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Survey shows change in freshmen's goals

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

Developing a 'meaningful' philosophy of life has taken a back seat to being well off financially, according to a recent survey of college freshmen.

Oakland students fared the same as those nationally, 77 percent of 1,131 surveyed considered being 'very well off financially' to be an 'essential or very important' objective.

'Developing a philosophy of life' was significant for 39 percent of Oakland freshmen.

THE 22ND NATIONAL survey of 209,627 college freshmen from 390 two- and four-year institutions was

conducted by the American Council on Education and the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Important reasons for attending college were also the same among Oakland freshmen and students nationwide. 'Getting a better job' was an important reason for 84 percent. 'Making more money' was second with 73 percent. 'Nothing better to do' accounted for 1.4 percent here, 2.5 nationwide.

THE SURVEYS have marked a trend toward financial goals and away from personal ones for college students. David Beardslee, director of the university's institutional research, said 'developing a meaningful philosophy of life' was an important goal for 85 per-

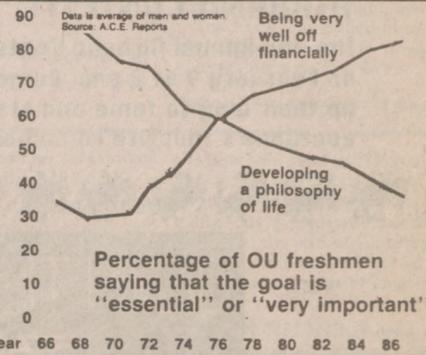
cent of Oakland freshmen in 1968.

Only 30 percent considered 'being well off financially' important. In 1976 the two items met, at about 60 percent. The gap between the two has been growing ever since.

Anne Sandoval, associate director of admissions, said the vast majority of students she sees go to college to make better career choices. "Very few of them come to get a better perspective on the world...although that might happen in the process," she said.

Freshman Jeff Richard said, "I'm going to college to upgrade my education and improve my life...also to get paid more."

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Use of sand upsets employees

By MARK MC DOWELL
Staff Writer

Using sand to melt ice and snow may be cheaper than salt, but many university employees are upset about its use.

William Marshall, director of the Oakland Center, said, "The O.C. looks like the pits. The sand is ruining the walk-off mats...it's destroying them."

"The sand has increased our labor costs and we are beginning to have difficulty with equipment," he said.

MARSHALL SAID \$50 to \$100 per week is being spent on overtime to keep sand out of the student center. Another 40 hours at \$20/hour needs to be spent to keep the center up to standard, he said.

Richard Moore, associate director of campus facilities and operations, said he and Alan Miller, assistant vice president, decided to use sand this winter because of the recent renovation of roads and sidewalks in fall. "The concrete has not fully cured," he said. "Salt will tear concrete up, especially new concrete."

Moore speculated that roads were not repaired earlier because of 'red tape.' Repairs could not begin until the board of trustees had passed its budget in fall.

MOORE SAID the company that did the road repairs won't guarantee the work if salt is used.

Salt costs about \$20 per ton, according to Moore. In previous years, maintenance used 600 to 900 tons annually on roads and sidewalks. The cost ranged from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

Sand costs \$7 per ton, an annual cost of \$4,200 to \$6,300 for the university.

Moore said about 30 tons of sand, and 100 tons of salt for parking lots have been used this year.

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The truck containing hazardous PCB chemicals left skid marks after rolling down this hill, knocking down a tree, rolling across Pioneer Drive and landing in a ravine.

The Oakland Post/Wendy Wendland

Toxic wastes left in unattended truck

Vehicle rolls down hill, no spillage occurs

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

An unattended truck holding toxic wastes rolled down a hill behind Varner Hall early Friday in what could have been a disaster if spillage occurred, university officials said.

"It could have been a real problem," said Richard Leonard, director of Public Safety.

Contractors from Electrical Equipment Service Corp. in Farmington Hills left the truck containing 9,000 pounds of PCBs in 12 55-gallon drums on Thursday night because they didn't have proper paperwork to transport the wastes, said Frank Draveski, director of plant operations.

PCBs ARE USED in electrical transformers to keep coils cool. When replaced, they must go to one of several authorized incinerators in the country for disposal. Their manufacture was banned in 1976 because of potential environmental health dangers.

Gerald Peoples, manager for the

contracting company, denied that the truck contained PCBs.

The truck had front and rear-end damage, but no estimate was available. Damage to university

PCBs have history of problems

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, were chemical compounds commonly used in electrical transformer coils until manufacture was banned in 1976. The U.S. government banned PCBs, first manufactured in 1929, because tests indicated they could cause cancer in laboratory animals.

PCBs are still in use in transformers, but must be replaced by October, 1989.

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property was a knocked down tree.

THE TRUCK was discovered in a ravine across from Pioneer Drive by a groundskeeper at 7:05 a.m. Friday. University officials were unaware of the truck being left overnight.

Tim Sculley, foreman, said that nothing in the contract said the truck could not be left overnight. But Leonard said, "It is a practice we wouldn't condone. It won't happen again."

Police are unsure why the truck rolled since the emergency brake was on and doors were locked. However, the truck was left in second gear, according to the police report.

The maintenance log in the truck indicated that the brakes were checked less than two months ago and the emergency brakes were checked in October, said Peoples.

PCBs were pumped from electrical transformers in North Foundation Hall and Varner into heavy duty barrels, said Draveski.

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Change in GSL program causes approval decline

Loan rate decreases to 40 percent

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

Changes made in the Guaranteed Student Loan program in 1986 have triggered a significant decline in the number of students receiving loans this school year.

1987-88 is the first year the law has been in effect the entire year for processing, according to Lee Anderson, financial aid director.

The approval rate so far in 1987-88 is 40 percent, down from 78 percent in 1986-87, Anderson said.

So far this year, 354 of 893 applications have been approved, compared to 1,027 of 1,318 last year. The amount of the loan is also down, from \$1,360 to \$900. Last year's GSL loans totalled \$1.4 million.

Anderson said he expects nearly the same amount of applications

this year, but a low approval rate.

"I think the new format's lousy...that's the way the government looks at cutting costs," he said.

The loan was viewed as easy to cut, according to Anderson. This is because the government paid interest and interest subsidy, it was a "no risk loan to the lender," he said. If a student defaulted on a loan, the state had to pay the bill.

"It was a very high cost program to government," Anderson said. Before the change, a GSL was

based on family income level, if total family income was below \$30,000, the loan could replace family contributions. Now it cannot.

Anderson said at Oakland, many students used the loan to replace family contributions, and are no longer eligible.

He said the office expected an increase in other loan programs, such as Perkins, PLUS and supplemental. However, the only change has been that Perkins has approached

GSL in the amount of loans, to nearly \$400,000.

The problem has been existent for the last several years. "I don't think financial aid programs have fared very well in this administration," said Anderson.

He said the government needs to hear from students before changes are made in loan programs.

"Students think our job is to make things difficult...we're just doing what's in the law," Anderson said.

President's club gifts increase before changes in tax rate take effect

By NATALIE OLSEN
Staff Writer

President's club members have donated more money in the last two years, before the full impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 takes effect, according to Robert Swanson, vice president of developmental affairs.

The group is the primary fund-raiser for the university, said Swanson, an ex officio member. Total gifts in 1987 neared \$1.4 million. He said normal donations per year are \$1,250, but that donations were \$1,000 to \$6,000 more in 1986 and 1987.

The three-year phase-in period of the tax act gradually reduces the tax rate. This results in a higher net cost to contributors, Swanson said.

According to Internal Revenue Service public affairs officer Sarah Wreford, club members need to itemize their contributions, otherwise they can no longer claim them as deductions.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB started in 1966 with about a dozen members, as part of the Oakland University Foundation. The foundation was established separately from the university in 1958. Chancellor Durward (Woody) Varner

started the foundation with the main goal of soliciting funds and support from civic and community leaders.

To join the club, a donation of at least \$10,000 was necessary. In 1983, the minimum amount was changed to \$12,500. The payment can be spread out over 10 years.

