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Hopeful and enthusiastic actors and actresses gathered to audition for parts in the eight student-directed plays that will be presented on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12.

Michael Gillespie's Directing class held open auditions on Feb. 15, and encouraged all students, faculty and staff members to take center stage and be transformed into a variety of interesting characters.

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After OU's first-round NCAA win against Grand Valley State University last Thursday, OU men's coach Greg Kampe talked about the victory. Kampe said that, "This (win) gives us our 22nd win. We need one more to get to the sweet 16."

The numbers, the home court disadvantage and the fates seemed to be against the Pioneers. An upset looked more like a dream than a possibility.

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Two candidates visit campus for interviews

By JAIME SHELTON
News EditorStanley Liberty and Bernard
Oliver, the first two finalists for

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PUBLIC SPEAKING: Bernard
Oliver addressed campus yes-
terday afternoon.

vice president of academic affairs (VPAA), have already made their marks to the campus community.

However, both candidates spoke to a room that was less than full.

During Liberty's presentation last Friday, the entire first row of chairs remained empty in the Oakland Room of the OC. For Oliver, it was slightly better with one person seated up front during yesterday's event.

The presentations were designed to both allow candidates to talk about their accomplishments for a half hour and to

give audience members a chance to ask questions for the remaining half hour.

Liberty, dean of engineering at the University of North Dakota and the "guinea pig" as he called himself, was the first candidate to introduce himself to the campus community.

Liberty spoke about his achievements ranging from advising two governors, fundraising accomplishments for the engineering department and integrating the visions of others to implement different programs.

Questions raised from the

audience included his involvement in shared governance on his campus.

Liberty said that at his university, the Senate plays an important role in decision making.

He also said that committees are instrumental to decision making, as well, but at the same time, committees cannot conduct the institution on their own.

"You can't run a university by a committee," he said, saying that sometimes committees take too long to make recommendations.

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CAMPUS VIEW: Stanley
Liberty was the first of five
VPAA candidates to visit OU.

Getting presidential perspective

Senior Diana Pletz spends the day
learning what it's like to be President

Diana Pletz, senior journalism, was chosen from 23 names to shadow President Gary Russi for the day.

The event was sponsored by Golden Key National Honor Society and is designed to bridge the gap between students and top officials.

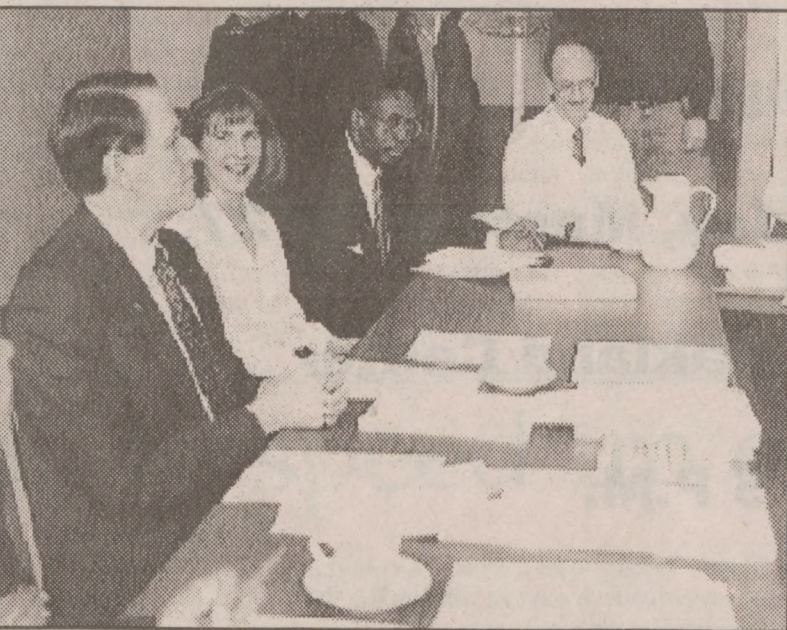
All day yesterday, Pletz was able to attend a variety of functions including a staff meeting and a luncheon with Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette where she sat at the head of the table. The luncheon was to discuss 1997 goals.

Pletz's day with Russi began with a cabinet meeting, to which she arrived late. Pletz said her professor would not let her out of class. The day ended with attending the public presentation and reception for Bernard Oliver, a VPAA finalist.

Pletz said the experience was enjoyable and informative. Pletz said she learned some new ways for conducting meetings and plans to implement some of them at meetings she conducts.

"I liked lunch best... I got to know (Bissonnette) personally... I got a good overview of how programs got started," she said.

Pletz, however, was not the first name to be drawn as the winner. Another student, Carol Ayoub, human resource development major, was first chosen, but could not participate due to prior commitments.



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Fulbright winner
seeks OU positionBy LAURA SCHILDT
Staff Writer

It's not unusual for administrators to gain their knowledge from years of schooling, previous job experience or even from other people in their position.

However, it is unusual for an administrator to learn from a country which was, just five years prior, split with one half of its society heavily influenced by Soviet values that ran the educational system.

In 1995, Marlene Strathe—one of the five finalists for the VPAA position—received a Fulbright Award to the Republic of Germany and spent one month there learning about Germany and its universities.

"It was very educational," said

Strathe. "I was struck with the efforts to bring the new states (former East Germany) up to the same level as (West) Germany."

During the month, Strathe learned about the country by traveling to many different universities in the New States and a concentration camp outside of Berlin.

"I strongly encourage university students to get international experience and to study abroad," said Strathe, who believes the United States is coming closer to the rest of the world.

Strathe, 51, is currently the VPAA and

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Marlene Strathe

Founding dean helps
increase women facultyBy JAIME SHELTON and TAMARA
HAYES
News Editor and Staff Writer

Dagmar Cronn will soon be leaving her current position as founding dean of the College of Sciences at the University of Maine. Due to restructuring at her university, her college will cease to exist in July, leaving Cronn looking for employment elsewhere.

As a result, Cronn applied and was chosen as one of the VPAA finalists at OU.

Cronn received her education at the University of Washington. In 1969 she graduated with a bachelor's of science in chemistry. Three years later, she received her master's in physical / organic chemistry, and in 1975 she got a

Ph.D. in atmos-
pheric chemistry.

During that time, Cronn was employed at the University of Washington. She began as a teaching assistant in the chemistry department in 1969. By 1972, she was a research assistant.

She then moved to Washington State University (WSU) to become an assistant research chemist in 1975. Malcolm Campbell, associate professor of the Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Dagmar Cronn

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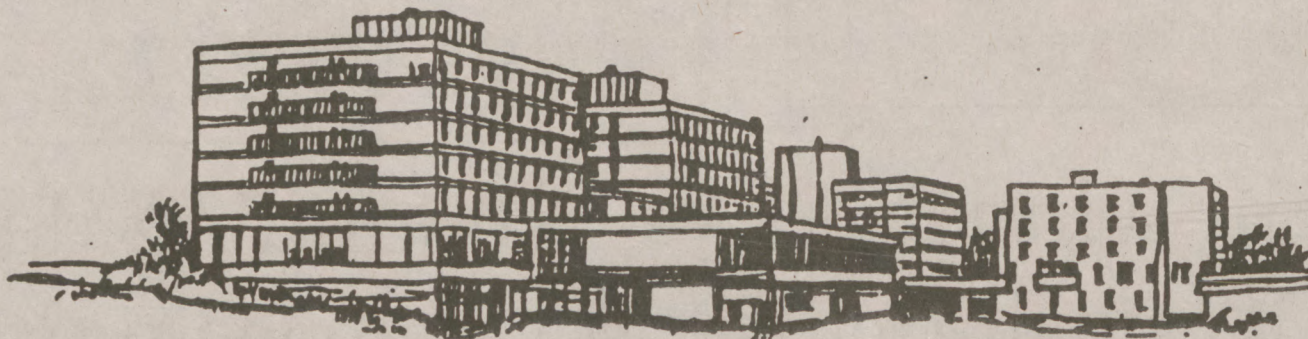
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CAMPUS NEWS

Congress candidates solicit votes

Two members contend for top leadership seat

By NATASHA VANOVER
Staff Writer

This year's two student body presidential candidates agree on much, but their ways to go about getting objectives met vary.

Presidential candidates



Bryan Barnett
Congress member



Jonathan Raiss
Congress member

Both teams, Jonathan Raiss with Jeffrey Fisher and Bryan Barnett with Hemant Mahamwal, agree that creating a voting student member position to the Board of Trustees needs to be a top priority.

Both also believe developing an Internet site to make the sale of books on campus more cost efficient is important.

Raiss, a senior political science major with a current Congress legislative seat, has been on Congress for four years and has served on the Campus Environment and Development Committee.

Raiss also serves as Disability Equal Rights chair, and served on the University Senate, but resigned when he said his schedule became too full.

Fisher, however, is a brand new

member with only three weeks of experience on Congress. He is a junior history major.

Barnett has been a member of Congress for three years. He has been on various campus committees, as well, including Congress' Disciplinary and Legislative Affairs committees and University Senate Budget and Review. He is also a Golden Key National Honors Society member.

Barnett said he has been instrumental in his role with jump-starting Division I resolution and lobby efforts in Lansing for state aid, as well.

Mahamwal, has been on Congress for two years. Currently, he is the chair of both the Research and Review and Student Services Course Evaluation Committees on Congress. He also has served as Bylaws and Review Committee chair.

