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Sports

Men's and women's swim teams, both ranked number one, continue to roll toward national titles. See pages 11&12.



Sports

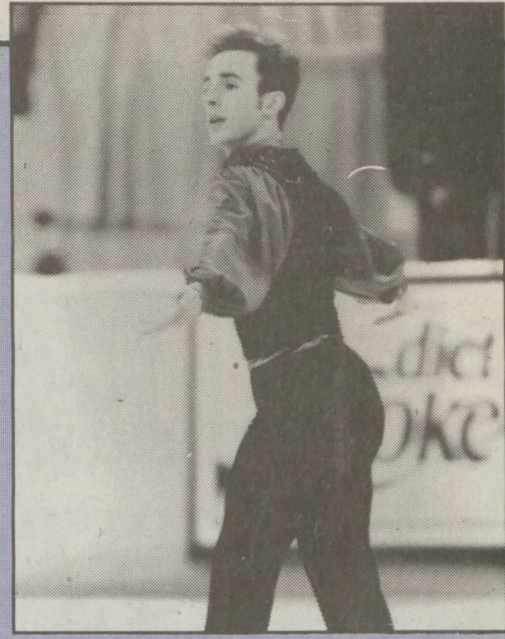
Pioneer women tied for first place in conference play at 5-0, 10-2 overall. Senior Patty Robak named GLIAC Player of the Week.

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News

OU student skates in finals of the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Trials at Joe Louis Arena, places tenth among the sport's elite.

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Briefly...

Registration dates

Late registration continues through Jan. 17. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Friday hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A \$35.00 late registration fee will be assessed for all registrations processed. Full payment of tuition and all fees is due at the time of late registration. The signature of the instructor is required for all courses.

Currently registered students may still add or drop classes at the registration office located at 102 O'Dowd Hall. After Jan. 17, a \$10.00 fee is assessed for each added course.

Monday: The last day for adding full semester classes without the \$10.00-per-course late add fee.

Monday: The last day for late registration and payment for all registrations.

Tuesday: First day of 50% tuition forfeiture and withdrawal grades for official withdrawal from courses.

Jan. 24: Last day any class may be late added. Only previously registered students may add courses.

Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees' Investment Advisory Committee will meet Thurs. at 8 a.m. at the Handleman Company, in Troy. This meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

Recreation Center

David Herman, acting vice president for student affairs, outlined the proposed recreation and convocation center yesterday during the third Oakland University Insight information series.

Search Committee

President Sandra Packard has formed a committee to search for the new vice president for student affairs. Packard has named William Macauley, associate professor and chairman of the political science department, to chair the committee's search for Wilma Ray-Bledsoe's replacement.

According to Macauley, the committee will be convened and review candidates the week of Jan. 17.

Senate Meeting

The Oakland University Senate will hold its fifth meeting Thursday, Jan. 13 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center at 3:10 p.m.



The underground storage facility is located just northwest of Katke Cousins Golf Course.

Workers exposed to radioactive waste

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

During Christmas break, the chemistry department needed to move 15 barrels of radioactive waste from an implement shed south of Hannah and Dodge Halls to an underground storage facility near the golf course.

Several university employees are concerned that they were put

in danger, despite assurances from superiors.

"On one of the drums, the seal was loose," said University Service Clerk Matt Prizgint. "My question was, 'What happens down the road? Is there a possibility of contracting cancer from this operation?'"

"The answer I got was 'I don't know,'" said Prizgint.

"I have a son. I would like to

get old and watch him grow up. I don't want to die young because of a stupid professor."

The implement shed where the barrels had been stored is scheduled for demolition to accommodate the new science building.

The material was moved by Juan Cantu, Prizgint and John Omans, all university services

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That Lady is a Champ

The Oakland Post/Clive Savage



Former Vice President for Student Affairs Wilma Ray-Bledsoe waves goodbye to those in attendance for her farewell gathering. She resigned after nearly 21 years of service at OU.

University remembers MLK's Dream Eternal

By CHERI LOWE
Staff Writer

"We will not resort to violence. We will not degrade ourselves with hatred. Love will be returned for hate." Dr. Martin Luther King not only preached these words, he lived by them.

King was born on Jan. 15, 1929. However, in 1986 Congress set aside the third Monday in January as a federal holiday in order to celebrate King's birth and accomplishments. This year that third Monday falls on the 17th.

This year Oakland University has planned to celebrate his birthday in a couple of ways. First, on Jan. 17, the Association of Black Students (ABS) has planned a march. It will begin at 12 p.m. at Vandenberg Hall.

Omar Brown, president of ABS, expects a big turnout of about 100 students and feels it is important for everyone to attend the march because, "Martin Luther King was for the betterment of all human beings."

Another planned event is the second annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet taking place on Friday, Jan. 28 in the Crockery at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and are \$25. Proceeds from the dinner will go into the Keeper of the Dreams award fund.

Last year Dennis Archer, Mayor of Detroit, was the guest speaker and this year Associate Justice for the Michigan Supreme Court Conrad L. Mallett Jr. will address the audience.



Dr. Martin Luther King

McIntosh is apple of OME's eye

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

Some people who claim to remember their birth describe it as "passing through a long, dark tunnel into the light."

That can also describe the completed birth, after much labor pains, of the Office of Minority Equity (OME) at OU; thanks to the hiring of permanent director Glenn McIntosh. The thirty-year-old will begin work Jan. 18.

The father of this program is Assistant Vice President of University Relations Manuel Pierson. He designed a five-year implementation strategy for the office (starting Feb 15, 1993). His plan included policies such as creating a diverse minority community, academic enhancement, increased graduation and placement, educational and cultural programs, urban trust, evaluation research and multicultural community racial understanding.

"The position (OME director at OU) appeared to be challenging," said McIntosh. "My background gives me the insight in developing a campus climate that appreciates the university." He will earn \$36,500 a year. "I think the greatest mission is to assist minority students to graduate," said McIntosh.

He said that minorities coming to a school like OU might feel isolated.

"In the work that I've done, we've found that's a major factor, sort of a culture shock.

"What's been happening is that colleges will recruit minorities, but are not ready to diversify the campus," said McIntosh. "The OME will be reaching out to educate the entire campus, and assist

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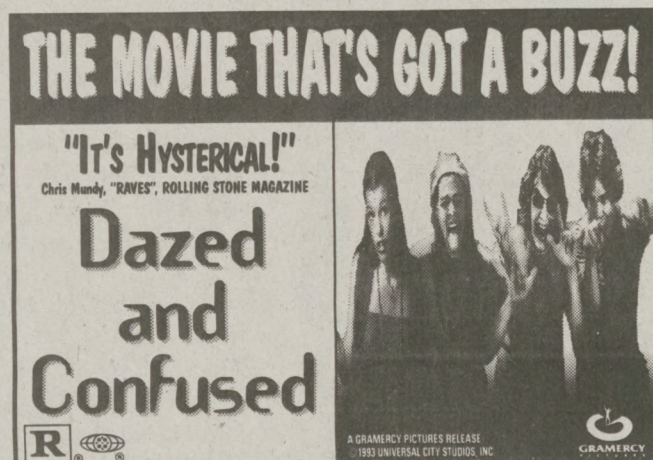
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GENTLEMEN JUGGLERS
JAN. 19, 8 p.m.
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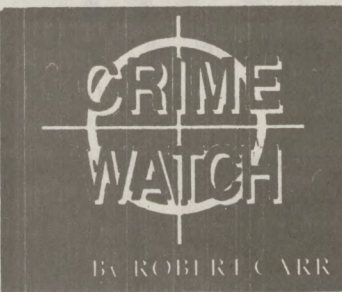
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Billiard Tournament
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Detroit Pistons vs. Utah Jazz
Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are still on sale at the CIP0 Service Window
Price: \$10 (not-so-cheap date)

RECREATION/ LEISURE

Jan. 4 - 5:00 p.m. A trash can fire was reported in the men's room on the first floor of Vandenberg. An officer at the scene sprayed the flame with a fire extinguisher, but the fire re-ignited a short time later. The officer then dragged the can out of the building, and dumped the contents onto the ground, and immediately sprayed the fire again, dousing the flame. The officer then noticed five tightly-rolled pieces of paper towel still in the can. Arson is suspected.



Jan. 4 - 6:30 p.m. A bookstore employee was ringing up sales at her cash register when she was approached by a white male, balding, brown hair and approximately 6'. The subject asked if she knew what was in a box that was sitting inside the storage bins as you enter the bookstore. The employee stated she did not know what the contents were. The unknown subject then stated that he did not know, either, but that it could be a bomb. The subject then turned and walked out of the store. He did not laugh, nor did appear very serious.

When the police arrived, the officer observed a small, white box approximately five inches in length setting inside of a bin with a red bow on top. The top of the box was also slightly opened and was held down with a small piece of tape.

The police watched the box for a few minutes for see if anyone claimed the package. The mysterious man was searched for, with negative results.

15 minutes later, the police cut the tape on the top of the box and noticed the top part of a candle, along with a booklet that contained a picture of the gift-wrapped candle. The police determined the box was safe and removed it from the area.

Jan. 7 - 10:48 a.m. The first racist graffiti of the year was found on a VanWagoner Hall room door. The Jewish occupant stated that when he returned to his room he found a swastika carved in the door with a sharp object. The complainant removed the graffiti before the police arrived.

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Skater chases dream and competes in Olympic Trials

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Although Daniel Hollander may look like the typical OU student accepting the numerical challenge of his accounting classes, he took on a much bigger task when he participated in the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Trials (singles) held at Joe Louis Arena and Cobo Arena Jan. 2-8.

Hollander, 21, finished in 10th place (out of 10) in the championship round, and beat out nine other competitors to make the finals.

For Hollander it was a big thrill skating against some of the best in the country including Brian Boitano, Mark Mitchell, and Todd Eldredge among others but says he wasn't intimidated by the elite company.

In fact, he hopes and believes that when the next Winter Olympics roll around in 1996 that he will take some major strides, perhaps breaking into the top five.

Following the weekend's competition, Hollander was not downtrodden over the 10th place finish.

"I wasn't disappointed in my performance," he said. "I planned on placing pretty much where I did."

Hollander, as well as all the competitors, also got some encouragement from the fact that the ice was very good and there

was a sizable crowd at Joe Louis Arena.

What it came down to was a matter of performance.

When it came to crunch time, Hollander felt he was ready to compete for a title.

Unfortunately, his slight faltering in the short program (which accounts for 33 percent of the scoring) cost him valuable points and kept him from a contending spot.

