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OU women's coach Bob Taylor referred to Saturday's game against Ashland University as a "show-down."



The Pioneers battered AU, with junior Tamika Bates scoring a career-high 30 points and won at Kates Gymnasium, 84-73.

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Post to file suit to open meetings

VPAA search committee will meet this weekend to interview candidates

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

The vice president of academic affairs (VPAA) search committee has scheduled closed interviews of 12 semifinalist candidates beginning Friday night.

However, those interviews could be forced open by a judge's order.

THE OAKLAND POST and Editor-in-Chief Heidi Hedquist expect to file a lawsuit today against OU, the search committee, and OU's Board of Trustees on allegations the closed search process violates

the state's Open Meetings Act.

The committee planned to interview the candidates through the weekend.

According to College of Arts and Sciences Dean and Committee Chair David Downing, the search meetings will continue to be closed until finalists are named. At that time, he said, the finalists public presentations will be held on campus.

POST attorney John Ronayne said, the university will be in violation of the state's Open Meetings Act if it stands by its decision to hold interviews privately.

He said that the law is fairly specific and that it is a requirement for interviews for public offices or positions to remain open.

Downing said the search is staying secret to protect confidentiality of applicants.

"Many, if not all of the candidates have requested confidentiality," Downing said. "Our procedures are not to release any names at this stage (semifinalists)."

Monday, THE POST filed a freedom of information request seeking the names and institutional affiliations of candidates

who have not requested confidentiality. OU has five business days to respond to the request.

Candidates will be flying into Metro Detroit Airport. At least two interviews have been scheduled for Friday night.

Downing said the committee is still accepting candidates' applications. Of the 12 semi-finalists, three are African-American, four women and one is a Native American.

The search began last October, and Downing hopes the committee will have the position filled by July.

OU prepares for Division I

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

OU's Board of Trustees approved going Division I AAA at its Thursday meeting.

"Let me make a couple of comments about how pleased I am at the steps the university has taken to move into Division I AAA," said Board Chair Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.

The decision to move into Division I came after almost six months of research conducted by an ad hoc committee and President Gary Russi.

"I'd like to commend President Russi for the job he's done. Every possible interest group he's talked to about this process. I believe we have had a complete community involvement," said Schlaybaugh.

Student Congress Representative Hemant Mahamwal had requested to speak to the Board before it voted on the issue, but Schlaybaugh was not aware of the request until after the vote had gone through.

Mahamwal raised concerns that another student needed to be added to the athletics advisory committee.

The resolution currently limits one student to the committee which will advise the athletics director and the vice president for finance and administration on athletics matters relating to the university's athletics program.

The committee will consist of a Faculty Athletics representative, two faculty members, one staff member and one external / community member.

Schlaybaugh suggested the Board not vote on adding a second student at the meeting.

Instead, Trustee James Sharp suggested that they forward the information to the University Affairs Committee to be reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed.

The next University Affairs meeting is scheduled for March 18.



Post Photo / Leah Inabritt

Lending a hand

COMMUNITY HELP: OU's Society of Women Engineers took time on Saturday to assist local Girl Scouts with their projects. Lisa Andrews, computer science major, helps Whitney Plumb, age 6, earn a badge.

Students benefit from alumnus' book royalties

By NATASHA VANOVER
Special Writer

Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll is not just another title of a celebrity's expose of an era past. The book is due in March, but \$40,000 from the sales has already been promised to help fund a scholarship in the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS).

Author and OU alumnus Barry Klein graduated in 1968 with a degree in sociology and anthropology, but he still keeps ties with the university.

Klein has already donated more than \$25,000 to OU's Enduring Legacy to help fund Kresge Library, guest teaches in the School of Business Administration, was a past president of the OU Alumni Association and recipient of OU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. He also serves on the OU Foundation Board of Directors.

"I have deep feelings about (OU). ... I wanted to write about my past and make a contribution back to the place that

taught me how to think critically. "Oakland was the place that exposed me to a

divergence of people and opinions in the mid-60's, where students were encouraged to question and verbalize their doubts and concerns," he added.

Klein stressed that he learned important lessons from the faculty at OU who taught him to question authority. An exam-

ple of this occurred in fall 1964 when a student working in a campus food service position was fired because he was unwilling to shave his beard. Professor of Philosophy James Haden encouraged his students to grow beards in protest.

The proceeds of his book will establish the George R. Klein Memorial Scholarship in the SEHS, named after his father. Though his father was strict during Klein's teen years, Klein values the "tough love" his father instilled in him. Klein wrote it in his memory.

Post-masters degree students studying substance abuse counseling in SEHS will be eligible to apply for the memorial scholarship which will benefit annually from royalties.

The book is due the same time as the

30 year anniversary of the Summer of Love where the hippie movement flourished and drugs, love and music was shared freely.

"I don't make excuses or rationalizations condoning or promoting anything. ... I wrote it to convey the feeling felt during the zenith of the hippie lifestyle movement," he said.

Klein said it is a candid account into OU's campus life before fraternities or sororities, giving an uncensored account of a student's quest to make the experience the basis of learning, he said.

Critics have cautioned the book is not intended for readers under the age of 18 years.

The book can be ordered in paperback for \$4.99 by calling 800-491-7737.



Barry Klein
Author



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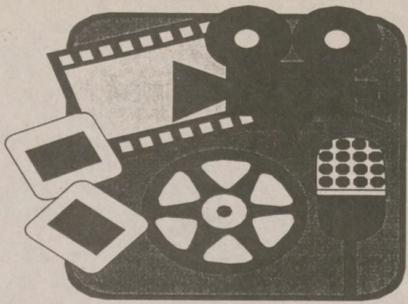
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CAMPUS NEWS

OUSC questions hardwiring delays

By LIDIJA MILIC
Special Writer

Student Congress passed a resolution Monday seeking input into proposed OC renovations and supporting the long delayed hard wiring to the OUNet of the building.

The resolution questioned delays in the hardwiring project at OC, which will

bring TV and computer services such as Internet to all offices in the building. Renovation of OC is only a part of a larger plan to install hardwire campus-wide.

The hardwiring project, paid from university funding, was scheduled to be completed last May. CIPO Director Maura Selahowski said the delay was caused by a discrepancy in expected

and actual cost of installation of the hardwiring system.

"It was estimated that the cost would be in range of \$50-100,000," Selahowski said. "...The actual cost was closer to \$300,000, so the thing had to be called off until OU figured out how to come up with the money."

Rep. Hemant Mahamwal said, however, the project has been nothing

but a promise for more than a year.

Mahamwal raised a concern that money set aside for the project might be spent on something else in the meantime.

However, according to OC Director Richard Fekel work on hardwiring will actually start in a few days.

"The contracting firm will come in later this week, to start assessing the

work that needs to be done, and shipping in the material," Fekel said.

The company in charge, Siemens Rolm Communications, is supposed to finish the OC project by the end of March.

In the resolution, Student Congress also requested that OU submit a detailed report on campus-wide hardwiring project by March 15, 1997.

Board approves all items on the agenda

Bookstore extends OC lease

By TAMARA HAYES
Staff Writer

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 6, the Board passed a resolution that Barnes and Noble will remain in the bookstore's lease agreement for the next two years.

For the past five years, the company has leased and operated the OU bookcenter with leaseholder option to extend the term for an additional three years, ending in June 2000.

The New York City-based company has paid the guaranteed minimum payment to OU, but sales have not exceeded as originally projected due to a low enrollment number of students at the university, currently at 13,075.

Vice President for Finance Administration Paul Bissonnette was authorized to recommend a modification to a two-year lease option.

"We could not buy books as cheaply, as Barnes and Noble. They provide a better service for the students and they're a professional bookstore," said Bissonnette.

The modification extends the current contract for two years ending in June 1999, instead of the original three, giving Barnes and Noble the option to either lease for the third year or to get out of the contract.

Under the extension, Barnes and Noble will pay OU a guarantee payment of \$300,000 per year or 10% of the gross sales up to \$4 million and 11.5% of the gross sales over \$4 million, which ever is greater.

As part of information supplied to the Board, it was stated that, after two



PROFITS DOWN: Barnes and Noble extended its lease only until June, 2000 because of lower than expected enrollment.

years the university could consider moving the bookstore upstairs.

