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College students often have two dilemmas, balancing time efficiently and having adequate funds to pay the bills and have fun.

Few are lucky enough that working during the fall and winter semesters isn't a necessity.

Students who work year round do so for many reasons.

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In sunny Phoenix, OU's dreams for its first NCAA-II National Championship fizzled when the Pioneers lost to Grand Canyon University, 3-1 on a goal with 7:15 remaining by forward Milos Tomic, Sunday Dec. 8.

Tomic's goal helped the Antelopes win its first-ever National Championship and led to OU's exit in the final for the third time in the school's history.

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Student feels cheated by
meeting with Associate
Dean of the College of
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Macauley.

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Serving up a new look

Fast food
opens in
eatery

By LESLIE FITZ
Special Writer

With temporary walls coming down the last day of the fall semester, the much awaited food court finally is open for business after the semester break.

Featuring Taco Bell, Burger King, Pizza Hut and Meadow Brook Farms, customers have a large menu of items to choose from for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Center Court, an option for those who wish to have lunch just the way they want, is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to serve omelets, among other things.

Pizza Hut even has a carry out window open until 11 p.m. for those staying on campus into the evening.

The grand opening will be next week, and the new name will be revealed at that time.

The eatery has been much anticipated since problems began early on when electrical transformers and an inadequate ventilation system caused the first delays in construction before the start of the fall semester.

After resolving those quirks, the budget soon became an issue when local contractor David Christopher, Inc., bid \$638,000 to build the food court. The allocation for the construction costs was only \$500,000.

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Post Photo / Nelson May

LUNCH RUSH: Lines during the lunch rush proved long as many people viewed the new food court for the first time.

Customers give approval
of new food court area

By LESLIE FITZ
Staff Writer

Many OU students returning to classes shuffled into the OC Monday expecting to grab a quick bite in the congested Oakland Cafe before heading off to their first day of classes.

Instead, they realized on the makeshift partitions concealing the food court construction area were gone.

The food court was finished.

To catch the residence hall students who were returning to campus on Sunday, pink lawn flamingos were scattered outside the OC and lined the walkway to Vandenberg Hall.

ARAMARK also distributed free food

coupons to residents, and gave away Burger King cups filled with buttons, pens, pencils and pins to promote the new eatery.

Undecided freshman Brian Stewart has not been privy to the months of dust, delays, and noise. Monday was his first day as an OU student. "(The food court) is impressive," he said. "It's nice. I've got two hours between my classes. Instead of losing my parking spot, I can come here."

Kristen Phillips, also an undecided freshman, said, "The food's really good. They have a good variety, and they're pretty quick. I was totally surprised (that the food court was open). I thought it would take one more year."

This was a sentiment shared by many

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Post Photo / Nelson May

LONG TIME COMING: Though anticipated to open at the start September, the new food court took longer than expected due to project overbidding.

NOTICE:

University Senate Meeting is
scheduled for Thursday January 9 at
3:10 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the
OC.

Important issues such as whether or
not classes should be cancelled on
Martin Luther King Day will be
discussed.



Post Photo / Nelson May

MEMORY SUPPORTED: Faculty
Representative Kevin Early believes
OU should cancel classes.

Congress passes
King resolution

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

OU Student Congress is taking action this year and speaking out against holding classes on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Congress passed a resolution 15 votes in favor with one abstention supporting the cancellation of classes on Martin

Luther King Jr. Day at its first meeting of the semester this past Monday.

The resolution, written by Congress member Barry Gray, calls into question the university's policy on the observance of the national holiday. It states, in part, that Congress will, "act in ways which support the resolution."

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Choices

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Through careful negotiations, a contract was eventually signed, and it was time to build. Noise and dust soon became common fixtures in the OC and students hoped the new completion deadline of January would hold true.

Besides noise, a lack of seating and tensions began to mount for some students who felt student lounges and space were being constricted.

Many, however, had little problem with these inconveniences and believed it would all be worth it in the end.

Along with the foreseeable effects of construction came unforeseeable fire scare on the first day of WOCOU in early October.

South Foundation Hall was cleared out when fire alarms sent students and faculty out into the brisk autumn air. After

the fire trucks arrived, it was discovered that dust travelling through underground tunnels had been mistaken for smoke seeping out of the building's ventilation system.

As December rolled around, signs of Burger King and Pizza Hut could be seen around the construction walls. Even a thermometer keeping tabs on the construction developments could be seen.

Many students went home for winter break having doubts if the food court would really be open when they returned.

On Sunday, campus residents were greeted by an army of pink flamingos camped out on the campus lawn. The lawn ornaments beckoned people to visit the OC's own Burger King, Taco Bell, and Pizza Hut which had finally opened.

A large number of campus-goers have already dined at the food court and have decided that it was worth the wait and the minor inconveniences.

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food court diners.

Political science junior Sean Kosofsky said, "It's about time!" Although the delays bothered him, the eatery was worth the wait, he said.

Aside from enjoying the vast array of foods offered, Kosofsky also appreciates the design of the food court. "I think it's a fabulous layout. It looks much better than I had expected," he said.

Some students, including Catina McCoy, a human resource development junior, and Jeannine Warner, a political science sophomore, believe the food court is a good invest-

ment.

"I think it's time they invested in OU," McCoy said.

The OU community isn't the only ones who are pleased with the food court.

Undecided sophomore Alan Kruska, a student at Macomb Community College, ate at the food court Sunday after helping his best friend move back into the dorm. "I really wish we had something like this at Macomb. It would be nice to have an area to just sit and study or talk with friends."

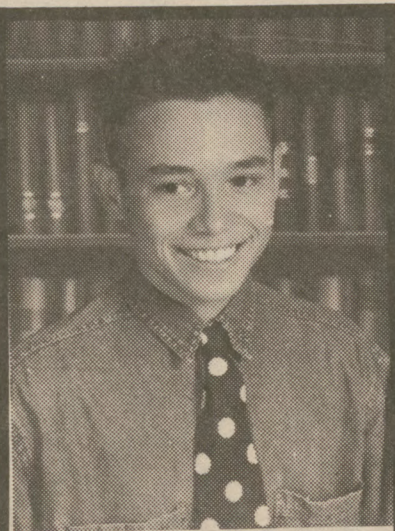
The grand opening of the eatery will be next week. At that time, the name will be revealed. The student who submitted the name will receive a check.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Budget fails, allocations too high



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TOO STEEP: Congress Administrative Assistant Shajan Kay requests the election commission's budget be decreased \$900.

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Already postponed due to discussion and debate over the possibility of going Division I AAA, Congress' winter budget will now be put off for voting until Monday because the original draft failed at its last December meeting.

The original budget called for such allocations as \$1,250 for an annual year-end inaugural banquet and \$5,200 for electronic strategies to promote the spring election. The budget failed with a vote of nine against and seven in favor.

The banquet has been held annually at Meadow Brook Hall and was designed to honor outgoing Congress members and welcome in the new student body government.

Only university administrators, Congress members and their family members are invited.

The event is to be a time to meet top university administrators and share ideas for the upcoming legislative year.

Congress member Matthew Karrantja feels the money allocated for the affair could be better spent on an event which invited the whole student body.

"The banquet is a bad idea. ... It's only benefiting us (Congress)," Karrantja said. He would rather see Congress throw a party during WOCO when all students could attend.

Despite his and others' concerns, the \$1,250 remained in the revised budget, and at its first meeting of the new semester, an amendment to strike the amount from the

budget failed with only one member voting in favor.

President Garrick Landsberg said the banquet allocation is only 0.25% of the total \$62,200 Winter budget. The dinner, tip and tour of Meadow Brook Hall was calculated at \$25 per person. Based on previous attendance records, approximately 50 people are expected to attend.

Stephanie Goodrich, Congress financial assistant, decided to keep the allocations for the banquet in the new budget, despite some criticism. She felt that those who disapproved of the banquet were a small minority with strong voices.

"I purposely chose to have it a line in the budget. ... (This way,) it's not the president's choice, it's the legislature's choice,"

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Sorority boyfriend confesses to police

A male OU student has confessed to harassing and doing a number of destructive acts to Chi Upsilon sorority President Stephanie Maximuik.

The boyfriend of another sorority member confessed to OU Police on Dec. 7 that, among other acts, he was responsible for the recent dead raccoon left for Maximuik on Nov. 15.

Maximuik found the unexpected wrapped package addressed to her on the sorority's desk in the Greek Council Office located in the basement of the OC.

When the package was opened, Maximuik found the dead raccoon along with a note saying "die bitch".

Maximuik told police at the time that she suspected one of her sorority sisters left the package. She also told the officers that the sorority has been involved in hazing acts, which she does not condone.

