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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

Andrews, Mahamwal win election

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

The newly elected leaders of Student Congress have quite a task for next year: proving that too many cooks don't necessarily spoil the batter.

Two validation committees and three weeks after the latest Congress election, the results are in: the victorious team, consisting of Scott Andrews as president and Hemant Mahamwal as vice president, was announced Monday at noon, following the formal hearing of the second elections validation committee.

"There were problems, but they were corrected in a proper way," said Raymond Landsberg, SPB chair, who helped in Andrews/Mahamwal campaign. "That's the most important thing," he said.

The validations committee had the preliminary hearing Friday, April 10. The committee unanimously decided to drop the charges against the Andrews/Mahamwal team.

The committee, consisting of three students and four faculty members, invalidated the charges regarding the use of the elections ballot in Andrews/Mahamwal campaign.

The committee established there was no proof of illegally submitted ballots.

According to the minutes from the meeting, the committee further found that the laws defining materials that can be used in a campaign are too ambiguous. They are therefore open to interpretation. As a result, the Andrews/Mahamwal team was not removed from the

ticket.

Of the total 710 votes, Andrews and Mahamwal got 324. Shajan Kay and Scott Pettigrew came in second with 192, while Aaron Gibson and Donny Aird got 161 votes.

The students also voted out both referendums, which suggested two ways to increase the student activity fee.

Many involved individuals expressed relief that the election process is over, but they also showed concern regarding the guidelines of campaigning and Congress' overall constitution.

"Election rules have to be carefully and strictly worded," said Andrews, congress president-elect.

Landsberg agreed. "The elections teach us a lesson. When the guidelines are needed, every person will use an opportunity to blame others for not (having established them)," he said.

Gibson, the presidential candidate who brought up charges against Andrews and Mahamwal, was in favor of repeating the elections.

"It was out of control. There were just so many problems with it," Gibson said.

One of his concerns with the process was the lack of an appeals system of invalidation of candidates. He said Congress was the only governing body on campus without it.

"It definitely is a black eye, but I think it gives us an opportunity to learn from our mistakes," he said.

The possibility for an appeal was established, however, but in Gibson's opinion, it still needs a

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Photo Courtesy/Women's Web

STEINEM SPEAKS: Gloria Steinem gave a guest lecture yesterday in the Varner Recital Hall for the OU students, faculty and staff.

Steinem addresses campus community

By AMANDA
Special Writer

Tuesday in Varner Recital Hall, Gloria Steinem spoke to a crowd of a few hundred.

The noted feminist and one of the founding editors of "MS." magazine sought to enlighten the OU community.

Steinem lectured on a wide range of issues including affirmative action, racism, reproductive rights, and of course, feminism.

In the lecture entitled, "A Future In Which Everyone

Matters," Steinem expressed her desire to create an "equal forum" in which everyone can participate.

Early in her speech, she focused on how "We (society) have been trained to be blind to the slaughter" of Native Americans.

This essential point was the basis for Steinem's thoughts on today's society.

She said that although society has made great strides towards equality, it still has a long way to go.

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Spring blossoms at OU



Photo by Lisa Belanger

As the end of Winter semester approaches, Mother Nature unravels summer beauties across campus. Take time to stop and smell the flowers.

Judge sentences Schultz on alcohol charges

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

For OU sophomore Valerie Schultz, one more chapter in the Oct. 19 fatal car crash is closed.

The victim of the crash, Jonnathan Thomas, was a passenger in Schultz' car. The two were traveling east on Walton Blvd. when Christopher Knoche, OU alumnus, allegedly rear-ended Schultz' car.

Schultz, 19, was sentenced

Thursday at the 52-3 District Court before Judge Ralph Nelson.

She was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and having an unlawful blood alcohol level.

The following is Nelson's sentence:

- Must pay \$850 in fines and cost;
- Complete 50 hours of court community service within six months;

• Attend a comprehensive substance abuse program;

• Seek and/or maintain mental health treatment as directed;

• Probation for 18 months and must submit to and pay for a urinalysis and/or a preliminary breath test (PBT) with probation officer once a month;

• Cannot drink alcohol or use any illicit non-prescribed drugs. Additionally, she cannot go to any establishment where alcohol is served for consumption, except when accompanied by parents; and

• Driver's license suspended for two years.

Beverly Bothwell, Thomas' mother, said Nelson seemed very concerned with drinking and driving. She said she felt he did everything he could to get her the help she needs.

According to Lissa Chisolm, assistant prosecutor, Schultz was sentenced as a first-time offender and who was not at fault of the

accident.

"(Thomas') parents seemed happy about it. As long as they are happy, I'm happy," she said.

Bothwell said, "I really didn't want to see her do any jail time. I'd rather see her go through some counseling ... She was also a victim in the accident."

Knoche is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing at 1 p.m. on May 13.

Animal activist to go on hunger strike

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Staff Writer

Hunger pangs and a jail cell won't be enough to deter OU student Gary Yourofsky from attempting to eradicate what he believes are "premeditated murderous acts committed against animals."

Yourofsky, one of the three activists charged with breaking and entering for allegedly liberating 1,500 minks from Eberts Fur Farm in Blenheim, Ontario last April, will be facing trial in Ontario this June.

Yourofsky, journalism senior, is the president and founder of ADAPTT(Animals Deserve Adequate Protection Today and Tomorrow), an organization focused on animal rights.

If convicted, Yourofsky will conduct a 30-to-40 day hunger strike "to protest the everlasting torture that ani-

mals endure on a daily basis," he said. Throughout the strike, Yourofsky's only sustenance will be water, he said. If acquitted, he will still conduct a seven-day strike in honor of Josh Ellerman, a 19-year-old activist recently sentenced to 35 years.

I want people to acknowledge the seriousness of the strike ... not for myself, but for the animal rights movement which has stagnated, he said. "You need something of this caliber in order to get people's attention," he added.

Currently, Yourofsky is in the process of recruiting activists nation wide for participation in the strike. With the help of conventions, newsletters, word of mouth and the internet, he has received commitments from 40 people. This number represents 10 states, he said.

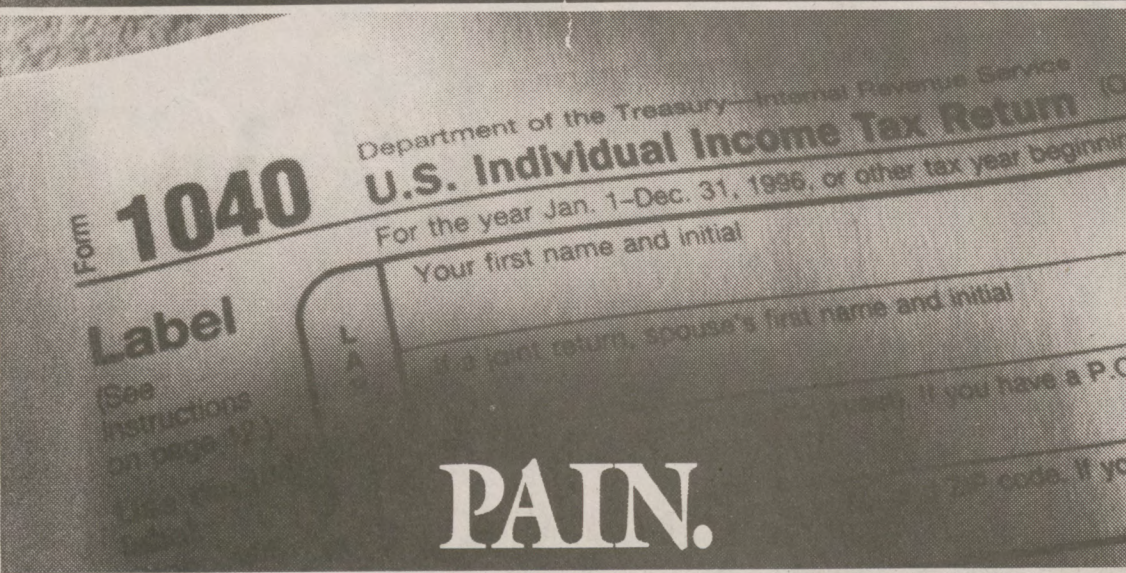
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ANIMAL ACTIVIST: Gary Yourofsky, 27, with Rex, will wage a 40-day hunger strike if convicted for releasing 1,500 minks.