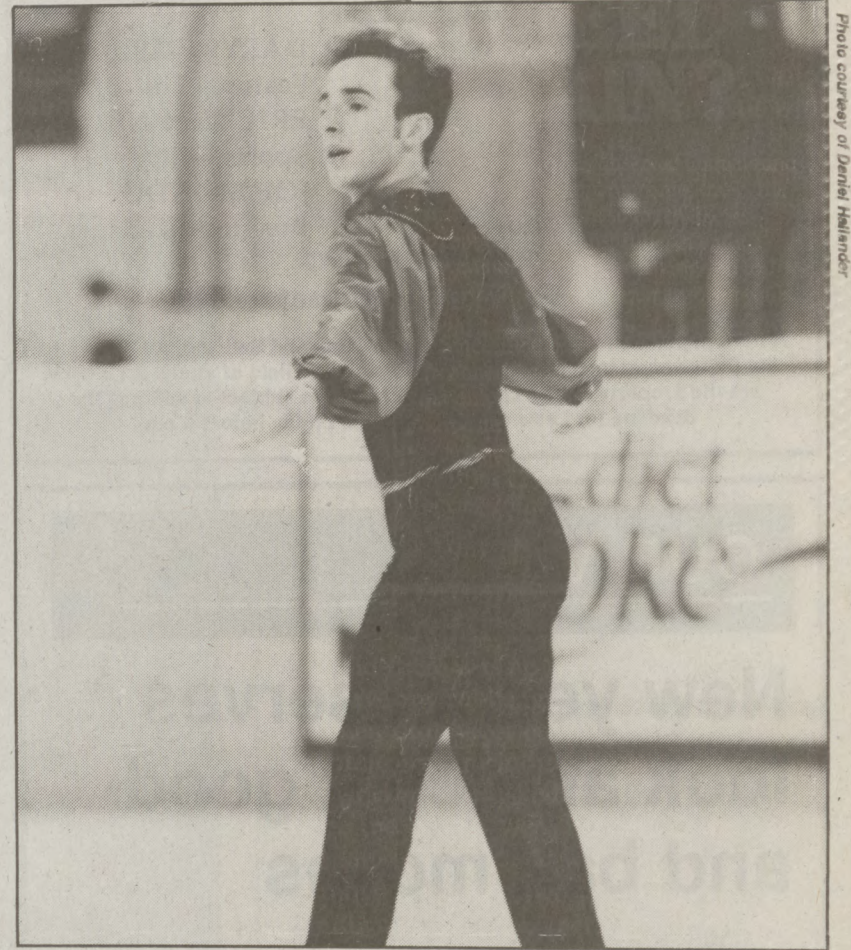
"I had trouble with some of my jumps which was a little frustrating for me and something that I will have to work on, but I kind of redeemed myself later in the long program," he said.

Despite the setback, Hollander, who has been skating competitively since the age of 15, fully intends to make his presence felt in the coming years—in a big way.

Indeed, the 5'-2" 124 pound junior trains religiously for that next chance. To realize that dream, he spends up to six days a week at the St. Clair Shores Ice Arena three to four hours a day beginning at 6:30 a.m. with one hour off-ice training in ballet and or jazz.

For Hollander, figure skating has been a year round activity, as has skating been since he was four-years-old.

"When I first started skating, my first skates were hockey skates not figure skates," he said.



OU student/figureskater Daniel Hollander glided to a 10th place finish at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

"I dabbled in hockey a little bit and I could get around although I wasn't very big."

"Then one day I was watching TV and saw a (professional) hockey player who didn't have any teeth. That kind of decided it for me."

In addition to training in St. Clair Shores, Hollander also teaches figure skating to youths. and does shows for little kids in

Michigan and Ohio.

With all the time that he devotes to the sport, what is more incredible is that he finds time to take classes at Oakland University, even though he can only take two at a time.

And if Hollander displays the same dedication to scholastics as he does skating, graduating should be as easy as a pirouette.

OME

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minorities as far as retaining them and helping them in overcoming barriers in higher education."

McIntosh has a bachelor of science degree, completed his undergraduate work at Central Michigan University, and a master's degree in counseling from Wayne State.

He has been in higher education since 1986. McIntosh started off with the dual role as residence halls director and academic advisor at Bowling Green State University, where he also worked on retention on a minority students committee.

Eastern Michigan University employed him later as the director of minority peer advisor program, and also as the area complex director. He then moved on to Wayne State, where he served as the Academic Services Officer.

Kevin Early, a sociology professor at OU, was the interim director of the OME, and believes it has a bright future.

"I am very hopeful that McIntosh will be a good fit for this office," said Early.

Early said he believes the university has the mission to serve all students, no matter what race or color they are. "I believe everyone has the right to graduate, if they do the work," he said.

A recent opponent of the office is the president of the Association of Black Students, Omar Brown.

He said that he would like to see the office work as a liaison between students and different functions of the school administration, such as the Financial Aid Office.

"I hope to see the office working for the students toward recruitment, retention and graduation," said Brown.

Questions?
Comments?
Call 370-4263



Tim Allen, a Detroit area native, wore an Oakland University sweatshirt during his weekly sitcom, "Home Improvement" last Wednesday. The sweatshirt was sent to Allen by James Llewellyn, the senior editor and news director of OU's News Services last year. Then late last fall, Llewellyn received a call from Peg Dirolf, Allen's assistant at ABC Television who told Llewellyn to watch the Jan. 5 episode for the sweatshirt.

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Waste

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clerks.

Omans had no comment, but the two other men also expressed concern.

"I'm always worried about it, my family is always worried about it," said Allison.

"We were instructed there was no danger," said Cantu. He said they were told that a professional company would have put the waste in their own drums, as a safety precaution.

"Perfectly legal," said Mike McCarty, from the Radiological Health Unit in Lansing. He outlined the two different kinds of radioactive waste: High-level waste, and low-level waste.

He said high-level waste is spent fuel, like from a nuclear reactor. What we have on the OU campus is low-level waste, basically items that are not radioactive but have radioactive elements in them.

There are still precautions to be followed, said McCarty. Rubber gloves need to be worn. If the waste is sealed, regular work clothes may be used for transport. Classes are sometimes given, but it is not a government requirement.

"You do have to have some knowledge and experience working with radioactive waste," he said.

"We don't know what we're moving, we have no idea. We just have to take the word of the chemistry people."

According to Craig Taylor, a chemistry professor and the acting waste control officer, everything went according to plan. Even though he conceded there was some risk involved, he said the operation was "just like moving regular garbage."

Taylor said the 15 pre-checked barrels were moved without problem. He said the men who moved the material wore extremity and whole body dosimeter badges, which measure any possible radioactive material ingested.

For this operation, the workers went through an hour-long training session. Taylor said that professionals could have been hired to do the job, but it was too expensive.

sive.

Cantu also said there was no rubber gloves. "We didn't have any rubber gloves," said Prizgint. He also said the men didn't get enough qualified answers from the two professors, including Taylor.

One other worker was asked to help, but went on vacation before the barrels were moved. Scott Allison, another university services clerk, was not disappointed.

"I helped move the waste two previous times," said Allison. "Until this last time, there was no 'training'. There was a lot of concern, the instructions just said to move it, they didn't say how."

He said the first time the only safety precautions were the dosimeters; he said there was no training, but that wasn't the worst part.

"The university decided it was cheaper to do this by itself," he said.

"Sure, I was worried," he said. "To be honest, I cannot think of any reassurance they could give me. Who is comfortable moving radioactive waste?"

Mass Move manager eyes March completion

By JILL ROBINSON and
ROBERT SNELL
Staff Writer and
Editor in Chief

After six months and more than \$147,534.70 in renovations and relocation costs, the mass move involving North Foundation and Wilson Hall is in its final stages, according to project manager Dan Niezurawski.

"Now it's the reconstruction of Wilson Hall," he said. "I'm in the second phase in my project." The move has a budget of roughly \$150,000 according to the Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette.

Niezurawski is currently working on renovating President Sandra Packard's office, which should be complete by the end of January.

Then, the move will be completed when the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs relocates from O'Dowd Hall.

"I would hope to be completed by mid-March, maybe sooner," Niezurawski said. "Then it's back to business and what we usually do around here."

The idea to consolidate student services' offices was the brainchild of former VP of Student Affairs Wilma Ray-

Bledsoe.

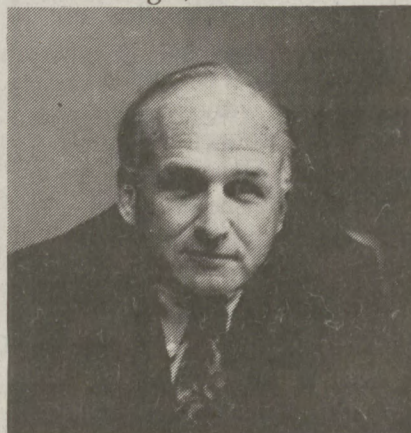
However, the project and costs escalated far beyond what Bledsoe had envisioned.

In the past, two separate buildings were home to vital offices of the university, inconveniencing those whose schedules demanded they be in two places at once, with no time to get to either destination. She said that students with demanding schedules are able to drop by without hassle.

For instance, The Academic Skills Center, now located in 100 North Foundation Hall, is in full

view of passers-by with its glass front.

This attraction, said Lynn Hockenberger, the director of the



Bissonnette

Academic Skills Center, is one of the main reasons the center has seen its requests for tutors go up by at least 10%.

Although details such as carpeting and interior design are still being dealt with, an overall satisfaction with the change is apparent. Shirley Cobb, the senior secretary in the Office of the President, is content with the changes.

"I am happy as long as I have my computer nearby!" she said.

Cobb also believes that the close-knit atmosphere of North Foundation, "benefits the students greatly."

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OUR VIEW

New year deserves look at recent good and bad moves

1. To President Sandra Packard's administration for the appointment of Glenn McIntosh as the permanent director of the Office of Minority Equity. By sticking to the established timeline and hiring a permanent director before Interim Director Kevin Early's departure, her administration avoided further run-ins with student groups and finally staffed an office that will hopefully be productive and well-received. Early was scheduled to leave the office Jan. 15 but will stay on until McIntosh's arrival Jan 18.

2. The establishment of a search committee for the new VP of student affairs and the appointment of William Macauley as chairman. While last year's VP searches were very important, the search at hand is arguably the most vital to the university. Packard has an opportunity to diversify her all-male cabinet and could redeem some much needed support by promoting from within the University.

3. To President Packard for her verbosity as she rambled on a quarter of an hour longer than the three minute limit for speakers at Wilma Ray-Bledsoe's farewell reception. Another thumbs down for her hasty exit after her remarks.

