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Sophomore guard Kevin Kovach, left, was named GLIAC Player of the Week after averaging 25.5 points, seven rebounds, and six and a half assists to help push his team's national ranking to 11th.

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-- Sandra Packard
President, OU

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-- David Bricker
President AAUP

PACKARD QUITTS

Campus reactions vary to President's sudden departure

- Shock, indifference marks President exit from school

By ERICA BLAKE
Features Editor

The unexpected departure of President Sandra Packard announced at Tuesday's special Board of Trustees meeting evoked reactions of concern, surprise and relief among OU's faculty and students.

"It is certainly an awkward period for us, her resigning after two and a half years," said David Bricker, president of the American Association of University Professors, the faculty union and a professor of Philosophy. "She was a very hard worker with long hours and clearly devoted to helping OU. Unfortunately, she has not done much quality listening and found it difficult to take advice."

Others said her micromanaging and often combative leadership style had harmed OU both internally and externally. Her departure avoids the public embarrassment of a long-rumored vote of no confidence by some of the University's 350

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I QUIT: Sandra Packard, at left, during her campus visit with Oakland University during the winter of 1992. At right, Packard and Interim President Gary Russi confer following her resignation.

Still simmering on the front burner

- Thursday the University Senate is scheduled to discuss and vote on the strategic plan, a prime Packard initiative to chart the future of program growth within the institution. The plan has received mixed reactions from faculty, staff and students.
- Two search committees have started reviewing applications for deans of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Human Services. A third search committee for the dean of the School of Business Administration has not yet begun. Director of admissions, legal counsel and university lobbyist positions also remain vacant.
- Preliminary plans for a student supported Rec Center are under review.

Cabinet responds to Packard's resignation



Paul Bissonnette



David Dissend

"I had no idea she was leaving until today... (But) everything is in place. This won't have an effect on OU issues."

"It will take a while to digest... It comes as a surprise."

"I was surprised, I was just getting to know the president. I wish her well."

"We will keep moving forward, this is not going to affect our daily operation."



Mary Beth Snyder



Gary Russi

Russi tagged interim leader

- Her resignation signals end of controversial 31-month tenure

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

President Sandra Packard resigned Tuesday at a special Board of Trustees meeting catching faculty and staff by surprise.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Gary Russi was named interim president by a board vote. Chairman David Fischer promised an immediate start to a search for a permanent replacement for Packard who left to take a position as a senior fellow with American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington D.C.

Packard's departure comes after an at times stormy 31-month tenure. Most recent controversies include the suspension of a Biological Science professor on charges of academic misconduct and a bad publicity over the cutting of trees at the main entrance to the university. Recent board meetings often included sparring matches between Packard and various trustees who would challenge her publicly. It was clear Packard had lost board support.

But sources say Packard's departure became inevitable last fall when businessman Fischer assumed the chair's job and the board retained Bloomfield Hills attorney Charles Clippert to explore a severance agreement with the president. She was on her third one year contract which expires June 30, but the board did not want to wait.

Since then Packard has been searching for face-saving employment elsewhere. Her husband, a clinical psychologist who moved with her to Rochester from Tennessee will remain in the area as will one daughter who is pursuing a graduate degree.

Packard and her family will continue to live at the presidential residence, Sunset Terrace, until June 30.

Packard said after the meeting that she and the board had reached an agreement for her severance package 10:30 p.m. Monday. However, her attorney, Joseph Golden of Southfield, and the Board attorney Clippert hammered out language and other changes throughout the day on Tuesday.

The board meeting started shortly after 3 p.m. Packard did not attend the start of the board meeting. The six trustees present, Fischer, Rex Schlaybaugh Jr., Ann Nicholson, David Handelman, James Sharp Jr. and Howard Sims, immediately voted to go into closed session. The trustees were briefed by the board retained counsel on Packard's terms for departure and negotiations continued back and forth between the attorneys and their respective clients for almost two hours until an agreement was signed

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and notarized.

Meanwhile, speculation in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms where the public meeting was held grew as the rumor began to circulate that Packard's departure was imminent. Attendance grew from several dozen to nearly 100 at one point during the afternoon.

When the board returned, Schlaybaugh introduced the resolution accepting Packard's resignation. Her resignation was effective Tuesday, but she was given a paid professional development leave by the board through August 14, 1994 and the option of returning as a Professor of Education.

Packard, who sat at her customary spot at the table when the board returned, spoke briefly highlighting her successes and thanking the community,

students and staff for their support.

Schlaybaugh then introduced a resolution appointing Russi.

The board's special meeting and the president's resignation was a complete surprise to most.

The board office had reserved the rooms two weeks before, but a meeting was not listed on the OC schedule. Members of the faculty and administration said they knew nothing about the meeting. The campus was not notified of a special meeting though some signs were posted in the residence halls Monday evening. No agenda was distributed.

"I had no idea she was leaving until today," said Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonette.

However, one board member said last fall that both Bissonette and Russi had approached the trustees to discuss concerns about Packard's leadership. Following this, the board retained out-

side counsel Clippert to negotiate the termination.

Fischer and Schlaybaugh met with the four vice presidents at 2:45 p.m., and Russi met with the academic deans at 2:30 p.m. to inform them of Packard's resignation and his pending appointment as interim President.

Fischer said a search firm would be hired. Fischer also said the board plans campus participation in the selection process.

"The board will be moving very quickly," said Russi. "I think the target date (for a new president) will be Fall 1995." He said the board hopes to make a decision on a firm at its Feb. 2 meeting.

Russi said the resignation should not affect the current searches for deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education and Human Services or the School of Business Administration.

Packard will not be paid for her work

at AASCU, but she will continue to receive her regular salary, approximately \$72,000 from OU until her contract ends Aug. 14.

"I have committed to do approximately seven months (at AASCU), but we'll see," said Packard. "I can either come back here or go somewhere else. Really, right now I don't know."

Packard was named OU president in March, 1992 after a six month search which began shortly after the resignation of Joseph Champagne. She was Oakland's fourth president.

During her tenure, she initiated an intensive strategic planning process, eliminated a deficit, replaced her cabinet, won approval for a new science building, consolidated students services into a centralized location in North Foundation Hall and supported a proposal for a student funded recreation center.

Flight of the Higher Ups

A total of seven vice presidents and deans have resigned or retired in the immediate months following President Sandra Packard's arrival at Oakland University. Several of them complained of her style and approach to the position.

• Dec. 1994: Business school Dean George Stevens resigns effective in June.

• Spring, 1994: College of Arts and Sciences Dean John Urice and School of Education and Human Services Dean Jerry Pine both resign effective in August, 1994.

• Fall 1994: Wilma Ray-Bledsoe resigns as vice president of student affairs. John DeCarlo retires as chief legal counsel and senior vice president of government affairs.

• Fall 1992: Robert McGarry, the vice president of finance and administration, retired.

• July, 1992: Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Keith Kleckner forced to resign.

Reaction

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member faculty.

Although leaving in the middle of her third one year contract, board members remain convinced that Packard's resignation will not disrupt development on campus and that her time was well spent.

"We will miss her presence and strong leadership," said David Fischer, chairman of the Board. "Anytime something like this happens there is deep concern but we have a very strong staff who has provided for all contingencies."

"I am taking this at face value," Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh Jr. said. "This shouldn't have an effect on OU, we will start a search for a replacement soon."

"The Board is developing a search for a new president," added Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonette.

"She had a great two and a half years and everything is in place."

Faculty members expressed mixed emotions upon learning of Packard's resignation.

"I think it's a good thing for the university," said Psychology professor Harvey Burdick. "That's a harsh thing to say but I feel that she was not a good person for this job. I don't think she brought the university together nor did she generate morale among neither faculty nor students."

Associate Professor of Rhetoric Wilma Garcia agrees. "It's the best news I've heard in years. I was really, really discouraged with the erosion of minority presence in top administration," Garcia said.

"I was caught off guard by her resignation," said George Stevens, dean of the School of Business and Administration. Stevens acknowledged, "there had been some concerns (about the way she ran the university). Sometimes people should've done A but instead they did B."

On the other hand, Professor of Communication Shea Howell was

concerned with the possible reversal of the progress that Packard had achieved.

"I'm upset about this. My main concerns are with the black students and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance and Dr. Packard was supportive of both."

While many faculty and staff members looked up to Packard as the leader of the university, others looked to her simply as a friend.

"I think it is a tragedy," said Assistant Professor of Sociology Kevin Early. "Dr. Packard was an excellent leader and she has set the tempo for what we need to do in the 21st century. In her brief tenure, she managed to get us the recognition in Lansing we deserved."

Students who attended the meeting had conflicting opinions on Packard's job as president, however, all were surprised by her resignation.

"It's a shock. Students have a bad image of Dr. Packard but she's done a lot of good things, like the Science center, getting funding from outside sources," said Kirsten Sapelak, a junior in Human Resources

Management. "It's a shame, we'll see what happens."

"I'm shocked," said Connie Jaraez, a junior in Political Science. "I hope all of her goals for OU are complete, I'd very disappointed if they weren't."

Whereas most students were mainly concerned with the immediate effects resulting by the announcement, President of Student Congress Michael Simon fears Packard's resignation will hurt the university not only internally but externally as well.

"She was a major player in Michigan politics," he said. "We're going to get hurt in the appropriations battle for sure."

"It will be a loss for the university," Lou Comisso, the president of Christian Fellowship said. "We hope for the best for her, we're keeping her in our prayers."

"She was the best thing that happened to this institution," the director of the Oakland Center Bill Marshall said. "She had great vision and will be a great loss to this university."

Sue King also contributed to this story.

