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Snowstorm causes mayhem, joy at OU

By MARK CALIGIURI
News Editor

A major snowstorm caused an unprecedented mid-afternoon cancellation of classes at OU last week creating a combination of mayhem and joy among university students and administrators.

The storm, which dumped approximately eight inches of snow, sleet, and ice on the campus, forced university administrators to cancel classes Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday.

According to Interim President, George Matthews, closing the university was a very complex process.

"CLOSING (OU) is a rather sizeable operation," Matthews said. "It involves a complicated process by which the physical services of Mr. (George) Catton (acting director of Campus Affairs) keeps an eye on the storm and informs me of what's happening."

"By the middle of the day, I had received information from Mr. Catton that the roads were getting slicker every minute," Matthews said.

"The decision to close was based on the data I received from Mr. Catton who is much more aware of the conditions outside from monitoring

weather reports than I am," he said.

THE CLOSING, however, did not go as smoothly as university officials would have wished it to.

According to Matthews, Catton had to stay overnight in the Physical Plant last Tuesday while monitoring reports of the storm.

"He (Catton) called me at 11 that night and suggested closing the university for the next day," Matthews said.

At this point, Matthews said that the information was relayed via a tape recorded message to the State Police and local radio and television stations.

Unfortunately, this tape was not erased quickly enough the next day because some local radio and television stations still received it.

AS LATE AS 5:30 a.m., Thursday WJR-760 AM radio, was saying that Oakland University was closed for that day.

"We heard the broadcast and called them up immediately," Matthews said. "They cleared up the problem by correcting the broadcast after that," he said.

"It is really a serious business trying to get this done," Matthews added.

Dean offers ABS loan to cover debt

By MARY ELLEN BURKE
Staff Writer

The Association of Black Students (ABS) has been offered a loan by Jack Wilson, dean for student life, to cover its \$835 deficit.

The money will come from the vending fund which is used for programming by Student Life.

"Groups who are short (of money) to make a program go can apply for these funds," Rosalind Andreas, director of CIPO said.

THE LOAN has not been accepted by ABS but the group will be discussing the possibility with its board of directors at a meeting scheduled for some time this week, according to ABS President James Franklin.

Franklin expressed some doubts about the loan which he said Wilson offered them "out of the kindness of his heart." Franklin added that ABS had not been aware of the possibility of a loan from the vending fund.

"Why all of a sudden should ABS be made aware that there's a loan process," he said. "Why weren't we made aware of this last September?"

Franklin admitted that the loan was a way of solving the problem that has arisen be-
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Snow Bowl?

The Oakland Sail Tom Primeau

The major snowstorm that closed the university for almost two days didn't stop these Hamlin Hall students from getting together a small football game in the valley between the dorms.

Speech stresses mass action

Radical blasts capitalist system

By RITUSEHGAL
Editor-in-Chief

He is a self-proclaimed revolutionary. His rhetoric is fierce. His politics have not deviated much from the radical posture they held over a decade ago.

For former Black Panther leader Stokely Carmichael, the passion that marked the civil rights struggle of the 60s has not faded. His speech to an OU audience on Friday was a command — indeed a directive — to persons of African heritage everywhere to rise up and fight for what he calls "qualitative" progress. And that, he says, can be achieved only through the destruction of capitalism.

"Capitalism oppresses nationality mercilessly," he told a mostly black audience. "Capitalism is a vicious, stupid system whose only motivation is money and which seeks to put money above everything else. In capitalism, stupidity is always held in grandeur."

THE SYSTEM, he says, has oppressed and exploited African people everywhere. It has made everything a commodity.

"It made slavery a commodity," he said. "(And) it makes knowledge a commodity." The African people can free themselves only through

knowledge gleaned from history, he added, but not from the "bourgeois" history taught in colleges across the country.

"Our concept of (black) history is not the concept of history presented to us in America," he said. The

"bourgeois" scholars are the enemy, and when the enemy presents "your history to you, he is not going to present it properly."

The masses must join together to destroy the forces of "imperialism" and "racism," he said. "The responsibility of every man is to free the oppressed masses. And people who are oppressed must know their history."

"Or-gan-ize," was his message, spoken in slow, deliberate tones, to the group of 150-200 persons gathered to hear him.

HE URGED members of the audience to join the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP), an organization whose objective is Pan-Africanism — the total liberation and unification of Africa and its people under socialism.

Although black people have made progress over the last 20 years, Carmichael said the progress has been "quantitative" and not "qualitative."

The black officers elected to public office have become a part of the system, he said. They alone cannot be entrusted with carrying on the struggle for Africans in this country.

