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Registering by phone could be in university's future

By MARGARET O'BRIEN

Staff Writer

Long lines and numerous schedule changes may soon be a thing of the past for college students across the country.

Touchtone phone registration systems have been created to alleviate the registration hassle. The prospect is more than a year away for OU, though.

Oakland Community College has already implemented its phone system and has received positive feedback, according to Registrar Charles Kurzer.

The system is voice activated and allows students to

register in approximately five minutes. Students punch in their student number and the numbers designated for classes they are registering for.

Students can get a running count of tuition and fees anytime during the phone call. Also, if the student chooses a closed section, the computer will list other available classes offered at that time.

OC used its new system for the first time during fall 1988 registration. A sampling of 5,000 students tried the system and were asked to comment.

Although the official results of the survey are not in, Kurzer said the future of phone registration looks

good.

"It worked very well, and on the basis of the positive feedback we received, it looks like touch tone registration is here to stay," he said.

OU has no plans for a phone registration system for the next 14 or 15 months, said Registrar Lawrence Bartalucci.

Two major factors delaying the project are the university's current student information data base and the need for advising.

In the near future, OU plans to transfer all student information files over to a different computer system. The project is scheduled to be completed by the fall

of 1990.

"Our current system no longer satisfies the university's needs," Bartalucci said, "and until we switch over, we cannot have telephone registration."

Laura Schartman, assistant registrar, said that the biggest complication with implementing telephone registration is advising.

Schartman said that OC's system can't be expected to work at OU.

"They don't have anywhere near the prerequisites nor the need for advising that students have here," she said, "and a computer system just can't do that."

WOUX closer to FM goal

By KYLE GREEN

Staff Writer

Campus radio station WOUX appears to be getting closer to its goal of obtaining an FM license, according to members of its board of directors.

The board appointed a four-person committee at a Jan. 19 meeting to look into requirements set by the Federal Communications Commission.

The board also authorized hiring an engineer to rewire the studios and check equipment for possible FM use.

"There are some new people working (at WOUX) who have worked in professional radio who can help the students through their experiences," said board member Maura Selahowski, who is also

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Sophomore Heidi Olmack does her radio show at campus station WOUX. Students hope the station can get an FM license so it can broadcast to the residence halls. After a Jan. 19 board meeting, the prospect seems hopeful.

Computer stolen from Student Congress office

By CHRISTINA FUOCO

Features Editor

Computer equipment valued at \$1,500 was stolen from the University Student Congress office Jan. 15 between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

The Oakland Center night manager walked by the office at 5 p.m. and noticed that the office door was open, according to Mona

Wallace, Oakland Center assistant director. The manager didn't see anybody in the office at that time.

Before the theft, Congress was looking into securing the Macintosh SE computer and Imagewriter printer with cables and having the door locks changed, according to Brian Murphy, Congress president.

"This week the previous executive staff was still doing their

end-of-the-year reports, so we didn't change the locks," Murphy said.

"With every administration the locks are changed. There was a bit of confusion as to where the keys were. We've located them all now," he added.

Murphy said the last theft in the office was two years ago.

This is the university's second

computer theft since December, when a Macintosh SE computer and Panasonic printer worth \$3,000 was stolen from an office in Varner Hall between Dec. 6 and 7.

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MET fund may pose problems for Michigan

By LISABETH PINTO

Staff Writer

Politicians, educationists and economists are worried about the effect the Michigan Education Trust may have on the future of higher education.

MET was established last year to allow parents to pre-purchase their children's tuition at Michigan universities and colleges.

More than 40,000 contracts were purchased at costs ranging from \$6,756 to \$9,152 for four full years of tuition at a Michigan public university or \$2,208 for two years at a community college, according to the Michigan treasury department.

ONE IMPLICATION of the program is that the state will restrain salary increases while trying to hold down costs in higher education. Other states' salaries, without that retarding influence, might rise more rapidly than Michigan salaries. That could lead to a faculty migration to states with higher salary levels, said Karl Gregory, OU management consultant and economist.

Many Michigan universities, including OU, have already suffered revenue cuts because of MET. Gov. James Blanchard last fall put pressure on Michigan colleges and universities to keep tuition increases under 10 percent. Therefore, OU rescinded its proposed 9.6 percent increase.

"Pressure is being put on by the state to hold back tuition increases because they don't want tuition increases to be greater than the return on investment they are going to make on money put into the MET fund," said Patrick Nicosia, budget director.

"OUR BIGGEST concern is that the state will put pressure on tuition increases every year," he said.

Robert Kolt, spokesman for the Michigan treasury department, said pressure to keep tuition down is a good thing.

"People involved in MET programs are concerned about annual increases in tuition and how it will affect their children 18 years from now," he said.

But if revenues to universities are cut back, the expenditures must also follow suit, Nicosia said.

"If the state limits our ability to raise tuition, then the only other alternative is reduction of expenditures in whatever way that would be," he said.

The state has so much riding on MET, it may keep a very close eye on future tuition increases, said Guy Gordon, deputy director of the Michigan Senate Republican News Office.

"If tuitions rise at a faster rate than the investment returns we realize, who is going to make up the difference? Is this program going to go on?" he said.

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Sour reaction to 'Tart' photo forces J.W. manager's hand

By KATHY POMAVILLE
Staff Writer

A picture recently hung in JW. & Company restaurant in the Oakland Center was removed after a customer complained it was sexist.