The money is used to supplement university programs, along with student tuition and government gifts, Swanson said. Benefits for club members are the same as members of the alumni association and students. These include golf course privileges.

INVITATIONS TO the annual black tie dinner, Meadow Brook Hall's Christmas walk and an opening week Meadow Brook Music Festival concert are extended to members to "get them out on our campus," Swanson said.

The club currently has 994 members, approximately 60 which are Oakland alumni.

More than \$800,000 of last year's contributions were given to specific programs. Meadow Brook Hall received \$172,193 while the Meadow Brook Music Festival received \$97,253, the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute \$28,250.

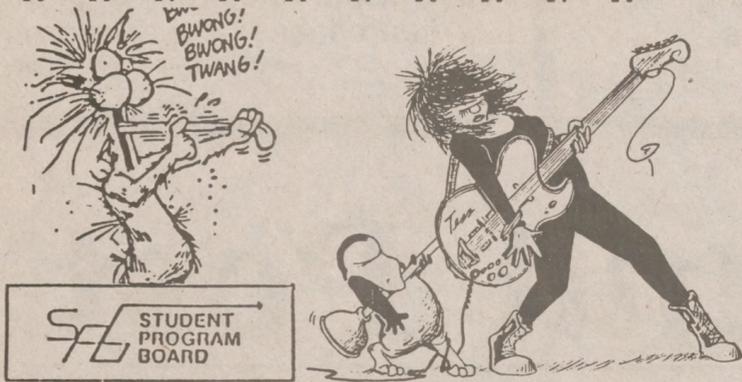


March of Kings

Monifa Jumanne, left, leads the march on Jan. 18 for the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

About 100 people participated. The march marked beginning preparations for Black Awareness Month in February.

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STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD

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The 2nd Annual Airband Contest will be held in the Crockery on February 9 at 8 pm. Come watch your favorite acts lip their way to fame and stardom! With special guest, everyone's favorite comedian, the incredible Mark Moffett!



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News Briefs

Fellows honored

The first Ph.D fellows and the first visiting professor with a long-term appointment under the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks program were honored at Meadow Brook Hall last Thursday.

The honorees are: Dr. Lettie Beckon Alston, visiting professor of music; Elsa Corral, Ph.D fellow in reading and language arts; and Carlton Jackson, Ph.D fellow in reading and language arts.

BAM begins

The opening ceremony for Black Awareness Month on Feb.

1 at 2 p.m. in the Oakland Center will feature the university's annual *Focus and Impact Awards*.

The awards are given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of education.

BAM committee sponsors program

The Black Awareness Month Committee will be sponsoring *Something For Everyone*, a discussion on Black Awareness Month, Jan. 27 at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

The discussion is be open to everyone.

PCBs

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IN MICHIGAN, 20 million pounds of PCBs remained in use in 1976, according to the state department of Natural Resources.

The worst PCB contamination discovered in Michigan to date was in the Carter Industrials scrap metal yards on Detroit's west side in June, 1986. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed 8,000 gallons of PCB-contaminated liquids and tons of contaminated soil from the homes of nine families that live next to the scrap yard.

While normal blood levels of PCB range around six parts per billion, people living near the test sites had levels ranging up to 56 parts per billion, according to a July 13, 1986 *Detroit Free Press* article.

The same article said the side effects of PCBs are not definitely known. The stability that makes them useful to electrical companies also is the reason it stays in the body so long, lodged in body fat. Some scientists feel that PCBs can not cause problems such as deformities and cancer, at least not in the quantities found in Michigan.

DR. RENATE KIMBROUGH, of the Federal Center for Environmental Health, quoted in the article, said PCBs probably don't cause cancer in humans.

The article said many scientists disagree with Kimbrough. One is Dr. Norton Nelson, professor of environmental medicine at New York University Medical Center, who feels that due to the results of tests run on lab animals, it would "be surprising" if PCBs didn't cause cancer in humans.

PEOPLE IN JAPAN and Taiwan have developed skin diseases, vision and hearing problems and headaches after eating highly contaminated rice oils, and some women gave birth to children with physical and mental impairments. However, these people had PCB blood counts of up to 1,000 parts per billion, over 17 times that of the people in Detroit.

Information compiled from *Detroit Free Press* articles.

Corrections

In a Jan. 18 article on Math 141, the graph should have read that 55 percent of students taking calculus in fall, 1987 failed.

In a Jan. 18 news brief on university vacancies, the headline should have read there are 38 vacancies.

WOUX conducts frequency search

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

WOUX is having a frequency search conducted by an engineer in hopes that a FM spot is available.

"I've been told by one engineer that our chances aren't very good, but I've been told by another we have a 50-50 chance," said Susan Kraft, general manager.

The frequency search is seen by the radio station as the first step toward the building of an FM antenna.

"There are two barriers (to broadcasting FM), the university and the Federal Communications Commission. We're closer to one—the university—with a plan," said Kraft.

THE BOARD OF trustees would have to pass any proposal that would allow the station to broadcast FM. Even with the board's approval, the station would have to get FCC approval for a construction permit, for the building of an antenna and license.

The search, which will be completed in a few weeks, will give WOUX an idea of the expense involved, besides knowing if a spot exists. The expense "is vital to putting your proposal to the board," said Kraft.

She estimated the antenna cost would be from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

KRAFT SAID she hopes to present a proposal to the board by the end of the semester.

Possible uses include broadcasting school closing information and games from Lepley Sports Center, as well as developing more classes, said Kraft.

WOUX currently can be heard on campus, broadcast over phone lines in some of the dorms and as a public address system in the Oakland Center.

If a FM antenna is not possible, there are alternatives in improving the broadcasting of the station, said Kraft. She said these would not be explored until after the FM attempt.

One would be improving the carrier system. When the new phone system was installed on campus, old telephone wires were taken out and a phone wire over which WOUX is carried to the dorms was cut by accident, Kraft said.

SHE ALSO mentioned that one of the boosters in the dorms was stolen and another broken, resulting in poor reception.

Truck

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TRANSFORMERS IN the Oakland Center and Lepley Sports Center have already been replaced. Hannah Hall, Dodge Hall and Wilson Hall are scheduled within the next few months as part of the 14 replacements. By Federal law all transformers containing PCBs must be removed by October 1989.

Draveski said the PCB transformers are being replaced with a safer silicon type.

SCULLEY SAID he knew of no regulations about leaving a large quantity of PCBs unattended.

Thursday was the first night the truck was left overnight, he said.

The truck was pulled out of the ravine by a crane, and towed off campus because it didn't start.

Catherine Kaza contributed to this story.

Sand

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HE COULD NOT estimate how much the university saved using sand instead of salt. But because of reduced costs, Moore said, "Every day we don't use salt is a plus day."

Not everyone agrees. "The university screwed up," said one employee that asked to remain unidentified. The problem is the timing of the sidewalk and road renovations. "It's not going to affect" the people who make the decisions, according to the employee.

Those people "don't use the sidewalks...they need to walk around campus." The employee said the university has "lost sight of who the customer is," referring

to students.

"It's terrible," said William Root, supervisor of building maintenance in residence halls.

EXTRA MAINTENANCE may be eroding cost savings. Root said the sand is destroying the residence halls' new carpet. Dan Lis, assistant vice president for finance and operations in residence halls, said 30 to 40 percent of the carpeting was replaced last summer for about \$40,000.

He said how often carpeting is replaced depends on location, but ranges from two years to 14. The sand "probably doesn't help any. If it was used every winter, (carpeting) would have to be replaced sooner," Lis said.

Frank Moss, general foreman of residence halls cleaning, said, "You can even see the sand on eight

North Hamlin. Salt doesn't find its way as far into the building."

THE OC is in a similar situation, according to Marshall. He said sand destroys floor wax and is wearing the tile surface. One of the advantages in using salt is that a chemical neutralizer can be used to clean the salt residue off floors, Marshall said.

"Morale is really low (among maintenance workers). You can't keep the building clean. It's terribly frustrating," he said.

"When it snows, the building looks horrible. It makes me feel like crying," he said.

Modifications in sand use were made after Marshall talked to Moore about the problems. Sweeping by building entrances to keep sand out has increased to 20 feet from the doorways.