Despite the similar experiences, the presidential platforms have slightly different approaches.

Raiss and Fisher, are hoping to take their non-traditional views to achieve these and other goals, while Barnett and Mahamwal want to "pioneer the future" by implementing new projects.

One of Raiss' goals is to make America Sign Language the same status as foreign language. Raiss voted in favor of a Congress' resolution to include sign language as a modern language earlier this year.

In addition to sign language, he also said that as a resident on campus, he is qualified to be a representative on the Parking Commission to help solve some of the problems associated with commuting to campus.

"Parking difficulties affect not only commuters, but also students who live on campus," Raiss said.

Other issues on the Raiss-Fisher platform include a review of the OU financial aid system. If chosen president, Raiss promises to hold a round table discussion where students can voice their concerns about problems in receiving financial aid.

Fisher, as well, has his own views on the direction of politics on campus. "OU needs to foster a sense of political awareness, or else it will become a self-contained debating society," he said.

Fisher, though he has only a few weeks experience on Congress, feels he can still impact Congress as vice president. "I hope to bring real activism and enthusiasm to Congress," he said.

Fisher also feels that some Congress expenditures are wasteful, including supplying students with Return of the Jedi movie passes. He feels, instead, note-worthy lecturers could come in at least once a semester to talk to Congress.

Fisher also mentioned that the rising textbook costs need to be reformed. He wants to mimic Michigan State University's goal to lift the sales tax on textbooks.

Barnett and Mahamwal agree. However, according to their platform, they hope to unite with other

universities state-wide to push for tax levies on college books. Barnett said he has already met with a legislator to discuss the idea.

Five major issues on their platform are a book swap, course evaluations on the internet, extending library resources, and implementation of campus-wide diversity week.

If elected, Mahamwal said their first objective is to add a fourth dimension to the existing three options available for

students to use when choosing classes by viewing course evaluations of previous instructors and classes.

Mahamwal said usually, most students first choose possible classes from the course catalog, consult friends and use times listed in the Schedule of Classes to make a final choice.

Mahamwal, however, would also like to have students be able to view

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Post Photo / Nelson May

PRESIDENTIAL STANDOFF: Candidates for student body president faced off Monday during a debate held in the Fireside Lounge at noon.

Ballot listings short, compared to last year's elections

By NATASHA VANOVER
Staff Writer

Congress increased its elections budget by \$2,600 from last year in hopes of implementing new tactics to increase the number of candidates running for office. However, the end results are worse than last spring.

Though there were three candidates who ran for president last year, only two petitioned for a ticket on this year's ballot. In addition, only 10 students are running, yet there are 25 seats available.

The legislative forum, scheduled for March 5, was cancelled when only two candidates showed up, Matthew Karrandja and Kelley Smith.

Elections are less than two weeks away, and the deadline to turn in petitions has already expired. However, there is still one chance left to run.

On the newly designed elections ballot, there are 12 spaces available for write-in-candidates. Shajan Kay, Elections Commission chair, wants students to take advantage of this opportunity to become a Congress member.

"Talk to friends and organize a write-in campaign. It won't be difficult to win a position," Kay added.

Kay said he does not want the candidates to lose sight of why they chose to run. "They are being entrusted with the concerns and opinions of OU students. It is their duty to represent the student population, no matter the number of candidates running," he said.

Earlier this semester Congress' goal was to recruit more than the 25 candidate openings for legislative position. Now, since the deadline has passed, the

focus has been redirected towards enlisting voter participation.

"The truth is the majority of students at OU are commuters. This leads to a lack of student participation on campus. Nonetheless, student involvement is a reflection of the general population's participation in national elections," commented Bonafacio De La Rosa, a legislative candidate.

Congress is also seeking a minimum of 30 volunteers to help run the polls. Yet, only 7 people have agreed.

Thus far, Congress has spent \$1,000

on a new ballot, and \$400 on publicity. A portion of the \$2,800 budget will also go towards voter incentives, Kay said.

Volunteers will be asked to verify student names with a student ID's or driver's licenses. New ballots will no longer require social security numbers for validation, since random numbers will be given instead.

Elections begin Sunday, and continue through March 20. Voting booths will be set up in various campus buildings, including the OC.

New plan to speed up orientation placement tests

By LAURA SCHILDT
Staff Writer

New OU students should experience a smoother, easier, and faster assessment of their skills and placement into classes starting this fall.

"The whole committee is very pleased that our collaborative effort will provide for a better experience for all students," said Beth Talbert, leader of the Student Placement Testing Team, (SPTT).

The SPTT—made of faculty, staff and a student—began its two and one-half year meeting process in December 1994, and divided its task into two components. The team focused on reducing student testing time and the time it took to produce and process the test results.

"You always worry how people are placed and looking down the road for a better way," said Darrell Schmidt, SPTT member and acting chair of Mathematical Sciences.

Students will spend less than one hour taking placement tests, reduced from more than five hours, and will receive their results prior to advising.

The entire orientation process has also been cut from two days to one and one half days.

In 1995, SPTT collected information from all 15 state universities on how they conduct their orientations. OU spent more time testing students for placement than any other campus.

Placement of students into math courses will now be based on their American College Test (ACT) results instead of a lengthy placement test.

Only students who score a 24 or higher in math on their ACT are eligible to take a calculus-readiness exam in order to be placed in a calculus course.

Schmidt said they will assess the new method after the fall to see how the program is working.

The Rhetoric program is also making changes by placing all students into Rhetoric 150, Composition One, instead of evaluating 1,500 placement test essays.

"I didn't think it was fair," said Stefanie DeRush, a freshman who took the written essay test last year.

DeRush had advanced composition in high school, and she felt the university should have looked at her high school records and her ACT scores then placed her accordingly.

Students who believe they are strong writers and want to be placed higher may submit a writing portfolio to the department for review.

"I think it will be less trouble for students...They won't have the road block of having to write an impromptu (essay)," said Wallis Andersen, SPTT member and professor of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism.

Andersen said she is concerned with the amount of work the faculty will have reading the pages of portfolios this year. However, she believes there will be few students willing to take the time to make a portfolio.

Next year, OU will use the Michigan High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) to evaluate the students Rhetoric skills and will be placing them in both Rhetoric 150 and 160 without having to sub-

mit a portfolio. The HSPT state-wide program starts testing students in 11th grade.

Unfortunately, the program is not ready to be used this year.

Jane Briggs-Bunting, Chair of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism said, "We want students to be placed correctly in appropriate classes for their skills level, and anything we can

do to improve that, we are going to do."

Prior to 1995, the tests evaluations and results were done manually. Then in the summer of 1995, OU began using the NCR scan form.

"There was a genuine commitment by the team...of feeling how the students feels about this process and trying to do something to better the process," said Talbert.

Fifty dollar bill missing from card

An office assistant from North Foundation Hall noticed last Friday that one fifty dollar bill was allegedly stolen from her briefcase bag.

According to the office assistant, her son gave her three fifty dollar bills in a card for Christmas. The other two bills remained in the card.

After returning to her desk at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, she noticed something strange about her bag.

She said she checked the bag and finally the card, and she noticed one bill missing.

She said the last time she

checked the card was about a month ago.

Since that time, she said she was only at work and home.



Telephone Stolen

While watching her daughter practice in Varner Hall on March 1, a Motorola portable phone was allegedly stolen from a woman's tote bag.

The daughter believes it was taken between 12:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The daughter said she noticed the phone was missing and searched for it, but she did not find it. She did not tell her mother until two days later.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Finalist visits for VPAA net light turnout

OU should be buzzing with the arrival of each of the five finalist VPAA candidates on campus. Instead business has seemed as usual.

The candidates are being brought here to get a feel for OU and for all areas of the OU community to get a view on each of the candidates.

One of these five candidates will likely be the new VPAA, the second highest position at OU, therefore it would seem important for the OU community to get to know them.

A rigorous two day schedule was arranged for each of the candidates in which they meet with representatives from most of the constituents on campus.

In addition, a public forum has been scheduled for anyone to attend with opportunities to ask questions of the candidate and a reception which provided them with opportunities to meet the candidate socially.

It would seem as though the Oakland Room should have been crammed with people wanting to learn about Stanley Liberty, the first candidate to arrive, at his public forum last Friday.

Instead, only about 30 people showed up, and none were students. A candidate could view this as a damning commentary on the community's interest in the institution and the person who may be chosen for the number two position at OU.

Yes, it was scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday and many people had left campus already, but this is important enough to stick around for an extra hour.

Attendance did pick up for Bernard Oliver's forum, yesterday, but was still only mediocre.

The people who did attend learned who the candidates were, and if they feel either is someone they can work with.

Those who didn't, missed an opportunity to have a say in who the new VPAA and Provost will be.

No matter how many times they read a candidate's vitae, nothing compares to a face-to-face meeting. People look a lot different on paper.

There should have been representatives from every aspect of OU at the forum. Instead the majority seemed to be only faculty. The lack of student representation was embarrassing.

The student member on the search committee, Rachel Yank, fought to keep a meeting with student representatives on the schedule because student input is important.

At the airport interviews the candidates were asked their views on the importance of students.

At an institution where students complain that their voices are never heard, it's amazing that no one cared enough to stop by and meet the candidates.

These visits aren't arranged just because. They are a time for everyone at OU to form opinions and share them with President Russi who is charged with recommending a candidate to the Board.