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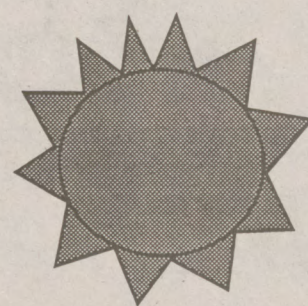
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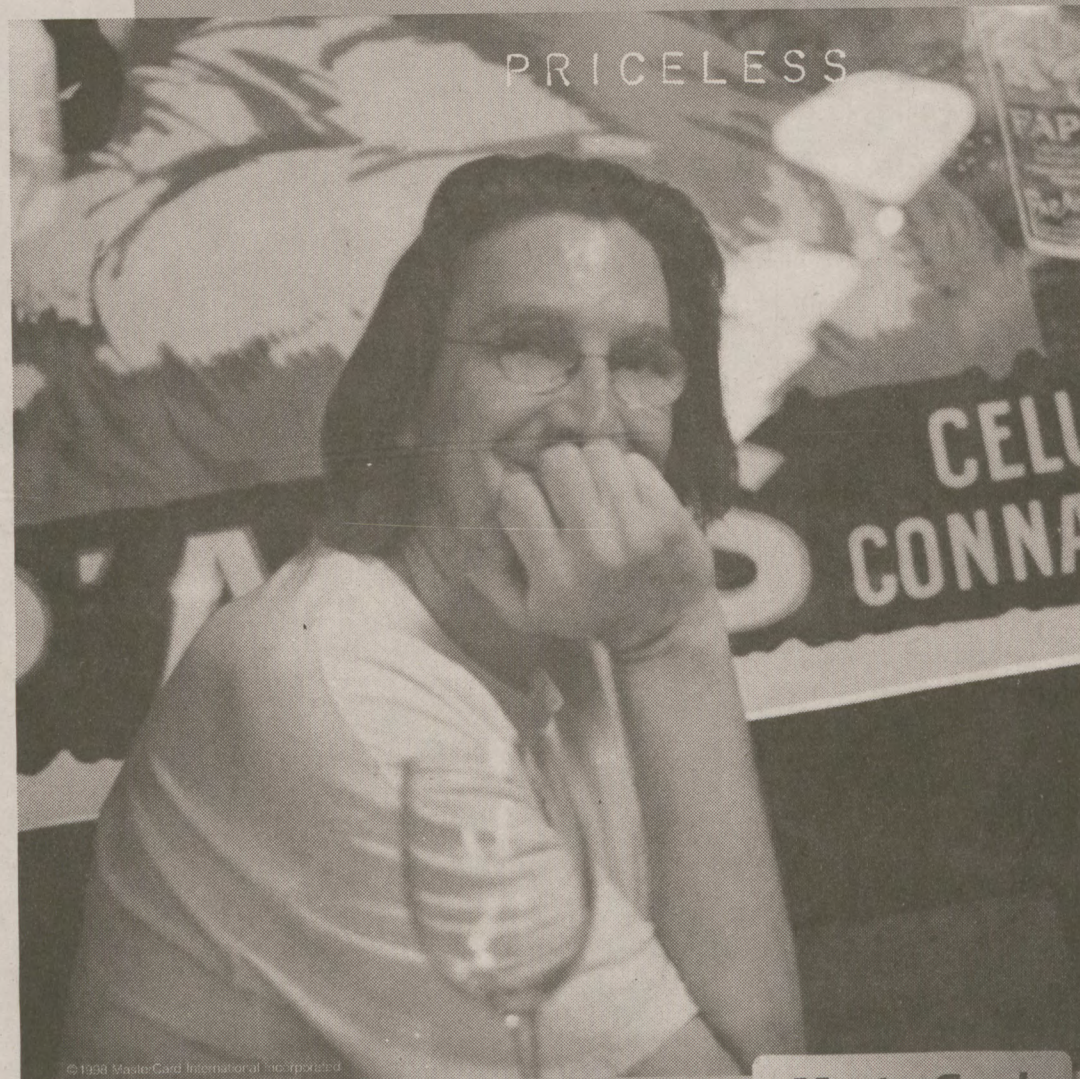
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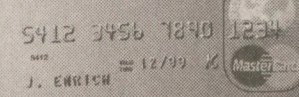
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CAMPUS NEWS



Student Reports Harassment in Night Class

A female student reported Friday, April 10, she was harassed by a classmate on Tuesday, April 7.

The student told police she had a night class in 172 of the Science and Engineering Building (SEB).

During class in late March, the man who sat in front of her kept staring at her and trying to initiate conversation.

The student said she tried to avoid him and minimized the conversation.

During a class break on April 7, as the student was leaving from the vending room on the first floor of the building, the man allegedly approached her.

He apparently wrapped his left arm around her neck and kissed her on the cheek near the mouth, and asked if she was going to kiss him back.

The student told police she pulled away from him and returned to class.

During the remainder of the class, the man allegedly kept looking at the student. At one point, the student said out loud, "I need to get out of here."

The man then allegedly reached out and touched her knee, saying, "Don't worry about it."

The student told police that just before the class ended, the man asked her, "I don't get a smooch?" She told police she refused.

The student told police she waited for the man to leave before she exited the building. She said then headed to her car.

The student told police she will not hesitate to call an officer for a visual escort, if she feels threatened by her classmate again.

The student, who decided not to prosecute at this time, said she felt the campus police should be aware of the incident.

Single parents offered financial aid

By BRIAN REINDEL
Staff Writer

There may finally be a benefit to being a single parent in need.

For the past 10 years, there has been a scholarship at OU which provides assistance to single parents who want to further their education.

The American Association of University Women Scholarship, or the "Critical Difference" scholarship, has gone without much notice. But it still has a significant impact on those who have been recipients.

"Some (students) do not have continued education without 'Critical Difference,'" said Women OU Chair Celeste Grice. "We have tried to reach as many people as possible."

Psychology graduate Karen Reder, along with four other women, received funds for the 1996-1997 school year.

"Everything is month to month. The scholarship helped me breathe a little bit easier ... It's emotional support, too. It's like someone else is behind

you," Reder said.

"The number of single parents who receive support is subjective," Grice said. According to the press release, there are five main requirements which stipulate whether a person can be considered for the financial aid.

Applicants must maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.5, be the single head of a household, and provide a letter of recommendation from a former teacher, faculty, or employer.

Also, applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program and have attained 16 credit hours at post-secondary institution. They must also show that their college education has been interrupted at some point, for at least a year.

Applicants must submit a letter explaining how this award will make a critical difference to them and their family during the next academic year.

Applications for the scholarship can be picked up at the Financial Aid Office in 161 North Foundation Hall. The postmark date has been extended to April

20, and the notification date is June 1, 1998, in consideration for the 1998-1999 academic year.

A scholarship committee, made up of Women of OU selected by the chair, reviews the applications and determines the recipients.

To those people who do not qualify for the extra finances, Grice said, "Never give up. Education is a bargain, no matter how you look at it. You can get an education for the same price as a car, but a car is gone in five years."

The total amount of money that will be awarded for the upcoming 1998-1999 year will be \$6,585, which is funded by 80 percent of the total amount collected from contributions by OU faculty, staff, alumni, and the GM Women's Club.

The Women of OU also contribute money with its fall Green's Sale fundraiser, and membership dues. The other 20 percent is put into an endowment fund, to ensure that the scholarship will always be available, Grice said.



Bryan Barnett

President reflects on successful year

Well, it is hard to believe that a year has gone by. It seems like only yesterday when Hemant and I were planning out our platform in hopes of winning the election.

Today, I stare at the last few weeks of my administration with mixed emotions—excited about graduation, yet saddened to leave the many friends I have made this year.

And what a year it has been! Congress has enjoyed an unprecedented level of success this entire year.

With an impressive string of first-ever events, this congress has forged more ground than anyone could have imagined.

Events like OU Day at the Capitol, Diversity Day, the Legislative Affairs Colloquium, the on-line Book Swap, the Meet and Greet, as well as our many publications, proved that successful new traditions are only a team effort away.

This team effort was the driving force behind our success. Back in August, I challenged congress to define its purpose and objectives in the form of a mission statement (another first for congress).

This measuring stick, found in your student directories, became our guide for the remainder of the year. Our goal was to constantly search for ways to make positive change in areas of student concern.

