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inside.Sound
like the
beginning of a
horror film?
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Powered by gas, maneuvered by a licensed pilot through a remote control, an unmanned vehicle system, resembling a helicopter, took two third-place awards in the 1996 International Unmanned Ground and Aerial Vehicle Competitions in mid-July. After OU's first time entering in the competition, the team and their vehicle's success placed parts of the university's engineering reputation on the forefront of technology.

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The women's soccer team faces GLIAC rival Ashland University today as the Pioneers play their home opener. The Pioneers stand poised to make a serious run at a national championship birth after finishing 12-3-1 (4-1-0) last season.

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NOTICE

Due to overwhelming response from students, this year's freshman convocation has been moved to the Oakland Center Crockery at 4:30 on Thursday, Sept. 5.

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Tuition up despite Board's promise

By JAIME SHELTON and SARA CALLENDER
News Editor and Staff Writer

OU's Board of Trustees has evidently broken a promise it made to students in spring 1995 to curtail this year's 5.9% tuition increase—around \$160 plus dollars for students carrying 16 credits.

The Board made the pledge in spring 1995 vowing to roll back tuition if OU received more than 3% in state appropriations.

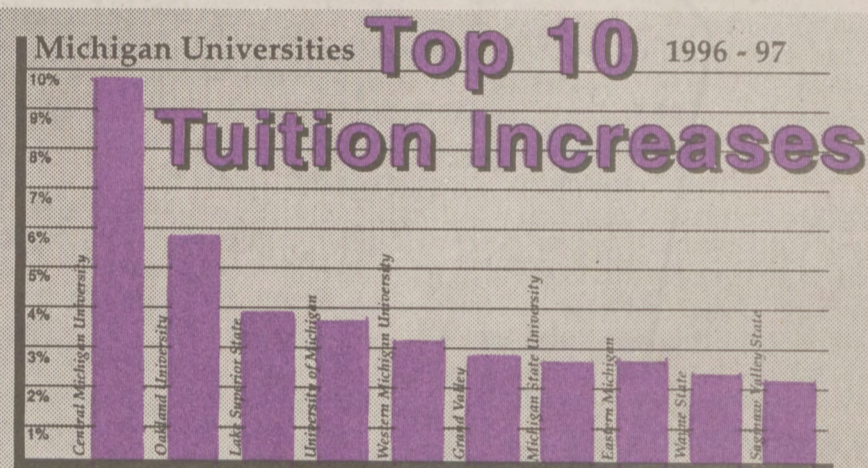
The state has said OU will be given a 5% funding increase if the welfare reform bill is signed, but no rebate or rollback is being planned.

That irked the board's new Student Liaison, Angela Dodson, who Friday criticized the Board for approving a two-year tuition hike last summer to apply to this year, saying the Board's planning strategies are poor.

