

# Med school feasible at OU, reports study

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Establishing a medical school at OU has changed from pure speculation into a proposal that has emerged after more than a year of study.

A report studying the feasibility of medical school at OU by Moon J. Pak, director, Center for Health Sciences, concludes that the program is feasible and would benefit the university. Approximately \$140,000 was spent on the study, the majority of which was funded by the state.

One major asset is the low capital outlay costs that OU would incur in establishing a medical school, according to the report. A university hospital, the major cost factor in a medical program, would not be built. Instead, a decentralized program using OU's proximity to four teaching hospitals: Beaumont, Providence, St. Joseph Mercy and Pontiac General would be established.

**PROJECTED** expenses for a medical program include \$14 million for a new science building that is not really a cost of a medical

program, said Pak, in an interview. "It is needed (by existing departments anyway.)"

A basic medical school class instruction building would be needed at an estimated cost of \$24 million. Maintaining the program would run approximately \$10 million a year, Pak said.

Resources would not be diverted from the university to finance a medical school, said Pak. The state maintains separate funding for higher education and for medical programs. "Medical schools compete, with each other for funding," Pak said.

There is no room for additional students at Michigan's four existing medical schools: University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University M.D. and Michigan State University D.O., Pak said. Two of the schools, U of M, and Wayne State already have above-average class sizes.

"To increase enrollment in any of the existing medical schools, the state would have to spend more money (than at OU) for capital outlay," said Pak.

**EIGHTY DOCTORS** a year would graduate from OU's proposed program. A combined baccalaureate/M.D. program would provide a flexible curriculum at the bachelor's level for 40 students, Pak said.

Because these students would be guaranteed a place in the medical program--advancement would depend on satisfactory performance at the bachelor's level--and grade point average-competition would not be a major factor. Forty students would be admitted to the

medical program after completion of a bachelor's degree.

OU's program would differ sharply in other areas from traditional medical school education, said Pak. "When we are planning for a medical facility here, we have to plan for what the profession will be doing in 15 to 20 years from now," he said.

Three areas of medicine would be emphasized in OU's program: family, or primary care; occupational health and medicine; and gerontology, or care for the aged.

There is a need for all three types of medical care in the 12 county area designated as the "Oakland University Outreach Area," said Pak.

Only Oakland County has the minimum number of primary care physicians in the outreach area. There would be an emphasis in the family practice medicine program on occupational health care.

**OVER 30** percent of the labor force in the outreach area is engaged in manufacturing work,

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Halloween Hauntings

**TWO HEADS:** Tom Zwolinski, junior, computer science, gives both his heads a rest at the Great Spookout Friday, sponsored by Van Wagoner and Sixth Floor Hill (See stories and pictures on page two)

## House serves as laboratory

### Animals aid in medical research

By Jill Dennis  
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Twelve animals on OU's campus are helping to keep the world healthy.

The eight dogs and four cats belong to the Clinical Research Laboratory on Lonedale Road, which is under the jurisdiction of the Center for Health Sciences.

The animals are used in carefully monitored research, in which only fully trained medical doctors and university faculty participate, according to Moon J. Pak, director, Center for Health Sciences and of the lab.

**FOUR AREA** hospitals, Crittenton, St. Joseph's, Pontiac General, and Providence, pay yearly subscription fees of approximately \$7,000 for use of the facilities. The university pays slightly less per year. In addition, the hospitals pay for any expendables used.

Before April, 1977, when the lab was dedicated and put into use, there was no centralized facility for the area.

The former medical director of Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac, Dr. Donald Dawson, donated his equipment to the Center for Health Sciences when he was transferred out of the area. The house on Lonedale was renovated and turned into a small lab, the garage was converted into an animal holding space, and an operating room was added on. OU's

total cost for the renovation was about \$20,000.

**AN ADVISORY** committee, composed of physicians and scientists, hears and investigates all proposals to do research, Pak said. If a proposal is considered to be redundant, or without great merit, it is denied, he continued. A veterinarian, Dr. Benjamin Bisgeier of the Pontiac Veterinary Hospital, is also a consultant to the lab.

Pak said they make sure research is done properly and is necessary. He said "It's got to be done. Better to use an animal (than a person). We make sure they don't suffer."

