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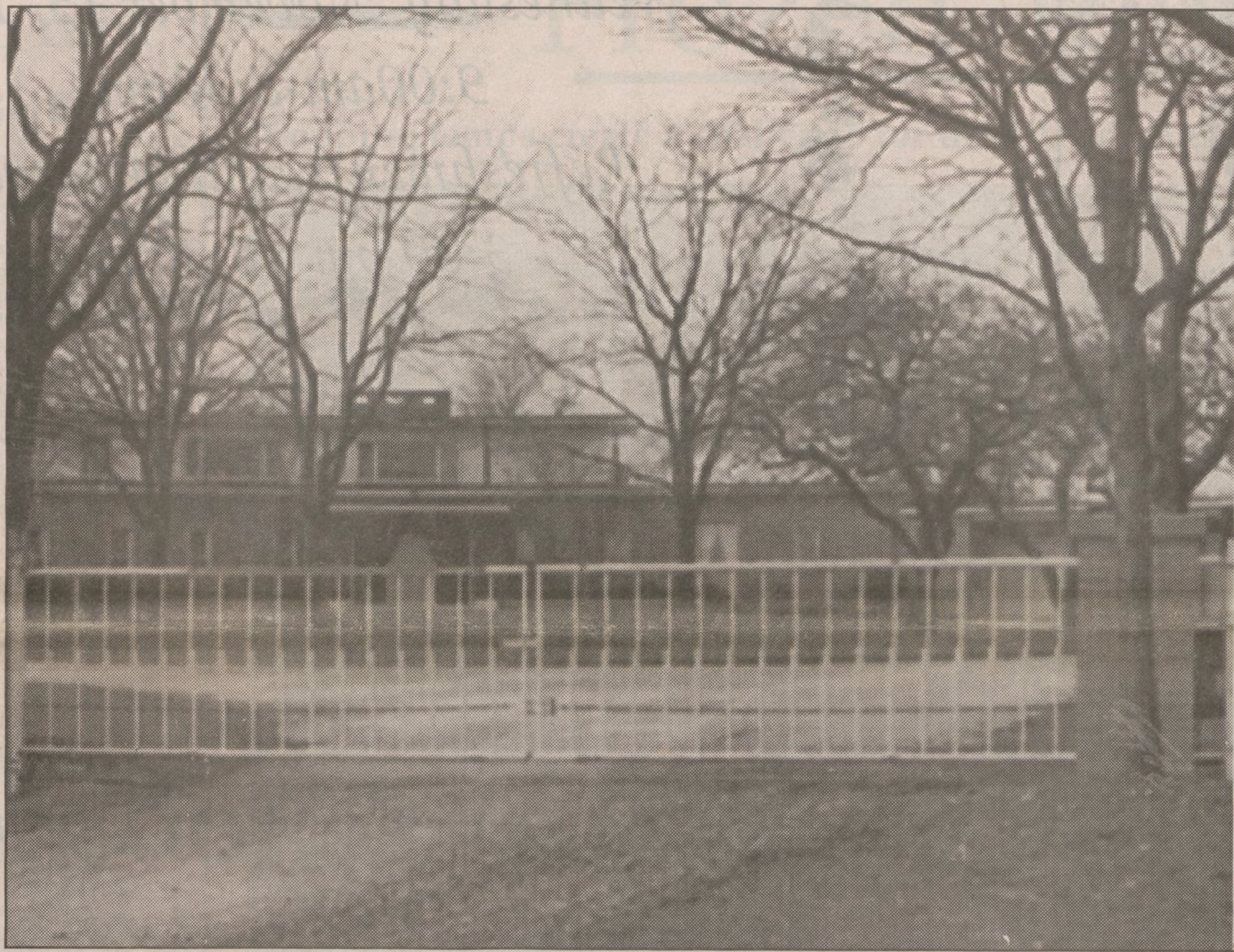
Dusk falls on Sunset Terrace



"It's a wonderful treasure and it needs to be kept as you would a treasure."

Joy James Williams
Director of Special Events

Regardless of Sunset Terrace remaining vacant as OU decides whether to conduct another search for a president, the house is still cleaned on a weekly basis. Monies from the general fund foot the bill.



