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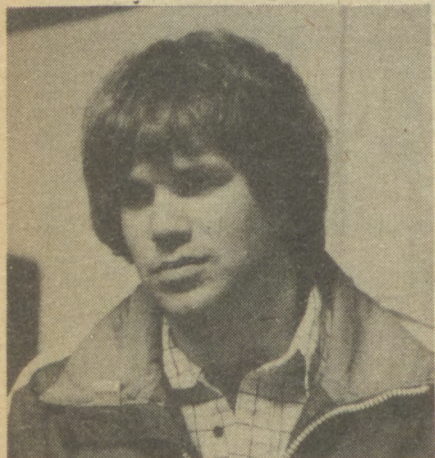
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## Ski Club bus accident -- the long trip

### Less seriously injured students find the ride home a 43 hour ordeal

by Mark Clausen

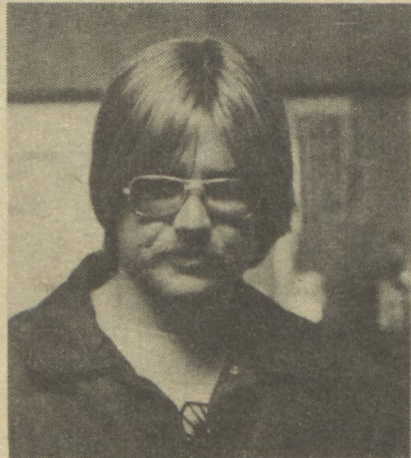
The sun was rising on a cold, foggy Sunday morning, and a Continental Trailways bus chartered by the OU Ski Club rolled along Interstate 80 headed east toward Omaha. Most of the riders, returning from a Colorado ski trip were either sleeping or just awakening.



Tom Balames--"I looked out the window and saw the bus getting closer and closer to the gravel on the side of the road."

Tom Balames, Utica, OU senior and president of the Ski Club, noticed the thick fog and frosted trees, and thought the bus seemed to be going awfully fast, but figured the driver knew what he was doing.

At about 7 am the bus attempted to change lanes, hit a patch of ice and began to



Bob Mick--"Just about everybody who got hurt (badly) got hurt in the fall (from the passenger side)." (Photos by Chris Swartwout)



Kathy Galloway--"We were all tired and wanted to go home. If it hadn't been for a couple of the guys, we wouldn't have made it home." (Photo by Phil Foley)

sway from side to side. The swaying woke everyone up. "I looked out the window (on the driver's side)," Balames said, "and I saw the bus getting closer and closer to the gravel along the side of the road."

The bus was now out of control; it continued swaying and ran into and across the median and across the westbound lane, causing oncoming cars to "ditch it" on the shoulder of the median.

The bus finally tipped over on the driver's side to rest in the ditch along the westbound lane. Windows broke, luggage and other loose objects went flying, and people were thrown against each other.

According to all the students interviewed, as a rule, those on the driver's side were less seriously injured than those on the other side. "Just about everybody who got hurt (badly) got hurt in the fall," said Robert Mick, Fraser, a student who received only a few scratches.

**"Everybody couldn't believe it was happening. It all seemed so senseless, like a dream." -- Susan Flattery**

Balames and Ken Rybinski were also relatively unhurt in the accident. They took charge of getting the other people out of the bus, and made trips back into the bus to get purses, blankets and other necessary articles.

Not all the passengers on the driver's side were as fortunate as Mick, Balames

and Rybinski. Sue Flattery, Farmington Hills, sat next to a window on the driver's side and when the bus tipped she received a cut on the head from "a tool box or something," and a concussion from the metal window bar next to her seat.

The blows knocked Flattery unconscious "for one or two minutes," and when she came to she saw that she was surrounded by broken glass. "I saw blood, but at first I didn't realize I was bleeding," she said.

According to Kathy Galloway, Rochester, Balames and Rybinski were instrumental in getting the others out.

"It all happened so fast," Galloway said, "everyone was kind of dazed...Ken and Tom really helped out a lot."

Flattery said that all the passengers were quiet and orderly; that there was some soft crying, but no hyster-



John Harris--"I'm a senior with 20 credits this semester so I can graduate... I may have to drop this semester because of this." (Photo by Chris Swartwout)

ia. "Everybody couldn't believe it was happening," she said. "It all seemed so senseless, like a dream."

Although the students were outwardly calm, they were not unaffected, "Everyone was really mentally messed up," Balames said.

Others who helped the victims were truckers who radioed for ambulances, police, and motorists who stopped and let students get in their cars to keep warm.

Not all the passer-bys were helpful, though. "Some people would stop, hop out, (continued on page eleven)



After a two and a half hour wait Harry Chapin gave OU a little of what he does best, tunes like Taxi, Dance Band On The Titanic, and Flowers Are Red. For details see story and review on Page 8. (Photo by Dave Ross)



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## Report calls for expansion in Health Sciences

(The following story is the first of a series of articles about the University Planning Committee's reports on the future of OU. The reading of the documents and the resulting stories are the work of reporters Gail De George and Diane Kowalski.--Ed.)

Students at OU will witness many changes in curriculum during the next 15 years, ranging from implementation of new programs to restructuring of old ones, based upon the curriculum section of an eight-

part report concerning the future of the university.

These plans "set out a pattern of goals for fifteen years that would make Oakland University a remarkable, high-quality, medium size, public university. The plans appear to be attainable given a lot of dedicated effort and a bit of good luck," said OU President Donald O'Dowd.

Several new master's degrees and doctoral programs should be developed over the next 15 years, according to

the report, including consideration for a doctoral program for the employed, part-time student.

Several specialties in the health sciences fields will be added. An industrial health and safety program will begin soon and a physical therapy program is in the final approving stage.

There has been some discussion about the need for a medical school in the Oakland County area. A careful survey will be made as to this need and whether and how a medical school could be established at OU. If approval were granted it would be "the most elaborate effort the university has ever attempted," according to the report, and planning and construction would take place over a ten-year period.

Along the same lines, a Medical Science Research Institute would be formed to sponsor such research. An experimental surgery center would be

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The bus accident in Nebraska March 12 may have caused physical and psychological damage beyond what is evident now. The loss of a semester because of lost school time is another possible repercussion of the crash. For these reasons, some students are considering lawsuits. (Photo by Jim Burnett, Omaha World-Herald.)

## Skiers consider suit against bus line

### No concrete legal plans at this time

by Stu Alderman  
and Phillip T.A. Foley

OU Ski Club members, their parents and three attorneys met Thursday night in the Fireside Lounge of the OC for a question and answer session regarding the March 12 bus crash.

Most of the Ski Club members present were still shaken from the accident. While no concrete plans for legal action were made, the lawyers presented the pros and cons of various types of action.