One such example this year was our effort to address the issue of outrageous textbook prices. OU students ranked this issue as their top concern for our administration.

We, in turn, focused on two fronts:

The first was to eliminate sales tax on textbooks through our Postcard Plan, in which more than 1,500 postcards were sent out to senators and representatives to encourage passage of this legislation.

The second was our heralded Book Swap, in which students cut out the middleman in buying and selling textbooks to the tune of \$15,000 in savings.

These are examples of just some issues Student Congress tackled this year, and I could easily fill up an entire page with the work of this year's team.

Hemant and I campaigned on a platform with eight major initiatives. Today, I am extremely proud to announce that we have significantly addressed and/or completed seven of these ambitious goals.

Yes, this has been a banner year for congress, and I am proud to have been a part of it.

I would, however, be remiss if I did not give thanks to both my incredible cabinet, as well as our energetic legislators. It has been an honor to work with you on behalf of the students at OU.

Finally, to the students of Oakland: thank you for your support throughout the year. We tried a lot of new ideas and sincerely hope that you have personally benefited from each and every one. It has been my privilege to be your president.

Thank you all for making this such a memorable experience, and may God bless you in all of your future endeavors.

Bryan Barnett is OU's Student Body President.



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

Smooching sessions

Many students flowed in and out of the Gold Rooms on Thursday for tips on the "Art of Kissing" from William Cane.

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Leadership positions include perks

By ANDREA NOBILE
Sports Editor

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This may sound like a scam, but for resident assistants (RAs) and hall directors (HDs) at OU, it's a way to hit the jackpot and not get burned.

Many on-campus jobs at OU are more than just a weekly paycheck and 20-hours-a-week of work.

Besides RAs and HDs, orientation group leaders (OGLs), residence halls' nightwatch staff, executive members of the Residence Halls Council and even congress cabinet members get a little something extra for their leadership and determination to serve the campus community.

"The on-campus jobs support the educational experiences," said Marilyn Broderick, director of New Student Services. "(The positions) are really worth going after."

Broderick is also the director of the OGL program, which involves student leaders who introduce incoming students and their parents to the OU experience.

OGLs receive seven weeks of training, a \$1,500 stipend spread over three payments, a \$200 meal card to use during the spring semester, free meals during summer orientation sessions, and free double-occupancy boarding in the residence halls during training and orientation.

But according to Broderick, these concrete benefits aren't the real perks of being an OGL.

"The position is kind of a springboard for other things," she said. "They network across the university both with student leaders, staff, and faculty."

One of OU's most prestigious honors for a student, receiving the Wilson Award, has gone to a past OGL 50 percent of the time, since the 1992-1993 academic year.

The Keeper of the Dream Award has gone to an

OGL 62 percent of the time, since 1992, as well.

OGLs have not only been awards recipients. Since 1991, six out of seven congress presidents were past OGLs, including current President Bryan Barnett.

"They both sort of fed off each other," said Barnett. Being an OGL gave him confidence to speak in public situations, taught him how to handle crisis situations, and created campus connections, he said.

As president, Barnett gets a steady paycheck of \$6 an hour for 20 hours a week, plus a \$500 campus activity award. But he said he doesn't do it for the money.

"I originally did it because I thought I could make a difference," Barnett said, adding that he feels his team has made a difference at OU.

But at age 22, Barnett not only has a \$500 stipend in his pocket, he also has experiences and leadership skills that he can use after he graduates from OU.

He has managed a \$400,000 budget, and led a staff of about 75 people. He said he has a great relationship with OU administrators and has worked with top state legislators.

Barnett's Vice President Hemant Mahamwal, and other cabinet members also reap leadership benefits.

They receive \$6 an hour for 15 hours of work a week, and a \$250 stipend.

According to Mahamwal, the benefits don't end there. "Student Congress normally has one or two lunches per semester with President (Gary) Russi," he said.

President Russi is one of many administrators

with whom congress heavily interacts. Members are also often asked to be on university search committees and policy committees. Through this, he said, they get real-world interviewing skills that will help them land jobs in their careers, as well as the skills necessary to tackle big projects.

Congress is also the voice of student concerns, and, "you tend to get a better response, because you're representing students. It's not just you....," said Mahamwal.

He admits that congress' pay falls short of equaling even the nearest fast food joint.

"Once you get sucked in, you realize how much time you put in. It's the commitment, and it's the issue, and it's the fact that you want to represent the students," he said.

Some student leaders even make their dedication to OU a career, like OU alumnus Jean Ann Miller, assistant director for student development.

"When I was an undergraduate, I got involved. I made it a career," she said.

And like Mahamwal, Barnett and Broderick, Miller feels that certain intangible benefits outweigh the financial benefits. Besides sharpening interpersonal, communication, and conflict resolution skills, student leaders also get "real exposure to the university as a resource person," she said.

Miller is currently the assistant director for student development, and works directly with RAs, HDs, the RHC, nightwatch staffers, programming assistants, and conference assistants.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Tuning out 'radicals' only limits new ideas

Universities seem to be the best outlet for showcasing the tolerance of diversity. It's as if campuses are secluded from the outside world, making them more tolerant of different cultures and backgrounds.

OU's African-American Celebration Month in February was testimony to it. So was last week's Diversity Day.

There is even an ethnic diversity requirement needed for graduation.

But no matter how hard OU works to educate the campus community on diversity, it is still the everyday views which go untolerated by many here. It's as if people can't have views away from the norm, without being labeled a radical.

Angela Davis received threats when she spoke on campus earlier this month about her political past.

And Congress candidates got into heated debates for weeks while trying to decide the fairest option to resolve election issues.

Before Gloria Steinem even came to campus this week, there was snickering about her feminist views.

And during October's WOCOU, students protesting the Pig Roast were seen as destroying a week of fun.

OU may be making strides to promote diversity, but it can only do so much. It is up to individuals to listen to all views, before making rash decisions. We may not always agree, but new ideas can be generated through communication.

Without "radicals" like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Susan B. Anthony, the United States would still have laws which restrict everyday civil liberties many of us take for granted.

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the April 1 edition of THE POST, it was incorrectly reported that Angela Davis was present at a courthouse shooting. A jury cleared her of involvement.

In the April 8 edition of THE POST, the number of years Sigma Alpha Epsilon was banned at OU was incorrectly reported. It should have stated that the fraternity was banned for only one year.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Fraternity member clarifies; publishers viewed as ignorant

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "Frat has positive plans," written by Pam Cicerone on April 8, 1998. I am angry, but yet disappointed, in the ignorance of your publishers at THE POST.

When I asked my correspondent to contact THE POST, to let you know about our installation as a chapter in the realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, I was hoping to get this once-in-a-lifetime positive event out to the student body.

I was wrong! You took a positive event that should have been focused on, and turned it sour by this article.

I would like to clear up some information: First, we were not banned for five years. We have been recognized by the university for some time now.

Second of all, the ignorance of your pub-

lishers shows even more when you referred to the "ring of fire" as symbolizing the phoenix. Maybe you should take some time and get the real story, not your tabloid journalism.

third of all, by taking a quote from Scott Shonts, former member as you say (which is wrong because he is our alumnus), and manipulating it to meet the need of your benightedness is totally incorrect.

I could go on and on about the naivete that your publishers show when they produced this article, but I will not.

Let me, instead, clarify, in brief, what the installation consisted of. We were colonized in June of 1993. Ever since that time, we were called a colony. This means that it was a trial period for us to show our national that we were able to survive as an active chapter.

After a long road, we were granted a charter of chapterhood from Sigma Alpha

Epsilon fraternity on March 28, 1998. Along with our friends, family, Greek Council and new brother/advisor Jack Mehl (athletics director), we celebrated this joyous occasion.

I am disappointed in the way you portray all fraternities and sororities as "Animal House" type people.

It would be nice for a change to see some positive reports about the Greeks, such as the philanthropic events we host or fundraising events we partake in. By cutting down an organization or bringing up past situations, you will not be able to grow and prosper as an individual or a university.

Sincerely,

Jamie Adamkiewicz
 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Eminent Archon
 Junior
 Marketing

Post seen positive during controversy

Dear Editor,

As a nurse who cared for Roosevelt Dawson in the last five months of his life, I know he would have appreciated the words of your editorial.

The media coverage was enormous, and I don't think he had

much of a concept of how big that would be. Actually, he didn't care.