There are still three more candidates visiting OU in the next two weeks. Don't let them leave without meeting them. It's what good community citizenship is all about.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Former business dean says OU may lose in NCAA move

Dear Editor:

Now that our Board of Trustees has approved the move of our athletic program to NCAA Division I, the article in the March 2, *Detroit News* exposing the large losses across all sports of schools in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) takes on a special degree of relevance to OU.

The Oakland University Athletic Review Report hinted at the very real possibility of such losses occurring here at Oakland. Data contained in the report were even more alarming in that when additional comparisons (which were not done in the report) were made to our alleged peer schools, Oakland did not come out very well.

There are several references in the report to the fact that additional general fund support, especially in the early years of the transition, would be required. Just for kicks, I calculated some student/faculty ratios from the schools listed in Appendix G. A reminder that this group of universities is allegedly our peer group.

Using the columns headed "FTE" and "TotFTE," I calculated that OU had the fifth POOREST (i.e. highest) ratio, with the other four being the bottom three universities (who, according to the "Expr 1" column, are LEAST similar to us) and Grand Valley, which is clearly, academically, not like us at all.

If we compare our ratio (23.8) to the schools in the Carnegie Classification 114, which is what we CLAIM we are, we really come out poorly. The other schools have ratios of 20.7/ 19.7, 20.2 and 18.3. These are schools in the Carnegie group we argue to the state is the one in which we belong, so they are the valid comparisons.

This suggests that we have some work to do with our instructional support before we start allocating some of our precious general fund dollars to an athletic budget, assuming this is our institutional priority.

The information from the MAC suggests that a very high degree of diligence will be required as we steer our way through transition and then the early years of the "upgrade." The academic side of the house will be watching this VERY CAREFULLY. I think I can speak for my faculty colleagues when I say that we have no intention of subsidizing any losses the move may generate. I am sure that the vast majority of our students fall into that camp as well.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Horwitz
Professor of Finance

Student Requests Voter Support for Mother

Dear Editor:

I am a student at Oakland University and live in Troy. After what I witnessed today, I can't help asking, "Where has justice gone in government?"

My sisters and I watched in stunned amazement in the court room as our mother suffered the abuse of political power. Our mother, Susan Cicerone, is trying to run for Troy City Council, but it seems that she is being black-balled by those who are afraid of change.

Mom signed her name as "circulator of the petition" on all of her nominating petitions. What she didn't realize was that "circulator" meant "witness of the above signatures". Since she didn't witness all of the signatures herself, 45 of them were deemed invalid.

It was a clerical error, one that she readily admitted to, but was not given the chance to correct. Our mother has great integrity and would never dare to blatantly get away with something wrong or illegal.

Due to the complaint being issued 3 1/2 weeks into the election, mom's rights to correct the error were taken away. The Troy City Council, not including Matt Pryor and Bob Gosselin, saw this technicality as their way to kick her off the ballot. We believe that they are scared of our mother and her fresh perspective, and would do anything, including abusing their political power, to decrease her chances of winning the election. As a matter of fact, by our mother being eliminated from the ballot, the election has effectively been decided. Now there are only two candidates for two positions.

Not only has this over-inflated event hurt our mother's pride as an honest and decent woman, it has given the voters almost no choice as to who they can vote for. However, our mom is a fighter and will not go gently into the good night. She will rage against the dying justice in Troy as a write-in candidate. She is not beaten yet.

To vote for our mom, you must write her name "Sue Cicerone" in the write-in space for the City Council candidate and connect the arrow. We urge everyone to look past the slanderous accusations and see what is really there; a woman who has given her heart and soul to everything she does. Please support our mom as a write-in candidate.

Sincerely,

Pamela Cicerone
Freshman
Physical Therapy

Setting it Straight

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

In the March 5, edition of THE OAKLAND POST Stanley Liberty was mistakenly quoted to have said, "The growth of Lincoln was better because of administrative growth." It should have said, "The growth of Lincoln was because of faculty growth."

Also the men's basketball opponent last year was not from North Dakota it should have said South Dakota

F.Y.I.

The Public Forum with VPAA candidate Marlene Strathe will be held on March 14, at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Room. Dagmar Cronn's Public Presentation will be held March 18, at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

Students with unpaid parking tickets will not be able to register for classes until they are paid. Holds have been placed on the accounts of these students.

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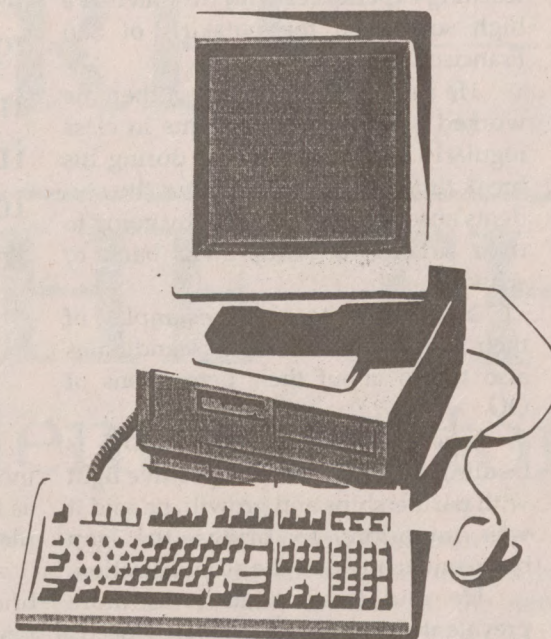
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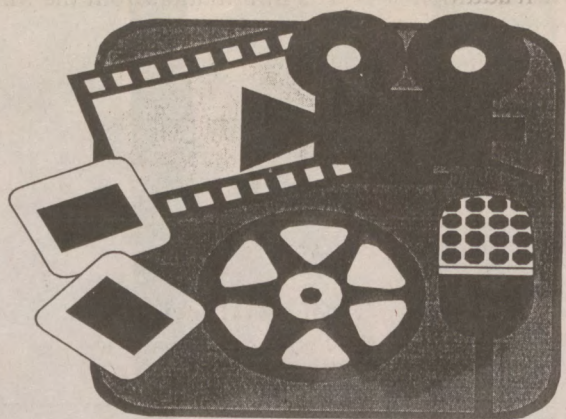
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Another question raised for Liberty is the amount of importance athletics should play in an academic university.

Liberty joked that athletics are very important to the Nebraska community, since there is nothing else to do in the state except attend games.

Liberty said that though athletics

"(OU) needs to narrow the between the "we's" and "they's","

Stanley Liberty
Dean of Engineering
University of North Dakota

often generate funding for academics, sports should be kept in perspective.

Oliver, on the other hand, left little time for questions from the public, after speaking for nearly an hour. No questions were asked at the end.

Oliver spent much of his time speaking about his accomplishments with regard to diversity and education.

As dean of education at the University of Washington, Oliver said he has researched alternatives to current teaching methods to look for better

ways of reaching students.

Oliver also commented on his early teaching experiences with freshmen at a high school on the outskirts of San Francisco.

He said that while he was there he worked hard to keep students in class regularly. Liberty said that during his break times, he would seek out the students absent from his classes by going to their homes to bring them back to school.

In addition to citing examples of their accomplishments, the candidates also talked about their perceptions of OU.

Liberty said that though OU is heading for the future in a positive light with partnerships and growth, he said it was important to bridge the gap between faculty and the administration.

He said this attitude was more prevalent than expected. "(OU) needs to narrow the gap between the "we's" and "they's", Liberty said.

Oliver, however, felt that OU should move towards progress without looking back.

"It's not the time for this institution to be driving into the future (while) looking in the rear view mirror," Oliver said.

Both candidates spoke about their childhoods, as well as their administrative responsibilities, giving much credit to their families for giving them the incentive to work hard for their educations.

Liberty said he was grew up on a dairy farm in Maine. He was the first in his family to get a college degree. His

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Bernard Oliver
Dean of Education
University of Washington

mother only went as far in her education as high school, and his father only completed eighth grade.

Liberty said his father worked in a brickyard, and once took him there. He remembered his father saying to him, "See, see what that's like. You better get an education."

Oliver, as well, credited his parents for his success. His father has only a third grade education, and his mother spent much of his younger years caring for him and his 16 other siblings.

Oliver said he was never allowed to speak derogatorily towards other races or ethnic group while at home. He said it was partly because of this that he became so involved in resolving racial issues.

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man Yoav Ritter.

As of Jan. 27 OU had 34 swimmers seeded in the top six of the 13 individual events and four of the five relays seeded first.

In addition to training and conditioning, to prepare for nationals the team has been spending more time together by having more team dinners and meetings.

"I'm overwhelmed how everyone is so together," said Ritter. "Everyone has been feeding off everyone else's energy," he added.

Senior Raffi Karapetian said,

"As a team overall everyone is really excited."

"Freshman are more excited than nervous," said Karapetian. "I think they are ready to see what it's all about."

Robberson added, "I think a lot of the guys are in the best swimming shape of their lives."

OU has 17 swimmers and two divers, Damian Pulliam, junior, and Greg Harris, freshman, on the 1996-97 National Team. Each swimmer can swim in four individual events and three relays or three individual events and four relays.

Aside from leaving San Antonio with a national title, Judson said, "It would be really nice to see everyone happy with the way they performed."

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FEATURES

THE PLAY'S THE THING

Gillespie gives aspiring student directors a chance

By DIANNE FLORKA
Staff Writer

Hopeful and enthusiastic actors and actresses gathered to audition for parts in the eight one-act student-directed plays that will be presented on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12.