Clifford Snitgen is the lab manager and a certified animal technician. His job is to keep vital records, and see that the animals are kept clean and comfortable. If humane and sanitary conditions were not met, he said, the facility would lose its license. The lab is inspected twice a year by the Department of Agriculture.

Recent projects include measuring intercranial pressure and testing the various effects of drugs. One researcher is currently experimenting with tracheotomies, trying to reduce post-operative scarring and breathing difficulties.

A person who has had to undergo a tracheotomy often finds it very difficult to breathe naturally later, said Pak, because of the build-up of scar tissue in the throat area. New techniques of suturing the area are being experimented with.

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## Student arraigned for shoving incident at Hill House party

By Karin Chappell  
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A resident student was arraigned Friday on assault and battery charges in Rochester District Court.

The student, Mike O'Hagan, a junior, allegedly used profane language and threatened Mark Ott, head resident of Hill House.

Ott was attempting to break up a loud party on the second floor of Hill House early Wednesday morning.

Chris Swartwout, the resident assistant, called Ott after several unsuccessful attempts to quiet the students.

**BOTH THE** head resident and the RA attempted to ask the students' cooperation in quieting the party. Their requests were repeatedly ignored by the students, said Ott.

He felt it was necessary to call Public Safety to break up the party.

Four Public Safety officers responded to the call according to Investigator Mel Gilroy. "No one was arrested at the scene," Gilroy said.

Jack Wilson, dean of Student Life, and Doreen Bieryla, director, both declined to comment on the

charges against the student pending the outcome of the university's investigation.

### Board calls special meeting

Further discussion on who will be OU's interim president may take place next week, but members of the OU community won't hear it.

The Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 7. The purpose of the 7:30 a.m. meeting, states the notices posted on Friday around campus, is to authorize a closed session.

The reason for the closed session is to discuss the appointment of an interim president, said David Lewis, chairperson of the Board.

**THE SPECIAL** meeting is being held at the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company of America in Farmington Hills. Trustee Richard Headlee is president of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance.

In an interview on Wednesday, Lewis said the Board wanted to consider the matter of choosing an interim president further, and that

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# Halloween highlights OU Oktoberfest



Costume dance: Ghouls, witches and other assorted Halloween creatures gathered at the Great Spookout at OU on Friday. Costumes ranged from quite strange to normal attire.

## History of Halloween is traced

By Roberta Loesch  
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The holy evening, or as we know it today, Halloween, is just a figment of our imagination.

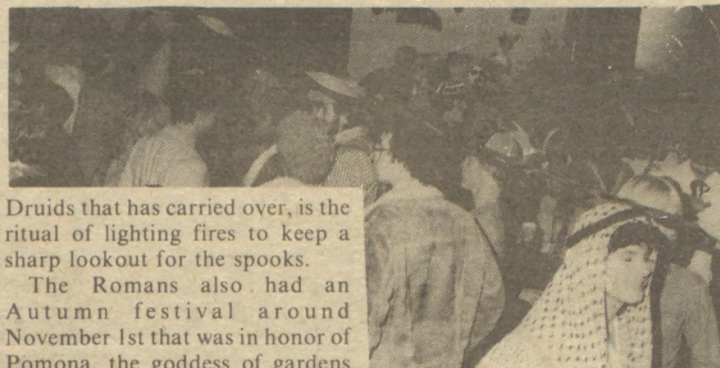
The Autumn festival was a creation of the ancient Druids and commenced at midnight of October 31. It lasted throughout the following day.

The peasant Druids believed that on this night demons, witches, and evil spirits roamed the earth in wild rejoicing to greet the arrival of the long nights of winter.

These troublemakers it was believed had their fun by frightening, harming, and playing mean tricks on mortals. So the only way, it seemed, for scared humans to escape the demons' persecution was to offer them things they liked, especially food and sweets. Thus, "trick or treat" was a threatening demand.

But if a mortal chose to escape the fury of these horrible creatures, he could disguise himself as one of them and join in their roaming.

ANOTHER custom of the



Druids that has carried over, is the ritual of lighting fires to keep a sharp lookout for the spooks.

The Romans also had an Autumn festival around November 1st that was in honor of Pomona, the goddess of gardens and orchards. Nuts and apples, as tokens of the winter storage of fruits, were roasted before great bonfires.