Lani Guinier

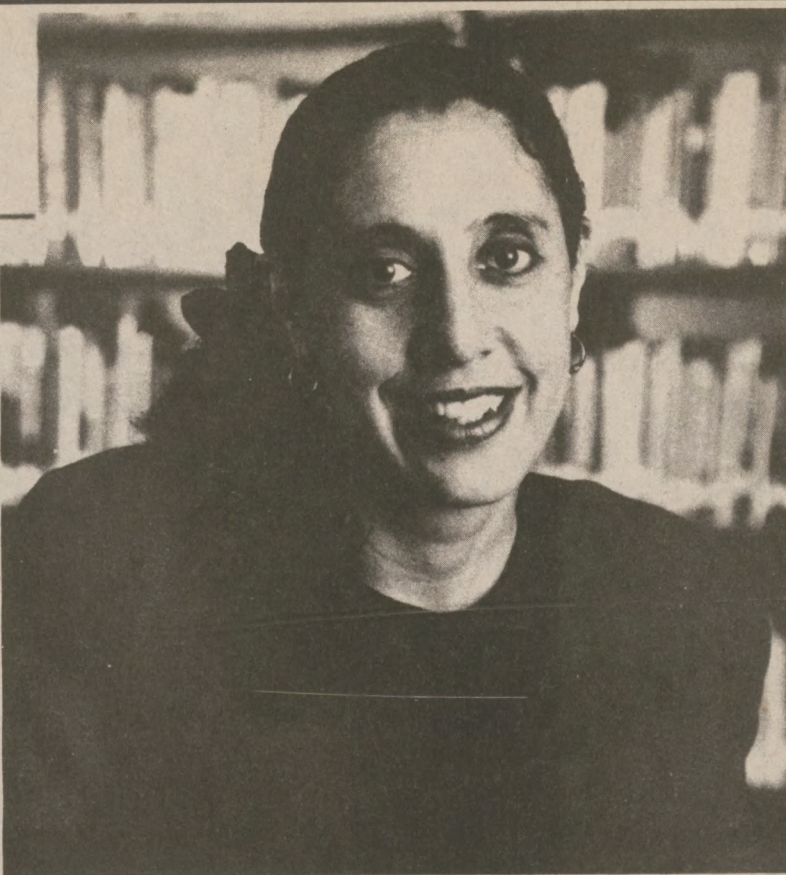
The Student Life Lecture Board of Oakland University is pleased to announce Lani Guinier will speak at the university January 25, 1995. The lecture will take place in the Oakland Center Crockery at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for the public are \$9 each and will be discounted \$1 if purchased by January 24.

Lani Guinier is current teaching law at the University of Pennsylvania. In April of 1993, President Clinton nominated her to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. The nomination set off a political firestorm and media frenzy. There were stories about her position to abolish the one person one vote principle, or to establish quotas to guarantee representation. Politicians and reporters alike quoted her writings, most of the time out of context. Some reports even reported what other news reports said. Although very few people actually read what she wrote or spoke to her about what her position was, President Clinton withdrew her nomination 36 days after he made it.

Lani Guinier is a committed civil right attorney who now is free to defend herself and express her views. She has done so in a book entitled, "*The Tyranny of the Majority: Fundamental Fairness in Representative Democracy*". She has made a number of "concrete" proposals to lessen the affects of majority (win - lose) rule and points the way to a democracy of *all* the people. It is these views that she will be speaking on January 25, 1995.

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Campus News

December 4 - 7:05 p.m. - A 19 year-old male visiting his girlfriend in the Residence Halls returned to his car and noticed two men trying to break into the driver side door. After being noticed, the suspects jumped into a car parked in the next aisle and drove away. No damage was done to the vehicle.

CRIME WATCH

December 5 - 9 p.m. - A man was arrested after being stopped for having improper plates. During a routine check it was discovered that Pontiac Police held a warrant for his arrest for FTA-Trespass. The suspect, after being given misdemeanor citations for DWLS and improper plates, was allowed to post a \$20 bond.

December 8 - 4:30 p.m. - As a woman got out of her car in the northwest parking lot, she noticed a man standing near a pickup truck with his pants unzipped, exposing himself. She said the suspect was masturbating. The complainant said that she only glanced at the suspect and then turned away. The woman had never seen the man before.

December 9 - 8 p.m. - A car was reported stolen from OU's Northwest parking lot after a man looked for his vehicle, but was unable to find it. The Honda was finally found stripped in Cleveland, Ohio almost a month later.

December 9 - 3 p.m. - Another indecent exposure complaint was reported. This incident occurred on the third floor of the Kresge Library, when a woman noticed the suspect kneeling on the floor. It appeared that he was looking for a book. However, minutes passed with the suspect still on the floor. The complainant then noticed the man touching his penis. At that time, the woman went to the dean's office and called the Oakland University Police Department. The 40 year-old man was charged indecent exposure, a misdemeanor carrying one year in prison or a \$500.00 fine.

January 4 - 10:30a.m. - A man was arrested after he was found living illegally with his girlfriend in the Residence Halls. The man entered a plea of not guilty to the charges and his bond was set at \$100.00 cash. Before his arrest, the man indicated that he had talked to, and received a letter on Dec. 2, 1994 from a Residence Halls employee stating that he was not allowed to be in the building.

Briefly

Important Dates

Jan. 5-Jan. 17- Late registration begins. Hours are Mon-Thurs. 8:30a.m.-6:30p.m. and Fri. 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. A \$35.00 late fee will be added to all registrations after Jan. 3. Payment is due by the end of the registration period and an instructor's signature is required for all courses.

Jan. 11- First day of 30% tuition forfeiture. Second housing payment and second tuition and fees payment for students on deferred payment plan due.

Jan. 17- Last day for "no-record" drops and registering to audit a course. It is also the last day for adding full semester classes without the \$10.00-per-course Late Add fee.

Coffeehouse Concert

Jere Stormer, Robert Jones, and the Four Hands will be performing on Saturday, Jan. 14 in the Abstention Room in the OC at 8p.m. The free concert is sponsored by the OU Student Program Board's Underground Coffeehouse.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in the Gold Rooms of the OC on Jan. 18 from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. and Jan. 19 from noon-6 p.m. For an appointment, call CIPO at 2020. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Student Life Series

On Wednesday, January 25, Lani Guinier will speak about Fairness in a democratic society. Tickets are \$9 for the public, \$6 for OU employees and alumni and \$3 for OU students. Advance tickets for the event at 2:30 in the OC Crockery are available at CIPO.

OU registration equals frustration

By SALLY TATO
Staff Writer

Failure to meet the new early Dec 5 tuition payment deadline left about 580 students without classes this winter semester.

Although students were informed of the new payment date in the Winter Schedule of Classes and in the registration area, there still remained some confusion about the cancellations.

"I was made aware of the early tuition payment date, but I wasn't aware that I would be dropped," said Patricia Koenig, a Registered Nurse in the RNBS completion program.

"I got a notice in the mail that I had been dropped and I had thought that I'd be paying on registration day," said graduate student Ed Simons.

There was the assumption by the administration that because an early payment date was the policy for the Fall semester, students would assume it was the policy for the Winter said Assistant Registrar Ron Sommerville.

"Next year I don't think the number (of dropped students) will be as high because students will be more prepared," said Sommerville.

"I think it was my fault because it was my responsibility to know when the payment was due," said senior Dyana Cyplik.

This semester students who were cancelled received letters in December informing them of their status. They were also offered the option to return to register during regular registration on Jan 3 and approximately 360 students did return according to Sommerville.

However, regular registration lines were long and slow because of the excess students and a computer failure that OU experienced. The problems were due to hardware difficulties at Genix, a mainframe power supplier that the university rents from.

The slow registration process aggravated students and sparked a protest sponsored by University Student Congress. A flier distributed to those waiting in regular registration lines urged students to call the Registration Office on Jan 5 to voice their concerns.

A phone-in was announced because students were getting frustrated with long lines and no alternatives when every other school seems to have mail-in or touch tone registration according



Bartalucci

to Michael Simon, Student Congress President.

However, although the registration office was prepared to handle student questions and concerns, responses were minimal. "I'm shocked, but I'm not surprised," said Simon. "But regardless of the number of responses, the whole process (of distributing fliers and talking to students) brought some light on the fact that students want alternative forms of registration."

"I've been to two community colleges and two universities and this is the worst. The fact that they don't have Touch-Tone registration is archaic," said senior Barry Cohn.

Oakland University is currently looking into Touch-Tone Telephone Registration and was supposed to obtain the service in

"There will be a review process on the effectiveness of the early payment dates."

--Lawrence Bartalucci
Registrar

April of 1994. However, the Voice Response Unit, that is necessary to have Touch Tone Telephone Registration, was not compatible with the Integrated Student Information System-ISIS, that the university currently uses, according to registrar Larry Bartalucci.

"Then the responsibility of interfacing the Voice Response Unit and ISIS falls on the university," said Bartalucci. "What the university is looking for is a Voice Response Unit supported by a vendor and a Student System supported by a vendor; with both thinking on the same track."

Touch Tone Registration will be available after the new student system is put in, which is projected to happen in the Winter of 1997 according to Bartalucci.

Meanwhile, students will continue to register in person and the new early payment dates will remain in effect. However, there will be a review process on the effectiveness of the early payment dates.

Based on the results of the review, the university will decide whether to change the policy, said Bartalucci.



LONG LINES: The Jan. 3 registration line extended through and into the basement of the Oakland Center as students waited to sign up for 1995 Winter Semester classes.

Student Congress Book Swap a \$ucce\$\$

By ASHLEY ROWELL
Staff Writer

Students participating in the Student Congress Book Swap last week received about \$2,000 for their used books which the Oakland University Bookstore may not have bought.

According to Kirsten Sapelak, a member of Student Congress, over 80 of the approximately 180 books brought in by students were sold, making the event a success.

"We've had a good response," said Sapelak. "Students have been complaining about money they have been getting from the bookstore, so they're getting a better deal with us. Students whose books are sold are getting more money than they would from buy-back and those who purchase books are paying much less."

Used books were accepted during finals week and were sold from Jan. 3 - Jan. 6.

Students who participated in the Book Swap were required to fill out a contract agreement and set their own price. If their books were sold, they received the money. If not, the books were returned. Students then still had the option of going through the Bookstore.

"I'm happy," says Steven Fiondo, a graduate student of Electronic Engineering. Fiondo bought four books for only \$28. "I always shop the book swap first. The deals are so good, you have to get there early." Fiondo also pointed out that the books are good for supplementary material.

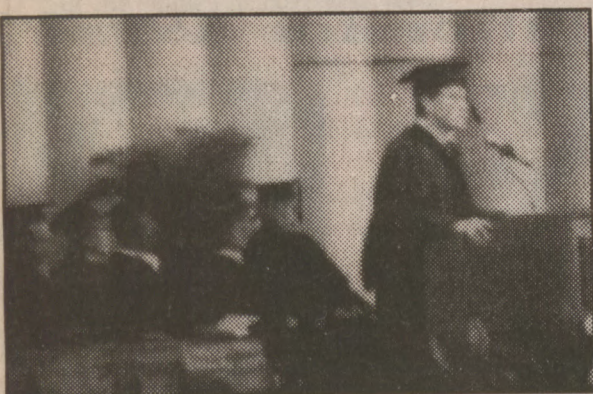
"I wish them success," said OU Bookstore Manager Denise McGee. She also said that the Bookstore has felt no competition from the Book Swap.