LONE ESTATE: Sunset Terrace has been vacated since former President Sandra Packard moved out in June. Although unoccupied, the house is still cleaned by a maid at least once a week.

Student dollars used to scrub Sunset Terrace

Sally Tato

Dusk falls on Sunset Terrace. . . along with the dust, cobwebs, and other miscellaneous entities that find homes in places otherwise without inhabitants. That, my friends, is the fate that normally would have occurred at Sunset Terrace, the home rightfully reserved for Oakland University's President.

But since Sandra Packard's surprise departure in January, and she and her family's official exit from the home in June, Sunset Terrace has yet to be occupied, by humans or, hopefully, other creatures.

For to prevent the latter from occurring, the university is footing the bill for weekly maid service to continually clean the interior of the presidential home.

However, I question whether that money can be better spent, or whether students even realize that a portion of their tuition is going to make sure an unoccupied home in a university that still claims it will one day search for another president, is clean.

Perhaps the hired maid who cleans Sunset Terrace, could also be paid to clean dorm rooms in any one of OU's residence halls.

Or perhaps she could mosey down to our offices and assist us in our weekly chores, for we seem to have fallen a little behind.

Then again, we occupy our offices and that could defy the university rule that maid service only be provided to the one building on OU's expansive campus that remains yet to be filled.

Upkeep costs continue for empty presidential house

By IAN HOUSTON
Photo Editor

As the search process to find a new president continues to be postponed, Sunset Terrace faces a long winter as an empty home.

Since Sandra Packard's departure from the presidency and her move out of the residence last June, use of the house has been assigned by Interim President Gary Russi to University Relations.

The 1950s style home is the official presidential residence, though it's not currently being used as a home.

Prior to former president Sandra Packard's arrival in 1992, Sunset Terrace was used as a conference center in conjunction with Meadow Brook Hall. Then president Joseph Champagne vacated the premise midway through his tenure at OU when the board authorized purchase of an off-campus home for him and his family.

With Packard's arrival on campus, the board decided to sell the off campus residence and reinstate Sunset Terrace as the official presidential home.

In 1992, the university had to spend more than \$50,000 repairing the roof and doing other maintenance to ready the home for Packard's arrival.

"The interim president uses the house to host events that support the fundraising and fundraising mission of the university," said Joy James Williams, director of special events.

These events include receptions and informational gatherings for people interested in donating to OU. Through these activities Oakland tries to build friendships to bolster support for the university and donations.

"I think they're very successful," Williams said.

Even though the house is used to benefit the campus, the events are held, on average, just a few days a month. Without a full time resident, this leaves the building

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Congress attempts to publish evaluations

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

In an attempt to satisfy student requests for copies of teacher evaluations, Student Congress members, at their last meeting, raised the idea of creating their own version of the evaluations and making the results available to the campus community.

Not a new goal for congress, members Tim Melton and Jon Livingston have recently taken the reins in determining how feasible this idea is, as well as how much money it could cost.

"We've talked to various professors to get



"This information needs to be made available to you . . ."

Kevin Early
Assistant Professor of Sociology

their input. We're in the planning stages now of seeing what can get done, and what's attainable," Melton said.

He added that although hiring an outside company to conduct the surveys is a possibility, he'd rather not go that route and instead see if

congress could handle the job on its own.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Kevin Early spoke at the meeting and commended the group on the idea, as well as the benefit that could be reaped from professor evaluations that became available to the public.

"This info needs to be made available to you," he said, citing that past experiences at other universities have proved to him that, in some cases, publishing evaluations has improved teaching.

Melton agrees and hopes to get the same

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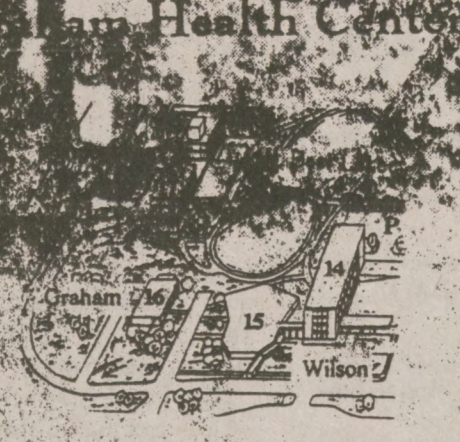


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