He knew that his friends and family would remember his LIFE. The last thing he told me was, "be happy."

As I read the poem that was read at his memorial service, I

knew that Roosevelt could have written those words, because that was how he felt.

I would also like to thank Dr. Early for coming to visit Roosevelt and making us all laugh. If you know him, would you please give him my regards. He may not recognize my name,

but he always remembered me when he came up to the hospital to visit.

Sincerely,

Janice Tahtinen
 Dawson's Nurse

Angela Davis article brings out good, bad Author has 'terrific eye, ... wonderful'

Dear Editor,

In the first place, John Mitchell's complaint that Miller was wrongly associating Davis with "Orthodox Leninist Marxism" seems odd, considering that Davis was the vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party USA, as orthodox a Marxist-Leninist assemblage as ever existed.

Second, Shea Howell is technically correct. Davis did not participate in the shoot-up at the Marin County Courthouse. Her bodyguard, Jonathan Jackson, among others, did the shooting. Davis supplied the guns. Finally, take note of the publicity preceding Davis' appearance, which proclaimed her as an enemy of "all forms of oppression in the US and abroad."

Given Davis' role in the CPUSA, well known for its

unwavering devotion to the CP of the former Soviet Union, this put Davis in support of forced starvation in the Ukraine, Stalin's purges, the Gulag, and the subjugation of European countries. With enemies like that, oppression does not need friends.

I think Miller's piece was in the best journalistic tradition of puncturing shibboleths. I applaud her. She has a terrific eye for absurdity, a wonderful quality in a journalist. However, her story leaves me with unanswered questions.

Miller tells us, for example, that local high school students were invited to attend the inauguration of our Distinguished Lecture Series. But we don't know whether the Chrysler Corporation, ITT Automotive, Fanuc Robotics or any of the other businesses in the area received invitations

to hear Professor Davis say: "Global capitalist corporations are the true criminals" and tell them that their global structures are directly involved in slavery.

If these companies did not receive invitations, that was surely an oversight. For if they do not know what kind of thought we value around here, how are they going to be sold on the idea of "collaborating" with us, as we need them to do if we are to pursue that element of our strategic mission?

Well, there's always next year, when we can invite some other activist against oppression, like maybe Ted Kaczinski.

Sincerely,

Howard Schwartz
 School of Business
 Administration

Error reported

Dear Editor,

I wish to protest the egregious factual error made by Erika Miller in the story, "Activist talks of politics, justice" in the April 1, 1998 edition of THE POST. In referring to Angela Davis, Miller claims "she and her Black Panther buddies shot-up a California courtroom..."

No one even claimed that Davis "shot up" a courtroom, since she was not even present when the incident took place.

Her friend, Jonathon Jackson, took her guns without Davis' knowledge to use in the attempt to free some prisoners. The jury which examined all the evidence presented declared Davis innocent of all charges. Sloppy journalism perpetuates stereotypes. Please try to be accurate.

Sincerely,

De Witt Dykes
 Associate Professor of History

Leaders

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"(The benefits) might be a little incentive for people to try to get involved," she said.

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"It's like tiers," said Miller, describing the hierarchy of student leadership. "There are different levels. And you can work your way up. There's opportunities for personal and professional growth."

During the academic year

there are always chances to enhance your skills, she said.

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"It's a very powerful voice, if used properly," Miller said.

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- The new Starbucks in Dodge Hall
- Your picture on the new OU ID Card
- Welcome Week activities from September 8-12
- First Mid-Continent foe in basketball - Valparaiso - January 7
- Fall Convocation on September 10 in the new arena
- The grand opening of the Center for Student Activities (a.k.a. CIPO)
- The fourth Weekend of Champions OU (WOCOU) celebration from
- "Make a Difference Day," October 24.
- The lower level construction in the OC and the end result
- Your favorite faculty and staff
- Set Your Sails/Employment Prep Week, September 19-25
- Dress for Success Fashion Show on September 22
- OU Campus Employment Job Fair in early September
- The first Men's Swim meet vs MSU, EMU, U-M in the Aquatics Center - October 30
- Ground breaking for the Business and Technology Building
- Hip Hop Aerobics in the Rec Center
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FEATURES

Kiss me, I'm a Grizzly

'The Art of Kissing' author gives live show

By NATASHA VANOVER
Staff Writer

As most students began to break for lunch last Thursday, things were anything but normal in the Gold Rooms.

Prince's "Kiss" could be heard down the OC halls. More than 175 anticipated the touching of lips, and six volunteers were acting out fantasies onstage.

Speaker and author Michael Christian presented "The Art of Kissing," a multimedia show based on his book of the same name.

Christian, who goes by the pen name William Cane, called on volunteers to act out examples of various kisses.

Though more than two dozen kisses are featured in the book, only about 20 were covered in the hour-long presentation.

It featured slides, as well as a short tape on kissing.

The panel of six volunteers consisted of a married couple, a pair of strangers and two male friends.

"I would share the French kiss with my significant other, along with the Vacuum kiss. And the candy kiss is sexy and romantic," said panel member James Krueger, junior, mechanical engineering.

"The kiss (in general) shows how sincere a person is about that moment in time," said panel member Sean Kosofsky, senior, political science.

Kosofsky found the presentation entertaining.

"The presentation was interesting,

yet in the same respect the speaker tried to gain clout and respectability for the kiss, while at the same time mocking it," he said.

Panel member John Kozicki, senior, marketing, thought the presentation was fun, but not too informative.

"Most of the kisses mentioned, I have done before," he said. "My favorite is the surprise kiss, because it is exactly what it sounds like."

Some of the kisses involved more than just lips.

A few of the kisses onstage changed into a spanking game encouraged by the speaker.

One segment also featured volunteers playing dentist and patient.

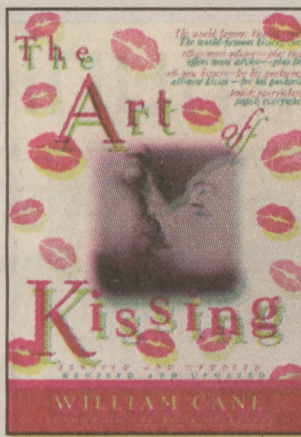
Also displayed was a three-way kiss and the South Sea "Trobriand Island" kiss.

The South Sea kiss combined the French and Eskimo kiss with the biting of the partners' eyelashes.

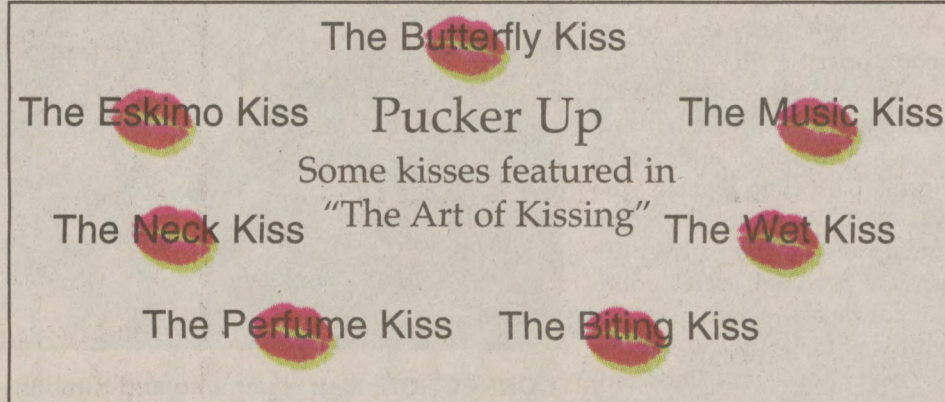
A new aspect of kissing in Christian's book suggests the kiss can stand alone as a sensual pleasure that deserves to be enjoyed for itself, without getting into sexual intercourse.

"Behind one kiss, two different feelings can exist. One is the lustful desirable kiss, and the other is the romantic, deep feeling that can be generated at different times," said senior Ken Ehlen, psychology, who attended the presentation.

"You can tell how intense the feeling is — it's hard to hide that in a kiss," he said.



A MOUTHFUL: Students got a little closer last Thursday at "The Art of Kissing" presentation. Participants also got a chance to play dentist.



Gallery features art from OU community

By DAMON BROWN
Features Editor

Through the rest of this month and the first week of May, Meadow Brook Art Gallery (MBAG) is going back to basics.