Historians believe that Halloween is a combination of the Druidic and Roman festivals. But when the peasants' superstitions of ghosts and goblins took root, the festivals in honor of autumn became Halloween.

Today, this quaint old festival has become an occasion for social gatherings and entertainment. It is also a time of passing out treats to disguised children.

But along with all the festivities comes the criminal or devious element, that is so much a part of Halloween. In the past Halloween trick or treaters could find anything from razor blades to

poison in their treats.

Lt. James Fritz of the Juvenile Bureau, Pontiac Police Department, said these incidents were a sadistic fad that ran its course.

"YOU'LL GET some vandalism on Halloween...malicious mischief," Fritz said. Pranksters have a tendency to destroy property on Halloween.

There are many communities and neighborhoods prepared for such activities. People in these areas have set up clubs and organizations to get kids off the street. Halloween parties and dances are planned all over as a constructive deterrent to the outside elements of danger. Planners hope there will be less risk for trick or treaters, less temptation for deviants and a better celebration for everyone.

"Several of the neighborhoods had apple-bobbing parties last year... I would recommend neighborhood parties...they (the kids) are in a supervised and controlled environment," Fritz said.



DECAYED MUMMY: Cindy Linda won as the most bazaar costume.



MOST ORIGINAL: Hugh Caley won as Darth Vader with blinking red eyes.



HEADS UP: From clones to clown, there were many imaginative costumes.



BABY: Two Ou students returned to their childhood at the Hill 6th and Van Wagoner Costume Dance.



FLOOR DECORATING: 6th floor Vandenburg fills its hall with strange sights.

## Contests add to festivities

Oktoberfest and Halloween hit the OU campus full force last week.

Spirit Barrel competition between dorm floors in the form of laugh Olympics kicked off the Oktoberfest. The old myth of no

spirit at OU was quickly shattered, as teams came into the Vandenburg cafeteria on Oct. 23 with yells and songs.

The Olympics included 1) apple bobbing, 2) root-beer chugging, 3) pass an apple with your neck, 4) sack race, 5-legged race, 6) doughnut eating. The Contest soon developed into a Civil War. The North won (8 and 9 North Hamlin) with seven and a half points, but the South (8 and 9 South Hamlin), was just behind them with seven points.

A floor Halloween decorating contest held on Oct. 24 was also dominated by Hamlin. First place and the pizza party went to 2nd floor S. Hamlin. 5th N. Hamlin won second place, and 8th S. Hamlin won third.

The Hill 6th and Van Wagner Costume Dance was held on Oct. 26 in the OC Gold Rooms. The Cutest couple award was presented to Keystone cop and prisoner, Diane Desimpel and Stan Waneleloski. The sexiest went to Bobbie Byrd dressed like a Kiss bandmember. Most Bizzare was Cindy Linda as a decayed mummy. Darth Vader played by Hugh Caley won the most original.



ATTENTION: Many of the costumes were attention getters.

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and Dave McCleary.



# Phone calls hit \$32,105 jackpot for alumni fund

By Jill Dennis  
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Some phone calls make money as well as cost money.

About 150 faculty, staff, and students called OU's alumni asking for donations.

The Alumni Telefund, sponsored by the Alumni

Association, netted \$32,105 in pledges, according to Pat Harris, secretary, Public Relations who handled this year's telethon.

RAISING that amount of money is possible because, "We contact them—we don't have to wait for calls," said Harris.

The Telefund is part of a fund

drive effort. It is designed to raise capital for such purposes as Kresge Library, an Undergraduate Research Grant Fund, Alumni Memorial Scholarships, an Upperclass Grant Fund, specific departments, and special interest groups.

William Connellan, director Public Relations, is currently doing double duty for the directorless Alumni Association. "The whole (alumni) fund hopes for \$65,000. Last year we had 50. I'm confident we'll hit it comfortably," he said.

"EVERY penny goes back to the university...some people choose to designate how their money will be used, such as promoting their own department," said Harris.

Judy Nolish, chairperson of the fund drive, was in charge of getting area merchants to donate prizes to the Telefund as an incentive for the callers.

The volunteer who raises the

most money or gets the most new pledges in one night receives a prize. Two prizes were given nightly, Harris said.