A female student in her late 20s told Hosie Hillie, Oakland Center conference coordinator, that the picture, titled *The Tarts From Toronto*, was offensive to women.

The photo showed rows of different flavored tarts with head shots of women in the middle of three of them.

The word 'tart,' which originated in Britain, means 'loose' women or prostitutes, according to the American Heritage Dictionary.

HILLIE REPORTED the complaint to Michele Salomon, JW.'s retail manager.

Salomon, who considers herself a feminist, did not find the picture offensive or sexist and did not plan to remove the picture unless other customers complained.

Carl Bender, food service director felt the same. However, the picture was taken down after a "ranking member of the university" asked Bender to remove it. Bender declined to say who it was.

Bender said JW.'s wasn't trying to promote tarts as a dessert.

"It's just an artsy play on words," he said.

Bender said the issue has become a larger production than necessary.

"The food service department

solicits comments far more than any other department on campus and I haven't received any formal complaints on comment cards," he said.

Hillie said he was not trying to bad mouth Bender, Marriott Food Service or JW.'s. He was just responding to the sensitivity of one person, he said.

However, Hillie said he didn't understand the resistance to remove the print. He also wonders what the purpose of the picture was.

"Women are not meat. Women are not fruit. ... They (JW.'s) don't even sell tarts over there," he said.

Customers interviewed before the print was removed didn't seem bothered by it.

Senior Brigid O'Connor, who describes herself as an ardent feminist, found the complaint ridiculous.

"People are supposed to be here to broaden their horizons ... I hope to see this picture right here in the next few months," O'Connor said.

The picture went unnoticed by others.

"NOW THAT I stare at it, I think it's dumb. Offensive? No," said Freshman Heather Daey.

Bender said it does matter what individuals think. "But one or two individuals shouldn't dictate what other people are exposed to," he said.

Bender is holding the picture in his office. He said he is in the process of polling female co-workers to see if they think it is offensive.

Watching history



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Freshman Jonathan Jones watches as George Bush speaks on Inauguration Day. Bush became the 41st president of the United States Jan. 20.

Book fair sales over \$13,000

By CAROL ZITO
News Editor

Nykanen said Congress is budgeted for a loss of \$550, but the loss is covered by Congress' portion of student activities fees.

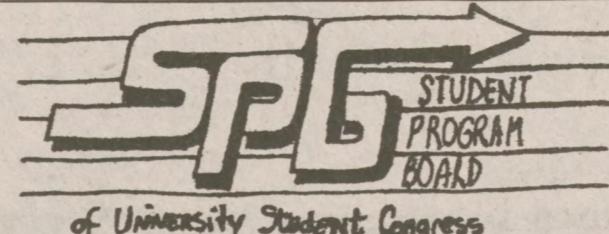
The intention was not to make a profit, Nykanen said.

"The goal of the book fair was to offer an alternative to students who wish to buy books for a lower price and sell their books at a higher price, compared with the University Bookcenter," he said.