Another View

SAE's president deserves praise for promptness

Dear Editor,

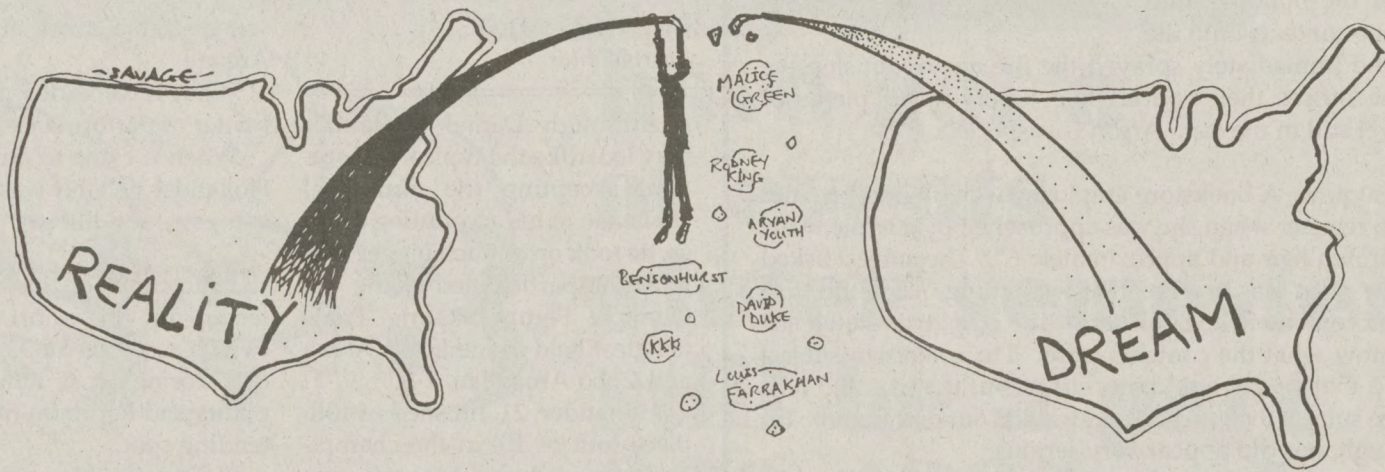
In reference to your December 1 article titled "Greek Ring of Fire Inflames Fraternity" about Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. I would like to commend President Mike DeSantis and SAE for their prompt actions regarding the hazing incident. As president of a fellow greek organization I realize that you cannot always police every event within the fraternity. Therefore all you can do is react to a situation and deal with it appropriately once it has already occurred. This is exactly what Mike did. Upon learning of the incident Mike called an emergency meeting of the chapter to investigate and discuss what happened the night before. SAE resolved this issue promptly and issued punishment to all participants. That is all anyone can ask of SAE. They have denounced the event that took place and have taken action to ensure it is not repeated.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity is committed to Oakland University and the greek community. I have witnessed this through my interaction with them on greek council. What happened clearly was a deplorable act but SAE and Mike DeSantis reacted in the best possible way and should be congratulated for the firm stand they have taken against their members.

Sincerely,

Philip F. Lickman
President Alpha Kappa Psi

Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Administrators should share budget burden

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article in *The Oakland Press* entitled "OU president's raise a (compromise)." I guess my first question is "what did the compromise consist of?" A 5 percent raise as opposed to a 10-15 percent raise? The clerical staff on campus just "fought" hard to end up with a 3 percent across the board raise. That's after the expiration of a three year contract? We are responsible for our own housing expenses, car payments/maintenance and we receive no "expense accounts" and it's getting to the point that we pay an astronomical amount for medical benefits?

How long has it been? The last four years we have been asked to "understand" the inflated economy, the hardships that the university is facing? We have worked under very stressful conditions. The freeze was recently lifted however, we have worked short-staffed for years and have been asked constantly to "make concessions."

Wasn't it a year ago that after the new president was brought on board and Mr. DeCarlo stepped from the interim position into that of "right-hand-man" to our "new president" that he received an \$11,000.00/yearly increase in salary?

As long as Dr. Champagne served as president, he seemed to get along well from North Foundation Hall. Convenient? Maybe it was/wasn't? However, in the midst of this "crisis" that we must all make sacrifices for I would be curious to know at what expense the relocation costs to bring "all the president's men closer" must have brought to the university and where the monies came from? I would also wonder if any consideration was given to student services departments that actually "serve massive amounts of students" in their offices that no longer have room to accommodate these students?

In April of 92' I had to go into the hospital for a test. Unfortunately that test turned into an "almost" five week hospital stay. I was put in a life/death situation and for two weeks I was on the critical list. Finally, by the second week the physicians had to make a choice to do what they hoped would be "life saving" surgery. I had the surgery and slowly began to recover. I was released from the hospital at the end of May only to know that it would be necessary for me to return for more "major" surgery a short time later and that my recovery would be long and painful. I was under a doctor's care through September, 1992. I worked for a wonderful administrator on campus who after many long years of service with Oakland University had decided to retire. Because he was basically "alone" in our office I decided to "beg" my doctor to allow me to return to work in August if nothing more to work part-time until I had to return to the hospital to undergo the next surgery. I worked almost four weeks and on or about September returned to the hospital for another 10 day stay. Towards the end of

November when I was having a very difficult time with my recovery I received a letter in the mail from Employee Relations stating that "because I had been off from my job for six months and my supervisor was retiring, my job was being terminated due to budget constraints." (I hired into Oakland in October, 1985 and worked ten months as a temporary before being brought on board in the School of Health Sciences in a full-time position).

Well of course my sick leave ended after six months and I was forced to go on disability. That's a very scary feeling as it is a very time consuming chore to feel poorly and have to collect everything you need for this purpose and then "hurry up and wait and worry."

I was finally released to return to work on January 20, 1993 and to my surprise "I had NO JOB." I had nothing except a pile of bed sheets and lots of prayers hoping that I would be "re-hired." Finally, I did "win" a position in Residence Halls. I returned to work making 10 percent less than I was previously working for but I had a job!

The one thing that I want to make perfectly clear is that I am committed to the students at Oakland University. THE STUDENTS ARE NOT ONLY THE ONES THAT PAY MY SALARY, THEY ARE SIMPLY THE REASON WE ARE ALL HERE.

Do I mind making concessions? Not really but I feel that if I am asked and co-workers are asked to make concessions, how about the administration? Where does the loyalty of the administration lie? How in good conscience can they take what they do and ask the "little person" as us to do without?

In closing, I would like to say that I love Oakland University. The little people here are the backbone of this university. We hear the problems, the disappointments and the heartaches of our students. WE CARE!

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Rowe

Article's tone soils Greek reputation

Dear Editor,

I am a Greek writing in response to Robert Snell's article on hazing at OU in the December 1, 1993 issue of *The Oakland Post*. The headline boldly shouted out at students: "Greek Ring of Fire Inflames Fraternity." This dragged the name of all Greeks into one isolated incident. This does nothing to help the Greek system at OU. When a person reads a headline like this, they form an immediate stereotype toward all Greeks. People automatically assume that all Greeks haze, when in actuality we don't.

Stereotypes of any form are destructive. They are based on ignorance and sweeping generalizations, and the stereotype of hazing only adds to the anti-Greeks feelings that are prevalent on campus. People don't want to go Greek, because they feel they have to fit some mold, and they think that all Greek organizations do is party and haze their pledges.

The fact is, Greek organizations are ser-

vice organizations, in addition to providing social interaction to their members. Belonging to a Greek organization allows people to mature and gain an identity of their own, by both studying oneself and learning from one's peers.

Also, Greek organizations are run like businesses. We have operating costs, and most of us have weekly meetings to discuss matters of importance. We also have elected officers and chairs, which give students good opportunities for leadership. Greek organizations are an investment just like higher education is an investment. You only get out of the system what you put into it.

I hope it is understood that I am not targeting my frustration towards Robert Snell or *The Oakland Post*. I am addressing a greater issue that has affected many students at Oakland. I only hope that in the future people will refrain from bashing the whole Greek system for the misfortune of one of its organizations.

Ryan Poquette
Sophomore
Sigma Pi Fraternity

Congress promotes diverse opinions

Dear Editor,

In response to Ms. Kolomyjec's editorial in your last edition I must say I appreciate and respect her opinion. It is true that Congress meetings are long and have a tendency to drag. It is also true that members are prone to disagree on issues. However, please remember that the role of Congress is to promote diverse representation. This cannot be achieved if we all simply "got along." And yes I do agree with Ms. Kolomyjec that there are members of Congress who do not know their own constitution or by-laws, and for this there is no excuse since materials and an informational retreat were both made available. For this reason I urge students to pay more attention in the upcoming election. You have the power to choose your representation. It is essential that students exercise this right.

Nevertheless, I would have liked to have seen more tangible criticism than generalizations in Ms. Kolomyjec's editorial. Please remember that most of Congress' work is completed outside of the meeting formal, not inside. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made thus far, such as the escort service, our co-sponsorship of the Leadership Retreat, the Presidential Roundtable, and our fight to gain a student trustee.

My point is not to minimize Ms. Kolomyjec's editorial. I believe that as a student she has every right to question and challenge her representation. Perhaps each of us, at times, becomes far too complacent in our roles. Overall, I strongly encourage students to heed Ms. Kolomyjec's advice and to take a more active role in your Student Congress.