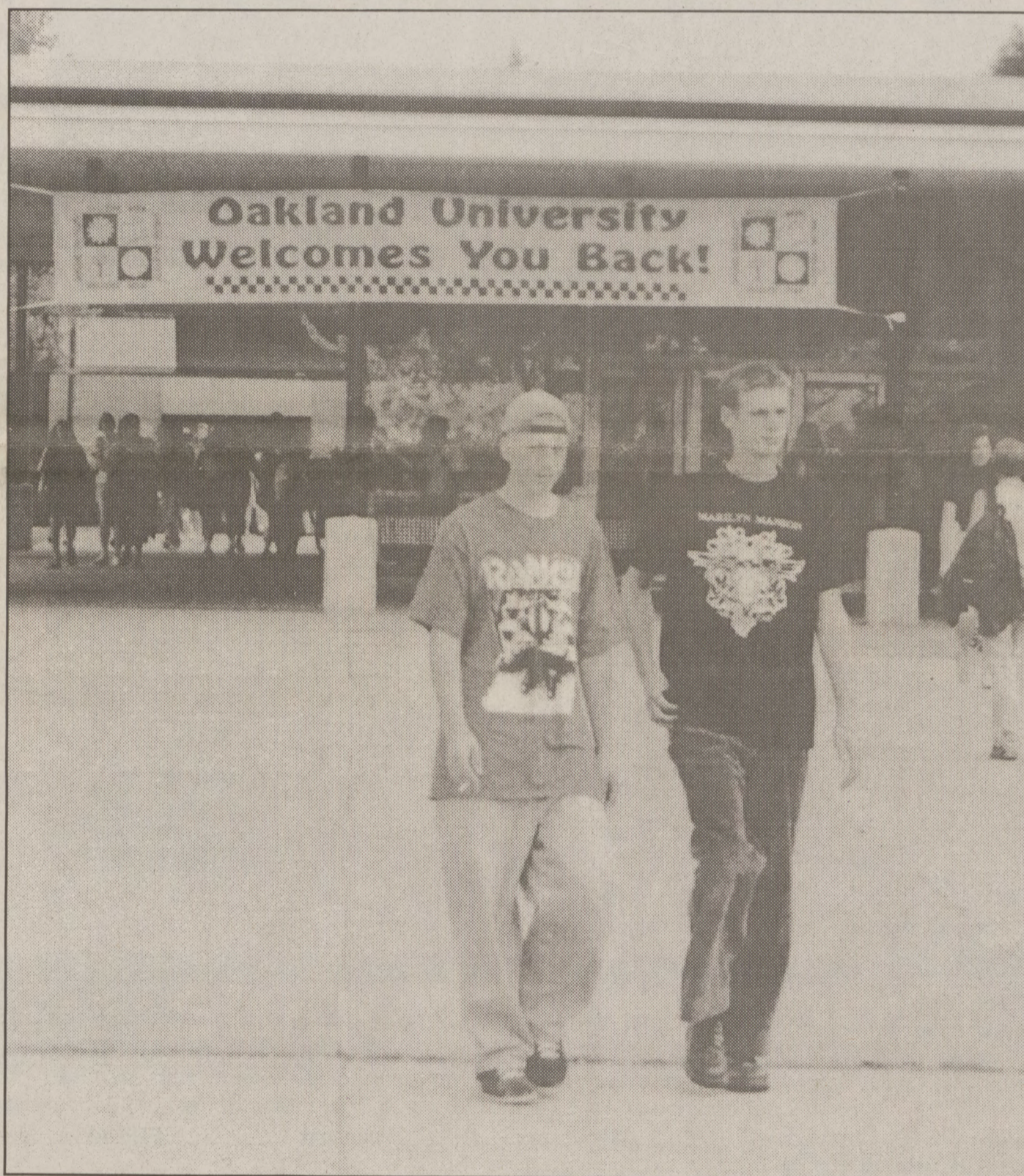
"We plan too far ahead," she said at her first board meeting Friday. She said that, in the future, the Board should approve plans, which in the future, will help OU students, not hinder them.

Dodson, former Student Congress vice president, lobbied for the increase in state appropriations earlier this spring, but feels like the time spent in Lansing was not effective.

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Welcome back



Post Photo / Patty Young

RUSHING IN: Students hurried to campus filling the newly redone parking lots, cramming sidewalks and crowding hallways to get to their first classes of the fall semester.

OU expands educational opportunities

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Three charter schools, two in Detroit and one in Harper Woods, were approved by the Board of Trustees at Friday's meeting.

The charters are an attempt to provide students and faculty the chance to further their education through hands-on experiences they might not receive in a traditional classroom setting.

Charter schools are public elementary and secondary that are independent of the local school district, which are to be overseen by the university.

After receiving 11 applications from schools statewide, three schools, Elbert Thomas Clark Academy, Academy of Michigan and Nsoroma Institute, were selected based on their compatibility with OU's mission to use technology to

"We have to teach the whole child and focus not just on rote education,"

Angie Melhado,
SEHS coordinator
urban partnership
in public schools

enhance learning, establishing business partnerships to help prepare students for the job market and offering diverse or cultural programs for students.

Though OU does have partnerships programs with Pontiac, Detroit and Oxford-Brandon schools where education majors can complete their student teaching, the charters are the first of its kind to be established at the university.

The charter schools can offer OU students, especially those in the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS)

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New trustees take over vacant seats

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Governor John Engler appointed three new board members Aug. 14 to fill the seats vacated by Howard Sims and David Handleman whose terms ended last month, and Louis Ross who resigned in June to move to Florida, in the wake of his controversial motion nominating Gary Russi for president back in April.

While attending the Republican National

Convention in San Diego last month, Engler announced entertainment lawyer Henry Baskin, operations director of the company that distributes Miller beer Louis Grech-Cumbo and OU alumni Dennis Pawley as OU's newest trustees.

The governor said that the three new trustees would have a significant impact on OU's future. "Their combined leadership experience will be a valuable asset for the university as it prepares for the new millen-

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Post Photo / Ian Houston

NEW FACES: Henry Baskin, Louis Grech-Cumbo and Dennis Pawley were appointed Aug. 14 to fill vacant Board seats.

Board makes sports a top priority

By AMBER FOULKROD
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees made OU sports a top priority at Friday's meeting. Not only did an increased rec center budget pass, but outgoing Chair David Fischer also asked President Gary Russi to complete a study on intercollegiate sports.

The budget for the rec center has been increased from

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