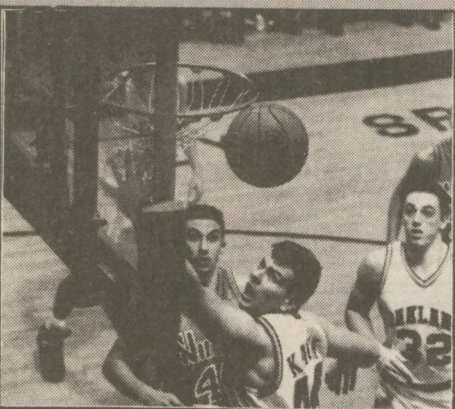


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## OU MEN CAGERS CONQUER

Pioneer men win big over Northwood Thursday.

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## Briefly ...

### Pick your perfume

The Women of OU's Brown Bag lunch series continues today at noon in rooms 128-9 of the Oakland Center. Sheila Carpenter from the OU Publications Department will be speaking on the topic of "La Collection Classique", or how to choose which fragrance is best for you.

### Open classroom

The Public Classroom is coming to the Oakland Center! Today at noon, Dr. Susan Thomas, Political Science, will be teaching "Citizen Participation and the Political Progress" in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center. This series is sponsored by the Catholic and Protestant campus ministries and CIPD. All are invited to attend.

### Nurse pinning slated

On Thursday, Jan. 21, the OU Student Nurses Association will be having its annual pinning ceremony for all new members at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

### Computer seminar

The Alpha Four users group will be hosting a hands-on demonstration of computers. See advanced applications, share tips, and ask questions on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in 232 Dodge Hall from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 4561 to register.

### R-ball tournament

Oakland University's Intramural department is having a singles racquetball tourney. Deadline for entry is Fri. Jan. 29. To enter, come in person to Lepley Sports Center (equipment cage) or call 370-3192. Separate men's and women's will be determined.

### Creative writing contest

The English Club is sponsoring a creative writing contest for all OU students who have attended at least one Fall 1992 or Winter 1993 semester class. Cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories, fiction, poetry and essay.

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## OU celebrates MLK day

By MELISSA LAROSE  
Special Writer

Many state and federal offices were closed Monday because of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, but most OU students attended class.

Teachers were asked not to schedule exams or papers due on that day in order for students to be able to participate in activities around campus honoring King.

Universities such as Eastern and Michigan State held classes on Monday. However, Wayne State and University of Michigan were closed due to the holiday.

Dean David Herman explained that the reason OU remains open, "Oakland University sponsors programs on campus for the Martin Luther King holiday and invites participants from the entire campus community."

Monday, there was an on-campus march from Vandenberg Hall to the Oakland Center honoring King.

On Tuesday, a video on King's "I have a dream" speech was broadcast all day in the exhibit lounge of the Oakland Center.

The Association of Black Students will sponsor a candlelight vigil in the Gold Room A in the Oakland Center on Thursday night at 8:30.



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Top picture - OU students and staff marching from Vandenberg Hall to the Oakland Center on Monday.

Left picture - Dr. Kevin Early moderates a discussion in the Oakland Center.

## Board keeps doors shut to community

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT  
Editor in chief

In what some speculate was a delaying tactic, the Board of Trustees side-stepped both discussion and a decision about opening its committee meetings to the public.

Despite a request by Chairman Jim Sharp in December that trustees be prepared to discuss the issue fully at its January meeting, the board tabled a decision until a yet-to-be-formed committee studies the issue and presented its recommendations to the board March 4.

The delay came after an unprecedented show of unity for openness by the university community which included resolutions from nearly every campus governing body and a petition with 1,370 signatures of faculty, students and staff.

While John DeCarlo, senior vice president and legal counsel, claimed the board operates within the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act, faculty, administration and students insisted legal or not, openness was the hallmark of a university.

Three individuals representing diverse university groups came forward at the meeting to speak in favor of opening committee meetings.

Ron Horwitz, acting OU vice president for academic affairs and University Senate president, reported that the Senate at its December 10 meeting endorsed a resolution that stated, "We encourage you to open all meetings

of the board, especially standing committees, to allow the free flow of information to the university community."

A communications professor handed trustees 1370 signatures from faculty, staff and students that also urged openness.

"Public decisions should be made accountable and in full view of the public," Sharon Howell said.

"While this gesture is symbolic, meetings should be open—in the spirit of openness, in the spirit of dialogue and in the spirit of mutual respect."

The university administrative professional assembly's president, Jean Ann Miller, also told the board that her organization favored keeping meetings open except when the



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eight OMA exemptions apply and tied openness to the OU's mission statement.

"We encourage the board to make your committee meetings not just to be technically legal, but go voluntarily public ...," Miller said.

Miller also quoted from the graduate and the undergraduate catalog and OU's mission statement which states that the university must provide a "model of socially responsible decision making and ethical institutional behavior."

At last month's meeting, Sharp had asked the trustees to come to the January meeting prepared to discuss the philosophical reasons behind close meetings. Sharp was

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## Trustees meet, debate amidst concerned crowd

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

The OU Board of Trustees met for the first time in 1993, with little debate on most of its 14 item agenda - that is, all except for one issue.

The greatest amount of debate erupted on whether or not Board committee meetings of less than a quorum should be conducted in open session. (See related story).

In other less controversial action, the Board unanimously approved a resolution honoring former Trustee L. Brooks Patterson, who resigned on January 1 avoid to a possible conflict of interest with his new job as Oakland County Executive.

The resolution granted Patterson Trustee Emeritus status.

Patterson's replacement, Rex Schlaybaugh, was in attendance at the meeting.

The board also unanimously approved the yearly evaluation procedures for Oakland's presi-



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Trustee Andrea Fischer confers with fellow trustee Howard Sims during the board's January meeting. The board met before a capacity crowd of over 200 people, the largest since April.

dent and university administrators like vice presidents and deans.

A board source said that the criteria for evaluating the president are the establishment of annual goals for the university, and the presentation of these goals in writing to the Board of Trustees through the Finance and Personnel committee.

Finally, President Sandra Packard will have to provide a report on the progress of the university and her office in meeting these goals on an annual academic year basis.

Noble has for the bookstore.

Over the summer, the national chain was awarded an outsourcing contract by OU, in an effort to make the bookstore run more efficiently.

The remodeling should be done by July 1, Wilson said. He said the project is being done "to make more efficient use of the space" the bookstore has, according to Wilson.

Wilson fielded questions and complaints from Congress members for approximately 45 minutes. By and large, the mood of the Congress members was dissatisfaction with the service and prices the bookstore charges.

Text prices are high, Wilson explained, because of a price war fought between the OU bookstore and the Textbook Outlet last year. Both stores lost thousands of dol-

lars, and are trying to make their money back this year, he said.

The problems in service cited by Congress were two separate lines for returning books and getting the money for them and long lines for normal purchases.

Wilson replied that the book return policy has been consolidated into one line, and that any complaints in service should be

directed to the bookstore manager David Bixby.

In other business at the meeting, Congress passed a resolution endorsing OU President Sandra Packard's proposal to create an office for multicultural relations, in an effort to improve the retention rate of minority students and improving overall race relations.

The resolution was passed after much discussion as to exactly what the role of the office would be.