Sincerely,

Amy Rickstad, President
University Student Congress

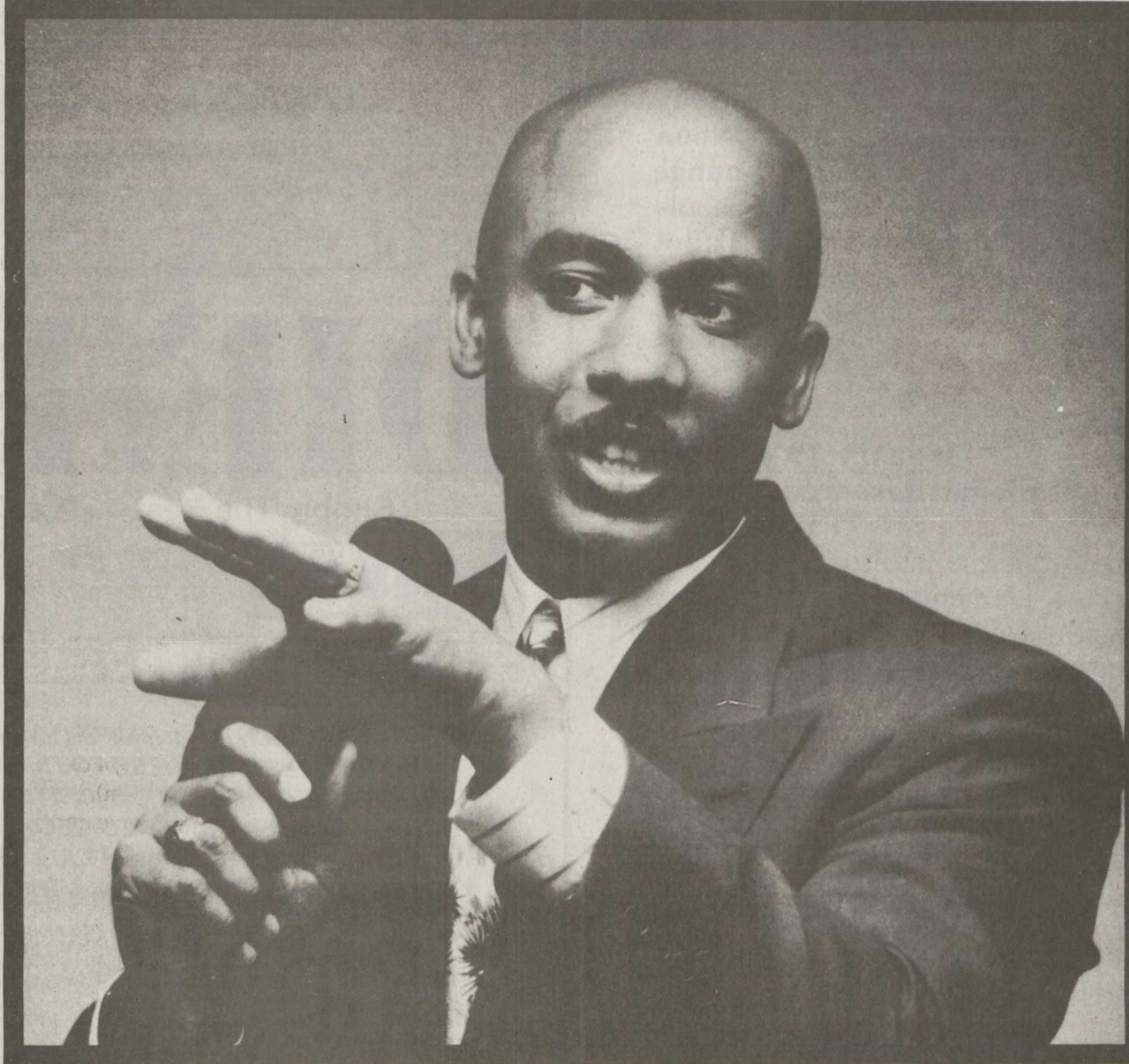
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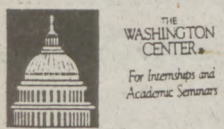
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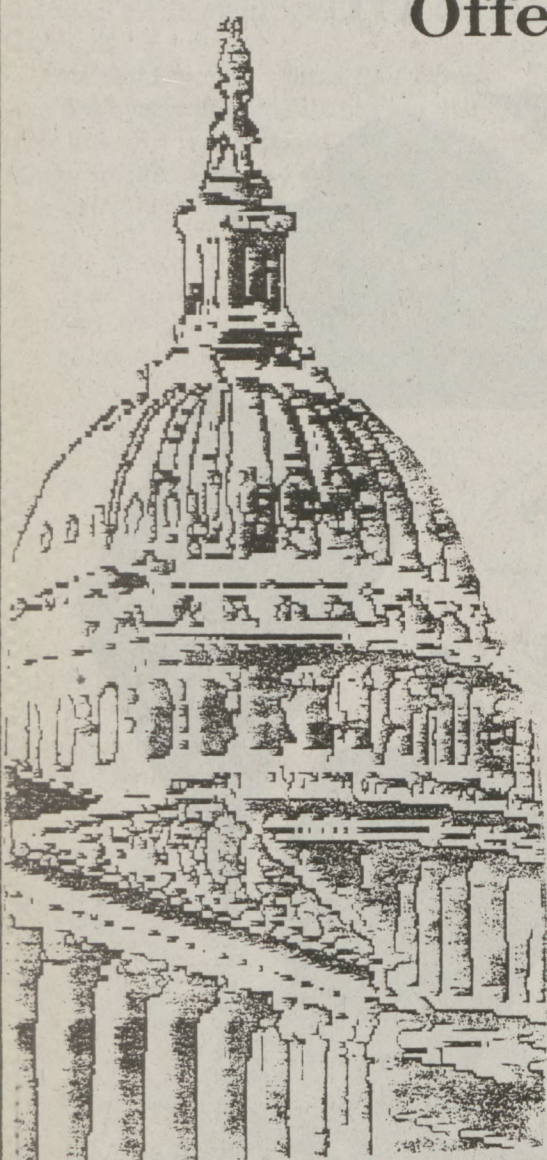
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CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. Upcoming programs include:

Education Reform Week
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As Michigan grapples with issues concerning K-12 education, the information which most citizens receive is very confusing. One thing is for certain; the decisions which are made now, will affect elementary and secondary education for years to come. The issues of finance and quality will determine our future. Everyone is invited to the following programs:

K-12 Education Finance Reform **Tuesday**
January 18 at Noon
in the Fireside Lounge

OU's Dr. Hough and Dr. Rohlman from Oakland Schools will discuss the ramifications of the upcoming ballot concerning Education Finance Reform and how the plans will affect the quality of education in the future.

Training & New Technology **Wednesday**
January 19 at Noon
in the Educational Resource Library
216 O'Dowd Hall

Dr. Bob Christina will demonstrate the latest in Technology available to assist in teaching elementary and secondary students. In addition, he will lead a discussion on how teachers need to be trained to effectively use the new technology.

The Role of the Parents, PTOs, **Thursday**
MEA, and School Boards **January 20 at Noon**
In the Fireside Lounge

Clearly, the teacher is not the only person who has responsibility for a child's education. Lynn Larson, Vice President of the Michigan Educational Association will explore what parents, governing boards, and teachers can do to improve education.

Urban Education **Friday**
January 21 at Noon
In the Fireside Lounge

Dr. John Telford, Retired Superintendent of Rochester Schools and current V.P. of the Michigan Organization for Social Advocacy and Interculture (MOSAIC) and Dr. Gerald Pine, Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, will discuss the issues involved in education in urban areas.

OU's January Blood Drive
January 19, 1994

9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms

Student Life Lecture Board

Montel Williams **Thursday, January 20, 1994**
2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery

This popular talk show host is also a motivating speaker. He has talked to hundreds of audiences about how to overcome obstacles. He is entertaining and exciting. Don't miss him. Tickets are: \$2 for OU Students, \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members, & \$7 for the general public. Tickets purchased by this Wednesday, January 19 will be discounted \$1.

Student Leadership Series

Public Speaking **Tuesday, January 25**
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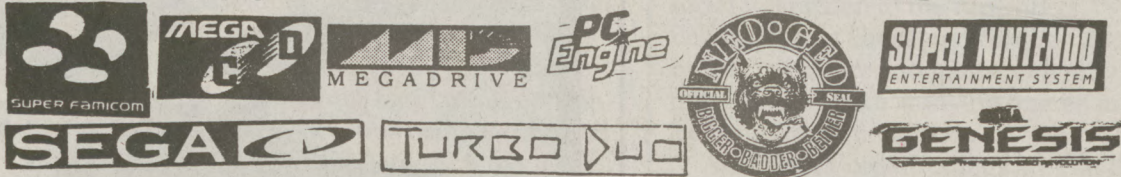
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Features

Departing VP shares experiences

By DARYL M. PIERSON
Features Editor

Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, a pillar of strength, respect and integrity in the OU community, has long been viewed as a motherly figure to some students and staff alike.

Not everyone has agreed with her, but she lives life according to her terms. She stands up for who, or what she believes in. A quality that distinguishes leaders and in her case, has bred success.

But, if questioned about her success, she will tell you that one of the most important things that has helped her professional life is her mastery of the English language.

"I'm fairly satisfied, that if I had not had the command of the language, that it would not have been possible for me to have had some of the opportunities I've had, in an environment where the formal preparation is more extensive," she said.

Self-driven to be her best, Bledsoe is proud of her accomplishments and her willingness to do whatever was necessary to get the job done.

Even though she's demanding, Bledsoe says that she has always tried to treat the staff that works under her with complete respect. A philosophy she draws from believing that no one person is infallible.

"I learned from my father-in-law that it's important to separate yourself from your work," she shared. "When working in the public sector you're doing the people's work. You shouldn't think there are not others who can do the job better."

Echoing the statements of her former boss, Eileen Burnham recalls what type of person Bledsoe was to work for.

"She's always so gracious, caring, and compassionate... there's just so many positive adjectives to describe her. Her presence here at OU will surely be missed," explains Burnham, a former clerical worker in Bledsoe's office.

In the hours before an emotional, yet joyous, farewell for Bledsoe last Friday, the resigning vice-president for student affairs feels disheartened that her mother and father will not be able to make the ceremony.

It is Bledsoe's parents whom she credits for making her the person who OU has come to love, and she wishes they could be in attendance.

"I have rather extraordinary parents, in my view and I'm so disappointed that they won't make it today," Bledsoe said. "They made a valiant effort and got stranded in Charlotte, North Carolina last night."

As a child, young Wilma Ray's parents did everything possible to see that their little girl was exposed to the finest things in life, while at the same time showering her with lots of love.

For example, they arranged for Bledsoe's first trip to Europe when she was only 15 years old.

"What I did not know until I was an adult is that my parents took a second mortgage in order to ensure that I had that opportunity," she said in a voice that cracked with pride and gratitude. "So, I'm grateful to them for giving me a very strong sense of myself from a very early stage in my life."

The eldest of four children, Bledsoe grew up in Ashville, NC where her family prospered in business in the small mountain town.

The family's principal business, a funeral home, was one of many enterprises which occupied her parents' time.

Today however, her oldest brother has taken over the operations as her parents are retired and enjoying the fruits of many years of hard work.

At a young age Bledsoe thought that she wanted to be a pediatrician, mainly because that's what her aunt wanted her to pursue. But, she soon realized this was not her field.

"I went around saying I wanted to be a pediatrician until I had my freshman course in biology," Bledsoe said. "And then I found that my aptitudes were really not scientific."

After graduating from Fisk University with a bachelor's degree in English, Bledsoe headed west to attend graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley.

"The transition from Fisk to Berkeley

was a fascinating one," Bledsoe recalls. "I did okay at Berkeley, but it was difficult."

First of all there were more people living in the international house where I lived than there were people at Fisk. I think my drive to do well was so strong that it just wore me down...I looked like a ghost when I left Berkeley."

Bledsoe left after her first year to seek her fortune, armed with a bachelor's degree, to carve out her niche in the work world.

"My undergrad was in English, I had no education courses, couldn't teach and didn't want to teach," she said. "I went all over the country looking something."

After scouring the country for employment at the expense of her father, she was issued an ultimatum on her trip to Chicago to attend her sorority con-

streets of Detroit where she was once again widely rejected for employment, but remained determined to succeed for the six months it took her to find a job.

The Citizen's Committee for Equal Opportunity was her first job in Detroit, where she researched issues that had an impact on race relations in the metropolitan area.

One night while giving a five-minute extemporaneous report on an executive summary, the vice president of personnel at a local company heard her presentation and created a job for Bledsoe in community relations.

It was here where her connections blossomed through networking and her career life began to take off.

At 25 years old, Bledsoe had worked with some of the most influential people in the Detroit area and was well respected by her peers.

Boredom quickly set in at performing the same duties and she pursued a position in the Civil Rights Commission.

The director of the commission heard Bledsoe was interested in the open position and contacted Bledsoe for the post in Pontiac.

It was here that she met her future husband, William Bledsoe, who was on the staff of the attorney general's office assigned to the Pontiac commission, which was the first time they had encountered each other.