Some students were unable to attend classes March 13 and 14, missing exams, and additional classtime may be lost by students suffering mental trauma stemming from the accident. In addition some students who are still in Nebraska may be unable to finish the current term. How

will these students be compensated for their lost time?

According to Jim Pipp, "Each claim will be considered on its own merits." Pipp is the Adjuster-in-charge for Crawford and Company, the insurance investigators for Continental Trailways. Pipp did say though that all medical expenses, travel expenses and personal belongings would be paid for by Continental Trailways, which is self-insured.

It is unclear at this point how many, if any, suits will be filed. Paul Bricker, an attorney representing Susan Flattery, said he doubts, "...if many suits will be filed for a year." He said that this is because that it may take that long for the full extent of some

of the victims injuries to be assessed.

Even though no definite plans have been made from the meeting, called by Ski Club President Tom Balames, it seemed to have a relaxing effect on most of those present. "It's great they did this," said George Dael whose daughter Nancy was on the bus. "I'm not a lawyer, I just don't know which way to go." Bricker said he felt the meeting had been good for both the students and the parents, "They now know what they can and can't do."

Bricker said that if any suits are eventually brought against Continental Trailways that there is a "very strong possibility," that they will be heard in Michigan. This is because while the accident occurred in Nebraska, the company does business in Michigan.

## Senate discusses Linguistics MA

Several topics and documents were discussed, but no new legislation was passed at the University Senate's sixth meeting Thursday.

A motion to recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees the development of a Master of Arts degree in Linguistics, was discussed briefly, but was not up for final vote.

The degree, according to the proposal, "is intended to accommodate the needs of students who have done

previous work in linguistics as well as those who have had no formal training in the subject.

"It is designed to serve the needs of elementary and secondary school teachers living within commuting distance from Oakland University as well as undergraduate majors in linguistics and the language arts who wish to continue their studies at the graduate level."

Under 'special business', President Donald O'Dowd presented The Role and Mission of Oakland University

statement to the Senate for discussion and suggestion; it was "not being presented as a motion of endorsement at this time, for it is still in draft form subject to modification," according to the agenda.

The statement contains six general principles "that hopefully the Senate will agree on," said O'Dowd.

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## IMC to hold open house

by Kurt Wilhelm

The Instructional Materials Center (IMC) will be holding an open house March 28 from 3 pm to 6 pm for education faculty and students. The IMC, located in 121 Vandenberg Hall, is a division of the School of Education. It provides an array of teaching materials and equipment for use by OU faculty, students and cooperating teachers.

One of the main attract-

ions of the open house will be a new self-instruction lab containing a variety of audio-visual equipment which may be used at no cost, except for materials. A few examples are copiers, cameras, projectors, a laminator, and a videotape machine. Detailed instructions accompany each piece of equipment, enabling a beginner to learn to operate them quickly and easily. This equipment is especially useful to teachers making their own instructional materials, such as sound filmstrips.

A primary function of the self-instruction lab is to provide equipment on which commercially produced materials, such as films, may be previewed prior to use in the classroom--whereas this equipment was not readily available in the past, according to IMC Director, Laura Snider. Snider was responsible for development of the lab. Her administrative assistant, Ester Eisley, was honored a year ago by the School of Education for her "out-standing contribution to the development and maintenance of the IMC" for the last 14 years.

Another feature of the IMC to be emphasized during the open house is the recently established Phil Hilaire Memorial Fund. Donations have been used to purchase over 600 children's literature books.

"Fabric Fantasy From Children's Books," an exhibit of wall hangings and banners which were inspired by illustrations in children's books and created by a group of Oak Park women known as the Needlethreaders, will be a main attraction. The group is headed by artist Dorothy Harwood who has coordinated many exhibits of their work in communities throughout Michigan.

Another presentation by an acclaimed area group will be the storytelling program (pre-school through adult) performed by members of the Detroit Story League, a group which has been perpetuating the art of storytelling for over 65 years.

Other highlights include exhibits of children's projects relating to the stories of Hans Christian Andersen (whose birthday is celebrated April 2nd in conjunction with International Children's Book Day) and demonstrations of various graphic technique and audio-visual materials.

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## feed-back

### Union responds to heat complaint

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter printed in the March 13th edition of the Sail written by Karmel Kesthely.

I can fully sympathize with Karmel's problem of temperature and lighting in the classrooms, but I would like to make it clear that it is not the fault of the employees in the Mechanical-Electrical Department of the University. I am an employee in the department and the President of the American Federation of State County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1418, which includes the Mech-Elect. Department.

The two buildings mentioned by Karmel are the responsibility of one employee, but that same employee also has the responsibility of a total of six buildings. All of his buildings are used for a majority of the day and night. It is impossible for one employee to maintain and check every room for heat for a total of six buildings.

The employees of that department are only following directions given them by their supervisors, which at the beginning of the energy situation which are in, was to set the rooms at 65 degrees.

There are eleven employees in the Mech-Elect Department, three of whom are Electricians, one is a full time stock attendant. The area these employees have to cover are the main campus, the Meadowbrook Estate, the Faculty Sub-division, and the area and buildings at the Child Care Center. To

say the least, the men are spread very thin over these areas. Not only does this department handle the heating of these buildings, but the plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, and construction work.

With the shortage of manpower within the department, it becomes very hard to keep track of everything. Soon as you get into a job, you are pulled off to work on something else. Things just are aren't completed very quickly that way.

Ninety percent of the fault for the situations like the one brought up by Karmel, is because of the under staffing of departments such as the Mech-Elect. This problem has been brought to the attention of the administration of the Physical Plant Department, on numerous occasions in the past by the Union, always receiving the same response, we don't need or can't afford any more employees.

So I would say that until the administration of the University wakes up and realizes we are here to keep the University functioning correctly so that the students can gain an education, and use the money that the state allocates to Oakland for this purpose instead of using it for drapes and carpeting in offices, this type of circumstance will only continue here and the people that will suffer are the students, the reason why the University even exists.

David W. Collins  
President, AFSCME  
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## Congress eyes use of fee

### Refers accounting idea to committee

by Pat Morrison

At the University Congress meeting Wednesday, Congress referred the proposal of separate accounting system for the Student Athletic Fee to the Senate Athletics Committee.

Lori Philo, delegate chair of the Senate, told Congress at the meeting that little progress was being made on the question of separate accounting.

Philo said the committee was having difficulty determining what Congress had intended with the motion. She presented the Physical Education Budget for the year ending June 1978, saying "I don't understand what more Congress wants than this budget."

"It seems to me that Van-Fleet (Physical Education Director) could fool us just as easily with a separate accounting," said Philo. "He could say any area is where the money is being spent."

Philo went on to say Van-Fleet said it would cost \$5000 a year to have a separate accounting of the fee.