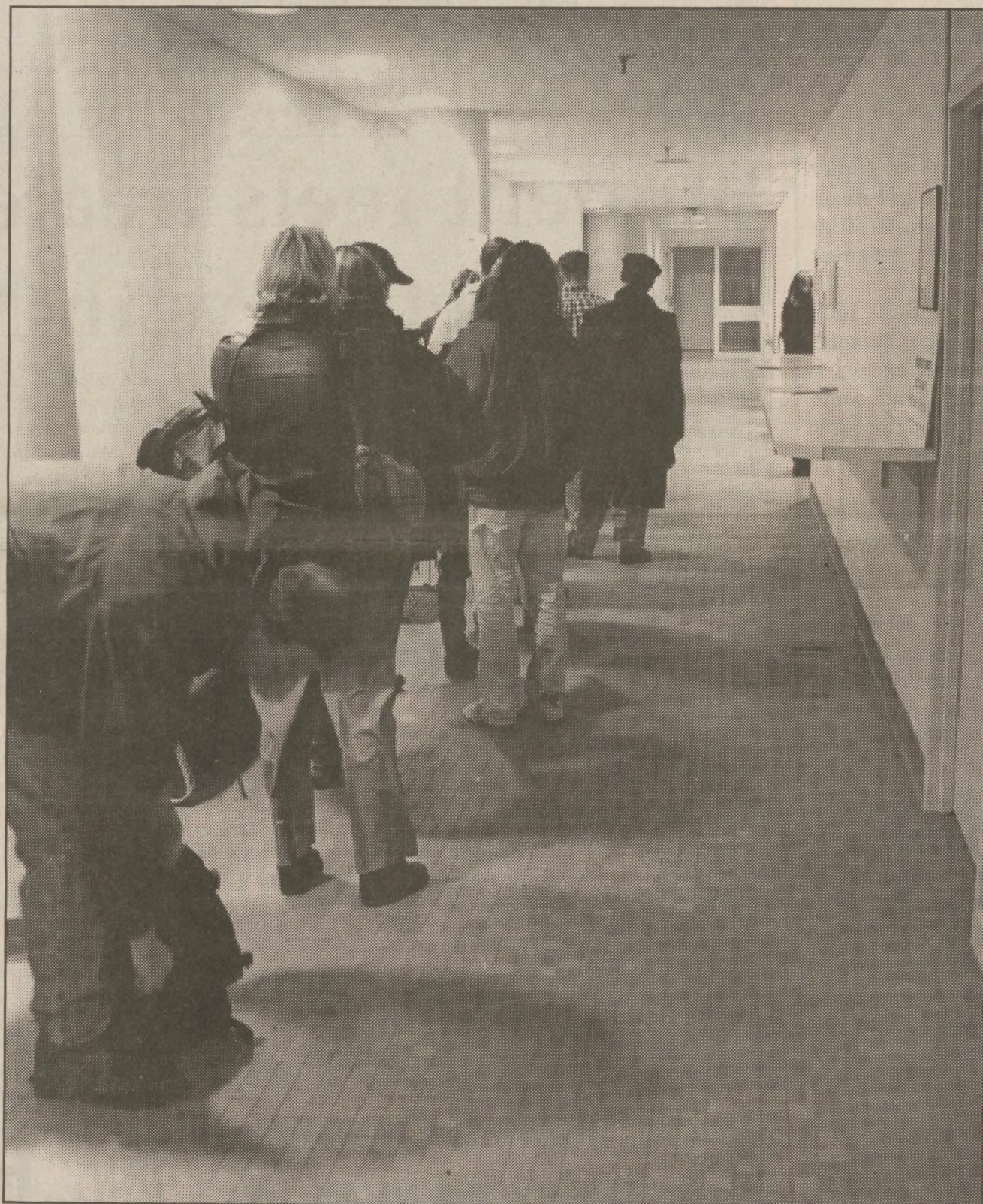
OU Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy said the man also confessed to leaving threatening notes and pictures for Maximuik. Additionally, he also keyed her car, causing approximately \$700 worth of damage.

The man told police he had acted alone and that he left the animal because his girlfriend told him of conflicts within the sorority.

According to a police report, Maximuik originally suspected one of her sorority sisters.

Maximuik decided not to prosecute the man if restitution for the car damage is made.

Instead, he was turned over to Nancy Schmidts in Student Life for a possible university hearing.



Post Photo / Nelson May

SCHEDULE DILEMMAS: Registration lines were long at times Tuesday when students decided to drop or add classes. Friday is the last day to decrease class loads and receive 100 percent refund of tuition.

Support mounts for sign language

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

In its first meeting of the semester, Congress voted unanimously in favor of a resolution written in support of changing the way OU handles the subject of American Sign Language (ASL).

The resolution moves that OU's two ASL classes (COM114 and 115) be recognized by OU as fulfilling the general education requirement for foreign language.

As it stands, COM 114 and 115 are elective courses and do not fulfill the university's one semester foreign language general education requirement.

It is a project Congress Member Matthew Karrantja and others have been working on since last semester. Karrantja has gathered more than 1600 signatures from students who support the change. He hopes to put the issue before all OU students to vote on in a student referendum.

To bring an issue to student referendum, Congress must obtain signatures from 339 students, one-third of the number of students who voted in the last Congress election.

Karrantja distributed an information packet to Congress at its Dec. 9 meeting which he had compiled from the Internet.

The packet contained information on how various universities across the

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Speaker stolen from OC during break

The Student Program Board (SPB) was the victim of larceny over Christmas break when an expensive speaker was taken from its office last Friday.

Two students who were working in the SPB office, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center, reported to OU Police that around 6 p.m. they noticed the Peavey DTH 118 subwoofer speaker missing. The speaker had been sitting on a case just outside the door of the office.

The students told police there were quite a few people walking down the hallway, and since the office is located near a set of doors that exits into the lobby of the bookstore, someone could have grabbed the speaker and quickly exited through those doors unnoticed.

The speaker is valued at \$350. Police are investigating



Man tries to resell stolen book

The OU Bookcenter also reported a larceny over Christmas break.

On December 23 a Bookcenter official reported to OU Police that a man in his early 20's tried to resell a book which he is thought to have stolen from the Bookcenter earlier that day.

The official told police the man had been in the store inquiring about a

special order he had placed sometime earlier. When they told him the order had not come in yet, the man became very irate and said several offensive things to the employees.

Approximately an hour later the man reappeared in the store at the "buy-back" area with a copy of another book "A First Course In General Relativity" by Bernard Schultz.

The employee handling the "buy-back" area became suspicious and asked the man for a receipt for the book. The man told him he did not have the receipt because he had bought the book last year.

The employee checked the date code on the inside of the book: January 1997. That particular book had just arrived for sale for the Winter '97 semester. The man then changed his story, saying he had just found the book outside of the Bookcenter.

No employees saw the man steal the book, which is valued at \$33.95.

Police make presence in halls to prevent further campus arson

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Extra police and cadets were put on patrol after residents in Van Wagoner Hall extinguished four arson fires in the second and fourth floor ladies restrooms.

The fires, though minor according to police, occurred Dec. 8 and 9, before the semester break when the hall was still populated.

"Whenever there is a fire (in the residence halls), the potential risk is great," said OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Police said residents put out the flames by throwing water on them before officials arrived.

Police suspect the first three fires were started by a cigarette lighter which

was used to ignite toilet paper or a crocheted hanger holding the extra toilet paper.

The fourth fire was set inside a trash can. It was discovered and extinguished before it could ignite other paper inside.

Police believe the fire incidents are related and say they are investigating possible leads. They do not have any suspects at this time.

To help prevent additional arsons, police are making sure waste baskets are emptied regularly and the incinerator room remains locked.

There have been no further arsons in the residence halls.

Under the law, arson is a felony punishable by 10 years in prison.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

OUSC spending without sense

Congress once again seems to be having trouble spending your money.

In a performance reminiscent of the photo copier escapade earlier this year, OUSC spent the last meeting of the fall semester arguing over the winter budget, only to vote it down to be reworked and re-read at its Jan. 6 meeting.

The proposed original budget included such allowances as a \$1,250 annual Congressional banquet to be held at Meadow Brook Hall. The affair, exclusive to Congress members and their families and some members of the administration, is said to be important for Congress and the administration to get to know each other.

It would appear that a dinner at the hall is not imperative for members of the administration to attend. I'm sure none of them would mind attending a pizza party instead, and why are OUSC family members invited? Besides isn't this the purpose of the Student Leader Luncheons which come out of President Russi's budget? Of course, it also provides a time for Congress members to be recognized for their efforts, but this seems a bit elaborate.

Also, if Congress is so concerned with getting more in touch with the upper echelon at OU why not attend the Board of Trustees meetings. Everyone is there, and it would be a great opportunity for Congress to learn what is happening at OU.

It's astonishing that Congress wanted to throw itself a \$1,250 party at your expense, when they had such fierce debate over spending money to cater meetings.

Initially \$2,500 was budgeted for meeting costs (basically food allowance). Everyone knows that food is a very important part of OUSC meetings.

Congress members can be seen floating over to the deli tray throughout the meeting and several passers-by will pop in for a quick bite. However, this does not mean that \$2,500 is a necessary sum. A few Congress members argued that any food at meetings was unnecessary. Those students who pop in just for food would not stop by without it and though most only stay a few minutes, it may be enough to have an idea of important issues being discussed.

Congress member Raymond Landsberg suggested that for \$470 Congress could order five pizzas each week, sacrificing quantity and beverages, for the whole semester, but others argued that pizza's no good without pop. The amount was amended to \$1,000.

A third expenditure which needed to be renegotiated was \$5,200 to be spent on campaign tactics for the '97 election including a campaign video.

The video, as well as other new strategies, was intended to increase the percentage of students who actually vote each year. The sad truth of the matter is, however, that if people won't take five minutes to vote, they aren't going to take time to stop and watch a video.

This idea has since been nixed and the amount has been decreased to \$2,800.

Congress is trying to do its job, and many members saw that a lot of spending was unnecessary. Proposed cuts have been made. Unfortunately, it is debatable if the right areas have been chosen to benefit the student body in the long run and to show OU students that OUSC is working. We don't think an elaborate banquet and video equipment is the best way to do that.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Student feels treated unfairly in meeting with Macauley

Dear Editor:

I am giving you a copy of this letter to be reprinted in the Letters to the Editor section of *The Oakland Post*. I felt that it should be published because I believe if other students have received this treatment they should speak up.

Dear Mr. Downing:

I am writing in regards to a meeting that occurred on Nov. 27, 1996 with Assistant Dean William Macauley. The meeting revolved around my interest in attaining a Chinese Language Minor, which I began pursuing in 1994. My main concern was being able to get the remaining four credits that are needed to complete that required 20 credit hours. I had assumed that this was the individual I needed to contact with my concern, since Mr. Macauley had handled other issues pertaining to the existence of Chinese Language classes at Oakland University last year.

The reaction and treatment that I had received by Mr. Macauley concerning a legitimate academic question was appalling and offensive. From the very beginning, he did not treat me as an individual and equal, but as a child that could be easily intimidated by his tone of voice, stares and unprofessional behavior. He had cut me off several times when I spoke, described Mr. Marney as having "croaked" and raised his voice at me. Mr. Macauley also took the liberty in calling me, a senior in college, "young lady." He rudely told me, "you should read your mail," when he implied that I had not read a letter that was sent to me concerning the Chinese Language program at Oakland University. He informed me that I shouldn't trust Professor Fine, when she told me that Wayne State did not offer upper level courses in Chinese Language. After I explained to him that Professor

Fine helped to create the program at that university and that I trusted her knowledge of it, Mr. Macauley continued to disregard this information and persisted in trying to make me feel uninformed.

When I questioned Mr. Macauley's behavior, he justified his "rudeness" by explaining that since he perceived my behavior negatively, he had the right to behave as he did. If this is the attitude of someone who is supposed to be equipped with handling student concerns, then this university is in deep trouble. Mr. Macauley's behavior was sexist, ineffective and arrogant. He seems to disregard the fact that his job is to serve students, who happen to pay his salary, with respect. Personally I think Mr. Macauley needs a course in human relations and women's studies. He needs to learn how to deal with student concerns, calmly, rationally and effectively. He needs to be informed that no woman would appreciate him raising his voice and saying, "Now listen here young lady." His behavior is unacceptable and intolerable. I don't recall, in the last four and a half years at Oakland University, being this insulted by a staff or faculty member. This is a great disappointment to me, as a student in the College of Arts and Sciences and I wanted you to know this.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline J. O'Connor
 Senior
 Sociology

Editor's Note: Mr. Marney was a Modern Language Professor at OU who passed away a few years ago. Margaret Fine is a Special Lecturer of Chinese Languages at OU, and William Macauley's official title is Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

OU Student Liaisons Asking for Input

Dear Editor:

As student liaisons to the Oakland University Board of Trustees for the 1996-1997 academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and share with our fellow students our plans to ensure that we provide an informed student perspective on issues of university policy, particularly in matters of academic services, financial responsibilities and obligations, student life and campus and community-wide relations.

