "We don't think there will be a significant reduction in the kinds of fare available on campus," Ray-Bledsoe said. She expressed concern, however, about the effect these changes would have on the "ambiance" of the food service areas on campus, where students gathered as much to socialize as to eat. University Congress President Jane Hershey echoed this concern. "It's not the same atmosphere in the Fish Bowl, for example," she

said. **HERSHEY AND** Ray-Bledsoe said they are exploring alternatives to the reductions in options. Among the alternatives being considered are more vending machines to provide services similar to the Kettle Korner and a dining area opposite Greenstuffs to reflect an atmosphere similar to the Heritage Room. "We have to get students to understand that unless they want tuition increases, some compromises have to be made," Hershey said.

Search for new provost draws 60 candidates

By MARK CALIGIURI
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OU will begin yet another search this fall to replace Frederick Obar as Provost after he vacated that post to become the chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The search, which is another in a line of administrative shopping trips that OU has taken during the past one and a half years to replace top university officials who have vacated their posts, is being chaired by Jacqueline Scherer, an associate professor of sociology and anthropology. According to Scherer, there have been over 60 applications for the position thus far. "They represent a broad range of geographic locations," she said, adding that the candidates come from approximately 26 states. "THERE HAVE ALSO been good minority representation in the names submitted thus far," Scherer said. Applications will be accepted until Sept. 15 Scherer said. At this point, the committee will then begin setting up meetings to determine the way in which candidates will be reviewed and selected for final submission to the Board of Trustees, which will decide on the actual appointment. (See PROVOST, page 5)



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Students and faculty enjoy the Annual St. John Fisher Chapel's Picnic held last Tuesday on the grounds of the church

Hearings set for OU Meetings case

Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert is expected to hear arguments this Tuesday on a law suit filed by Attorney General Frank Kelley against OU's Board of Trustees for allegedly violating the state's Open Meetings Act. The suit was filed last October after *The Oakland Sail* and Professor Edward Heubel of the university's political science department raised questions about the procedures the Board used in searching for a new president for OU. The Board held all interviews of presidential candidates in closed sessions. The attorney general has

charged that the procedure violated the Open Meetings Act which provides that all interviews for employment or appointment to public office must be held in an open meeting. All eight trustees were subpoenaed last month for a hearing at which they did not appear. An attorney for the trustees said that it was "unconscionable" for board members to be subpoenaed since they serve the university without compensation and at "considerable sacrifice" of personal time.

Judge rules meetings must be open

(CH) — University of Florida President Robert Marston will appeal a ruling this summer that requires the university to open dean search and screen committees to the public. The ruling came in a suit filed by the student newspaper, the law school publication and a former law student. The suit was brought after reporters for *The Alligator* and the law school's *The Verdict* were barred from meetings during a search for a new law dean. Circuit Judge Benjamin Tench ruled this summer that the Florida

Sunshine Law does apply to university search committees. Marston and other university officials cited in the suit say the appeal is necessary to protect Regents' policies exempting personnel evaluation material from being viewed as public records. If upheld, the Tench ruling would have a major impact on search committees at schools throughout the state system. An attorney for the two student publications says the case will probably take at least a year to resolve.

Not just another cheerleading squad

OU students members of Pistons' Classy Chassis

By AMY RANDOLPH
Staff Writer

As the crowd cheers, ten women run onto center court at halftime at a Detroit Pistons' basketball game. They are none other than the Classy Chassis performing dance team. Two current OU students, and a former student are members of the Classy Chassis team for the 1981-1982 season. "We are not cheerleaders or a pom-pom squad," said Chassis member Laura Smigielski, 19, an OU student. "It's definitely a more sophisticated dance," she said. Smigielski's roommate, Tammy DeBano, 19, is also her teammate on the Classy Chassis. Another team member, Sabrina Miller, attended OU from 1977-79. **SMIGIELSKI AND** DeBano were chosen for the Classy Chassis from over 75 competitors. Out of the fifty women that were called back from the first phase of competition, only ten regulars and four alternates ultimately became Classy Chassis members. Because the Classy Chassis is not merely a cheerleading squad,

many of the members have had years of dance, as well as cheerleading experience. DeBano started dancing ballet when she was three years old. "But I was a real klutz," she said. She continued to dance tap and jazz, in addition to being a cheerleader from eighth through twelfth grades. Smigielski had less dance experience than DeBano, but was a cheerleader in high school also. Both women studied under OU dance instructor Mari Winsor, crediting her with much of their success thus far. When the performance season begins October 30, Smigielski, DeBano and Miller, will be practicing three hours each week, and performing once or twice. They now practice six hours each week, work as secretaries, while also carrying full class loads. As members of the Classy Chassis team, each woman receives only \$15 for each game (the same salary as the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders), plus two free tickets for that game. Other benefits, however, include having a

make-up artist and getting free nylons, along with making public appearances, they say. "Meeting people is exciting," DeBano says. **THE STYLE OF** performance of the Classy Chassis is "strictly jazz—not real exotic—to updated popular music," DeBano says. Under choreographer-director Nancy Croitori, the group will give \$4 performances at the Detroit Pistons home games. The team on the whole is described as a bunch of good girls," by Smigielski and as "friendly, willing to help you out," according to DeBano. Aside from sharing a room, loving to dance, having busy schedules, and eating only one meal a day, both women have full lives of their own. "We do a lot of the same things, but hardly ever see each other," DeBano said. One thing both women totally agree about is their pride and enjoyment in being on the Classy Chassis team. As Smigielski said, "You really love when you're doing it!"



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