After discussion, Congressmembers told Philo they wanted the fee to be regarded as a regular revenue source and that credits and debits of the fee be specifically accounted for. Philo will report this to the Senate Athletics Committee at their next meeting.

OURCOST Chairperson Bill Twietmeyer expressed doubt over achieving separate accounting of the fee. "The reason they lumped everything together," he said, "is for simplicity in ac-

counting. It's likely that they (the P.E. Dept.) won't change it."

In an interview, Twietmeyer said his committee which was once looking into separate accounting has abandoned the idea. He termed single accounting "obsolete" saying, "I don't think we need it at all, I think Congress should focus on management and repair procedures in the department."

Joe Euculano, coordinator of student organizations, said what Congress was asking for involved a difficult process. "At this point in time, I don't see it (the specific accounting) as possible," he said.

Mike McClory, chairperson of the Students Rights Committee, said the plastic ID card project is near completion and a memo will be sent to President O'Dowd shortly requesting action on the ID cards. McClory's committee will be exploring new areas of research including the drafting of procedures to monitor the age of all participants requesting admission to alcoholic-related events at the university, since the drinking age will raise from 18 to 19 effective December 3.

Several Congressmembers became upset when President Gary Foster was allowed to place a motion on the floor at the meeting Wednesday night. Congressmembers appealed EA Mary Sue Rogers' decision regarding the president's ability to place motions.

Rogers said her interpretation of the Congress Constitution was the reason for her approval of Congress President's making the motion.

The motion to appeal (continued on page eleven)

## Faces in the crowd



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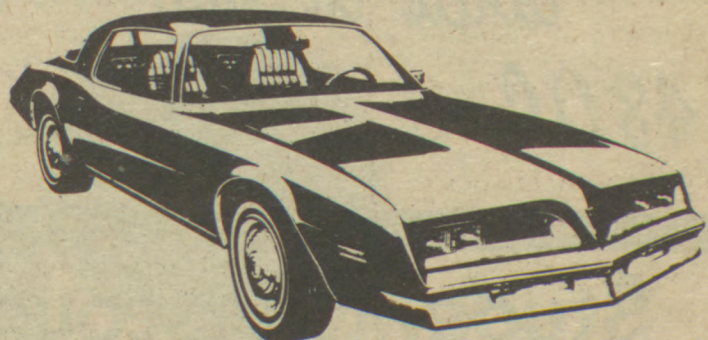


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## OU scholarships may violate federal court ruling

by Rose Calabro

If a black high school senior wants to finance college education, there are several ways to go about it. Financial aid is a possibility. Another route is via scholarships. There are several scholarships awarded annually to black students at OU.

The Black Academic Scholarship program awards four \$500 scholarships yearly. The Isaac Jones Memorial Scholarship awards one \$800 scholarship annually to a

"While an affirmative action program may be appropriate to insure that all persons are afforded the same opportunities...it is not permissible when it allocates a scarce resource to detriment of others." - 417 F. Supp. at 384.

Pontiac High School black senior. There is a Cotillion Club Scholarship, but those funds are provided from outside the university.

However, a Washington D.C. Federal Court rejected the use of a racial quota to distribute scholarships as part of an affirmative action program, based on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The

court held that:

"While an affirmative action program may be appropriate to ensure that all persons are afforded the same opportunities or are considered for benefits on the same basis, it is not permissible when it allocates a scarce resource to detriment of others." 417 F. Supp. at 384.

The Court considered scholarships a scarce resource.

Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, director of OU's affirmative action program, was not available for comment on the court ruling in regards to OU's scholarships for blacks.

The Black Academic Scholarship was specifically, "earmarked for black students," claims Jerry Rose, Director of Admissions and Scholarships, "it (the scholarship) was designed that way. The university diligently works to recruit minorities," he said.

There are Student Life Scholarships, and engineering scholarships, athletic scholarships and music

scholarships, but there are no other minority scholarships like Latino Academic Scholarships, or Indian Academic Scholarships.

"There is nothing to prohibit the establishment of such scholarships," says Ray-Bledsoe. This has "been discussed," said Rose.

The Black Academic Scholarship is awarded annually to four black high school seniors entering OU as freshmen. It can be renewed for six successive semesters as long as the student maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00. The student must advance one grade level per year.

The Isaac Jones Memorial Scholarship was approved in (approximately) 1963 in memory of the first black student to graduate from Oakland. Jones was killed shortly after he graduated. Citizens from the Pontiac community and OU approved a memorial scholarship in Jones' name.

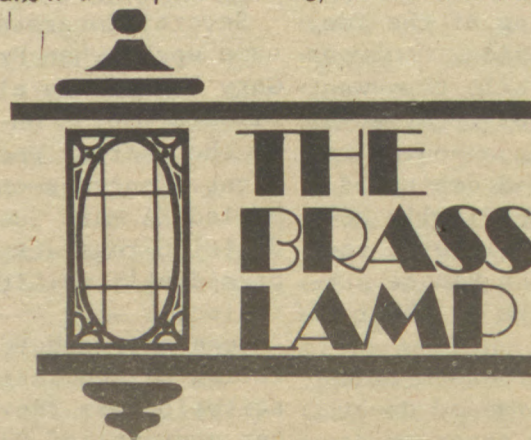
This four-year scholarship is awarded annually to one black student from Pontiac high schools. The high school senior must have a 'B' average.

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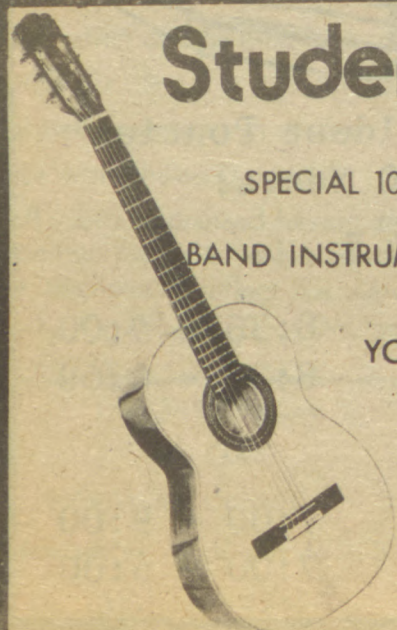
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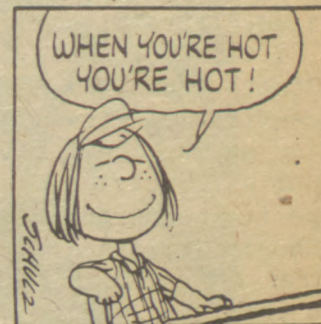
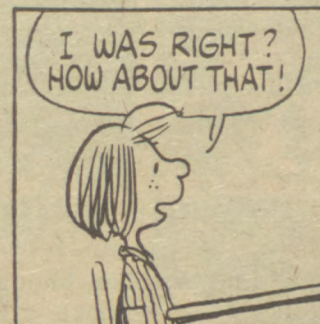
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## At long last Chapin audience takes wait well

Cheers and a standing ovation greeted Harry Chapin when he finally appeared for his March 16 concert in the Sports and Recreation building--2½ hours and more than a month later than the originally scheduled date of Feb. 7.

