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## A New HORTICULTURAL GARDEN POOL Is under Construction

Old habits die hard. Students are still lounging near the Horticulture Garden pool site, apparently oblivious to the fact that the pool itself no longer exists. It is just a temporary absence, however, as the pool is undergoing a rehabilitation that should be completed by late May or early June. The \$12,470 project, according to Milton Baron, director of Campus Park and Planning, includes construction of a new pool and the addition of stepping stones and benches near the pool. The new pool, essentially the same size and shape of the old pool, will include a jet fountain with recirculating pump. The old pool, built in the 1930s, has been deteriorating over the last several years, Baron says, and finally became too expensive to repair.

Photos by Bob Smith

## Few give input on job needs

Four meetings within ten days, called by a subcommittee of the presidential search and selection advisory committee, attracted relatively few members of the University community.

Purpose of the meetings was to gain input from faculty, staff and students regarding a job description for a president.

The final meeting Monday evening, May 1, was most heavily attended. Besides members of the committee and the press, 23 people attended.

Presenting views at this final meeting were Kathy Jordon, student, speaking for the Women's Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs; Romalo Diaz, student for the Chicano Students for Progressive Action; Lee June, assistant director, the Counseling Center for the Black Faculty and Administrators Group and Karin Lotz, student from the Student Engineering Council.

Other May 1 speakers were John Masterson, associate professor of mathematics and W.G. Warrington, acting dean of University College.

Jordon urged that the new president have an open administrative style, be a strong academic and work well with professional women.

Diaz asked that the new president "not let affirmative action become tokenism," and to hire bilingual personnel and recruit bilingual students.

June called for a president with aggressive affirmative action policies and a realistic understanding of how racism affects everyone.

Lotz sought special attention for the College of Engineering and cited enrollment increases of more than 1,000 in the past five years with just one faculty member added.

Masterson advised special attention be given to a new presidential approach to

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## Board's April action agenda slim

The action agenda for the April meeting of the Board of Trustees was slimmer than usual, but trustees did approve alterations to the Biochemistry Building, okayed additional funds for the chemistry department and heard chairwoman of the board, Patricia Carrigan-Strickland's offer to draft a resolution regarding a boycott of meetings in states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

A budget of \$156,000 of which \$48,000 is a National Institute of Health grant, was approved for the alterations to the Biochemistry Building. The project will involve housing for a mass spectrometry facility and space for additional computer and spectrographic equipment.

A 16 percent increase in allocations for

supplies and services for the Department of Chemistry was approved. Provost Lee Winder blamed exceptionally heavy cost increases and inflation for the extra \$58,000 the department needs for the current fiscal year.

Winder said that in general there was enough variation in budgeted amounts within the University to absorb the increase, and other units would not be pinched.

The ERA boycott discussion resulted from a report from Carrigan-Strickland and Trustee Blanche Martin on the recent Association of Governing Boards meeting they attended. The next meeting of that group, Carrigan-Strickland said, was in a state which had not yet ratified ERA. She

reported that she had lobbied for a change in that location.

"I'm not sure," she said, "that we can take the position that the University and its representatives may not attend events in states which have not ratified unless we're prepared to cancel some basketball and football commitments which have been on the books a long time."

She did suggest that perhaps the board could take that action for its members only.

She sought board sentiments on the action and volunteered to draft a resolution before the next meeting.

There were reports to trustees at the Thursday evening session from the committee on Chicanos and Migrant Workers and Placement Services. Dean of the College of Education, Keith Goldhammer, and director of Minority Programs, Gumecindo Salas, made the presentation for the first and John Shingleton, director of Placement Services, the latter.

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## MERC rules on election

Although details were not fully available as the *News-Bulletin* went to press, MSU has been informally notified that the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) has ruled there is "sufficient interest" to have a collective bargaining election for MSU faculty, says Keith Grotz, assistant vice president for personnel and employee relations.

"The commission is pointing to late this month for the election, dates to be determined, but before the end of the term," Grotz says.

According to Provost Lee Winder the bargaining unit will be along the lines proposed by the University and will include physicians who are on the faculty of the colleges of human and osteopathic medicine. Winder stresses that the administration had only "verbal communication" from MERC thus far.

"Our position," Winder says, "is to urge every individual to become as knowledgeable as possible about collective bargaining so he or she can come to an informed decision. Then when the election is held," he says, "I encourage each person to vote so the result is an expression of the will of all concerned."

Philip Korth, associate professor of American thought and language and past president and spokesman of Faculty Associates which filed the petition, said "We want the election as quickly as possible."

On the medical faculty inclusion in the bargaining unit, he said it was "not a crucial loss. We won on essential issues. . . and we will negotiate for that group, too."

## Robert Barker to head advisory

"If I have a goal, it's the goal of the committee, to find the best president in the United States for MSU," says newly appointed chairman of the presidential search and selection advisory committee, Robert Barker.

Professor and chairman of biochemistry and elected faculty representative to the advisory, Barker was named jointly to the position by unanimous action of the committee and the Board of Trustees.

Trustee John Bruff, who serves on the 17-member advisory, said in presenting Barker's name to the board, "He actually seems to fit many of the credentials I was looking for in terms of a chairperson." He listed Barker's administrative experience, his academic credentials and his wide experience in higher education in the country.

Before coming to MSU in 1974 as a department chairman, Barker was professor and associate dean at the University of Iowa and a former visiting professor of biochemistry at Duke University Medical Center.

He received his bachelor's and his master's from the University of British Columbia and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

In his new role, Barker says he hopes to "be as available as I can," and says his job is "to get the process going and to keep it going."

"I feel very good about the committee members, too," he says. "They are work-oriented and have a clear view of how to get on with the job."

Barker says some of his chores as department chairman are now being delegated and there are plans in motion to name a new associate chairman for the department.

He advises the University community that the committee will seek more input. "We will be sending a written memo to every faculty member again asking for nominations," he says. Any faculty wishing to make a presentation before the committee regarding criteria for rating scale can contact him, he says.

In a statement approved by the advisory

in March the chairperson can vote only if that person is a regularly selected member of the committee. As Barker fits that criteria, he will have vote.



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