Michael Gillespie's Directing class, composed of all Performing Arts majors, held the open auditions on Feb. 15 and encouraged all students, faculty and staff members to take center stage and be transformed into a variety of interesting characters.

"We were delighted that so many took the time to audition. We had a wide range of ages to fit the various roles in all of the plays," Gillespie said.

According to Gillespie, the plays range from comedy to drama to avant-garde that provided a wide range of possibilities to those trying out.

Little Red Riding Hood, directed by Matt Siadak, senior, is a contemporary take on the classic children's story. Dawn Borlinghaus, senior will play the mother; Jodie Floyd, junior is Little Red Riding Hood; Brian Dambacher, senior is the Wolf with Kathleen Grammer as Grandma and Brandon Thompson as the Hunter.

Sarah Warren, junior directs *Ballerina, Choose Your Weapon*, an avant-garde play dealing with a ballerina and a model and "Never" who torments them both. Susan Faust is the Model Sasha while Chad Kushuba is "Never". The ballerinas are played by Donna Paul, Krystal Kennel and Sarah Rosa.

Mother's and daughters may appre-

ciate Mrs. Kline directed by Brian Dambacher. "The play deals with psycho-analytical issues between a mother and her daughter," said Gillespie. Missy Beckwith is Mrs. Kline. Paula is played by Andrea Smith with Rebecca Sokoll as Melitta.

Interrogation and torture are depicted in the unusual presentation of *Devil's Game* directed by Dan Kondas, junior. Chad Kushuba is Billy; Adam Barnowski is Joey; Man is played by David Paul.

Dawn Borlinghaus directs a family drama entitled, *Wasp*. "This play was written by Steve Martin," said Gillespie. Roles include Dad played by John Michael Norman; Mom by Patricia Bulloch; Son by Travis Walter and Sis by Missy Beckwith. The female voice is rendered by Andrea Smith with Adam Barnowski as the Premier and Matt Siadak as the Conductor.

Wanda's Visit directed by Chris Nobels, junior is an off-the-wall comedy dealing with a visit to a husband's former sweetheart. "Disaster is the only outcome," joked Gillespie. Karey Hart plays Marcia with Steve Price as Jim. Wanda is portrayed by Megan McConnell, Dan Kondas is the Mobster and Kevin Hughes plays the Waiter.

Sunday Costs Five Pesos directed by Nate Topie, senior depicts love affairs in a Mexican village. Eric Orive is Fidel and Kim-Shelley Garner plays Berta. Also in the cast are Megan McConnell as Salame, Karey Hart as Tonia and Carolyn Mazurek as Celestina.

Terminal Bar directed by Jackie Floyd is a production dealing with sur-

vivors of an epidemic as they meet in a down-and-out bar. The characters include Martinelle portrayed by Leslie Siddall; Jenelyn Gifford as Holly and

Dwayne by Matthew Hammond.

They are rehearsing for the plays that will eventually be done at the refurbished sound stage at 133 Varner.

A presentation time has not been established, but be sure to watch for announcements and flyers for further details.



RIISING STARS: Sarah Rosa, technical theatre junior, and Dave Paull, philosophy senior, let their acting abilities shine through at the open try outs for student directed plays scheduled to begin in April.

College anxiety help is available

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Features Editor

It's the night before a big exam. You're having trouble concentrating, you can't sit still and all you feel is panic.

What you are experiencing is anxiety. Bela Chopp, clinical director of Graham Health Center said "Everyone has experienced anxiety. Usually what anxiety does is make us work harder."

"Normal anxiety is not a problem," said Chopp. It just gives you a little push, she said.

Anxiety becomes a problem when it becomes so severe it hinders and interferes with one's performance, said Chopp.

On Thursday, March 20 the Counseling Center will be sponsoring College Anxiety Disorders Screening Day at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Graham Health Center.

Chopp said the main objective is to raise awareness of health issues around the community, "So that they're not so intimidating and mysterious."

The three main purposes of the program is to show members of the community they are not alone, to educate the community, and to show treatments are available, said Chopp.

The screening day will be divided into two sessions which will enable one to view a video, take an anxiety disorders screening test and have a confidential meeting with a doctor or mental health professional.

Anxiety is an unpleasant mental tension that one feels, but has no identifiable cause which can in turn lead to an anxiety disorder, said Chopp. According to the American Psychiatric Association (APA) 8.3% of Americans suffer from anxiety disorders.

Phobias, panic disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorders are illnesses that classify as "Anxiety Disorders."

Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) is a chronic and exaggerated worry and tension experienced for no

son, said Chopp.

One who suffers from GAD is the classic worry wart who's worries don't stop and worry about any and everything, Chopp added.

One's worries often are accompanied by physical symptoms such as muscle tension, nausea, trembling, fatigue, insomnia and experiencing negative thoughts.

People who are terrified of just one thing such as public speaking, going on airplanes or being in elevators suffer from phobias.

"It's (phobia) just totally irrational," said Chopp. "Some of the phobias could be quite limiting," she added.

Panic disorder is a tremendous fear one feels for no apparent reason and according to the APA 1.2 million Americans suffer from the illness.

Symptoms include sweating, faintness, shortness of breath, chills, flashes, tingling in the extremities, heart palpitations, occasional dizziness and nausea.

People who suffer from intrusive thoughts many times perform rituals to prevent the suffer from obsessive-com-

pulsive disorders (OCD), said Chopp.

Many people can identify with OCD by having some symptoms. Checking to make sure the front door is locked five times before actually leaving the driveway is a symptom, however according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) "The disorder is diagnosed only when such activities consume at least one hour of a day, are very distressing, and interfere with daily life."

Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) usually occurs after experiencing a very traumatic experience.

According to NIMH often people suffering from PTSD relive their experience over and over in the form of nightmares and experience recollections throughout their days.

Symptoms may include numbness, flashbacks, sleeping problems, irritability, and sometimes depression.

People diagnosed with an anxiety disorder can be helped with treatment which includes psychotherapy and

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ROMANTIC DINNER: Howard Stern and wife Alison, played by Mary McCormack, share dinner in their New York apartment and anticipate the arrival of their first child.

Private Parts come up short

By GABE GAZOUL
Special Writer

One of the most challenging dilemmas for a movie critic is to write a review for a movie that he/she has no opinion of...even after the critic has watched it. This was what I was faced with when watching Howard Stern's movie adaptation of his best selling auto-biography *Private Parts*.

First off, it wasn't a bad movie. But this is not to say that it was a good one.

The storyline was not groundbreaking nor original: radio underdog lives and grows through all of life's adversities including the cliché discouraging father who always tells him to shut up, a rocky marital relationship, and the stuffy exec's rules of the corporate world that tries to stifle his creativity and make him conform. Though this was all (supposedly) a true story, it was not anything audiences have not seen before nor was it exceptionally entertaining.

The actors were mediocre at best. These were definitely not Academy Awards winning performances. They weren't even well noted ones. Most of the main cast (with the exception of

Mary McCormack, who plays Stern's wife) were playing themselves and as any theatre student will tell you, that is probably the hardest feat to achieve in acting.

In spite of all the uninspired qualities of *Private Parts*, there were some rather funny (bordering on witty) scenes in the movie. (The "Fill in the Blank" game was my personal favorite).

But if *Private Parts* does anything it proves once again that "no one has ever gone poor by catering to the lowest common denominator." Jokes and skits ranging from "Fartman" to live on-the-air orgasms show the low range this movie was aiming for. It is also interesting to note that practically every female in the movie (with the exception of Stern's newswoman and side-kick Robin Quivers) was shown at one time or another in either a bra, a bikini, topless, or completely nude.

Stern claims that all of his crudeness is excused because he is only giving people what they want. He is not crude, people are. But just because one gives people what they want does not make what one does right, funny, valuable, or important.

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ANXIOUS AND STRESSED: According to the NIMH there are several types of anxiety disorders, each have their own characteristics, and are the most common of all the mental disorders.

Hypnotist entertains; students grow sleepy

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

Hypnotism may be the answer for breaking those troublesome habits. Thursday, Dr. Al Snyder, professional hypnotist and veterinarian entertained students in the Heritage Room formerly, JW's. Approximately 12 students volunteered to be hypnotized as a way to work on problems.

Snyder has been traveling around the U.S. putting on motivational, entertainment and training seminars for camps and organizations for 18 years.

"Nobody ever taps into the mind for the potential it can do. I enjoy doing this because it gives people a chance to do things that they never dreamed they were capable of doing," said Snyder.

Some of the students wanted to stop smoking, nail biting or feel more positive. But first, Dr. Snyder had a little fun with the volunteers.

"I thought it was awesome and

absolutely hilarious, two of the participants are members of my fraternity and it was fun seeing them getting embarrassed," said Justin Smith, Sigma Pi, freshmen, undecided major.

The students were hypnotized by concentrating on a stick with three tiny lights at one end as Snyder waved it back and forth above his head with trance-like music playing. He asked students to relax and close their eyes as he spoke in a soothing voice.

Hypnosis cannot really be explained because it is unknown what goes on inside the mind during the hypnotic state. The mind operates on two levels, conscious and subconscious.

The conscious is responsible for making decisions, solving problems and performing physical activities. The subconscious mind regulates heart rate, blinking the eyes and feeling pain.

The subconscious mind is subdued but not asleep and so it is easier for the hypnotist to "program" the person.