"Being in the basement, it doesn't showcase the bookstore," said Bissonnette. "As we approach that time we will propose a committee which will involve our students."

Trustee David Fisher added, "We believe in two years we will be in a different position. It gives us sometime to look at the location."

Also at that point, OU could open a retail outfit. Bissonnette said that this means the bookstore will look more

like a shopping mall concept.

Prior to the original lease, OU did operate its own bookstore with the use of resources and OU employees to maintain the inventory and facilities. Barnes and Noble won the bid.

Textbook Outlet introduced competition to Barnes and Noble in 1992.

Students at OU believe the books in the bookstore cost too much. At the Board meeting, Student Liaison Angela Dodson said, "The students are very displeased with the prices."

Paul Bissonnette, vice president for

finance and administration said that many of the books at the outlet are put on discount, but not all of them.

"What you see is that we have one off campus bookstore that is a major competitor with our bookstore since 1991," said Bissonnette. "The bookstore across the street went into a major discounting period." What you don't find are the loss leaders (hard to get books)." Bissonnette defines 'loss leaders' as the books that are hard to get.

In about 18 months, OU will be looking for a new vendor.

New look for campus

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

The Board of Trustees also approved new landscaping around the library, a new hot water system for Vandenberg Hall and two charter schools at its Feb. 6 meeting.

The university has hired Grissim/Metz to landscape the mall by the library. The Board allotted \$320,000 for the project.

Vandenberg Hall will receive new hot water system and two new steam boilers totaling \$291,000.

The system includes two domestic steam heaters, two steam boilers, four 500 gallon storage tanks, a blowdown tank and a duplex water softener chemical treatment system. The old system broke down several times causing inconveniences.

Two charter schools were also approved, Dove Academy and Edison Public School Academy. A third applicant, Michigan Academy of Global Entrepreneurship, withdrew.

President Gary Russi, administrators and several Board members wore buttons promoting a new "club" at OU.

The purpose is to enroll at least 1,500 freshman in 1997, said Robert Johnson, vice president of enrollment management.

Other items approved by the Board included the ratification of the revised library constitution, Master of Arts in Biology degree, the approval of energy services agreement and financing arrangements, Meadow Brook Subdivision financing guarantee and the approval of the negotiated agreement between OU and Police Officers Labor Council.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 3.

Parked cars target for thefts last week in campus lots

A 22 year-old student's 1996 Jeep was broken into last week in the Vandenberg lot in front of the residence halls.

The man, a resident of Van Wagoner Hall, reported to OU Police that sometime between 8 p.m. Feb. 4 and 10 p.m. Feb. 5 someone stole several items from his vehicle and also tried to drive it away.

Among the items missing were a portable CD player, 36 CDs, a Franklin planner, a tape recorder, a radar detector, a brief case, a calculator and \$100 cash.

The total value stolen from the car was \$1,965.

In addition to the items stolen, \$500 in damage was found on the door lock, the steering column and the ignition of the vehicle.

Also on the same day, a 29-year-old student found her car

broken into.

The woman told OU Police she parked her car in the main lot about 6:30 p.m. that day. When she returned about three hours later, she found the dri-



ver's window broken out on her 1993 Chevy Corsica.

More than \$250 in property was stolen, including about 16 CDs, a briefcase, several magazines, a textbook and a Franklin

planner.

The frame around the CD player in the car was removed, as well, as if there was an attempt to steal it.

Injury at Vandenberg

A 19 year old student was injured Feb. 5 while working for the bookstore.

The man was moving a handcart of boxes out of the elevator in the Vandenberg dock when someone coming out of the kitchen opened a door and hit him, causing him to fall.

The handcart hit his nose, and the boxes as well as several CO2 tanks fell on his head.

The man did not lose consciousness but said his knee was swollen and he thought his nose might be broken. He was taken to Crittenton Hospital for treatment.



RECOGNITION CEREMONY: President Gary Russi cut the ribbon during the ceremony to honor those who helped bring the OC a new eating area, Pioneer Court. In attendance was Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.

Ceremony honors Pioneer Court

By SHERRY KRUZMAN
Special Writer

While students studied and chatted over food at nearby tables, President Gary Russi presided over the official ribbon cutting ceremony opening the new Pioneer Court eating area.

The seven winners of the naming contest were recognized. However, only two were present during the ceremony.

The sign wasn't actually revealed at the ceremony because it was hung above the entrance. Fekel said people could see it as they left the ceremony.

Members of the Board of Trustees were also in attendance. OC Director Richard Fekel said, "Even though the court has been open since the beginning of January, this was a more formal opening when the Board of Trustees could attend." This contrasted the grand opening hosted by ARAMARK in January.

Russi addressed students saying, "This is your center designed for your needs. It is part of OU's commitment to providing for the intellectual, physical and social needs of students," said Russi. He said the Pioneer Court "signified another commitment to the students at OU and acts as a great vehicle to get students together."

Fekel agreed that the court is being highly utilized already for socialization as well as eating.

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OPINION



EDITOR'S VIEW

SON admissions far from healthy

Oakland University's School of Nursing is reputed as one of the university's jewels.

Each winter a great many students vie for a spot in the school.

Many receive acceptance letters and are excited and even a bit scared as they enter the rigorous program.

However, even more are disappointed to find that they have not been accepted, and they are left with numerous credits in classes which no longer "count".

Yes, these are often the breaks when it comes to applying to selective programs. There are countless numbers of pre-law students who never make it into law school either.

The problem lies, however, in the way the selection process is handled.

With such a selective program, one would think that there would be a series of tasks to complete as part of the application process. OU's physical therapy program looks at g.p.a., interviews, letters of recommendation and other criteria as part of its application process.

The School of Nursing looks simply at overall grades and grades in the pre-nursing classes. It doesn't matter if the student has had any practical experience or the right type of personality to be dealing with patients. All that matters is grades.

The grades are important but writing something on a scantron and performing a procedure on a patient are two completely different issues.

As a result, often there are students in the program who would send patients running away with fear, and many people with the potential to become excellent nurses either turn away from OU or the field completely.

Many rejected OU students have gone on to apply at other nursing schools, equally as qualified as OU's, and have been accepted. Some have even gone on to medical schools and become doctors.

The Nursing School's admissions policy is not only causing the community to lose potentially good nurses, it is also costing OU students.

How can the university sit back and claim to have a superior program when it uses such a one dimensional admittance tactic?

How many 4.0 students who've never actually worked as a volunteer in a hospital or even a receptionist in a doctor's office, calls it quits after just a little clinical experience?

Of course, students do gain experience once they are in the program, but shouldn't those who have already taken the initiative to be a part of the field be given some credit for it?

This is not to say that grades aren't important. They are. All the experience in the world may not be good, if the student can't remember the bones in the body. But some courses are more important than others. A pre-nursing student who excels in biology but does poorly in history should have that consideration.

It may take a little more time to weed out applicants, but in the long run a qualified nurse will be a better advertisement than one who cannot interact well when the real pressure is on.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's ideas on hazing unfair to Greek organizations

Dear Editor:

In your *Editor's View* section of the Feb. 5, 1997 edition of THE POST you expressed your disgust with the illegal act of hazing. Hazing is absolutely wrong and there is no argument against it.

However, I feel it is not acceptable to state your opinion to so many readers without fairly giving credit to the majority of organizations who do not practice hazing. I also feel that you need to brush up on your facts if you are going to generalize such things that could damage Greek organizations on campus.

First of all the distinct differences between a National Sorority/Fraternity and a local one should have been stated. National organizations have to follow strict rules and bylaws which are set-up to protect the members of that organization. Local organizations only need to follow the rules of the University with virtually no supervision.

The current hazing incident involved a local organization. As a former Greek Council President I feel the need to state in all fairness to Sigma Alpha Epsilon (who was referred to in the article as also having hazed its members) that they were in the transition of being a local organization switching to a National one. Only a few members took place in that incident and they were all against becoming a National, none of the men that hazed are in the fraternity any longer. That should've been stated out of respect for the members who have rebuilt their organization and do not practice hazing.

Another fact that I must point out is that when hazing does occur it is not part of the initiation ceremony. Traditionally initiation is the most special and meaningful ceremony within the organization. It is an insult to even put the two together. When an organization unfortunately chooses to haze, it is usually before they decide to initiate the member; it seems to be some kind of prerequisite to be asked to the initiation ceremony.

