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Women hoopsters lose two, men win fourth straight.

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Briefly ...

Forensics places third

The OU Forensics team took third place last weekend at the Indiana-Purdue University's Mastodon Stomp tournament. This is the highest place the team has achieved at this event. The team brought home nine individual titles, including two first places from Susan Bissett in persuasive speaking and the Dramatic duo of Robert Heyart and Dave Rothley. The "forensicators" next competition will be at Central Michigan University in two weeks.

Winter Frolics V

The winner of last week's Residence Halls Winter Frolics V participation trophy and \$100 prize was Anibal House.

Political science vote

Political science majors are asked to elect a fellow student to serve on the political science faculty board. The winner will sit in on political science meetings and help interview prospective candidates for political science professor. The search for a new professor is already underway, with ads being placed in academic journals. Balloting takes place all this week until Friday at 5 p.m. in the political science office in 420 Varner. Only students majoring in political science are eligible to participate.

Dr. King speeches

In honor of African-American history month, SPB's Coffeehouse will host speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King as delivered by Curtis Davenport on February 9, 1993 at 8 p.m. in the OC abstention. Other events include a performance by the OU Gospel Choir and open mike for any attendants that would like to present the art of their choice. Contact Rick Shelley (373-6114) for more information. All are welcome.

ABS Malcolm X tribute

The Association of Black Students is sponsoring a tribute to Malcolm X on Feb. 9 at noon in the Oakland Center's Lounge II.

Advertising awards

The Adcraft Club of Detroit's Education Foundation will award three to four scholarships totalling at least \$10,000 in scholarship grants to students. Candidates must be academic juniors preparing for a career in advertising. Potential art directors, copywriters, media specialists, broadcast production or account executives are considered aid during their senior year of studies. To see if you qualify, contact the Adcraft Club of Detroit at 962-7225.

Graduation deadline

Thursday, Feb. 4 is the final day to apply for graduation this semester.

Dates to remember

Today, Detroit Free Press Education Forum, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center's, Gold Rooms. Thursday, OU basketball versus Ferris State at Lepley Sports Center. Women's game at 5:30 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, OU Gospel Choir, 6-11:30 p.m., Oakland Center, East Crockery. Monday, African American Celebration Speaker, noon in the OC.

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VP search process sparks conflict

By ROBERT SNELL
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Alleged strong arm tactics by President Sandra Packard during the search process for a new vice president for academic affairs has frustrated committee members to the point of name calling.

A member of the search committee labeled the top administrator "an 800-lb gorilla", a bold reference to the president's hands-on approach.

However, while Packard said she did select the candidates for interview, she is not part of the search process itself.

"I'm not part of the process...I asked each committee to send candidates to me," Packard said. "I received seven or eight folders and I took more than half of them for interviews.

An unnamed committee member took exception to Dr. Gary Russi's inclusion to the list of five candidates. Russi's dossier was

received later than the other four and was less than exemplary, according to committee members.

"She forced one on us and it looks like she's trying to do it again," he said.

Russi, vice president for research and strategic planning and Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Drake University, was nominated for the OU position by Drake's president Dr. Michael Ferrari. Packard and Ferrari are acquaintances and com-

mittee members believe their relationship resulted in Russi's inclusion on to the list.

"Higher education is a small world," Packard said. "There is no way that someone will not know somebody else. In all the searches, I've known a few people but that is not a criteria."

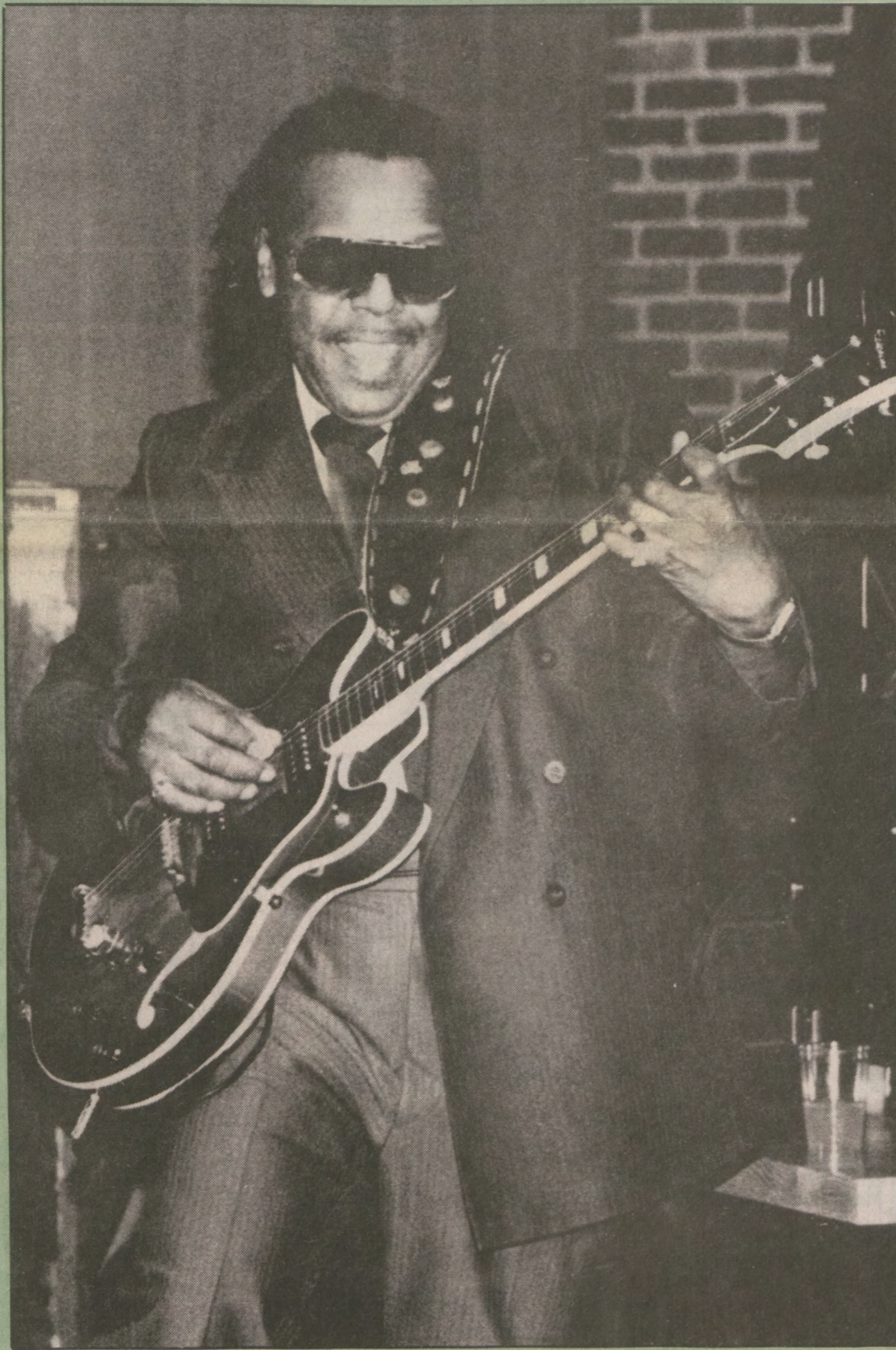
The committee was charged by Packard to seek applications and to review and recommend candidates for the vacant cabinet post. Despite the allegations, the com-