"The masses must organize to free themselves," he said. "Everything must come from the people."

News Round-up

OU'S PUBLIC SAFETY received word Thursday that blood samples taken from an on-campus rape victim match those taken from a suspect who has voluntarily restricted his presence on OU.

The information came as a result of tests done at the Northville State Police Crime Lab. There will be no arrests, however, until more extensive tests have been done on the samples.

"We're going to wait for the final lab tests before we make an arrest," said Mel Gilroy, investigator for Public Safety. Gilroy added that the results would be relayed to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office which has been working on the case with OU officials.

The rape occurred on the eighth floor of North Hamlin Hall at 2:35 a.m. on Jan 21. The suspect was given a show/cause hearing by the Student Life Office a few days later. At that time, the suspect agreed to move out of Residence Halls and stay off-campus, except for attending classes.

THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE (PPC) of the Board of Trustees, will meet at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 18, to decide on the future of William Macauley, assistant professor of political science at OU.

The conference, which will precede the general meeting of the board at 7:30 p.m. on the same day, will make the final recommendation on Macauley's position. The PPC, composed of three board members, will have Provost Fred Obear appearing at their hearing.

THE OU WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION is sponsoring a workshop on Thursday to give students information on scholarships and various forms of financial aid available to them. The workshop will be held in Room 125 of the Oakland Center from 12-1 p.m. Financial Aid Officer Karen Stepien from OU's Financial Aid Office will show students how to fill out financial aid forms, and answer questions.

UNIVERSITY CONGRESS will have David Bricker, associate professor of Human and Educational Services, as a special guest speaker at its next meeting, Feb. 19. The topic of discussion will be the changes in the current General Education requirements.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Oakland Sail has been forced to produce a smaller edition of the paper this week because of technical difficulties. We would like to thank the staff and management of the Jackson Citizen Patriot which allowed us to use their production facilities over the weekend. We hope to resume normal production next week.

EDITORIAL

Icy hassles remain for OU community

While most OU students have forgotten the storm that dumped eight inches of snow and ice on the Detroit area last week, a grim reminder of it still remains with us: icy sidewalks and snow-covered parking lots.

The storm which forced cancellation of classes for Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday left OU's campus totally immobilized.

NOW, SEVERAL days later, OU is still mostly snow-covered and icy, presenting students and staff members with a major problem - getting back and forth from classes without hurting themselves physically in the process.

Consider this fact: all of the parking lots are not even plowed yet. Despite plans for scraping the lot by the dorms this past weekend, the major commuter parking areas remain untouched.

When this happens, there is generally less parking space available due to the haphazard way in which students will leave their cars creating yet another serious problem.

If a person can somehow overcome this obstacle, however, then another one awaits them on campus as they try to get to classes.

THE ICY sidewalks provide a major barrier for everyone going to class. Most classroom building entrances are relatively clean — providing one doesn't go two feet beyond the door.

The only exception to this, however, are the entrances around North Foundation Hall which, curiously, are the areas where our high level administrative offices are located.

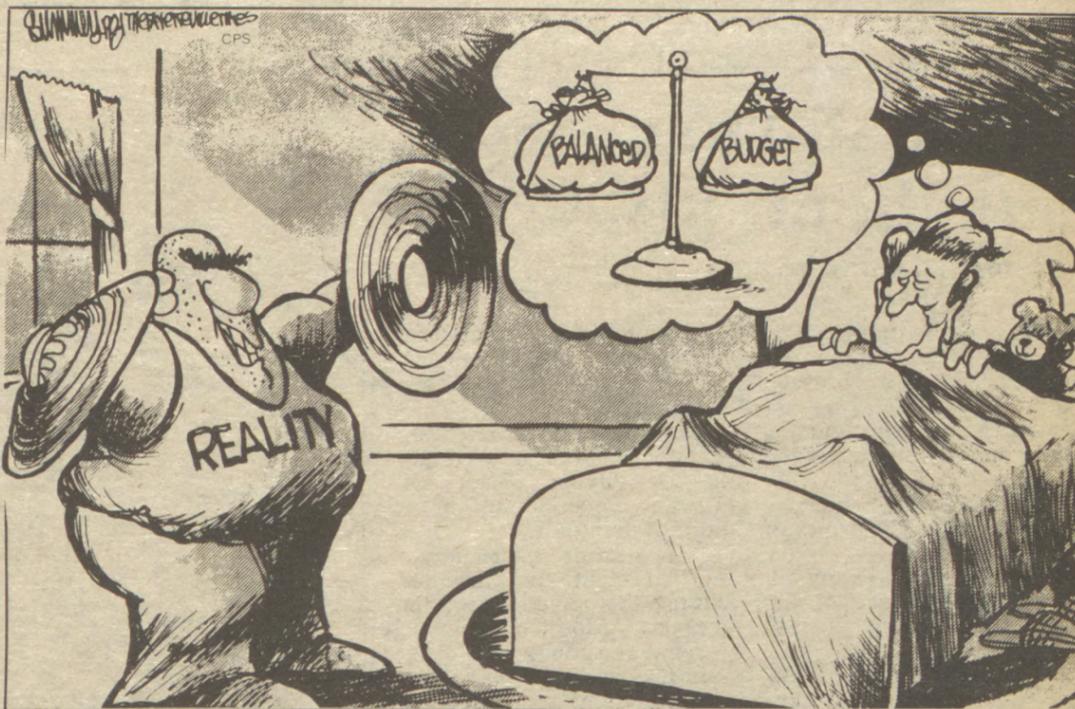
It seems a shame to us that instead of holding classes off for one more day so that the lots and the major sidewalks leading to classroom buildings could be plowed, university officials decided to hold classes on Thursday, fully aware that their crews would be unable to make the university accessible to students and faculty members.

