

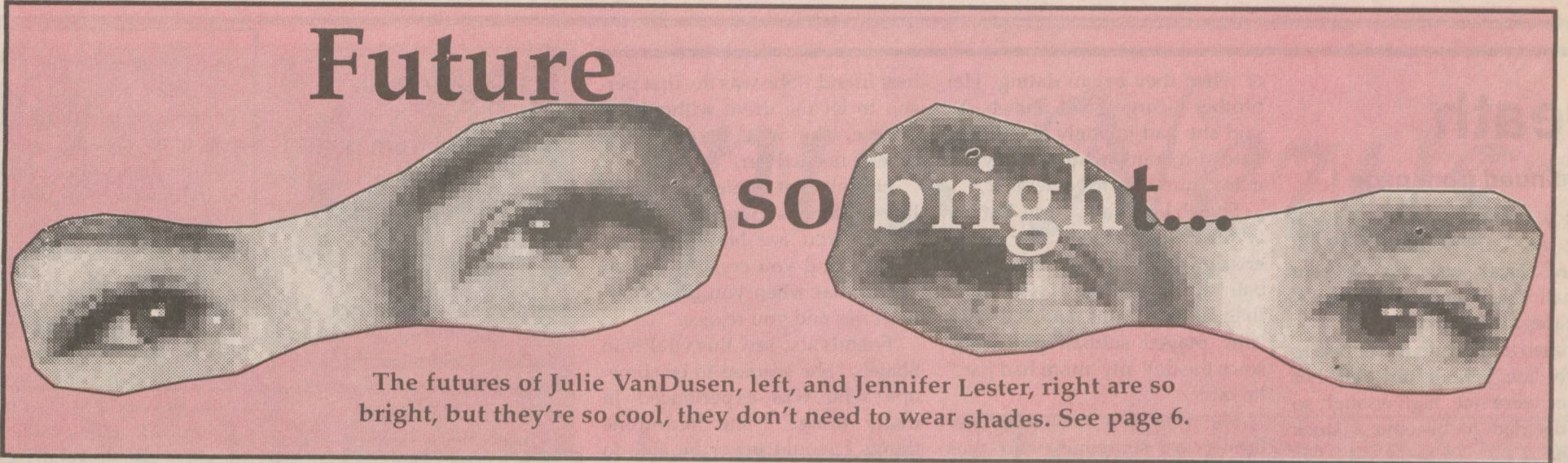
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Opinion

Bio medical prof criticizes former president Sandra Packard's severance agreement with board.

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Pneumonia claims student



Stacie Shaieb, 1971-1995
at Troy Beaumont Hospital. She was transferred one week later to the U-M Hospital and died Thursday of respiratory failure. She was engaged to be married this September to Frank Baranski.

Stacie Shaieb, left, a political science major, was hospitalized on Christmas Eve

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Staff Writer

Stacie Marie Shaieb, a political science major described by her family as an outgoing, sporty woman, died last Thursday of respiratory failure at the University of Michigan Hospital.

The 23-year-old senior was hospitalized Christmas Eve at Troy-Beaumont Hospital with viral pneumonia. She was transferred to U-M a week later.

How she contracted the virus is not known, but members of her family believe that stress may have weakened her resistance.

"It was a very busy time for her, she was just finishing up finals and had several other things going on, and I think it just wore her down," said cousin, Jackie Eggerts.

A source close to the family said that there have been several cases of viral pneumonia in young people of this area. The source said that

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Briefly

Important Dates

Jan.25- First day of 100 percent tuition forfeiture.

STD Discussion

Speaker Kathy King will talk about sexually transmitted diseases and the ways in which to prevent them.

The presentation, sponsored by the Non Traditional Students Association, is on Thursday, Jan.26 at noon. It will be held in the Fireside Lounge.

Fireside Discussion

Points from Lani Guiner's Jan.25 lecture will be discussed and debated Jan.27 in the Fireside Lounge at noon.

Trustee Meeting

The Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustees is holding a meeting today in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center at 4:00p.m. They will consider recommendations for the presidential search process and go over the qualities and competencies needed in a president.

Bissonnette the leading candidate for President

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

Paul Bissonnette, the vice president of finance and administration, could replace Sandra Packard as president of Oakland University as early as next Thursday.

The board, in a move to ensure stability and continuity within a university weighed down by three dean searches and a relatively new cabinet is seriously considering forgoing a national presidential search and promoting Bissonnette, confirmed a source close to the board.