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These two students will be honored in Lansing on April 7, 1993, at the M.A.G.B. Convocation.

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## Board approves golf course budget Board Katke-Cousins greens fees increased

By JODI SMITH  
Special Writer

The OU Board of Trustees approved the Katke-Cousins 1993 budget proposal at its meeting last Thursday.

A detailed report submitted by Ray Harris, acting vice president for finance and administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees, stated an increase in the student and faculty rate to \$6, up \$1 from last year.

Guests to the facility will be charged an extra \$2, totalling a \$32 charge for a nine hole game.

The weekend and holiday rate will also increase by \$1 per nine holes, equalling a \$7 rate for faculty and students and a \$37 charge for guests.

William Rogers, golf and managing director of Katke-Cousins said, "We thought about it carefully and did research. We have a good product and the customer is important."

A major portion of the incoming revenue will be applied to repairing the golf course and buying equipment for the upkeep of the grounds.

Any surplus revenue will be returned back to OU's general fund, Harris told the board.

The average number of rounds played at Katke-Cousins over the past seven years is approximately 29,252, however, that number increased in 1992, up to almost 32,000.

Of those rounds, only eight percent were played by students and four percent by faculty and

staff. The majority of the rounds were played by President's Club members (28 percent) and pre-paid players at 33 percent.

For pre-paid members, the fee raise will be more substantial. President's Club members will be paying \$250 in 1993, an increase of \$50.

Individual pre-paid members will see the largest increase of any group, a \$150 hike up to \$750 for the 1993 season.

Club and pull cart rental fees remain unchanged at \$4 and \$1 respectively.

However, gas cart fees will be increasing \$2, with the charge being \$16 on weekdays and \$24 on weekends.

## Trustees

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mation before the board can make a decision.

Until that decision is made, Packard granted Hair Unlimited a month to month lease with the university.



Jan. 16-2:10 a.m.: A female student was the victim of an assault and battery between Oakland Center and O'Dowd Hall. The alleged assailant is described as a black male, approximately 6 feet 6 inches tall with a slim build, according to police reports.

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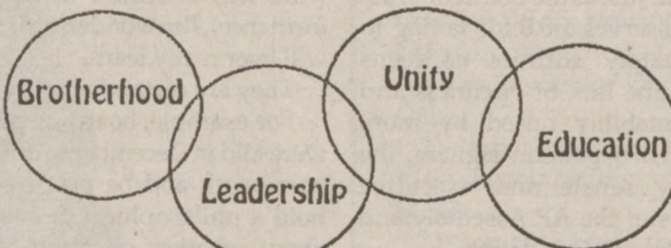
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absent from Thursday's meeting.

Instead, former chairman Howard Sims threw a curve and suggested that all committee meetings—student, faculty and board—be thrown open to the public.

"Much of the business takes place other than in Board of Trustees meetings," Sims said. "In the spirit of openness other meetings should be included."

Some question whether Sims' proposal was spontaneous or a calculated attempt to shift the focus of the discussion elsewhere. There is reason to for the latter.

"I know in my heart that the idea did not come out of the blue," Eileen Bantell, executive director for the AAUP, said.

Board sources said that lists of the various department's committees and a compilation of their meeting dates were sent to Sharp last November.

At Thursday's meeting, President Sandra Packard questioned the effects if all committee meeting were to be open to the public, especially those of the faculty tenure and promotion review committees which currently are closed and contractually created.

"The wisdom or nonwisdom of opening such meetings would have to be looked at how these changes could effect the personal review by peer colleagues," Packard said.

Horwitz told the board that all university governance bodies such as the Senate were open to the public.

Howell, a member of the Faculty Review and Promotion Tenure Committees, said she would be in favor of opening up the meetings to the full public so that better decisions could be made.

"Open meetings make for better decisions," she said.

During this debate, Howell pointed out to the trustees that a shift of argument had occurred, that instead of discussing the board's own committee meetings it was instead discussing faculty and staff meetings which was not the original intent of the agenda.

Howell's action spurred other speakers from the audience including Ron Kramer, president of the AAUP, who suggested that a committee be formed.

"Most of the university will accept open meetings, however all of this needs further research and discussion," he said.

Trustees quickly passed a motion to study Sims' proposal and other ramifications that might come up and bring its recommendations to the next board meeting.

The action triggered several responses from the 200 plus audience.

Junior Elisa Eizelman, interrupted the trustees and told the board that they were being given the "total runaround."

"I can't believe you're creating another committee to study committees," she said. "You're putting us off for another couple of months."

Margaret O'Brien, senior editor of The Post, stepped up to the podium and told trustees they were using a "shelving tactic."

"The OMA does not require closure, and in fact supports opening meetings. So why then does the board choose to close its meetings," O'Brien asked.

Additional support came from the OU Alumni Association.

In a letter addressed to O'Brien, Marjorie Neubacher, president of the Alumni Association, wrote that its Board of Directors voted to support the petition to the board to hold open meetings.

"We commend our students for taking this visible and courageous stand for accountability," Neubacher said.

Representatives of the Post plan to meet with Chairman Sharp Jan. 25 to ask the board to open its committee meeting while the new committee studies the the impact of opening committees.

If a compromise to open meetings can not be reached at that time, the newspaper's board of directors has authorized a lawsuit for violations of the OMA and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act against the board.

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## OUR VIEW

# Let's honor those who truly deserve

At Thursday's meeting, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to give L. Brooks Patterson the title Trustee Emeritus. Patterson, who served on the board for just under two years, received the honorary title for a job well done, according to board members.

However, when did he have time to do such a good job? If one looks back on those two years of alleged service, when did he participate in board business when his seat on the right of the chairman was often empty. He even missed the board meeting that approved Sandra Packard as president. But, the trustees in their infinite wisdom still sought to give Patterson the honor they believed he so deserved.

However, when the

school year began last fall, the governor announced that David Fischer would replace veteran trustee Phyllis Law Googasian. Her term had expired and would not be renewed by Governor John Engler.

While the board honored her with words, they did not give her the title of Trustee Emeritus. Googasian gave the university eight years of service. She served as vice chair of the board. She chaired the committee which developed the guidelines for the university's presidential search committee. And Googasian attended board meetings. Not only did she attend the meetings, she was an active participant on addressing the issues presented on the board agenda. Where is her title of Trustee Emeritus?

## Campus finances deserve more than a passing glance

It would seem that the charge of the Board's committee would be to investigate certain issues and report back to advise the full board. It would seem that the trustees who did not sit on the particular committee would ask questions before approving the recommendation. This does not always happen and last week proved to be not any different.

Trustees whipped through the agenda items relating to "audited financial statements" and the "annual financial report" without a question.

However, when it came to the lease agreement between the university and Hair Unlimited, questions were asked and the decision tabled until more information can be presented to the board.

While we know that the board cannot discuss everything in great detail, it would seem that the university's annual financial report should receive a little more attention than the hair salon.

## March 4 meeting does not meet needs of the university

With the amount of attention the board has received so far over opening its meetings, it would seem to be in the best interests of the university community that it would want to hold its next meeting when everybody could attend.

Instead the board rescheduled the meeting from March 10 to March 4. Most of the university community will be on Spring Break. Many students and faculty will not be on the univer-

sity grounds—more than likely they will be baking on a beach or shussing down a ski slope. March 10 would have worked for most. March 4 will not work—especially in light of last week's board meeting.