Due to 'mechanical difficulties' the concert, originally slated to begin at 8, did not start until 10:30 pm. The Feb. 7 concert had been postponed because of bad weather conditions.

Audience reaction to the delay ranged from apathetic to decidedly negative. "I heard he's late for every concert," said Jerry Ebert, freshman. "I just sat on the steps and waited." Mark Mijuskovic, senior, said "it doesn't bother me, I live on campus."

Others expressed much less patience. "We were rather pissed--first we were a month late, now two more hours late--we're asking about refunds," said Steve Kent, sophomore. Another unidentified student said "I was very angry. I just hope its going to be worth the wait."

Chapin explained the delay to the audience, saying that "first off, I feel like an asshole for being this late," and that "you (as an audience) show more class than I deserve by staying."

It had been, according to Chapin, "one of those days," and he had missed his flight out of New York.

The audience as a whole accepted the explanation and apology and settled down to listen to some music, "what I do best," said Chapin.

He blended old and new songs, performing his first hit, "Taxi," early, and switching to "Flowers are Red," a story about the educational process scheduled to be part of his new album which will be released April 22.

"We did not know he (Chapin) wasn't going to be here until 7:00," said Vinnie Maxwell, Unicon advisor. According to Maxwell, 14 tickettakers and security people put on coats and went outside to tell those waiting in line that the concert was going to be delayed.

"Originally we were going to open the doors at 9:15, but we decided to open earlier," continued Maxwell, "because of the cold and some people were pounding on the glass and getting kind of belligerent."

Maxwell said he was "sort of surprised at the positiveness of the audience's response."

Maxwell added that "I did not pay Chapin...all my additive costs will be deducted from his salary."

Refunds for those unable to attend the concert were offered, and although no exact figures will be known until next week, Maxwell estimated the number of refunds at roughly 200.

Chief Leonard, director of Public Safety, said in reference to the crowd's general attitude and behavior considering the circumstances was "just great. The CIPSO staff has done a great job watching over things." He added that there were no major security problems and that he used

only his staff and the people from CIPSO.

Marie Brown, congressmember and usher, said there "were few complaints considering this was the second postponement. Audience control was very good."

Chapin ended the show at 12:30, but was called back for an encore. He played "Sniper," a song he rarely performs at concerts, because, he told the audience,

"I owe you one."

## Meadow Brook Hall Ball goes Hawaiian

The Meadow Brook Ball, with the Hawaiian theme "Strangers in Paradise," will be held Saturday, April 1 from 8:30p.m. until 1 a.m.

The formal or semi-formal dance will feature the band "Milestones," hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and floral arrangements by Margie's Flower Shop. It takes place in

Meadow Brook Hall, and tours of the mansion will be conducted from 8:30-10 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at 48 OC and the Vandenberg desk for \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. The dance is open to all OU staff, students, faculty, and the Rochester community.



As the delay for the Chapin concert dragged on, members of the audience found a variety of ways to pass the time. Among the most popular pastimes were flingin' frisbees, like Brent Robinson (left) and Oscar Mittelstaedt, or wingin' paper airplanes.

## Sail

## Review

by Mark Clausen

Vinnie Maxwell stepped up to the mike at 10:15 Thursday night--2 hours and 15 minutes after Harry Chapin was scheduled to begin--and announced that Chapin was on his way and would arrive at the gym in 15 minutes. The audience cheered.

I was impressed.

After two postponements and after sitting for hours on unbearably hard wooden bleachers and floors, this audience had the patience and class to give Chapin and his band a standing ovation when they finally arrived more than two and one-half hours late.

The crowd stole the show.

"You guys have more class than I deserve," Chapin said to the audience. It was undeniable--the crowd was pure class.

Chapin said he missed his flight out of New York because of a late meeting with Paul Simon. Bush league, Harry. Even if a performer has a meeting with God, when people pay money to see him in a concert, he had damn well better be there when he said he would. Chapin's lateness was quite unprofessional.

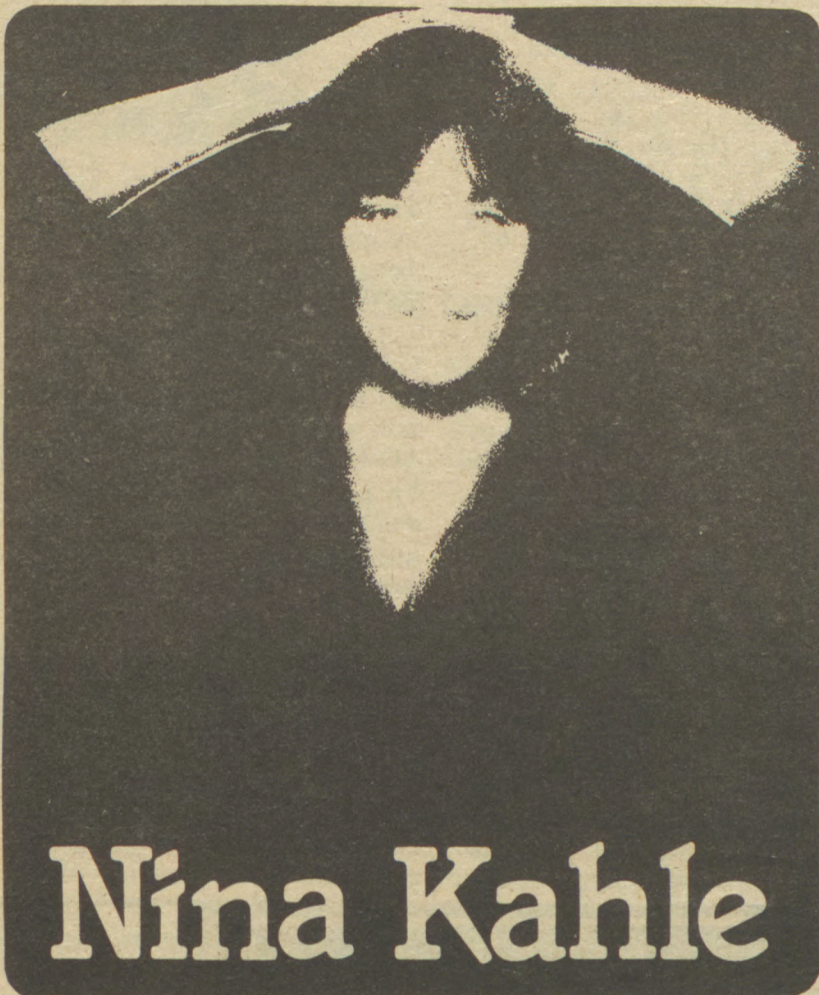
The audience might have been justified in being really bitchy, but they made the show instead. They had the patience of Job, and were so responsive that their act almost outshone Chapin's. (Audience, have you ever considered going on tour?)