Books that sold quickly were those for general education, language, science and engineering courses.

Student Congress, which receives no money from the event, previously held the Book Swap in 1989 and 1990 and decided to try it again this year. Sapelak hopes that it will get bigger in the future. Janette David, Chair of the Student Service Committee at Student Congress, said that U-M Ann Arbor has a Student Book Exchange, which brings in about \$20,000 a semester.

Michael Manson, Financial Assistant of Student Congress, said checks should be sent to students who had books sold in about a month.

Most students enter college with hope, exit much older



Post Photo

JOB BOUND: According to the American Council on Education, only 25 percent of freshmen earn their degree within four years.

By DIANA PLETZ
Staff Writer

Most students entering college have every intention of graduating in four years. But, if you change majors, drop a few classes, or work during the semester, suddenly that graduation date is five or six years away.

Mike Badalamente, 25, started at Central University in sports medicine and physical therapy. He volunteered at a PT business and decided he'd be bored with it as a career. Then he tried marketing, advertising and pre-law. He finally transferred to OU with a business degree in mind.

"I graduated in 5 1/2 years," and "I lost probably 30 credits (about a year) transferring. But

most were physical therapy credits and I couldn't use them anyway."

Badalamente, an OU finance graduate thinks that going longer than four years surely shouldn't be held against you. "It is hard to decide what to do for the rest of your life in just a few years."

This is the same stance students are taking nationwide and OU is in the mainstream of the national trend says George Dahlgren, the Dean of Graduate Study.

According to the American Council on Education, in the 1970's an average of 45 percent of students graduated in the traditional four years. Now, only 25 percent of college freshmen earn their degree within four years, and the average is still falling.

Susan Blean, 19, a management information systems major, works about 21 hours a week at the Detroit Athletic Club, and was on the OU swim team last year, spending 40 hours a week in the pool.

Blean expects to graduate in five years rather than four, because she is working, and taking 12 credits each fall and winter semester and not 16, and plans to work throughout the spring and summer sessions. "If I took 16 credits and was stressed I'd be a basket-case. It wouldn't be worth it."

"Our typical students take 12 credits and not 16," says Laura Schartman, acting director in the

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Packard's exit sudden, sad end to tenure

Sandra Packard once recalled that as one of her first official duties as President she was asked to sink the first free-throw at the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament held annually on OU's campus.

She admittedly was no athlete, but after a little coaching, eyed the so-called charity stripe, took a glance at the basket and drained the shot, much to the delight of the crowd.

If only yesterday's decision was as easy.

Tuesday's rumor mill and inter-building whispering gained ground quite rapidly, and depending which building you were in, the story differed, however slight.

The bottom line was that Packard was gone. It was just a matter of how.

Most people were surprised -- not at the fact that her office was virtually emptied of any personal effects by midday Tuesday -- but at the speed with which she bolted.

Talk of a vote of no-confidence or a public ousting had been around for more than a year. The end, many feared, would be public -- and nasty.

Thankfully, she was spared a messy divorce from the "family" she envisioned parenting into the 21st Century.

But in the end, it was her immediate family -- members of her cabinet -- who pushed for her ouster following a succession of public embarrassments like the Rasul Chaudhry lawsuit, a spat over tree cutting and last week's embarrassing listing of her in a local newspaper column as one of 1994's losers among prominent Michigan women.

And now the president whom the faculty welcomed with mixed feelings is gone. What will be her legacy? A hard-driving, bull-in-a-china shop who angered and alienated many of her coworkers? Or an energetic change agent caught by resistance to her push for reform.

A tenure that started with hope and a shot from the charity stripe at the Gus Macker, proceeded through groundbreaking ceremonies for a long awaited science building, intense strategic planning, a rash of high level resignations and retirements, and ends with, ironically, charity from the board of trustees: a way out.

She deserved at least that much.

Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Advisor urges fan support

Dear Editor,

School Spirit

Once again Oakland's athletic teams have proven that they are one of the strongest Division II schools in the state if not the country. Over the past year following NCAA Championships in women's and men's swimming, they continued with the soccer team going all the way to the finals before losing. (Congrats Coach Parsons). Again this year the men's and women's basketball teams are looking great (the men's team is currently ranked 12th in the country) this year and playing exciting basketball. I challenge any and all OU students who claim to be sports fans to come out and see them play. I also propose that now since we have a pep band which is exciting and fun to listen to, that we

make it miserable for the other teams who come to our house to play. At Duke University, consistently a national powerhouse in Division I basketball, their fans are really into their support and help immensely in their program. Cameron arena, its home court, has become home for the Cameron Crazies, fans who are great and entertaining. I suggest that Lepley becomes home for the Lepley Loonies, and that we also in the same manner support our National Champion Women's and Men's swimming teams during their meets. Also be prepared for a new fight song. Go Pioneers!

Sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Academic Advisor
SECS

Student questions snow removal, sidewalk safety as winter health risks approach

Dear Editor,

Here it is, another winter for students at Oakland University. Snow, slush, salt, ice and cold -- all the things that come with winter. How does Oakland deal with them? Look around after it has snowed. See anything? Anyone? Can you see the parking lines? The sidewalks?

Have you ever seen the parking lots after a heavy snow-fall the night before? I've seen

isles where you can't even drive down. People being parked in because there is a car in front as well as behind them. Cars sliding around on ice-like snow. Then when things start to melt students get sloshed from all the slush.

How about the sidewalks? When was the last time you saw them completely clear of snow? This past summer perhaps? Have you ever stepped on a snow-covered ice spot and nearly broken your neck? Putting salt down before removing the snow... is this some new tech-

nique I haven't heard of?

I'm sure everybody has some snow story to tell. Near-collisions in the parking lot, being parked in or sliding across campus to the next class being careful not to break any bones. Large businesses do a better job of removing snow. Wake up and do something before someone gets seriously injured as a result of pure negligence.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Garcia
Junior
Business Administration

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"What's your New Year's resolution for 1995?"



Brenda Escalante
freshman, physical therapy
"Brush my teeth more regularly."



Amanda Burdeno
sophomore, com./hrm
"I try not to make them because I never keep them."



Kevin Schneider
junior, political science
"Play less Sega so I can concentrate on studying."



Laura Hoffner
junior, biology/chemistry
"Quit buying so many clothes from the GAP."

Stags and Hens

OU students will perform Willy Russell's *Stags and Hens* this week in Green Bay, Wis. at the American College Theater Festival, Region III. Senior actors Jennifer Lester, Julie VanDusen, and Guy Klender, will be competing for the Irene Ryan Foundation Acting Scholarship. A benefit performance directed by Karen Sheridan was held Monday in Varner Studio to help defray the cost of the trip. *Stags and Hens* is competing for the opportunity to be one of six acts chosen to go to Washington D.C. to perform at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Break a leg.

A KISS IS JUST A KISS: Jenny Lester and Chad Kushuba exchange a kiss in *Stags and Hens* a comedy featured at the American College Theater Festival this week in Green Bay.



Features

All the world's a classroom

By JEREMY HULL
Staff Writer

The concept of college learning has been deemed for centuries as the highest level to which we can attain knowledge, but students have to make it through the classes first.

The traditional way of education inspires us to "be there" when gazing at a picture of The Great Wall of China, or reading about lions on the Serengeti. Taking you to the Great Wall, bringing you to those lions, this is what the Institute for Shipboard Education was created for.

Since 1964 the Institute, based out of the University of

Pittsburgh, has given thousands of students the chance to experience first-hand the far away places and cultures they only get to read about. Through the "Semester at Sea" program, college students can sail off to South America, South Africa and Asia, to learn about the countries and receive credits to boot.

"It's learning through the global classroom," says Jennifer Babin, Financial Aid Coordinator for the Institute. "Experiencing something that's in front of you, that's the most powerful form of education."

Sara Sommervold traded the classroom for the open seas earlier last year when she signed on for the spring semester, setting out in February an "eager and naive 20-year-old," from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and returning 100 days later a "21-year-old with open eyes to the world."

While many students were trudging through the snow to sit through hours of lectures, Sommervold was traveling through Brazil, Venezuela, South Africa, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, China and Hong Kong.

"I can honestly say it was the greatest experience of my life," Sommervold said. "I came home from these countries realizing the U.S. wasn't really a superpower, but just another place of the world pie."

The thought of traveling and receiving credits may sound easy, but the classroom still exists on "Semester at Sea," and is implemented daily into the program.

Through "core classes" taught aboard the boat, students learn about the history, economy and culture of the countries they're visiting, as well as classes dealing with their major.

Requirements for the program are small and few, including a 2.75 grade point average, an essay, one semester of undergraduate work and a small fee: \$12,000 to be exact. And while the fee may already seem pricey, Sommervold says

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now falls, area slopes call

By CHRISTINA L. WALKONS
Assistant Features Editor

Instead of grabbing for skis, Michiganders reached for golf clubs over Christmas vacation this year.

While students enjoyed delicious Christmas dinner and presents under the tree, others sat staring out the windows dreaming of a white Christmas.

"I couldn't wait for it to snow," said junior Jodi Richards. "We were going to go to Searchmont Resort in Canada but there was no snow."

Most Michigan ski resorts were open nonetheless. Cool nights permitted many resorts to make snow, but skiers were limited to few hills and slushy conditions.

The lack of the white stuff, however, didn't hurt Pine Knob too much. "We hit a drought for two weeks, but traditionally people don't ski a lot in December," said Pat Deibel Ski School Director at Pine Knob.

OU Marketing student Ryan Gallant, on the other hand, wasn't concerned.

"If you ski you know the snow doesn't hit until the end of the month [December]."

That was then. Now the ski hills are peppered with swooshers and snowboarders.

"There was a huge pent up demand to ski since there was no skiing in December," explained Deibel.

People at Boyne Highlands, which boasts the "best in the Midwest", are looking forward to a good 1995 ski season.

"We've added eight new slopes at the Highlands," said advertising manager Steve King. "Hopefully people will recognize the improvement and make Boyne their new resort. It's the closest you can get to skiing out west."

Boyne's distance and pricey lift tickets keep many skiers close to home.