According to Snyder, the person hypnotized is in their own little world.

Once the suggestion is accepted, it is automatically acted upon as long as the hypnotist keeps it in place. A person will not do anything contrary to their principals nor will they commit an immoral act.

A hypnotized person is in control and can come out of the hypnotic state at any time. However, it didn't seem that way as participants began the hypnotic trance.

One instance involved eating an imaginary piece of candy which first "tasted" delicious then turned sour and then flaming spicy.

Then Snyder told the students that the candy became wedged into corner of their mouths and "grew" in size and they couldn't close their mouths.

Students participated in acts like speaking in alien tongues and singing the "I Love You" song from Barney.



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I'M STUCK: Hypnotist Dr. Al Snyder practiced hypnosis on OU students last Thursday. Snyder hypnotized junior Mike Fisher, right, and made him think his mouth was stuck open.

Reporter gives new insight into daily life at newspaper

By KAREN MILLER
Special Writer

David Migoya shared the world of a big city newsman with a group of OU journalism students Feb. 7.

The top *Detroit Free Press* investigative reporter related many insights and anecdotes in his talk, and offered students to join him for a day on the job.

I decided to take Migoya up on his offer.

On the 11th floor of the City-County building a long hallway stretches down to Mayor Archer's office on one end and the city budget office on the other. The press rooms are just around the corner from the mayor's office.

Migoya's room is spacious and holds four desks with computer. Only one other reporter routinely uses this office.

Migoya, 35, thrives on the challenges of a large metropolitan daily. He said his job doesn't always mean glamour and excitement.

"I have an advanced degree in waiting. Sometimes people don't show up at all," he added.

He was working on a front page story about Detroit's problem with man-hole cover theft, which costs a fortune and is a safety hazard, said Migoya.

Migoya has many sources nationwide, including the FBI.

"Sources are my forte," said

Migoya. "The work I do lives and dies by sources. They feed me information, and it's my job to get it on record."

The key is making them feel comfortable right away, said Migoya.

The phone rings often, usually people responding to Migoya's previous information requests. Besides the man-hole story, he has a number of possible front page stories in progress.

Listening to him talk to sources, one would think he'd known them for years, however many he has never seen or talked to them before, he said.

"I try for the person directly in charge, if I can't get them I go down the list until I find what I need," said Migoya.

Migoya comes up with most of his story ideas, usually inspired by a tipoff. Generally Migoya works alone spending about half the time in the office and the rest meeting contacts.

The work Migoya does requires nine hour days, seldom with a lunch break, dealing with uncooperative authorities, difficult editors, competition from the *Detroit News*, and ever-present deadlines.

The next morning's *Detroit Free Press* front page feature headline reads "Vanishing Lids" with the byline "David Migoya, Free Press Staff Writer."

By the time people read this story, Migoya has already moved on to new investigations around Detroit.



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Project Face to Face will give Oakland perspective on epidemic

By DAMON BROWN
Assistant Features Editor

Faces will soon visit Oakland's campus.

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This is Project Face to Face, sponsored by the Student Program Board (SPB), which will be visiting OU next week. The exhibit is free.

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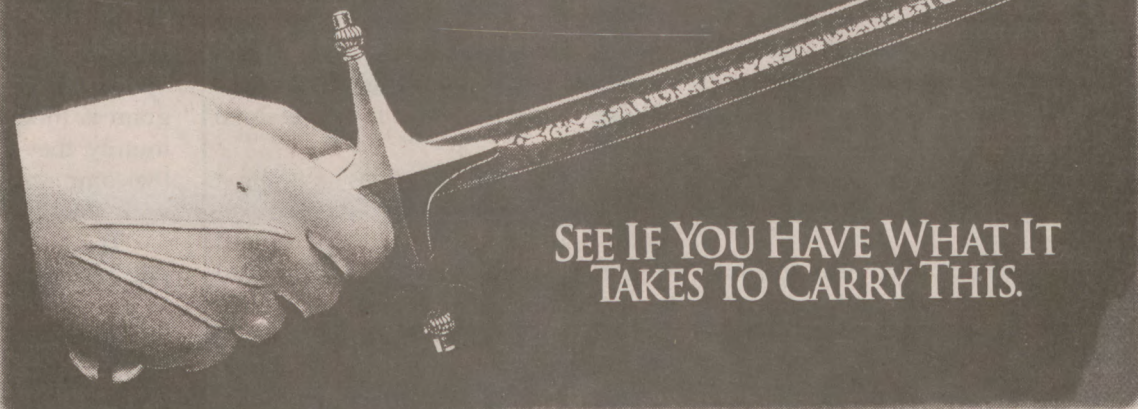
"You get to look into the face of someone while you are listening to their little story. It's a lot closer to home," said Brian Potter, Chair for Lecture and Special Events Committee of SPB.

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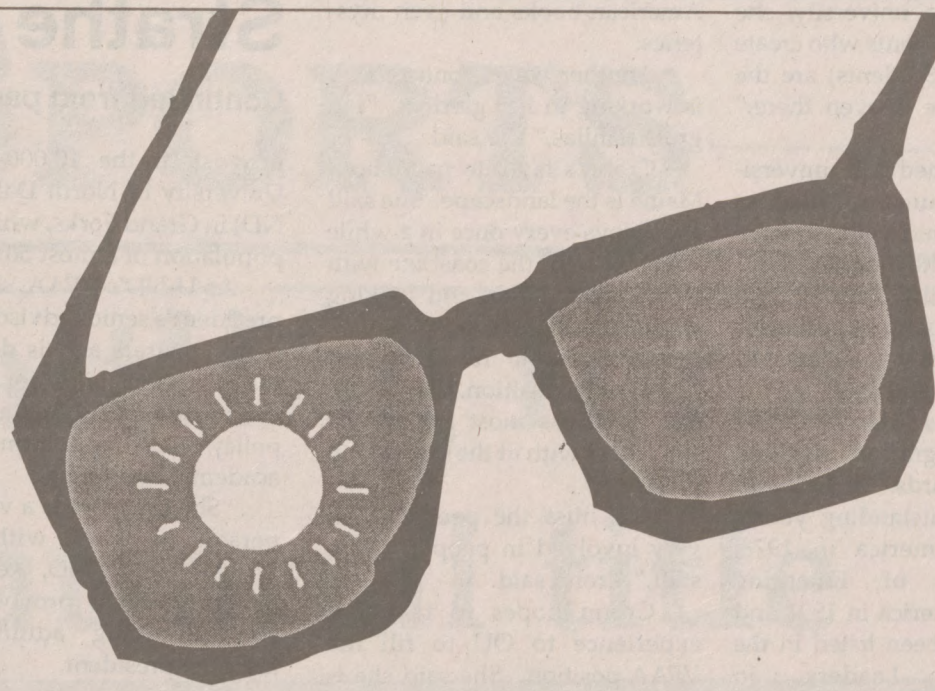
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Anxiety

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often times medication.

"Medications are not cures. You have to be careful, some of them are addictive and you may experience withdrawal symptoms once you go off the medication," said Chopp.

Treatment sessions are available at the Graham Health Center and the first six sessions are free. Additional visits are \$10 per session.

Sessions will teach the patient assertiveness skills, relaxation exercises, assist in changing one's attitude and the way one views oneself and others, and will help to explore what the problem is in one's life that is creating the anxiety, said Chopp.

People interested in attending the anxiety screening day are urged to make an appointment. All appointments are confidential.

Chopp said students interested don't even have to leave their last name. "They can just leave their first name or even a code name," she said.

For an appointment or more details contact Nina at (810) 370-3465.

President

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course evaluation results and each professor's individual syllabus prior to scheduling.

In addition, Mahamwal would also like a "virtual book swap" that could easily be maintained during finals. He wants to be able to supply customers with a list of sellers who have the necessary books with the price desired.