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Student input is vital to the success of these plans. We are committed to addressing the needs of all OU student populations and would be happy to meet with any student or organization to discuss their interests. In order to be effective representatives, we urge students to contact us regarding concerns and complaints or even compliments.

Watch *The Oakland Post* for announcements regarding the dates of the Finance and Personnel and University Affairs Advisory Committee meetings. We encourage student attendance and involvement, since issues that affect Oakland University's students and its future are decided at these meetings.

Call us at 370-4639 or e-mail at slbot@oakland.edu. We are eager to hear from our fellow students regarding their interests and opinions.

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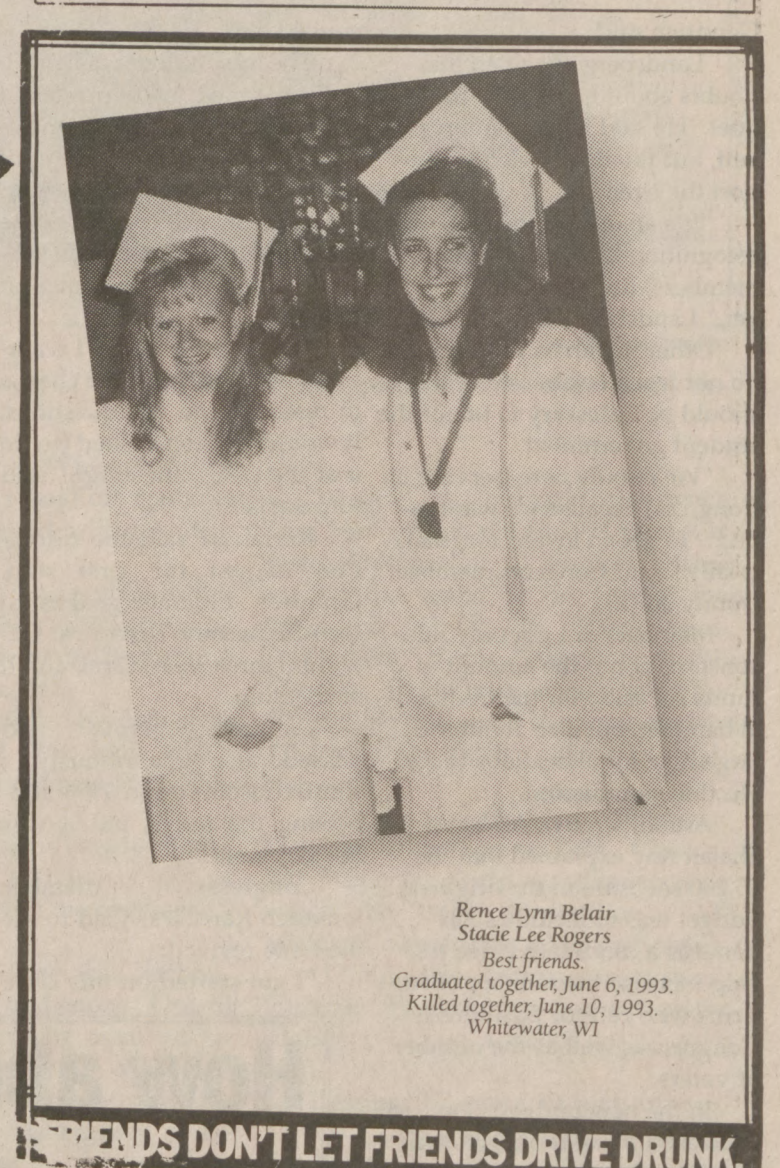
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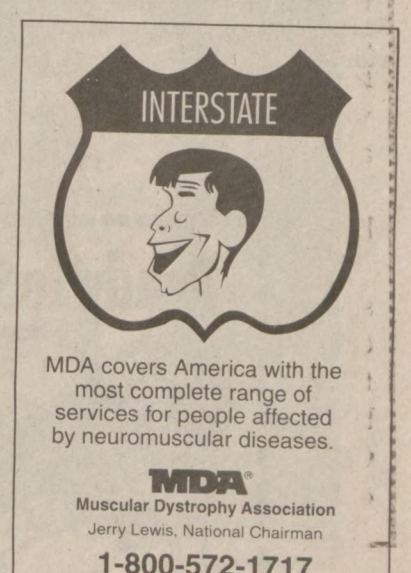
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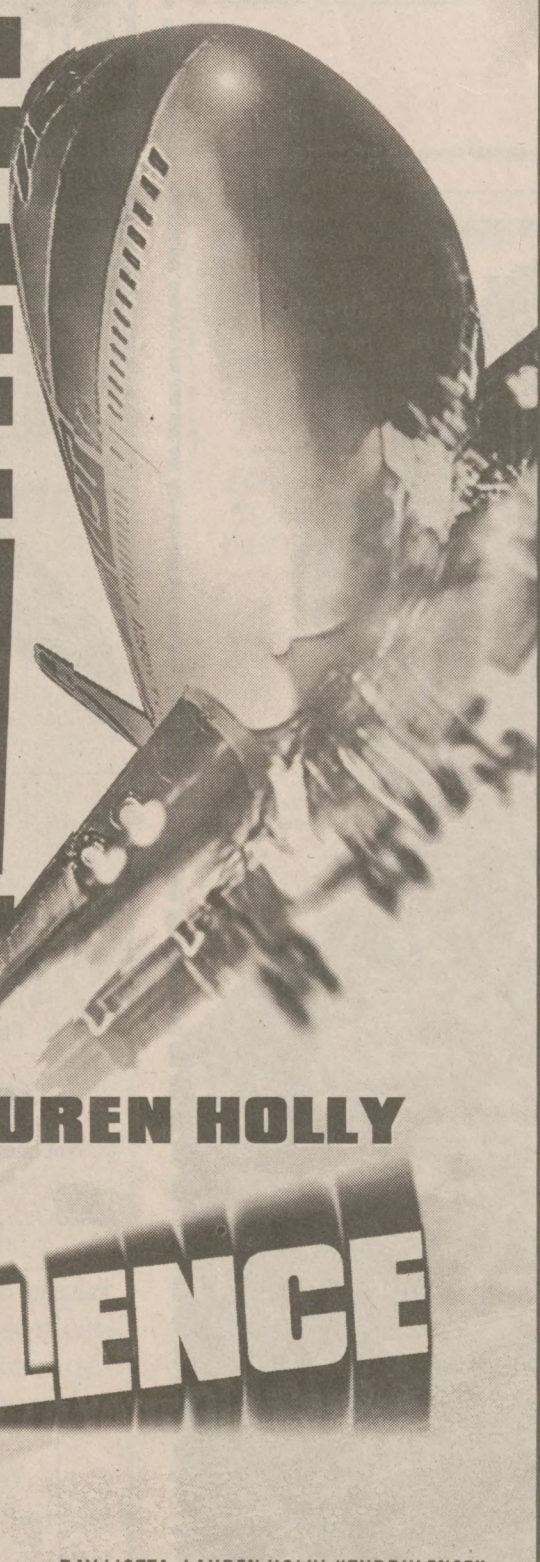
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Goodrich said.

Landsberg even had his doubts about having the banquet. He said he was ambivalent, but finally decided to support the event.

"It's an opportunity to give recognition they (outgoing members) might not otherwise get," Landsberg said.

Other members of Congress do not feel an elaborate evening should be necessary to honor the student government.

"We're only here (serving on Congress) because we want to be.... To get an award for (that) is silly," said Congress member Donny Aird.

Members did not only raise concerns about the amount of funds set aside for the traditional banquet, but also about the large hike for allocations to the election commission.

Administrative Assistant Shajan Kay explained that the \$5,200 set aside in the original budget was to include such items as a candidate video to help increase the number of students who run for positions on Congress as well as the number of voters.

In the new budget, Goodrich decreased the allocation to \$3,700, and at the last meeting the allocation was amended to \$2,800, striking the candidate videos.

Sign

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country handle ASL classes.

The resolution was originally planned to be presented and voted on at its Dec. 9 meeting, but it was postponed until Monday so Congress would have the chance to review the information Karrandja distributed and decide their stance on the issue.

"I held off because I wanted Congress to have the chance to research and ask questions. It would've been rushed (to do it at the Dec. 9 meeting)," said Karrandja.

Karrandja said the resolution is just the first step. Congress' ultimate goal is to see ASL become a major at OU within three years and a full curriculum.

Congress wrote and passed, also unanimously, a similar resolution in 1994 supporting the move, but it was not successful.

Congress member Jonathan Raiss was glad to see the issue revived.

"I got started on this issue

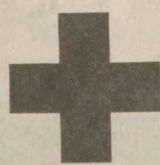
two terms of office ago, and it's finally coming together. There were certain glitches in the system, and now those glitches have been worked out," said Raiss.

From this point, the resolution states that copies will be forwarded to the University Committee for undergraduate instruction, the Department of Modern Languages, the Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism, the College of Arts and Sciences, Board of Trustees, the President's Office, Vice President of Student Affairs, the Oakland Press, the Detroit News and Free Press, as well as all local news stations.

"I am certainly delighted that students are taking interest in academic issues, and when the department is prepared to mount sufficient of sign language classes then we fully intend to put this proposal through appropriate academic channels," said Director of Rhetoric, Communications, and Journalism Jane Briggs-Bunting.

In the meeting, Congress President Garrick Landsberg described it as "a fine resolu-

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FEATURES

Working for a living...

Odd jobs students encounter to pay high cost of school

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

College students often have two dilemmas, balancing time efficiently and having adequate funds to pay the bills and have fun.

Few are lucky enough that working during the fall and winter semesters isn't a necessity.

Students who work year round do so for many reasons. "I go to school full time and work full time because I need to be

able to pay my car payment, and I want to be able to go on vacations and have extra spending money to enjoy myself," said Melissa Behnke, human resource development, junior.