mittee is autonomous and Packard has remained silent, according to search chairman Dr. Gerald Pine.

"There was certainly no influence on me and as far as I know she hasn't spoken to anybody on the committee," he said. "I think all that she was doing was saying 'here is a dossier that I received in the mail, would you refer this back to the committee?'"

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Feeling blue



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A member of the Detroit Gents plays a song from the heart to a crowd gathered Wednesday night at the Abstention. The band was one of many acts sponsored by SPB for winter semester. Other acts coming include: Airborne Comedians on Feb. 17 and Ricky Walters, a rhythm and blues singer on March 17.

Committee to study openness appointed

Group to complete quick, thorough investigation

By JOE PICKERING
Copy Editor

The OU Board of Trustees responded to pressures from around the OU community, including a petition signed by 1,400 students and faculty members, to form a committee to advise the board regarding open meetings for all university committees.

The new committee, established by OU President Dr. Sandra Packard and chaired by Ronald Horwitz, acting vice president for academic affairs, will recommend to the Board whether or not to close committee meetings to the public.

At the committee's first meeting, members will decide if its own meetings should be open or closed.

"It is my intent to make our committee meetings open," Horwitz said. "I'm hoping the committee will go along with me. At least the first meeting will be open."

Packard requested that 10 university representatives compose the committee as stated in a Jan. 22 memo to those perspective members and the Board of Trustees.

The list of 10 includes Horwitz as chairman; co-chair Peggy Cooke, director of internal audit; Mary Karasch, professor of history; David Bricker, professor of philosophy; Ronald Cramer, education professor; Andrea Fischer, from the Board of Trustees; Ronald Olson, dean of the School of Health Sciences; Rex Schlaybaugh, Board

of Trustees; Assistant Dean of Students Nancy Schmitz and Student Congress President Derek Wilczynski.

In the same memo, Packard included the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on Jan. 14, which states its intentions to encompass the duties of the new committee.

The resolution, or charge of the committee, states that the committee will study Trustee Howard F. Sims' recommendation regarding open meetings for all university committees and make a suggestion to the Board.

In addition, the committee will also provide the Board with a list of committees on campus and their impact on the university community, even though lists of many departments' committees and meeting times were made available to Board Chairman James Sharp last November, according to a Board source.

Packard concluded in her memo: "The work of the committee should be thorough, but hopefully will be completed in a relatively short time," and hinted at March 4, the Board's next meeting, as a target date for completion.

Although pressure from Packard seems to loom over the committee, Horwitz assures that she plays no part in the decision-making process.

"She (Packard) has not given me any directive as to where the

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OU radio station waits for FM license approval

By MELISSA HARRINGTON
Special Writer

WOUX, OU's student radio station, plans to hit the FM airwaves within the next two years.

The station has been waiting for the past five years to secure an FM frequency license.

"We hope to get an FM frequency sometime between September and April of the next school year and are currently waiting for FCC (Federal Communications Commission) approval from Washington," WOUX General Manager Mike Fleming said.

The problems that WOUX has been experiencing in ascertaining that elusive license include get-

ting OU's approval to go FM, the FCC application and finding an open FM frequency.

The station received permission from OU in January 1990 to apply for a construction permit and to search for a frequency.

Since that time, the station has found an open broadcast frequency and sent in the completed FCC application.

If and when WOUX receives the green light from the FCC, the station will then have up to 18 months to complete construction.

On the financial ledger side of the drive to go FM, the managing of the station's expenses are handled by Fleming and a technical consultant, Steven Travis.

WOUX is bankrolled by OU Student Congress fundraisers, OU student activities' fee allocations and also, OU matches any monies raised by WOUX by two to one.

This semester, WOUX will receive \$11,524 for operating expenses.

To raise more money for future equipment upgrades that will be necessary to go FM, small businesses will be able to sponsor the station by advertising on WOUX mugs.

As for facilities, WOUX pays a lump sum fee of \$100 for tower rental on Bald Mountain, which is located near the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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WOUX DJ Delayne Gratopp gets ready to go on the air during a recent broadcast. The station can be heard throughout the OC.