From April 9 to May 8, the gallery will run its fourth annual student faculty art exhibition, "BASIC IV."

It features work by art class students and their professors, done from May 1997 until now.

The classes featured include Drawing I, Mixed Media, and Photography I and II.

"(We want) to show different approaches, different media being taught, and the variety of subject matter used," said Paul Webster, art department special lecturer and "BASIC IV" curator.

Webster's work is featured with other art department members: Lecturers Andrea Eis and Joyce Brienza, and Special Lecturer Dick Goody, former curator of the show.

The art department came up with the name "Basic Training" four years ago, "but along the way, the training somehow fell off," Goody said.

He also said there will probably be a name change in the future.

Goody said the art has become more figurative and less abstract over the years.

The current work varies from a



CLASSY: Student and faculty art will be on exhibit in Meadow Brook Art Gallery until May 8. It is the fourth year of the exhibit, entitled "BASIC IV."

charcoal art drawing of a nude woman to a white sculptured figurine in mid-gallery.

Ninety-five percent of the art received was used, and Webster said he selected specific pieces to have a balanced show. He said the art is high

quality.

"We may be a small school, but the art quality is up with the big schools," Webster said.

"We get students from all different areas — engineering students, nursing students. It is an important part of edu-



Mike Murphy
Mistakes leave scars, but also leave wisdom

With the amount of stressful bustling going on at this university this week, I'm amazed you have time to read this paper. Whenever the stress gets to me these days, I think of the time I split my head open on a road sign.

I was 7 years old. It was 1986. July.

I had third grade behind me, and fourth grade seemed miles away. Summers in suburbia back then were one long, sunny day.

And on one day, my friends and I played front-yard baseball — a messy game filled with do-overs, ghost runners and dozens of rules that existed purely to start arguments. The ball was tennis, home plate was a rock and the bases were trees — all except one.

There was a right-turn sign in our front yard by the road. We called it third base.

I don't remember the score of the game, but my team was losing. It was getting close to dinnertime, so we were getting desperate to score runs. I was on third.

I started to lead off the base, towards home plate. The pitcher turned and threw the ball to third, trying to pick me off.

I turned, ducked my head and took off running to third.

I remember a resounding "BOOOOOIIIING!" sound, like a gong as my head had slammed into the side of the pole holding the sign into the ground.

Now on the ground myself, I was dazed. I'd misjudged my distance to the sign. I couldn't believe I'd just ran headfirst into third base in front of everybody. My head hurt. I rubbed the sweat off my brow, and I quickly realized it was bleeding.

The mood in the yard went from mocking to shocking as I performed the appropriate 7-year-old reaction to severe bleeding — I fell over, crying and screaming.

My friends scattered. I lay there bleeding, convinced I was about to die. I was embarrassed — I would forever be that kid who died after he ran into the right-turn sign.

I was a cheerful kid back then. But not dead.

My mom came running in a fit of fright, worry and intense anger that only mothers can possess.

I recovered physically, but had to endure witty, sophisticated jokes from my mature, supportive friends for weeks.

My team lost the game. I still have a faint scar on my forehead — proof of my story of bravery and clumsiness as a child.

And as we head into the final stressful week of this winter semester of discontentment at OU, I'm reminded of that adolescent day more than a decade ago.

Because stress and problems, in life and in college, are like splitting your head open on a road sign.

They happen suddenly, and you feel shocked, embarrassed, and fearful of the worst.

But when you get up, wipe away the blood, sweat and tears, when it's all over, all you'll have left is a little scar — and a hell of a story to tell.

Sophomore Mike Murphy is a journalism major and Web Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

Art Exhibit Times

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cation, the thinking process, the visual process of course, and how you look at things," he said.

Beyond the student impact, Webster said the art has influence on the general community as well.

"It's not just (being seen by) the school, but theatre-goers and collectors in the area," he said.

Next year at this time there will be a "BASIC V," although it will feature only the students.

In September 1999, there will be an exhibit featuring only Webster and Goody.

Webster looks forward to it.

"To see an artist's whole show is educational — to the artist who made it and to the people who see it," Webster said. "To show more than one piece is important."

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By KIM CONNELL
Staff Writer

To the average person, being online and "surfing the net" may seem nothing more than a harmless fad, but according to recent studies, America's cyber

In August 1997, the American Psychological

Tai said that surveys taken by ACS indicate that many users come and go quickly, most likely check-

See INTERNET page 10

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

Although the set consists almost entirely of four black boxes, the dynamics of a well-chosen cast paired with perfect choreography and rich lighting make the audience forget the abstract geometry on stage.

CONNECTION: Matt Hammond and Kimberly Lucius star in "Children of a Lesser God."

Matthew Hammond, in the role of James, somehow manages to spell out mellowness and vitality at once. Hammond

carries the play throughout, in a magnificent performance that is powerful, funny, passionate, childish, poignant and stubborn. But, above all, it is convincing in all its variations. His combination of boyish vulnera-

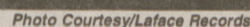
The audience's sympathy will also leap towards Kimberly Lucius' portrayal of Sarah. Her medley of anger,

By **DAMON BROWN**
Features Editor

The song "Beautiful Skin" replaces the harsh, heavy-hitting beats common-

out of 4 points

Overall, "Still Standing" shows the group's talent more than its first album. It is highly recommended to fans of both Goodie Mob and Outkast.



STILL STANDING: The Goodie Mob's second album, entitled "Still Standing," examines southern racism and fear of the new world order.

Results

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lot of work.

The committee decided on a possibility to appeal in the 24 hours after the validations committee announced the results.

Bryan Barnett, current Congress president, agreed. "I'm glad the election process is over. We realized our system had a few holes," he said.

Andrews, who spent a year-and-a-half said the tribulations due to the charges reminded him of an old saying, that people truly appreciate something only if they have to work hard for it.

"I had to work much more for (this election) than I expected, and I really appreciate the experience," he said.

His upcoming goals for the year are the same as the ones on his platform, Andrews said. The main philosophy behind them,

he said, is the concern with students' rights and freedoms.

"We're the customers and chief consumers of the school, and we're not bound by a stringent chain of command," he said.

Andrews said he intends to promote a very clear, professional relationship between the student body and the governing units of the university. This includes the Board of Trustees and the University Senate.

"I personally don't have any fear of calling any administrator at home about a problem," Andrews said.

But the facilitating of student-government communication ought to start at home—or, at Congress, he said.

"If rules, regulations, and procedures hinder the students' decisions, we need to find a way to become less structured," he said. "We should make things more fun for the students involved, and (become) less for-

mal."

Mahamwal's continuing position as the vice president is, according to many, a sure continuation of developments that he and Barnett initiated last year.

The returning activities and goals will be the Book Swap, getting a voting student trustee on the Board, and removing the sales tax from textbooks.

Andrews said he was excited about a new idea of creating an orientation pack for students, with tips on everything, from studying and student activities, to finding shortcuts in dealing with administration.

"I'm very excited that he's coming on," Landsberg said.

"(Andrews is) someone who can analyze something based on its merits, rather than how it was done in the past," Landsberg said.

The new legislation takes over on May 1.

Activist

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By June, he'd like to have at least one representative from every state.

"People may select a one-to-seven day strike, in accordance with my possible 40 day," he said. "Drinking fruit juice will be permissible for other participants," he added.

"I hope this action will be the catalyst to ignite and invigorate the movement," he said.

Although he hasn't consulted with a doctor, Yourofsky believes that his health, veganism, determination and mindset will get him through the 40 days. "I won't stop if my health fails," he said.

However, he said that if he falls unconscious, people will have the right to step in and forcefeed him.

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- Gassings;
- Anal electrocutions;
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- Neck breakings; and
- Toxic chemical injections.

Another goal is to abolish the fur industry, he said. Our philosophy doesn't include making conditions better ... It's time for abolition, he said.

Internet

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ing e-mail.

However, for those addicted, experts recommend users assess their Internet habits — ask themselves why they are going online, and how much time is spent online.

Experts also said that users should set limits for themselves,

and get offline after that period.

Also, if people feel withdrawal symptoms when they are not online, such as shaking, nervousness or anxiety, experts advise them to seek professional help.

Bela Chopp, head counselor at Graham Health Center, said her staff has seen very few students who have problems linked to Internet abuse.

"We have observed some students who have used the

Internet excessively for social purposes, but they wouldn't necessarily be called addicts," Chopp said.