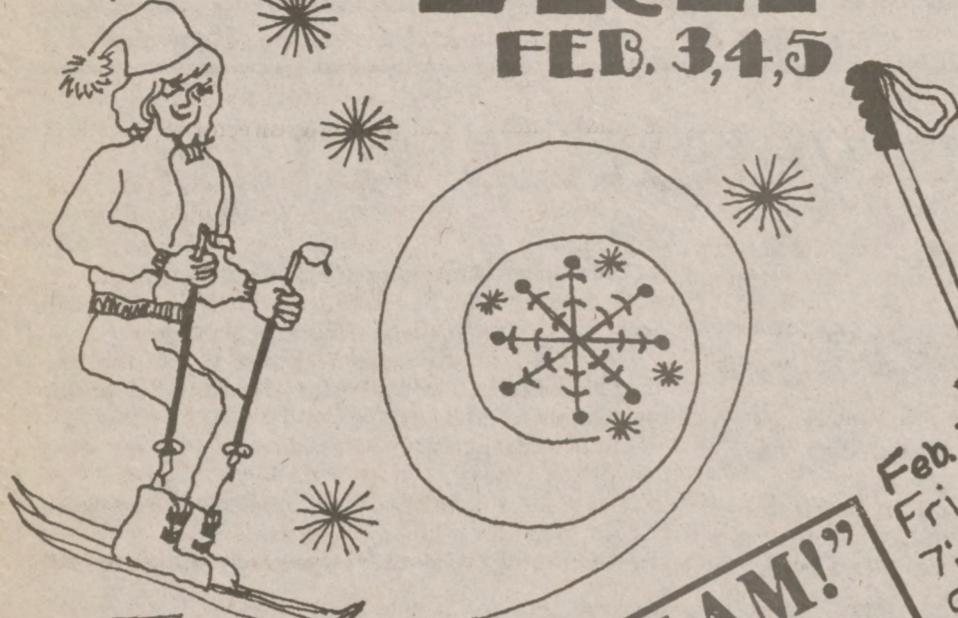


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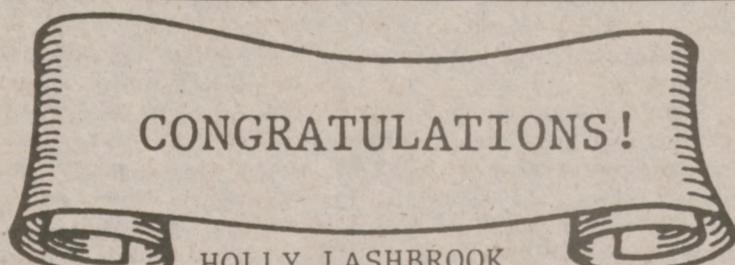
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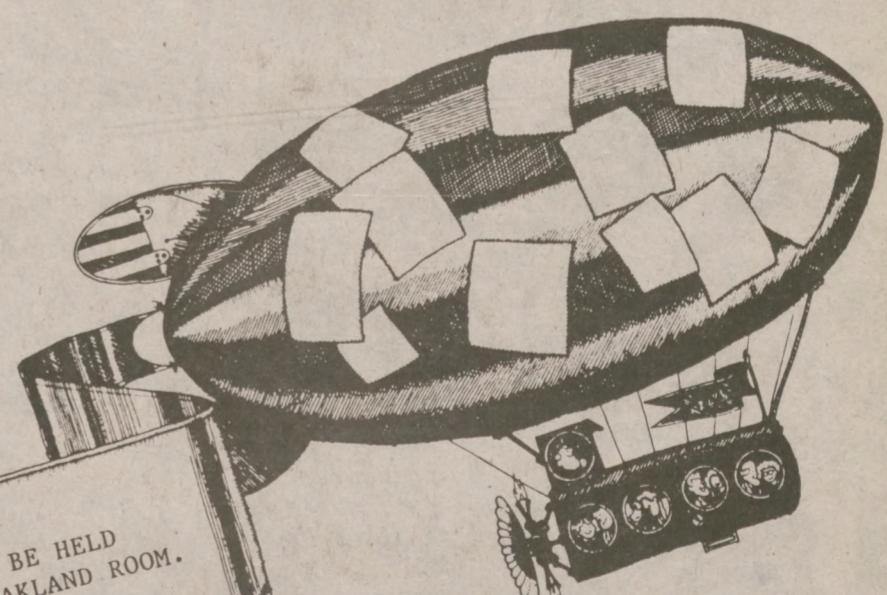
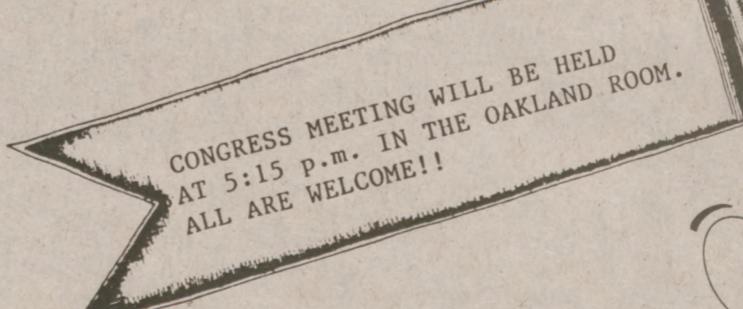


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NOTICE

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News Briefs

Former employee goes to court for embezzlement

A former OU Center for the Arts employee waived his right to a preliminary examination Jan. 19 at Rochester's 52nd District Court and will now go to trial at the district court level.

Mack Twine Jr., a non-student from Flint, has been charged with two counts of embezzlement over \$100 and one count of obtaining money through false pretenses over \$100.

The 26-year-old man allegedly embezzled more than \$5,000 from the center through falsifying travel vouchers and reimbursements, according to Mel Gilroy, Public Safety senior investigator.

His court date has not been scheduled.

New scholarship available

A new scholarship is available from the Women of Oakland University. Students may apply for the Critical Difference Scholarship if they are single head-of-household, if their college education has been interrupted for a period of one year and if they have a grade point average of at least 2.0. Interested students should call 370-4350 for more information.

Hill House door smashed

Two men aged 19 to 21 smashed the glass in Hill House's front door with a club Jan. 14. A woman who saw the men before they broke the glass said the men appeared angry as they left the building. There are no suspects in the case.

Men maintain innocence at pre-trial hearing

Two non-students allegedly involved in a Nov. 6 fight maintained their innocence at their pre-trial hearings Jan. 9 and will go to trial at Rochester's 52nd District Court.

Anthony Minton, a 19-year-old from Highland, and Kevin Papuga, a 22-year-old from Holly, were arrested after a scuffle with a Hill House resident and a non-student after a Hamlin Hall party.

The separate trials should be scheduled within three months.

Money stolen after party

A Hamlin Hall resident reported \$155 stolen after a party Jan. 15. The complainant's roommate stated he didn't see anybody take the money that was in plain sight in the loft area. According to police, there are no suspects in either case.

Information compiled by Christina Fuoco

Dorm Notes

3 West takes first place in Winter Olympics

The results are in for the 1989 Winter Olympics sponsored by the Student Program Board.

In first place was 3 West Vandenberg Hall in conjunction with 1 North Hamlin, according to Wendy Walters, SPB chairwoman. Second place was taken by 5 West Vandenberg. In third place was 9 and 8 North Hamlin, and in fourth place was the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

'Winter Frolics' in week ahead

Winter Frolics, sponsored by Residence Halls Council, began yesterday with a triathlon sponsored by Van Wagoner House. Other events include a volleyball game at midnight tonight near Beer Lake, a hot chocolate giveaway, a broomball game, a marshmallow roast, a dance in Vandenberg cafeteria Friday from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. to raise money for the Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Rochester, and a pre-floor party golf tournament on 3 Hill House. *Winter Frolics* ends Saturday.