At some points, Mr. Bledsoe was a major thorn in Ms. Ray's side causing her quite a bit of anguish.

During a party, that was held after the hearings, Mr. Bledsoe came up and kissed his future wife on the cheek and said "All's well that ends well."

Ray's reply was "Don't you touch me, Don't you put your hands on me."

But, the commission liked how they worked together and assigned them to work together in Kalamazoo.

"I did not know Kalamazoo as well and I decided that I better learn how to work with this man to make it easier from the start," Bledsoe recalled.

They were married on June 1, 1970.

Bledsoe joyfully proclaims that "I am as much in love with the man as I was on the 1st of June when I married him."

Deciding she had outgrown this position, Bledsoe accepted a position at OU as Director of Urban Affairs.

And the rest is history.

"It's been wonderful," Bledsoe said.

"I would not have dreamed that I would have stayed this long. My life has been enriched enormously to have had the opportunity to have had this experience."

The outpouring of love from students, staff and the board of trustees has been overwhelming. I have closed my door and tears just roll down my face. It is very satisfying learning how I have affected their lives."



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- Wilma-Ray Bledsoe

Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe



William Bledsoe comforts his wife after an emotional farewell to OU.

"I am as much in love with the man as I was on the first day of June when I married him."

- Wilma-Ray Bledsoe



Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe enjoy her farewell ceremonies in the Crockery.

STUDENT PROFILES

'Stage One' directs rising star to the top of industry

By KRISTINA PARIS
Staff Writer

Cathy Tate doesn't have much time to talk. She's got work to do.

In 10 years she wants her business, Stage One, to be known throughout the entertainment industry. She wants her magazine, *Stage Door*, to be distributed internationally, she wants to have made five current clients celebrities and in her spare time she wants to become a nationally known actress.

"I hope to be a millionaire by the time I'm 50," Tate explains. "It's a stiff goal but I think I can do it. One good deal in the entertainment field and you're a gold mine overnight."

Tate prospects hard waiting for the day when she stakes her claim.



Currently, she was subcontracted with WKBD channel 50, as an associate producer to secure major international talent for a film that will feature the 1994 Auto Show and will air on ESPN.

Recently, she provided 'extra' talent for an upcoming Penny Marshall film and a film starring John Candy. Both films had segments filmed in Detroit. Also on her long list of accomplishments are training videos for Chrysler, Toyota, Phillip Morris and Frito-Lay as well as directing and participating in an ensemble company who writes their own scripts for dinner theater and performs at the Pontiac Art Center.

On Thursdays, Stage One offers workshops for beginning and intermediate actors to strengthen their performing and improvisational skills.

"Athletes have to work out to stay in shape," Tate says. "Actors have to act to keep sharp."

So, how does this 24 year-old english major do it?

She averages four hours of sleep a night. However, she's not alone in the business world. Her partner, Powl Von Christiansen, is her best friend and she says a phenomenal business partner. He has the musical connections from his days in Motown when he played the drums and worked as a studio and back-up musician and, Tate says, he's the visual one explaining that he can see people and know their potential.

Their partnership began five years ago when he gave her the opportunity to invest in his company, Stage One.

Tate took the money she saved while working as a print model and make-up artist and since has contributed greatly to its success.



"I offered the opportunity to other people but Cathy was the only one who took interest," Christiansen said. "Kathy has a lot of heart and she is an excellent fast study. She'll make money in leaps and bounds."

When people find out how old she is, however they can't believe she owns her own company.

"They think I'm supposed to be stupid," she says grinning. "But I got smart."

At 15, her unique beauty landed her jobs as a model for fashion magazines and she did test shots for the covers of *Glamour* and *Essence*, but they didn't make it.

She thought of becoming a lawyer or a professor, however the entertainment industry worked its way into her blood and she was hooked.

"If the entertainment industry went away I'd rather wait tables, I deplore 9 to 5," Tate explains. "People go to school for five to ten years, then

get out and make 50k to 60k a year. It's a ceiling. If I can't have the entertainment, I'd rather make 40k and do community theater than make 60k."

Tate fools no one and is no one's fool.

The entertainment industry is a rough business and requires a thick skin as well as a tough mind.

A person has to stand out or be different in some way and must produce energy by the bucket on cue or they don't belong.

"I'm black, I'm a female and I'm young. They chew people apart in here," says Tate. "That's why I'm doing it this way. Behind the scenes and in front of the cameras."

Tate says one of the worst things about this business is a young girl who leaves home to go to New York to be a model or star. She eventually becomes desperate to pay the rent or to feed herself and will resort to other means to make money.

Tate never wants to put herself in a desperate position and she respects those women who don't.

Her idols are women she calls 'power women' in the entertainment industry like Barbara Streisand, Whoopie Goldberg and Goldie Hawn.

"Streisand is a good business woman. Everyone thinks she's a bitch but when she wants to do a movie she uses her own production company and does it herself," says Tate.

Tate hesitates while mulling over her life to find her biggest accomplishment.

She settles on the fact that she always finishes what she starts.

"I don't know a lot of people who would stay in school with the opportunities I have. I don't need a degree to make money in this field," Tate says. Every term, I don't know if I'm going to register, but I always do."

Now, her time is up.

She's got appointments to keep and papers to write.

Instead of a handshake, she offers a hug and off she goes.

It's time to rock-n-roll.

Senior bartender balances books, fun

By JENNIFER FULLER
Staff Writer

No it's not Tom Cruise, or is it! With the shaking, stirring and mixing of the drinks some may mistake Tom Blose, a senior here at OU, as the all time famous bartender on the movie "Cocktail".

Leaving OU on Friday afternoon's Blose returns to his elite home in Troy in desperation to arrive for work 30 minutes early. Before leaving he crams his school books in a deep corner in his room to wait for him until Sunday. Yes, it is a case of senioritis.

He changes his Levi's and striped pullover from Structure, into a white finely pressed button down shirt and black slacks, his proper uniform at Steak and Ale.

With the clamour of the restaurant Blose arrives to work, in Farmington Hills, just in time to catch up on all the latest gossip of his fellow employees. He has a quick smoke, then off he goes to tend bar.

At first it's slow, then Wham!, the crowd flew in. The employees rush around like chickens with their heads cut off while Blose sets them all at ease by his Eddie Murphy-like sense of humor. Pretending to fall down stairs, pouring tabasco sauce in someone's pop are the ways he illuminates the crowd surrounding him.

Behind the bar is where one will find Tom. Either he is running back and forth making margarita's, gin and tonic's and gathering beers or he is entertaining and refreshing the lonely souls at the bar like Sam Malone on Cheers.

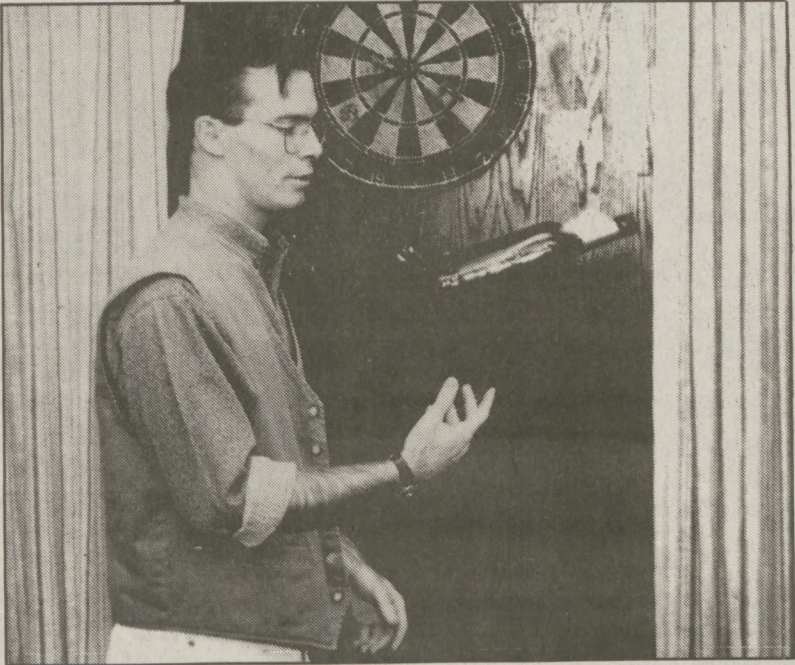
You won't ever find Blose throwing the bottle of vodka or whisky in the air, catching it behind his back, pouring it without looking and presenting it to a customer while the crowd roars. His guests love him. "He is a good listener and fun to talk to," they say.

As five or six waitstaff harmoniously scream their drink orders to

Blose, he swiftly and quickly concentrates to get the orders right. Bursting in frustration at the wild group of over anxious waiters and waitresses, he accelerates his heels as he throws down the foaming beers and daquiries that drip over the side of the glasses.

As the crowd thins and the night comes to an end, Blose leaves his friends behind and heads back to his elite home in his stationwagon.

As he arrives home and spots his waiting books still sitting, he decides to sleep on it until Saturday.



Tom Blose flips a bottle showing off his bartending skills.

Beauty, perserverance are winning combination

By NICOLE SNYDER
Staff Writer

"And the winner is...Carrie DeLong"

At 22 years old, DeLong is the reigning Miss Lapeer County. She won the title after a 'fierce competition' among 13 other girls.



Carrie DeLong strikes a pose for the camera.

She became a 'star' overnight appearing on the front page of the Lapeer County Press and participating in such charity events as the Lapeer County and Flint Arthritis telethons.

"The scariest thing about the whole experience, was the talent competition. I performed on the clarinet and even though I have played for 13 years, all the other girls were professional competitors," said DeLong.

Recently, DeLong competed in the Miss Michigan, USA pageant and placed in the top ten.

As a result of the competition, she was asked to do a photo session with well-known french fashion photographer, Jacques Silberstein.

Silberstein, who works for *Cosmopolitan*, *French Vogue* and *Loreal* had DeLong in mind for his latest project of finding the new Chanel spokesperson.

DeLong has competed in beauty pageants since she was 17 years-old, but ironically she got started by mistake. She sent away for information on a few different

scholarships and received one brochure on the Miss Lapeer County scholarship program.

"I thought, what the heck, I'll give it a try," said DeLong.

After two tries at Miss Lapeer County and not placing in the top ten, the third time was a charm.

"I was really determined to win, so I tried again," she said.

Since then, DeLong has also placed in the top ten category in the Miss Michigan, International system pageant and competed in the Miss Michigan, American system pageant.

DeLong's family is very supportive of her hobby.

Her mother, Debbie, coordinates the choreography for performances while her father, Roger and her 18 year-old brother, Roger critique her performances before she competes.

DeLong has worked the past four years as a document tracker in the financial department at OU. She is also doing an internship at the radio station WJR.

After graduating in 1994, DeLong's career goal is in broadcast journalism where she hopes to be a news anchor.



LARRY V. WEISS
COLUMNIST

Outland University wishes you a Happy New Year, or should I say Oakland University.