Deibel feels Pine Knob's snow conditions and grooming are just as good as Boyne's. He admitted, "We do have a lot of people practice here and get ready to go out west and go up north. We're a kind of feeder resort. We teach people how to ski here."

As a ski instructor, Deibel feels that anybody can ski. "Standing on two skis with boots on sliding down the hill is relatively simple to do. The greatest hindrance is the fear factor."

Most resorts have ski schools with certified instructors.

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RCJ professor featured in book telling of Detroit's fight for survival

By SUE KING
Staff Writer

Believing in a cause, striving to make a change, making a difference. While many believe the city of Detroit is slowly dying, residents work hard to face the problems laid out before them. Professor of Communication, Sharon (Shea) Howell has never stopped exploring ideas on how to help her community.

It was this commitment which led Robert H. Mast to Howell's doorstep while he worked on his book *Detroit Lives*. Mast, who at the time of writing was at Temple University in Philadelphia, interviewed about 100 people in the Detroit area who he felt had been involved in radical politics over the last 50 years with the common goal of achieving change.

"My greatest debt is to the unnamed people of Detroit who, by their example, provided the inspiration for this project," said Mast in the preface of his book. "There was a great sadness about the condition of Detroit. There also was a resolve to dig in and do something about it..."

Howell, who is a big supporter of community organizations, is featured in the chapter outlining the struggles of women. She describes her involvement in the National Organization for an American Revolution (NOAR) and her

participation in marches bringing attention to crack houses with We the People Reclaiming Our Streets (WEPROS).

"Contributing to help make the world better, that seems to be what it is all about," said Howell.

The people profiled in *Detroit Lives* are diverse, ranging from the City Council President, to black political leaders and community organizers. The common criteria of these people are they all live in Detroit, they all hold radical political

beliefs and they are all active (or have been) in Detroit with the goal of changing it for the better.

"People ask me what makes me a radical and I say I was always a radical," Howell said in the book.

Detroit Lives, which was released in October, received a great deal of press attention, including a write up in the *Metro Times*. In addition, all contributors to the book were invited to the Detroit Historical Museum for a public book signing, an event many of those profiled took part in.

Educating the public and sharing her experiences continues to keep Howell busy, however, the OU professor also finds time to promote the rejuvenation of Detroit by offering suggestions to younger generations.

"Become involved in your own community or in Detroit," said Howell who emphasizes that just being involved in the different programs available is the first step in helping our community.

Among the programs which Howell suggested that may attract Metro area youths is "Detroit Summer," a multi-cultural youth program which encourages youths from the area as well as from other countries to help rebuild the city. The youths help to clean up the area, do gar-

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Post photo/Robert Carr

FACES OF DETROIT: Professor Shea Howell is featured in a book profiling activists in the community.

"Dwarf Rapes Nun; Escapes In UFO," a parody of tabloid trash by Arnold Sawislak, is the title of the book I'm currently reading. Although now I'm an English grad student, I've sworn my allegiance to the tawdry queen of journalism. So once again I'm back on the columnist crusade at the *Oakland Post*.

Come to think about it, maybe the tabloid format would boost interest in our student newspaper.

But no, except for me, this professional rag does not report angel stories, Big Foot sightings or commentary on the O.J. Simpson trial or better yet: cocky Willy and the ultimate businesswoman, Hillary. In other words, toeing the hard news line can be a bore.

Titillation, that's what the masses

Hack press excites masses



crave.

The truth requires that fuzzy greed, lust and voyeurism slant to grab the public's attention. Whether it's politics, murder or the university's greed for cash, give the story the right angle and pulses will race and tempers flare.

Connie Chung recognizes this for-

mula. When the press ambushes Newt Gingrich firing the question, "Did your mother lie?" To me, that's true gonzo journalism; raise hell and melt the ego lard of public figures.

Anyway, for those of you who were around last winter semester, you may recall my column in the *Post*. True, because of my vernacular rant, there were no death threats, hostage situations or bomb scares. But I was stalked several times. And once, an inside faculty source confirmed my suspicions; many of OU's faculty did do drugs, disco and engage in promiscuous sex before settling down to a more profes-

sionally deviant and secretive lifestyle.

I fondly remember a few of last year's column topics: an elephant breeding farm in Arkansas, the Bobbitt debacle, the Ann Arbor Hash Bash, cats, rats and other stories of substance-induced hauntings. Ah, there's been big changes since then. I now exist in an industrial purgatory installing carpets in GM trucks, live with a gravity defying cat named Isis, graduated last fall with my journalism degree and finally decided how to ultimately pay the bills...I'm going to be an English professor.

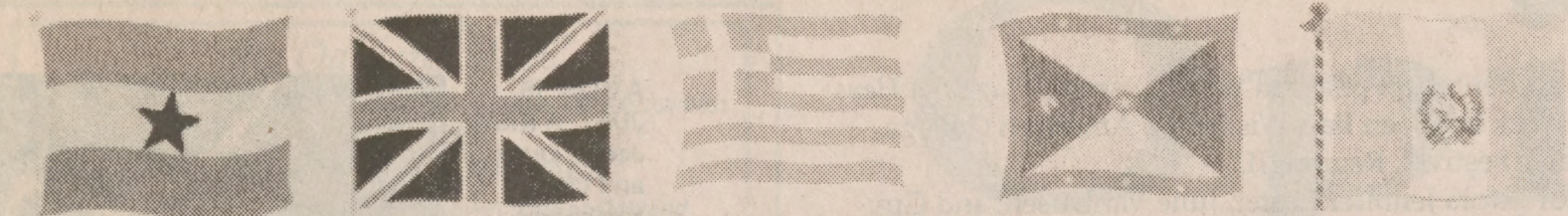
But as I said, I love the journalism trade first. Why? Because of the excite-

ment. On the other hand, I am better suited for the *National Enquirer*. You see I have trouble with reality. Hard news is not for me because I'm addicted to crackpot stories. I know more misfits than any head shrinker at the laughing academy.

For separate examples, I know people who have been: kidnapped by aliens, born again, smoke ganja, live with a mannequin and others who reduce stress by shotgunning bunnies into pieces.

Wherever I go, I'm regaled by odd stories and situations. While interning at the *Oakland Press*, my first front page story featured a woman who found a snake in a hat while shopping at the mall. For a press-law-class-courthouse

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Around the world in 80 pages

Multicultural Reading Group brings the world of foreign literature to OU students with hectic schedules.

By RACHAEL SEA CATALANO
Staff Writer

Now that school's on again, students who like to read usually have to choose between relaxing with a book and failing math or studying. Well, not anymore. The Multicultural Reading Group insist you can do both.

If you've never heard of the M.C.R.G., that's because they're new. The M.C.R.G., which has been on campus since last winter currently is made up of 15 core members with hopes of new recruits. While only students serve as officers and receive the book discount, the M.C.R.G. welcomes faculty, staff and alumni.

"The opportunity for faculty, students and staff to meet in an informal setting is rewarding," Associate Professor of Spanish, Ron Rapin said.

Academic skills secretary, Donna Searight, was surprised she was allowed to join in. "I thought all groups were open only to students."

Although this group is new to Oakland University, it has already been presented with several university awards including: most promising new organization, most

innovative program award and Diversity/multicultural programming award.

Organizers began the group for several reasons. First on their list was to ensure that people with hectic lives would be able to enjoy great books. For this reason, membership requirements are simple. No fundraisers. No dues. Their slogan is "Culture for busy people."

Secondly, M.C.R.G. hopes to open new cultures for people who otherwise would not have been exposed.

"Instead of a faceless country, I want to break culture down to a personal level. It is much harder to discriminate against someone if you see them as a person, rather than symbols," said group president, Jodi Sheridan. However, the M.C.R.G. does not endorse any culture position nor favor any cultural groups. The opinions expressed are the responsibility of each individual.

"They (books) all gave me a different perspective about life in general, and to realize everybody is unique," commented Treasurer/Vice President, Karen Neighbors. "Also, I've read authors I hadn't known before."

The groups definition of "multicultural"

is quite broad.

"We are interested in world culture, not simply certain politically correct ones. We plan on covering literature ranging from Caribbean to Greek, Irish to Icelandic and Thai to Portuguese, along with Russia, Indian, Chinese, Arabic and Italian titles," said Sheridan.

Books are chosen primarily on literary merit. Books must be entertaining, thought provoking and well written. Most of the authors are considered among the best in their fields and the group maintains the books must be worth the members' time. Books must also be paperbacks, no more than \$13 and published within the last five years.

"Reading—Literature—living lives created on the page—allows all of us to 'walk a mile in someone's shoes.' It provides a chance to explore the world through the eyes and cultures of others, and see images of what we are and what we hope the world can be," said advisor and founder Helen Woodman.

The group will be discussing the book, The Queen & I by Sue Townsend, during

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Paul Newman saves face in otherwise 'foolish' flick despite star-studded cast

By MICHAEL CHARACH
Film Critic

There are moments in *Nobody's Fool* that make you wonder if you are watching a brilliant performance or simply an actor who is able to turn a dismal role into an Oscar contender.

Surrounded by inept characters and a script that often finds itself on shaky ground, "Iron Horse," Paul Newman manages to rise above the conventional trappings that plague this overly dramatic and predictable mess of a movie.

Newman is steady as ever in his role as Donald "Sully" Sullivan. Sully is a man determined to sue his son Carl (Bruce Willis) and steal his red Toro snowblower. The exchanges between Willis and Newman are dry and underwritten. We are introduced to Carl but we never

actually get to know him. This is a consistent problem that runs *Nobody's Fool* into the ground. In fact, we are introduced to several characters that are never fully explored and seem more like cardboard cutouts rather than real people.

Based on a novel by Richard Russo, *Nobody's Fool* plays like a cross between *Twin Peaks* and *Northern Exposure*.

The movie opens in a little snow covered town in New York called North Bash. The typical town is complete with a local bar where everyone drinks and gambles their money away. Carl's construction company, "Tip Top Construction," employs the entire town and Sully takes over as the glue who holds them together.

Sully wanders in and out of the lives of the people of North Bash. The movie hobbles along with him as we are treated to a

cast of supporting characters that are ripe for a *Twilight Zone* episode.

There is the one-legged lawyer who loses all of his cases. A woman who wanders in the middle of the road on her way to Albany. A banker who invests all of the town's money into a worthless piece of property then splits. A mildly retarded man who wanders along side Sully and a gunslinging cop who drives his patrol car 100mph to go 3 feet.