We're sure that the 200 plus who showed up last week would like to be at the next meeting. The trustees should open up their daily planners and find a date that would work for the whole university community.

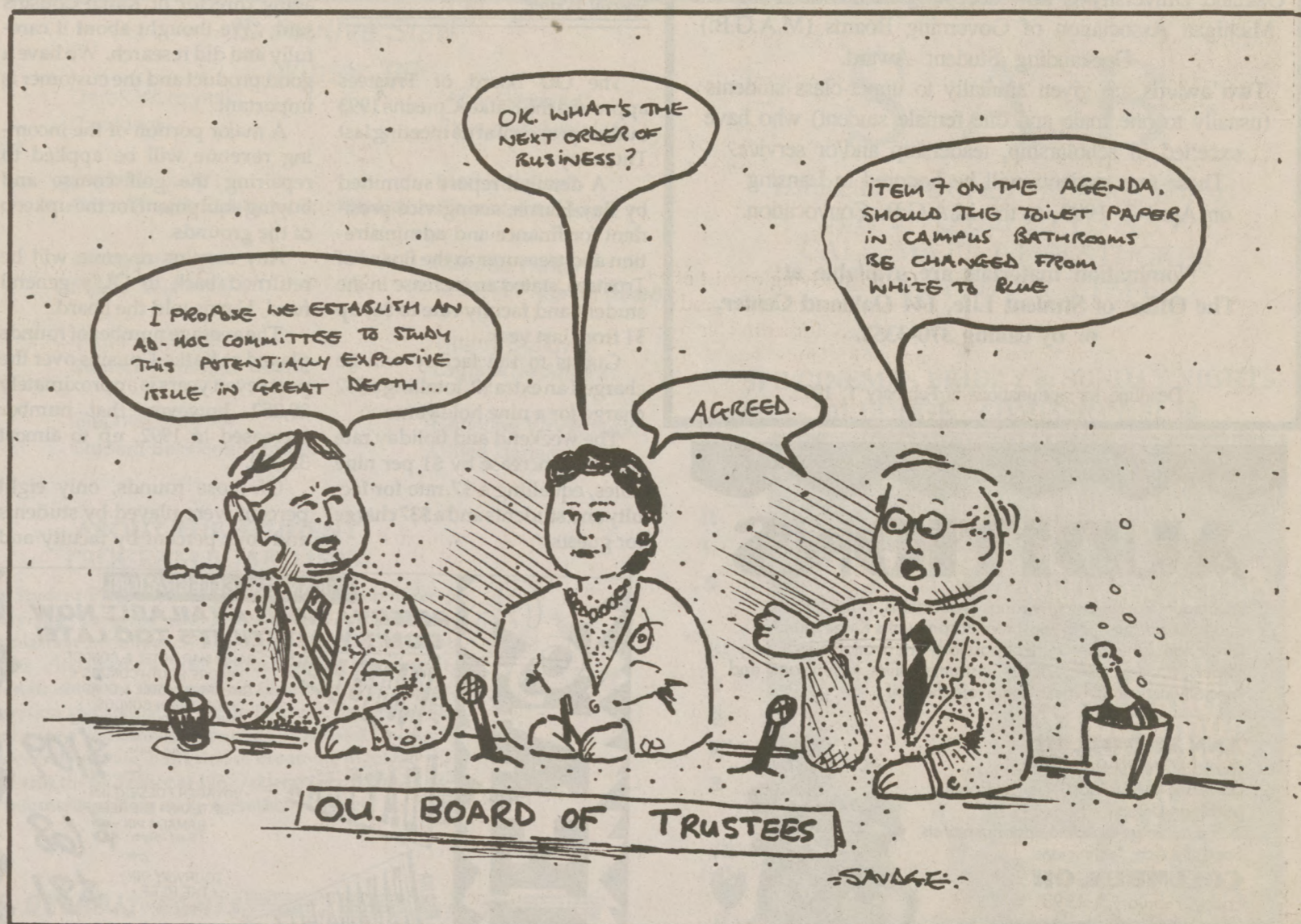
## Thankful for the warning

The Department of Public Safety should be commended for its quick action on informing the university community of the January 11 armed robbery on campus.

The department posted notices all over campus, as required under the Federal "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act," which informed the university of the incident, complete with a full description of the suspect—white male, tall, slim with shoulder length hair. It asks that faculty, students, staff and guests should "... exercise appropriate precautions by walking in groups and avoiding isolated areas."

The information helps students to be aware of the potential hazards lurking at night and may very well prevent another mugging.

# Opinion



## Board clings to closed committee meetings

Actually, I think I could get used to the Board of Trustees' new way of doing business.

The next time I want an extension on one of my papers I'm going to tell my professor that I have a brilliant idea on how to expand the scope of it and that I would need at least two more months to do the additional research. Then I'd hand it in whenever I felt like it—I wouldn't want to limit the bounds of such an important paper by an inconsequential little thing like linear time.

No problem, right?

After all, the Oakland University Board of Trustees, the body that sets the standards for this institution, can do it.

I'm pretty sure I would earn a 0.0 for failing to do my assigned work, and I would certainly deserve it. Just as the Board of Trustees deserves a 0.0 for failing to adequately address concerns about the lack of openness and accountability raised by more than 1,370 petition signers, the faculty senate and executive boards of the AP Assembly and the Alumni Association.

The petition and resolutions supported *The Oakland Post's* ef-

forts to open meetings of the board's three standing committees, where important deliberations, discussions and recommen-

dations are made—recommendations that are almost always approved by the board with little or no discussion.

*The Post*, the Oakland County prosecuting attorney and members of the university community have been trying to teach the board that they are accountable to the public for their actions. But after watching the way the "spontaneous" suggestion to open all committees university-wide was discussed (a 4.0 performance), I'm wondering if they will ever really learn.

They are certainly not trying.

For example, board members were told in December to do their homework and be prepared to hold a philosophical discussion about whether or not to open committee meetings. They refused to discuss it substantively

in January, clinging tightly to their closed meetings like a security blanket.

But just as a child needs to learn to live without "Blankie," the board needs to realize that they cannot live in the loopholes of the law forever. Board attorney John DeCarlo has assured trustees that they are in full compliance with the law—just as he did before the Oakland County prosecuting attorney's office informed the board in December that its committee structure and minute practices were in violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Based on a case currently pending in the Michigan Supreme Court and on other case law, I believe their attorney's advice is, legally, still wrong—ethically, I know it is.

Even though I disagree with the legal interpretation, I think I could stomach the situation better if someone would at least

explain why the board chooses to close these meetings. In nearly nine months of asking, I have yet to receive a real answer. That may be because there is no good answer to be given.

But, I'm not going to hold my breath waiting for a board that needs two or three months for a committee to study university committees. Keep in mind that this is the same board that voted to approve the university's audited financial statements and guidelines for evaluating the president with barely a peep of public discussion, as it does with other important matters.

If the way the Board of Trustees and the Office of the General Counsel are handling this situation is any indication of the way they handle other issues, and I tend to believe it is, their actions certainly merit closer scrutiny.