A place with the ambiance of a crock-pot, a slow-cooking variety show without the dancing. A place where Snoop Doggy Dog wouldn't draw a crowd and the Blues Brothers would trash.

But I like it. I've been known to loiter here. Although it always feels like standing in front of a Seven-Eleven store. And my days are numbered at this educational outlet with several faculty members that belong up in the pantheon of academic gods, then there's a few I'd leave stranded out on I-75.

In the meantime, I've got a column in the OU Post. Daryl Pierson, my editor, suggested I cover the non-traditional students on campus. But I just can't limit myself to the students who have been mortal over twenty-five years, because we are all doomed to the handicap of aging and damned to rocky career futures. Besides, what really counts is attitude and style.

So I'm going to have some fun with this, get wild and tread on the sacred. I promise to not always be politically correct. Sometimes I'll just light the fuse and give the cannon a spin, and then write about whatever 'ISM' the cannonball cracks. And if I go through the entire semester without being physically assaulted, censored, fired or not causing some sort of uproar, I will be disappointed.

Except I don't know quite where to start. I know I don't want to be a Bob Talbert and write about barbecue. Sometimes though, food is a fun topic. I heard somewhere that Prez Clinton puts melted Velveeta on his popcorn. For a man who never inhaled, he knows how to satisfy a craving. Try it.

Sports bore me yet I'll make one suggestion, OU needs a hockey team. Now those dudes chasing a puck get down and crowds always enjoy a slippery fight on ice as well.

As for serious politics, I would rather watch crows peck roadkill. On the other hand, the garbage of OU's power elite is open for inspection.

What I'm going to specialize in is the gonzo stuff: sex, drugs, controversy, and whatever strikes my fancy. I like deviance. Is there anyone out there into erotic asphyxiation that would consent to an interview?

Sure, we've got furtively painted pink triangles scattered about, but OU's brand of radicalism makes Barney look like an outlaw.

If apathy were a bankable asset, tuition wouldn't be required here.

Maybe it's because we're in the suburbs safe from the trajectories of falling bullets fired on New Year's Eve. Or maybe it's the way the place fills up like some mega-mall at Christmas with the crowd scurrying home dazed with sensory overload.

We need something at this commuter college to give a sense of esprit de corps, regardless of age, ethnicity or genital philosophy. We don't have to agree or like it. Just say, hey, they're one of us, so it's OK.

I am not here to do social work and I don't join causes. My mission as a writer is to stir the social stewpot by goading the twisted to push the limits of their constitutional rights. And encourage all to have some fun while they are at it.

Shirley Valentine warms audience's chills

By DINA TATANGELO
Staff Writer

Despite the bad weather, *Shirley Valentine* opened Thursday night at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Many of the ticket holders chose not to drive in the treacherous conditions, leaving half of the seats empty. However, those brave enough to leave their homes witnessed a wonderful performance.

There was only one character in the play, Shirley Valentine, performed by Jayne Houdyshell. Jayne is a familiar face to Meadow Brook. Her professional acting career began here in 1974 and since then she has been in over 20 productions at Meadow Brook alone.

The set, designed by artistic director Peter Hicks, reflects the lifestyle of Shirley Valentine. Being a 42-year old housewife with two grown kids, she finds herself disgusted with her boring lifestyle. The only

thing she has to look forward to is cooking for her husband Joe.

Act I and Act II take place in a kitchen. It is rather plain, much like Shirley's life. Blue walls, brown cupboards, tan and brown tile and a brown table. There is no other sign of life other than that of cooking. Oven mitts, cookie containers, pans, dishes, coffee cups, dish towels, napkins, a spice rack, toaster, and paper towels cover the counter tops.

Nobody is there for Shirley to really talk to so she finds herself talking to the wall. Even when Joe comes home, whom she refers to as "he", she is unable to hold a meaningful conversation with him.

Shirley finds herself reflecting on the past. There was once a time when she felt happy. She could talk to Joe and laugh with Joe. The kitchen walls were painted yellow then.

She doesn't know exactly when her life changed. It wasn't in one day nor was it in one week. It was so gradual that she hadn't even noticed what was happening.

Shirley had a lot of dreams. As a child she wanted to be smart like her schoolmate, Marjorie Majors. She wanted to be an air hostess or a travel agent so she could travel all over the world. One particular dream was to sit in a chair by the sea, drinking wine, in a country where grapes grow.

When Shirley's friend Jane presented her with a paid ticket to Greece, Shirley has a chance to live her dream. This leaves Shirley in a difficult situation. Although she wants to go, she feels afraid of life beyond the wall.

Jayne Houdyshell plays the part of Shirley Valentine well. Her facial expressions, bodily actions and tone of voice convince the audience that she feels the mixed emotions of Shirley Valentine. Her humorous views on men and relationships kept the audience laughing. When the curtain came down, signaling the end, the applause of the audience sounded as if every seat in the theatre was occupied.



Jayne Houdyshell is featured in *SHIRLEY VALENTINE* at the Meadow Brook

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CINEMA REVIEW: PELICAN BRIEF

By TRACI MCDOWELL
Staff Writer

If the Pelican brief were a roller-coaster ride it would start at the top of the first hill, leaving no time for suspense to build.

However, it can't be compared to any other roller coaster ride because this ride lasts for two and a half hours.

From the beginning of the film, based on author John Grisham's national best-selling novel, director Alan J. Pakula keeps the tension pumping.

The action starts immediately, when two Supreme Court Justices are assassinated and everyone is guessing whodunnit.

Leave it to the leggy law student Darby Shaw, played by Julia Roberts, to write a far-fetched brief on who committed the crime, and be right.

She gives the brief to her professor and lover Thomas Callahan, whose car blows up after giving her brief to a friend in the FBI.

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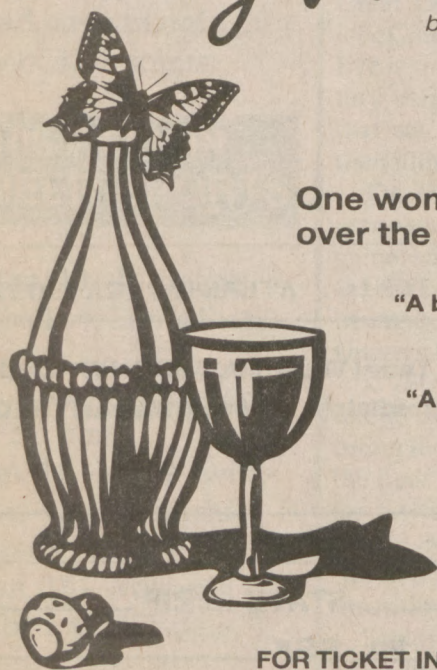
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Pioneer of the Week

Patty Robak
women's basketball
5-9 Senior

Robak had a big week coming off the bench for Oakland, leading the Pioneers to a pair of wins. She scored 16 points in 14 minutes as Oakland beat Gannon 101-50. Robak was 5-8 from the field, including 4-7 from three point land versus Gannon. In Oakland's big game against Lake Superior State, Robak had game high totals of 23 points and 12 rebounds. Robak averaged 19.5 points and eight boards for the week.

THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

• **Women's basketball**
-OU led the nation in three pointers made per game in the most recent NCAA II basketball statistics as released by the NCAA. OU, which made a season-best 16 triples in its win over Gannon last Tuesday, was making 8.3 three-pointers per game at the time of the statistical report. OU, who also hit 14 more threes against LSSU, is now averaging 9.4 threes per game. -Oakland is averaging 94 points per game in five GLIAC contests and has seven players averaging in double figures for those contests.

• **Men's basketball**
-Oakland was number one in the nation in three different statistical categories in the most recent NCAA II basketball statistics as released by the NCAA. The Pioneers led the nation in scoring offense (110.9), three-pointers per game (13.4) and free throw percentage (.774). OU was also 11th in scoring margin (17.8). Currently, OU is averaging 105.3 points, 12.5 three-pointers, shooting .772 from the free throw line, and has a margin of victory of 13.7 points.

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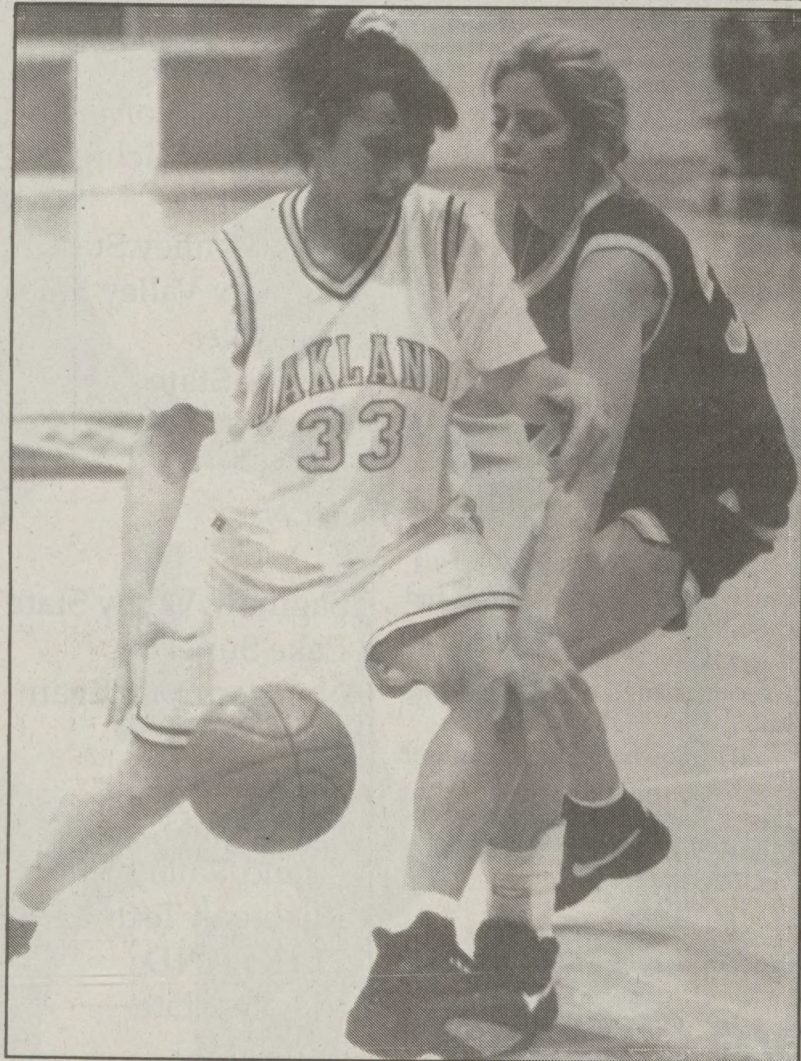
-Men's Basketball vs. Ferris State, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 14, -Men's swimming vs. Eastern Michigan, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 15, -Women's Basketball at Hillsdale, 3 p.m.

-Men's and Women's swimming vs. Denison, 2 p.m.