The positive aspects of being a member are not even briefly mentioned. The networking charity, leadership experience and scholastic achievement one can gain from being a member are left out. As I conclude my letter to you I just want to mention one more fact. In the history of America, more hazing incidents (and serious consequences) have occurred in organizations such as fire departments; police departments; the Military; and in baseball, basketball, wrestling, hockey and football teams at all levels.

It is unfair to generalize and completely unprofessional. As a newspaper at the University level, it would be beneficial to your writer and their future career to be forthright, respectable and to report the true facts.

Sincerely,

Danielle M. Kolomyjec
 Senior
 Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Details in CSC Story Considered too Explicit

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regards to the front page article in the Jan. 29 edition of THE OAKLAND POST concerning the Oakland County Prosecutor's decision to drop CSC charges made by an Oakland student against another student.

I found this article to be in extremely poor taste. I do not see why it is necessary to drag this story out for two editions, first as a small article on the front page to what appeared to me to be the main feature in the Jan. 29 edition.

Granted, the original allegations were newsworthy, as well as the fact that the Oakland County Prosecutor had decided not to file the charges. But do we really need to know that the alleged attacker had "peeked at her while she was in a stall"? I hardly find that newsworthy.

If I want the news, I read the newspaper. If I wanted to know about the kind of things this article detailed, I would buy *The Enquirer*. I also was shocked to find that an article written by the Editor In Chief could contain such flagrant errors. Normally when people are quoted, they don't speak of themselves in the third person unless they are Bob Dole.

Please take note of these types of mistakes in the future.

Lisa Valentine
 Sophomore
 Journalism

Please see Editor's Note at left.

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Criminal Sexual Conduct Story Written in Poor Taste

Dear Editor:

This is a letter regarding an article you printed last week. The article was about a female student being assaulted.

That article contained details that were totally unnecessary, such as the male looking under the stalls in the bathroom. There was an obviously made up quote in there that went from third person to first person. Usually people do not talk about themselves in the third person.

This article went into too much detail about the assault. I feel that the article was in very poor taste.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Donoghue
 Sophomore
 Elementary Education

Editor's Note: The quote which switches tenses appeared in the article exactly as we received it in the police report. It was not altered in any manner from that report.

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the Feb. 5 edition of THE OAKLAND POST Felicia Bumpus' name was misspelled. The deadlines for Student Liaison applications was also misprinted. The correct date is Feb. 28.



VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGES

Dear Casey,
Happy three year anniversary
and Happy Valentine's
Day. I love you always and
forever.
Love D's

Happy Valentine's Day to
Smani
Love,
Mommy

Jaime,
Happy Valentine's
Day to the twinkle in my eye.
With Love,
Nelson

Happy Valentine's Day to
my mommy. Thank you for still
tucking me into bed still at the
age of 21. I Love You,
Suzy

Happy Valentine's Day to
all Greek Organizations from
"The Bump"

To my Honey
Happy Valentine's Day!
I Love You! ♥♥♥♥♥!
forever yours -
Suzy

Happy Valentine's Day
Jane. We work hard to
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The Post Staff

Happy Valentine's Day to
the GDRD staff from
Felecia

Roses are Red,
You are Such A Joy.
Happy Valentine's Day
From the Girl of May.

Happy Valentine's
Day to the AΔΠ's
Π♥ Diane

Happy Valentine's
Day to my favorite
Sigma Pi's
Π♥ Diane

*To The Woman of
Our Future*

Sweetheart,

You are the love of my life and everything I have lived for and will ever live for. My love for you and yours for mine should never be in question. I am not perfect and I never have claimed to be. I'm just a man, a man who loves you with the greatest devotion and feeling that a man has ever loved a woman with. Please, I don't want to lose you. I have made promises to you before and I have broken some of them. All I ask for is one more chance. It is a lot to ask for, I know. The last thing you want is set yourself up for a fall, but please believe in me. Please put your trust back in me. I have never meant to hurt you. Please, I don't want to lose you, ever. My earth, my sun, my stars, my life ... are all in you. Without you, I live without a place, I live without being. I think about all the memories we have shared and say to myself we have so many more memories to make and so much more time to spend together. I want to spend eternity with you and eternity never ends. It's just like our love. I want to put back the pieces and start anew and I ask only for your forgiveness and another chance to gain the trust that I crushed and to mend the heart that I have broken.

I Love You More And More Every Moment and My Love for You Will Never Stop Growing. With all the love that a man can give forever and undying. I hope to spend a Happy Valentine's day with you.

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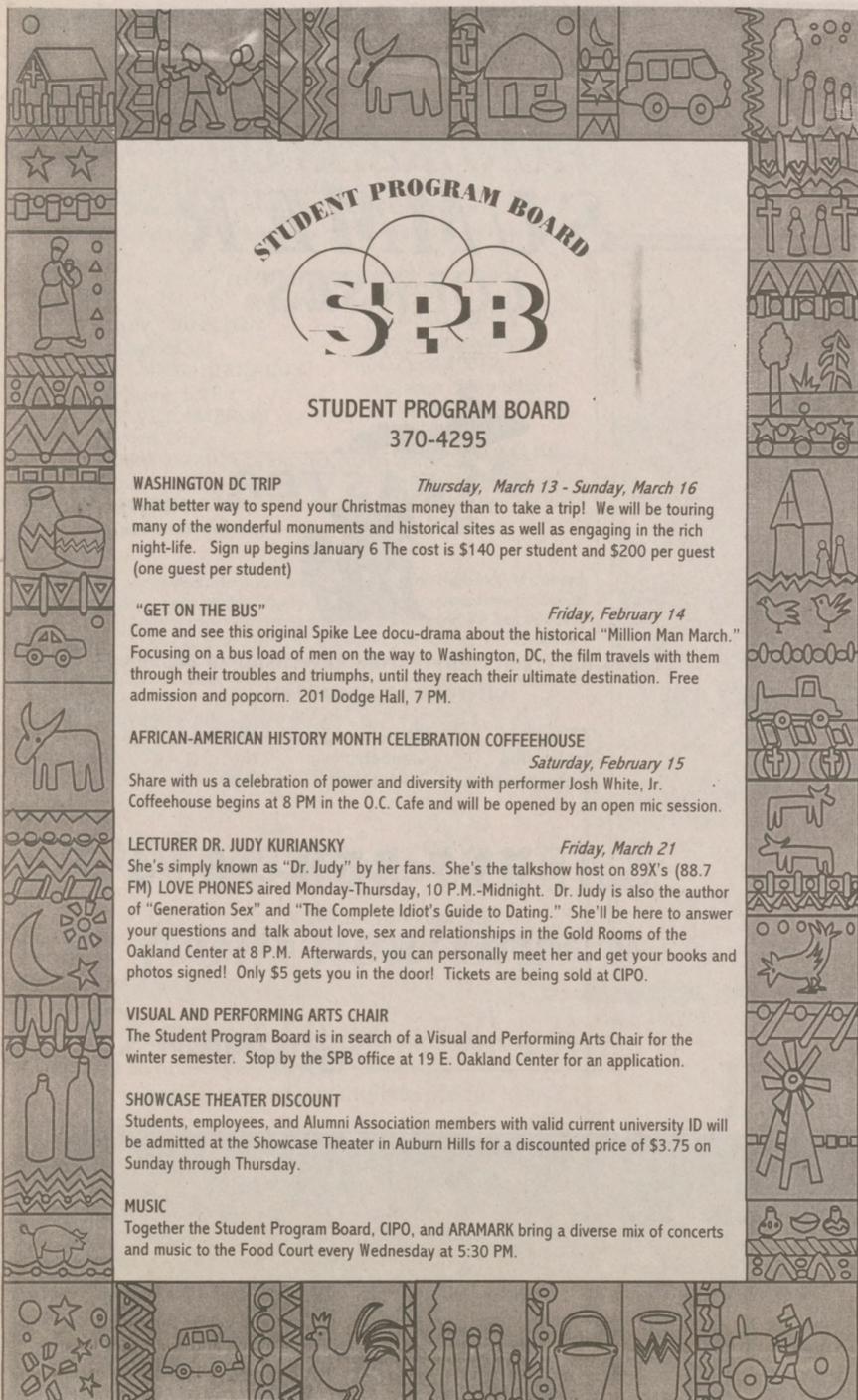
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SPORTS

Women rip Ashland, 84-73

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

ASHLAND, Ohio — OU women's coach Bob Taylor referred to Saturday's game against Ashland University as a "showdown".