It is my hope that if the board continues to barricade its substantial discussions and recommendations behind closed doors that a court will ram them open.

It is truly unfortunate that such steps are required but, we've been on the porch, politely knocking long enough.

### CAMPUS VIEW

MARGARET O'BRIEN

## Show a little respect to Greek organizations

Alpha Kappa Psi Co-Ed Professional Business Fraternity witnessed an immature event which raised our eyebrows to why Greek Organizations have such a poor image on Oakland University's campus.

The defacing of Alpha Kappa Psi's rush materials was done in poor taste and it was a blatant attempt by two other Greek Organizations to destroy our hard work and ideas!

On a campus with such little Greek participation, it saddens Alpha Kappa Psi members to see a Greek Organization try to hurt another Greek Organization.

Especially in a time when all Greek Leaders are calling for a unification of the Greek Organizations, to help the entire Greek system become more prominent and influential at Oakland University.

What is the purpose in doing

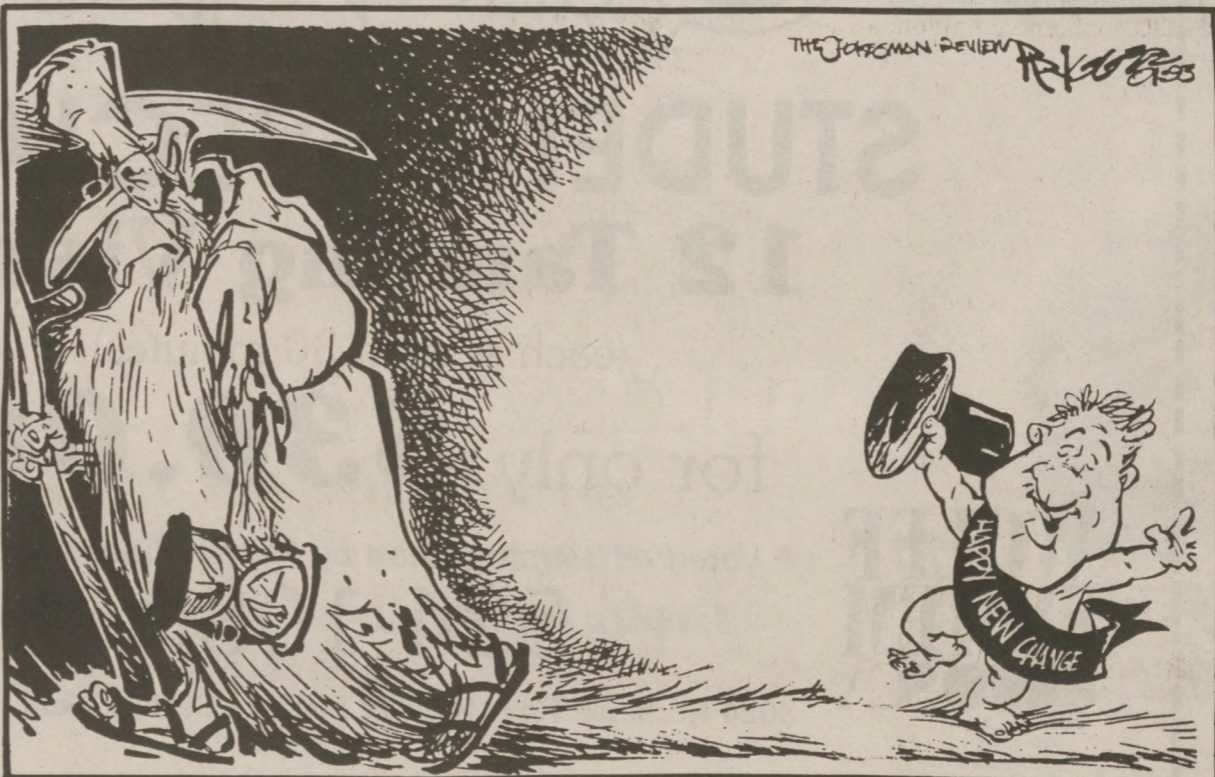
harm to another organization?

Alpha Kappa Psi did nothing wrong to any of the other organizations and we do not deserve this type of trashing!

Most of all, an immature event, such as destroying another organization's rush materials, will only lead to the killing of a dying Greek image!

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JOANNE  
GERSTNER

## A star is fading

**H**ow do you say goodbye to something that does not need to end?

I'm in that position right now with my high school, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Star, for short, is very close to being shut down by the Archdiocese of Detroit forever.

Mainly, it's a victim of the following equation: low enrollment plus high costs equals the solution by the Star Parish Council to close the school down. The parish will probably turn it into a junior high for its grade school.

It's hard to reconcile my memories and feelings about that with the reality of what is going to happen to it in the next few months.

I spent four magical, stressful, wonderful and strange years there. I am truly sad that other girls will not be able to have the same experiences I did in that environment.

An environment where it is OK to be female, smart, outspoken athletic and assertive.

An environment where I had 60 girls total in my class for four years, and we pretty much knew everything about each other.

An environment where you could have seven people in a French class - meaning there would be nowhere to run if you didn't do your homework.

We were the jocks, the brains, the geeks and the actors.

I'm not saying that the women who went to co-ed public or private high schools did not have these same opportunities available to them, but rather, we were allowed to go beyond the gender stereotypes that sometimes exist in teenagers' minds.

After my graduation from Star in 1989, I didn't want to admit what the school had done for me.

Instead, I griped about our stupid mascot - the Tuna. (Star of the Sea...Chicken of the Sea tuna, get it?)

I griped about the disadvantage I faced by going from a total of 240 students at Star to a 12,000 student university.

I complained about having to wear a uniform for four years (really 12 years of uniforms, since I went to a Catholic grade school too).

But now, as I am almost done with my OU education, I can see how Star benefitted me by giving me self-confidence and the desire to make myself better. I was encouraged by my teachers and classmates to become a journalist and was given opportunities to challenge myself as a writer.

As remorseful as I am about Star, I need to remember that my school won't be the first Catholic high school to close. Austin High School closed in the early 1980s, Servite High School closed in the mid-1970s and St. Anne shut its doors in 1988.

So, Star will be in good company - company that I sincerely wish that Star would not have to keep.

As a proud alumnae, I intend to tell everyone I know of the loss the east side of Detroit will suffer.

A beautiful Star is fading and falling from the sky.

Goodbye and thanks a lot.

# Features

## Education with a British twist

*Oxford studies provide an alternative atmosphere for learning*

By LIZ SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

Could studying consist of enjoyment, entertainment and cultural entertainment? This question might remind one of an old episode of "The Twilight Zone" if the Corpus Christi College at Oxford University, England, did not exist.

The British Studies at Oxford summer program, co-directed by Edward J. Wolff, from the University of Detroit Mercy, and Dr. Margaret B. Pigott, an associate professor of rhetoric, communications and journalism, at Oakland University, offers a variety of courses in a setting that is picturesque and steeped in lore.

The college overlooks Christ Church meadow and is a mere walk across the street to Laura Ashley, Liberty's, Marks & Spencer, Debenhams, Selfridge's and even McDonald's, not to mention a numerous assortment of pubs, many of which are at least 800 years old.

Course offerings include the fine arts, business administration, communications, history,

literature and political science.