MET

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ing to have to be bailed out later by the state?" he asked.

IF THE investment returns do not match tuition increases, participants in later years will have to pay more to make up for lower than hoped for investment returns, Gordon said.

"I think it probably could lead to the state wanting to control higher education because they have a vested interest in it now. It could potentially lead to the state doing more to control tuition. I think that could be a problem for colleges and universities," said Chuck Thomas, director of financial services at Macomb Community College.

This could lead to a 'Catch-22' in the educational system, Nicosia said.

"Students might have the money to go to school, but there would be no college for them to get into," Nicosia added.

THE FORMULA to determine state appropriation funding does not take into account enrollment demands. If thousands more students want to attend OU because of prepaid tuition, OU

would have to turn them away, Nicosia said.

He pointed out that increased funding is needed to meet students' increasing needs. Educational expenses include more than tuition.

"If the state does not increase funding proportionately with the number of students enrolling, it could be a real nightmare," he said.

Gregory said another problem with MET is that the people able to subscribe to it probably belong to a high income bracket. This could make it difficult for low income and minority students to get higher education, he said.

If people who have subscribed to MET occupy available space, there will be less places for low-income and out-of-state students to go, Gregory said.

"(Those students may) have special skills and aptitudes, and that would push resident students to a higher level of performance," he said.

ALSO, IF students meet grade requirements for prominent institutions, smaller colleges and universities may suffer, Gordon said.

"Whereas before their choice may have been limited to a smaller college because of tuition costs, now they may be able to go to larger, more prestigious colleges like U-M, and smaller colleges may

be snubbed. We are concerned about that," he said.

Gordon is also concerned that while MET pamphlets claim tuition is guaranteed to subscribers, actually it isn't.

"On a statewide talk show on Channel 50 recently, Gov. Blanchard said that the fund is guaranteed by the state to remain solvent. This is not true, and that is a misconception that needs to be clarified," he said.

"IF THE fund does not have sufficient money to pay for all the guarantees it has undertaken, and if at that point in time the state does not step forward to help them out, the MET has the right to terminate the trust and take the money they do have and distribute it to participants," said Rick Dirksen, financial planning director at Plante & Moran.

"It would be a financial disaster because people would get some money back, but not what they bargained for," Dirksen said.

Children who reach age 18 and decide not to go to college, even though their tuition is prepaid, will be eligible for a refund equal to the lowest tuition cost of all Michigan's public institutions.

"There are a lot of unknowns that only time will provide the answers to," Gordon said.

director at Delta Model Company in Troy.

With an FM license in mind, WOUX borrowed \$12,000 from OU to build and equip the studio in 1983. At that time, General Manager John Rhadigan thought the station would be only a step away from an FM license.

Rhadigan is now an OU instructor and weekend sports anchor on Flint television station WJRT.

Under Jim Elliott's guidance in 1985, the station's license was overlooked and more emphasis was put on paying off the \$12,000 debt.

"The thought of FM was in the long range future. ... We realized we had to take care of first things first," said Elliott, now a computer science graduate student.

LIKE THE other previous general managers, Tom Zizka hoped the station would get its license when he was in charge in the fall of 1986. After paying off the station's debt, he investigated other colleges' radio stations.

Zizka, now a television reporter at WWTV in Traverse City, discovered the time commitment was huge.

"... The more we found out about the procedures to go FM, the more time commitment it would involve," Zizka said.

He said at that time no one really believed they would get the license.

Before Susan Kraft became general manager in fall of 1987, she looked into getting the license, but encountered internal problems. As a result, the board set up the senior council to work with the general manager.

General Manager Tom Bailey encountered the usual management problems. However, problems with the board and the idea to go FM led to a strike in fall of 1988.

"IT MIGHT not have been the wisest thing at the time, but we were hurting and we were sick of our situation," said former program director Margot Chobanian.

"They (WOUX) rattled the bars a bit. It was a way to get people interested. I don't think they had to do it to get the attention of the board, but it demonstrated that they were frustrated."

In spite of all the problems WOUX has had, board members seem hopeful.

"We need to take a deep breath and look around to see what we got and what we can do next," Hildum said.

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OPINION

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Computer theft not police fault

Public Safety may not be the world's greatest police force, but it's certainly not to blame for some recent campus thefts, either.

Specifically, to suggest that Public Safety wasn't doing its job when computer equipment was stolen from the Congress office last Sunday is ludicrous.

THAT'S WHAT Tom Voytas suggested in his editorial column this week. Apparently Voytas thinks Public Safety officers were off playing video games when they should have been patrolling the Oakland Center.

The fact that Congress' office door was open at 5 p.m., within the time range of the theft, probably had nothing to do with it. As the fact that nearly 30 people have keys to that office.

The open door could mean either that a Congress member left it open and came back to find the equipment gone, or that the computers were stolen from someone with access.

IN ANY event, Oakland Center security is a growing concern, one that Public Safety may not be equipped enough to handle. With nine officers (and a tenth on the way), the three daily shifts only have two to four officers each. Two is more the norm, with four only during busy times on weekends. Can two officers honestly be expected to patrol the entire campus? The likelihood of an officer being in the vicinity of Congress and seeing the crime occur is very low, anyway. All the thief needs is a few minutes, and the equipment is gone.