The Pioneers bettered AU, with junior Tamika Bates scoring a career-high 30 points and won at Kates Gymnasium, 84-73.

The women inched closer to taking the South Division Championship, moving their record to 11-3 in the GLIAC this season. On Jan. 4, OU lost to the Eagles at The Bubble, 81-62.

Pioneer senior point guard Lori Young said this game showed the kind of team OU is, if it comes to play.

"I guess we wanted to redeem ourselves," she said. "Anyone who saw the first game (with AU), well that wasn't us. It was just a matter of coming out and playing hard."

Young scored 12 points and led OU with six assists.

The women had 22 assists in picking up their 20th win of the season and clinched a GLIAC Tournament spot.

AU women's coach Sue Ramsey said OU was outstanding at finding openings for easy baskets. Bates' inside play, Ramsey said, made it easier for OU guards to get open on the perimeter.

"Their passing was on the money," Ramsey said. "If you live and die by the three (pointer) and you nail them, you live well."

The Pioneers connected on 9-of-17 three-point shots (52.9%) in the contest and reduced their magic number on winning the South to two games.

Ramsey said not to count the Eagles out of the South race. Not yet, at least.

"I don't know if the (Division) chase is over," she said.

"It's not a highlight to win the South. There is only one GLIAC Championship."

Bob Taylor

Women's Basketball Coach

AU's coach pointed to Bates' play and said that gave OU the spark they needed.

"Tamika's game was on," she said. "They knocked down threes, after they went to her."

OU was

down 11-4 in the first three minutes after the Eagles' Shani Roston swished a 3-pointer from the left wing. OU's Young connected on a triple, bringing the Pioneers to within three points (11-7) after Roston's bomb. OU sophomore guard Courtney Ruffing got an assist on the play.

With 10:31 left in the first half, Bates found senior forward Alyson McChesney on the right wing and McChesney responded by draining a 3-pointer, putting OU up 20-18. From this point on, the women would never trail.

OU led 47-36 at halftime, making 19 field goals and six 3-pointers.

McChesney hit a 3-pointer to start the second half, but AU went on a 22-13 run in the next ten minutes to cut the Pioneer lead to five, at 63-58.

AU sophomore guard Kim Koenig drove past OU's Kristen Grant for a layup. Koenig was fouled on the play by Ulrika Nilsson, but missed her free throw.

Bates hit a one-handed hook for a nine point Pioneer lead and a minute-and-a-half later, junior guard Jamie Pewinski drained a 3-pointer to put OU up 75-62 with 5:10 left.

The women took their largest lead of the game with 4:31 remaining after Young pump-faked Sara Whitis and went in for a layup, making the score 77-62.

OU (20-3, 11-3 GLIAC) got 14 points from Pewinski, nine from McChesney on three 3-pointers and six apiece from Nilsson and Ruffing.

Ruffing said OU's slow start in the first half wasn't a time for panic.

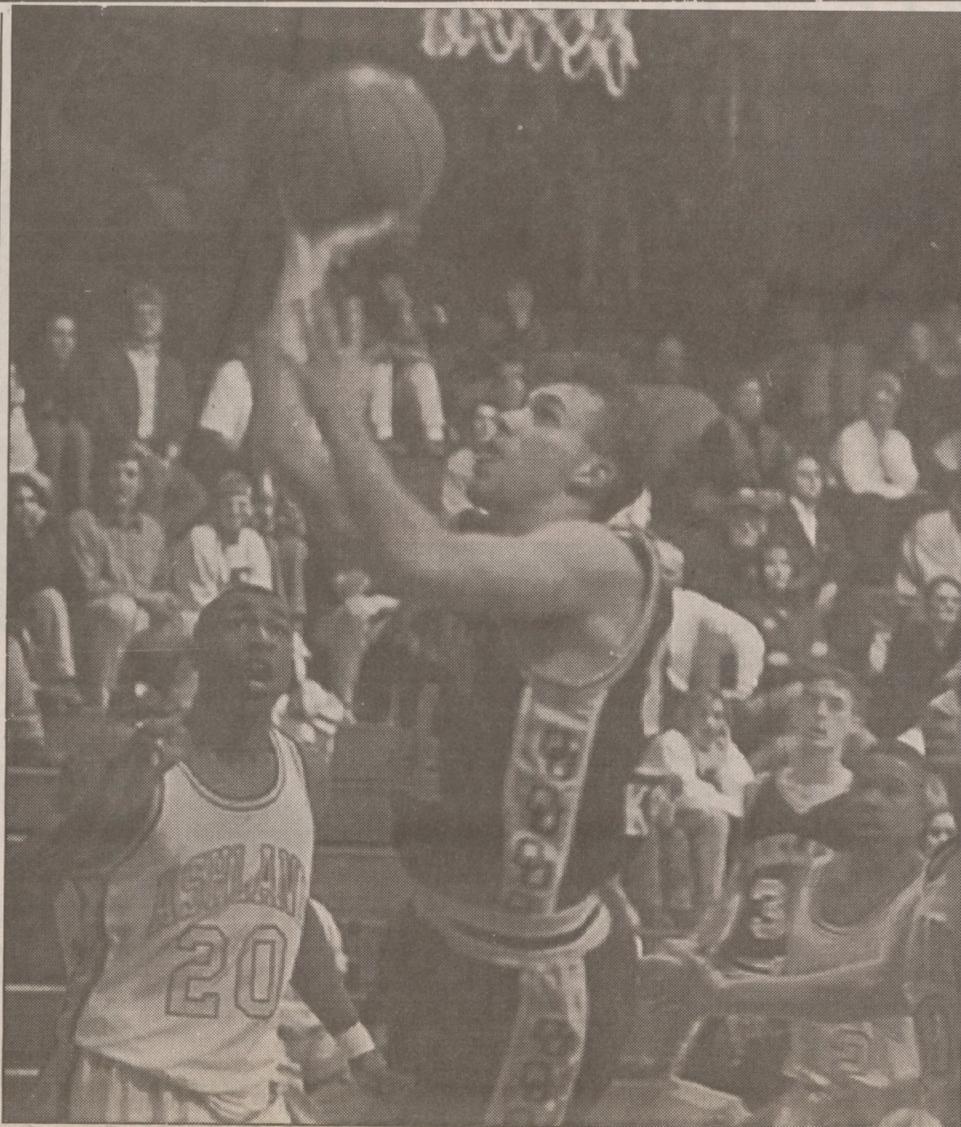
"It's always a concern when your down," she said. "We didn't put any pressure on ourselves and started to get good looks."

Taylor was happy with the way his team performed and said winning the South Division is nice, but is not the pinnacle of the season.

"I thought we played pretty well," Taylor said. "It's not a highlight to win the South. There is only one GLIAC Championship and we'd like to win three more games to have the best regular season record. It is (winning the South) more of a relief."

The fact that OU is moving Division I really hasn't put any additional urgency on this season, Bates said.

"(Because) we are going Division I really hasn't affected us," she said. OU hosts Gannon Thursday.



Post Photo/Bob Kroska

HE SPINS AND SCORES: Pioneer senior guard Kevin Kovach scored 19 points in OU's 83-79 win in Ashland, Ohio on Saturday. The win clinched a tie for the South title, which the men can get Thursday.

Men escape Ohio with win over Eagles, 83-79

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

ASHLAND, Ohio — The men's team withstood a second half rally from Ashland University, getting 23 points from senior forward Dan Buza, to take the Eagles, 83-79 Saturday afternoon. The win allowed the team to clinch a tie for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division Championship.

OU can win its Division with a triumph against Gannon University Thursday night or a Hillsdale College loss to AU this Saturday.

The Pioneers raced to a 21-7 lead five minutes into the game on freshman guard Mike Riley's 3-pointer. The Eagles, last in the GLIAC South, went on a 20-6 flurry to tie the game at 27 with 7:59 left in the first half. Antoine Campbell's driving layup forced OU to call a timeout.

AU went up 41-36 with under a

minute to play before the half, but OU sophomore center Matt McClellan scored on back-to-back possessions to cut AU's lead at halftime to one.

