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After revamping plans for the student fitness and recreation center, general contractor Barton Malow is finally on site.

The first trailers settled in next to "The Bubble" last Thursday. The trailers will serve as Barton Malow's on-site headquarters during construction.

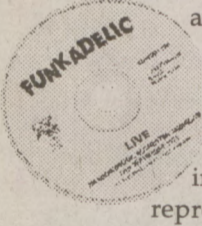
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The new signs and maps around campus may be helpful for some, but they have caused headaches for the Capital Planning and Design Department.

The low bidder on the project, ANDCO, a North Carolina contracting company, is two months behind schedule and owes OU more than \$5,000 said Susan Aldrich, assistant vice president of Capital Planning and Design.

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There are two interesting things about this album: it was recorded in our back yard, and, having just been put out now via British import, it represents the first such recording released stateside chronicling George Clinton's P-Funk axis in its prime, on stage.



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An OU parent expresses anger over the Post's choice to publish profanity.

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Arguments heard in OMA lawsuit

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

The question of whether OU's Board of Trustees violated Michigan's Open Meetings Act (OMA) during its brief presidential search more than a year ago came under scrutiny as oral arguments were heard before the Michigan Court of Appeals on Thursday.

Great Lakes Media, the parent company of *The Oakland Press*, filed suit against the Board after a reporter was asked to leave a Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) last March.

PSAC, chaired by Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr., included three trustees and eight faculty, staff and others. OU maintained the committee was advisory and would have no final vote for the university's next president.

In Schlaybaugh's letter to the Board one week before the first PSAC meeting, trustees serving on PSAC were advised to keep the search private from those not serving on the committee, and trustees who were non-committee members were told not to ask questions regarding the committee's progress.

This was to avoid questions about its compliance with the OMA, wrote Schlaybaugh. The Oakland Press filed suit in the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Judge Gene Schnelz ordered the Board to open its meeting as required by law and further said the Board could not delegate the job of searching for a president.

OU's presidential search was cancelled and the committee dissolved. After Schnelz's ruling, OU appealed to the state Court of Appeals.

Dawn Phillips, attorney

for Great Lakes Media, argued the Board violated the state's OMA when it decided to hold the PSAC meeting in secret.

The OMA was created to allow the public access to business being conducted by a public body. A public body is defined by law to include boards, committees, subcommittees and councils that have the power to exercise governmental authority.

"This case went from zero to 60 in no time," said the Ann Arbor attorney Roderick Daane, the outside counsel

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- Jan. 11, 1995 ○ Sandra Packard resigns as president; Gary Russi named interim president.
- March 15, 1995 ○ Search committee formed; Spencer Stuart search firm hired.
- April 1995 ○ *The Oakland Press* files lawsuit against OU for holding closed committee meetings; court enjoins OU from holding secret meetings.
- May 22, 1995 ○ Presidential search terminated; Russi continues as interim president.
- June 6, 1996 ○ Board of Trustees appoints Russi president; OU community upset over lack of search process.
- Sept. 12, 1996 ○ Oral arguments heard before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Congress heats up

President Landsberg faces charges of over stepping his bounds

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Student Congress President Garrick Landsberg came under fire and rumors of a possible impeachment circulated Monday as some Student Congress members argued he had over reached his authority.

Monday, Garrick attempted to bypass Congress and purchase a \$10,683 copy machine, though Congress only approved an \$8,100 for the machine.

"I thought there was a consensus among Congress. I was wrong. I apologize," said Garrick during the discussion which raged.

At its Aug. 7 meeting, Congress approved its fall budget. One of the items under discussion was a new copying machine costing \$8,100. A motion was made to increase the budget for a better copier one that cost \$10,700. Congress refused to authorize additional funds.

Despite this, Landsberg processed a purchase order on Monday to buy the more expensive machine.

Knowing Congress voted down the increase in budgetary funds, Director of CIPD Maura Selahowski refused to sign the order.

"This particular item (on the budget) was turned down. ... I didn't feel I could supersede Congress and approve it," said Selahowski.

Garrick said he contacted several members of Congress, and they felt it would be beneficial if he purchased the more expensive copier. He could not, however, say the number of members he contacted about this issue.

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"I profuse-ly apologize if it seems like I am stepping on any toes. I will not do it again."

Garrick Landsberg  
OUCS President



Post Photo / Patty Young

"Why are we here? Do we not have a voice? ... I have no trust in the president."

Matt Karrantja  
OUCS Rep.



Post Photo / Patty Young

VPAA search begins

By HEIDI HEDQUIST  
Editor In Chief

A search committee consisting of faculty, staff, a student and an alumni has been formed to find a permanent replacement for the now vacant Vice President of Academic Affairs position.

The committee, chaired by David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will be responsible for interviewing and narrowing candidates to fill the position which President Gary Russi held until former President Sandra Packard's resignation in Jan. 1995.

William Connellan was named Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs at the August Board of Trustees meeting.

The committee will be responsible for reviewing applications, interviewing candidates and placing ads for the position. "At our first meeting the committee will determine its process and review a draft of the position description," said Downing.

According to Downing, descriptions of the position will be sent to colleagues at other institutions.

"The committee will also be enlisting the help of the OU community in its search for well qual-

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Blue light alarms plague OUPD

By SUZY SCHOLZ  
Assistant News Editor

More than a half dozen false alarms have been called in to OU's police from the blue light phones located throughout campus.

OU Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy said he thinks the false alarms have been caused by technical problems.

"We don't have much abuse of the phones, which leads me to think this is a technical problem, I think that most people appreciate the fact that the 911 system is there for them," said Gilroy.

Four of the false alarms came from the blue light phone located in front of the Oakland

Center. The phone is currently undergoing repairs.

People who do misuse the blue phones or 911 should be aware that it is a misdemeanor, carrying with it a \$100 fine and/or 90 days in jail, he said.

Blue light phones should be used for any police, fire or medical emergency situations only. They should not be used to report car troubles, non-emergency accidents or anything else that does not involve a life and death situation, he said.

Non-emergency situations should be reported to the police through the OU Police line at

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Committee formed to look at Division I athletic status

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

President Gary Russi has assigned a Nov. 15 deadline to a three-person fact-finding team to ask various OU constituencies whether there is support to move the Pioneers into NCAA I status in the future.

Spurred by previous Board of Trustees Chair David Fischer's request to look into the future of intercollegiate athletics, Russi has appointed Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette, Athletics Director Jack Mehl and

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences William Macauley to research the issue and present their findings.

"Right now the president is in the process of sending out notices to various constituencies to meet with us regarding their perspectives regarding Oakland athletics," Bissonnette said.

Chairing the small committee, Bissonnette explained that the history and founding purposes of OU athletics will be researched in addition to a financial analysis of moving into a Division I program.

"This isn't going to be long and drawn out. It's going to be very focused," Mehl said. He added that the top question should revolve around how intercollegiate athletics can enhance the academic mission of OU.

Meetings with the Student Body President, the residence halls, intramurals, faculty leadership, and a tentative meeting open to all other interest groups will be part of the method used in creating the report on athletics. The process of recording feedback and information will

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