Public Safety may not be the most cooperative at times when it comes to releasing crime statistics, but it's certainly no crime causer in this case. Maybe Voytas would do better to look at Congress' internal security instead of blaming campus police.

These tarts are tasteless

If Carl Bender and Marriott employees honestly believe that the word 'tart' does not suggest a whore or prostitute, then we're the *Washington Post*.

Bender recently removed a picture titled "Tarts of Toronto" from the J.W.'s eatery after a nameless ranking administrator responding to a student's complaint asked him to.

THE PICTURE shows 20 fruit tarts, three with pictures of women inside. The subliminal message connects the two. If there was no connection, Mr. Bender, then why were no men in the picture? And J.W.'s doesn't even sell tarts.

What's even more pathetic than Marriott's response is that women interviewed regarding the picture did not find it even slightly offensive. Somehow that's not surprising when one considers how conservative this campus is. The biggest women's issue is what hairspray to use.

The "Tarts of Toronto" picture may not seem like a big deal, but it's the little messages that say a lot about societal attitudes. It's time for everyone to wake up and take a better look at what messages society is sending.

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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



Arafat must promote peace with action

Viewpoint

By SANDY LOEFFLER

As a Jew and confirmed Zionist who believes Jews have the right to live in their own homeland in the land of Israel, I am grateful to Mr. Ahmed Al-Omari for his Jan. 9 column, despite his oversimplified and historically inaccurate analysis of the highly complex and emotionally-charged issue of Israel and the Palestinians.

When I lived in Israel, I was as free as the Arabs I knew and as I am in this country to disagree publicly with government policies and practices. I supported—and still do—the Israeli peace group, Shalom Achshav ("Peace Now"), a grassroots movement begun by Israeli army officers who want to see an end to the Israeli military presence in the West Bank and Gaza. The group's rallies have drawn upward of 100,000 people from all over Israel, both civilians and military personnel.

I WAS (and am) encouraged by the continuing presence of Neve Shalom ("Oasis of Peace"), and Israeli settlement in which Jewish and Arab Israelis live side-by-side and which serves as a meeting ground for dialogues between high school students from both sectors of the Israeli population (I recently learned of another such dialogue group between Jews and Arabs in

the northern part of the country).

I concurred with Israelis of the far left politically who were willing to talk to "the other side" in non-official meetings because I took to be sincere their attempts to bring peace to the land of Isaac and Ishmael. I even went so far as to believe that repeated terrorist actions taken against Israelis, Palestinians, non-Israeli Jews in such places as synagogues and American and other Western planes, ships and embassies were perpetrated by factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) which Mr. Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman, said were beyond his control, despite his claims to being the sole representative of the Palestinians.

THE PLO has said it wishes to talk to Israel without any preconditions having been set. Yet in the final issue of *Der Spiegel*, the PLO chairman made ultimative demands that negotiations include Israel's (1) withdrawing to the 1949 armistice lines (when Israel was at best 10 miles wide between its narrowest borders with hostile Arab neighbors, and its ancient capital city, Jerusalem divided); (2) establishing a corridor linking Gaza and the West Bank (which would cause anyone traveling from the north of Israel to pass through the intifada exposes himself to the bullets of his own people and endangers his own life. The PLO will know how to deal with him."

to the United Nations has stated that the "right" of Palestinian refugees to "return" to their former houses in what is now Israel is non-negotiable, although the method of implementation is. (Remember, Israel and the Palestinians are to negotiate with no preset conditions). Why does it feel like the "non"-demands seem to add up to Israel's intended destruction?

IN BROADCASTS aimed at Palestinians and other Arabs, PLO spokesmen have clearly said that the establishment of a small Palestinian state is only the beginning of a much larger state in what is presently Israel. Palestinian student demonstrations across the United States, including the Wayne State University campus, display maps of "Palestine" with no trace of the state of Israel, although it was "recognized" by Chairman Arafat.

According to the Jan. 15 edition of the *Detroit Free Press*, Mr. Elias Freij, long-time Arab mayor of the West Bank town of Bethlehem, suggested a year's truce in the Palestinian uprising if Israel would agree to release about 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. His suggestion was met with the following warning by Mr. Arafat, who had "renounced" terrorism just two weeks earlier: "Any Palestinian who proposes an end to the intifada exposes himself to the bullets of his own people and endangers his own life. The PLO will know how to deal with him."

It would appear that Mr. Arafat, speaking for the Palestinians, has yet to renounce continued resort to such violent activities as he might not choose to classify as terrorism.

I BELIEVE that all of Israel from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River belongs to the Jews. But I also believe that as distasteful and potentially life-threatening as the prospect of meeting with someone who chooses to recognize terrorism only where he wishes to and who refuses explicit recognition of Israel's right to exist, Israel must do so. She must give up part of the land and allow the Palestinians self-determination if she is to preserve her democracy and humane values. But to make facile analyses and attempt to impose the ideas of those who are outside the land of Israel on the Jews who live there is wrong. Israel's very existence is at stake, not ours. No one has the right to ask her to commit suicide. In order for the Palestinians to be best-served by the man who claims to be their sole representative, Mr. Arafat will have to stop merely being pious about invoking the great cause of peace and back up his words with deeds.

Loeffler is the adviser for the Jewish Students Organization, but her comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions of JSO or B'Nai B'rith.