The last OU win at Ashland came during the 1979-80 season, 114-107 in overtime. OU finished with a 13-14 record.

The men led 72-65 with 5:33 left and by ten (79-69) with 3:24 to go. The Eagles' Brent Baker, who finished with 14 points, hit a jumper, and Richard Davis stole a Kovach pass. Davis missed a 3-point and while Nate Vaughn battled McClellan for a rebound, he was fouled by OU's center. Vaughn hit both of his free throws. After Kovach hit 1-of-2 free throws, AU's Ben Shoemaker hit one of his four 3-pointers to get the Eagles within

four, 80-76. With five seconds left, AU missed two 3-point tries from the left wing that ended the crazy finish.

Kovach said the Pioneers didn't play well, but won a huge game.

"We played kind of sloppy, but we won," Kovach said. "It's a good sign that even through we didn't make our free throws, we won. (We) did things down the stretch to win."

OU men's coach Greg Kampe said that AU presented matchup difficulties for his team.

"We have a real matchup problems with them (AU)," he said. "Basketball's a game of matchups and they are tough."

Kampe said that at this time of the season, teams aren't graded on style points—just victories.

"At this point of the season, we just want to win," Kampe said. "We (OU) have a chance to make a footprint in history and that's our goal."

Pioneers take Chargers

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

HILLSDALE — The Chargers were hot, but the Pioneers were blazing.

OU's sizzling 3-point marksmanship in the first half led the Pioneers to a 92-79 road win against Hillsdale College Thursday night.

The team shot 68.8% in the first twenty minutes from behind the 3-point arc and moved to within two games of taking the South Division Championship.

Pioneer juniors Kris Matuszewski and Denny Amrhein,

along with senior guard Kevin Kovach each had three 3-pointers.

Sophomore center Matt McClellan led OU with 22 points, while Kovach scored 20. Four OU players hit double figures—McClellan, Kovach, Amrhein (who had 15) and senior forward Dan Buza, with 16 points.

The men, who lead the nation in free throw percentage (79.8%), hit nine-of-ten from the stripe enroute to winning their sixth straight conference away game.

OU raced to a 41-27 lead with 6:11 left in the first half. Kovach attempted a 3-pointer from the left

wing, rebounded his own miss and used a spin move to lay one in off the glass.

The men led 53-41 at halftime and pushed their lead to 72-55 on a Amrhein layup, when OU's point guard made a quick cut under the basket.

OU led 90-75 with 1:02 to play after Matuszewski found McClellan down low for a dunk.

The team improved to 15-6 on the year and won at HC for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

OU didn't play at HC last year.



David Cameron

Pioneer bus travels through unfamiliarity for move

The bus chugged down Miss Ohio Boulevard, going through Mansfield, Ohio, on the way to OU's double-header on Saturday in Ashland.

On the bus was Bill Weber—maybe the only bus driver with two trips to the NCAA Tournament, driving the men through this snowy midwestern town.

Bill has become the OU men's proverbial good luck charm.

While both teams foresee a GLIAC South title in their reach, some of the credit needs to go toward a certain togetherness that the teams have.

Basketball's Division II (formerly called the College Division) has produced some great players. The level isn't scouted nearly as much as Division I, but provides a great atmosphere and a chance to play.

The OU men have some real talent—players who have competed at the Division I level on their club.

Kevin Kovach and Matt McClellan were recruited by Mid-American Conference schools and juniors Kris Matuszewski and Denny Amrhein have both played at the Division I level (Amrhein at Bowling Green State University; Matuszewski at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.)

One only needs to point to Tamika Bates, Kristen Grant and Courtney Ruffing, transfers from the University of Missouri, the University of Toledo and the University of Dayton, to see the talent on the women's side.

Listening to Creedence Clearwater Revival, I watched the sights as the bus motored down the road.

A downtown was passed, just like one perhaps your parents or grandparents remember.

OU's bus is moving down the road.

The Division I road is sure to be filled with some potholes at first.

Next season, there will be no trips to Ashland University.

Maybe a bus ride to sites such as Tulsa, Okla. (Oral Roberts University) or Brooklyn, NY (Long Island University) or to Chicago, IL (Loyola University of Chicago).

Who knows?

One thing I will miss is the closeness of Division II athletics.

Some of my friends play Division I athletics.

The pressure is to win and win now or your fired.

The skill level may be a slight bit less in Division II.

Players may not be as quick.

One thing is for certain.

Division II has something that the Division I level lacks most of the time: Class.

OU has some of the finest personalities.

The athletes compete and always are polite.

The Swimming and Diving teams win the conference year in and year out.

OU's Basketball teams have unparalleled success in the GLIAC.

Whatever the bus ride entails into big-time college athletics, it is sure to be interesting.

Many questions need to be answered and until the actual move is made, they won't be.

Time to hop on board, the bus is leaving the small town of Division II for the Division I sea.

Be sure to wear a raincoat.

Hoopsters beat HC

Places women's basketball one win away from South Title

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

HILLSDALE — The women's team jumped out to a 31-18 first half lead and junior forward Tamika Bates scored 26 points as the Pioneers beat Hillsdale College last Thursday night at Jesse Phillips Arena, 74-59.

The Chargers were limited to 35.8 % shooting and OU was successful in the low post, continually giving the ball to Bates, who scored on the block against HC's Kari Barcus.

For the game, the women hit on nine 3-pointers, while HC was zero-of-four from behind the arc.

Bates scored on a layup with 10:13 remaining to put OU up 12, 53-41.

The Chargers cut the OU lead to 55-51 with seven minutes to play.

Barcus hit a five-foot jumper in the paint area. HC's Ann Pickard slashed through the lane and passed the ball to Barcus for the shot.

The women soon extended the lead to 11 points (63-52) with senior forward Alyson McChesney connecting on a 3-pointer from the left corner.

McChesney then knocked down another triple from the top-of-the-key to

break the game open, putting the Pioneers up 68-52.

Freshman guard Becki Wheatley provided the final margin with a long 3-pointer off the glass with two seconds left.

Besides Bates' 26 points, McChesney scored 17 and had four assists, junior guard Jamie Pewinski scored 10 and passed for five assists, senior center Kristen Grant put in eight points and sophomore guard Courtney Ruffing scored five.

Wheatley had three (on her only field goal), senior point guard Lori Young scored only two, but dished for five assists. Freshman forward Sue Karber scored two points and junior guard Ulrika Nilsson had one point in 13 minutes of action.

The women shot 50 % (30-of-60) for the game but oddly enough were out-rebounded by HC, 36-35.

Bates hauled down 10 rebounds, including six offense.

On Jan. 2 at The Bubble, OU beat the Chargers 84-70 with Karber scoring a career-high 18 points.

Ruffing said HC couldn't contain Bates, so that opened up the outside for OU's guards.

"When we went inside to Bates, she had success, so they (HC) had to double-down on her and that opened up the outside."

OU women's coach Bob Taylor agreed with Ruffing that the Pioneers ability to score on the block against the Chargers, hurt HC.

"We were able to get the ball inside," Taylor said.

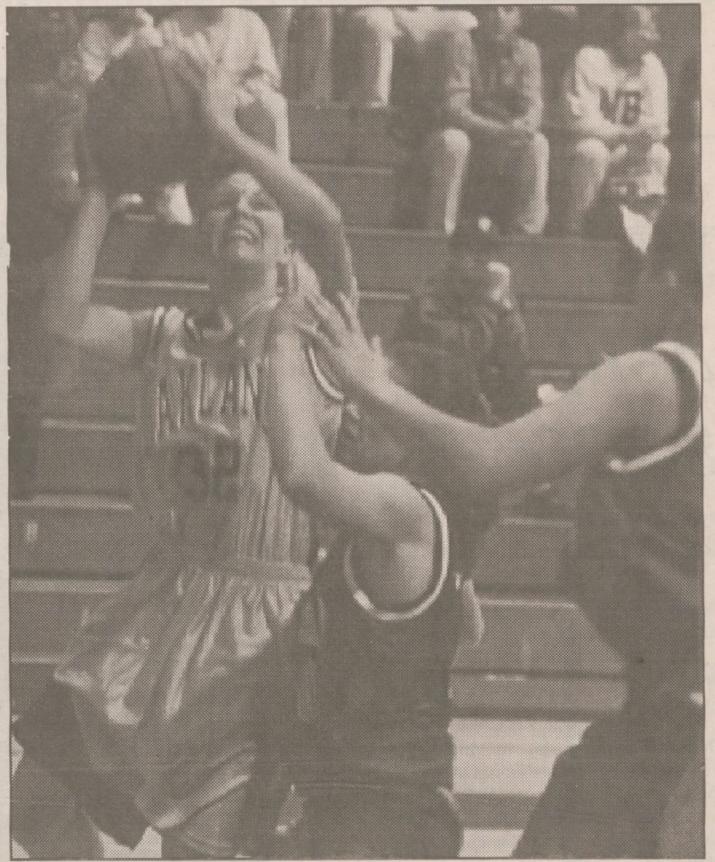
He also noted OU's emotional charge in the game.