All courses may be taken in either a three-week session, for three or four semester credits, or a six-week session, for six or eight semester credits. Graduate level courses are also available.

The three-week session costs \$2550 including tuition and the six-week session costs \$4795 including tuition.

To those who gasp at such prices, the cost of the trip includes a private room with daily maid service, full board, including morning coffee and biscuits and English high tea.

Also included, are many field trips to places such as London and Stratford as well as tickets to various plays.

Dr. Margaret B. Pigott started Oakland University's affiliation with the program in 1980 and has taught a course in communications at Oxford University for the last 13 summers.

Pigott does not look at her summer teaching as a job, but as a truly beneficial experience.

"It's wonderful to see the interchange of students. I'm always amazed at the exchange of ideas, especially at mealtimes. The

whole atmosphere of the college is extremely rich," Pigott said.

Each year about 45 students are accepted. The co-directors of the program try to accept everybody with a grade point of at least a 2.3 (some exceptions are made) and a stable, confident personality.

Pigott stressed that accepted students must have a strong zest for life and an insatiable curiosity for the unknown.

The variety of students participating in the program range in age from 18-33, with a handful of retired people who can audit the courses, if they so desire.

The participants are also equally proportioned between men and women.

"Men are beginning to realize the importance of understanding the global situation," Pigott said.

When the program first started, the ratio of women heavily outweighed the men.

Although the courses of study seem somewhat intense, the amount of free-time is substantial.

Students have time to enjoy drama, movies, discos, cabarets, and a variety of sport activities.

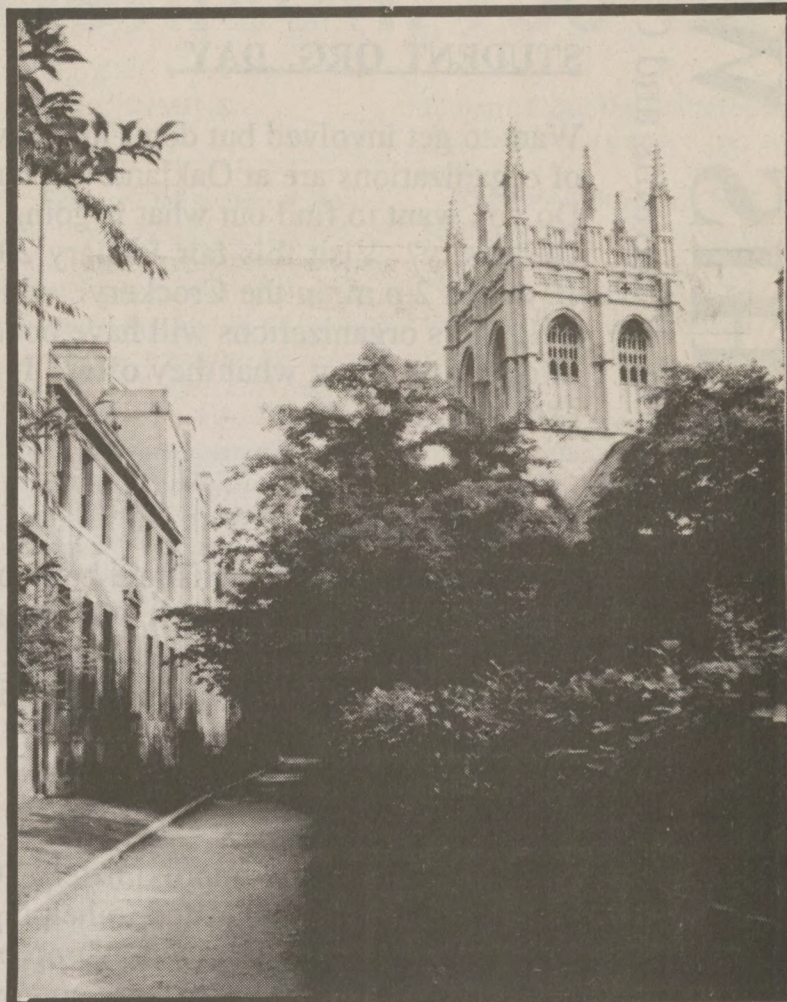


Photo courtesy of Margaret Pigott

A scenic view of the Oxford University campus in England.

"The students gain a lot more knowledge than they think they will in that short a time," Pigott said.

Applications for British Studies at Oxford are available in Pigott's office in 322 Wilson Hall.

## Skater's dedication pays off

By THERESA O'KRONLEY  
Features Editor

Juggling classes, homework, a job and a social life is enough to drive any college student crazy.

With that being the case, then OU junior Daniel Hollander must be going insane.

In addition to the rigors of his everyday college life, Hollander must also find time to do what he does best - figure skating.

Not only must the 20-year-old biology major spend four hours per day, six days a week training on the ice at the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club, but he must also devote four hours per week to ballet and jazz instruction as well as five hours to weight training.

This hard work and dedication has paid off and from Jan. 19-25, Hollander will be in Phoenix, Arizona competing in the United States Figure Skating Association Senior Division National Championships.

The top three skaters from this competition go on to world competition which will be taking place in March.

Being only his first year at the senior ranking competitive level, Hollander does not expect to grab one of the top three spots but he has his hopes set high.

"It would be pretty good to place in the top 10 so that's what I'm really shooting for...to be realistic," he said.

Last year Hollander took part in this same competition at the junior level and placed second in the nation, receiving the title of the 1991 Junior Men's Silver Medalist.

This accomplishment qualified him to take part

in the international competition Coup des Alps this summer and sent him to France and Germany where he placed third and fourth respectively.

Hollander contributes his continual improvement and accomplishments to his instructor, Diana Ronaynl-Wetzel, who has been coaching him for the last five years.

"She is a phenomenal teacher. If I didn't have her, I wouldn't have come along as well as I have," he said.

Ronaynl-Wetzel, director at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, has been coaching for 25 years and feels strongly about Hollander's talent.

"He has made tremendous progress and has improved faster than any student I've ever seen. He has progressed from mid-west to international level and that is a big accomplishment," she said.