Consider this point: the bridge over Beer Lake was almost impossible to cross due to the ice that built up on the cement. Coupled with the slant of the bridge, it was very difficult to cross the structure without slipping or falling. This does not even take into account the plight of the handicapped students or anyone who may have been on crutches trying to cross the bridge. For them, attending classes might have been out of the question.

Why couldn't that one extra day be used to clear off sidewalks, parking lots and roads leading in and out of the university as well as around the campus? To us, this would have allowed maintenance workers to take the next day off while maintaining accessibility to the students when classes resumed.

FURTHERMORE, with all the students still at home, there should have been very few problems in clearing off the parking lots, surface roads, and sidewalks because nobody would have been there to interfere in the clean-up project.

A major snowstorm as this should be a fine example of the things to be avoided when an event as this happens. Let us hope that our administrators have perhaps learned something from this and that the same mistake won't be made again.



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tween ABS and the Student Allocations Board (SAB). In accordance with its bylaws, SAB cannot allocate money to any group that has a deficit, such as ABS.

"This (the loan) would be a way all sides could be satisfied," Franklin said. "SAB wouldn't have to deal with overriding its guidelines."

DAN GUSTAFSON, chairman of SAB, said he had "no problems with the loan" but questioned the purpose of the vending fun. "Maybe we need to look at the purpose or guidelines of the vending fund," he said.

He also said that if ABS accepted the loan they would not have a deficit but would have a liability of approximately \$800.

"Can we allocate money to an organization with that big of a liability?," he asked. "Looking at our guidelines, I'd say yes."

The terms of repaying the loan have not been discussed by ABS but Gustafson questioned ABS' ability to repay the loan saying they had run up a deficit in the past and many members of ABS do not consider themselves a fund-raising group.

Franklin acknowledged that ABS was not a fund-raising group, saying, "It is not our purpose to be reduced to a fund-raising organization." He would not discuss possible ways that ABS would repay the loan, saying that the decision was up to their board of directors.

ANDREAS SAID the intent of the loan was "to permit ABS to exist as an organization and to permit SAB to continue to uphold its guidelines." She also pointed out that a loan, similar to the one offered to ABS, was offered to the Judo Club last year.

However, the Judo Club dissolved, leaving Student Life with an unpaid loan. Student Life was able to sell some equipment that the Judo Club owned to replace the money loaned from the vending fund.

The ABS board of directors will meet this week, although Franklin could not say when, to discuss whether ABS will accept the loan.

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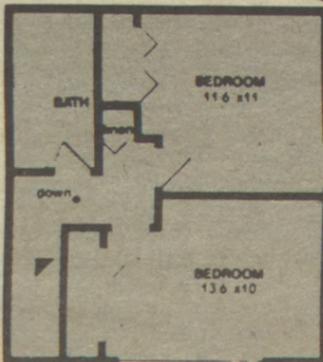
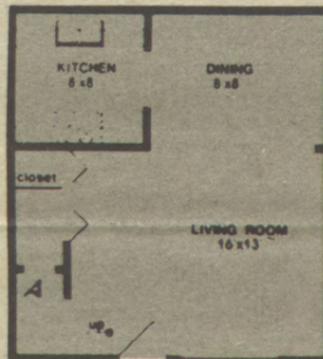
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SPORTS



Bob Van Winkle
Sports Editor

GLIAC, OU making way into spotlight

After 10 years of struggling in the shadow of the Big Ten and Mid-American Conferences, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association (GLIAC) is finally making a name for itself.