"(OU) had added intensity and that was a big factor."

The win improved the Pioneers' chances of clinching the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's South Division. Saturday's game, Taylor said, would be huge and his team realized its importance.

"This (win) puts us in a showdown Saturday," he said. "We want to be the South's No. 1 seed."

OU's all-time record against the Chargers was upped to 33-1. The lone HC victory came during the 1985-86 season at home by a 75-73 score, the year before Taylor took over the Pioneer coaching duties.



A HUSTLE PLAY: OU guard Lori Young tries to score against the Eagles.

Swimmers crush Wayne State, 174-47

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Features Editor



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

RACING HARD: OU's Greg Paggi placed third in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:14.65.

It was a night of victory and a night to say goodbye.

Last Friday night, the men swam in the last dual meet of the 1996-97 season at home against Wayne State University, taking the win by a score of 174 to 47.

"It's been hard for us to schedule meets with real competition," said Coach Pete Hovland. "We used to have a great rivalry with

Wayne State back in the late seventies early eighties."

WSU used to be one of the top teams in the country, said Hovland.

"They obviously have de-emphasized their program," Hovland added.

OU finished first in all 13 of the events, which included three big highlights.

The newest addition to the team, Thiago Orso, a freshman from Brazil, qualified for Nationals in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 1:52.14, placing him second in the country.

Freshman diver Greg Harris also qualified for Nationals and placed sec-

ond in the one meter competition with a score of 282.07.

Harris said he was pretty confident going into the meet. "It wasn't any one dive. I was pretty consistent on all my dives which is what I've been lacking in the past meets," he added.

Diving coach Don McElreath said the team has been diving against guys who had already qualified for Nationals and Harris had been beating them regularly.

"All he was waiting to do is hit six dives in a row and he was just missing," said McElreath.

Another diving highlight was Damian Pulliam breaking the previous

pool record on the one meter board with a score of 344.25.

On a sad note, "It was our last home meet of the year and we said goodbye to ten seniors," said Hovland. "They've been the mainstay of our National Championship teams."

The men's team finished the season 11-2.

Next OU will be competing to win its 19th Conference Championship title at Northern Michigan University Feb. 19-22.

The National championships will be held in San Antonio, Tx. in March.

OU defeated by Redskins

By LAURA SCHILDT
Staff Writer

The Pioneers may not have rocked the Nixon Aquatic Center in Oxford, Ohio, however, their ship didn't sink either.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Miami University (Ohio) defeated OU's Women's Swimming and Diving team by a final score of 189.5 to 104.5.

"We swam better than most meets that we have won," said Tracy Huth, OU's women's Swimming and Diving coach.

Even though the stats say they lost, senior Heather Bockmann feels she and the team competed well against MU throughout most of the meet.

"In most events, if they (MU) came in first, we came in second," said Bockmann, who came in second in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.66.

OU senior Gisa Alessandri placed first in the 100-yard butterfly, which was the only event won by OU out of the 16 on Saturday.

Pioneer seniors Colleen Murphy and Jessie Bailey took second and third place in the 100 backstroke, while teammate junior Laura Juncker raced into second place in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other close calls were in the 200-yard freestyle as Juncker came in 23 tenths of a second behind the first place finisher. OU sophomore Lisa Van Tatenhove placed second in the 50-yard freestyle.

Going into the meet, OU knew that they didn't have the talent level and the facilities to compete with MU, according to Huth.

"Their team and their facility are incredible," said Heather Bockmann, women's team member and a senior from Dearborn.

MU is the Mid-American Conference Champion for 1997, dethroning Eastern Michigan University. "They are a level above us and it is very hard to compete with a program like that," said Huth.

Huth hopes to have a scholarship budget like the Redskins

within a few years as OU makes the transition to Division I by the fall of 1999.

According to Huth, the main reason for these meets that take place against a NCAA-I university is to prepare the team for their championship meets.

Saturday was the last dual meet for the swim team before they head to Northern Michigan University for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships on Feb. 19-22.

"Miami was the last opportunity to clean up mistakes they (OU) might have been making," said Huth, as the team ends its regular season.

Huth, looking to the future, said, "We should win this meet (the GLIAC Championships). If not, we didn't perform well."

OU's women's Swimming and Diving team has won the GLIAC the last three years. In 1992, they lost to Northern Michigan University, 718 to 589. Last year, the women finished second to Air Force at Nationals.

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Women's Basketball				Men's Basketball			
GLIAC		All Games		GLIAC		All Games	
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North Division				North Division			
Northern Michigan	14	0	20	2	13	2	20
Michigan Technological	12	2	16	5	9	5	16
Saginaw Valley State	8	6	15	7	9	5	14
Lake Superior State	7	7	13	9	7	8	11
Ferris State University	5	10	11	12	6	8	10
Northwood University	3	11	8	14	4	10	7
Grand Valley State	2	12	8	14	3	11	6
South Division				South Division			
Oakland University	11	3	20	3	11	3	16
Ashland University	9	5	16	6	8	6	13
Mercyhurst College	7	6	15	6	7	6	16
Hillsdale College	6	8	14	8	7	7	12
Gannon University	4	9	10	11	4	9	10
Wayne State University	3	11	8	15	3	11	10

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CIPO Programs

CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. Upcoming programs include:

CIPO AACM VIDEO SERIES

"BLACK BOY"

Thursday, February 13, Noon-2pm, Annex I

"Black Boy" traces Richard Wright's development as an author back to his brutal childhood in Jim Crow Mississippi: his father deserted his family, his uncle was lynched and Wright often went hungry. The movie follows his involvement in many of the most important social events of his time.

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Monday, February 17, Noon-2pm, Annex I

Conversations with Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, and Gloria Naylor.

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

Tuesday, February 18, 7-9pm, Annex I

"You can't help being touched and inspired by We Shall Overcome, the history of the anthem of the Civil Rights movement." - N.Y. Times

PLEASE NOTE: WINNIE MANDELA HAS CANCELED HER FEBRUARY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND LECTURE AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY. THE STUDENT LIFE LECTURE BOARD AND CIPO IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS TO SPEAK ON FEBRUARY 18.

MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS LECTURE

Ms. Myrlie Evers-Williams (Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, and wife of the slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers) will give a lecture entitled "The Ghosts of Mississippi". The lecture will take place on Tuesday, February 18, at 2:30 pm in the Meadow Brook Theatre.

Determined to make positive changes in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, Medgar and Myrlie Evers opened and managed the first NAACP Mississippi State Office. They lived under constant threats as they worked for voting rights, economic stability, fair housing, equal justice and dignity. True pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's, Medgar was assassinated in June of 1963 at the front door of their home. Myrlie and their three small children were witnesses to the murder. Their riveting story is currently portrayed in the current feature length film, *The Ghosts of Mississippi*, starring Whoopi Goldberg as Mrs. Evers.

Tickets can be purchased at the CIPO Service Window (49 OC). Tickets are \$9 for the general public, \$6 for faculty/staff/alumni association members, and \$3 for students. Tickets purchased prior to February 14, will be discounted \$2.

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Bucks

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dates," said Clive. "We wanted to get our feet wet as far as what it was all about."

The Housleys are on a practically nonstop East Coast/Midwest tour from August to mid-December, and then from mid-January to May.

In the short period of time they've hosted the show one person has punched through the "Blizzard of Bucks" booth, trying to grab a dollar presumably, and at least one person has gotten naked during the "Most Enthusiastic" contest.

