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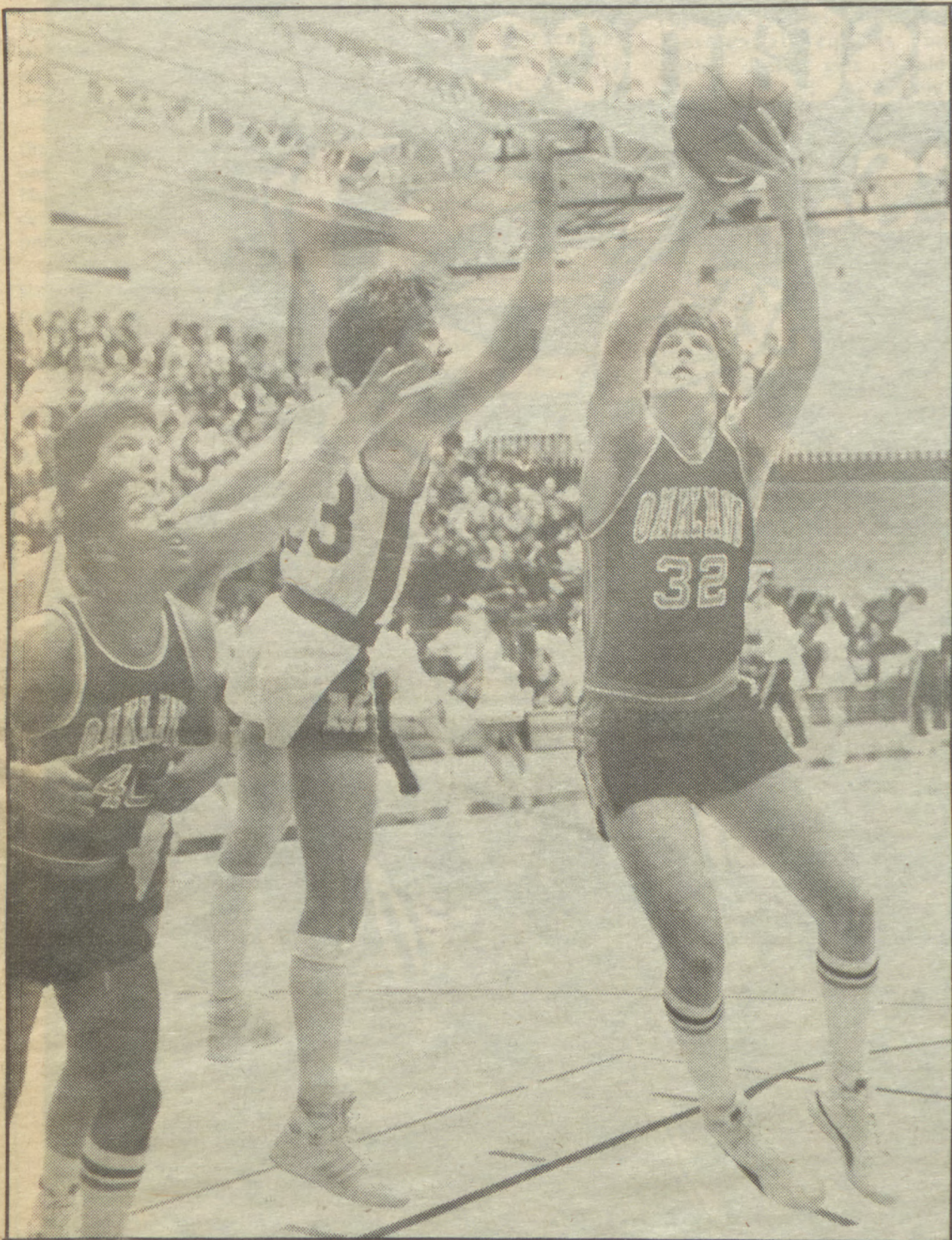
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Victory

Oakland Sail/Bob Knoska

Randy Strunk (32) shoots while teammate Chris Howze (40) and University of Michigan-Dearborn rival Doug Werth (23) look on during the Pioneer home opener win, 91-79, Friday night at Lopley Sports Center.

No change in Alcohol Policy

By LISA BABCOCK
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New University Congress President Mike Carbone hopes to continue the alcohol policy taken by Bob McClory -- letting the Board of Trustees reach a decision on whether alcohol will be allowed on campus at all, and then holding discussions with the Board and the administration on student use of the licenses.

The administration has promised that students will have one license to use during second semester, but the trustees made the dispersion decisions. Only one license has been denied this year, but the denial was a surprise to many people who thought it would be granted. The trustee's stance for second semester and the rest of the year is unknown; although the policy rests in their hands, they do not want to comment on it. Trustee Patricia Hartmann commented on the issue by claiming: "It has nothing to do with the board at all. It's a state law."

Carbone, "trying to work with the administration and board," vowed to "fight for a license for next semester." "It's still tentative," he continued, "We want to be sure that we cover all bases. We want to meet Liquor Control Commission guidelines and we want to be sure that we have the go-ahead."

Of the other five major ideas for the year, he added, will be revisions of the election committee guidelines -- the

current rules for campaigning are "ambiguous and outdated," he feels. During the election, three sets of rules must be followed: the University Congress', CIPO's, and Area Hall Council's. The rules often conflict and he would like to see a single set of guidelines accepted by all three.

Another thing Carbone would like to create are student buying-power cards -- a plastic card that resembles a credit card but entitles students to special discounts at area stores. The cards would be free to students and possibly available next fall.

"Reinstatement of a student rights committee" is important to Carbone. The committee would be a committee of Congress, but membership would not be limited to Congress members. It would allow student issues to be taken directly to Congress. "The committee would lobby for rights -- the rights of students, including non-traditional."

Promoting the Congress is very important to Carbone -- he wants to make people aware of much the UC does for students. The Student Activities Board and Student Programming Board are committees of Congress, although again, membership is not limited to Congress members. "Awareness" is the key word; Carbone's fifth hope is for more students to attend the Congress meetings held each Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Liberal arts on upswing

By STEVE BRUDZINSKI
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Liberal arts are making a comeback after over a decade of decline.

According to a report released by the Office of Institutional Research, OU is experiencing its first resurgence in liberal arts and sciences since 1969.

The report states, however, that there is still a "strong desire for professional majors" as opposed to the liberal arts.

David C. Beardslee, director of the Office of Institutional Research, believes that the liberal arts enrollment increase is due more to "the flow of students who are not allowed into their desired major" than an interest in traditionally liberal arts subjects. Programs such as Engineering, Computer Science, Nursing, Health Professions and Journalism have recently increased enrollment restrictions, causing some students to be squeezed out of these

programs. "Those students have not succeeded in developing their math and Science enough" to get into the more technical subjects," Beardslee said.

In 1969, over 60 percent of the enrolled students were in some liberal arts program or secondary education, compared to just over 20 percent today. The 1969 figures, however, were inflated by the secondary education program, a popular major at the time. In the

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Election means possible aid cuts

(CPS) -- As the election results sink in, most education observers say they expect President Reagan's landslide win will mean deeper cuts in federal funding of colleges and students during the next four years.

And at least one source, who did much to shape the education policies of the first

Reagan term, says they're correct.

About the only change will be that President Reagan probably won't propose abolishing the U.S. Department of Education again, says Ron Docksai, author of the education section of the conservative Heritage (see Election, p.3)