Easily there are enough characters in *Nobody's Fool* to make a weekly television series. As for the film, we really never get a sense of who they are or why they are important to the movie.

There are a few pleasures in *Nobody's Fool* which make the trip to the theater worthwhile. The chemistry between Sully and his landlord (Jessica Tandy) is wonderful. Tandy's presence

adds credibility to the films otherwise awkward narrative. It leaves you longing for more and unfortunately Director Robert Benton doesn't deliver.

On the other hand, Howard Shore's music score will have you humming out of the theatre.

Nobody's Fool is a film that is sorely in need of a purpose. It hobbles at a turtle's crawl and displays only glimpses of brilliance.

It's only redeeming quality lies with two actors who have made careers out of turning their roles into gems.

Nobody's Fool
Score: 5 out of 10
Director: Robert Benton
Stars: Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Bruce Willis, Dylan Walsh and Melanie Griffith
Rated: R 112 minutes

OU EVENTS

Meadow Theatre presents the play *Benefactors* through Jan. 29. See schedule for various times and prices or call 370-3300.

The Underground Coffeehouse features Jere Stormer, Robert Jones and Four Hands during the *Dream Catcher's Benefit Coffeehouse* on Saturday, Jan. 14, beginning at 8 p.m. in the OC Abstenion. Free admission. Call 370-4295.

Student Program Board sponsors a full-fledged euchre tournament during the *House of Cards* on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Gold Room A. Sign up at the CIPO service window.

Find out how to become an *orientation group leader* on Monday, Jan. 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC.

CONCERTS

The State Theatre presents *Tom Jones* on Friday, Jan. 13 at

7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call (313) 961-5450.

The *Exceptions* will be performing at St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday, Jan. 11. Doors open at 6:30, \$6.50 tickets. Call (313) 961-6358.

The Detroit Blues Society opens 1995 with and all-day jam featuring *Jeff Grand and the Grand Poobah Blues Band* at Hamtramck's Attic Bar on Sunday, Jan.15. Call (313) 365-

THEATRE

MSU's Wharton Center for the Performing Arts presents the



ART

The Oakland County Galleria presents the *Oakland County Employee Art Exhibit*, a collection of art by employees of Oakland County and their families, on display until Jan. 31. Call (810) 858-0415.

award winning musical *Les Miserables* for eight performances from Tuesday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 22. For ticket and schedule information, call (517) 336-2000 or 800-WHARTON.

OTHER

Oakland County Youth Assistance holds a *volunteer opportunity* for those interested in becoming a positive role model for a child, age 5 to 16 in need of a one-to-one mentor. There will be a training session on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 1-5 p.m. at Oakland County Courthouse. Call (810) 858-0041.

Grosse Pointe Theatre will be holding *open auditions* for the play *Filumena* on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. They are looking for four women from 20 to 75 and seven men from 20 to 65. Call (313) 886-8901 or (313) 881-2258.

CIPO This Week!

CIPO Programs

CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. The Winter schedule includes:

Trip to Europe - Last Call

CIPO along with the Department of Modern Languages, the Center for International Studies and the Honors College announces it has arranged a European trip open to Oakland University students, employees, alumni and their guests. The trip, coordinated by Dewald Travel, will travel to Rome and Florence, Italy and Athens, Greece. It will depart May 4, 1995, and return May 17.

The cost of the trip, based on 20 people signing up will be \$2,325. The trip will include: all transportation; daily continental breakfast and dinner; "moderate first class hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy); tours of Florence, Rome, Athens, and Delphi; and more.

You may sign up at the CIPO Service Window. A \$600 deposit will be due at sign-up. Sign up deadline is Friday, January 12.

The Student Life Lecture Board

The Student Life Lecture Board is please to announce that Lani Guinier will lecture at the university on January 25, 1995. Lani Guinier was nominated to be Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division. The nomination caused a political firestorm as the media and critics cited selected quotations from her writings. The reaction to these selected quotations caused President Clinton to withdraw her nomination before it being considered by the Senate Justice Committee.

Find out what she would have said. What are her views? Tickets are on sale now at the CIPO Service Window.

Leadership Retreat

The University Student Congress, Student Life, CIPO, and Office of Minority Equity will be sponsoring the second annual all campus Leadership Retreat from January 20-22. Participants will learn how to make organizations more effective, how to motivate themselves and others, and how to be persuasive. Student Organizations will be allowed to sign up two members to attend the Retreat at no cost. Additional sign-ups will cost \$62 per person. A limited # of spaces are still open at the CIPO Service Window.

OU Blood Drive

The winter segment of Oakland University's Annual Blood Drive is quickly arriving. It will be held Wednesday, January 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday, January 19 from noon to 6:00 p.m.

The Red Cross desperately needs blood to service the needs of the Metropolitan Detroit area. Call CIPO (370-2020) to make an appointment.

CIPO Service Window

The CIPO Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have: one day Film Processing
Kodak film at low prices!
envelopes
Tickets the Lani Guinier Lecture
Sign up for Leadership Retreat
Trip to Europe
The Meadow Brook Ball
SPB Sign up for the *House of Cards* Euchre Tourney

Stamps are no longer sold at the CIPO Service Window. The Campus Mailroom, located in the Public Safety Building is now a full service Post Office and can sell stamps as well as meet just about any other postal need you may have.

CIPO Services

CIPO offers a range of services designed to be helpful and useful to Oakland University Students.
Two Copy Machines (\$.10 a copy)
Jumper Cables
Licensed Child Care Lists
Locker Rental
Off Campus Housing Lists
Rochester Area Maps (\$1.25)

Quote of the Week

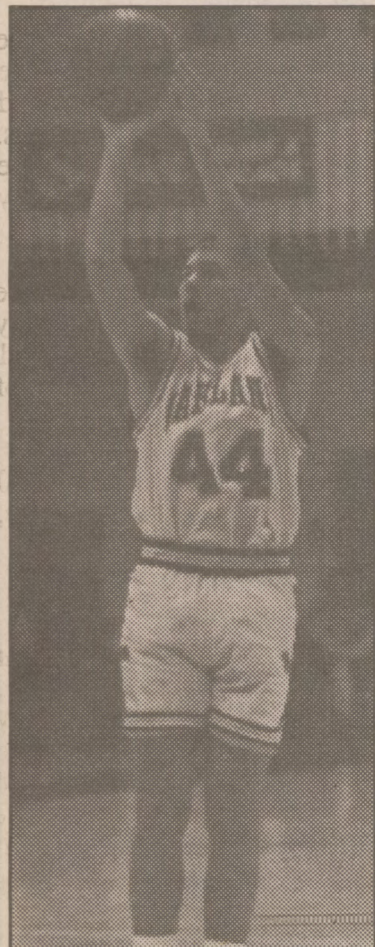
Nominations for quotation of the week are due into CIPO each Friday. Quotations should be profound, about some aspect of leadership, or about a positive outlook on life. Please include the name of the person attributed to the quotation.

This week's quotation is:

"There are three types of people: Those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who wonder what happened".
Dave Moroz

Sports

Pioneer of the Week



Kevin Kovach
6-1 Sophomore
Guard
Men's Basketball

Kovach led the Pioneers to a pair of GLIAC wins on the road last week. At Northwood, Kovach scored a career-high 30 points including 21 in the first half and 14 in a three-minute stretch. At Grand Valley, Kovach scored 21 with a career-best nine boards. For the week, he averaged 25.5 points, seven boards and 6.5 assists, shooting 73 percent from the floor, 58 percent from three-point range, and 86 percent from the foul line. Kovach was selected GLIAC Player of the Week, the fourth different Pioneer to be so chosen this year.

Pioneer Dirt Box

Women's Basketball-

• The Pioneers got a big boost from the return of junior forward Kristen Francis. Francis, who missed the first eight games of the season due to a stress fracture in her right foot, returned to play this past weekend and made a big impact. She scored 19 points and grabbed 15 boards against Grand Valley State, both career-high totals.

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• Senior forward Kelli Krajniak had a solid week for the Pioneers, scoring 16 points against Northwood and scoring 18 with 10 boards against Grand Valley State. Krajniak needs just 71 points to become the 11th 1,000-point scorer in school history.

This Week in Pioneer Sports

Thu., Jan. 12, - Basketball vs. Wayne State: Women - 5:30 p.m.; Men - 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 13, - Men's Swimming at Eastern Michigan, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 14, - Basketball at Lake Superior State: Men - 1 p.m.; Women - 3 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Swimming at Denison, 2 p.m.

Information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information Director

AD search finally under way

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Writer

After being mired in a six-month period of stagnation, the wheels have finally started turning toward selection of new athletic director at Oakland University.

On Dec. 15, the committee held its first formal meeting with President Sandra Packard in the Oakland Center Conference Room.

At the meeting an advertisement for the athletic director was finalized and sent out to the NCAA News and The Chronicle of Higher

Education and was supposed to have appeared in the Jan. 2 issue of both publications.

But since June 30, when Paul Hartman retired from the post, there had been little or no progress made to bring the search process to fruition.

Then on October 20 of last year, William Macauley, political science chair and OU's NCAA faculty representative was selected by Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration to chair the search committee.

Thus the search process began for the search committee which was to select the athletic director.

Finally, on Dec. 6, a committee of six was complete. The six included Glen McIntosh, director of office of minority equity; Felicia Bumpus, coordinator of the intercultural program for campus information programs; John Savio, vice president of the Credit Union; Carole Crum, assistant director of academic services; Eleanor Reynolds, director of residence halls; Kelli Krajniak, OU student and women's basketball player and acting athletic director Greg Kampe.

The next step in the process is receiving and considering applications according to Macauley.

"What we're trying to do is get a large a pool as possible."

Macauley said they already have applications from this past summer (after Hartman retired) from people who expressed interest in the post.

While the committee has not met since Dec. 15, Macauley foresees that it could be meeting weekly once the applications start rolling in.

"Once we start receiving dossiers that will dictate when we will be meeting," he said. "We hope to start evaluating applications by Feb. 6."

In addition to individual mem-

bers making contacts, Macauley, who was attending the annual NCAA convention in San Diego this week was planning to post the ad there as well.

"What we're trying to do is get a large a pool as possible"

William Macauley
Committee Chair

Hot cagers sink Lakers, 87-81

By KEN FILLMORE
Sports Editor

With final exams and the beginning of a new semester quickly approaching, the anxiety and disappointment could cause some students to blow off some steam.