Miller said sand use is an experiment that will probably not continue after the 90-day waiting period for the sidewalk hardening is over at the end of February. He said the sand has "a lot of adverse effects" and is more offensive than salt.

NO DECISION has been made about the use, Moore said, but the "sentiment is not to go with it next year." The department will be evaluating it soon, he said.

Moore is looking at alternatives to salt or sand. One possibility is calcium magnesium acetate, which performs like salt without corroding cement, Moore said. However, this compound costs \$500 per ton, about 25 times more than salt and 71 times more than sand.

Catherine Kaza contributed to this story.

Money

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He said it is possible to combine wealth with a meaningful philosophy. "I don't want to be wealthy and be the saddest person on earth."

Freshman Carol Fox agreed. She said she is going to college to get a good education and job. "Money is

important, but I'd rather be accomplished than rich."

DONALD WARREN, associate sociology professor, questioned using the survey results to describe freshmen as materialistic. "Most of the results will reflect what is socially acceptable to say," he said.

This tends to exaggerate the differences between students in the 1960s and now, according to Warren. "There were closet yuppies in

the 1960s, just as now there are people who are aware of social issues."

Warren said survey results reflect students' beliefs that a struggle may be ahead to maintain their parents' standard of living. As another effect of that economic insecurity, people may not be able to express other social values that go with a more comfortable lifestyle.

Warren said universities have an

obligation to try to get people to think about what they're doing. "They may make the same choices at the end, but at least they stopped and thought about them."

Greg Gramzow, a freshman who gave being well off a seven on a scale of importance from one to ten, also gave developing a philosophy of life a seven. "Good thing I took that philosophy course, otherwise it would be a zero," he said.

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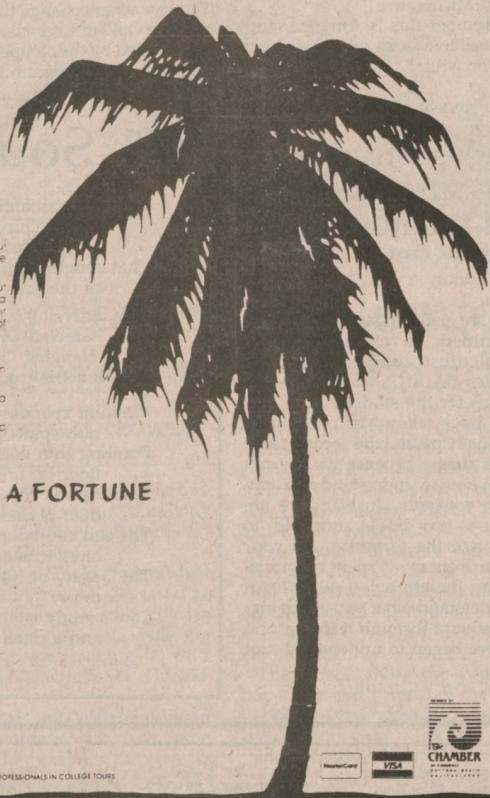
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Trucks holding hazardous PCBs need attending

IN 1976 Congress banned PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) — a hazardous toxic chemical — from production and distribution. Last week an unattended truck containing 12 barrels of PCBs in 55 gallon drums was left on the east side of Varner Hall overnight. During the night the truck rolled off the lot, down a hill, across Pioneer Drive and into a wooded ravine, knocking down several trees in the process.

Fortunately the dangerous chemical didn't spill, but if it would have the result would have been disastrous. While the university is not directly responsible for the accident, the trucking company's decision to leave the truck — complete with 9,000 pounds of PCBs — unattended is **inexcusable**.

PCBs were first produced in 1929. Because it is heat resistant, its main use was with electrical equipment.

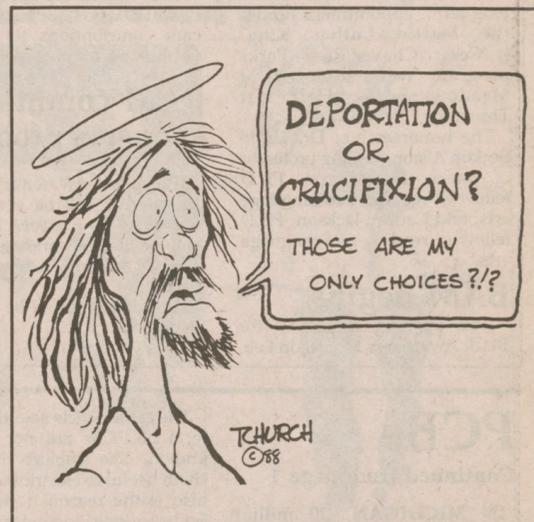
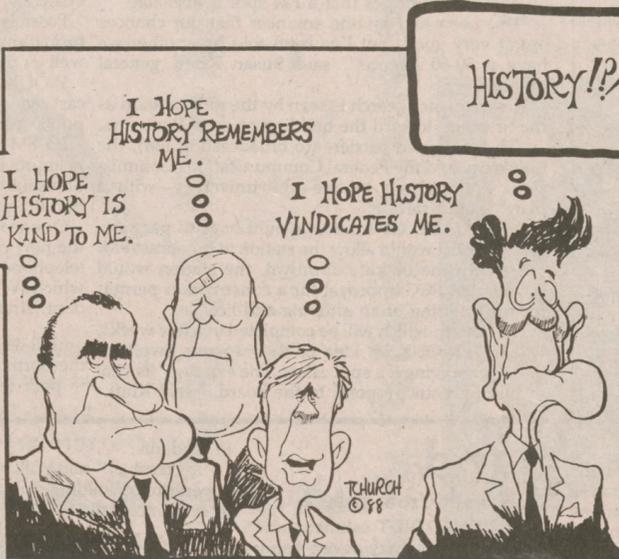
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, like many other institutions, has used transformers that contain PCBs for years. Because of a recent federal law requiring PCB transformers be replaced, the university began removing the old transformers and inserting new less hazardous ones.

The truck that was left unattended last week contained 12 barrels of the hazardous chemicals plus one transformer, according to university officials. The truck was being used to replace the old transformers at Varner Hall. But instead of following the normal routine, workers decided to leave the truck for the night when they were finished. It was during this time the accident occurred.

THIS TRUCK contained the same chemical that has been linked to the contamination of much of the state's fish supply. It has been linked to the demise of some bird species that eat the fish, and in humans, it has been linked to birth defects, cancer and numerous other disorders. This truck never should have been left unattended, and the university community should be appalled that such carelessness was permitted.

The foreman from the company doing the work on the transformers said he left the truck for the night because there was nothing in the contract saying he couldn't. Hopefully the foreman will realize the seriousness of his actions, and hopefully in the future the university will include such stipulations in their contracts.

Oakland University is fortunate that none of the hazardous chemical spilled in last week's accident. Hopefully officials will see to it that nothing like this happens again, and the rest of the transformer replacements can go without incident.



Letters to the Editor

Parking 'situation' poses problems

Dear Editor,

This letter is regarding the Oakland University parking situation. In my opinion, there is a problem. Sometimes I spend 10 minutes looking for a parking space which causes me to arrive late to my class. I am tired of driving around looking for a spot. Could it be that classes are overbooked in comparison to the parking available?

Once I chose to park at a meter because I could not find a space in the lots. After putting change in the meter I came out to my car, found the meter had expired and found a ticket on the windshield!

Twice this had happened to me. Oakland University's police department has no mercy, they drive around like vultures looking to ticket students.

I'm missing out on valuable lecture time when I am late. I would like to hear your response to this letter.

Something more needs to be done. I realize parking has been reorganized in front of Wilson Hall, Oakland Center and South Foundation. In actuality, we need a few more rows of parking added on to the parking that already exists. If you cannot do anything about this situation, please direct this letter to the person who can. I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Curtiss

White or black, Americans need freedom of speech

Dear Editor,

How quickly Americans forget the lessons learned in their own and other countries. After the communists took over Russia, the first thing to happen was a restricted press, and anyone who spoke out against the government was put on the Soviet blacklist to be shunned by the community or worse yet, sent to Siberia.