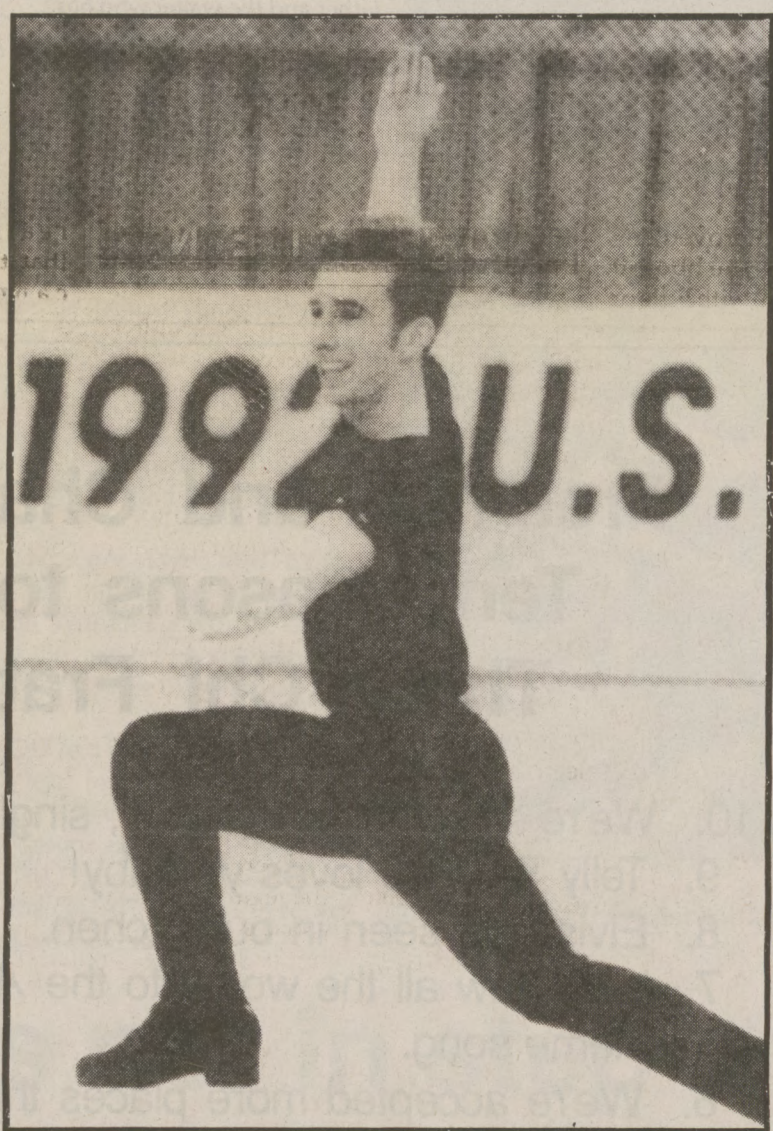
However, her goals for his upcoming competition are set realistically as well.

"This year there isn't really any chance of his winning. This is his first year at the senior level and the U.S. has the most competitive male skaters in the world but, he does have a good chance at being at the top," she said.

Skating for the last 16 years, Hollander's interest in the sport was sparked after he went skating with his sister's brownie troop when he was four years old.

He is majoring in biology but plans to continue his education in physical therapy after graduation.

As for his future on the ice he said, "I plan to go as far as I can. I don't plan on doing this all of my life but it's a good side job, definitely."



OU junior Daniel Hollander faithfully practices his technique with hopes of placing in the top 10 at the National Championships.

## Songs focus on the positive side of life

By KEN POWERS  
Staff Writer

It was New Year's Eve and as OU sophomore LaWonda Denise Smith walked towards the stage at Maxie, a night club in Detroit, nervousness was the last emotion she felt.

"When I first started singing, I used to feel nervous but now I am confident because I feel that I can control the audiences' feelings and emotions with the projection of my voice," she said.

Smith has performed in several OU talent shows and last year, she placed first in the Ms. Essence beauty pageant held here at OU.

Although she usually sings gospel and rhythm and blues, Smith classifies the songs she sings as positive music about life experiences.

"Most of the music that I sing is about life, love and friendship because I feel very strongly about

these subjects. In fact, I believe that it is beautiful to have friendship and to be able to feel the love that comes from it," she said.

Smith also views singing as a opportunity to express her hidden emotions and desires.

"Sometimes when I am singing, I close my eyes and I actually feel that what I'm singing is happening to me at the moment," she said.

Smith recalls that her interest in singing was the result of her mothers, who used to sing gospel songs everyday at home.

Her first chance at displaying her talent came in elementary school when her music teacher asked her to be the lead in a music recital.

"Back then I could hold a note. But when I was in high school my voice began to sound more like a woman and I began to work with it," she said.

Her training includes singing everyday and concentrating on the way in which she can carry



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OU sophomore LaWonda Smith concentrates on friendship and positiveness in her music.

"I think that singing makes me stronger and it lets me know

what I need to work on. Everyday, I learn something new about my voice," she said.

Smith began her college career as an engineering major but has since changed it to peer counseling.

"I wasn't enjoying what I was doing. Instead, I was doing it for the money. The reason why I decided to major in peer counseling is because I love talking to other people and solving their problems," she said.

Her friends feel she has already displayed a talent in the field.

"LaWonda was there when I needed somebody to talk to. I don't think that I could have made it here without her," freshman LaHanna Morrow said of Smith.

Smith plans to pursue a career in music as well but stressed that she is very serious about completing her education first.

As for how fame may effect her attitude towards life and friends, Smith said, "If I become famous I will remember my friends and my family because they encourage me the most in everything."

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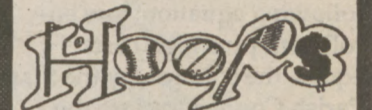
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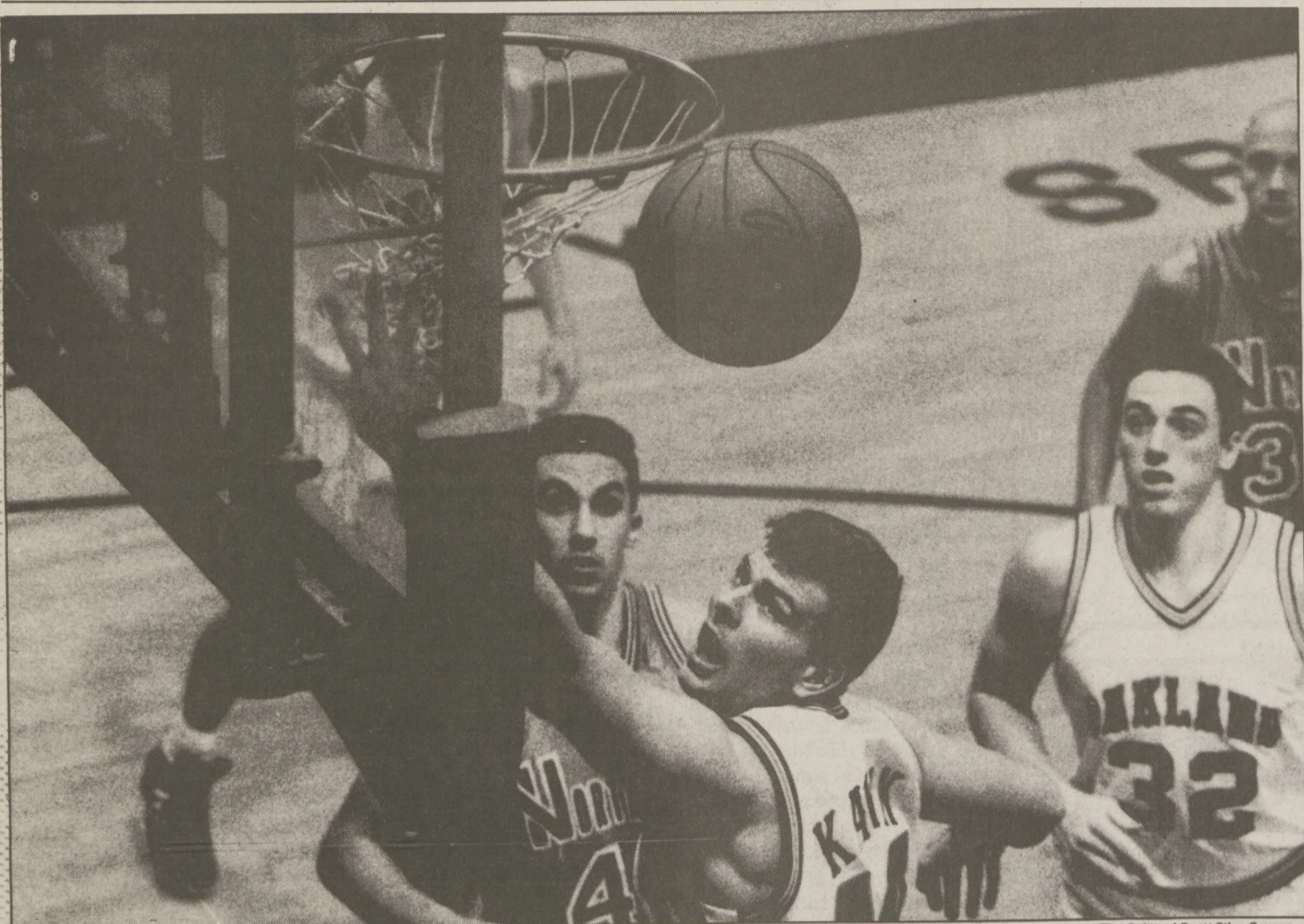
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# Sports