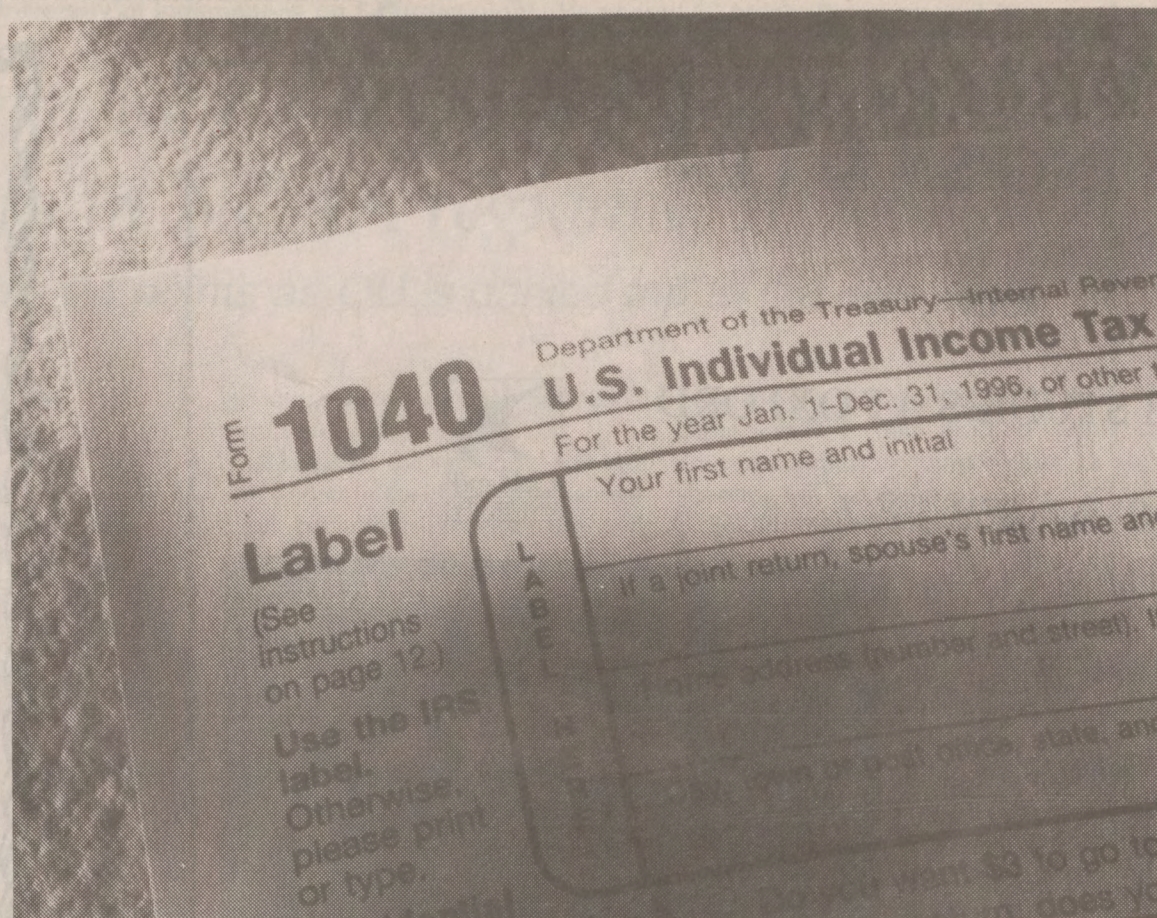
Mahamwal also explained that even though their platform appears broad, they believe they will be able to make significant progress because they helped to lay the foundations.

Barnett said the team cannot do it alone, though, and need a strong Congress to help.

"Hemant and I will not be able to carry out our ideas without the backing of a strong Congress," Barnett said.

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Cronn

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department at WSU, said, "She's still remembered here. She was a vigorous and somewhat ambitious investigator."

Cronn left WSU in 1988 as chair of the Environmental Science and Regional Planning Program.

After spending a brief time as a fellow to the American Council on Education and research associate for the Statewide Air Pollution Research Center at the University of California, Riverside, Cronn went on to establish the College of Sciences and the Department of Oceanography at the University of Maine in the summer of 1989.

Among her accomplishments since that time, she has managed an \$8,000,000 annual budget, helped generate funds for a geological sciences building and worked to receive approval the School of Marine Science that opened last summer.

While dean at Maine, Cronn's involvement with people has also been prevalent, Professor of Marine Sciences Jim McCleave said.

"She's quite sensitive to issues of gender, equity and that kind of thing. She's a strong advocate on our campus for equal opportunity, (such as) hiring more women and minorities," McCleave said.

Cronn has been involved with the recruitment of minorities in her college, and as a result, Cronn's college has more than doubled the representation of women in a five year span. She said that those hired were first-choice candidates. Though this accomplishment made her proud, she said it did not surprise her.

Though Cronn believes the faculty and administrators are

important to a university, she said it is the students who create the school. "(Students) are the reasons anyone is even there," Cronn said.

She explained that universities should function like an inverted pyramid with students at the top. In the middle should come the faculty who uphold the students' experiences through classes. Last are the administrators and staff.

Cronn has also received national recognition through numerous awards. Included in the list are outstanding young woman of America in 1978, Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America in 1991 and 1992 and has been listed in the International Leaders in Achievement in 1988.

Besides at University of Maine, Cronn has also come in contact with people in other countries while completing research studies. She has traveled to many countries, including the Soviet Union, Panama and Malaysia.

Because her research sometimes does not allow her to sight-see very much, Cronn said she cannot chose one favorite country she has visited. However, while in the Soviet Union studying measurements of chlorofluorocarbons, Cronn got the chance to attend a Royal Moscow Ballet concert, which she said she enjoyed very much.

Cronn also said the people there were extremely kind and generous towards her. "They are interested in you. They are very hospitable, and they take you places and show you things," she said.

In addition to traveling, Cronn also enjoys reading. As an avid reader, she said she often reads books that are related through themes. She said she has read books about Maine and by Maine authors, translations from Spanish writers of Central and South America, Southwest

American books and even mysteries.

Another way Cronn relaxes is working in her garden. "I ... grow dahlias," she said.

Cronn's favorite part about Maine is the landscape. She said she enjoys every once in a while driving down the coastline with her husband, Bob, and looking at the Atlantic Ocean.

If chosen to fill OU's second-ranked position, Cronn said she will miss most the people she works with at the University of Maine.

"I'll miss the people. I'm very involved in people, ... the staff," Cronn said.

Cronn hopes to take her experience to OU to fill the VPAA position. She said she is looking for an institution that is growing, student-centered and has an expanded scope of challenges. OU, she said, fits these characteristics.

Cronn believes that her experience in shared governance will allow her to work well with various groups on campus. "I have the ability to work collaboratively ... (in) shared governance to move (OU) forward," she said.

Dr. Judith Bailey, VPAA and provost at the University of Maine feels Cronn is prepared to make a move into OU's administration. "I think that Dean Cronn is ready for this type of position. ... She exhibits strong and exclusive leadership style and will be an asset to Oakland University," she said.

Robert Cobb, dean of the College of Education at the University of Maine, also believes Cronn will be valuable to OU. "She's an extraordinarily hard worker. She has a very, very quick study of people in circumstances and events," he said.

Cronn will have a public presentation March 18, at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

Strathe

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provost at the 10,000-student University of North Dakota (U-ND) in Grand Forks, which has a population of almost 50,000.

As U-ND's VPAA, she is the president's senior advisor in academic matters and is delegated major responsibility for the university's curriculum, academic policy, faculty appointments and academic budgeting.

"She (Strathe) is a very easy person to work with," said President of U-ND, Kendall L. Baker. U-ND's provost is the second-ranking administrator after the president.

Strathe is also the chair of U-ND's council of deans and responsible for overseeing of the eleven schools and colleges of the university.

Mary Harris, dean of education at U-ND said, "(Strathe) is very supportive in decisions that we have made...I think she has been very easy to work with."

At the university, Strathe focuses on technology, including new ways to deliver instruction through the internet and video.

U-ND offers master's degrees by the internet which reach students as far away as Australia through interactive video programs said Strathe.

An important part of her time at U-ND has been spent upgrading classrooms with multimedia access and creating more laboratories for the students.

Strathe said she would like to see classroom learning shift from a competition between students to a new way of collaborative learning.

If chosen for VPAA, Strathe plans to focus on the technology of the university and to prepare students for their careers.

"I am ... concerned with preparing students to use computers and preparing them for the work environment," said Strathe.

Strathe said she chose to apply to OU's VPAA position because she feels there is an exciting opportunity in education at urban institutions.

"I am impressed with a vibrancy...The kinds of institutions that will be exciting are the urban institutions," said Strathe. Born in Marshalltown, Iowa, with a population of 30,000, Strathe spent her childhood days with school activities, including basketball, choir and band.

In a little town nearby her parent's small acreage, she went to school from kindergarten through 12th grade and graduated with a class of 11 students. Until her mother died last September, Strathe visited her home town every two months.

Strathe still carries her love for music and the theatre. Her favorite performance was *A Women in Black* which she saw in London last January.

After high school, she attended Iowa State University (ISU) where she received three degrees: a Bachelor of Science degree in government and bacteriology in 1967; a master's degree in psychology/counseling and higher education in 1969; and a Ph.D. in education/research and evaluation in 1975.

In 1973, she also received a Ed.S. (Specialist in Education) in educational psychology and evaluation from the University of Northern Iowa (U-ND).

Strathe was very active on ISU's campus, which was about 45 miles away from Marshalltown, with student organizations.

She was a senator in the student government and a member of many committees for student events such as homecoming, Greek week and open house.

While working on these different student committees in college, she formed an interest in student affairs. In 1967, Strathe began her career in higher education as an assistant to the dean of students at ISU.

A friend told her she should learn and understand what the faculty do at the university. Taking the advice, Strathe starting teaching a Learning Theory course and loved it.

Two years after starting her career in student affairs, she switched to the academic side of university affairs and moved to

U-NI as an instructor. In 1986, she was promoted to professor.

Her first administrative assignment at U-NI was as director of Educational Research and Development Center from 1982 to 1987.

"She remembers the institution is there for students," said Margaret Merriam, dean of the College of Fine Arts at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Merriam met Strathe at U-NI 17 years ago. "I enjoyed working with her, and I consider her an important educator," said Merriam, who still consults with her on professional matters.

From 1984-1987, Strathe was U-NI's associate dean of the College of Education, and in 1988, she began assistant vice president for academic affairs until her appointment at U-ND.

As assistant VPAA at U-NI, she was instrumental in supporting the general education program and lead the reformation of the teacher's education program said Merriam. "She (Strathe) listens to the students well and is very responsive to students concerns," she said.

Strathe has received numerous awards including the "Best Report of Findings From an Education Evaluation Study" Award from Iowa Education Research and Evaluation Association in 1982.

She has one son, Tyler, who recently graduated from Iowa State University. Strathe talks to her son every week by phone.