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Tom Voytas

I heard something funny the other day. I heard that on Sunday, January 15, 1989, the Public Safety officers supposedly patrolling the Oakland Center were in fact utilizing a computer-based patrol program to help them increase their skills in this area. This device, known as "Twin Cobras" can probably help the officers using it to increase their hand-eye coordination, as well as help them strengthen their leg muscles to allow them to stand at the scene of a crime for hours on an end as they dust for fingerprints. The operative word here is dust, since only one of the officers on our "force" is qualified to seriously dust for identifiable prints.

DO YOU KNOW what's really funny about this? While these nameless officers were taking part in the intense training program, the Macintosh SE computer and the ImageWriter II printer paired with it were being stolen from the University Student Congress office in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Isn't that the funniest thing you ever heard of? I know I couldn't stop laughing when Brian Murphy, Congress president, call-

ed me that night and informed me of the theft. What a laugh we had together! We were finally rid of that pesky machine that we only relied on nearly every minute of the day, and that was paid for by the student's money. And, since I was one of the people who had access to the office, I could possibly be a suspect. What an honor! I'd always wanted to be part of a Public Safety investigation, whatever that is, and now I had my chance.

I THOUGHT it was bad enough

when I found out about the theft.

That Macintosh really was an im-

portant piece of equipment, used

by all branches of Congress, and

dearly paid for. With the current

budget situation, the replacement

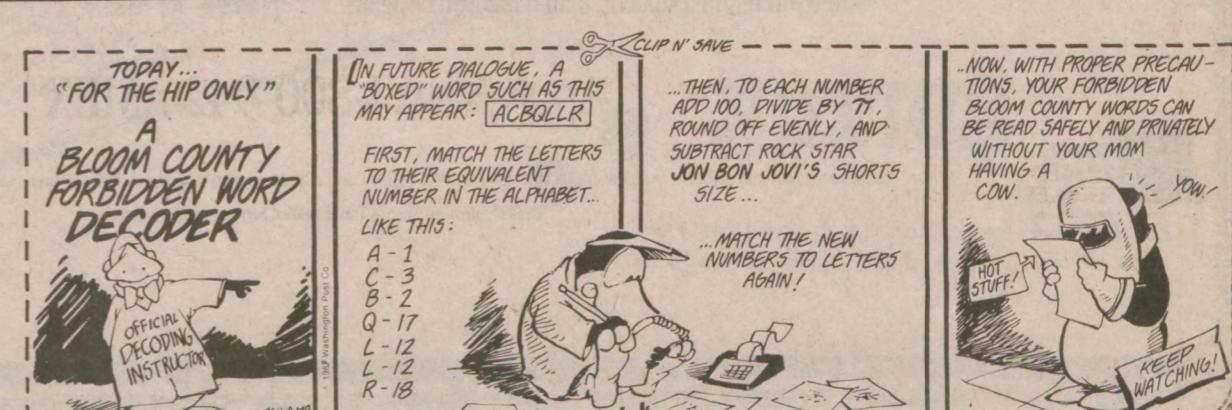
of that tool, per Brian Murphy,

could be a virtual impossibility. This is a loss to everyone, not just Congress, since each one of you has, in one way or another, benefited from its use.

WHAT MADE the whole thing worse was when I found out about the Public Safety officers playing video games right upstairs. These officers are the people we supposedly rely on for the safety of the campus. Hell, we're lucky we still have a campus, with this sort of sentinel on guard. Fortunately, there is an officer or two who actually cares enough to do his or her duty. But is that enough? In this case, it wasn't, and the already-tarnished image of Public Safety becomes even dimmer.

What can be done? Complaints have been made about the inability of Public Safety to adequately deal with campus crime in the past, and what has been done to alter that? Brian Murphy seems to have a new challenge for his administration, and it's not just replacing a Mac. As a new victim, he can face Public Safety, and ask for all of us, "Why?" Even better, "What can we do?"

And no one is laughing now.