Chopp also said, however, that there is an increasing number of students who are on the verge of Internet abuse, but lack the typical withdrawal symptoms.

Chopp advises those who may be having a problem to see a doctor or counselor for assistance.

Steinem

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"The truth (about history) will set you free, but first it will piss you off!"

Gloria Steinem
Feminist lecturer

"We are ignoring 95 percent of human history. We don't want to know ... The last 5-to-8 thousand years are an experiment that failed."

She said we need to learn from mistakes made throughout history.

Unless we do so, she said, "We are condemned to the reinvention of the wheel."

She joked about making a button that reads, "The truth (about history) will set you free, but first it will piss you off!"

She went on to refer to racial

and sexual issues.

She noted that the fight against racism and sexism must be equally addressed in order to be effective.

"It is impossible to be a feminist without being anti-racist," she said.


Steinem concluded with a metaphor: she said everything in the world is connected, and even a butterfly affects the rest of the world.

"And together, we make one hell of a butterfly," she said.

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SPORTS

Major action in 7th, OU wins

Men's Baseball
clench double-
header in last
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BY JOE GRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

With last-at-bat heroics, OU won both ends of a double-header Saturday, defeating Brock University.

In game one, freshman firstbaseman Eric Hardin's seventh-inning triple to center field, with a man on first, drove in the winning run in the men's 5-4 victory at Pioneer Field.

With the score tied, freshman second baseman Matt Moore led off OU's half of the seventh with an in-field single.

He was replaced by pinch-runner sophomore Mike Morasso who scored the winning run.

"It builds confidence to win these one-run games," said Head Coach Steve Lyon.

Brock started the scoring in the top half of the third.

The Pioneers starting pitcher, senior Jason Muxlow, hit one batter and gave up a single to the right. Then BU's shortstop, Grant Griffen homered to right field, giving the visitors a three-run lead.

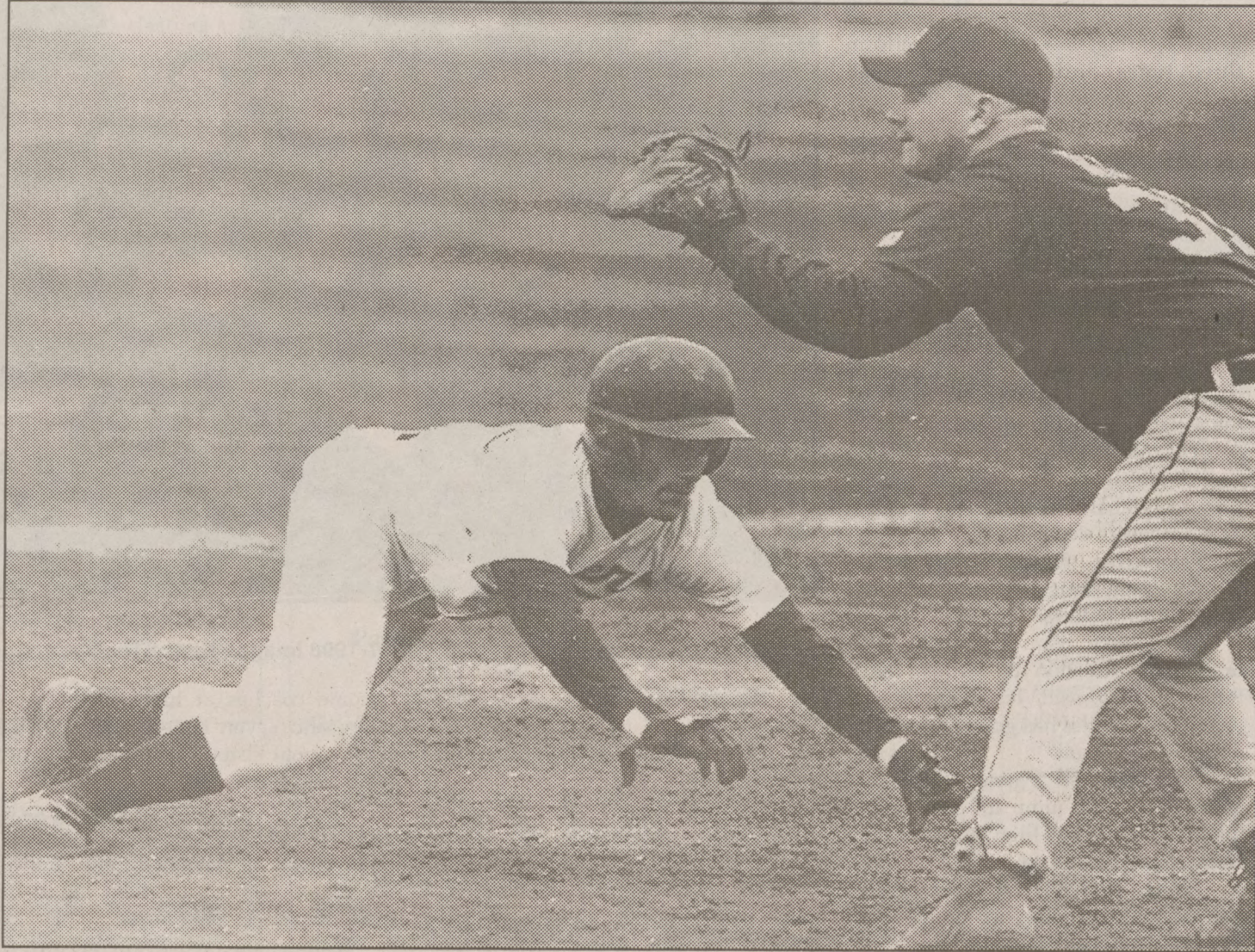
OU answered with two runs in its half of the inning.

With two-out and freshman designated hitter Rick Green on secondbase, Moore drove a triple into the right-center gap to put the men on the board. Hardin brought Moore home with a double to right center.

The Pioneers tied the score in the fifth inning when junior leftfielder Eric Paul scored from third on a wild pitch.

The teams exchanged runs in the sixth. OU got its RBI from junior rightfielder Kyle Simmons.

Sophomore Mike Fuhrmann, picked



IN THE DIRT: Junior Kyle Simmons lunges for the plate during last week's game against Siena Heights College.

up the win in relief. He pitched 1-1/3 scoreless innings.

In game two, junior shortstop Greg Rogers' one-out single to right field scored Simmons from second. OU beat BU in the bottom of the seventh 3-2.

The win improved OU's overall record to 6-13.

"After a period of growing pains, we are starting to play better," said Lyon.

Junior pitcher Jason Hoom picked up his second win of the year in relief with 1-1/3 scoreless innings.

Pioneer freshman pitcher Justin Robertson started the game and went five and two-thirds innings allowing two runs, one unearned.

Paul and Moore picked up RBIs for OU.

The victories over BU came at the end of a week, which featured shutout road losses to MSU on Tuesday, and U-M on Wednesday.

At MSU, OU managed only five hits in the 4-0 defeat.

"We played defense," said Lyon. "The only thing we didn't do was hit the ball. We just can't seem to put the pitching and hitting together."

OU starter senior Gary Larson, went five innings in the loss. He allowed six hits and two earned runs, while striking out four batters.

Larson's performance earned him praise from his coach.

"Gary Larson looked like the Gary Larson from last year," said Lyon about the pitcher who went 5-3 with a 2.95 ERA for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers left East Lansing and headed to Ann Arbor, where OU dropped an 11-0 game to the U-M.

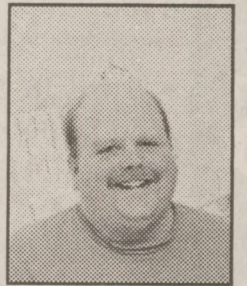
"Our worst performance of the year," said Lyon on the school's biggest defeat. "We didn't do a lot well in the Michigan game."

OU used three freshmen pitchers in the game.

Brad Knorr took the loss after giving up five runs on seven hits, in three innings. Jason Roberts went three innings and allowed three runs. Adam Sokoll gave up three runs in the final two.

Lyons did not admonish his young staff for the road trip.

"To ask freshmen to compete against U-M is too much to ask," Lyon said.



Joe Gray

*Caution: speed
bumps ahead before
the open road*

Division I checklist:

NCAA approval for switch. Check.

New sports facility. Check.

Alumni support. Check.

New nickname. Check.