Besides her love for music, Strathe's interest include jogging, fitness and eclectic reading.

"I read everything. Usually when I travel I read fiction. At home, it varies on what I am doing," said Strathe.


Strathe jogs three to three and one half miles daily.

She will be arriving this evening and starting a two day interviewing process the following day. Strathe said she hopes to visit with students and faculty and looks forward to seeing the campus.

Strathe will have a public presentation 3 p.m. on Friday in the Oakland Room of the OC.




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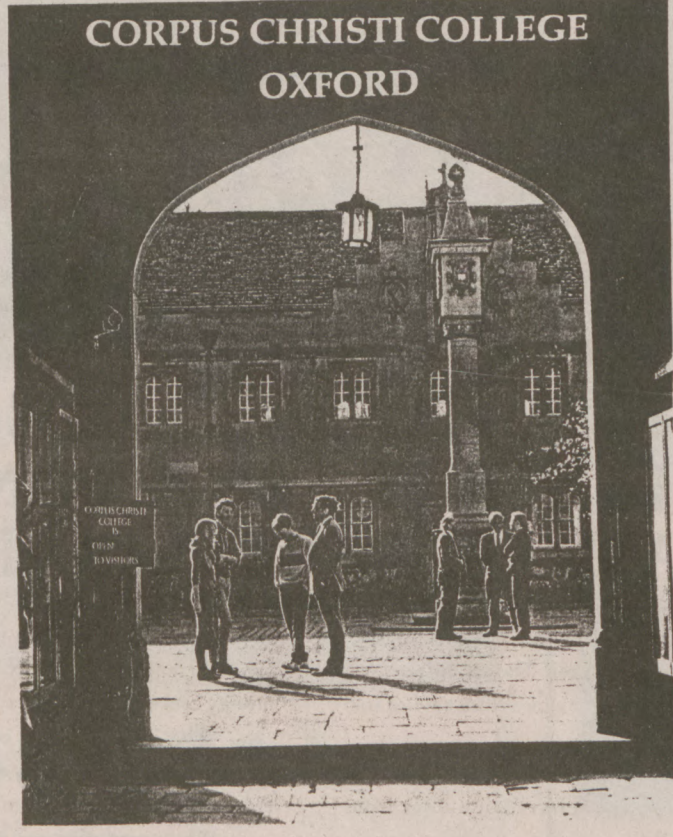
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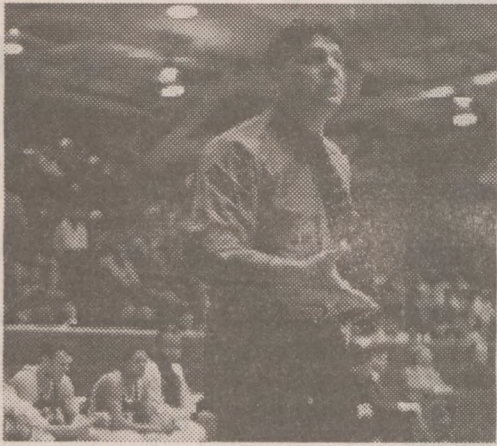


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TEXTBOOK COACHING: Pioneers' head coach Greg Kampe yells instructions to his team during OU's win in the NCAA tournament Saturday night. The Pioneers' two NCAA wins puts their record at 3-5 all-time in the big dance.

Men blast Indy in regionals, 75-72

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — After OU's first-round NCAA win against Grand Valley State last Thursday, OU men's coach Greg Kampe talked about the victory. Kampe said that "This (win) gives us our 22nd win. We need one more to get to the sweet sixteen."

The numbers, the home court disadvantage and the fates seemed to be against the Pioneers. An upset looked more like a dream than a possibility.

With a little help from senior guard Kevin Kovach, OU pulled off the biggest win in the school's history. Kovach's superman-like performance (39 points) gave the OU squad a 75-72 win against the University of Indianapolis, before an announced crowd of 1,850 at Nicoson Hall in the NCAA Great Lakes regional semi-final. The win moved the team into the sweet 16.

"My heart is pounding," Kampe said during the post-game press conference. "I can't tell you how excited I am. 'To come in here and beat the No. 1 seed on their floor is one of the greatest accomplishments we've ever reached and the way we did it made it even more (impressive).'"

U-of-I had been No. 1 in the NCAA-II top 20 poll most of the season, and finished the year ranked No. 3, 16-0 at home and 23-4 overall.

When the Greyhounds raced to a 15-point lead with 8:06 left in the first-half, it appeared as if OU would go one-and-out in the NCAA tournament. Kovach didn't let OU die.

The Pioneer senior guard from Stow, Ohio, scored 10 straight points, cutting the U-of-I lead to 38-28 with four minutes remaining before the break. OU then went on a 9-2 run to get within three points with 29 seconds left. Then came the shot.

Kovach made a long 3-pointer, from the left corner as time expired, ending the half, tying the score at 40 and stunning the hostile crowd.

Of OU's 40 first-half points, Kovach scored 24 of them, including five 3s.

OU's starting point guard Denny Amrhein played only two minutes, after suffering a rib injury 1:04 into the game when he was knocked down in the paint area. He was taken to a local hospital for X-rays at halftime. Amrhein's ribs were bruised.

With Amrhein out, OU came together as a team, Kovach said.

"We all had to look at each other in the eye and say, 'We've got to do a little bit more,'" he said. "Denny's dad told us at halftime that he went to the hospital and we said, 'Let's get this one for Denny.' And that one was for him."

The Pioneers took their first lead at 67-66 with 6:20 left in the game. Kovach nailed a 3-pointer from the left baseline.

With eight seconds left, U-of-I inbounded the ball, down 75-72 and freshman guard Matt Britton attempted a three that didn't even hit the rim.

OU's bench erupted.

U-of-I coach Royce Waltman was almost speechless after the game and said that Kovach was incredible.

"Offhand I can't think of anybody who's made that many guarded shots against us," he said. "He made the most difficult shots after we took the lead." OU improved to 23-7 with the win.

U-of-I finished its season at 23-5.

Battling for a national title



Photo courtesy/Jeff McCurry

DAZZLING DUNK: OU sophomore Matt McClellan slams in the Pioneers 75-72 NCAA victory against the University of Indianapolis on Saturday night. He scored 10 points Saturday and 49 in three games.

Northern Kentucky proves too tough for Pioneers in NCAA regional, 101-87

Riley scores 24 points as OU is denied trip to the elite eight

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — It was an end to an unbelievable season.

No one expected OU to get past Grand Valley State in the first-round of the NCAA Great Lakes regional. OU did though, 79-74. Fewer thought that a win facing the University of Indianapolis could happen (it did).

By defeating U-of-I, last Friday night, OU advanced to the sweet 16 against No. 9-ranked Northern Kentucky University, a team that faced eventual National Champion Fort Hays State (Kan.) in the 1996 NCAA-II title game.

The Pioneers put out a valiant effort, but fell to the Norse, 101-87 at Nicoson Hall. A win would have put OU in the elite eight for the first time in school history.

NKU's LaRon Moore was simply too much for OU's defense to handle. Moore scored a game-high 35 points on 13-of-20 shooting.

Moore said that it was NKU's game to win.

"We had confidence and we got here to the final game (of the region) and we wanted to win," he said. "We want to go back to the elite eight and win it (the NCAA title) this year."

Moore said that OU senior guard Kevin Kovach played outstanding and that OU performed well.

"No. 44 (Kovach)—he's really talented," Moore said. "He can shoot from anywhere around the court."

"Oakland's a talented team," he said. "We had to come out and play

good perimeter defense and good post defense and we did."

OU ended the season by advancing farther in the NCAA tournament than any other Pioneer team and broke the school record for wins in a season, with 23. The former mark for most wins came twice, most recently last season (21).

NKU coach Ken Shields said OU's efforts couldn't have been better against his club.

"Oakland played courageously throughout the whole tournament," Shields said. "To play three games in three nights is an awfully difficult thing to do."

OU fell behind 22-13 5:48 into the game, when NKU junior guard Andy Listerman drove past Kovach through the lane for a one-handed layup. With 10:58

left in the first-half, OU junior guard Kris Matuszewski went down hard under the basket and clutched his right leg in pain. Trainer Tom Ford later said that Matuszewski suffered possible slight tear in his meniscus.

OU freshman guard Mike Riley came to the Pioneers' aid by draining a 3-pointer on OU's last shot of the first half, giving OU a 49-48 lead

against a team, that coming into the game was 27-4. Riley finished with an team-leading 24 points on 8-of-12 shooting (all 3-pointers).

Shields had nothing but praise for Kovach and Riley—OU's young gunner.

"He (Kovach) had 39 (points) last night (Friday). Tonight I thought, in the first-half he really, really got a lot done," Shields said. "But, you know No. 33, Riley—he played superbly in that first half. We had a bigger guy on him as the game went on, in LaRon (Moore). But he's (Riley) a great player and he deserves all-region."

OU head coach Greg Kampe said that the Pioneers' season was definitely one to remember.

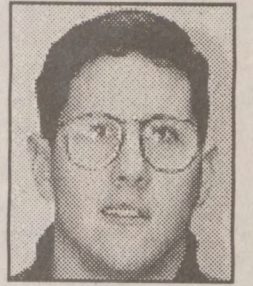
"We went through a lot of adversity this year—a lot of rough times...," he said. "And each time we did something that they didn't expect from us."