Photo Courtesy Bonnie White

STRIKE A POSE: Bonnie White, during her modeling career before returning to singing.

Junior, communication Jennifer Madjarev said, "I work because I need money. Money is what makes the world go round and without it I wouldn't have anything. Aside from money, working gives me a chance to apply myself and learn. I would be really bored if I didn't work."

Working on campus, in the food industry, retail stores and in an office environment, at day care centers and bartending are common professions among college students.

However some take a more unusual route.

Bonnie White, 25, a successful singer and model from Rochester decided to return to school after six years.

Little Orphan Annie is the person responsible for White's interest in the music industry. When she was nine years old White's parents took her to the Fisher Theatre to see the musical *Annie*, and she has been singing ever since.

White enjoyed the musical so much that after the show her parents bought the cassette tapes for her, and she started memorizing the songs. It wasn't too long after that she began putting on shows with her girlfriends in the back yard.

"I had no idea I was going to enjoy it (*Annie*) that much," said White. "In fact, I was kind of like, eh, I don't want to go."

The day that White graduated from high school she

to continue modeling and moved to Chicago to work for Elite Modeling.

If becoming a successful model is a priority, attending "high society" parties is an obligation, said White. Gaining exposure and meeting important people in the industry are two advantages.

While attending one house boat party, White spotted Anita Baker in the crowd. White said she didn't want to be one of those fans who went running over to ask for an autograph so she attempted to casually make her way over to Baker.

"I told her I liked her dress," said White. "I had demo tapes on me everywhere I went so I gave her one of my tapes, and she ended up calling my modeling company."

Not long after Baker contacted the agency, White began performing with Baker at local benefits in Chicago and Detroit and eventually Baker asked White to go on her nine month tour as a back up singer.

At 20, White joined Chicago Mob, "hotel circuit" band, and performed in hotels all over the world.

Unfortunately, White left the band. After the leader of the band came close to raping her in her own hotel room. "He was helping me carry my things up to my room and before we were through the door he pushed me in," said White.

Luckily, the drummer was in the next room and heard the screaming and commotion.

"I couldn't eat, and I couldn't sleep. So I came home to Mom," she said.

After only two weeks, White grew sick of the city so she bought a house in Houghton Lake, MI and rejoined Sweet Talk.

Being a member of Sweet Talk again gave White the opportunity to keep singing in a comfortable situation with a group of people who she considers family.

Two years ago, White decided to move back to the Detroit area and today works with three different wedding bands, Simone Vitale, Innovation and the Tim Hewitt Orchestra. White earns \$500 a night and works three or four nights a week.

In between these gigs, White has worked with Aretha Franklin and Nine Inch Nails in the Illinois and Michigan areas earning "upward from about \$1,500 per night," she said.

"I will always sing. I don't care if it's in a church choir or in a backyard



Photo Courtesy Chris Linn

SURPRISE, SURPRISE: Chris Linn, left, owner of his own business, showcasing two of his many talents magic and making people smile.

barbecue band," said White. "If the opportunity remains that I can continue singing in my future, I will definitely stick to it."

Chris Linn, 20, a junior in marketing at OU, like White, is no stranger to the stage and earns a living by performing in front of live audiences.

In 1993, Linn founded his own company, The Magic of Chris Linn, which operates out of the basement of his parent's Rochester home.

"I got my first magic kit when I was five for Christmas and it has always been a fascination with me ever since," said Linn.

By the age of 10, Linn was performing in front of live audiences. One of Linn's most embarrassing moments on stage was when he was 11. While performing a routine involving a trick with fire Linn set off the emergency sprin-

gled.

Despite the dramatic experience, Linn kept with it and in 1994 Linn was selected as one of 10 magicians from around the world to perform at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. Performers from Spain, Portugal, Germany and Toronto were among the 10 dazzling the crowd of approximately 1,000 which included a number of magicians.

Linn was awarded Michigan Magician of the Year in 1995. Close to 200 magicians were in attendance to watch the stage competition. All Michigan magicians could participate.

"I didn't know before I went there, but after my performance I was pretty confident I gave a good show," said Linn.

Despite 15 years of performing, See **WORKING** page 9

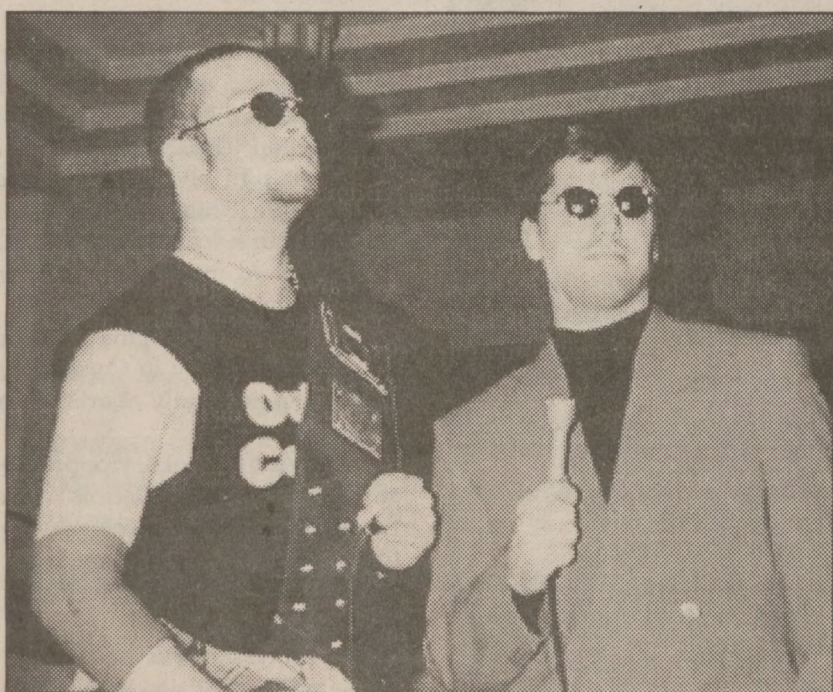


Photo Courtesy Matt Karrandja

GET READY TO RUMBLE: Matt Karrandja, right, introduces one of the many wrestlers who take part in the ICW wrestling shows.



Photo Courtesy Bonnie White

MAKING A LIVING: Bonnie White, second from left, shown with friends Royce, left, Gia Vitale, second from right and Alexander Zanjic, right after a Simone Vitale show.

Some events honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and in celebration of African-American Celebration Month

Jan. 20	MLK Freedom March MLK Candlelight Vigil
Jan. 22	Student Organization Day
Jan. 23	Students of Color Career Day
Jan. 24	Jazz Pianist Marcus Roberts
Jan. 25	Casino Night Gospel Choir Musical Explosion
Jan. 28	Storytelling: "I heard it floating on the wing"
Jan. 29	Student/ Staff Art Exhibit
Feb. 3	3rd Annual Women & Men Conference
Feb. 4	Poetry of Black Women
Feb. 5	African-American Dinner Special
Feb. 10	"W.E.B. Du Bois: a Biography in Four Voices."
Feb. 11	Race Relations Panel Discussion Ms. Excel Pageant
Feb. 13	Jammin' to the Motown Sounds
Feb. 14	Jazzy Ethnic Fair
Feb. 18	Winnie Mandela Lecture
Feb. 20	Keeper of the Dream Banquet

OU celebrates King's dream

By JAY CHARBONNEAU
Special Writer

"I have a dream..." This phrase will echo forever in the halls of American history and coming up on Jan. 20 it will be heard throughout the hall of OU as it gears up to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The day's festivities begin with the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom March which will begin at Vandenberg Hall and will last from noon to 1 p.m. The march will finish at the OC, and will be followed by a guest speaker in the Gok Rooms B & C.

"I am looking forward to it," said Barry Gray, junior, in Public administration. "I think it is very important not only for African American students, but for everyone."

A candlelight vigil will be held in Kings honor at 7 p.m.

"It (the day and events) is a time for people to come together and honor a martyr who died so people could be together regardless of skin color," said Gray.

These events are only the tip of the iceberg, however, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day serves as the launching point for African-American Celebration Month which will run until Feb. 20.

The month will include a variety of activities celebrating the strength of black culture.

Some highlights include: a performance by Marcus Roberts, jazz pianist on Jan. 24 in Varner Hall, the Gospel Choir Musical Explosion on Jan. 25 also in Varner Hall, an African-American

Dinner Special on Feb. 5 in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Other events include W.E.B. DuBois: A Biography in Four Voices on Feb. 10 in Annex 1, a Race Relations Panel Discussion in the Fireside Lounge on Feb. 11, A lecture by Winnie Mandela Feb. 18 in Meadow Brook Theatre and The Keeper of The Dream Banquet featuring William C. Brooks of General Motors on Feb. 20 in the Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion.

"I think it is very important not only for African American students, but for everyone."

Barry White
junior, public administration

Many students here at OU probably don't realize that the school has a long involved in the celebration of black culture that dates back to the Black Culture Fest in July of 1968. Shortly after the institution of the black studies classes.

Since then, the University has tried to lend a helping hand to organizations such as the ABS to facilitate such events.

The University now faces another hurdle. The Keeper of the Dream Committee voted to put the Board of Trustees the question of whether or not the University would close in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and suspend classes and activities.

Several other schools already do, including Wayne State University and Oakland Community College, and since it is an official federal holiday, banks and state and federal offices are closed.

Despite the indecision of OU, many students seem united in their decision. While several of the people had no special plans for either the holiday or African-American Celebration Month, all agreed that the right thing for the school to do would be cancel classes out of respect for King and those who wish to observe his passing.

Neither Jim Simonson, junior, in music; nor Andrea Owen, senior, in music had heard about the month long celebration.

"I don't really have plans to observe," said Simonson. "But I think they should close the school."

Owen agreed, "I haven't thought about it, but there shouldn't be questions."

Christa Coulter, freshmen, in elementary education felt that there wasn't enough information of the events taking place. "I haven't heard anything about the events," said Coulter. "But I would be interested."

According to Gray the candlelight vigil and march are his favorite events.

"The march became my favorite last year," said Gray. "More faculty and staff attended and it motivated me to try to get more students involved."

Whatever OU decides to do in order to honor the memory of King, students will undoubtedly observe the holiday in whatever way they see fit, even if classes remain in session.

Warm weather vacations help thaw winter chill

By CHERYL HILL
Special Writer

Colorful travel brochures wedged between stacks of textbooks signal winter break is fast approaching. The glossy photos mesmerize, like little children studying the pages of the toy catalog.