Then along came Nazi Germany where people who spoke out against the government's policies were put in prison or executed. Not too long after that McCarthyism appeared in the U.S., when anyone accused of being a communist was refused the basic liberties and freedoms of the first amendment.

Now the lynch mobs have revived an old world to ruin peoples

lives: Racism. It seems now that America's freedom of speech has been trashed by a group of people who only want to hear their own ideas expressed.

Now if a white man says something that may offend the black community he's almost certain to lose his job and be branded by the nation as an evil racist, no matter what his intentions.

As in Al Campanis' case last year and Jimmy "the Greek's" case last week, neither intended to offend anyone, but because their remarks were labeled as "racist" both men lost their jobs, even as black students at the U of M are calling a dean there a "...white pig in a white pig sty," because of a simple honest comment he made. But no one is calling those black students racist and I don't see anybody sitting in those students' classrooms protesting.

No, I'm not a white supremacist, but if the current trend continues, a white American will never again be able to speak his mind, but will be forced to hold back any word that may offend a black, whether it's true or not, and America will have lost the greatest right on earth, the right of free speech.

Then racial barriers will not diminish, but they will fester and grow quietly in the hearts of people and they will explode as they did in 1968, only this time it is someone else's rights being suppressed.

Why doesn't everyone just think twice and remember that freedom of speech means exactly that, and it doesn't just stand for blacks rights in Forsythe, Georgia, but it also stands for whites rights in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Remember this is America, and we are all free to say what we want, black or white.

Wes Knoch

Math instructors must stress learning not memorization

Dear Editor,

We are glad to hear that the math department is restructuring its precalculus courses, but the changes that it is making are not enough for the students.

We have taken Math 141 twice and finally passed the second time. It is a shame because we are not taught how to understand and apply the concepts. Instead, we are given a text book and told to memorize the formulas. All your time and energy is spent memorizing and therefore you never learn or understand what you are doing. As we went through it the second time we began to understand, but

it should not have to take two times.

We are the kind of students that want to learn the material, but the classes are on such a tight schedule and the instructors don't deviate from it. Luckily for us the second time through we had an instructor who really cared and wanted us to learn. She took time during each lecture to answer questions about problems and had a lot of patience when we would go see her during her office hours.

Those of us who want to learn suffer because we are not being properly taught. We need better qualified instructors like Sandy Walker, who will teach us to comprehend the material and not teach us how to memorize. More time needs to be spent in class to answer questions about problems.

Sincerely,
Donna Rapaski
Suzanne Havrilla

Education program should consider more than grades

Dear Editor,

Being one of the many elementary education majors, I am sure that I am not alone when I say that I am extremely disappointed by the elementary education program at Oakland University.

The elementary education program accepts only between 60 and 90 students each fall out of approximately 240 applicants. Many people with the potential to be very effective teachers change their major or leave Oakland because they are discouraged by the competitiveness of the teaching program here. Ap-

plicants are accepted into the program on a basis of their GPA and their score on the PPST (pre-professional skills test). Applicants with the highest GPA's are accepted first, followed by applicants with the next highest GPA's and so on. The program is accepting fewer students than it has in the past, so naturally a high GPA is needed for acceptance. All that is taken into account for acceptance is scores, not personality or ability with children. I realize that it would be impossible to interview all of the applicants. I believe, however, that the program would be more accessible to its applicants if it were enlarged.

I understand that the elementary education program continues to be cut due to a lack of funding. Yet if there is a lack of funding in the education department, why is the secondary education program being reinstated? I think the elementary education program should be strengthened, and once it is, then I see no problem with reopening the secondary education program.

Thank you for listening,
Stacey A. Stephenson

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The Oakland Post/ Art Stephenson
Mike Morisette and Missey Ward put all of their weight into the tug-of-war.

Winter games go well despite lack of snow

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

A lack of snow didn't hinder the Winter Olympics last week.

Roadhouse (fifth floor West Vandenberg) claimed \$100 as first place winners.

Second place team, the Artesians (third floor West Vandenberg) won \$80, and third place prize of \$60 went to Sigma Pi.

Activities of the Winter Olympics included a four-mile relay, wiffle ball, snow-football and broomball.

"It's fun. We had a great wiffle ball game!" said Dave Stillman of Sigma Pi, despite the fact his team didn't win that event.

The events, sponsored by the Student Program Board, were based on a point system. The winner of each event received 10 points, second place received five points and third place earned three points, according to Joe Farrug, recreation

and leisure chair of SPB.

Teams could also get an extra four points for sponsoring an event. Sponsorship involved providing a referee and setting up the course or field, said Farrug.

"We've only had two sponsors," he said, "Maybe they (the teams) didn't know about it."

"Everybody is real excited about the events," said Farrug. "If I'm not there on time everybody comes down here (SPB office) looking for me."

During the snow-football event, one observer suggested indoor events for next year, like a life-saver pass.

"It's kind of a bummer there's no snow," said Mark Angel, an observer rooting for the Artesians during the snow-football event.

The cross-country sled race was the only event that had to be cancelled due to the lack of snow.

The Oakland Post/ Eric Kurtysz
Jason Myers and Katie Kenny run the four-mile relay race.



The Oakland Post/ Eric Kurtysz
Jamie Shuell and the rest of the Roadhouse team can't contain their pride after winning the snow football game.

New group helps accident victims

By FLORI ROSENBERG
Features Editor

For people dealing with the aftermath of an accident, a support group has been formed at the counseling center at Graham Health Center.

Coping with any kind of accident can be difficult on a number of levels, said Carol Stratman, who founded the group.

"Usually when people have an accident, there's a progression of experiences," said Stratman, an intern at the counseling center working on her doctorate degree in psychology.

After an accident, most people experience a form of trauma, she explained. Sometimes people go through a grieving process for the way of life they have lost, Stratman added.

"You feel like you've been abused in some way," she said.

During trauma, victims may experience anxiety, flashbacks, trouble sleeping, nightmares or a change of self-image.

"Your world view gets shaken up," said Stratman. "You don't have that sense of stability."

Some people experience a form of shock after an accident. They may feel unmotivated or go numb emotionally.

Later, Stratman said, emotions come out whether people want them to or not. These feelings may include vulnerability, a yearning for the past, guilt or anger.

"A real important part of the process is to talk about these things," Stratman said, "With an

understanding comes an acceptance, you go on with your life.

The value of a group is to help people realize there are other people experiencing what they are," Stratman continued, "Everyone goes through the process in a little

different way. That's a lot of what a group does for folks, it helps them value they're own experience."

The group also makes it easier to talk about the accident with other people, she said. "Once you've talked about it with people you feel safe with, it's easier with others," said Stratman, "that in itself facilitates coping."

Sometimes accident victims notice that other people feel awkward asking what happened, Stratman said. "If you feel people are avoiding you, ask others how they've dealt with it," she added.

Tentatively, Stratman plans to offer support meetings on a weekly basis, beginning the first week of February. She has not set up a day and time for the meetings but said they will be an hour and a half long. Stratman expects eight or less people to come to the meetings.

"People will be expected at some point to talk about why they're there," she said.

Stratman has been preparing for the group for a year and a half. "It's an area of interest for me," she said, "I see individual people here that need it."

For further information call Stratman at 370-3465.

Identical twins on campus create challenges for others

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

After starting a conversation with someone, most people would find it unsettling to discover that person is not who they think, but a twin.

This happens quite frequently, said LaWanda Paden, who has an identical twin sister named LaRhonda. "To me we looked more alike when we were younger, so I don't see the hard time people have telling us apart," said LaRhonda.

LaWanda said people get confused when they don't realize there are two of them, or if they do not know which twin is which.

"I knew you couldn't change clothes that fast," is a common comment, said LaWanda, or "they just try to tell us apart all the time. Don't tell me which one

you are, let me guess."

LaWanda is in pre-business, and LaRhonda, the youngest by five minutes, is a communications major.

The Padens may look the same, but each said she is her own person.

"To me I just have a sister who looks like me," said LaRhonda.

"I don't think we are as close as some twins are. Some can't stand to be apart; we're not like that," said LaWanda.