"No one thought we could beat Grand Valley. We beat the No. 3 team (nationally)—they hadn't lost at home," Kampe said. "Our guys fought—they played through things that had gone wrong."

Kampe said that he believes NKU is the team to beat in the elite eight, Division II's version of the larger Division I's final four.

"They were outstanding offensive team," he said. "It was kind of hard to focus on anyone of their guys because they had so many weapons. I'm sure they're going to represent the region well in the tournament," Kampe said.

NKU (28-4) plays Texas A&M Commerce (23-7) on March 19th.



David Cameron

Fan support is great on the road as men have amazing journey

Dave Shirkey and Casey Colussi are your ordinary guys. Going to class, having a little fun, trying to make it through the day.

O.K., maybe they aren't. Maybe they aren't that ordinary. Dave and Casey have developed a following of sorts.

Why, you ask?

Answer: because they are superfans.

This past wild weekend (when the men's basketball team advanced to the sweet 16) a "sixth man" came to Indianapolis to root for OU.

Drowning out the Northern Kentucky, Grand Valley State and Indy faithful, were OU's finest fans.

I can't believe the crowd that "Shirk" and Casey helped lead to the Hoosier state.

When OU beat GVSU on Thursday, there was a feeling of satisfaction, that the men advanced to the second-round.

After OU beat the Greyhounds on their home court, in front of the Indy fans, the feeling was that of...

Destiny. Yes, the players believed, its fans believed. Even I started to believe that maybe, just maybe a elite eight birth would be in the cards.

Nuts. OU's hot streak ended against Northern Kentucky University on Saturday night.

It was a nice run at the last NCAA-II Championship that possibly, with a few breaks, OU could have won.

Credit has to go where it's due. Seniors Craig Frohock, Dan Buza, Harold Baber and Kevin Kovach have much to be proud of.

Their list of accomplishments: Eighty-five wins. Four NCAA tournament appearances.

Two GLIAC Championships (A South Division title in 1997 and a co-championship in 1996).

Of the four seniors, senior guard Harold Baber played the least.

Harold handled his situation about as well as anyone.

He mostly sat for his four years here. He didn't complain once and his supporting of his teammates was outstanding.

Buza came to OU as a walk-on. Throughout five years, he left everything he had in terms of desire, out on the court.

This season, Buza lived up to his nickname (given to him by the student fans) of "the glove".

Frohock contributions this season were immense. He helped win a late-January game at Michigan Tech, scoring 18 points. He was the steady presence on the team.

The last of the seniors (or the first depending how you look at it) is Kovach.

He was due for a breakout game on Saturday.

I would say he had it. His 39 points saved OU's season and the way he did it was even more impressive.

Kovach hit fadeaways, he had hands in his face all night. And he overcame this.

The team overcame a great deal this season—the lost of a key freshman, injuries and odds that were stacked.

Yes, it was a season to remember. Shirk could tell you that.

Pioneer of the Week



Kevin Kovach
6-1 senior
guard
Men's Basketball

Kovach single-handedly kept OU in their NCAA tournament game on Saturday night by scoring a career-high 39 points in the Pioneers' 75-72 win against the Greyhounds.

Kovach averaged 19.7 points per game this season and finished his career with 1700.

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Mar 12--Sat., Mar 15

• Men's / Women's Swimming and Diving teams at NCAA Nationals, San Antonio, Texas, TBA

Wed., Mar 12-Sat., Mar 15

• Baseball team is at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic Tournament, Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Sat., Mar 15

*Lacrosse team is at Western Michigan University

*non-varsity (club)

Men's Basketball Notes

*Senior guard Kevin Kovach and sophomore center Matt McClellan were named to the NABC NCAA-II All-District team.

Kovach and McClellan were two of 80 players receiving honors and are now eligible for the NABC All-American ballot that will be announced later this month.

*Kovach had 173 assists this season, giving him 520 for his career—2nd on the all-time list (to Brian Gregory's 905)

*The Men's team finished 23-8 for the season (.742 winning percentage).

The previous record for wins came during the 1993-94 and the 1995-96 season when the Pioneers were 21-10 and 21-8, respectfully.

*Northern State (S.D.)—the school that OU lost to in last season's NCAA tournament, 98-92—was knocked out of the tournament by North Dakota State, 90-89 in overtime in the North Central regional, at Brookings, S.D. on Friday, March 7th. NDS advanced to face Fort Hays State (Kan.)—the No. 1 team in NCAA-II and sporting a 28-1 record. FHS won the 1996 title against Northern Kentucky University, 70-63.

Baseball Notes

*The Pioneers have a 2-1 record thus far down at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic at Fort Meyers, Fla. (games through March 9).

OU faces Keene State today (KS was 23-16 in '96). On Thursday, the team plays St. Joseph's (Ind.) The Pumas finished 2nd at the '96 Division II World Series.

Cagers eliminated in NCAA's Tankers try for sixth title

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Friday night at Marquette wasn't kind to OU.

The women's basketball team was eliminated in the NCAA Great Lakes regional semi-final, falling to Northern Michigan University, 66-56 before 1,268 at NMU's Hedcock Fieldhouse.

OU, which lost in last year's NCAA tournament first-round game to Southern Indiana University 84-83, shot only 40 % in losing to No. 2 seed NMU.

Pioneers senior point guard Lori Young scored a team-high 21 points, but didn't record any assists. Junior forward Tamika Bates had 12 with 15 rebounds.

The women finished the season at 25-5—its best season since the 1989-90 club went 27-6 and reached the final four.

Young was hit with a technical foul with 1:57 left and NMU up by four.

The resulting foul shots put NMU up six and gave them the ball.

OU women's coach Bob Taylor said the Young foul may not have directly led to the Wildcats' win, but it certainly didn't help OU's cause.

"It was a four-point game...," Taylor said. "Instead of down four, we were down six and they got the ball."

Taylor said that the Great Lakes region was tough.

"Teams in our conference—Michigan Tech, Northern and Oakland can play with any Division I team in Michigan."

Last Thursday, OU beat to Saginaw Valley State University in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, 83-72.

OU senior forward Kristen Grant scored 16 points and junior guard Ulrika Nilsson had 13 in the victory.

Taylor said that OU simply is better than the Cardinals right now.

"We played well, and I think we're just better than Saginaw," he said. "I think Saginaw is an up-and-coming team."

The women's team shot 43.9 % against SVSU and had four players in double figures.

Taylor said he thought his club fought and that in this final year of Division II OU has been the most steady team in the 1990s coming out of the GLIAC.

"In the 90s, six teams won a region...," he said. "Oakland won two (regionals). We're the only team to win twice."

"I think we're the most consistent (team) in the region (the Great Lakes)."

SVSU ended the season at 19-11, while NMU ended its year at 27-2, losing to the No. 1 seed Southern Indiana University in the Great Lakes regional final.



WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR: Senior Lori Young lets her emotions show during OU's loss to Northern Michigan in the GLIAC title game March 1st. OU fell short in the NCAA tournament, losing to NMU, 66-56, Friday.

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Features Editor

The Women's swimming and diving team is going to San Antonio to swim its final Division II National Championship with a different attitude than in the past.

Junior Clarice Gelmine said head coach Tracy Huth has emphasized to them to just swim fast, relax and have fun.

By looking at the women's record it is obvious that OU has dominated the National Championships for the first half of this decade winning the National Championship title in 1990-1994 and second the last two years.

The strong record the lady Pioneers have amassed meansthis meet alone is not going to effect the way others look at OU's program, said Gelmine.

"We're not putting the mental stress on ourselves. We're a whole lot more positive. I don't think we're scared to swim fast. We're ready to swim fast and want to swim fast," said Gelmine.

Having a really good conference meet along with good tapering (cutting yardage) the past two weeks and preparing mentally are all important factors in making the team more relaxed.

Members of the 1996-97 team believe Drury College will be its biggest competition.

"They've come along way in the last couple of years, (but) I think we will be able to stay on top," said senior Gisa Alessandri.

"It's not qualifying anymore, it's 80% mental from this point on," said Alessandri. "We have to swim as a team more than as individuals," she said.

Alessandri said next to winning the championship title, a main goal is to unite. It is important to show the freshman and sophomores how competitive OU is and what it feels like to be National Champions, she said.

Fourth consecutive title men's swimmers, divers goal at Nationals in last year of NCAA Division

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Features Editor

A year of hard work and dedication involving both physical and mental training will come down to meters, strokes and the seconds on the time clock at the men's swimming and diving NCAA Division II nationals on March 12-15 in San Antonio beginning today.

If on March 15 the men win the national title, it will be the fourth straight year.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards:

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Head Coach Pete Hovland said he's heard talk that both Drury College and California State University-Bakersfield would like to see OU come out losers in their final Division II

"It would be really nice to see everyone happy with the way they performed."

Jay Judson
Senior

National Championship.

Hovland added, "It's just the hype before a big big meet. I'd like my guys to feel that way to."

Along with Hovland many members of the team agreed that Drury will be its biggest competition.

"We're expecting a closer meet than in the past," said senior Jay Judson.

Sophomore Mike Robberson said, "This year Drury has some talented swimmers that will take some events, but we have the depth."

As of Jan. 27 Drury had 17 swimmers seeded in the top six out of 13 individual events and on relay team out of five seeded first.

"They're (Drury) a very talented team, but we're better," said fresh-

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VICTORY MARCH: Men's swimming and diving coach seeks to lead OU to another National

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