"A deal has been struck," the source said. "The board is testing the waters to see how popular he (Bissonnette) is and to see if there is any support within the

Board considering naming VP as fifth Oakland president

community.

"His name is at the front," the source said, stating that OU could not sustain the cost and time commitment for a presidential search that could involve every member of the university community.

"That's totally implausible," David Bricker, president of the AAUP, said when he heard the news. "But that's not for your story, that's just my response. I think the prudent response would be no comment."

"Wow, that would save some money," William Macauley, the chairman of the Political Science department and veteran of sev-

eral vice presidential search committees said. The presidential search three years ago cost more than \$70,000.

"Jesus, it's an interesting suggestion. My sense is that most presidents have come out of academic affairs, so this would be different in that regard. (But) I don't know that there is any hard and fast rule that it has to be that way," Macauley said.

In the two weeks since Packard's surprise, and some say forced, resignation, faculty and staff have privately expressed concerns about the current board's approach to the search process.

Most faculty are sure to insist on a president with strong academic credentials.

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BROKEN DOWN: Several blue light phones have broken down recently and frustrated students.

BROKEN ALARMS INCITE CONCERN

By SALLY TATO
Staff Writer

Due to complications with the bluelight phone systems, seven of the nine emergency towers on campus have been out of order since November 1994.

The bluelights, one of OU's newest additions to promote safety on campus, were installed in the fall of 1993 and 1994, but the attention that they have gained from students is not just for their safety aspect.

OU students are concerned with the high number of towers that are not working and are questioning the university's concern for public safety.

"It seems to me that the university is jeopardizing student safety by failing to fix the emergency phones. I hope that it doesn't take a serious incident before they catch on," said Steve Lafferty, junior.

Normally, when the emergency button on the tower is pressed the bluelights at the top of the systems start flashing and send a signal and audio link-up to the police station, explained Lt. Mel Gilroy, Commanding Officer, Police Operations.

"They (the towers) were installed because there were no exterior phones available on campus in the case of an emergency and because there was a perception of non-safety around the the residence halls," said Gilroy.

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Inside The Oakland Post this week



Lettie Beckon Alston
Alston, a faculty member, will present a concert entitled The Diverse Composer at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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CRIME does PAY

New revenue goes directly to OU, not Auburn Hills

By ERICA BLAKE
Features Editor

As it gets colder more and more students find themselves chancing a parking ticket to avoid a long walk in the snow. If it's any consolation to those who do get caught, the money brought in by paid tickets will now stay at OU.

"From now on, the money collected from the tickets issued comes directly to Oakland rather than Auburn Hills."

Dick Leonard,
Director of DPSP
Auburn Hills."

According to Chief Leonard, approximately 4,000 parking tickets will be issued on campus this year,

In the past, all tickets given on OU's campus were paid to the Auburn Hills police department in return for the use of their equipment. However, effective January 16, most revenue brought in by parking tickets on campus will go back into the university.

"We have in the past years taken steps to bring the ticket enforcement program to OU," Chief Dick Leonard, director of public safety and police said. "From now on, the money collected from the tickets issued comes directly to Oakland rather than



OURS NOW: DPSP officer David Birkholz places a ticket outside the OC.

costing \$20 to \$50, depending on the violation.

"We have recently raised the penalty on handicapped parking from \$25 to \$50 in accordance with state law which requires that all handicapped tickets be penalized with a \$50 to a \$100 ticket," Leonard warned. "There are people out there who inappropriately park in handicapped spaces using their parents' handicapped stickers. When we see someone get out and run to class because they are late, it clues us in that they are parking illegally and we will follow it up."

Although OU will be able to benefit more from those students too rushed to realize that it was a handicapped spot they had just backed into, public safety will still not handle all campus tickets alone.

Enforcement Technology, a Grand Blanc based company which acts as both a

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Mass move costs exceed initial quote

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

The current price tag of the ongoing 18 month long "mass move," which consolidated student services in North Foundation Hall and relocated most of former president Sandra Packard's cabinet to Wilson Hall is \$241,686, five times larger than expected, with some offices still waiting for final renovations.

OU Project manager Dan Niezurawski first told *The Post* two years ago that the expected cost would be around \$50,000.

However, Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette said in an interview September 1993 that the amount had tripled. "I assume it's not going to be all that expensive," he said. "What they have budgeted is closer to \$150,000."

Since then, the added moves and additional spending ended with a ballooned price tag.

The Post obtained the costs after filing a formal state freedom of information law demand and paying more than \$80

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