The exact number of identical or fraternal twins on campus is not recorded, according to the Registrar's office.

Fraternal twins, Denise and Donna Simmons, are both studying management. Even though their physical characteristics are not identical, people still get them mixed up, said the twins.

"I think it's the name they get mixed up," said Denise, who is older by nine minutes.

"They know who they're talking to, but they're just not sure to call me Donna or Denise," said Donna.

Like the Padén twins, the Simmons also share a dorm room on campus. One of the advantages said Donna, is that "you don't have to go through roommate problems."

Another Simmons sister, Desiree, is also attending Oakland. For one month a year the sisters are all the same age, since Desiree is only 11 months older than her sisters.

Karin and Kathy Kama are another set of fraternal twins.

Both are studying nursing, and Kathy is the oldest by five minutes.

See TWINS page 6



The Oakland Post/ Alisa Nass
Karin and Kathy Kama are fraternal twins.

What's Happening

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof: Tennessee Williams's play will open a four-week run 8 p.m. Thursday at Meadow Brook Theatre.

The play involves emotions like greed, dread of death, love, hate and despair.

For ticket information call 377-3300.

Crystal Mountain Weekend Ski Trip: The trip will last from Feb. 5 through Feb. 7, and sign-up begins today.

For an additional \$5 to the original price, free transportation will be provided for the first 20 people who request it.

Call the CPO office at 370-2020 for more information.

Lafayette String Quartet: Guest clarinetist David Shifrin will accompany the quartet 3 p.m. Sunday in Varner Recital Hall.

Concert tickets are \$12 general admission, \$7 for senior citizens and children and \$6 for Oakland students.

For more information call 370-3013.

Poetry Reading: Stuart Dybek will read at 8 p.m. Thursday in room 226 Manoogian Hall at Wayne State University.

Dybek is the author of two books: *Childhood and Other Neighborhoods* (fiction) and *Brass Knuckles* (poetry). For more information call 577-2450.

Bully, Bully! This musical by New York's *Theatreworks/USA* traces the young life of America's 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt.

The musical will be performed at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Detroit Youththeatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts.



The Oakland Post/ Art Stephenson
Danny Ballard does his "Jason" imitation for Maureen Abel at Mainstage.

Mainstages challenges students not to laugh

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

The comedy game *Krack Me Up* provided laughs and occasional money for the Mainstage audience last Thursday night.

The money went to students who were called up to the stage and sat through three minutes of comedy without "...so much as a smile, giggle, laugh or making a puddle..." (as comedian Joe Dunkel explained).

The contestants were required to spend a minute with each comedian. If they made it through the routine with a deadpan face, they won \$25 and a *Krack Me Up* T-shirt. If they broke down, they simply won the T-shirt.

Before the game show segment began, the comics gave the audience a taste of the competition.

The first comedian on stage was the creator of the show, Dunkel.

He compared public school cheerleaders to Catholic school cheerleaders. According to Dun-

ckel, at the public schools the cheers go like this: "Push 'em back! Push 'em back! Waaaaaay back!" In contrast the Catholic cheerleaders say, "Retard them. Retard them. Make them relinquish the ball."

The second performer was magician/comedian Chuck King.

He asked a member of the audience to think of a famous person to match with the picture he had in an envelope.

The person chose the Pope. "I hope you don't mind at the time the picture was taken the Pope was two months old," King said as he pulled out a hand-drawn picture of a baby.

The third comedian was Danny Ballard.

One of the first things Ballard did was impressions of a prune and an egg using his bald head as the prop.

After this taste of comedy the game show commenced.

The first contestant, Maureen Abel, won \$25 for not cracking up during Dunkel's sudden affliction. See LAUGH page 6

'She's Having a Baby' shows brighter side of growing up

By DOC ROSS
Staff Writer

She's Having a Baby, stars Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern as Jake and Kristy Briggs, two cute kids who grow up and actually like it.

Review

When Jake is about to take the plunge into adulthood, his best friend Davis (Alec Baldwin) offers a last chance of escape, a get-away in red Jaguar while the bride waits at the altar.

Jake chooses love over romance. This is a carefully constructed film. Director John Hughes pulls our feelings and emotions in whatever direction necessary to get a laugh or make a point, but the structure is so air-tight that it feels contrived.

The first 10 minutes are the funniest. Hughes establishes his images, patterns and devices. They

seem fresh and funny, but they soon drop off.

As Jake and Kristy assimilate themselves into "grown-up" life and suburbia, the film becomes more predictable.

This isn't to say the film isn't funny or without tender moments. The problem is its point of view. The difficulties Jake and Kristy face—the in-laws, the mortgage, life in the suburbs—place us firmly in the realm of the upwardly-mobile middle class.

Poverty, alcoholism, adultery and divorce are all given flippant treatment as if to say these aren't problems for real people. Or, more directly: love conquers all.

Alright, so maybe a light-hearted yuppie comedy shouldn't deal with such dark subjects, but Hughes brings them up. He makes us laugh at these problems just as we laugh at the others, but because everything works out without a hitch, these problems are dismissed, not addressed.

Davis displays another problem with the film's point of view. Before Jake goes into the church to take his vows Davis says, "You'll be happy but you won't know it." This is the main argument of the film, married people who really love each other are happy, no matter what they think.

Davis soon shows himself to be a selfish, manipulative sleaze which makes his statement somewhat incongruous. He's the debauched sage representing Jake's childhood, and the only option open to Jake if he doesn't marry Kristy.

Hughes' use of fantasy is fun. Jake has a wild imagination. His wedding vows become long and involved; his neighbors mow their lawns like the June Taylor Dancers; he is troubled by another woman, the mysterious love of his life who turns up now and then.

She's Having A Baby may not work on all levels, but it is enjoyable. It will be released in February.



Courtesy of Robert Solomon and Associates
Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern star in *She's Having a Baby*.

Winter activities risk broken bones, sprains

Winter presents special concerns for anyone who spends time outdoors, whether the activity is downhill skiing or walking to class.

If you fall and injure yourself, you may need to be examined by a doctor since your symptoms may not indicate the seriousness of the injury.

Limb injuries are common. Usually, the first symptoms are pain and swelling. Swelling involves the shift of fluid from uninjured tissues to the injured area.

This response brings infection-fighting cells where they may be needed and provides a "cushion" to help decrease movement near the area. In other words, a splinting effect results.

Strain involves an injury to a muscle-tendon unit. Tendons attach muscle to bone and incorporate movement. Strains occur through overuse (chronic) or overstress (acute).



Dr. Pat Rodgers

Chronic strain causes muscle fatigue, spasms and inflammation, sometimes with swelling. You can help relieve this type of strain with rest, heat and protection from further injury. A physician may need to prescribe medication, physical therapy or a local injection.

Acute strain, in contrast, is the result of a single, violent force applied to a muscle, or resistance to a force. This is characterized by rupture muscle fibers or ten-

Post Scripts

(Dr. Pat Rodgers and Susan Hayden, RN, can be found at Graham Health Center).



Susan Hayden

dons. Treatment may be as simple as protection against additional stress, or as involved as surgical intervention.

Tendons and muscles heal slowly so protection against further stress may need to continue for several weeks.

When a ligament is overstressed, sprains occur. Ligaments are bands of tissue that connect bones and serve mainly as stabilizers. The ligament itself or its attachment to bone may be

injured.

The term "sprain-fracture" applies when the rupture occurs at the point of attachment to bone and a bone fragment is torn away. Pooled blood is common, and swelling occurs with disruption of normal function depending on the extent of injury. Again, treatment is similar to that for strains.

To help you decide whether you have a minor injury which you can self-treat or a more serious injury that requires a doctor's evaluation, follow these guidelines:

Is the part cold, bluish or numb beyond the point of injury?

Is it crooked or misshapen?

Is there noticeable loss of strength or inability to move or bear weight on the part?

Is it unsteady or unstable?

Do you have pain along any portion of the bone when you touch it? If any of these conditions exist, see a physician.

Laugh

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of "Elmer Fudd's Disease." "I wake up in the morning and want to kill wabbits, and I wuv wabbits," Dunckel said.