And if league officials and athletic directors get their way, the GLIAC may soon become the state's premier conference.

You can't blame them for trying. After all, the GLIAC is the only one of the three conferences that is contained entirely within the state and its nine member institutions spend thousands of dollars more on scholarships for Michigan athletes than either of the other two. It has teams in most of the state's major metropolitan areas, including Detroit, Grand Rapids and Saginaw, and it stretches all the way from Michigan's southern border to its northernmost extreme.

The league is presently working on a plan that would put it even more firmly in the public spotlight. Officials are in the process of putting together a pre-season basketball tournament for next November, with the men playing at the Pontiac Silverdome and the women at OU's Lepley Sports Center.

Such an event could hardly help but attract not only a large turnout of fans from the various Detroit area-based alumni associations but also the desperately needed major media attention that has been missing for the past decade.

This attendance would be enhanced by the fact that the tournament is tentatively scheduled for the weekend before the Division I teams are allowed to begin their seasons. It would be mighty difficult indeed for Detroiters — fans and media alike — to ignore such a major sporting event right in their own back yard, especially when it is the only game in town.

IN ADDITION, THE OU athletic department has also been busy in an attempt to draw some of the limelight its way.

Sports Information Director Greg Smith has religiously put in an appearance every Wednesday afternoon at the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association's weekly luncheon in an attempt to keep the Pioneers in the minds of the Detroit media. Athletic Promotions Director Tom Van Voorhis' recent "Let's Get Together Weekend" drew the largest crowd of the year to Lepley Sports Center.

Two weeks ago, the Pioneers gave up one of their home dates for the chance to take part in a basketball tripleheader at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena — and drew 6,000 fans in the process. The move was designed to give the program some big-city exposure, and it certainly accomplished its objective.

The Great Lakes Conference and OU have gotten their foot in the door. Now it's just a matter of trying to widen the opening while at the same time making sure that the foot doesn't get pushed back out.

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Craig, Mannino take firsts

Lakers win wrestling title

It took some effort, but Lake Superior State College was able to break Grand Valley State College's stranglehold on the Great Lakes Conference Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) wrestling title at the league meet last Friday at OU.

The champion Lakers rolled up 74 points in the meet to edge second place Grand Valley's 70.5.

Ferris State was third at 59.5, OU finished fourth with 51 and Saginaw Valley totalled 17.5.

Because of their dual meet records, however, Grand Valley and Ferris finished in a tie for second (behind Lake Superior) in the final conference standings, with OU fourth and Saginaw fifth.

Grand Valley had won the title six of the last seven years, including the last two in a row.

OU got individual championships from John Craig at 134 pounds and Gregg Mannino at 167.

Craig, who was named the top rookie at the tournament, had to go into overtime to earn his title. After establishing a 3-3 tie in regulation on the strength of riding time (most time in control of the

match), he scored a takedown in the first extra session to gain control.

Mannino, who was seeded fifth among the five wrestlers in his weight class, had his stiffest test in the semifinals when he edged top seed Mike Cribbs of Lake Superior 5-4.

In the championship, he trounced Jim Johnson of Ferris State 20-8, scoring almost at will.

OU also got a strong performance from Paul Johns, who finished second at 158 pounds. Johns was also seeded last in his division, but beat top seed and defending champion Mike Heath of Grand Valley 2-0 in overtime (the two tied 9-9 in regulation) in the second round. In the

finals, Johns lost to Lake Superior's Ron Perry 6-1.

Willie Moore at 118 and Ocie Gregory at 150 took third places for the Pioneers while Dan Gustafson at 126 and Dave Brender at 142 captured fourths.

Lake Superior's individual champions were Dan Yoder, named the most valuable wrestler in the tourney, at 150, Perry at 158 and Lyle Heaton at 177.

Grand Valley's winners were Dorr Granger at 142 and Bill Rugenstein at heavyweight while Ferris State got championships from Tim Smelser at 118, John Dingle-dine at 126 and Forrest Brown at 190.

Special events tomorrow

Lepley Sports Center will be the site of a great deal of activity tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 17) evening before and during OU's women's basketball with Eastern Michigan University, scheduled for 7:30.

Before the game, there will be a special wheelchair basketball game between the Detroit Raiders and the Pontiac Spinners at 6:15. The "Yell Like Hell" contest will also be that night, with cash prizes awarded to the top groups.

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