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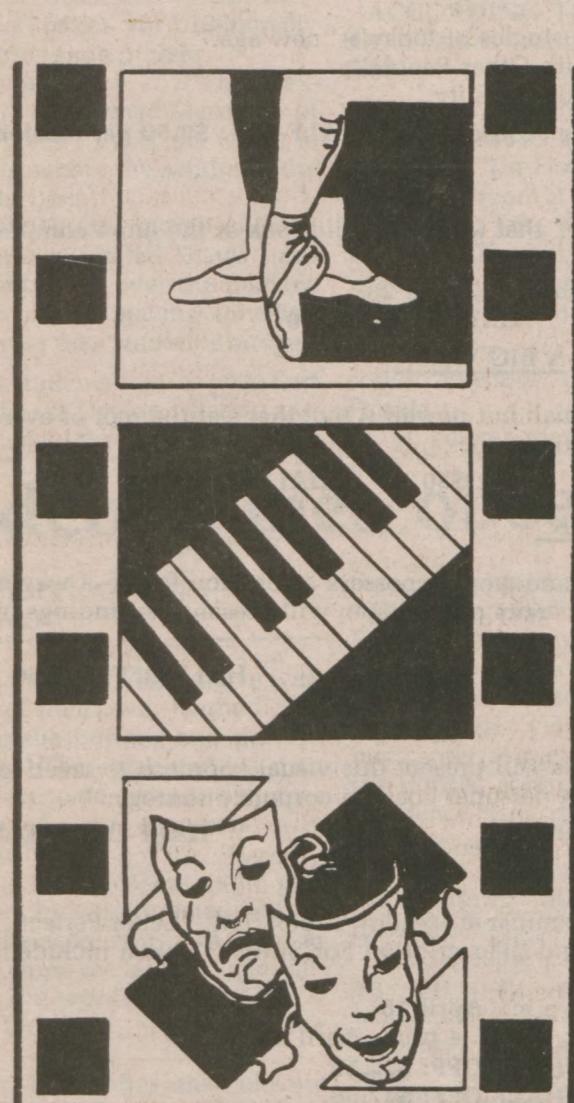
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Inauguration Ceremony 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; O.C. Crockery Admission: Free	1 Blacks in Comedy Noon; Fireside Lounge Admission: Free Mainstage: Earl Reed 8 p.m.; O.C. Crockery Admission: Free	2	3 Traditional African Drumming and Dancing Gold Rooms A and B, Noon-2 p.m. Admission: Free
5 Film Series—"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" 8-10 p.m.; East Crockery Admission: Free	6 African Art Slide Show Noon-1 p.m.; Fireside Lounge Admission: Free	7 Julius Lester 2 p.m.; Gold Room A Admission: Free	8 Danny Glover 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; O.C. Crockery Tickets: \$1 for OU students, \$3 for OU employees and Alumni Association members, and \$5 for the general public for each show. The first 400 students to pick up tickets for the evening program will receive their ticket free, compliments of the Black Awareness Month Committee.	9 Blacks in Communications Noon; Fireside Lounge Admission: Free	10 Tribute to Black Professional Women Noon-1 p.m.; Fireside Lounge; Free African Art Exhibit Noon-2 p.m.; Exhibit Lounge; Free Ontological and Literary Contest - Deadline for entries due into CIPO "The Color Purple" 6:30 p.m., 202 O'Dowd Hall Admission: Free	11 SPB Film "Cry Freedom" 3 p.m.; 201 Dodge Hall \$1.50 admission
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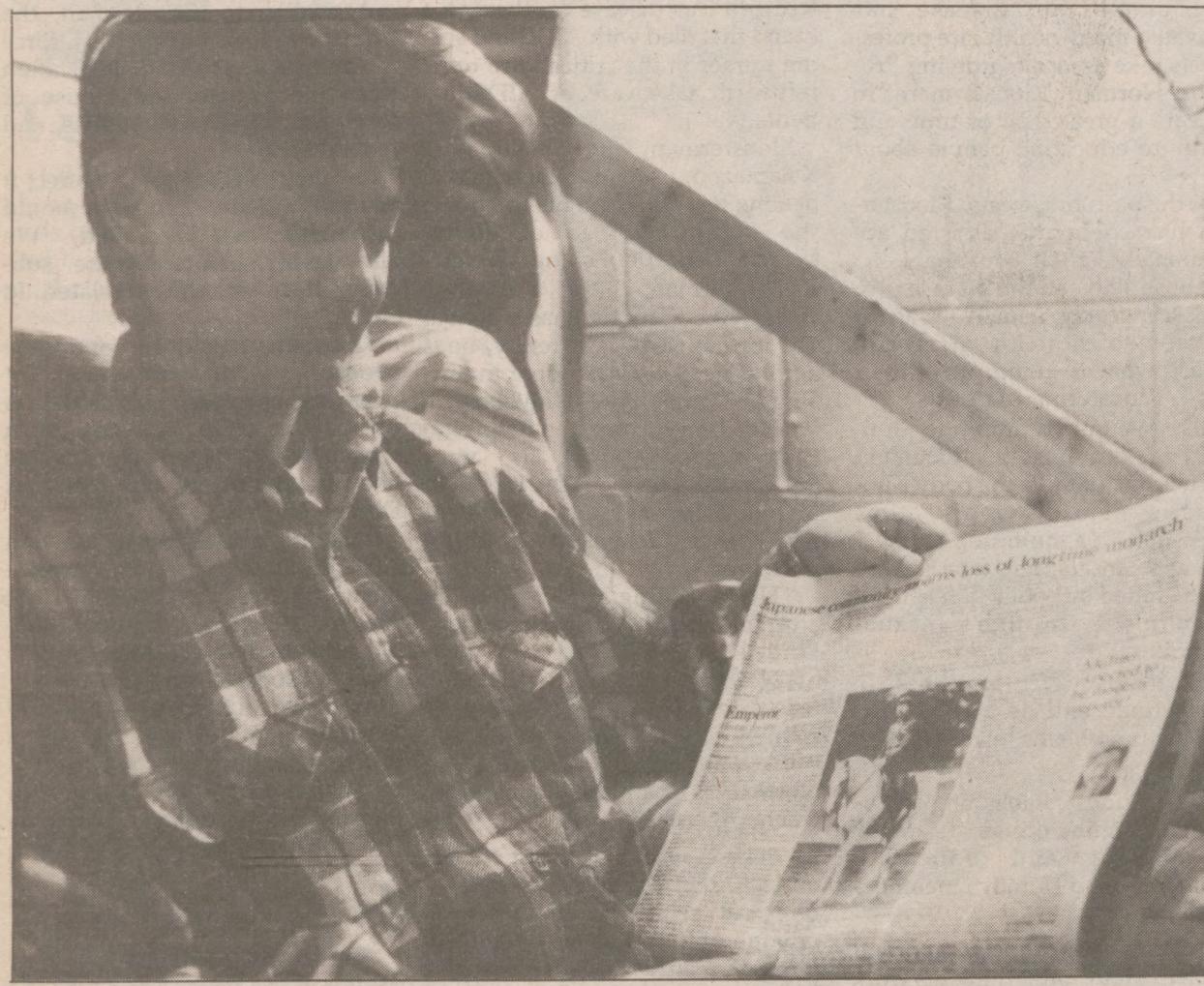
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Japanese students mourn ruler's death



Eiji Kuroda, 21, reads the article about the death of Hirohito. Kuroda found out while watching *Nightline*.