I have seen Harry Chapin in concert four times, and this was not one of his better shows. His band was often not together, and I noticed some scattered musical errors throughout the show. "I Wanna Learn a Love Song" was particularly shoddy, and the band admitted it.

Harry's voice seemed more strained and tired than I remember, and he didn't seem to have the same warmth toward the audience he has had in the past. Chapin also didn't sing some of his best songs ("Better Place to Be," "Dreams Go By," and "Odd Job Man"). Still, even a mediocre Chapin concert is better than many other performers', and coupled with the beautiful audience it was a fine and enjoyable show. However, I believe the audience deserved more. You owe us one, Harry.



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## The Athletic Fee - Pro &amp; Con

## CON

**Lori Philo - Student delegate chair,  
Senate Athletics Committee**



The students at Oakland University have only been getting one side of the Athletics fee issue--Gary Foster's. The decision to institute the athletics fee was not taken lightly. University Congress voted for it unanimously only after a presentation by Corey Van Fleet and much heated discussion. At that time, the university was facing severe budget cuts and non-academic areas like the sports and recreation program had been seriously curtailed. Many students were complaining about extensive pool rentals by outside groups (to raise needed funds) and limited intra-mural sports and building hours.

The program could not have been supported by charging at athletic events because the attendance wasn't very high. University Congress decided that the general student was being hurt and the solution was to adopt the athletic fee proposed by the Senate Athletics Committee.

Gary Foster had not attended the Congress meeting when the vote was taken, so he demanded reconsideration at the next meeting. The second vote was the same (except Gary's no vote).

The next step was the referendum that Gary initiated. The students voted down the fee by a very small margin (it wasn't enough to override Congress' decision). But who wouldn't vote down a fee if given a chance? One point that has been overlooked is that the students didn't have the same access to the facts as the students on congress.

Since that time Gary has made it his personal battle to eliminate the athletics fee. He has accused Corey of misusing the fee when he has no facts to base it on. He has been unwilling to compromise or work out

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...we should be working out the problems of student input and accountability and not threatening to eliminate the athletics fee.

any of the administrative problems.

Both the Senate Athletics Committee and OUKCOST have been working for some kind of a compromise on the issue. Recently University Congress voted unanimously to have the Senate Athletics Committee look into a compromise measure so the referendum would be unnecessary.

What good would it do to eliminate the fee? If it was eliminated one of two things might happen. Either the whole program would be phased out or they would have to fund it through the general budget, (which would mean a tuition increase). If we keep the fee we keep the key to influencing the future direction of athletics at OU. (continued on page seven)

**Gary Foster - University Congress President**



As a fee, students do not want it. It was voted down in referenda, has been opposed by 600 petition signatures and has had nothing but opposition in the general public.

The question is not a budget, or a person; the question is the fee. Is the athletic fee an appropriate fee to be assessed on the student body? I suggest it is not, for a number of reasons.

As a fee, the burden is on a select portion of the student population. If a good athletic program benefits the entire university, then everyone in the university should share the cost. Indeed, all students, faculty and staff should support the program; students through tuition, faculty and staff through fees.

As a fee, students do not want it. It was voted down in referenda, has been opposed by six-hundred petition signatures, and has had nothing but opposition in

the general public. The fee is based on the idea that student support for athletics is wide-spread. This is simply not true.

It is my position that the University has a prerogative to set a direction which includes athletics. To fund that effort by pulling dollars from unwilling students, while requiring no support from university faculty and staff, is not proper.

Other issues, the \$100,000 athletic deficit of two years ago, the walling off of locker rooms, of the gym being closed for ten days, are secondary. The fee is inappropriate and should be removed.

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Rogers' decision failed and Foster's motion will be discussed at the March 22 meeting. The motion calls for a University referendum covering the following questions 1) Should the athletics fee be continued? 2) Is 10¢ to 15¢ increase in tuition acceptable to replace the SAF? 3) Should a \$1 library fee be assessed? Foster also calls for an amendment to the Congress constitution that the President shall be responsible before the law for all SAF monies.

Bob Knoska spoke out

against Foster's making the motion saying Foster "wouldn't like this action if another president were doing it." Foster's support was that he wanted his name on the motion specifically because of the Athletics Fee and the Library Fee question.

Greg Flynn of the Elections Commission said in his report to Congress that the commission is getting ready for a referendum in case Congress votes to hold one. The commission has prepared a list of priorities for the referendum procedure.

## Ski Club Continued

take pictures of what had happened, and take off," said Galloway.

The ambulances arrived "quickly and began taking the students to area hospitals. Over 40 of the 45, according to Balames, went to Midland Hospital in Papillion, Nebraska. "They did a great job," said Balames. "Forty people descended on their emergency room, and they handled it well."

Not everyone was satisfied with the care received at Midland. "They never told you that you had a concus-

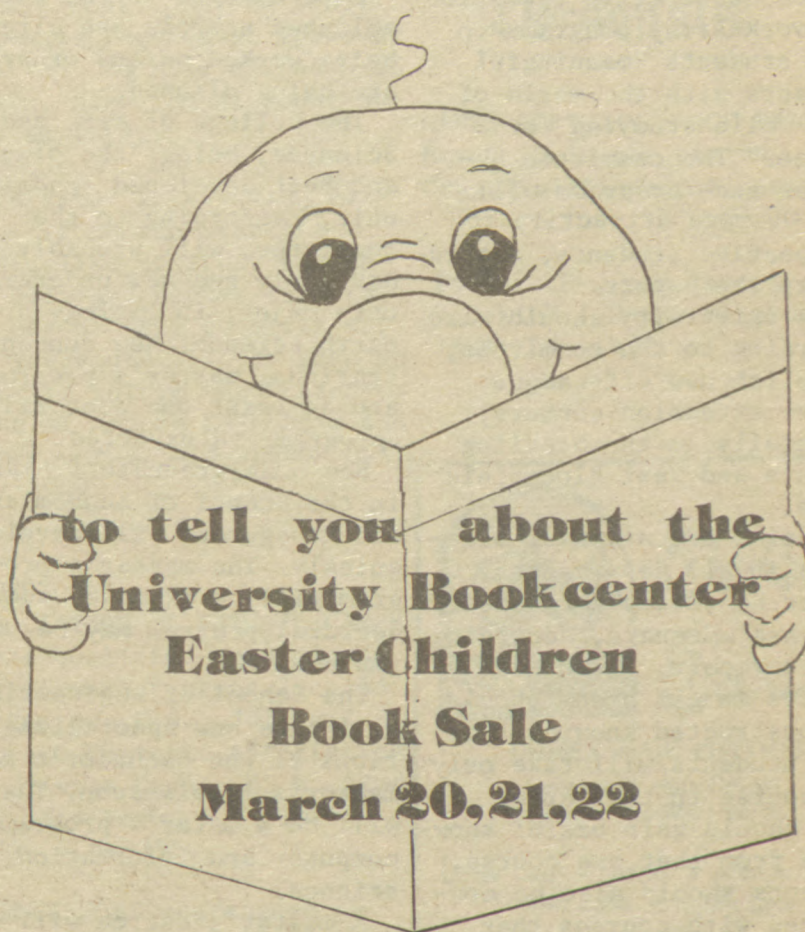
sion," Flattery said. "They would take x-rays but the doctor didn't even look at them."