Their covers beckon with scantily-clad girls tossing beachballs in the Caribbean sun. Guys in trendy ski apparel schuss down Colorado mountain slopes. Either way, donning sandals or ski boots beats last year's worn-in winter clogs.

With Winter Break creeping up it's time to think of where to spend the much deserved break.

Many students say despite the exotic temptations they stay home and work. Those who do pack their bags, however, head south. South Padre Island, Cancun or just about anywhere

in Florida are popular spots.

Travel Agents International, located west of campus on University Drive, books students for winter break. Agent Kathy Villalobos said cruises and the Bahamas are big sellers this year. She says students look for "rock bottom prices but it can vary a lot."

Junior Jill Baran went to Cancun during last year's winter break. She signed up with Take A Break Student Travel, an outstate agency after finding their telephone number on a flyer posted on campus.

She paid about \$500 to stay in a moderate hotel with three students to a room for the week. "I had a blast," she said.

The plane was filled with Western Michigan students because their spring break coincided with OU's.

She did travel cheap but not without anxiety. "We were not told our flight times until the last minute," Baran said.

"It's a different way to travel."

She recommends going through a travel agent. This way they are able to fix any problems that may arise and allow the opportunity for customers to review travel arrangements beforehand.

For some destinations flying is mandatory.

Others, like South Padre Island, can be reached by car. Even though South Padre is 1,400 miles away, Villalobos said, "Some will actually drive all the way to Texas." Driving can save money if you have the time to do it.

Ski bag, beach bag, golf bag or book bag, the choice is yours. When break week hits and the only shoes you pull out of your bag are winter boots, lace them on and trudge through the snow to Kresge library.

Cozy up to a computer and get ready to surf. Surf the web, that is. It's the next best thing to being there.



Post Photo / Jeannette Kirkaldy

SUNNING ON THE BEACHES: The winter chill outside makes a beach scene like this on the white sands of Freeport, Bahamas make us all wish for winter break. So start making travel plans!

OU EVENTS

European paintings from the Tadeusz Malinski Collection of the 18th and 19th centuries are on display at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery now thru Feb. 8.

Check out the new food court while enjoying music when SPB, CIFO and ARA-MARK present **Concerts/Music in the Food Court** at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 8.

Beach Party in February? Chase those winter blues and exam blues away at the **Beach Party Dance** on Feb. 8 hosted by SPB. Tickets are \$5 for students and are on sale at CIFO.

Tickets are now on sale at CIFO for the **Washington DC** trip that is scheduled for Mar. 13-16. If you wish to visit many of the monuments and historical sites the cost is \$140 per student.

MUSIC

To hear the the personal "Voodoo Blues" of Eddie Kirkland head to Fifth Avenue on Jan. 9. Kirkland has performed in Jamaica and New Orleans, tickets are \$5.

Local band Willow & Flyswatter will be hosting a CD release party. For free t-shirts, caps, CD's and pizza head down to The Impound in Detroit on Jan. 10.

The Detroit is Distaught CD Release Party featuring Cold as Life, Bumpin' Uglies, Broadzilla and many others will be happening at the Magic Bag in Ferndale Jan. 11 at 9 p.m.

Holy Cows, 19 Wheels and Scott Fab will be rocking The 7th House in Detroit at 9 p.m. on Jan. 11.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will celebrate the many contributions made to classical music by artists with African roots Jan. 9-11. "Classical Roots" will be conducted Neeme Jarvi.

THEATRE

The Women in Black takes center stage at 8 p.m. and runs thru Feb. 2 at the Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets range from \$18-\$32.

ART

Nature writer Daniel Minock will lead the discussion **Gallery Talk: Landscapes in the American Imagination** at The DIA at 2 p.m. on Jan. 12.

The DIA will present **The Art of Thomas Wilmer Dewing Beauty** Reconfigured now thru Jan. 19. Dewing is recognized for his paintings of elegant women.

The work of Yousuf Karsh is now on display at The DIA thru Jan. 26. The exhibition "Karsh Portraits: The Searching Eye" includes world famous portraits of Winston Churchill and Brigitte Bardot.

MOVIES

On Jan. 10 MGM will challenge viewers to the ride of their life when **Turbulence** hits the big screens starring Ray Liotta and Lauren Holly.

The smart, funny and heartwarming film starring Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love, **The People Vs. Larry Flynt**, makes it way to theatres on Jan. 10.

OTHER

Leo Dufour along with Chris Zito will have the audiences laughing out of their chairs at 8:30p.m. at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

To see what to expect on the road in the near future. Cruise down to Cobo Hall for **The 1997 International Auto Show**. Tickets cost \$8 and opens to the public on Jan. 11 and runs thru Jan. 20.

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Opportunities available for students studying communication

By DELLA CASSIA
Special Writer

Many local reporters, television broadcasters and many in the communication fields belong to a growing organization, Women in Communication.

In 1909 on the campus of University of Washington in Seattle, a group of women journalism students were denied admittance into the mens journalism fraternity based on their sex. These women decided to take action and founded their own communication organization, Theta Sigma Phi.

Sigma Phi chapters mushroomed all over the United States, and what started as an association of nine women has grown to more than 10,000 members nationwide.

In 1972, Theta Sigma Phi changed its name to Women in Communication (WIC) and ironically started to admit men as members.

RoseAnne Nicolai, vice president of student affairs at the Detroit WIC chapter, attributes their success to the fact that it doesn't single out any of the communication fields. WIC welcomes students and professionals from all areas of the profession such as public relations, radio, television marketing, jour-

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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. Upcoming programs include:

Annual Leadership Retreat

The 4th annual all campus/off campus leadership retreat will take place January 10, 11 & 12, 1997. If you are involved in a student Organization or just interested in improving leadership skills, plan on attending. Outstanding presenters from both on and off campus will be giving sessions helpful to aspiring leaders, leaders and organizations. Each student organization can sign up two members at no cost. Sign by 4:30 p.m. Thursday for the few remaining spots.

Winter Blood Drive

OU's Winter Blood Drive will be held January 15 & 16. You can call 2020 to make an appointment. Help avoid long waits by signing up others. Help spread the word around and get others to give also. Every pint counts.

Leisure Classes

Get your Dancing Shoes ready! CIPO will be offering leisure classes beginning January 18. Classes will include: Country and Western Dancing, Line Dancing, and Ballroom Dancing. Classes will run for five consecutive Saturdays and will be \$30 per person for each set of classes taken. Sign up begins today!

Music in the Food Court

Beginning January 15, The Student Program Board, Aramark, and CIPO will provide entertainment in the Food Court every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please stop by and enjoy!

London and Paris

Oakland University will explore London and Paris. The annual international trip will depart Oakland University May 5 and return May 14. Oakland students, employees, alumni and their guests will be able to sign up. The cost is only \$1445 and includes: roundtrip airfare, lodging for nine nights, daily continental breakfasts, several tours, and much more.

Look for information at the CIPO Service Window or call Dewald Travel @ (810) 528-9900. Information brochures are now available at the CIPO Service Window.

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As the snow begins to fall, it is time to inform or remind students and employees that CIPO rents XC skis. The cost is \$5 for a day & \$10 for a weekend.

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Leisure Classes:

- Country and Western
- Line
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XC Ski Rental

Sign up and tickets for the following SPB event:s

- * Marcus Robert's Concert
- * February 8 Beach Party
- * Washington DC Trip (March 13 - 16)

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Quote of the Week

"You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world.... but it requires people to make the dream a reality".

Walt Disney

Working

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Linn still does experience a slight case of the jitters before his shows.

In addition to performing shows, Linn spends a lot of time doing the behind the scenes work such as paper work, billing and practicing.

Linn's parents are supportive and don't interfere. Many times he is missed around the house on account of his busy schedule. Linn added, "Sometimes I think they wish I had a real job."

Linn's prices vary depending on the size of the group, location and what type of performance the audience is looking for.

"Last year, I thought there had to be more to magic than just doing the shows," said Linn. In 1995, he added Amazing Advantages, a workshop that involves teaching public speakers and salespeople tricks to help break the ice.

Coming up in the near future Linn will be working for General Motors. An enrichment class will be offered to workers, and Linn will teach the advantages of magic.

Also, Linn is preparing to teach community education classes offered in the winter in Lake Orion, Avondale, Rochester and Troy.

In 1996 Linn performed 225 shows, exceeding his yearly goal by 25.

Another student's job brings back the memories of watching popular World Wrestling Federation (WWF) wrestlers such as Hulk Hogan, Macho Man and Andre the Giant on Saturday mornings.

The latest wrestling phenomenon, Insane Championship Wrestling (ICW), is the fastest growing wrestling promotion in the world.

Head commentator, Matt

Karrandja, 21, communication, senior said, "Japan is the number one wrestling audience. Wrestling in Japan now is like in was here in the 80's."

WWF and ICW are much different from each other. "ICW isn't cartoonish. we're not kid orientated," said Karrandja.

"The wrestlers are complete athletes that go through rigorous training," said Karrandja.

"Basically, they have to know what they are doing or they're going to get hurt. When they get hit they get hit," he added.

Props such as steel cages, thumb tacks, barbed wire, glass and fire are used to add a violent twist to matches.

Many wrestlers participating in ICW are white collar workers by day, animals by night.

Reckless Youth is from commenting and filming ICW wrestling. a n accountant for Burlington Coat Factory and Dirty TX is a pharmacist.

As commentator, Karrandja plays a young man, named Mr. GQ, from West Palm Beach, Florida, who has an obnoxious, arrogant and cocky attitude. Karrandja said, "I have my little groupies, but I also get ridiculed a lot."

Karrandja has been involved with the promotion for three years and said he stumbled upon his position by accident.

When he was 18, he went to the Midwest Championship Wrestling show. Karrandja had just attended a wedding, and one of the ring announcers failed to show up. Since Karrandja was the only fan wearing a suit, the producer asked him to fill in.

The producer was impressed with Karrandja's material and today he is making \$450-\$600 a show, depending on the size of the crowd.

During peak season (summer) there are about four shows a month. Now he hosts only about two shows a month.

"I have always liked wrestling," said Karrandja. "WWF comes to Detroit about twice a year, while ICW does two shows a month."

Attending a live event isn't the only time one can check out ICW wrestling

action.

Wrestling Hot-Seat, the half-hour ICW wrestling

show, broad-

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summer, I'll do it a lot," said

Aird.

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ties.

However unlike WWF, which has been around for years, ICW hasn't yet been picked up by a big television station.

"Key word being yet," said Karrandja. "Currently, we're negotiating with two television networks to air."

In addition to comentating Karrandja also serves as manager for Reckless Youth and Montoya. Also, on behalf of Hot Seat productions he serves as a financial advisor for The Alexis Machine and Beautiful Brain Fury.