New mascot. Check.

Fourteen competitive sports. Check. (Women's Softball will start next year.)

Periodic beatings by big bad Division I schools. Check.

The Pioneers have made a reputation as a swimming power, piling up the Division II championship trophies.

But this season, at OU's first Division I championship, the men and women finished fifth. But, there is no cause for alarm.

The Men's Basketball Team suffered a 110-61 defeat to Detroit-Mercy and a 76-35 loss to Bradley, two Division I schools. No sweat.

The Women's Basketball Team had a very good year, posting a 20-7 record. However, one loss came at the hands of Detroit-Mercy, the only Division I school on the schedule.

But hey, don't lose any sleep over it.

The Men's Baseball team recently lost 11-0 to U-M, and 4-0 to MSU. Yawn.

Don't worry, OU has everything under control.

The switch to Division II will bring many more losses, some may be embarrassing, but it's all part of the process.

Many of the teams have sophomores and freshmen getting a lot of playing time. They will make mistakes, and possibly cost OU some games, but the experience they are gaining is very valuable.

In two or three years, these athletes will be ready to lead the next class of young, inexperienced athletes.

Then those athletes will lead the next group, and so on. This is how consistent winning programs are built.

For OU, the process started this year. The chances for a current OU athlete to be a part of a championship team are slim. Not impossible, but unlikely.

Now it is up to the coaches to recruit the right athletes and train them to be leaders, OU has the coaches to build the foundation for a stable athletic program.

Women's Volleyball Coach Dan Schultz has been at OU for 11 seasons. Baseball Coach Steve Lyon, five seasons. Men's Soccer Coach Gary Parsons, 16 seasons. Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe, 14 seasons. And Men's Swimming Coach Pete Hovland, has been around for 17 seasons.

OU's new Women's Swimming Head Coach, Scott Teeters comes to OU with Division I experience from Eastern Michigan University where he was an assistant. He replaces Tracy Huth, who after 11 years takes over as assistant athletic director.

How's that for stability?

Women's Basketball Head Coach Beckie Francis just completed her first season at OU. But she had her team hustling and fighting all year.

She conducts intense practices and works her team hard on defense. OU would be smart to sign her to a long-term contract.

OU will take its hits for a while, but given time, patience and good leadership, things will get better.

Students of today may not like the losses suffered now, but OU will give them an athletic program to be proud of in a few years.

Junior Joe Gray is a journalism major and Assistant Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

Golf takes seconds in spring tournaments

*Women swing hard
at Tri-State's Invite;
team results make
the athletes happy*

By KEITH DUNLAP
Staff Writer

The OU Women's Golf Team made it a clean sweep of second place finishes for both OU golf teams last weekend.

It finished in second place at the Lady Thunder Spring Golf Invitational in Angola, Indiana at Tri-State.

The Pioneer women turned in almost identical scores each day of the two-day event, finishing with a score of 338 after the first day, and 337 after the second. They finished with a final score of 675.

Host school Tri-State blitzed the field to win the tournament, finishing with a final score of 640.

"We hit the ball well, but our short game was rusty," said Assistant Women's Coach Carolyn Kirk.

Freshman Theresa Diegel was the individual star for OU, placing third by shooting 79-83, finishing with a score of 162.

This was the first tournament of the year for the Pioneers, who were overall happy with their results.

"We were pleased, especially since this was our first tournament of the year," said Sophomore Cassie Brant. "We improved from last fall which was



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

SWING KID: Senior Amy Hawkins placed seventh overall this weekend, with a score of 165.

good."

OU will next play in the Illinois Spring Classic this weekend at the University of Illinois, and then it will host its first tournament of the year the following weekend.

In preparing this week for the tournament at Illinois, Kirk said she wants her team to improve around the greens.

"We have to work on putting for next week," said Kirk.

*Men fall short of first away from home
at last week's Findlay Invitational*

By KEITH DUNLAP
Staff Writer

This gives new meaning to the phrase "a 180-degree turn."

"It was great the first day, but it makes finishing second that much more disappointing," said Head Coach David Dewulf.

After starting poorly and finishing strong last week at the Malone Invitational, the OU Men's Golf Team did just the opposite this time around.

It started strongly and finished poorly, en route to a second place finish out of 14 teams this past weekend at the GLIAC championships in Findlay, Ohio.

On the first day of the two-day competition, the Pioneers tore up the course by shooting a finishing score of 296, taking a five-shot lead entering the final day.

Unfortunately, the Pioneers tore up the course in a literal way on the second day.

They shot a finishing score of 311 to end the tournament with a final score of 607.

Ferris State finished three shots ahead of OU, winning the tournament with a final score of 604.

"This is a part of the learning process we all have to go through, especially our freshmen," said Dewulf.

Individually, two Pioneer golfers again finished in the top five.

Senior Dave Harris followed up his victory at Malone with a second place finish, shooting 74-74 for a two-day total of 148.

Senior captain Matt Joseph finished in fifth place, shooting 72-79 for a final score of 151.

"I hit the ball better than I have all year, but my putting has been hot all year," said Joseph. "I putted really well and that helped me out a lot."

Despite having three freshmen on the team in his senior season, Joseph says he enjoys playing with them.

"I enjoy teaching them," said Joseph.

"They're coming along and we're coming close. The seniors had to go through the same process, so I'm happy to at least be in contention," he said.

Dewulf echoes Joseph's happiness that the team is competitive with such a young squad. Yet he wasn't entirely satisfied with the results in Findlay.

"By our standards, we did not succeed," said Dewulf.

"The way we finished was poor. Our inexperience showed. Ferris had a lot of experience, and it showed when it counted," he said.

The Pioneers will be in action again this weekend in two tournaments.

They play at Ashland College on Friday and Saturday, and then at Xavier University on Sunday and Monday.

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Baseball

- April 15 - The men at Tri-State at 1 p.m. (DH)
- April 16 - The men host Calvin at 4 p.m.
- April 18-19 - The men at Belmont at 1 p.m. (DH)
- April 21 - The men at Calvin at 4 p.m.
- April 24 - The men host Rochester College at 4 p.m.
- April 25 - The men host Rochester College at 2 p.m. (DH)
- April 26 - The men host Concordia at 1 p.m.
- April 28 - The men at Hillsdale at 4 p.m.
- April 29-30 - The men at Chicago State at 2 p.m.
- May 2-3 - The men at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis at 2 p.m.
- May 6 - The men at University of Detroit-Mercy at 12 p.m.

Golf

- April 18-19 - The women at the Illini Spring Classic in Champaign, Illinois.
- April 26-27 - The women host the Pioneer Women's Spring Invitational.
- April 17-18 - The men at the Ashland Invitational.
- April 19-20 - The men at the Xavier Invitational.
- April 25-26 - The men at the Saginaw Valley Invitational.
- May 1-3 - The men at the Cleveland State Invitational.

Tennis

- April 17 - The women at Valparaiso TBA.
- April 18 - The women at Western Illinois TBA.

Dancers kick-start new tradition

More financial support will accompany half-time performers in Division I

By PAM HENDRIX
Staff Writer

The new sports arena will provide a great stage for the OU Division I-AAA Images Dance Team.

The dance team is a major part of our marketing effort to enhance OU's sport facilities, said Barry Neuberger, assistant athletic director for marketing.

Because of the increased space and better lighting, the team will perform three times during each basketball game. In the past, it has danced only during half time.

Members will be featured once during the first half, then at half time, and again during the second half at all home games.

"The girls have a great history at OU. They have worked hard, and have been a big part of the entertainment for the last 10 years," said Neuberger.

He said the team has been a positive part of athletics, and he feels it deserves the assistance it will now receive.

The upcoming season will mark the first time this team will receive money from D-I enhancement funds, courtesy of the athletics department.

Prior to this, the women had to raise all money on their own through independent fundraisers.

The dance team began in 1986 under the direction of former coach Rebecca Wass, said Teri Bossi, dance team coach. Wass has gone on to coach a high school team.

Wass gave OU a great start, which allowed Bossi to jump in, and elevate the girls to the very high standard they enjoy today, Bossi said.

While a student at OU, Bossi juggles classes, studies, holds a job at the bookstore, and coaches the dance team.

"I love it, I don't mind the extra work. Being able to dance with the girls makes it all worth it," said Bossi, an education junior.