-information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information director



Senior guard Doreen Belkowski had 19 points against Gannon.

Roughshod

Pioneers roll over a plethora of pretenders

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

While the rest of us were basking away on some sunny beach in some tropical paradise over the winter break, the women's basketball team was hard at work improving its record to 9-2 and sitting pretty tied for first place.

Beginning on Dec. 18, the Pioneers won three of four contests that it participated in, including two of three over the break.

Alas, there is no rest for the truly wicked and was it truly wicked indeed the punishment the meted out in those victories.

In the three wins, the average margin of victory was over 37 points.

The Pioneers commenced the onslaught versus Madonna University with an 86-53 demolition.

Senior Doreen Belkowski topped all scorers with 17 points

and two rebounds in 21 minutes, while sophomore Heather Bateman and freshman Kim Bailey popped in 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Bateman also pulled down 10 boards to lead all combatants.

As a team the Pioneers shot 48 percent (34-70) and made good on five of 16 bombs from three-point land.

The outcome was never really in question, as Oakland led by 12 at the half and finished MU by 33.

The Pioneers travelled to Kentucky, Dec. 29-30 where it next saw action versus the Washburn University Lady Blues in the opening game of the Bellarmine Tournament.

Despite a spirited late charge, Washburn turned back the Pioneers handing it an 88-79 setback, only its second loss of the season.

OU trailed early and often versus WU, and could not make any

real headway as the Lady Blues shot 60 percent in the first half.

Oakland managed to get within a bucket with 1:47 left, but WU rattled off the next six points to provide an eight point buffer at the break, 47-39.

The lead climbed to as high as 14 at the 11:15 mark of the second half, before the Pioneers gradually whittled it down to one with 3:51 left. But that would be as close as it would get.

The Lady Blues keyed on Belkowski (who is leading OU with a 14.4 ppg average), taking advantage of her two for 10 shooting on the night.

Still, the Pioneers got big time performances from Bailey (22 points, three rebounds) and senior guard Angie Bond (19 points, two rebounds) and Bateman who went underneath to pull down 10 rebounds, seven on the defensive

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Top-ranked tankers topple foes

By CHUCK NASSAR
Staff Writer

After completing two weeks of intense training under Florida's sunny skies, the women's swim team began 1994 the same way they ended 1993: WINNING!

On Saturday the number-one ranked Pioneers traveled to Canada and easily defeated Western Ontario University 110-64. The win boosted Oakland's record to 5-0 as they prepare to take on Division I powerhouse University of Michigan this Friday.

The women entered the meet

well prepared and it showed. Its 46 point margin of victory was one of the largest yet this season. According to senior tri-captain Angie Johnson the training done over Christmas vacation was very rewarding.

"We trained hard for 13 days and it was very beneficial. If we can make it through this [the training] we can get through anything", she said.

Western Ontario's squad was sadly overmatched by the much stronger Pioneers. Head coach Tracy Huth put the evening in perspective when he said, "We

controlled the meet all the way."

After the last swimmer exited the pool, Oakland had posted a first-place finish in every event including three relays.

Coach Huth was obviously pleased with the results even though no one turned in any fantastic times. He was, however, impressed with the performance of freshman Jennifer Stair.

In what turned out to be the closest race of the meet, Stair edged the Western Ontario swimmer by more than a second in the 100 yard butterfly.

"This meet was a nice way to

start out, especially since we haven't swam many meets in a while", he said. "It's hard to expect a lot without the pressure of a rivalry or big meet."

But the team won't be able to rest for long as they prepare to battle the Wolverines in Ann Arbor this weekend. After swimming at U-M, the Pioneers come home to compete against the top Division III school Denison University.

"We expect a lot more competition in the coming weeks. This meet in particular served to get people motivated after the two weeks of hard training", Huth

said.

According to Huth, the next two weekends contain back-to-back meets and will serve to get the Pioneers in racing shape as they prepare for the upcoming GLIAC Championships.

Johnson also expects the stiff competition to prepare the freshman swimmers for the pressures of a big championship meet.

"We have some tough meets coming up which should help the freshman out a lot. They did well in training and should continue to perform."

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Will the real Pioneers please stand up and be counted?

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

After beating Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. in last year's season finale, the men's basketball team received the message that they could not go to the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Greg Kampe and company would have appreciated the chance to dance this past March, but instead, the exclusion from the party only fueled the fire and the hunger that carried to this season.

The Pioneers' focus and hunger helped make plenty over the holidays and its 9-1 mark (2-1 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) as of New Year's Eve is the best start in school history, surpassing the 1987-88 squad that started at 8-1 before losing their 10th game.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, the OU won a school-record ninth straight game, starting with four wins at the end of last season, with a 98-86 triumph over Grand Valley State University at Leley.

GVSU slowed down the game's tempo by fouling OU and substituting the entire five-man unit on the floor one at a time. It worked for a while as they took a 63-58 lead in the second half, but, a 24-6 run in 5:26, and 39-50 at the free throw line, did the Lakers in.

Senior forward Jeff Plank made 15 of 18 free throws and led the Pioneers with 29 points.

"I think it (GVSU's game plan) was a tremendous compliment to our team. They didn't think they were as good as we were. It was obvious," Kampe said.

School record is nice, but not conclusive

Last year's magic at Wayne State's Matthaei Building did not continue as senior forward Michael Aaron and senior guard Derek Hardy carried an angry Tartar club in the second half en route to their first GLIAC win in four tries, halting OU's winning streak, 106-89.

Aaron came off the bench and scored 21 of his 35 points in the final half to go along with 19 rebounds. Hardy scored 17 of his 26 points in the final 20 minutes.

WSU made their last 20 free throws after missing their first five and outboarded OU 60-35.

Two of the most intriguing Pioneer victories took place at the University of Toledo on Saturday, Dec. 18 and at Madonna University on Monday, Dec. 20.

In Toledo, Ohio, OU dominated the Division I Rockets 86-65 after much of the Toledo media guaranteed a victory for its school.

When Kampe asked junior guard Bryan Borchardt how his six-day Christmas vacation was and how Toledo responded to the loss, Borchardt, who is a native of Maumee, Ohio, outside Toledo, said "it was like a scud missile hit that city, they still don't know what happened."

That seemed to be the case as OU held the Rockets to 35.8 percent (24 for 67) shooting and outboarded UT 57-39.

Sophomore forward Jason Burkholder had 20 points and eight boards. Sophomore forward Matt Stuck added 11 points, 12 boards, and three steals.

In Livonia, Mich., nine team records were broken and nine Pioneers reached double figures as OU routed a first-year Madonna program trying to get its feet wet, 189-107.

Some of the records included 27 three-point makes, the 57 attempts to make those 27 shots, and 98 points in one half.

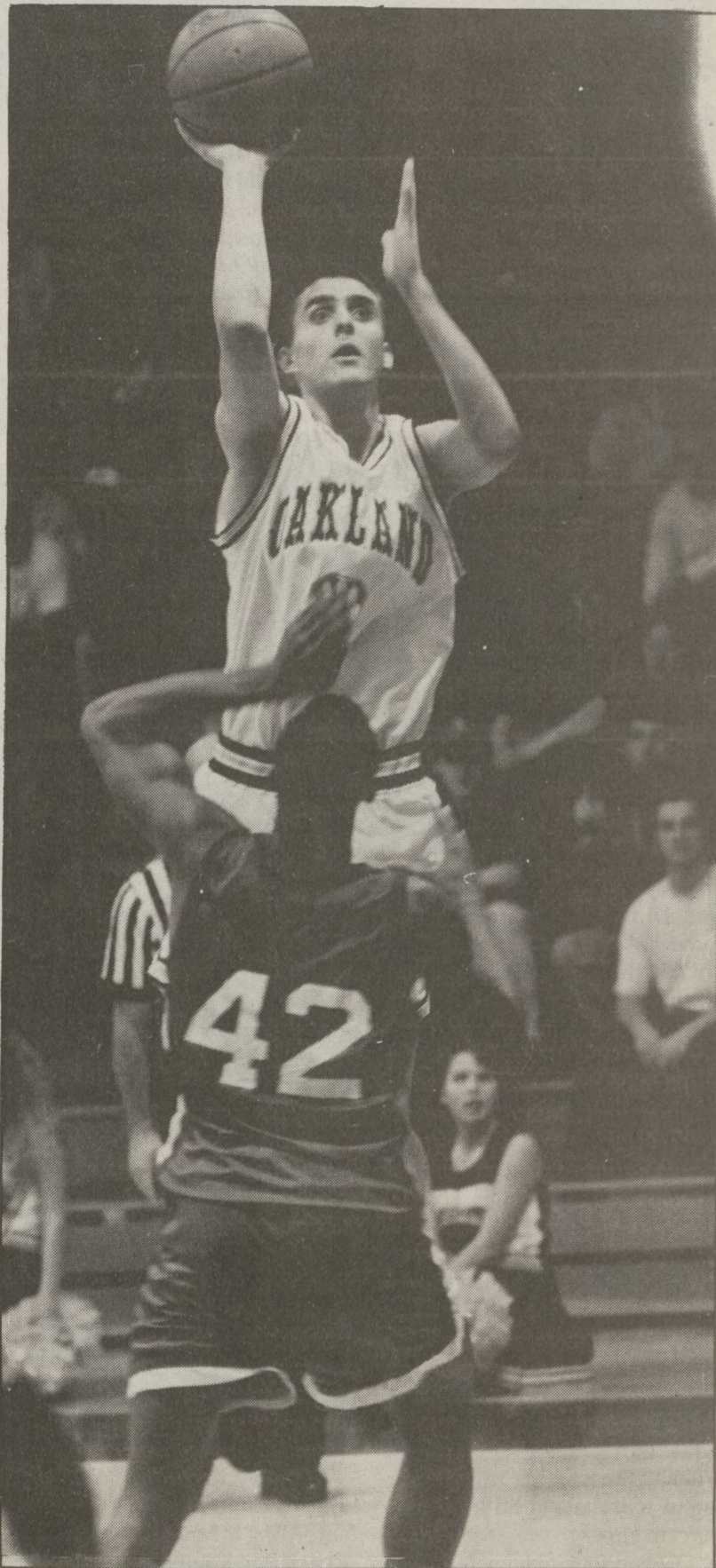
OU, without senior forward Tom Eller and senior guard Ty McGregor, who were nursing back and knee ailments respectively, got 36 points and eight rebounds from Borchardt, 24 points and eight boards from freshman Kevin Kovach, and 19 points and a record-tying six blocked shots from seldom used redshirt freshmen Dan Buza.

The Pioneers finished off its holiday play by winning the title in their own Blimpie Classic on Thursday, Dec. 30 with a 123-112 triumph over Indiana Tech, which broke the record for most points in the tourney with 263.

McGregor earned Most Valuable Player and GLIAC Player of the Week honors with 24 points and five assists in the final, inserting the final nails in the Warriors' coffin with two three-point plays to start a 12-0 run in 1:54 late in the second half to pull away from the gaining opponent.