But when some other source of frustration happens to sour the taste of the Christmas turkey, then there are scores to settle.

The women's basketball team must have felt something similar to that after Saginaw Valley State University stunned it, 63-62, on Dec. 10 at the Lepley Center on a buzzer-beating three-pointer by junior guard Angie Suggs.

OU looked to be carrying the momentum from its 93-63 home win over Madonna University three days earlier as it scored the first 10 points of the contest against SVSU.

The Cardinals, which missed its first four shots and had three turnovers during the Pioneers' run, got its first points 4:30 into the game on a jumper by junior guard Melanie Mosure.

The SVSU backcourt tandem of Mosure (nine points, four assists, four steals) and junior Julie Oxley (five points, three rebounds) and OU's 18 of a game total 31 turnovers helped cut the Cardinal halftime deficit to two at 29-27.

SVSU had 26 points, most of those being uncontested breakaway hoops, off Pioneer turnovers.

"We've turned the ball over with the ball in our hands a lot. When we've had a good shot we'll turn the ball over," head coach Bob Taylor said. "We have to cut down on our turnovers."

The lead changed hands seven times in the second half, and senior forward Angela Birchmeier and junior center Julie Nicastri allowed Saginaw to stay within OU's reach.

Birchmeier scored all of her 14 points in the final 20 minutes. Nicastri capitalized on the foul trouble of her counterpart, junior forward Heather Bateman, scoring seven of her 16 points in the final 8:22 after Bateman committed her fourth foul.

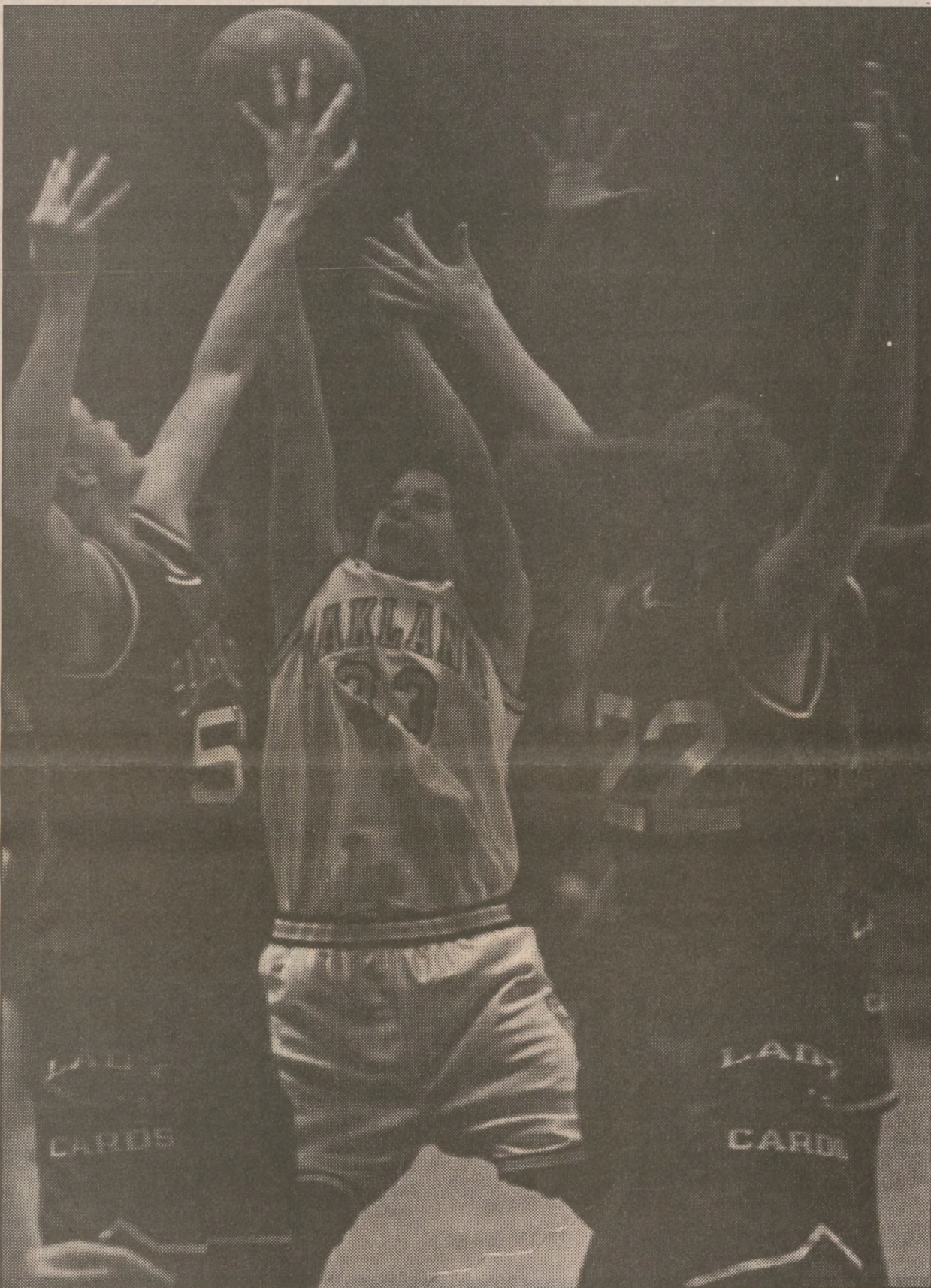
Oakland had a 56-50 lead with 4:05 to play, but it was unable to hold on.

After sophomore forward Cyndi Platter committed a charging foul to foul out with 42 seconds remaining, a Birchmeier bucket inside tied the game at 60 with 28 seconds left.

OU drained the clock in running its offense before senior forward Kelli Krajniak backed out of the crowded paint area and zipped a pass to junior forward Casey Stinson left alone under the basket for an easy two points with 2.9 seconds remaining to give the Pioneers a 62-60 lead.

Taylor wanted to trap the SVSU receiver of the inbounds pass and have her dribble the ball up the court, but freshman guard Gina Humpert took the inbounds pass and made the outlet pass to the unguarded Suggs (11 points, three steals).

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TRAFFIC JAM: Freshman guard Jamie Pewinski attracts the attention of a trio of Saginaw Valley defenders in her shooting attempt. The Lady Cards defeated OU, 63-62, on Dec. 10.

Men and women tankers kindle competitive flames in easy triumph over Western Ontario

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Writer

Oakland's men and women's swimming teams resumed their domination of opponents by blowing Western Ontario out of the water Saturday, returning from Christmas break with the same winning results that have made them both defending Division II champs.

In the history of their meetings, the men are 20-1 versus Western.

Assistant women's swim coach Jeff Cooper believed that the women have never lost to UWO.

The men dominated early and often, taking a 119-60 decision after men's swim coach Peter Hovland decided to exhibition the last three events. The women swam to a formidable 148-55 win.

Hovland said he was impressed

with the effort of his team because "the team swam fast with really no reason." After a two-hour workout in the morning that ended at 10:30, the swimmers had to return to the pool at 1:00.

Cooper echoed the same thinking as Hovland.

"The first meet back you never know what is going to happen. The performances were typical of those after Christmas break," Cooper said.

Hovland explained that the whole season is spent trying to qualify for Nationals and then to peak at the Nationals.

"We are swimming the times we need to be swimming. We are training hard and still swimming fast," he said.

The men have qualified 16 swimmers and one diver. The women have qualified 12 swim-

mers and two divers, in what Cooper said was the largest team since the 1991 squad. That year, Oakland sent the maximum number of swimmers, 18.

Men's captain senior Morgan Bailey completed a hat-trick after finishing first in the 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and was helped out in the 400 medley relay by sophomore teammates Jay Judson, Joe Snyder, and Ken Ehlen.

The men crushed Western by winning 1-2-3 in the 1000 yard freestyle and the 200 freestyle events.

The women did some blasting themselves by grabbing the top three spots in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

Sophomore Jennifer Stair won both the 1000 freestyle and the 200 butterfly while freshman Jill Melis took the 200 IM and the 200



SPLASH AND DASH: Sophomore Jessie Bailey drives towards faster times in a 148-55 victory Saturday over Western Ontario.

breaststroke.

Next weekend the men face Eastern Michigan University. The Pioneers had not beaten the Eagles in the past couple of seasons prior to turning the tides with a victory last year at the Lepley Sports

Center.

"Eastern will be the toughest meet of the season. I have no problems getting up for Eastern and I know that I'm not just speaking for myself but for all the guys," Ehlen said.

Reward comes in the ranks

The men's basketball team ranked seventh nationally in NCAA Division II poll, its highest ranking ever

By JEFF AISTHORPE
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team won its second and third GLIAC games in three tries with a 112-77 victory over Northwood on Jan. 5 and a 105-88 win over Grand Valley State on Jan. 7.

Since our last issue, the Pioneers have reeled off seven straight wins. An 83-78 win over Michigan-Dearborn, a 102-87 win over Saginaw Valley State in its league opener, a 92-62 win over Aquinas and a sweep of Oakland's holiday tournament, the Blimpie Basketball Classic.

The streak has pushed Oakland's record to 10-1, 3-0 in the GLIAC, and to number seven in the latest NCAA Division II Basketball Top 20 poll with a number one ranking in the Great Lakes Region.

After a lengthy layoff, Oakland opened the Blimpie on Dec. 29 against a very respectable NAIA team, Huntington College (Ind.). Oakland opened the game with a 14-5 run keyed by two three-point bombs from junior forward Matt Stuck.

"It usually doesn't happen like this after ten days off," Stuck said referring to his team's fast start.

In the second half, it was more of the same as OU coach Greg Kampe, donning a sweater from the traditional holiday tournament collection, watched his team complete the rout, 115-67. As a team OU shot 60 percent from the floor and 59 percent beyond the three point arc while outrebounding HC, 57-30.

"They're our three strengths (rebounding, shooting, defense). If we do that we'll be alright," Kampe said.

Stuck combined with junior forward Jason Burkholder for 38 points, 20 rebounds, and eight assists. Junior forward Frank Zielinski tallied 17 points and sophomore guard Kevin Kovach chipped in 17 off the bench.

"The strategy is to wear people down," Kampe said. "Our field goal defense on the year is below 40 percent."

The following night Oakland squared off against neighboring Michigan Christian College, who defeated Concordia to advance to the championship game.

