

## EXTENDING A HELPING HAND



Global Volunteers bypass lavish vacations to help the world's needy.

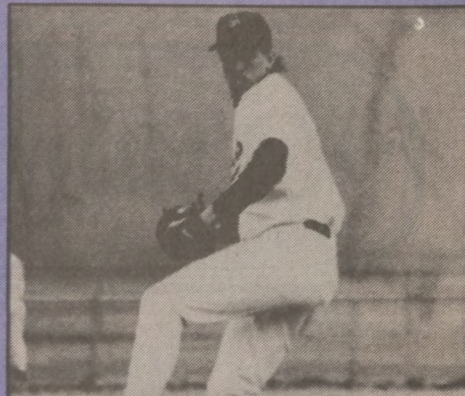
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## OPENING DAY AWAY

The Pioneer baseball team opens home season at Utica H.S. with sweep of Hillsdale.

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## Briefly ...

### OU fire safety day

OU will be hosting a Fire Safety Day today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the north central parking lot (between the Oakland Center and Beer Lake). A special mobile home "escape house" will be set up to show how to safely escape from a fire. Prizes will be awarded. In case of bad weather, the event will be held tomorrow. All OU employees and students are welcome, and are encouraged to bring along their young children if possible.

### Golden Key honored

OU's Golden Key National Honor Society President Michelle Walk, a senior, was named as the Great Lakes Region Student Representative and advisor Jon Yates was named as outstanding advisor of the year at last weekend's conference.

Also, the OU chapter, which sent 10 delegates to the convention held at the University of Akron, was chosen to host the next conference in April 1994.

### Task force meetings

- Today - Excellence and Distinctive on Task Force (contact Liz Barclay), 125 OC, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Today - Student Development Task Force Open Hearing (contact Katie Kazarian), OC Gold Room A, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Today - Student Development Task Force Open Hearing (contact Katie Kazarian), OC Fireside Lounge, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Today - Community Outreach Task Force Open Hearing (contact Jackie Scherer), Meadow Brook Hall, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday - Graduate Education Task Force (contact George Gamboa), 479 Varner, 3 p.m.
- Tuesday - Excellence and Distinction Task Force "blue team", (contact Liz Barclay), 370 SFH, 3 p.m.

If there are any students interested in joining a task force, or wish to have more information regarding the task force process, call Kresge Library Dean Suzanne Frankie at 370-2486.

### Dates to remember

- Today - OU baseball vs. Northwood, Pioneer Field, 2 p.m.
- Tomorrow - Spring Campus Clean-up, meet by OC's Sweet Sensations, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 370-2998.
- Tomorrow - JSO/Hillel Interfaith Memorial Service for Holocaust victims, OC Lounge II, noon to 1 p.m.
- Tomorrow - "Humor as a Coping Strategy", OC Fireside Lounge, noon to 1 p.m.
- Friday - Massage Therapy, OC Fireside Lounge, noon to 1 p.m.
- Sunday - OU baseball vs. Northern Michigan, Pioneer Field, 10 a.m.
- Monday - Jean-Michel Cousteau lecture, OC Crockery, 8 p.m.
- Thursday - A Cloud Nine benefit performance will be held 8 p.m. on April 15 in the Studio Theatre in Varner Hall.
- In the month of April - OU student and faculty sculpture, painting and photography exhibit, Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

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## Rickstad wins, disappointed by low turnout

### Rickstad nets 150 of 202 votes

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Sophomore Arny Rickstad was elected OU Student Congress President in last week's election which was marked by a low voter turnout.

"I'm very pleased that I won but I'm disappointed that we had a low voter turnout. I'm excited to get to work and get things together," Rickstad said.

Rickstad received 150 out of 202 votes cast for president. Her opponent, sophomore Michael Kimsal, received 52 votes.

According to Congress Election Coordinator Jennifer Schutt, voter participation decreased because elections were

not held at registration time like they had been held previously.

"Last year during winter early registration we could grab students and get them to vote but this year we didn't have that luxury," Schutt said.

Approximately 1,000 students participated in voting during last year's elections.

According to Schutt only 235 voted in OU Student Congress elections this year.

Kimsal said that he feels Rickstad will do a good job and that he will continue to be involved in Student Congress activities.

"I think she'll be good. We both would have been good. If anything concrete will be accomplished of lasting value remains



President-elect Amy Rickstad

to be unseen. I'm still going to try to be involved on some level but it depends on my schedule next year," Kimsal said.

Kimsal believes his campaigning strategy was the main reason he lost to Rickstad.

