# **OU** accepts grants for Squabble jeopardizes scout riding camp research

Oakland University received grants and gifts totalling more than a million dollars between mid-July and Sept. 9. Trustees voted then to accept a total \$1.07 million, including \$920,000 in research and other support for various departments, schools and colleges. Biggest source was the US. Department of Education, which provided nearly \$500,000 for Project Upward Bound, special services programs and at eacher corps program aimed at curbing disruptive behavior in schools. Other major recipients and projects included:

Venkat Reddy, a Bloomfield Hills resident who received more \$100,000 in two grants to study aspects of the

human eye.
Y.Y. Hung of Rochester and Joseph
Hovanesian of Farmington, both of the
engineering school, who received
880,000 for a new camera and laser device for use in non-destructive highway

structure testing.

D.K. Pradhan of Auburn Heights, a computer fault tolerancing expert who received about \$50,000 from the Air Force.

## Edison shelves repairs

Detroit Edison Co. will discontinue small appliance repair Nov. 1. The utility has repaired small appliances for a fee for the past eight years, since discontinuing an earlier policy of making such repairs without charge. except for the cost of parts. Edison said last week it was discontinuing the service because repair fees are often the same and sometimes more than the cost of replacement. Only 19,000 small appliance repairs were made in 1980 for the utility's 1.5 million customers.

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Major appliance repair will be continued for such devices as water heaters, ranges, dryers and commercial cooking equipment.

Girl Scouls who regularly saddle up at the John F. Ivory Riding Farm in Chem John F. Ivory Riding Farm in Girl Scoul Lake may have to call Whoat to the experience.

The Michigan Metro Girl Scoul Council, which includes in its jurisdiction troops in Livonia, Westland, Redford and Garden City, has sent to the owner of the stable, the John F. Ivory Storage Co., a new contract asking that company pay liability insurance for some 5,500 girls who ride there each year.

year.

The move could mean the end of the program, since Ivory has indicated it is not willing to pick up a tab that has been paid by the Girl Scout Council for the 19 years the riding has been going

on.

However, a member of the council
who asked not to be identified indicated
the matter probably would be up for
further consideration at a meeting of
the council tonight.

"This is an internal affair that has
been blown all out of proportion," the

council member said

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The prospect that the horses may have to be left in the stable has stirred up strong comment from scouting lead-

## Estate, gift taxes topic of seminar

Pederal estate and gift taxes will be the subject of a series of two-day cours-es offered later this month by the Uni-versity of Michigan in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Estate tax attorneys from the IRS will in-struct the classes.

tax attorneys from the IRS will in-struct the classes. Classes will include a Sept. 28-29 ses-sion in the Plymouth Hilton Inn, North-will Road near Five Mile. Classes will un from 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm. both days, and the \$75 registration fee includes lunch. For registration information, write the University of Michigan Extension Service, department of conferences and institutes, 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor 48109, or call 764-5304.

ers and parents in this area. They support the program and do not want to see it discontinued. Marge Tolley of Livonia, a voluntary aide in the riding program, said it had been proposed that rates be raised to cover the insurance but that this suggestion had been turned down.

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John F. Ivory III, vice president of the company, stated that the company verbally informed the Girl Scoot Consultative that it is unwilling to assume insurance costs. He did not reveal the amount. See the constitution are costs to be the top of the constitution are costs in substantial."

"Our Teeling is that the only ones who will be hurt if the program closes down

are the kids," he said. "It's been a nice program for many years. I don't think the council realizes how important the

program is."

Mrs. Tolley said no one knows when and why the council decided to discontinue the insurance payments.

"It can't be the expense," she said.
"We're willing to turn around and raise
money ourselves."

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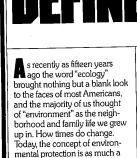
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