In sports, no two games are ex-

actly alike, but, this game seemed to be a carbon copy of the OU win the night before.

It took junior forward Tom Marowelli all of nine seconds to drain the Pioneers first three-pointer. Senior guard Bryan Borchardt followed with a steal and layup, then two assists giving Oakland a 15-7 lead and setting the tone for the contest.

"He's guarding really well and playing within himself," Kampe said of Borchardt.

Zielinski and Marowelli finished strong first halves with 10 points and seven rebounds, and 12 points and five boards, respectively.

OU opened the second half lackadaisically, committing five turnovers in three minutes before ripping off another trademark 13-1 run, sending the spectators home early.

Stuck and Zielinski each racked up double-doubles in only 25 minutes of play. Stuck finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Zielinski ended with 18 points and 12 boards.

With the 112-67 final a formality, the All-Tournament team was selected with Stuck the tourney MVP. Joining him on the team were Huntington's Lance Stachler and Michigan Christian's Terry Leabhart and Kenyatte Baylor. Zielinski and Kovach also made the squad.

With the Blimpie a memory, Kampe looked forward to the Pioneers' conference schedule with enthusiastic optimism.

"I can't believe what's going on, I've had some very good teams but we're manhandling people night in and night out," he said.

Talking about winning is what losers do, we talk about playing our best, we're gonna take 'em one day at a time."

His attitude was regurgitated by Stuck.

"Everyone's looking forward to the league, I think we have a legit chance of winning it this year, this is the most talented team I've been on," the junior said.

At the Bennett Sports Center in Midland last Thursday, Kovach followed his All-Blimpie performance with a coming out party, as he owned the first half against Northwood.

After OU took a 7-0 lead, the Northmen battled back to seize

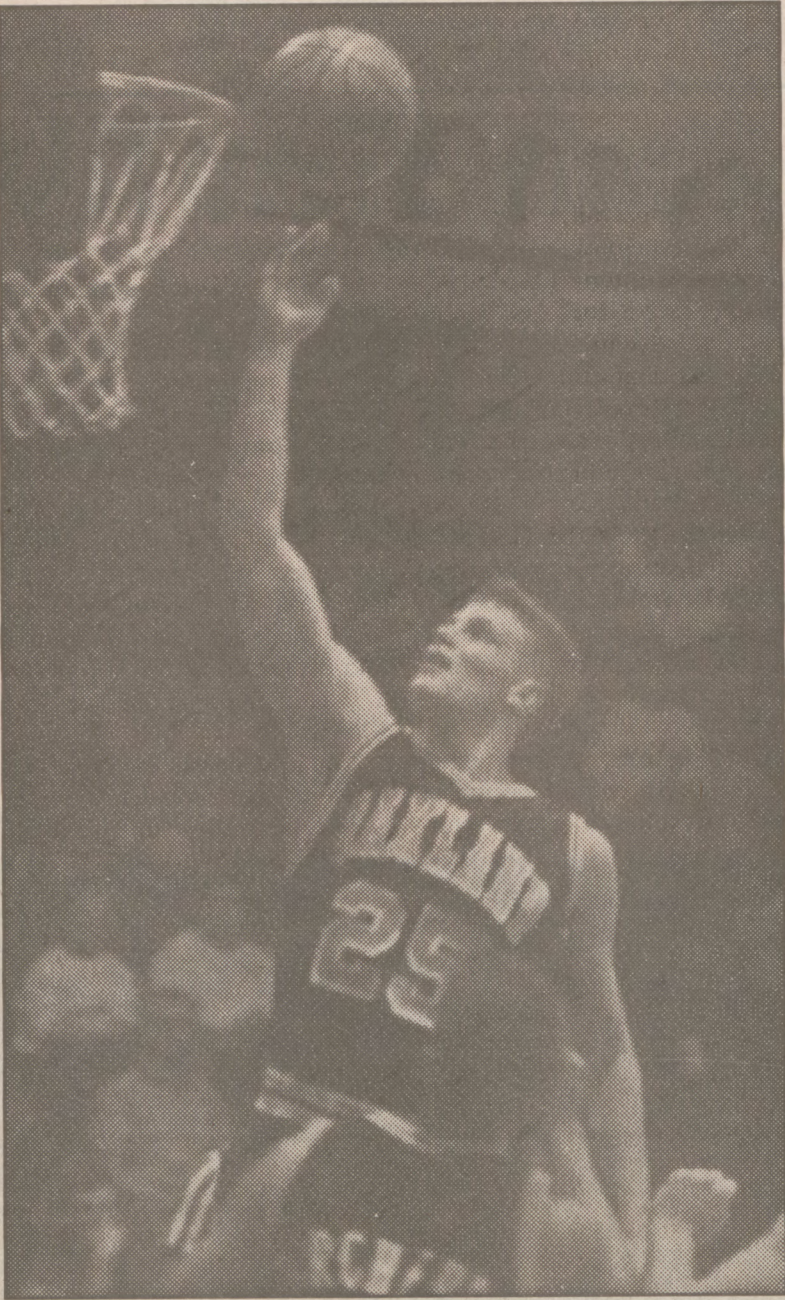


Photo by Bob Knoska

HE SCOOPS AND SCORES: Junior forward Matt Stuck lays in two of his 19 points in a Blimpie Classic win over Huntington.

an 18-11 lead. After trading buckets for seven minutes Oakland cut the deficit to one, 25-24.

Then it was Kovach's time to take over. After hitting two free throws to make the score 26-25 in Oakland's favor, Kovach hit four straight threes in 1:40 to give his team a 38-31 advantage, one they would never lose.

"Kovach came off the bench and went nuts," Kampe said. "He's comfortable with what's going on and he knows he's gonna play."

The Pioneers closed the half with a 53-38 lead thanks to Kovach's 21 points on four of five shooting from three. Marowelli added 10 first-half points.

Northwood was still in the game at the 11-minute mark until another Pioneer stepped up to put the Northmen away.

Burkholder scored nine and Kovach five during an 18-2 OU run, putting the game out of reach.

Kovach ended with 30 points (11-15 from the field) and six assists. Inside the Pioneers got strong games from Zielinski, 15 points and 11 rebounds; and 19 points and 10 boards from Burkholder.

As a team, Oakland shot 52

percent from the field and grabbed 45 defensive rebounds while holding NU to 31 percent shooting.

Saturday in Allendale, Oakland found itself in a dogfight. The Lakers were the first team in over a month to still be in the game late in the second half.

At the conclusion of the first half, OU clung to a two-point lead, 47-45. Stuck had 16 points (4-5 from three) and seven rebounds, and Kovach had 10 points and eight boards to pace the Pioneers.

The Lakers were poised to take control of the game as it took an eight point lead on a three from guard Scott Hunter, 57-49. That would be its high point as it watched its lead dissolve into a 17-point deficit when the final buzzer sounded.

"We got some really big stops in that game. We got every rebound down the stretch," Kampe said.

"When you win two road games by really large margins, I guess you can say you had a good weekend."

When you win seven straight, six of which could be classified as blowouts, I guess you could say you have had a good month.

OU intramurals

Hockey Standings

Men	W - L
9-Inch Sticks	6 - 0
Hansen Brothers	7 - 1
Necrophiliacs	6 - 2
University Drive Bullies	4 - 3
The Roosters	3 - 4
9-South	3 - 4
Fitz	3 - 4
Four Play	3 - 4
Maetnicufesin	2 - 4
Flying Elbows	2 - 4
Golden Seals	1 - 4
2.0 and under	0 - 6

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Hansen Brothers 8, The Roosters 1
Nine Inch Sticks 9, Necrophiliacs 5
Four Play 7, Maetnicufesin 0
University Drive Bullies 7, 9-South 0

Coed Basketball

	W - L
Fully Sprung	6 - 1
Joke	6 - 1
The Edge	5 - 2
Missfits	3 - 4
The Posse	2 - 5
Sebastian	2 - 5
Crazy Kids	0 - 6

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Fully Sprung 74, The Posse 49
Joke 47, Missfits 24
The Edge 30, Sebastian 0

Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Run & Gun 46, 12-Inch Club 41
Scooby Doo 51, Brisco's 35

Thursday, Jan. 5

The Shook 60, Triple-D 44
The Men 30, The Muts 26
Good Ol' Boys 32, TC Bomb Squad 29
Team 31, Yeah! Whatever 27
Theta X 30, Sharp Shooters 0

-Stats and results compiled by Wendy Gerstenschlager and Joel Eurich.

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NMU spikers repeat national title feat

By JEFF AISTHORPE
Sports Writer

Northern Michigan University won its second NCAA Division II Volleyball National Championship in as many years with an 8-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-13 win over California State-Bakersfield on UCSB's home floor.

After finishing second to Michigan Tech in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play, the Wildcats' coach, Mark Rosen, wasn't sure his team had what it takes to be a national champion.

"It was a long time comin'. It (the feeling) was different when were on the bus headed for regionals at Michigan Tech. I could sense they were ready.

"I said to my wife (and assistant coach Leisa), 'man, this is exactly what we wanted all year long!'"

The win over UCSB was ironic for Rosen, who coached Bakersfield a year ago when it fell to Northern in the championship game. It wasn't a case of "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em", though.

"It was hard to leave Bakersfield, but as a professional you have to make choices," Rosen said.

Rosen cited Northern's new gym (strictly for volleyball) and the people there as the reasons for leaving Bakersfield.

Rosen heaped endless praise on his young squad.