However, Balames said it was a matter of priorities. "They examined everyone," he said, "but they couldn't be concerned with every little cut and bruise." All in all, he continued, "they treated our people fantastically."

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(continued on page twelve)

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## Report Continued

a first step. The committee expects that many area physicians would become involved.

The report calls for emphasis on cooperative education and work-study programs to give students "meaningful contacts with the world of work while studying for a degree." The committee believes such programs will make OU more attractive to prospective students, according to the report.

The university should also, according to the committee, establish new off-campus course extension centers, especially in the Sterling Heights and West Bloomfield areas.

General education requirements in all departments should be reviewed to see if they are adequate, according to the report. Introductory courses in all areas should be constructed knowing that many students will take only one course in that area. They should gain useful knowledge from that one course. Students should also be confronted with courses that deal with the world, with computers, economics, and the environment.

Basic training in reading,

writing and math should be required for all students who need help with basic skills.

Many changes in the established schools are already being worked on and others are being planned.

The College of Arts and Sciences, being "the oldest and best developed academic unit," according to the committee, will probably have only one new undergraduate major, in geology or earth science. New concentrations, master's programs, and at least one doctoral program are expected.

New undergraduate fields in the School of Economics and Management will develop quickly. The master's program will be expanded and a doctoral program may be implemented.

The School of Engineering will have new specializations at the bachelor's and master's levels soon. There will be a master's program in computer and information science.

A master's degree will be of Nursing. The School of Performing Arts will have new and expanded programs in music, theater, and dance

incorporated into the School over the next fifteen years.

Careful study is being planned to investigate the possibilities of a School of Design. Degrees in fine arts, crafts, architecture, landscape design, and urban and suburban planning would be offered.

Curricular developments must rely on a number of factors, according to the report. Potential enrollment must exist and sources of funding must be found. Certain programs may require special equipment or new buildings.

The original draft of the report was written by O'Dowd during a six-week absence early this semester. The planning committee, consisting of representatives of the administration, faculty, and student populations, reviewed and revised it.

"We have finished the revised draft," said Craig Stutzky, student member of the committee. "We are now preparing a draft which will be published. We hope to get public response to this before writing the final report."

## Ski Club Continued

These same students were bussed to a Ramada Inn (incidentally, Holiday Inn, Inc. owns Continental Trailways) for dinner and then to the airport to begin their trek home.

The trip turned into a long one. The students suffered through a night with a two hour layover in Minneapolis, and an hour layover in Chicago. They were scheduled to arrive in Detroit at 5:45 am Monday, but a dense fog forced the flight to Kennedy Airport in New York.

"All the parents were really bummed," said Tina Bradshaw, Birmingham, 22 year old sister of Pam Bradshaw who was on the re-routed flight.

After another two hour layover in New York, the students were put on a bus to Newark Airport where they finally boarded a plane which took them to Metro Airport.

At 2 pm Monday, the first group of ski club students arrived in Detroit, ending a long, difficult 43 hour return trip from Silverthorne, Colorado.

The second group of students, kept overnight at Midland Hospital, arrived

only three hours after the first group.

What about Continental Trailways? They picked up the tab for all hospital, restaurant and transportation costs. "They were very nice," Balames said, "but they knew they had to be."

Galloway said it would have been better if Trailways had had someone to help them when they landed in New York. "We were all tired and wanted to go home," she said, "if it hadn't been for a couple of the guys, we wouldn't have made it home."

Balames said he thought the insurance adjuster "seemed pretty fair," but that some of the students were going to sue anyway (see story page 3).


Some of the damage to the ski club members goes far beyond bruises and broken bone bones. "I'm a senior with 20 credits this semester so I can graduate," said John Harris, New Baltimore, who was kept at Midland almost all last week for cracked neck vertebrae. "I missed a whole week of class," he said. "I may have to drop this semester because of this."

There was also the emotion-

al strain for all involved. "I aged 50 years when (Pam) first called," said Tina Bradshaw.

Things could have been worse. "Everyone is progressing well, and should heal pretty good," Balames said. "The medics at the hospital said if we had been sitting a little different (the accident) might have snapped our necks," Harris said.

"I'm not the holiest person on earth," said Tina Bradshaw, "but Sunday I'm going to stop by the church and say 'hi!'"

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# "We're moving up steadily" - Hasse

By Dick Foster

After finishing their season with a 7-5 dual meet record, the Pioneer wrestling squad returned home with their third year of national competition behind them.

The team placed 33rd in the competition held in Cedar Falls, Iowa on March 3-4.

Coach Max Hasse, who has seen the number of national qualifiers increase from one the first year, to six, then nine this year, said, "the guys really put forth a tremendous effort and even though we only took three points at the meet we had a lot of very close finishes."

"I was really pleased with the performance our squad came across with," said Hasse.

The three point getters

for OU were: Phil Lieblang (118 pounds), Mike Eble (134) and Mark Christensen (150).



Coach Max Hasse

"There were just some times when we couldn't convert," said Hasse. "That made the difference."

Coach Hasse said next

year the qualifications for the nationals will be more stringent. Each wrestler will have to first qualify for a regional tournament and make it through that competition before becoming eligible for the finals.

## Sports

By April 12 all national letters of intent may be (continued on page 15)

## Swimmers finish third

by Stu Alderman

OU's men's swim team turned in a fine performance as they captured third place in the NCAA Division II Swimmings Championships held at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., March 16-18.

Up until this year, only one OU swimmer won an event at the nationals. This year, three players came out on top.

Tome Boyd took first place honors in the 200 Individual Medley in a time of 1:57.11. Mark Boyle was a double winner in capturing the 100-backstroke (53.59) and the

200-back (1:56.54).

B.J. Kearney took fifth place honors in one meter diving. Ian Dittus placed fourth while Boyd finished seventh in the 400 IM medley.