Karrandja does not plan to commentate for ICW permanently, but for now he'll continue. He is having fun and has no regrets, he said.

Karrandja isn't the only OU student involved with ICW The

skills that Donny Aird, 20, communication sophomore, learned in the telecommunication course he took during his senior year of high school at the Oakland Technical Center have come in handy.

Aird and Karrandja had an introduction to communication and television class together a year ago. Karrandja was looking for a camera man and because Aird was a fan of wrestling and has the skills, he decided to volunteer.

Production and directing skills, editing, using the font machine and handling the camera are all skills needed to shoot footage. "It's experience, and it's fun," said Aird.

August was the last show that Aird taped on account of family commitments and school activities clashing with the ICW show schedule. "I plan on getting back into it. During the summer, I'll do it a lot," said Aird.

When Aird does get behind the camera he is responsible for taping footage for Shelby Township. "If you're a camera man, you can't watch because you are right there taping the action and you have to be on your guard," he said.

"It's kind of scary sometimes (taping)," he said. At the first and only show his father attended, Aird got stuck on top of a burning building and almost got hit in the head with a snow shovel. "He wasn't the least bit happy. As you can imagine he was pretty ticked," said Aird.

When the opportunity comes up, in addition to filming, Aird commentates. His character, Donny Diamonte, is the neutral guy. "Basically, I am there to make fun of Mr. GQ (Karrandja) and the wrestlers, and to call the moves," he said.

Aird plans to continue to work with ICW when he can. Eventually, he would like to attend MSU to pursue a MBA in telecommunications.

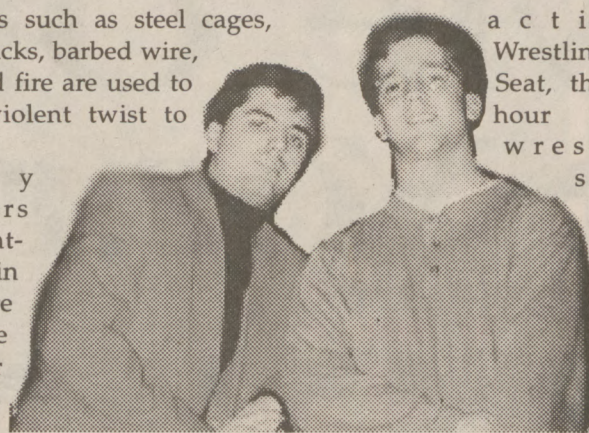


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WRESTLING ENTERTAINERS:

Karrandja, left and Donny Aird, take a break

from commenting and filming ICW wrestling.

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accountant for Burlington Coat

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macist.

As commentator, Karrandja plays a young man, named Mr. GQ, from West Palm Beach, Florida, who has an obnoxious, arrogant and cocky attitude.

Karrandja said, "I have my little groupies, but I also get ridiculed a lot."

Karrandja has been involved with the promotion for three years and said he stumbled upon his position by accident.

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According to Nicolai OU's chapter, "has always had a strong program as well as strong members."

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one-on-one with professionals in the field.

OU's WIC holds meetings twice a month. These meetings usually feature a professional guest speaker who addresses students about communication topics of interest.

"It's a great way to find out about different aspects of the field," said Becky O'Connell, WIC president.

Once students join the OU chapter they also have the option of joining the Detroit chapter, founded in 1939.

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communication careers in the right direction. Some of these programs are the internship and professional experience programs.

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To find out more, stop by the WIC office located in the basement of the OC or stop by one of the meetings.

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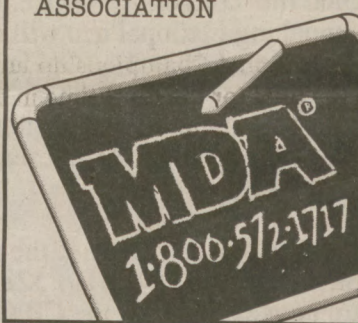
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SPORTS

Men stunned by Ashland

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Since the last OAKLAND POST, the Men's team has gone 6-4 (3-2 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), moving to 8-5 (3-2 GLIAC).

Included in the games was a Blimpie Tournament win and a stunning loss Saturday afternoon against South Division rival Ashland University.

OU fell 98-96 to AU, losing a 14-point second half lead to drop out of first-place in the GLIAC South.

OU senior guard Kevin Kovach scored 30 points, while sophomore center Matt McClellan, the Blimpie Basketball Classic Most Valuable Player, added 22 points and nine rebounds.

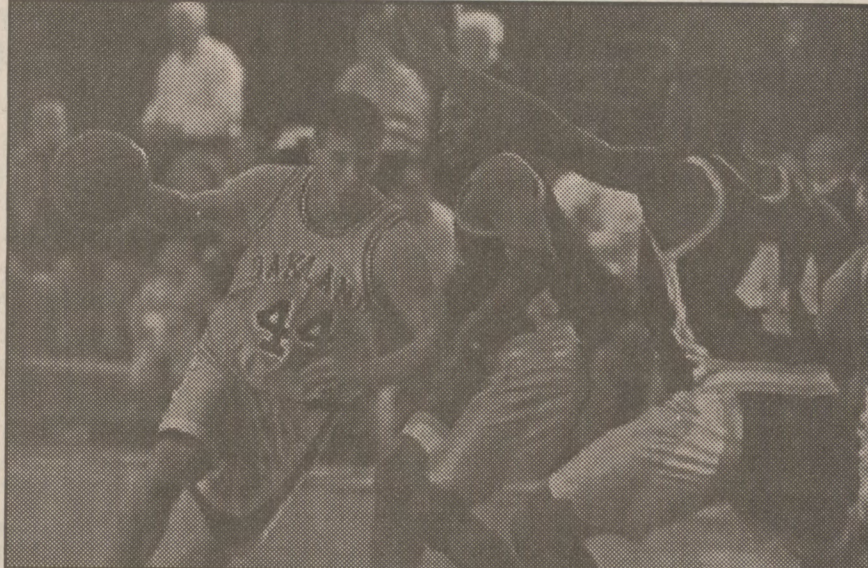
OU Men's Coach Greg Kampe called the loss to the Eagles "stunning" to a

team that was previously winless in the GLIAC.

Other games the Pioneers played during the break was a home loss to Hillsdale last Thursday (87-85), two Blimpie wins (86-79 vs. Ferris State University and 77-60 vs. Michigan Christian College).

OU headed west to Las Vegas for the High Desert Classic Dec. 18-19 and played well, but lost games to NCAA-II powers Washburn (Kan.) 72-66 and the University of California-Riverside, 73-70. Kovach was OU's leading scorer against Washburn and UCR with 20 and 22 points. Saginaw Valley State University fell 74-61, as did the University of Michigan-Dearborn 81-68, GLIAC North foes Lake Superior State, 98-87 and Northwood University 86-73.

OU starts a five-game road trip this week.



DID HE LAY IN IT? Kevin Kovach drives against Ashland University's Brent Baker. Kovach had back-to-back 30 point games last week.



David Cameron

Something strange at The Bubble: Women lose blowout

A pretty strange happening occurred this past weekend: Both the OU Women's and Men's teams lost to Ashland University. It was the first home loss for the Women's team and second for the Men's squad this season.

What made it so strange wasn't the losses, even through the Women's juggernaut hasn't lost a home game since last March 1, to Michigan Technological University, 54-51.

What made for the strangeness was the type of games they were:

A blowout showing by the women and a close loss by the men.

In fact, Women's Coach Bob Taylor looked utterly speechless after the 19-point debacle (81-62).

Men's Coach Greg Kampe was similarly upset.

Kampe, with a hand holding up his head, sat at a desk somberly, telling OU-100 Club members and the press scribes that "We're all a little stunned by this."

I think that might be the understatement of the season.

On tap for both clubs is a nice, relaxing five-hour bus ride to Erie, Pa. Gannon University and Mercyhurst College will be waiting.

Some will say judging from both games last Saturday, that the trip is coming at the worst possible time.

I don't.

A trip like this week's to lovely Erie (Where gun shots were heard by our Holiday Inn last year) will either find the Men out of the South Division race by next home game or it will lead to inspired play.

The latter will happen, trust me, will ya.

In fact I expect it will.

Just before the Women's game, there was a glow in the air.

Afterward, that glow vanished, replaced by a stench.

Ugh. Yuck!

Well, how the team will play this weekend is anybody's guess.

If the Women put on a successful trip (they will) look for a 25 win season.

Taylor, for all his spotted ties (Coach T, just kidding), will get that club ready to not just play, but play well.

Getting back to the Men's two-point throw-away.

Sure, it made anyone at the game who witnessed it, embarrassed.

OU appeared content with the slow pace in the second-half, and one could say they fell asleep at the wheel.

Am I noticing a trend here?

The journey to both ends of the conference will help this injury-prove team mentally.

Last two home games, chinks have been showing.

Players seem to be pressing.

Freshman are making freshman mistakes more so than at any part this season.

Others are not making that extra pass, or blocking out their man.

Are the Men really capable of another title?

Road trips will make or break championship dreams.

Both Pioneers clubs have learned this, painfully.

Tears streamed down then-freshman Kovach's face three years ago after OU lost two in the U.P. and their dreams fizzed.

The Women have learned this, losing on a free throw in last year's NCAA's.

Well, school's in session.

Soccer foiled in NCAA final

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

In sunny Phoenix, OU's dreams for its first NCAA-II National Championship fizzled when the Pioneers lost to Grand Canyon University, 3-1 on a goal with 7:15 remaining by forward Milos Tomic, Sunday, Dec. 8.

Tomic's goal helped the Antelopes win its first-ever National Championship and led to OU's exit in the final for the third time in the school's history. OU lost the 1994 title to Tampa University, 3-0.

GCU scored in the 22nd minute of the first-half when Tomic headed the ball past OU goalkeeper Amir Tal for a 1-0 lead. Paul Snape's goal at 56:40 pulled OU into a tie. Snape put in a rebound off a Paul Doroh crossing shot.

GCU goalkeeper Freddy Haase made the save on Doroh's shot, but the ball trickled out to Snape who scored his 14th goal of the season.

Tomic then tallied the winning goal, beating OU sweeper David Hall to the loose ball 40 yards in front of the Pioneer net and chipped it over the head of Tal. GCU added an insurance score with 1:33 left, by Nabyl Bekraoui, to make the final 3-1.