"I think any time you step on your home court, you're defending your territory," McGregor said. "This is our (OU's) four sen-

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Senior Tom Eller continues to lead the Pioneers in scoring.

Big numbers, big deal

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

Gee, from the looks of it, the men's basketball team's pattern of organized chaos has had so much success that it has allowed the Pioneers to lead the nation in Division II in three statistical categories: scoring offense (110.9 points per game), three-pointers made per game (13.4), and free-throw accuracy (77.4 percent).

Who cares?

The Saginaw Valley State and Lake Superior State Universities sure did not as they each handed OU two conference defeats this past week. The Cardinals triumphed 79-68 Thursday at Lepley and the Lakers edged 89-87 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Saturday.

Against the Cards, OU had its largest lead of eight in the first half, but SVSU fought back and outscored the Pioneers 13-5 in the last 4:06 after seven lead changes to take a 46-41 halftime lead.

According to head coach Greg Kampe, that was about the time

his team stopped playing defense, especially down in the low post.

"Yes, Saginaw's tempo bothered us, but we allowed it to bother us because when we had it our way, we didn't continue to play," he said.

Other than slowing the game's pace, SVSU allowed only 79 points per OU possession defensively, mainly playing a tight zone.

Senior forward Tom Eller (15 points, seven boards) and senior guard Ty McGregor (five points) were held to a combined 5-23 from the floor.

The closest OU came to catch SVSU was one point, 46-45, early in the second stanza, but the margin was either six or eight points for most of the half.

OU missed some opportunities to get back in the contest, as they didn't make the big shots that fell earlier on in the season and made only two of six free throws in the final 6:02.

SVSU collected some crucial offensive rebounds in the late stages to run out the clock.

SVSU snapped OU's eight-

game winning streak at Lepley by, according to McGregor, outworking, and, according to Kampe, outcoaching the Pioneers.

"They (SVSU) obviously outplayed us in every aspect of the game. This might be one of the first games this year that I feel that our entire team didn't play hard... (We) can't mess around anymore," McGregor said.

"I think my team is better than their team, and I think if you have a team that's better than the other team, and they beat you, then that guy must be a heck of a coach... He (SVSU coach Dr. Bob Pratt) got his players to do what they're supposed to do and I didn't," Kampe said.

Senior forward Michael Williams led SVSU with 16 points and nine boards. Sophomore forward Matt Stuck paced the Pioneers with 18 points and three steals.

OU, who led 44-43 at the half, was again unable to make the big hoop nor the big stop at the Soo as the Lakers got 23 points and nine boards from sophomore forward Eric Menk and 19 points from Don

Carlson.

After a Carlson bucket gave LSSU a 86-84 lead with a minute to play, the best OU could do to counter was split a pair of free throws with 50 seconds left.

With around five seconds left on the shot clock and 20 seconds left in the game, Carlson made another clutch basket to ice the win.

Eller led all scorers with 31 points.

Kampe is going to make changes in his lineup pattern to hopefully turn things around as he believes the next two weeks are crucial factors as to where his team will end up.

"A week ago, we were 9-1, ranked 18th in the country, and thought we were pretty good. I don't know if, in one bad week, we can change our feeling," he said.

"If it snowballs into a couple of bad weeks, then I think we have to take a hard look at what we're doing. But I'm not ready to do that yet."

Men's swimming at Western Ontario

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Tankers leave Canada on their own terms

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Fresh from a trip to sunny Florida, the number one ranked men's swimming team returned to action Saturday versus the University of Western Ontario.

The Pioneers proved too much for UWO, who is having a down year, and it reflected in the 111-63 score.

"We didn't have any problem with Western," Coach Pete Hovland said, "they, with the exception of one swimmer, did not possess a lot of talent or depth this year."

Hovland said that the biggest problem that he had in Canada this year was not the teams he faced but rather getting his team across the border.

This time Hovland was forced to leave sophomore Arthur Albiero behind at customs.

But it didn't matter. The 12 swimmers that did make it across were more than enough to beat the competition.

In all, OU took nine of 11 events and would have swept the meet save for that one exceptional individual.

The tankers will next see action Friday evening at Lepley against the Division I Eastern Michigan University Eagles who bested OU in a relay meet earlier in the season.

Hovland expects some good matchups with the Eagles who have not swam at Lepley for nine or ten years and he doesn't plan on making this stay a pleasant one.

Three

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boards.

OU bounced back in a big way Dec. 30 in the consolation game of the tournament against the Lady Hawks of Quincy University.

The Pioneers deplumed the therapists in the contest, 91-62, as Belkowski once again found the range hitting on seven of twelve shots including two treys to lead all scorers with 23 points.

A Bailey convert off of a pass following the opening tip was all that the Pioneers needed to commence the burial of Quincy who found itself down double digits for most of the first half.

OU which has been shooting consistently in the 45 percent range made good on 46 percent in the opening stanza and was 47 percent for the game.

Oakland was also a blazing 39 percent from downtown, almost six percentage points better than its average.

In the second half, the Pioneers drew the curtains on QU, leading by as many as 31 (at the 4:21 mark) and won going away.

The cagers returned home sweet home to Lepley Jan. 4 for a mismatch versus Gannon University (3-9).

The Pioneers thrashed, bashed and crushed the Knights 101-50 pouring in 16 treys and hitting at a 47 percent clip.

OU had four players in double

figures led by Belkowski with 19, senior guard Kelli Krajniak with 17, senior forward Patty Robak with 16 and Bateman with 12.

Bateman, who has quietly become an inside force, pulled down 13 rebounds in the win.

As overmatched as Gannon was by the Pioneer speed, quickness, ballhandling, shooting and rebounding (basically all aspects of the game), did OU continue its long range barrage well into the second half after leaving the Knights without its mounts 51-22 at the break.

All things considered it seemed like a good opportunity to work on an inside game, but the proficiency of Pioneer sharpshooters ruled out that venue.



Sophomore forward Deanna Richard vs. Gannon.

"We try to balance our game and make our decisions and adapt according to how the game goes," Coach Bob Taylor said.

"They gave us the shots so we took them."

And made them.

The Pioneers took on and beat the Lakers of Lake Superior State 86-69 on Saturday Jan. 8 to begin the grueling conference play which will take it through the remainder of the 1993-94 season.

In this next stretch of five games (including that with LSSU), OU (5-0 GLIAC, 10-2 overall) will face teams with a combined record of 45-13 which could make or break this club which is at the moment playing very well.

Saturday's victory gave the club a share of first place in the GLIAC with Michigan Tech (5-0, 10-1) a game ahead of the 4-1 Lakers who suffered its first conference loss at the hands of Oakland.

Senior forward Patty Robak (GLIAC player of the Week, see Pioneer of the Week) came off the bench to lead OU with 23 points and 12 rebounds and was a dominant figure in the contest which the Pioneers led 56-30 at the half.

While limiting LSSU's Jill Wetthuhn to 12 points, OU shot the lights out from long range in the first stanza going 10-12 from outside (14-23 for the game), 22-35 overall (31-58 for the game).

"We were very hot in the first half," Taylor said, "probably as good as have in several years."

But it was more than just canning those shots that propelled the Pioneers accurate shooters. OU, although possessing some size underneath, was at a height disadvantage ver-

sus the Lakers.

"They played us a man to man defense," assistant coach Suzy Merchant said, "so we were looking to go over the top against them because they were a bigger bulkier team."

"But they didn't have the quickness," she said.

Shoot

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iors) last year. Any game that we have is a big game and every practice we have is a big practice."

Senior forward Ken Crum made the All-Tournament Team after a 24-point, nine-rebound outing off the pines, scoring all of his 13 first-half points during a 24-6 run in the final 4:03 of the half to gain a 67-48 lead.

"As Coach would say, we weathered their storms. They (Indiana Tech) came at us and hit some tough shots, but we weathered the storm," Crum said.

"For a while, it looked like Gus Macker five-on-five, but we played strong, and I hope that we can keep this up for the rest of the season."

According to Kampe, the non-conference schedule was challenging, but it does not mean a thing. This competition was unable to give an accurate judgment of how good his team really is.

But one thing is certain: his kids will give him a top-notch effort game in and game out.

"We're very good, we play as hard as you can play, we have great kids, and they do things the right way. They're going to play their hearts out every time and they'll be focused. We'll either get it done or we won't, but we'll put on a great show every time we play," he said.

PIONEER Basketball Standings

WOMEN	GLIAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Michigan Tech	5	0	10	1
OAKLAND	5	0	10	2
Lake Superior	4	1	10	2
Northern Michigan	3	2	8	2
Ferris State	2	3	10	3
Grand Valley State	2	3	6	6
Saginaw Valley State	2	3	9	3
Hillsdale	2	4	7	5
Wayne State	1	4	6	7
Northwood	0	6	2	10

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OU intramurals

Men's Floor Hockey Standings

Eastern Division	W-L
Nine-Inch Sticks	3 - 1
University Drive Bullies	3 - 0
Spam	2 - 1
Flaming Mestizos	2 - 2
Supernaut	1 - 2
Animal	0 - 3
Penthouse	0 - 3

Western Division

Golden Seals	3 - 0
Sin Bin	2 - 1
Mixed Bunch	2 - 1
Nine-South	2 - 1
GTBRDLTLPPIA	1 - 2
Dead Beat Club	1 - 2
Molson Icing	0 - 3

Thursday, Jan. 6

Nine-Inch Sticks 7, Flaming Mestizos 5.

Coed Basketball final results

Wed., Jan. 5

The Edge 32, Air Swoosh 31.

New Jack Hustlers 36, Who's Next 19

New Jack Hustlers 54, The Edge 37.

New Jack Hustlers are Coed Basketball Champions!

Men's Basketball results

Thurs., Jan. 6

Ducks 22, Chumps 0.

Out of Control 33, Trix 8.

Breakaway Gypsies 61, Briscos 32.

Jordan Stoppers 40, Dawgs 39.

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Dear Students:

On behalf of University Student Congress I would like to welcome you back to the new semester. I am pleased to announce that this semester Student Congress will hold monthly noontime meetings in the Fireside Lounge. This is a perfect opportunity for you to voice your student concerns. The first noontime meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24. We would appreciate your attendance as well as your input and suggestions.

Also, the Student Directories are now in. The directories are available outside of the Student Congress office, 19 Oakland Center. In addition, the Safe Walk Program has been officially approved. This newly established service is designed to promote campus safety by escorting students across campus at night. The Safe Walk Program will be implemented in the very near future. We will continue to keep you posted with details.

I would also like to point out that last semester Student Congress established the following goals to work towards: gaining a student seat on the Board of Trustees, increasing voter turn out in the Congressional election, improving race relations on campus, and increasing student involvement. We will continue to work on these goals throughout the semester. As always, Student Congress meetings are held every Monday at 4:00 p.m. in the Oakland Room. We can also be reached at 370-4290. Thank you for your time and good luck this semester!

Sincerely,

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