"I didn't do any of the traditional campaigning," Kimsal said.  
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### Lowest-ever turnout for Congress elections focuses attention on apathy

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

With OU Student Congress' 1993 election turnout hitting an all-time low, both members and candidates are left searching for answers.

Both presidential candidates, winner Amy Rickstad and her opponent, Michael Kimsal, say that a delay in a mailing to some students hurt turnout.

"It affected it somewhat (the turnout), but it really affected me. Up until two days before the election, I thought that it could help me, in that I was talking to people around campus and telling them to look for the fliers in the mail to

read about my views," Kimsal said.

As for the impact of the delayed fliers on his campaign, Kimsal said, "I relied on that probably too much. I relied on it quite a lot, and now I realized that was a mistake."

Rickstad was also not pleased with the delay.

"It was a messed-up mass mailing, but I can't give that too much of the blame. I also think the fact that there was no controversy with this election was a factor too," Rickstad said.

Rickstad and Kimsal said that this perceived lack of controversy, coupled with Kimsal's strapped  
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## Trashed



Doubling as both magician and comedian, Steve Trash entertained a raucous crowd of 75 students at noon last Thursday in the Crockery. The event was sponsored by Student Program Board.

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## Board okays Russi

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

The OU Board of Trustees met and approved President Sandra Packard's request that Gary Russi be hired to serve as vice president for academic affairs.

In an expected move, Russi, currently vice president for research and strategic planning at Drake University in Iowa, was voted as OU's newest vice president, by the board which had to delay the meeting 45 minutes to reach quorum.

Andrea Fischer, Rex Schlaybaugh, David Handleman were absent from the April 1 meeting, with only Board Chairman James Sharp, Stephan Sharf, Larry Chunovich and David Fischer were present to hire Russi.

The former vice president for academic affairs, Keith Kleckner resigned during the summer of 1992 to return to teaching. Ronald Horwitz served as the interim vice president since August of 1992.

Recommended to the board by Packard, Russi was also granted status as a tenured professor of health sciences.

Russi, who was not present at the meeting, is expected to start on July 1, 1993.

## Senate may soon snuff on-campus smoking

By SANDRA STANBURY  
Staff Writer

Oakland University's Senate will vote on April 25 whether to ban smoking throughout campus, which would go into effect immediately if passed.

The policy would ban smoking in all enclosed areas of OU including offices. Exceptions will include private residences, such as married housing, Meadow Brook Hall housing, the president's residence and student rooms in the residence halls.

An exception will also be made for spaces designated, at the time of use, for special or private functions, research or performances where smoking is a part of the performance.

"We are not the morality police. We aren't asking people to stop, just to smoke elsewhere," Geoff Brieger, chairman of the Campus Development and Environment Committee.

President Sandra Packard and the Senate Steering Committee asked the Campus Development and Environment Committee to revise the university's smoking pol-

icy which allows smoking in designated smoking areas identified by "smoking" signs.

The committee based their decision on testimony from students and faculty and studies by the Environmental Protection Agency on the primary health effects of smoking. Second-hand smoke is responsible for 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually among adults in the United States, according to an EPA report.

"We had letters and testimony from faculty and students suffering severe health problems, who cannot get to class without going through smoke filled areas," Brieger said.

Oakland appears to be following the lead of several other Michigan universities which have clamped down on smoking during the last few years.

The University of Michigan revised its smoking policy in 1988, banning smoking in all campus buildings unless done in a designated smoking room, according to Joseph Owsley, director of news and information services at U of M.

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## Radioactive storage area receives clean bill of health

By LAURA OTENBAKER  
Staff Writer

This year the situation seems to be contained at OU — the radioactive one, that is.

The unannounced inspection of OU's radioactive waste storage procedures, conducted March 3 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), found no violations of safety regulations.

At the April 1 board meeting, President Sandra Packard

expressed her satisfaction that OU's Radiation Safety Committee ensured compliance with all of the NRC's regulations.

"Those are nit-picking inspections, which are very difficult to pass without any violations, so to be able to come out with a clean bill of health was quite an accomplishment," Ronald Horwitz, interim vice president for academic affairs, said.

Also pleased was Donald McCrimmon, director of research and academic development and

chairman of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC).

"There has been an enormous effort by many people at this institution to pull this radiation program up to and beyond acceptable levels, and I think this shows the result of that. It's been a team effort ...," McCrimmon said.

Last year when OU was found to be in violation of nine safety regulations which included failure of the Radiation Safety Committee to meet the required four  
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This innocuous-looking building actually houses radioactive waste. The storage facility is located behind Dodge Hall.