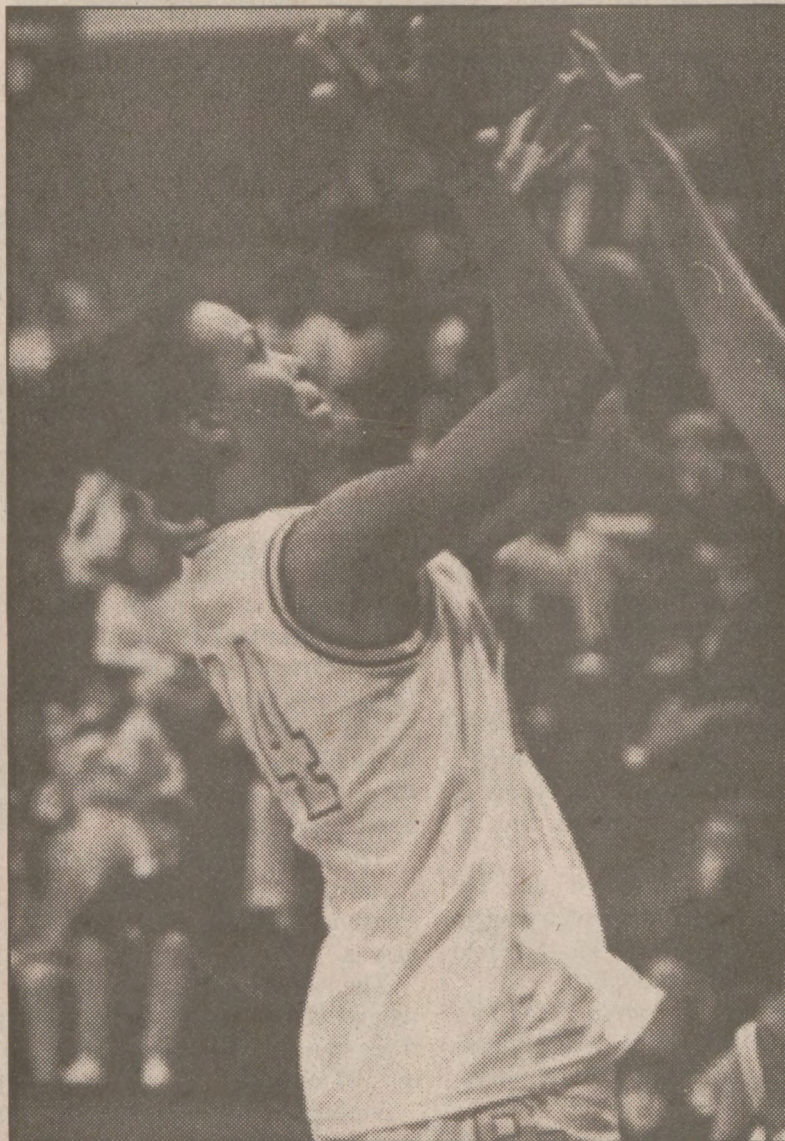
"No one expected them to do well, especially carrying the burden of being defending national champs," he said.

"It was special to win in Bakersfield in front of my friends, I got a lot of letters from people out there congratulating the team."

Rosen said that if UCSB (41-3) had one weakness, it was team unity. He said that once the match reached the pressure point it dissolved.

"It was beyond belief that our team came from where they were at the beginning of the year to win a national title. I am so proud of them."

NMU finished the season with a 32-4 record.



Kim Bailey

Photo by Bob Knoska

Lakers

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"SVSU is a good team, but we didn't execute the way we wanted to late in the game," Taylor said.

Krajniak returned to the lineup after missing the Madonna game, with a strained soleus muscle in her lower left leg to lead OU with 15 points and six assists.

Taylor certainly did not dwell on the hardest loss he ever faced, and his players responded in a likewise manner.

OU first vented its frustration on Hope College on Dec. 17 at Lepley, and the result was an 83-51 Pioneer pasting.

Oakland had a 33-9 advantage with 8:12 to play in the first half and never looked back.

Krajniak paced the Pioneers with 19 points and nine rebounds. Bateman had 16 points and 17 boards.

OU (8-2, 2-1 GLIAC) ended pre-Christmas action for a week of business and pleasure in South Florida, highlighted by burning Barry University to a crisp, 107-45, in Miami Shores, Dec. 21.

OU made 60 percent (48 for 80) of its shots while BU shot 25 percent (18 for 72) from the floor. The 48 field goals made is a new school

record, breaking the old mark of 47 set on Dec. 20, 1989. It also broke the school's single-game assist record with 37.

Bateman led six Pioneers in double figures with 24 points on 12 for 14 shooting and nine boards. Sophomore forward Kristen Grant had 16 points and three blocks.

OU continued its winning ways after the holiday break with GLIAC wins over Northwood University, 84-63, Thursday and Grand Valley State University, 87-81, Saturday.

The contest with NU was lopsided as OU had a 47-16 halftime lead and cruised from there.

Bateman had 20 points and six boards to lead four Pioneers in double figures.

Junior forward Kristen Francis scored 13 of her 19 points (including five triples) in the second half, and OU made 14 of 20 free throws in the final 6:14 to keep the Lakers at a distance.

"I felt good to get the win in Grand Valley. I think it will be tough for anybody to win at their place," Taylor said.

•Sophomore center Kim Bailey and the OU women's basketball program parted ways before Christmas from what Taylor said was "a difference of expectations" between him and the 6-3 Wyandotte native.

Cruise

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tion a little bribe money for the local authorities if you're stupid enough to carry drugs with you or get caught with drugs that someone plants on you, these things happen."

Sophomore Gregg Garrett, from Birmingham, submitted his application for the Fall semester of '95, and is waiting to hear the news that will take him across the globe.

"It's supposed to take a couple of weeks," Garrett said, referring to the review of applicants. "I'm pretty excited but I'll just have to wait and see."

If chosen, Garrett will travel through the Northwest Territories, down to South America, and then across the Atlantic to Africa.

So, would a veteran of the program such as Sommervold, have any words to the wise for newcomer Garrett?

"The most important thing is to check your boat before you leave the first port. Ours broke down and stranded for 10 days in the most pirated waters in the world," Sommervold said. "And above all, don't take your American set of values and beliefs with you. You're in their country, so don't act like they're in yours."

Weiss

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assignment, I interviewed the suspect in the men's room.

Maybe it's because I'll strike up a conversation with anybody anywhere, offer my own foibles to top or perhaps because of my idiotic grin, crazed fiends tell me the strangest things.

Believe me, I've got a few hoary yarns ready for your amazement. But I want more twisted tales.

So if anyone out there in OU

land is ready to relate their experiences with erotic asphyxia, vampirism or another fringe topic, get in touch with me at the Post. This is a column, so I'll promise anonymity.

Get ready for fun and keep your eyes sharp because in an upcoming issue, I'll be sneaking the nasty f-word into my writing somehow. More importantly, I've done my job as a columnist if while reading my stuff, you linger upon the porcelain throne for a few extra minutes.

Post script: Have fun and push the limits wherever you go.

Culture

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the first week back to school.

The book has been a runaway hit in Britain for many months. Beyond the laughter, the book explores class conflicts and the love/hate relationship the public has with the super-rich.

In her book, Townsend asks the increasingly relevant question: What if England outlawed the royal family, forcing them to live public tenements? How would Charles and Diana cope moving from great wealth to welfare? The answers are hilarious, touching and sharp satire.

In February, the M.C.R.G. will offer Beloved by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison. March's book is The Lone Ranger and Tanto Fist Fight in Heaven by Chairman Alexia. In April the group is considering Like Water for Chocolate or possibly an Arabic title.

Detroit

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dening, paint over graffiti, paint murals and many other projects to make Detroit a better place. Howell helped to start this program as well as many others with other supporters in the Detroit area who want to see it become a better place.

"Look how many people and how many different kinds of people are trying to find social justice," said Howell.

One thing that Howell felt was important was for the people of Detroit to realize is that a difference can be made if the people get out and become involved.

"It is important that the city of Detroit recognizes the value of a radical tradition in the city, it is one of the great strengths of the city," Howell said.

The strengths Howell speaks of and believes in are simply ordinary people who have made a commitment to change.

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Grads

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The 20 percent difference between the 1970's and 1990's is alarming to lawmakers and has them calling for reform. They say that the slower graduation rates are a waste of taxpayer's money, costing some states about \$7,200 in subsidies.

Despite calls for reform, not all educators believe that lawmakers complaints will make a difference.

John Hammang, director of state and campus relations for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said he

has heard politicians talk about the additional costs that taxpayers must bear when students take longer than four years to graduate. He said he has yet to see any substantial proof that these extra expenses exist.

Even if they do, the date of graduation is out of many students hands. For Audra Adamski, 19, it is almost guaranteed that she will attend college for longer than four years as an elementary education major.

"I took only 12 credits, and I usually take 16 (as needed to graduate in 4 years), because I couldn't find anymore classes I need before I am admitted into the education program."

If denied admission to the education program, she must wait for the following year to submit another application, also losing a full year of progress for that degree.

And, for those going for a secondary education degree, there is no way around 5 years of college, said Dave Maroze. The program is designed that way, with one full year devoted to student teaching.

Students need the classroom experience before teaching. "In one semester, you can't give a student the experience they need to teach," said Maroze, that is why they go a full year, therefore graduating a year later.

TOP TEN MOST BOGUS THINGS ON EARTH

10. The Donut Diet.
9. Cars that can talk.
8. "Do Not Remove Under Penalty Of Law" tags on mattresses.
7. Pop quiz on Monday following major weekend.
6. 1-900-DEBBY.
5. Lawn flamingos.
4. Imitation cheese.
3. Referee in Professional wrestling.
2. Did we mention the pop quiz?
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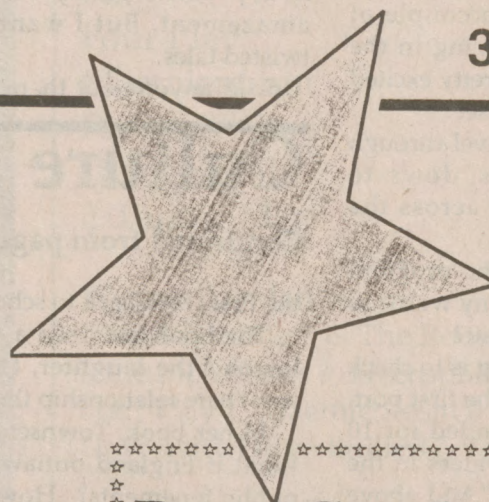
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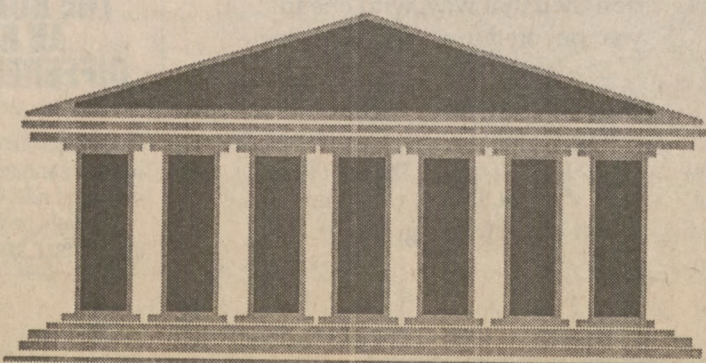
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