The unranked OU squad's loss ended a surprising road into the title game. OU stunned No. 1-ranked Southern Connecticut State University on Friday Dec. 6. Freshman midfielder Gunnar Halvorsen scored with 5:56 left to help OU to the 1-0 upset.

Goalkeeper Tal blanked the back-to-back NCAA Division II champs to earn his 12th shutout of the season, making seven saves. The shutout was OU's seventh straight and 14th of the season, setting a school record.

SCSU had defeated OU 4-1 on Sept. 20 in New Haven, Conn.

OU finished the season 16-6-2.

OU Director of Coaching Gary Parson although disappointed with the final game result, thought his team competed throughout the tournament.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN NO FOUL? Pioneer guard Jamie Pewinski looks for two of her club-leading 17 points against Ashland University. OU hits the road and next is at The Bubble Jan. 30 vs. Ferris State.

Women fall to Ashland, drop from South lead

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

OU's Women's team suffered a rare home loss last Saturday, falling behind by as many as 31 points in a 81-62 decision against Ashland University.

The Eagles jumped out to a 27-point halftime lead, 44-17. OU Women's Coach Bob Taylor said AU sapped whatever intensity the Pioneers had coming into the contest.

"They took our emotion and smashed it like a pancake," said Taylor. "I blame myself for this. I feel like we weren't prepared."

AU, while breaking the OU win streak at 13 games, also moved into first place.

"(OU) is a great team," AU Women's Coach Sue Ramsey said. "The next game is at our place (Feb. 8) and is going to be a battle."

One bright spot: OU outscored the AU club 45-37 in the second half, but it was a case of too little, too late.

While on the semester break, OU was sparkling until last Saturday's loss which dropped them to 13-1 (4-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).

OU beat GLIAC South member Hillsdale College Thursday, 84-70.

Prior to that contest OU's other victims during their streak were St. Joseph's (Ind.) 70-69, Indiana

Purdue at Indianapolis, 79-69, GLIAC North foe Saginaw Valley

State University 75-51, Kentucky Wesleyan at Owensboro, Ky., 89-73 Dec. 9 and Lake Superior State University Dec. 7, 73-65.

Northwood University fell victim at The Bubble Dec. 5 in the GLIAC opener, 88-49.

OU (13-1, 4-1 GLIAC) was led by junior guard Jamie Pewinski's 17 points against AU.

The team was ranked No. 7 (No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region) before the loss to AU.

On Friday Dec. 20, the Pioneers won at IU-PU to break the previous record for the best start in school history (10-0 in 1989-90).

OU heads to Erie, Pa. this weekend to begin a five-game road swing.

INTRAMURAL Notes

OU Director of Campus Recreation Greg Jordan said Intramural basketball will be offered for both Men and Women this winter.

Two spots are available for the Women's league, which begins Jan. 16.

The Men's league starts Jan. 21.

Even though the men's division is filled, a waiting list is offered. The deadline for the applications is at noon, Jan. 13.

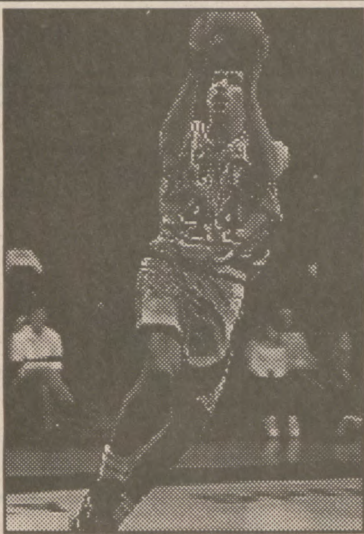
A mandatory captains meeting is also on Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Lepley Sports Center's Pioneer Lounge.

Open gym will be held the week of Jan. 13 for students, faculty and staff at The Bubble 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 18.

Students need to show two forms of identification: their student I.D. and also a picture I.D.

Games for Intramural basketball, he said, are on Tuesday-Thursday nights.

Pioneer of the Week



Kevin Kovach
Guard
Men's basketball
6-1, Senior

In back-to-back games against GLIAC rivals Hillsdale College and Ashland University, Kovach scored 30 and 37 points. The 30 point games are the third time this season that Kovach has hit that lofty mark. The 37 points, represented a career-high vs. HC. He drained a school-record nine 3-pointers, bettering the eight that Eric Taylor had on Nov. 16, 1991.

The Pioneer sports week

Thu., Jan.9

• Men's / Women's Basketball Team at Gannon University* (6/8 p.m.)

Fri., Jan. 10

• Men's Swim and Diving Team at Eastern Michigan University (7 p.m.)

Sat., Jan. 11

• Swimming and Diving Teams at Denison University (2 p.m.) co-ed*
• Men's and Women's Basketball Teams at Mercyhurst College (1/3 p.m.) *

• Denotes GLIAC game.
• Home games in bold type.

OU/Southern Conn. State
-Game Breakdown-

Friday, Dec. 8, 1996
Phoenix, AZ.

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OU	0	1	1
SCSU	0	0	0

•STATS OU SCSU

SHOTS	6	14
SAVES	7	1
FOULS	19	17

•SCORING SUMMARY
OU-Halvorsen, 84:04
(Snake, Heinemann)

•GOALKEEPERS
OU-Amir Tal
SCSU-Rick Koczak

OU's Road to the final

•Defeated West Virginia Wesleyan in NCAA Regional, 2-0, Nov. 16

•Defeated Mercyhurst (Pa.) 1-0 in Regional championship

•Beat No. 1-ranked and defending NCAA champ Southern Connecticut State, 1-0

•Held opponents scoreless for 738 minutes until a Grand Canyon goal in the title game

Men win EMU Invitational

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

OU's Men's team placed first at the Eastern Michigan Swimming Invitational Dec. 6-7 at Bowen Field House in Ypsilanti.

The men swam to five individual titles. Senior Ken Ehlen won both the 100-and 200-meter freestyles. Senior Jay Judson took the 100 and 200 breaststrokes and Freshman Yovav Ritter garnered the 200 fly.

A total of 14 members of the team qualified for the NCAA-II Championships held March 12-15 at San Antonio, TX.

OU's 1101.5 points were 81 better than second place finisher EMU. The remaining spots belonged to Denison University (748.5 points), Kalamazoo College (519.5 points) and Allegheny College with 199.

OU senior Raffi Karapetian had a season's best score of 20.14 to stay just ahead of EMU's Chris Dix in the 50-freestyle to qualify. Ehlen's score of 45.16 in the 100-meter freestyles and time of 1:39.97 in the 200-meter freestyle put him ahead of teammates Karapetian and sophomore Dan Naylis.

Freshman Ido Meron scored his season's best in the 200-meter medley relay, deadlocking with three other Pioneers--Judson, Karapetian and Ritter with a time of 1:33. 40.

For the season, seniors James Collins

and David Paxton with times of 4:32.63 and 4:36. 59 have both qualified for the NCAA II Championships in the 500-yard freestyle. Those times are No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation.

OU Men's Coach Pete Hovland whose teams have taken the last three NCAA National Titles said that he hopes OU builds on each meet.

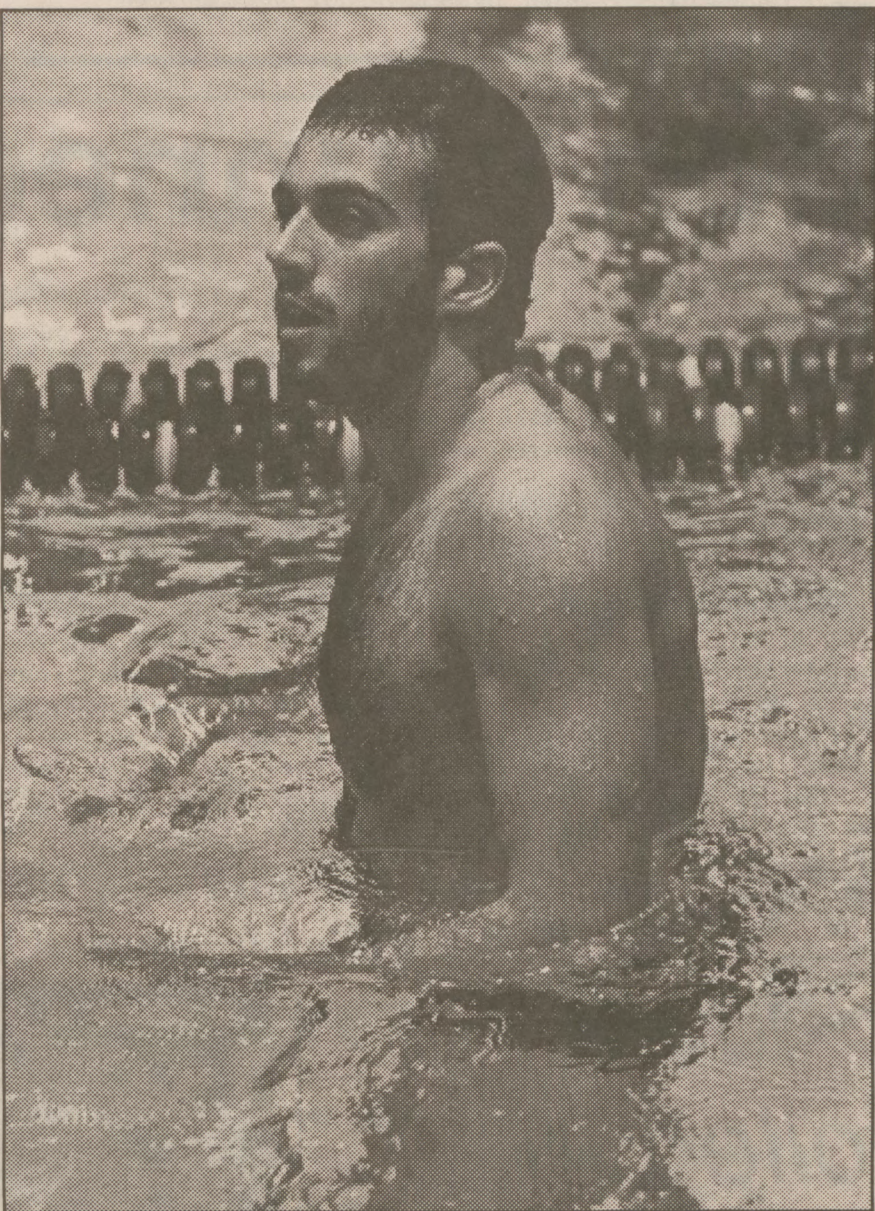
"The No. 1 goal is to qualify for nationals. I was really pleased with the way we swam," he said.