The second \$25 prize went to the next contestant, Linda Stadt. She sat through a trick performed by King where he tied two bandanas together and told Stadt to put the knot into the top of her turtle-neck sweater. Upon pulling the bandanas out, a bra was holding them together instead of the knot.

"I was able to ignore him, except for the bra part. I just kind of zoned out," Stadt said after the show.

"My roommate told me to go because I never laugh at anything," she added.

After two contestants and giving away \$50 Ballard said, "You're a great audience, but you're pissing us off."

The next three contestants cracked up with little effort from the comedians and won *Krack Me Up* T-shirts.

"Other than (Chuck King) it was really, really funny," said senior Richard Moog.

"It was great; it was funny as hell," said Ann Osuinek, who came into the Crocker to look for a friend and stayed until the end of the show.

Twins

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"We look a lot alike," said Karin. This causes confusion when the twins go to area hospitals for clinical practice. Since they commute and share a car, the two have to do their clinical work during the same time, said Karin.

During a recent clinical "all the nurses were going crazy," Karin said.

Chris and Craig Riedel, identical twins studying mechanical

engineering, found it took a while for people to realize they were twins because they live on different floors in West Vandenberg.

Although still close, "I think living apart we're each coming into our own," said Craig, the youngest by six minutes.

"When we went to high school we were always together, and everyone would relate you (with your twin)," he said, adding that if one of them was alone, he was usually asked where his brother was.

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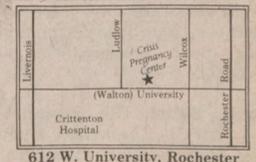
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Where are the fans?

"Give us 1,500 fans rockin' and rollin' in the gym and we'll never lose a home game."

That's what men's basketball coach Greg Kampe said last week. Unfortunately for him though, the Pioneers, with the nation's leading offense, are only averaging 463 fans per game this year.

This ranks them seventh in the nine-school Great Lakes Conference for average attendance despite having the second largest student body in the league.

No one knows for sure why Oakland students are so loath to come see a game, but one reason often given is OU's low number of resident students.

However, Grand Valley has about the same number of residents and draws 2,000 fans to a typical game.

Two things that could be affecting attendance here are high academic standards and the large proportion of female students (67 percent).

Tom Van Voorhis, athletic department marketing and promotions director, said "I think many of our resident students spend their evenings studying in the dorms and in the library, not going to sporting events or parties."

As far as the gender factor is concerned, Michigan Tech draws smaller average crowds than we do with a student body that's primarily male.

However, the most popular reason offered by students seems to be: "I just never think of going to a game."

Some people may also be under the (false) impression that basketball is too boring to waste two hours on. Those people should talk to the 600 fans who saw the Northern game last Wednesday.

Even with the gym only one-fifth full, the noise was deafening after Scott Bittinger's last second winning shot.

"Last night is what it's all about. People were hugging and screaming and jumping around," said Kampe. And that hasn't been the only exciting home game.

Once last month the Pioneers' offense poured in 150 points... IN ONE GAME.

Kampe's crew averages 107 points per game while only giving up 84. They have a 7-0 home record this season with the average win coming by 23 points.

The attendance draught is even more severe for the women's team.

The Lady Pioneers are 9-0 at home, 16-1 overall and ranked 13th in the nation. What do you all want before you come out and watch? The athletic department can't afford to hire the chicken.

There were only about 100 fans in the stands at the tipoff of last Wednesday's game.

Coach Bob Taylor isn't surprised. "We had a decent crowd by the end of the game, but 5:30 is a little early to get here. This is more fans than we had when I was at Lake Superior, but we would always like more." (Taylor coached at Lake Superior State U. before coming here.)

Taylor also expressed hope that exciting games will raise attendance. "The fans here tonight will come back after seeing these games, and maybe they'll bring a friend, and that'll start the ball rolling."

Both coach said they try to make the games exciting so the fans will come, but they both realize that they can't force people to attend. At gunpoint for instance.

Kampe said he could really use a monster crowd for at least one big game this week. "Thursday we play Ferris, who's one of the best teams in the country. We can beat them, but we are going to need a great deal of help from the fans to do it."

Whether or not he gets his wish is up to the student body.

Are you listening?



Pioneer Rickey Miller attempts a three-point shot in last Wednesday's thrilling 112-111 overtime victory over the Northern Michigan University Wildcats.

Assists keep on coming for ex-sailor Gregory

By ANDY SNEDDON
Sports Writer

Rochester is a long way from the U.S. Naval Academy, but that's OK with former cadet Brian Gregory.

Gregory is the starting point guard for the Pioneer roundball team.

Gregory came to Oakland via the U.S. Naval Academy, where he began his college career on the 1985-86 Navy team that featured All-American David Robinson and went to the NCAA Regional Final.

Gregory was a freshman on that team, or in Navy terms, a plebe. "The lowest form of life on earth," according to Gregory.

Today, the five-foot nine-inch, 160-pound sophomore from Mt. Prospect, Ill. leads the GLIAC in assists, averaging 16.6 per game. His nearest competitor averages 9.8.

Gregory made fast work of the Oakland single season assist record of 170, breaking it in only 11 games. He has 242 now. It's entirely possible that he'll break the OU career assist record (374) this year. Rob Skinner holds that mark, but he needed THREE seasons to set it.

"Records are fun to talk about with your friends, but I would give it all away to win the conference championship," said Gregory. "My goals are team oriented, the individual accolades come with a good team. I'm surrounded by a lot of great scorers. We have four or five guys capable of scoring 20 points on any given night."

B.G., as he's known to teammates, averages 16.6 points per game and could easily include himself in those capable of scoring 20 points a game, but probably wouldn't...not off the court anyway.

On the court, it's a different ball game. Gregory is the Pioneers' floor general. From time to time he'll drive the lane while players twice his size form a gauntlet bet-

ween himself and the hoop.

But more often, he'll push the ball up the floor, maneuvering past opponents and fire a pass to Scott Bittinger for an easy jumper in the corner or Andre Bond for a layup.

Bittinger, last season's point guard, said, "With (Gregory) we can run and gun now. I don't have to handle the ball as much."

These days, Bittinger only has to worry about scoring and seems to have adapted quite nicely to having Gregory around, who feeds him a steady diet of scoring chances.

Pioneer assistant coach Bob Lees said, "Our up-tempo game suits him and lends itself to his abilities. He's bringing the ball up the court and making good decisions."

Gregory said he tries to keep the praise in perspective though. "I have the ball often so I have a lot of opportunities. Everybody on this team can put the ball in the basket and that makes it a lot easier for me."

Pioneer head coach Greg Kampe said, "Brian gets the ball where we need it to be. It helps when Bittinger and Andre are knockin' it in."

"(Gregory) is what college athletics are supposed to be about," said Kampe. "He's in the gym and he's studying."

Indeed he is. Gregory carries a 3.72 grade point average and is majoring in secondary education.

"My year at the academy really taught me a lot about discipline, especially academically," said Gregory.

Little Zeke, as some fans referred to Gregory last week with a sign they had made, said he is very impressed with the quality of the basketball program here.

"I really like it here," he said. "The coaches run it as if it were a top-notch division I program. The players are treated very well and we're starting to get more exposure."

Bittinger great in overtime win

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

Scott Bittinger took a Brian Gregory pass with one second left in overtime last Wednesday and hit a layup to give the Pioneer hoopsters a dramatic 112-111 win over the Northern Michigan University Wildcats.

Oakland trailed by six points with less than 3:30 left in regulation, but finished with an 11-5 run, highlighted by six straight points from Bittinger. A tying jumper from John Henderson ended the run and sent the two teams into overtime.

In a wild one-minute 10-second contest to give NMU the lead. Then the three-point contest began. OU sunk three and NMU two. Chip in a two pointer by Wildcat Lake Cosby and NMU had a 103-102 lead.

Oakland then ran off an 8-2 streak to take a 110-105 lead with only 41 seconds left. It seemed as though the Pioneers had the game in the bag.