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Senior center Dennis Kann (44) pounds boards against Northwood University as freshman forward Jason Burkholder looks on.

## Cagers drop heartbreaker

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

In OU's ongoing quest for the GLIAC men's basketball title, the Pioneers handily defeated Northwood University, 96-65, and lost a heartbreaker at Saginaw Valley State University, 64-62.

The Thursday, Jan. 14 game at home versus Northwood featured OU's offensive prowess, as Oakland seemed to be able to score at will against the Northmen.

Keyed by sophomore forward Bryan Borchedt and junior guard Ty McGregor's offense, the Pioneers exploded to a 13 point lead at one point in the half. At the buzzer, OU was in control, 43-33.

In the second half, the Pioneers merely picked up where they left off, again blitzing Northwood. McGregor and junior forward Tom Eller took it to NU, combining for 19 points.

Overall, Eller led OU with 17 points and four rebounds and McGregor tallied out with 16 points and seven assists.

Northwood's lead scorer was sophomore forward Steve Ryan with 17 points and seven rebounds.

While OU had hoped its good fortune would carry into its trip to Saginaw Valley State, the Pioneers suffered a last second loss to the Cardinals.

OU lead throughout most of the first half, thanks to Eller's nine points. The Pioneers built up a lead as expansive as eight points, but Saginaw Valley cut it down to two at the half, 33-31.

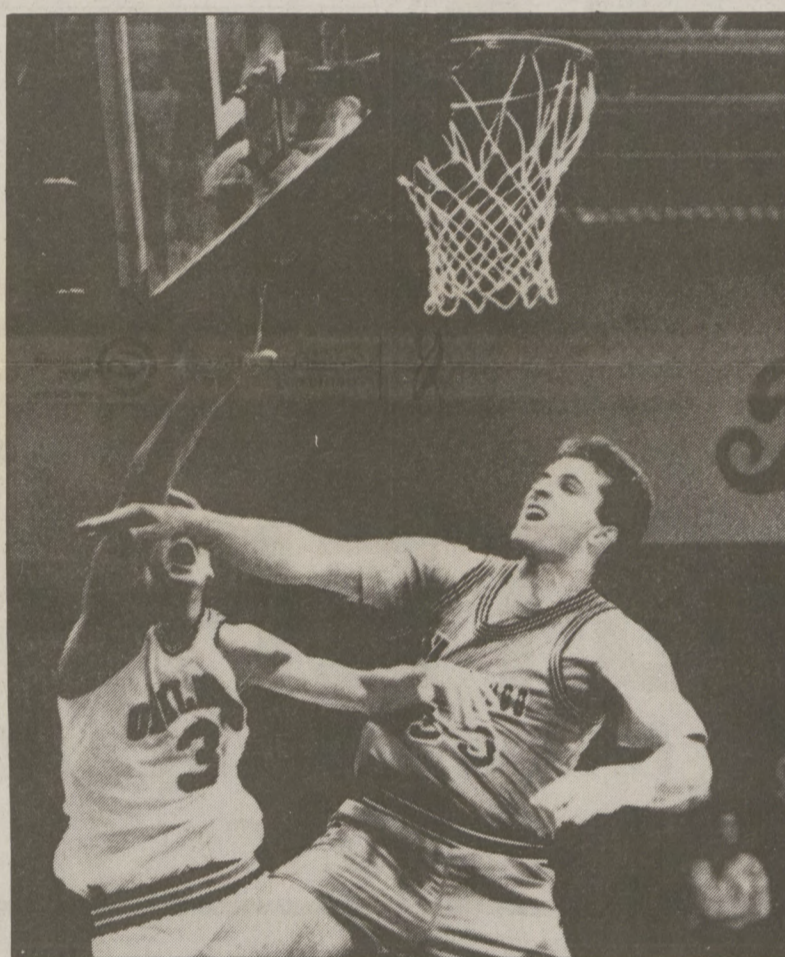
The second half was a see-saw affair, as the lead changed hands seven times and the score was tied eight times.

Saginaw Valley took the lead at the 4:35 mark, but OU stormed back and regained the advantage, 62-61 at 1:45 on two Eller free throws.

The score stayed at 62-61 for the next minute, but forward Michael Williams gave the Cardinals the lead for good by sinking all of his free throws at :31 and :09.

OU had its chances to reclaim the lead for win, but misses by junior forward Ken Crum and McGregor gave SVSU the win.

The Pioneers are in sixth place in the GLIAC, with a 2-3 record and a 6-7 overall.



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Junior forward Tom Eller battles Northwood foe for the rebound.

## Pioneers not in step with tune

By JOANNE GERSTNER  
News Editor

They must be playing the hokey-pokey.

Every time the OU women's basketball team takes a step forward in progress with a win, the Pioneers turn around, and take a step backwards and lose.

Last week saw the Pioneers split their slate of games, defeating Northwood University 69-57 and losing to Saginaw Valley State University.

In a non-GLIAC home game versus Northwood, OU came out sluggish and stayed that way. However, the Pioneers had more overall offensive firepower than the Northwomen and eventually wore them down to earn the victory on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The first half saw OU throw up enough three point bricks to build a mansion. For a team that depends on threes, OU turned in an abysmal first stanza one for 14 (.071 percent) performance.

NU kept plugging away offensively, building up to a 36-34 lead at halftime despite turning the ball over to OU 16 times.

However, the Pioneers' masonry union disbanded in the second half, as junior forward Patty Robak and junior center Leshia



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Senior guard Roni McGregory launches shot from freethrow line.

Sadler connected on triples.

OU took back the lead for good in the second half at the 8:17 mark on Sadler's three pointer.

For the game, the Pioneers were

led by Belkowski, who had 20 points and eight rebounds.

The only other highlight was Taylor's 200 win of his career. However, even Taylor didn't

seem to be too impressed with his accomplishment

"It just means that I have been coaching for a long time," he said.

OU's big loss was delivered at the hands of SVSU on Saturday, Jan. 16. The Pioneers were never in the game, as the Cardinals jumped to the lead from the start.