Additionally, Hovland said OU "beat a very good Eastern team. Anytime you can qualify 14 swimmers with five relayers, you've done well."

OU's swimmers have the top times in eight of thirteen individual categories--200-yard butterfly (Ritter), the 50-yard freestyle (Karapetian), the 100 and 200-yard freestyle (Ehlen), the 500-yard freestyle (Collins and Paxton), the 1,650-yard freestyle (Collins and Paxton), and both the 200-yard backstroke, which four Pioneers hold the top times (Meron, sophomore Mike Robberson, junior Mark Gole and senior Kevin Everett) and the 200-yard breaststroke (Judson).

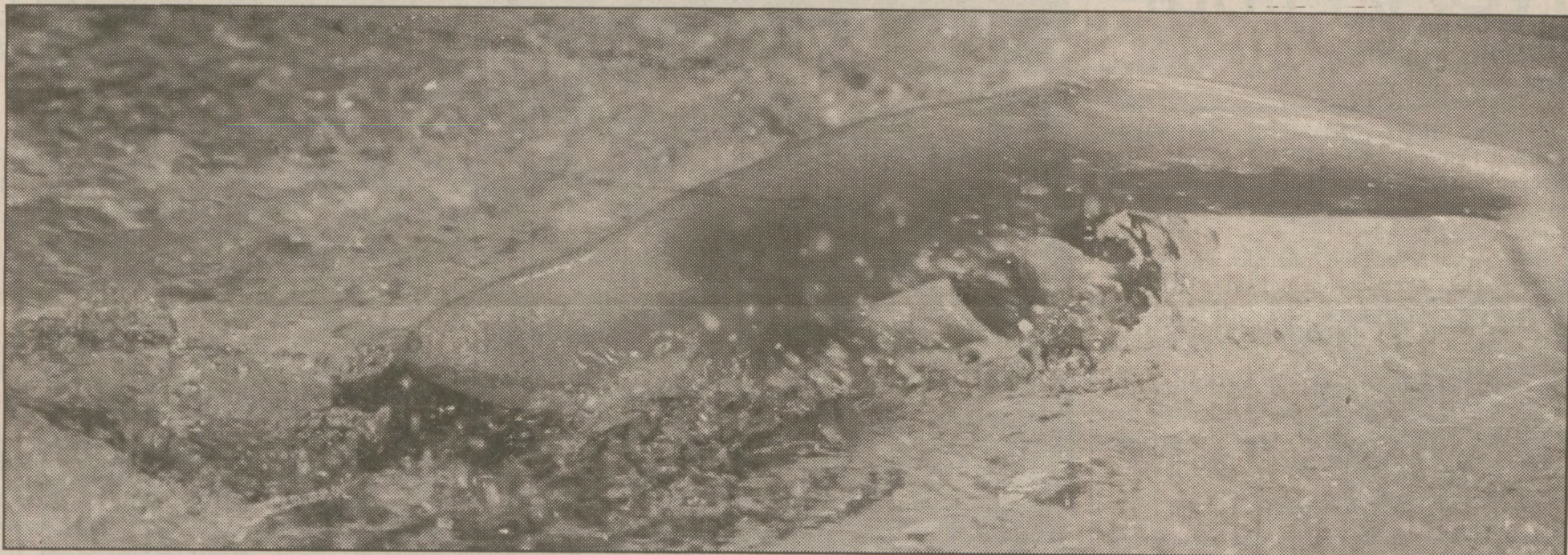
Thus far the men's team has come in first in five competitions--two first-place finishes and three head-to-head victories-against Western Ontario, Wright State University and Ashland University.

The men will return to EMU for a meet on Friday Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.



Post Photo/ Bob Knoska

Senior Raffi Karapetian scored a 20.14, a OU season's best vs. EMU Dec.7.



Post Photo/ Bob Knoska

FAB FLY: Junior Laura Juncker shows great form. Juncker took both golds in the 100 and 200 freestyles at EMU Dec. 7.

Women second at Invite, Dec. 6-7

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

The OU Women's team placed second at the Eastern Michigan Swimming Invitational, Dec. 6-7.

OU won six individual golds--junior Laura Juncker in the 100 and 200-meter freestyles, freshman Betsy Hansen in the 100 and 200 fly, junior Jill Mellis in the 100-yard breaststroke and senior Colleen Murphy in the 100-yard backstroke.

Denison University took the overall title at the Invitational with 922.5 points. OU followed with 900.5, the University of Buffalo (671.5), host school, EMU (521.5), Allegheny College

had 480 and Kalamazoo College came in last.

Juncker's time of 1:53.07 in the 200-meter freestyle and score of 52.5 in the 100-meter freestyle were her best of the season and qualified the junior for the NCAA Championships March 12-15.

In the women's 100 fly, Hansen scored better than DU's Anna Tuttle (58.34-58.41). Her time of 2:05.87 won the gold in the 200 fly, qualified her for the NCAA's and set a school record.

A OU trio--Murphy, senior Jesse Bailey and Liz Hawes were the top three in the women's 100-yard backstroke at EMU. Murphy's score of 59.19 was slightly better than Bailey's (59.49).

Mellis won her gold with a time of 1:07.06. OU senior Heather Bockmann was second in the 100-yard breaststroke, being clocked at 1:07.24.

The second-place finish wasn't what OU Women's Coach Tracy Huth was looking for, but said that his team met some goals.

"Having people qualify for nationals and relays, that was our primary objective."

OU's women hit the road for their next meet, Jan. 11 at Denison University. The dual meet begins at 2 p. m.

The team swims at home Jan. 17 against Kenyon College at 4 p.m.

Women qualifiers
for Nationals

Gisa Alessandri, Sr.
*Becki Bach, Sr.
Jessie Bailey, Sr.
Heather Bockmann, Sr.
Colleen Murphy, Sr.
Elizabeth Hawes, Jr.
Laura Juncker, Jr.
Jill Mellis, Jr.
Betsy Hansen, Fr.

*Bach had previously qualified for nationals

Basketball team standings

Women's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Michigan Technological	6	0	10	3
Northern Michigan	6	0	11	2
Ferris State University	2	3	7	5
Saginaw Valley State	1	2	8	3
Northwood University	1	3	6	6
Grand Valley State	1	5	6	5
Lake Superior State	0	3	5	6
South Division				
Ashland University	5	0	12	0
Oakland University	4	1	13	1
Gannon University	2	3	8	4
Mercyhurst College	2	3	9	3
Hillsdale College	2	4	8	4
Wayne State University	1	5	5	8

Men's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Northwood University	3	1	10	2
Grand Valley State	4	2	10	3
Ferris State University	3	3	7	7
Michigan Technological	3	3	7	7
Northern Michigan	3	3	5	8
Saginaw Valley State	1	2	6	5
Lake Superior State	1	2	4	5
South Division				
Wayne State University	4	2	8	5
Oakland University	3	2	8	5
Hillsdale College	3	3	8	6
Mercyhurst College	2	2	8	4
Gannon University	1	3	9	3
Ashland University	1	4	6	6

Sports in brief

Away basketball games this week

•Thursday — Double header as the women's team plays at Gannon University at 6:00 p.m. and then the men square off at 8:00 p.m.
•Saturday — Double header as the women's team plays at Mercyhurst College at 1 p.m. and the men follow at 3 p.m.

Swimming and Diving this week

•Friday ----Men's team at Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m.
•Saturday ---- Men's and women's team at Denison University at 2 p.m.

Congress

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tion in checking, but not limited to, soliciting signatures on petitions, researching the actions taken by other Universities and adapting those that will fulfill the goal of Oakland University recognizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday as a national holiday."

The resolution is the result of extensive research done by Gray on the subject. Over the past semester, Gray has spoken with various students, faculty and organizations such as the Association of Black Students for input.

"I just wanted to make sure I took the resolution through all the proper channels. Since this is such a sensitive issue, I wanted to meet with everyone who could give me information," said Gray.

The move has gotten the attention of top administrators at OU.

"I was pleased to see our students take a strong stand on this important issue, and I am supportive of their intent," said President Gary Russi.

Two similar resolutions were introduced in 1994 by now-Congress president Garrick Landsberg and eventually passed. However according to Landsberg, they were not followed up on and never went anywhere.

Landsberg blames this on poor planning but said he is now encouraged that this years Congress has grown and is working harder on researching the resolutions and following through with them.

"This year we have drastically changed the way we research so we can be more effective," said Landsberg.

"Holidays are part of the university's agreements with various employee groups on campus. As we look at the possibility of making a change, we will seek advice through the governance process, consult with employee relations regarding union negotiations and other employment contracts, and ultimately put the matter before the president's cabinet," said Russi.

Congress held a press conference the first week of December to discuss the issue which eventually led to an article in *The Oakland Press* as well as an editorial criticizing OU for not giving the day off.

Landsberg said at the meeting he was pleased with the new resolution, which includes the past two.

"This is a case where us sitting around this table have had an affect on the University, it warms my heart," Landsberg told congress at the meeting.

Landsberg seemed optimistic that the university would not ignore Congress' resolution.

"I fully expect it (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) off next year, ... I would like to see it done this year," said Landsberg.

Russi, however, feels it is too late to cancel classes this year.

"It is clearly too late to attempt to cancel classes until next year, when we have had a chance to work out calendar issues. ... We will be asking faculty to refrain from testing students or penalizing them for missing class this year," said Russi.

According to Landsberg, Congress plans to present the resolution at the University Senate meeting this Thursday. Further action by Congress will be determined after that meeting.

"We're probably going to be thinking about some organized boycott or sit-in to reinforce the

fact that we really expect to have this day off next year. At the very least we want to write a letter to professors asking them not to penalize students for not being there (in class this year)," said Landsberg.

Although the resolution was overwhelmingly supported by members of Congress, questions were raised at the meeting, as to how, specifically should the university handle holiday.

Questions were raised about the number of people who would show up for events on that day if classes were canceled.

"People will go to the events especially if the university will show support for them. The university is setting the tone of the holiday," said Nirva Civilis, public relations director for Congress.

Congress member Matthew Karrantja suggested Congress revise the resolution so students would have the option to go to class but not penalized for absence.

"You can't write one resolution right now for students is to not have classes period. I think this resolution will get a lot of faculty involved too," said Gray.

Congress ultimately passed the resolution as it was written, asking for a complete suspension of all classes.

"It is not intended for a free day from class, there are events so you can celebrate the holiday, we are commemorating Dr. King," said Civilis.

Congress member Jonathan Raiss also added, "Education is choice, education here at the academy is not just what you hear in the classroom, the events I attended taught me a lot about the man," he said.

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