But Wildcat Carl Strong hit two three-point bombs in 20 seconds, forcing Pioneer coach Greg Kampe to call a time out with nine seconds left.

To anyone who has watched the Pioneers this season, the play Kampe ran was no surprise. Brian Gregory took the ball up court, looking for Bittinger. Gregory whipped the ball through traffic to number five, who put it up with

one second on the clock.

The ball hit the rim, bounced off, and as 600 Oakland fans, both teams and their coaches held their collective breath, dropped through the net.

The Pioneers mobbed Bittinger at midcourt. The crowd stood on their feet and cheered.

The Wildcats trooped back to their bench, collected their warm-up jackets, then wandered back to the locker room, still in shock.

Kampe also seemed to be in shock. Fifteen minutes after the final buzzer he could only say "We won. But, my God, I can't believe those last two three pointers Strong hit."

Referring to the first Oakland / Northern confrontation this year, a 141-128 triple-overtime shootout Nov. 25, Kampe said "I don't want to play Northern again, not even next year. Sooner or later, God has to smile on their side."

Bittinger led Oakland with 40 points. Andre Bond added 23, including eight in overtime. John Henderson popped for 18. Mike McCan got 15 boards.

Brian Gregory had 13 points, and 23 assists in what Kampe called "the worst game Brian's played since he got here." Kampe said Gregory was trying to do too much, but added that the little point guard made the play that saved the game in the end.

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Brian Gregory dishes off one of the 23 assists he had in last Wednesday's 112-111 overtime win over Northern Michigan University.

Gregory left the Naval Academy because he hopes to someday teach and coach. "I couldn't get that there," he said.

The biggest difference between the academy and OU is the social life, according to Gregory.

"There, the freshmen never get to go out. Here, there is much more

of an opportunity to go wild. I'd spend Saturday nights studying nuclear physics at the academy."

Gregory had never even heard of Oakland University before he arrived in Anapolis.

"When I decided the academy wasn't for me, my recruiter at Navy

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Lady Pioneers hold onto first place

By MARK SPEZIA
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team tightened its grip on first place in the Great Lakes Conference last week with victories over Saginaw Valley State University and Northern Michigan University.

The team raised its record to 16-1 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

Last Wednesday, the Pioneers blasted out of the gate to grab a 16-2 lead after five minutes and never looked back as they tamed the NMU Wildcats for the second time this season 76-55.

Oakland shot .538 in the first half to lead 44-25 at intermission. The Pioneers weren't as accurate in the second 20 minutes (.306), but Northern got no closer than 17 points anyway.

Pioneer coach Bob Taylor said the Oaklanders' "press and defense were good" and liked the way his team "pounded the boards." The cagers out-rebounded the Wildcats 50-30.

"The press is what helped us," said forward Leah Fenwick, who tied Kim Klein-Green for scoring honors with 14 points.

Fenwick was also tops in steals with four. Debbie Delie had 12 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Sarah Knuth and Janice Kosman each finished with 11 points.

Jan. 16, Klein-Green led another balanced attack with 14 first-half points and 18 overall as the Pioneers upended defending GLIAC champion Saginaw Valley State University 73-60.

The Cardinals, 58-6 over the last

two years, have slipped a bit this season. Their record now stands at 9-5 overall and 2-3 GLIAC.

Other Pioneers to finish in double figures against the Cards were Knuth 14, Delie 13 and Fenwick 10.

Kosman came off the bench to score eight, and led the team in steals with three. Delie also pulled down 15 rebounds.

The Pioneers jumped out to a 41-21 lead in what Taylor called "our best first half of the season."

The Cards were never in the game and couldn't get closer than 10 points in the second half.

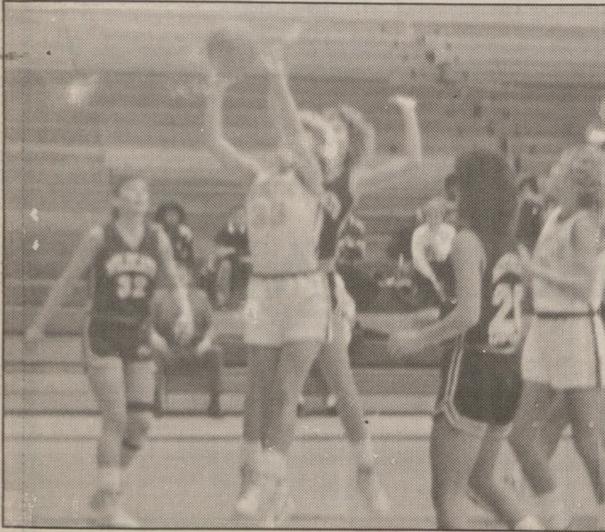
Saginaw played a decent game in some respects though. They out-rebounded Oakland, grabbed more steals than Oakland, and forced more turnovers than Oakland, but shot horrendously (.278) in the face

of the Pioneers' menacing defense.

"When we play a pressure defense (like that) we expect to get out-rebounded or at least break even," Taylor said.

Oakland is now on a pace to eclipse its highest winning percentage in history. The record was set by the 1982-83 team which finished 23-4 (.851). Taylor said the team is "playing with a lot of confidence and enthusiasm," and isn't worried about the record because "We have such a such a long way to go."

Knuth, who has seen the team progress from 14-14 her first two years to 21-7 last season (Taylor's first), said the difference is a great attitude and great coaching. "The coaches (Taylor and assistant Shawn Clemons) have turned the program around," she said.



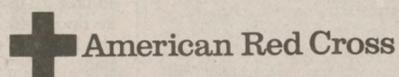
Amy Atkinson puts the ball up in the Lady Pioneers' 76-55 rout of GLIAC rival Northern Michigan University.

The Oakland Post / Eric Kurtysz

As you may have heard on the news recently, the Detroit Metro region is suffering from a severe blood shortage. Large medical centers such as Henry Ford Hospital have been forced to refuse elective type surgery to its patients because of the lack of blood. One hospital reported that they only had one pint of type O blood, the most common type. There is also critical need for type AB blood.

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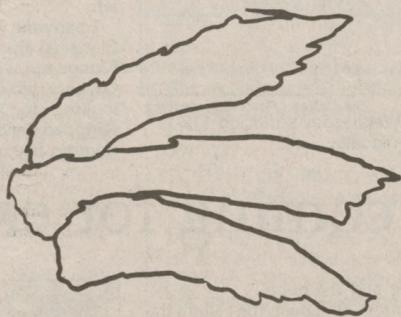


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Lady tankers get win over Grand Valley St.

By KATIE CALLAHAN
Sports Writer

The Lady Pioneer swimmers extended their dual-meet unbeaten streak to five with a 171-91 victory over the tankers of Grand Valley State University Jan. 16.

"It feels great," said Lisa Guilfoyle, of the team's success this season. "It's a great shock. They expected a big change since (coach) Tracy (Huth) came here, but I don't think they were expecting us to do this well."

Guilfoyle has qualified nationally in four relays and is very close to qualifying in her individual events.

Although she placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke against Grand Valley, she's more pleased with her second-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle.

Freshman freestyler Lisa Vincent said success hasn't changed the team's attitude.

"We take one meet at a time. We don't go out thinking we're going to win every time. We're still humble."

Senior Nancy Schermer said she thinks the freshmen on the team have a lot to do with the improve-

ment this season.

"Our team is a lot bigger and we have more depth and that helps. We get some fifth-place finishes, and that adds points." Last season the tankers didn't always have enough swimmers to enter three in every event. At times, divers were pressed into service to swim on relay teams.

About half the team will be going into a taper period within the next week in preparation for the Midwest Invitational Championships next month in Chicago.

Taper periods are times of reduced workouts in order to build strength before important meets.

"Time(s) will hopefully be dropping in the next taper," Schermer said. "A lot of swimmers are really close to making their cuts (qualifying nationally) and probably will, because of tapering."

The tankers seem to have earned a new measure of respect this season from other teams.

"I think Tracy's been getting the word around that we're a different team," Schermer said. "A lot of coaches can see the change and don't take us for granted as much."