Even with the busy tour and rowdy audiences, the Housleys' still keep a happy marriage.

"You get to be together a lot," said Clive.

"Which is good or bad," finishes Tracy. "With us it's good."

"Many entertainer couples we know are married or seriously together," said Tracy. "At home, we fight all the time. On the road, we get along great."

Though "The Blizzard of Bucks" has been a success so far, the Housleys don't plan on hosting the show until retirement.

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Students compete for chance to win \$500 in cash and prize

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

It could be heard all around the OC. A lady screaming like a contestant on *The Price Is Right*. Some guy yelling "Show me the money!" Another man, standing on a table, giving loud cheers.

They're all at the game show *The Blizzard of Bucks*, which visited OU last Thursday night. Co-sponsored by SPB and ARAMARK, the show was hosted by husband and wife team Clive and Tracy Housley.

"[It's] basically for excitement, fun, and for the audience to have a good time. That's what we're here for," said Clive Housley.

The show's premise, as described by Brian Potter, Lecture and Special Events Chair for SPB, is "a game show like [Nickelodeon's] *Double Dare*, except contestants are competing for cash."

Four audience contestants are randomly drawn from a bucket filled with names of audience members who wish to compete. Contestants are chosen and eliminated in physical challenges until one remains. The eliminated contestants got a *Blizzard of Bucks* t-shirt and the winner received \$25, a t-shirt and two tickets to the SPB Beach Party

(which was last Saturday).

Audience selection was done three times until three winners are left. Two more physical challenges determined the grand prize winner.

The grand prize winner entered the coveted *Blizzard of Bucks* booth- an 8 foot high, octagon shaped container that is filled with 200 one-dollar bills and equipped with fans to blow the money within the booth. The five booth panels facing the audience are windows, giving the audience full view of the contestant struggling to grab the dollars.

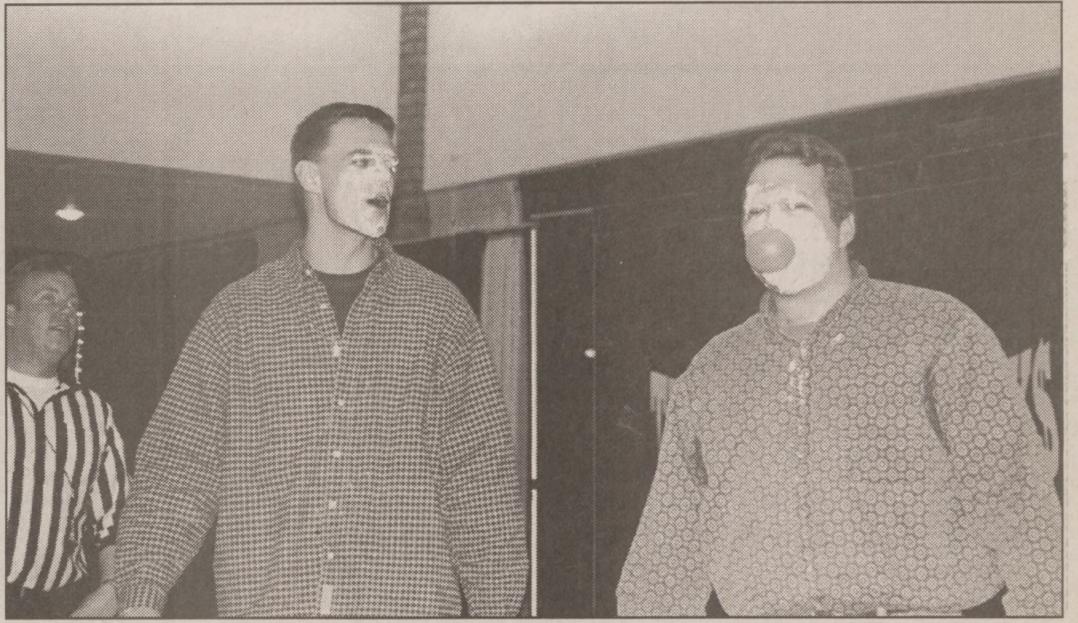
Some of the dollar bills had colored dots on them, which allow higher money amounts, making the total a contestant can win \$500. The contestant is given 30 seconds to stuff as much money as he or she can into a foot-long red money bag.

The preliminary challenges varied from the unusual Chicken Toss, in which contestants must toss a rubber chicken across the stage into a laundry basket using a dustpan, to Chubby Bunny, in which contestants put marshmallows into their mouths, two at a time, and try to say "Chubby bunny" clear enough so that the judges can understand them (the marshmallow count got to 8).

Senior Bryan Swanson was the grand prize winner, collecting a grand total of \$59.

Unselected audience members also fought for big bucks.

Between rounds the hosts select ed



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ANYTHING FOR MONEY: After indulging in bubble gum pies with a lot of whipped cream Bryan Swanson, right, and his opponent compete against one another in a bubble blowing contest to see who will get a chance to win up to \$500 in cash.

random items. The first person on-stage (stepping on the deflated blue balloon at mid-stage) with the item wins a prize, which varied from Detroit Pistons tickets to tickets to see Myrle Evans (speaking February 18th). Items ranged from a Timex watch to black socks.

Four audience members who were selected the most enthusiastic, they received hats. The four then competed to be the most enthusiastic about the SPB Beach Party, the winner getting \$25.

Their actions varied from Bruce Lee imitations to mild excitement, but the winner was

sophomore Mike Sztelfella, who kept yelling "Show me the money!" during the course of the game.

He admits he coined the phrase from the Tom Cruise movie *Jerry Maguire* but his real secret to winning was being "a member of Sigma Pi." Less secret were his plans for the \$25.

"Buy beer," said Sztelfella.

The judging of most enthusiastic audience member, as well as other calls, were done by a three judge panel: Potter, Coordinator of Campus Programs and SPB Advisor Paul Franklin and SPB member Victoria Carravallah.

"I liked it a lot. A lot of fun," said Carravallah.

The audience also enjoyed the show. "It was fun," said sophomore Raquel Moore. "People do a lot of things for money."

"I really enjoyed it," said sopho-

more Halimah Ar-Rahmaan. She said she would come back to see the show, even though she wasn't lucky enough to participate.

The excitement not only energized the audience, but the hosts as well.

"[It's] just a lot of fun- people enjoying themselves, joking with the audience," said Clive Housley, "it's on a more personal level than our other entertainment jobs we've done in the past."

Clive, a 10 year entertainment veteran, and Tracy have been doing shows together for two-and-a-half years. They started hosting "The Blizzard of Bucks" last August, through the Kramer Company, a national entertainment company.

"We [did] our own big magic and illusion show. [But] we never worked at the college market before- just corporate

See BUCKS page 9

OU EVENTS

The Jazzy Ethnic Fair will feature African-American vendors selling art work, jewelry, clothing and novelty items Wednesday in the Gold Rooms from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of this month's African-American Celebration.

The original Spike Lee docu-drama, *Get on the Bus*, about the "Million Man March," will be shown on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall. Admission and popcorn is free.

Myrle Evers-Williams, widow of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, will speak on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

MUSIC

Renowned pianist Ursula Oppens will be performing Valentine music featuring classical, romantic and contemporary music on Friday at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the DSO.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit will present an evening entitled "Greatest Violinists of the Twentieth Century" featuring violinist Joseph Silverstein and pianist David Breitman at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Silverchair will be celebrating the new year and their new album along with special guests Handsom at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Andrews Hall. Tickets are \$15.

ART

A Celebration of Black Cultures, presented by the DIA, is now on exhibit through March 2. Various activities will be offered in honor of Black History Month such as gallery discussions, videos, storytelling, lectures and films.