In the 200-butterfly, Dittus finished third, Boyd in fifth and Scott Tetters in sixth.

Cal. State-Northridge won the championships with 304 points followed by Cal. State-Chico with 282 points. OU finished with 182 points while Clarion was close behind with 179. More than 40 teams competed in the three-day event.

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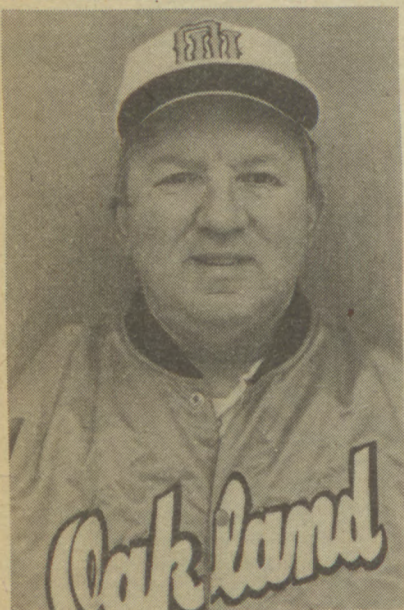
# Sunshine state awaits arrival of OU '9'

by Henry Washington

Despite poor practice facilities and limited time, the OU baseball team will travel to Panama City Beach, Florida on Thursday for the start of their 1978 spring season.

OU finished 9-1 last fall and has won 21 of its last 25 games.

"Respect is what we seek", is the motto for this years team," said head coach Dirk Dieters. "We want people to wake up and take notice of our team - that goes for the administration, students and other teams in the state".



Coach Dirk Dieters  
(Photo by: Helena Ruffin)

OU, which had a .333 fall batting average, will be led by Junior slugger Dave 'Rocky' Robinson. Last season Robinson was OU's leading hitter at .416, which ranked him 17th in the nation.

Robinson will be flanked in the line-up by power hitters Mark Bielski, a Junior, and Senior Jim Dieters, coach Dieters' son. Both hit over .400 in the fall.

Senior Henry 'Rub' Washington, along with Sophomore Dennis Krych should add depth and speed to the squad. 'Murderers Row' - Washington, Robinson, Dieters and Bielski all had over 50 hits last year. Krych had 49.

## Intramural swim meet scheduled

An IM swimming meet is slated for March 28 at 8:30 pm. Activity is open to current students, faculty, staff and alumni. Entry blanks must be turned in to the Sports and Rec. building office no later than March 23 at 5PM.

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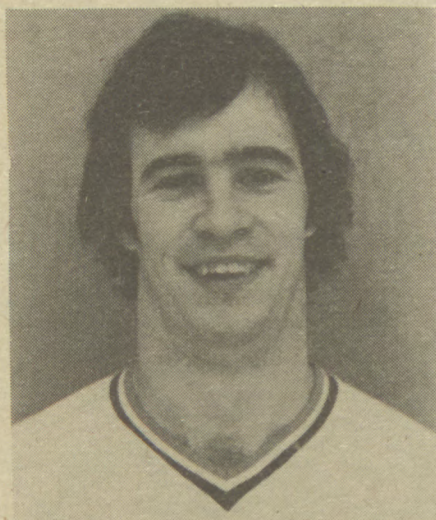
During the off season, OU lost an outfielder, but landed a prize in rightfielder Jay Lentz, from Berkley, who is a transfer from OCC. Left field duties will be handled by Sophomore Ed Vojtush and Freshman Brian Cunningham. Bielski, a centerfielder, will round out OU's outfield.

"The difference from this years club and last years will be our depth on the mound", said coach Dieters.

Senior Dave Jones, a consistent hard throwing right-hander will again be 'the man on the mound'. Jones was an all-conference selection and is co-captain of this year's club.

Jones will be joined by returning starter Steve Luczak and last year's surprise, Dennis 'Wizard' McQuade. Transfers, Tim Seagraves, Jim Kazanski and Tom Libby from OCC, Pete Lynch (Eastern Mich.), Jeff Trax (Macomb CC) and Freshman Scott Gebbie will deliver the punch that the mound staff needs.

Two-year starter Tom Foell will be behind the plate. Promising Freshman



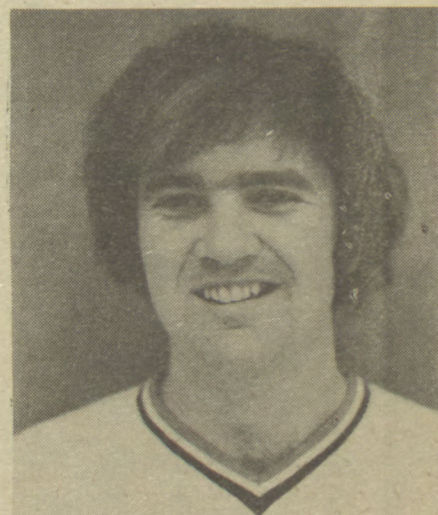
Co-captain Dave Jones  
(Photo by: Helena Ruffin)

Don McArthur and Bob Griffin, a transfer from OCC, will aid Foell at the catcher's position.

"Our strength will be in the infield", said Dieters. OU has its entire starting infield returning from last season.

Robinson will hold the sack down at first base. Krych will nail down the second base spot. Jim Dieters will handle the 'hot corner' at third base while Washington will pull in the anchors at shortstop.

Joe Paglino and Rob Cleary will be the two freshman called on when needed for infield assignment.



Co-captain Jim Dieters  
(Photo by: Helena Ruffin)

OU will get its first big test March 29 against Florida State, a Division I power and a member of college baseball's elite. The Pioneers open their spring trip against Olivet and Brooklyn on March 24.

Eastern Mich. will be OU's first opponent when the team returns from Florida on April 5th at Ypsilanti. The first home game will be on April 11th against Grand Valley.

One of the reasons for the heavy schedule in 1978 (58 games) is to build the team into a visable contender in the NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

## "Pioneer Spotlight" Florida produces more than sunshine

by Vicki Bunetta

OU's men's swim team discovered a fine athlete while down in Florida over the past Christmas break.

Brian (B.J.) Kearney graduated from high school in 1975 and received a scholarship to Auburn University. Unfortunately for B.J., but fortunately for OU, he was in a car accident while on his way home from registering at school.

Brian suffered a dislocated hip and had surgery on his knee and ankle. When he went back to Auburn the next year, the school had discontinued his swimming scholarship. Brian then returned to Florida as a lifeguard because he could not afford school without a scholarship.

Luckily for OU, Brian was a lifeguard at the pool where Oakland was swimming. He dove just to keep in shape. Dr. Shawn McCormick, the diving coach and women's swim team coach, happened

to notice B.J.'s talent.

B.J. was the national AAU champion in the 13-14 age group which enabled him to compete in Europe for a month-and-a-half. "Brian said that, "Going to Europe was probably the biggest accomplishment of my life thus far".