The women perform many types of dances, including funk, hip-hop, jazz, and pom-pom. They use these dances

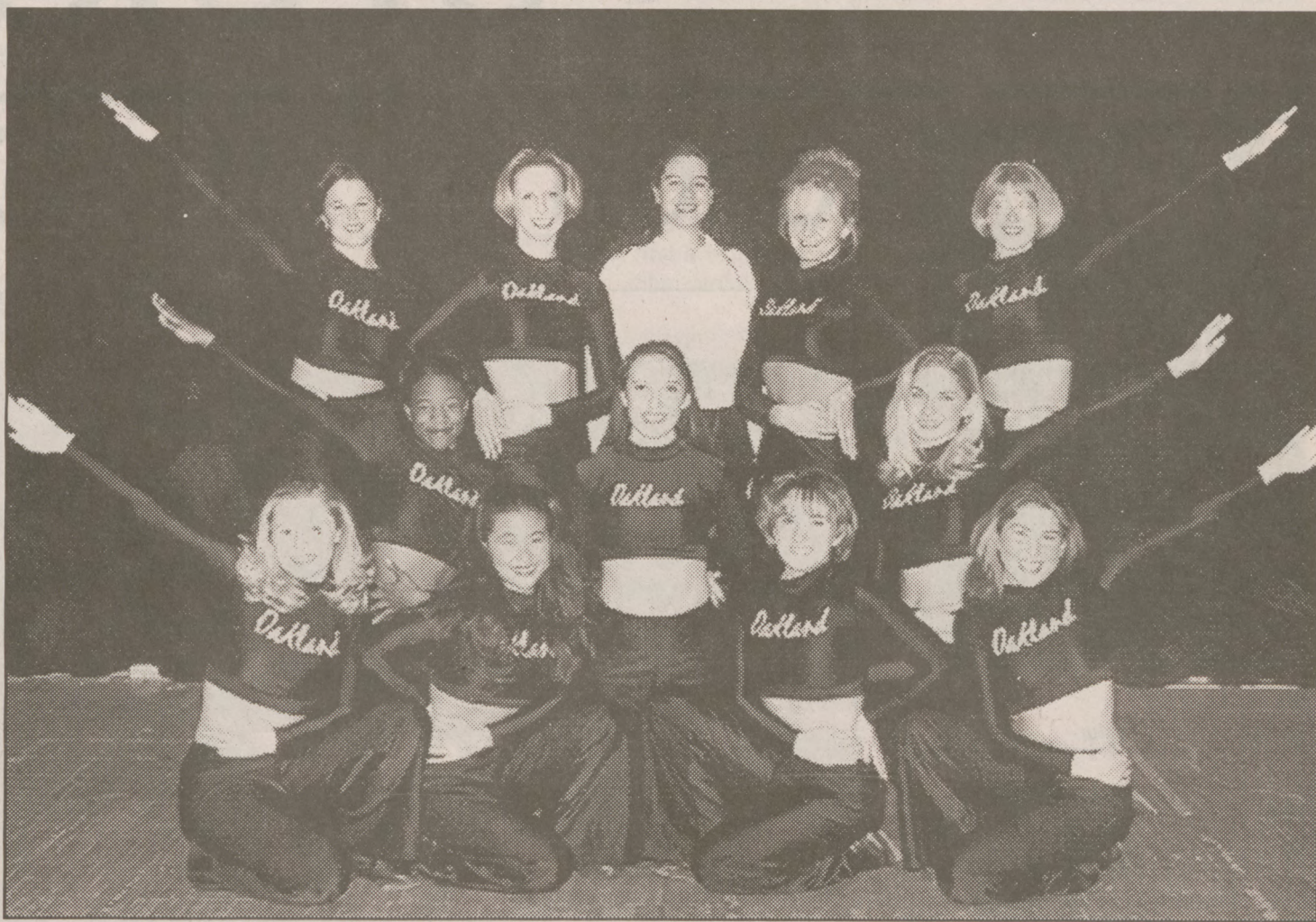


Photo Courtesy / Teri Bossi

TEAM TRADITION: Auditions for the 1997-1998 Images Dance Team are April 16, 17, and 19 in Varner Hall.

to compete "at the new level," said Bossi.

The team competes at the state and national level.

"My goal for the team "is for the girls to be more entertaining, more powerful, and exciting," she said.

The competitions, practices, and game performances give the team a great atmosphere, and a place to meet people, said Audrey Palmer, a team captain. "We can come together, and share similar interests," she said.

She said it is rewarding to "learn how to interact with the team members, and be involved in team activities."

Many of the members go on to

become coaches at high schools, colleges, and seven have made it to the professional Piston's Automotion dance team, said Bossi.

Images is made up of 14 to 16 girls. They are judged on technique, stiffness, or precision of movement, appearance, confidence, smile, and their ability to learn the dances, said Bossi.

Team try-outs will begin on April 16 and 17, in room 109 of Varner Hall, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Final try-outs will be April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be an informational meeting, April 14 at 6 p.m. in 109 Varner Hall.

The team is looking for any girls interested in dancing. Freshmen

through seniors are welcome. Prior experience is not necessary, according to Bossi.

The judges of the dance teams look for "unity among the dancers. They should look as though one person is dancing," said Bossi.

Regular season practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

During competition season, there will be three to five practices per week, for three hours each day, Bossi said.

If you have any questions, call Teri Bossi at 248-828-7356 or 810-9919-5405.

Spotlight on the Black & Gold

TIM DAHLBERG MEN'S GOLF

By KRYSTAL KALTZ
Staff Writer

Spring has sprung with sunny blue skies and soft green grass. Golfers who have been awaiting this weather for months are finally able to get out onto the fairways.

For freshman Tim Dahlberg, nothing feels better than that.

"You get to walk around in the sun for four hours, enjoy the day, maybe get a tan. It's great!" Dahlberg said.

The 19-year-old biology major has been playing golf since age eight. He was on Mount Morris High School's golf team for four years.

Now he's swinging for OU.

Men's Golf Coach David DeWulf is amazed at Dahlberg's skill as a freshman, and he considers Dahlberg a prime candidate for team leader.

"Tim's got the strongest golf swing I've ever seen for a freshman," said DeWulf. "He's definitely

the best freshman player I've ever seen."

Every golfer dreams of getting a hole-in-one. Dahlberg has been fortunate enough to achieve this goal twice so far in his golfing career.

"I didn't even see either of them go in," said Dahlberg. "It was so exciting to find out!"

Tim plans to keep golfing at OU, and then play as recreation or professionally after graduation.

"I'll go wherever it takes me," laughed Dahlberg.

Tim would like to be a doctor, specializing in orthopedics. Maybe it's because he has had plenty of contact with doctors himself.

An extremely active lifestyle has led to a variety of broken bones, stitches, and other injuries. This interest in medicine coincides nicely with the typical stereotype of the golfing doctor.

"I can just take my pager to the course with me," he said. "If they need me, I can just stop playing and go."

Tim wants to move south, probably to Florida,

for the weather.

"You can golf maybe six months out of the year here," he said. "I would like to be able to do it whenever I want to."

Dahlberg likes OU because it's a smaller school with more intimate classes.

He said it's also convenient to have a golf course on campus and Katke-Couzens has a reputation for being difficult.

"It's just really long, with big greens," Dahlberg said.

His idol is his father, who got him involved in golf. He admires his dad's determination and hard work.

Dahlberg plans to be on the course a lot in coming months. He's working on lowering his average, which is now in the 70s.

For Dahlberg, nothing is sweeter than the thwack! of a satisfying swing on the course.

Well, except for the thud of a ball landing in the cup, that is.

Baseball

- The men lost to MSU 5-4 on April 7.
- The men lost to the U-M 11-0 on April 8.
- The men's double-header against Tiffin on April 9 was cancelled due to rain.
- The men defeated Brock University in a double-header 3-2 in game one and 5-4 in game two on April 11.
- The men's double-header against Siena Heights on April 13 was cancelled due to Siena Heights' conference commitments.

PIONEER INSTANT REPLAY

Tennis

- The women lost to the University of Indianapolis 7-2 on April 10.
- The women defeated Northwood University 5-4 on April 10.
- The women defeated Indiana-Purdue University 9-0 on April 11.

Golf

- The men placed second at the Findlay Invitational shooting a 607 on April 11-12.
- The women finished second in the Lady Thunder Spring Golf Invitational last week.

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