Telefund chairperson is Cathy Sendek, who is new to the effort this year.

FUND drives started in 1965, and have run every year except 1968, Harris said. This year they have increased staff with four paid students helping to look up phone numbers. "This (raising funds) is a very hard, nitty gritty job," said Harris.

Any recognized program or discipline is entitled to money raised in the fund drive, Harris said. (Continued on page 8)



Fund phoning: Volunteers call OU alumni across the country to raise money.

## Contract expires Wednesday

### AFSME, OU near bargaining deadline

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With two other union contracts successfully completed, and two more to go, OU enters the final stage of negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) this week.

"Negotiations are progressing, we don't foresee any problems," said David Collins, chairperson of the AFSCME bargaining committee. About 150 maintenance, custodial, skilled trades, and food service personnel are covered by the AFSCME contract.

The current three year contract with AFSCME runs out midnight Wednesday. A membership meeting will be held that night at 9:30 p.m. to discuss the bargaining process, said Collins.

IF NEGOTIATIONS are still in progress, a vote will be taken to determine whether the current contract will be extended until a new one can be negotiated, according to Collins.

The two previous contracts negotiated this semester were with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the Clerical/Technical UAW. The Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) contract that effects Public Safety officers has been extended until December.

Collins could not comment on specific negotiations items. One of the union's requests during the almost three-month bargaining process has been for a "substantial money increase," said Collins, and and upgrading in retirement benefits. AFSCME does not recognize the wage-price guidelines set by President Carter earlier this year. "They are too unrealistic," said Collins.

THERE HAS been "a lot of discussion at the table about

student employment," said Collins. There is no problem with OU student employees, he said, but at some times of the year there are a lot of non-OU students working at the university. "We'd

just as soon see Oakland students working for us," he said. "We don't understand why (OU) students are asking us for jobs, when the university says they can't get students who want the jobs," said Collins. (Continued on page 8)

## Historian paddles up the Amazon

By Gail De George  
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Playing dual roles is something leading conservationist Roderick Nash is familiar with.

Wearing a business suit and tie, he projects the image of his position as a professor at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Yet when speaking about his expedition down a tributary of the Amazon River, his face reveals his adventurous side, and a deep concern for wild places.

Nash visited OU Thursday to lend his expertise to strengthen the environmental studies, American studies, and Public Administration programs.

AS A professor of both history and environmental science, Nash is a leading historian on the American wilderness. He has also pioneered one of the most comprehensive multi-disciplinary environmental programs in the nation at Santa Barbara.

The rafting expedition on the Amazon tributary last spring was a very difficult trip, Nash said. The expedition encountered Indians,

some of whom were hostile, 20 foot snakes, and piranhas, among other difficulties.

The trip was one of his lifetime goals, Nash said. He wanted to be the first person to run a tributary of the Amazon, he said. "It was rather sad...it is one of the last places on the planet where you can run a wild river."

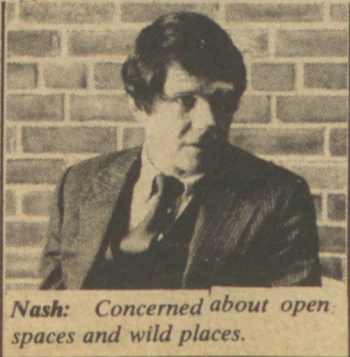
A week after returning from the expedition, Nash said he was on the Yukon in Alaska, doing work for the National Park Service.

EXPEDITIONS of that kind are not unusual for Nash, who is considered one of the most experienced whitewater boatmen in the American West. Although his specialty is the Grand Canyon, where he is a professional boatman and guide, he has explored national parks and wilderness areas in Australia, New Zealand, East Africa and Malaysia.

One of the problems Nash sees, in the current concerns about energy, is that "people see the energy crisis in terms of getting more energy, and how that will affect the environment." Nash sees the aspect of long range effects.

HIS CONCERN is that if power is limitless, that it will be used to transform the earth. "We'll be able to grow bananas on Pike's Peak...we'll have the power without the restraints."

There has been a change in environmental awareness in the last few years, Nash said. "There is an interest in solutions and techniques, rather than just discovering problems."



Nash: Concerned about open spaces and wild places.

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