Brian went on to become the state of Florida high school diving champion in 1975. B.J. has already set new team records here at OU for dives in both the one and three meter events.

"He certainly has the potential to do well and place in the top 12 at the Nationals", said Dr. McCormick. "Especially if he makes it past the first few dives, that's where it's tough."

Whatever happens, Brian is only a freshman and has three years ahead of him. He is thrilled to be here at OU and have an opportunity to attend school. He is also glad to get back into competitive diving.

## Wrestling Continued

signed and Hasse will be able to disclose the names of the new wrestlers on next year's Pioneer squad.

"We have some kids that can really win looking at us," he said.

"We've been improving each year and I think next season will be even better. We've got a young team, but they're learning fast and have been using the experience, they've gained in the last three years to their best possible advantage. We're moving up steadily, but as in anything it takes time," he said.

"What we'd really like to see is an OU wrestler as an All-American in the near future. If the team progresses in the next few seasons like they have from the start, then that moment can't be too far away," said Hasse.



## Senate Continued

Joseph DeMent, chairperson of the English Department, pointed out that in his opinion, one of the guiding principles dealing with the need for general education in program curriculum, "is not the way the University is going... the way we are going is not broad general education, but preparing (students) for vocational skills."

"I agree very much with the statement," DeMent continued, "but I don't believe it--I don't believe those are the guidelines we have used recently...more than any other university, we seem to be going toward specialized instruction."

It was pointed out by Provost Fred Obear, and Vice-Provost George Matthews that there are different definitions of the term 'general education'. "Considerable emphasis is in the role statement in developing traditional general education," added Matthews.

O'Dowd suggested that "if there are different definitions of general education, then they ought to be spelled out."

Several other changes in the document were suggested --from emphasizing future innovative programs at OU, to defining ways best serve the "non-traditional" student population that comprises much of the OU student body.

The statement is, according to the agenda, "the core of the University Self-Study...required by the North Central Association as part of the reaccreditation process which the University is now involved in."

The University Senate Steering Committee will resubmit the document for endorsement after revisions are made.

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campus events calendar

## PRESENTATIONS

- 22 Lecture on Dianetics: "The Modern Science of Mental Health" - 12nn-2pm, Gold Rm. B & C OC - Engineering Society.
- 22 Mr. R.E. Goodwillie, Chief Engineer from Chrysler -- Introducing the New Omni & Horizon. 1 pm, Rm. 213 Dodge Hall. Society of Automotive Engineers.
- 22 Arnold Adoff - writer of childrens poetry - 6:30pm Lounge II OC, Association for Childhood Education.
- 23 Speaker: "Preserving and Conserving Michigan's Archaeological Heritage" 7:30 pm - Rm 124 Wilson Hall, Archaeology Concentration - Free.
- 27 Poetry Reading by Donald Hall - 8 pm, Gold Rm. A,B, C, OC - Learning Skills - Free.

## FILM

- 21-23 "Progress Pork Barrel and Pheasant Feathers" & "Buy Buy" - 12nn & 3pm. Gold Rm 'C' OC - Pirgim Film Forum Free
- 22 "Lord of the Flies" - Cinematheque Weekly Presentation. 7pm, Rm 201 Dodge Hall - Adm. \$1.

## CONCERTS

- 21 Oakland University Wind Ensemble in Concert - 8pm, Varner Recital Hall Music Dept. - Free.
- 23 Bob Holt Concert - 5 to 6:30pm, VB Cafeteria - Residence Halls Programs
- 23 Student Recital - 8pm - Varner Recital Hall - Music Dept. Free.
- 23 Jazz Concert - 8:30pm to 12am - Abstemion OC - Abstemion Coffeehouse.
- 24 Oakland University Concert Band in Concert - 8pm - Varner Recital Hall - Music Dept. Free.

## ARTS/DRAMA

- 22-May 14 Meadow Brook Art Gallery will present "Stages Revisited" Tues.-Fri. 1-5pm & 7:30-8:30pm; Sat. 2-6:30pm & 7:30-8:30pm; Sun. 2-6:30pm
- 23-April 16 Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Male Ainal" - American Classic Comedy - 8:30pm, Wilson Hall.
- 24-26 The Curate Shakespeare: As You Like It - 8:30pm - Barn Theatre, SET Production. Adm. \$2 OU students \$3 general.
- 27 "Pompous Circumstances" (comedy/musical review) 8pm Rm. 133 Varner Hall - Theatre Arts Dept. Adm 99c.
- Sports
  - 22 Donkey Basketball - 8pm Sports & Rec Building - AHC Adm. 25c. Guest List at Charlie Brown and VB Desk.
  - 23 Student Organizations Volleyball Tourney--6-10pm Sports and Rec. Building OU Co-op Program Society.

## HAPPENINGS

- 21 Faculty & Staff day--15% off all merchandise this day only. 8-5pm, Book-center - I.D. required.
- 21 Bagel Sale - 8am-2pm, table in OC, Pryale House Council
- 21 Children's Book Sale - 1500 hardbound children's books purchased for this sale 8am-5pm -- Book Center.
- 22 Children's Book Sale - 8am-5pm -- Book Center.
- 22 Bagel Sale - 9am-4pm. Table #6 OC - 6th floor Hill House.
- 22 Arts & Crafts Sale, 9am-4pm Table #3 - 6th Floor Hamlin
- 23 Christian Conversation Group - 12nn-1pm - Faculty Lounge OC, Campus Ministry.
- 24 Good Friday Worship. 12:30-2:30pm, St. John Fisher Chapel - Campus Ministry.
- 24 Hill BYO - 9-2am, Hill House.
- 27 Bagel Sale - 9am-3pm, Table in OC - Pre-Med Society.

## MISC.

- 21 OU Democrats Meeting 12nn-1 Lounge II, OC.
- 21 Repolitik Meeting, 4:30-5:30pm. Rm. 405 Hamlin.
- 22 University Congress Meeting 7:45pm - Lounge II OC.
- 23 Congress Steering Committee Meeting - 4pm, Rm. 128 OC.
- 26 Easter Bunny at Meadow Brook Hall during public tour, 1-5pm. Adm \$2 OU students, under 12 and over 65 \$3.50 adults.
- 27 BaHai Club Meeting, M to 12:30pm - OC - All are welcome.
- Every Tuesday: Kundalini Yoga Organization 2:30-4pm - Rm. 130 OC.
- Every Tuesday: Oakland Sail photo staff meeting, 36 OC, 1pm.
- Every Tuesday: Oakland Sail staff meeting, 36OC, 12:10pm, all staff members should attend.
- Every Thursday: Ecumenical Worship Service 7pm - St. John Fisher Chapel. Campus Ministry.

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