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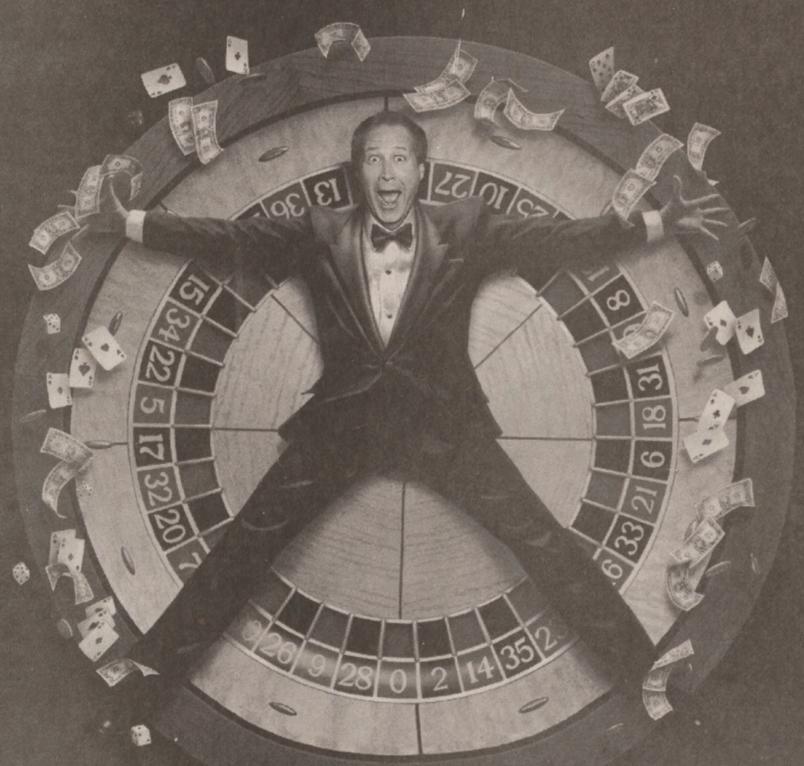


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FEATURES

Love is in the air Valentine's Day quickly approaching

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air and so is love, get ready as Valentine's Day is here again.

Valentine's Day is considered a special day honoring friends, sweethearts, family members and lovers by sending cards, flowers, giving candy or other expressions of love to each other.

"I think it's what you make of it, you shouldn't put the feelings into one day. Everyday should be Valentine's Day, if you like a woman, show her," said Donny Aird, sophomore, Communication.

Valentine's Day is celebrated Feb. 14, but many people feel that this holiday is a something that the Hallmark Company came up with to boost cards sales.

Actually, Valentine's Day can be traced to an ancient Roman festival, called Lupercalia, celebrated on Feb. 15.

The Romans held the Lupercalia festival to ensure protection from wolves and to increase fertility.

The young men would strike people with strips of animal hide, especially the women who took the blows with the thought that the whipping made them more fertile.

Another story for Valentine's Day is that an early young Christian named Valentine made friends with several children, and the Romans imprisoned him for not worshipping their Gods. The friends he made would toss loving notes of support between the bars of his cell window.

This story could explain why people exchange messages of love on Valentine's Day. Many stories say that Valentine was even executed on Feb. 14 about 269 A.D.

Also, Feb. 14 is the feast day for another Roman martyr named Valentine and so St. Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers.

By the 14th century, several customs were used to celebrate Valentine's Day.

People in England sent love letters or verses to their loved ones. Single women could learn the name of their future husbands by writing men's names on a piece of paper, rolling it into clay and then dropping them into water. The first name that rose to the surface would supposedly be the woman's true love.

Another custom practiced had young single women circle a church three to 12 times reciting verses and hoping their true love would appear.

One of the oldest customs celebrated was the practice of writing a women's name on a piece of paper and then placing it in a large jar. The name that was drawn out by a man became his valentine.

Soon romantic messages were the custom instead of sending gifts and by the 1700's and 1800's, many stores sold handbooks filled with suggestions on how to write a valentine.

By the 1800's, hand painted cards showing cupid sending arrows piercing a heart and decorated with lace, ribbon or dried flowers were used. These cards were blank inside so that the sender could write the messages of love.

Whatever the actual beginning of Valentine's Day or its reasons, it is a special day set aside to remind loved ones how much we love them. Around the world, Valentine's Day is celebrated in different and unique ways.

"My fabulous fiancée and I will spend some quality time together," Jessica Moses, junior, Elementary



Post Photo/Nelson May

SWEET SCENTS: Florists around the area will soon be bombarded by people purchasing flowers for Valentine's Day to show those certain loved ones just how special they are.

Education.

"My sweetheart Chris and I will be going to a romantic dinner together and then to a show at Second City to celebrate Valentine's Day," said Nina Calvaruso, junior marketing.

"The day is whatever you want it to be," Brian Jaeger, sophomore, Computer Science.

In Europe, British children sing special valentine songs, receive money or fruit and most people bake valentine

buns made with plums or raisins. Even in Italy and Denmark, Valentine's Day is celebrated in many styles.

"This is my plan for Valentine's Day. There will be candles, music, but I am not going on a date. I'll be working at the 7th House in Pontiac. As a single woman, I'm glad that I'll be preoccupied on that night," Suzanne Aleski, senior, Communication.

"Even though I am not involved with anyone, I know that one of two

things always happens to all couples on Valentine's Day. They either are drawn closer to each because of sincere romantic sentiments passed back and forth, or she gets pissed off because he forgot," said Sean Mick, junior, Industrial Health.

However Valentine's Day is spent, alone, working, or with a significant other, remember this; it's not the candy, flowers or frilly cards, it's the thought that counts on Valentine's Day.



Post Photo/Suzy Scholz

COUNTRY TUNES: The crowd yee hawed as Alan Jackson played many of his popular country hits, including "Chattahoochee" at his boot stompin', hand clappin' Detroit appearance.

Cowboy boots rocked the Palace

Fans were all decked out in cowboy attire to watch Alan Jackson and LeAnne Rhimes last Friday night.

By NICOLE QUANDT
Special Writer

Cowboy hats crowded into the Palace Friday night as country music star Alan Jackson performed a sold out show along with LeAnne Rhimes.

Jackson opened his set with one of his more popular songs, *Chattahoochee* off the 1993 album, *A Lot About Livin'*

(*And a Little 'Bout Love*).

He continued on through the hour and a half set playing most of the songs from his 1995 *Greatest Hits Collection* album including *Here in the Real World*, which Jackson claimed gave him his big break into the country music scene.

"This song is real special to me because it's the one that kicked off my career," he said.

Jackson got his start in the music business touring with the Judds and Randy Travis.

On the charts, the 38 year-old singer's latest album, *Everything I Love*, has slipped to the No. 3 position.

Several fans were surprised at how good Jackson's live performance sounded.

"It's hard to find a singer that not only sounds good on CD but in concert too, he sounded awesome," said concertgoer John Stohl.

Country newcomer LeAnne Rhimes opened for the former Country Music Male Performer of the Year.

The 14-year-old singer's debut album, *Blue*, has been No.1 on the country charts for more than 27 weeks.

The two performers put on a boot-stompin', hand-clappin' good time for the more than 20,000 fans.

Well worth the money.

Theatre students take on directing responsibilities

By DIANNE FLORKA
Staff Writer

Quiet on the set. Action! If these are the words you long to hear, come to 133 Varner on Sunday at 6 p.m. to audition for one of eight student-directed plays. Michael Gillespie's Directing class will hold auditions for eight one-act plays to be presented on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12.

"The auditions are not limited to drama students but are open to all students, faculty and staff," Gillespie said.

The plays will be directed by theatre students Dawn Borlinghaus, Brian Dambacher, Jacquelyn Flyod, Daniel Kondas, Christopher Nobels, Matthew Siadak, Nathan Tople and Sarah Warren.

"Each directing class is given a chance to direct a play as a semester project," Gillespie said. "It has been very successful in the past and, with the newly refurbished studio, the project has added potential."

"The one-act plays range from 20-40 minutes and include drama, comedy, thrillers and off-the-wall entertainment," Flyod said. "All should come

with an open mind to experience a variety of acting possibilities."

Gillespie is acting as consultant to the eight directors. Each student will choose his/her play, conduct auditions, choose performers and run the rehearsals. Approximately half of the students have chosen their plays.

"I wanted to see something I liked come to life," Tople said.

Dambacher and Flyod have roles for women of all ages. "The roles require women with strong temperament and maturity," Dambacher said. "That's why the open auditions are so important. We wanted to expand and include as many performers as possible."

Auditions will be cold readings from prepared scripts. "Scripts are available on a two-hour reserve at the Varner Performing Arts Library," said Warren.

Auditions will be held in 133 Varner at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. Those interested should bring current work and school schedules to facilitate rehearsal coordination. Comfortable clothing allowing easy movement should be worn.