OU watched Saginaw Valley's lead build up to 18 at the half, thanks to junior forward Traci Bruno lighting up the Pioneers for 24 points.

Things went from bad to worse in the second half, with the Cardinals stretching their lead up to 26.

For the game, Bruno scored 30 points. Compare that to OU's high scorer, Belkowski with 20, and Oakland's offensive woes become evident.

As for the funk that the Pioneers are playing in, Taylor said that he doesn't know what the cause is, but he's not ruling out the return of better times for OU this season.

"We just need to do more at the defensive end," he said. "They've worked hard in practice and we are going to make a commitment to defense. Some players are going to have to step up."

OU is in sixth place, with a 2-3 record in the GLIAC and a 9-4 mark overall.

## Pioneers sink Denison, 150-82

By ERIC DeMINK  
Copy Editor

With one fell swoop of the axe, the Pioneers split a weekend series against Eastern Michigan University and Denison University.

On Friday, Jan. 15, OU sought to gain a measure of revenge against an Eagle team which had setback the Pioneers in two earlier season engagements. But the third time would not be the charm.

By a 147-95 score, EMU thrice stopped the Pioneers who thankfully won't see this squad again this season.

Still it was not as one-sided as the score might have indicated.

"The big difference in the score (52 points) lie mainly in that they (EMU) swept us both boards," Coach Pete Hovland said. "That right there was a 32-point swing, which would have made things a lot closer."

Still, the Pioneers managed to capture four of 11, by no means a plurality, but stressing the importance of the diving program.

Following a pair of seconds in the 400-yard medley relay and 1000 freestyle events, the Pioneers first found paydirt in the 200 freestyle.

Led by senior All-American Carl Boyd (1:44.53), OU went one-two in the event, with junior Sean Peters (1:45.66) shaving a close second.

Sophomore Steve Traube was looking to qualify in the 200 butterfly when he churned in a 1:58.04 victorious time. While just edging his opponent by just over two-tenths, Traube was still off by almost four seconds.

OU scored its third conquest of the meet when Boyd (1:52.99) touched first in the 200 backstroke. His second triumph of the evening came at the expense of freshman swim mate Chris Zoltak (1:53.92) who pulled in second.

The Pioneers then finished their day in the final event, the 400 free relay with its fourth and last win.

Anchored by sophomore transfer Morgan Bailey (:46.94 split), with Peters (:47.12), and seniors Enos Pritchett (:47.26) and Jon

Stump (:47.56), the quartet bested the field in just under two seconds.

The Pioneers roared back on Saturday with a romp over Denison University, 150-82.

Already smarting from Friday, OU vented its frustrations on DU, taking 10 of 13 events, and eight of the first nine.

OU commenced the onslaught in the opening event, the 200 medley relay. Touching first were seniors Jeff Van Norman, Stump, and freshmen Zoltak and Dave Dykstra in 1:37.46.

Swimming in an off event, freshman Adric Arndt (10:24.57), continued his late season surge, thrashing to a one second plus victory in the 1000 freestyle.

The Pioneers went one-two in the 50 freestyle with freshman Bryan Stafford (:21.82) earning his initial college victory. Peters (:22.01), who had his swim of the meet Friday (and who was named swimmer of the meet by the Pioneers) finished second.

OU then swept the 400 individual medley, taking the top three spots. Senior Doug Allen (4:18.60) led sophomore Eric

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Senior sprinter Carl Boyd

## Wolverines throw OU tankers a scare

By ERIC DeMINK  
Copy Editor

Meanwhile, on the other side of town...faring no better than their male counterparts, the Pioneer women were felled by the University of Michigan on Friday evening.

Despite winning only four events out of 16, the Pioneers did manage to score 113 points to Michigan's 167.

The 400 medley relay squad of juniors Amy Comerford, Angie Johnson, and sophomores Danni Lentine and Jody Parker staked the Pioneers to their first triumph of the day. The winning time (4:04.47) was just under two seconds better than the Wolverine four.

Comerford went up an old nemesis from Northern Michigan University (since transferred) in Kirsten Silvester in the 100 backstroke contest. But this was no contest. Comerford, touching in (:58.55) was the winner, a good eight seconds better than her foe who took fifth.

Scoring OU's third triumph was freshman Ellen Lessig who captured the 50 freestyle in :24.69. Said Coach Tracy Huth about his charge, "Lessig has developed much faster than what we anticipated. Here, (in Ann Arbor) she was swimming against some of the best in the country. Here she would swim the fastest time in

the country."

OU's fourth conquest came in the 200 backstroke, the 10th event of the evening. Comerford's 2:09.37, a two second plus triumph (her second individual of the meet), would also be OU's last.

But just like their male counterparts, they bounced back against Denison University on Saturday.

In seizing 10 of 13 events, OU crushed DU by 62 points, 150-88.

The Pioneers got started in the 1000 freestyle with freshman Debby Nickels (10:37.25) besting senior mate Shannon Taylor (10:44.38) for the crown.

Complementing another good showing by freshman, Kristen Nagelkirk captured the 200 freestyle in 1:58.02.

Yet another, who had earlier success against U-M, Lessig (:24.67) led a sweep in the 50 freestyle. Following her to the finish was senior Laura Fisher (:24.93), and Johnson (:25.33) in that order.

In taking the 200 IM, Comerford (2:11.85) sparkled, even more so that her time shattered the Mike Gregory Natatorium record.

Pioneer divers took both diving events, going one-two on the 1-meter board and sweeping the 3-meter event.

Freshmen Molly Cliffl (230.10 points), and Angela Puchalsky (225.45) took top spots in the first dive. Freshman Becki Bach (234) ousted Cliffl (219.38) in the second.

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ond dive, while Puchalsky (201.60) plunked in third. Denison endured another sweep in the 100 freestyle when Nagelkirk (:53.87), Lessig (55.67), and sophomore Tracy Bruins (:57.44) punched in. With all guns blazing Comerford (2:09.15) notched her second triumph of the evening in the 200 Backstroke In the heat Comerford again smashed a pool record. A returning Nickels secured her second win in the 500 frees-

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Newton (4:19.36) and freshman Bill Wood (4:31.32) to the stripe. Freshmen divers Joe Rasette and Sam Castillo went one-two in capturing both the one and three meter diving events to pad the Pioneer lead. Rasette scored a 241.05 and 242.03, and Castillo a 235.50 and a 195. The 200 butterfly belonged to Dykstra (2:02.39) and Newton (2:04.71), who, as their predecessors finished one-two, respectively. When Boyd (:48.00) and Zoltak (:49.26) went one-two in the 100 freestyle, OU had reeled off its fifth straight conquest. Boyd (2:17.35) would later couple this with a triumph in the 200 breaststroke. Bailey (1:57.67) would then score his second individual triumph of the weekend in the 200 backstroke then return for the 200 freestyle relay with Zoltak, Stump, and Peters to humble DU.

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tyle besting Taylor (5:18.46) by better than four seconds. The Pioneers capped DU in the 200 freestyle with two squads flying courageous. The "A" squad of Fisher, Nagelkirk, Parker, and Lessig touched in a pool record 1:39.68 time ahead of "B" squad of Bruins, Johnson, senior Beth Surowiec and freshman Ellen Surowiec touching four seconds later in 1:43.74.

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