GLIAC standings

Women's basketball

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oakland	6	0	16	1
Lake Superior	6	1	14	2
Grand Valley	3	2	8	7
Ferris	3	2	10	4
Sag. Valley	3	2	11	4
Wayne	2	3	7	7
Northern Mich.	1	5	5	10
Mich. Tech.	1	6	7	10
Hillsdale	0	4	6	6

Results

Jan. 18
Lake Superior 105, Mich. Tech. 65

Jan. 19
Sag. Valley 104, Spring Arbor 41

Jan. 20
Oakland 76, Northern Mich. 55

Jan. 21
Lake Superior 81, Grand Valley 59
Sag. Valley 85, Wayne 66
Ferris 73, Mich. Tech. 71
Northwood 79, Hillsdale 75

Monday's games

Ferris at Sag. Valley
Hillsdale at Oakland, 5:30 p.m.
Grand Valley at Northwood

Thursday's games

Sag. Valley at Lake Superior
Grand Valley at Wayne
Ferris at Oakland 5:30 p.m.
Northern Mich. at Hillsdale
Northwood at Lake Superior

Men's basketball

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Ferris	5	0	13	2
Wayne	4	1	8	5
Oakland	4	2	11	5
Lake Superior	5	3	10	7
Mich. Tech.	4	4	10	9
Grand Valley	2	3	11	5
Hillsdale	1	3	6	8
Northern Mich.	1	5	5	12
Sag. Valley	0	5	4	11

results

Jan. 18
Lake Superior 69, Mich. Tech. 68

Jan. 20
Oakland 112, Northern Mich. 111

Jan. 21
Wayne 74, Sag. Valley 59
Ferris 82, Mich. Tech. 65
Lake Superior 82, Grand Valley 81
Northwood 97, Hillsdale 94

Monday's games

Ferris at Sag. Valley
Hillsdale at Oakland 7:30 p.m.
Aquinas at Grand Valley

Thursday's games

Sag. Valley at Lake Superior
Grand Valley at Wayne
Ferris at Oakland 7:30 p.m.
Northern Mich. at Hillsdale

Magazine rates college tankers

OU team first in division II

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

Swimmer's World magazine has named the Pioneer men's swim team first among division II schools after the tankers 119-87 victory over Wright State University Jan. 16.

Also ranked are number-two California State College-Bakersfield (last year's national champion) and number-three Clarion University.

Last weekend the Pioneers made a road trip to face Clarion in one of this season's "key meets" according to Pioneer coach Pete Hovland.

"We are taking our number-one unit of swimmers," Hovland said. The Clarion meet should be one of the tankers toughest challenges this season. "It's always difficult to make a long road trip," said Hovland. "Clarion has a high percentage of wins in their home pool."

Senior tanker Jeff Cooper said he expected a good meet, but... "An away meet is more mentally taxing than physically," he said. "We are trained physically, but a six-hour road trip is mentally draining."

Cooper said he has just one goal for his final season. "I'd like to win as many points as possible at the national championships for my team," he said. "What I'll miss most about my days here at Oakland is being an integral part of the winning tradition."

Cooper said it will be an interesting experience when he has to give up swimming competitively after this season. "It won't be until nationals that the culture shock hits me," he said. "There will be a drastic change in my lifestyle. For the first time in 17 years I won't be a competitive swimmer."

One tanker who won't be making the trip to Pennsylvania is John Monroe. Monroe has begun his

taper period to prepare for the Great Lakes Conference championships in February.

Tapering is a training technique designed to improve times by practicing less. On the surface it doesn't seem to make sense, but it works.

Last season, Monroe tapered for the GLIAC meet and qualified for the national meet in the 400-yard individual medley (four laps each of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle).

Currently eight swimmers are vying for the remaining four open spots on the national squad. To be among the swimmers traveling to Buffalo, N.Y. in March, Monroe must cut his best 200-yard individual medley time of 1:57.30 down to 1:56.97.

The tankers complete the last of their toughest meets (Michigan State, University of Michigan, Clarion, and Kenyon College) next Saturday when they journey to Mt. Vernon, Ohio to duel Kenyon.

Floor hockey playoffs start this week

By MARC MORANIEC
Sports Writer

Eight intramural floor hockey teams begin a three-round playoff this week to determine the identity of the league champion.

Action starts Tuesday with four division semi-final games. The winners meet on Wednesday in two division final games.

Those two survivors will square off for Lord Lepley's Cup Feb. 2.

Last season's two finalists, the Gamecocks and Groggery, each finished first in their respective divisions with undefeated records.

Many observers expect the two powerhouses to meet again for the cup this year.

The Gamecock's co-captain Mike Martin said he doesn't like being the favorite though. "I don't want everybody thinking we're gonna win it again because we might get jinxed or something."

The Gamecocks have lost only one game in the past three years.

Here are my playoff predictions:

Howe Division:

Gamecocks vs. Cellar Dwellers: The Dwellers won some close games to just barely make the playoffs, but there are no Minnesota Vikings in floor hockey. Gamecocks roll 8-2.

Chiefs vs. Delta Force: The sniper brothers, Jim Metz and Dave Boyce find the mark, the Delta's net, and help their team advance to face the Gamecocks. Chiefs 5, Force 3.

Division Final:

Gamecocks vs. Chiefs: After the dust settles from this battle of strong arms, the coin toss says... Gamecocks 3, Chiefs 2.

Cherry Division:

Groggery vs. Dream Warriors: Raykhinshteyn and Yu have the longest and shortest names in the league (respectively) and they both play for Groggery, a winning combination. Groggery 5, Dream Warriors 2.

Sigma vs. Penetrators: The closest of the four games, this one goes to overtime with the cheering of Sigma supporters Anna and Kim making the difference for the frat boys. Sigma 4, Penetrators 3

Division Final:

Groggery vs. Sigma: The Sigma's quest for a title ends here because the Groggery has tunnel vision, looking ahead to a rematch with the Gamecocks. Groggery 2, Sigma 1

The scores from last week's games follow:

The Graduates 4, Anibltz 3
Those Guys 7, Artesians 2
Gamecocks 7, Cellar Dwellers 0
Penetrators 3, Dream Warriors 2
Chiefs 7, His Boy Elroy 1

Little Zeke

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got me in touch with coach Kampe," said Gregory.

Former Navy coach, Paul Evens, now head coach at the University of Pittsburgh, told Kampe that eventually Gregory would have been the point guard at Navy.

"I figured if he could start at Navy he could definitely play at Oakland," said Kampe.

Last year Gregory was red shirted while he adjusted to life at OU. He said it was hard watching his teammates play the games without him.

But on the other hand, he now has two and a half seasons left to reign insomnia on rival GLIAC coaches.

Gregory said that the people in and around the OU basketball program are some of the greatest people in the world.

Hoopsters

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Seventh leading GLIAC scorer Strong led Northern with 31 points. Strong is averaging 18.5 points per game in league play so far this season.

Jan. 16 the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals flew into town, and for a while it seemed they would fly back out with their first GLIAC win.

With just 12:30 left, the Cards were holding onto a two-point lead they'd had since halftime.

However, Oakland tied it at 61, and with 12 minutes left, Wallace Davis hit a lay-in to give Oakland a lead they never relinquished.

The Pioneers got five more points to finish an 11-0 run and turn a four-point deficit into a seven-point lead.

The Cards never got closer than six from that point on, and the Oaklanders coasted to a 91-80 victory.

At the start of it the game didn't

look like it would be close as Oakland had jumped out to an early lead.

But a Gregory injury got SVSU back into the game. Gregory came back after three minutes, but it was a tough game from that point on.

Saginaw tied it at 35, and a technical foul on Kampe allowed the Cardinals to take their first lead at 36-35 with 2:48 left in the first half.

Bittinger led the Pioneers as usual with 25 points. Henderson had 16 points and 10 boards. Bond added 15 points.

The Pioneers play three more league games this week. Monday the Hillsdale Chargers charge into town. Hillsdale is 1-3 GLIAC and 6-8 overall.

Then Thursday the first-place Bulldogs of Ferris State University come calling. Ferris is 5-0 GLIAC and 13-2 overall.

Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. starts.

Saturday the hoopsters play an away game at Wayne State.

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