By WENDY WENDLAND
Senior Editor

Eiji Kuroda still remembers when he heard of Emperor Hirohito's recent death.

The Japanese exchange student was visiting his parents, who were in Chicago for the weekend on work-related business. The 21-year-old was tuned on ABC's *Nightline*, and watched a discussion about Hirohito's reign.

"They kept talking about responsibility ... I feel the Americans think the emperor had some responsibility (for starting World War II)," he said. "They do not understand at all."

Born in Nagoya, Japan, Kuroda came to Oakland University five months ago with three other Japanese exchange students. Kuroda is part of the Nanzan University exchange program that OU has participated in since September 1977.

Kuroda and his fellow students said it's difficult to make Americans understand what role the emperor plays in their country. One student said Japan's view of their imperial family is not that different from Great Britain's view of its royal family.

"When my roommate asked me about our emperors I could not explain," said Keiko Kono, 21. Kono said when she was born he existed and when she dies he will still exist.

"He doesn't have any power, but he's the symbol of Japan... He's the head of the Japan family."

Hirohito, the longest reigning emperor in Japan's modern history, died from duodenal cancer on Jan. 7. The 87-year-old ruler reigned for 62 years. Now his son, Emperor Akihito, 55, has taken over.

But for Kono, Kuroda and Naoko Hiramatsu, it makes little difference who holds the emperor's title. They feel the position is strictly symbolic.

Kuroda and Hiramatsu, like many other young Japanese, said they were not sad to hear of Hirohito's death, just surprised. However Kono held a different view.

"In a way he and we were living together (in the

same age)," she said. "I'm afraid things will change because of his death."

Bonnie Abiko, associate art history professor teaches Introduction to Japanese Culture and has lived in and studied the country. A glance at her Wilson Hall office is the best testimony of Abiko's long-held Japanese interest. Books with Japanese titles line the stuffed bookshelves on each side of the room. A color Japanese print hangs on one wall. A shelf holds miscellaneous Japanese items, like a tea set.

Abiko married an American Japanese man. Her husband, now deceased, was a foreign correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor and worked out of Japan. Abiko said she was at a "young and impressionable age" when her husband's grandmother introduced her to Japanese culture and language. She as remained fascinated by the country ever since.

Abiko said the death of an emperor can be a frightening experience for the Japanese. Each time a new emperor takes over, the country enters a new period.

For instance, instead of measuring years by the Judeo-Christian method (A.D.), Japan, a largely Buddhist country, starts at number one with each new emperor. It also names the years by how long each emperor rules. So since a new emperor is in power, it's now year number one, Hirohito's reign was called Showa or Enlightened Peace. Emperor Akihito's reign will be called the new Heisei or Universal Peace.

The Japanese imperial family can be traced to the fourth century. Abiko said the line was only broken once, sometime between the years 1330 and 1390.

"It is said that the emperor came from an old clan that honored Anaterasu (an ancient sun goddess)," Abiko said.

This tradition made it easy for Japanese militants in World War II to manipulate the people into thinking the emperor was a god-like being, she said.

"During the second world war textbooks were rewritten to make him a divinity."

Abiko said that militants used to shield the emperor,

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Spring break trips on a shoestring

Agents say stay away from popular spots

By THERESA KOSTUSYK
Staff Writer

Even the geese don't stick around for the snow and slush of February, so it's not surprising that many students want to spend their spring break getting away from it all.

Most students want to fly south to feel the sun's heat, the warmth of the golden sand and the cool, clear ocean.

However, many students can't afford the typical spring break trips to Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale since prices are traditionally high at this time of year.

"It's a peak time, so it's more expensive," said David McArthur of Elliott Travel. "Everyone wants to get out to where the sand and the palm trees are."

IN ADDITION, many hotels in the southern United States have raised prices to cover the damage students cause, making traveling even harder on a student's budget.

"Most students want to go to Fort Lauderdale or Daytona (Beach) and unfortunately the rates are not that

reasonable down there," McArthur said.

"The hotels are very upset about students tearing up rooms and throwing vending machines out of windows, so they've hiked the prices up," he added.

Debbie Kosakowski of Hampton Travel agreed and noted that additional restrictions have been made to keep destruction to a minimum.

"Many hotels are not allowing three or four people to a room, which raises prices considerably."

"As far as Florida, hotels have had too much damage. Many now require a damage deposit and many have a minimum age requirement of 21 or 25," she added.

ACCORDING TO McARTHUR, a trip to Florida could total more than \$500.

"Kids usually go for four to five days, sometimes a week," McArthur said. "(In Florida) with three or four to a room at \$100 a night and \$250 for air fare, a trip could cost around \$500 per person up front, not counting restaurants, entertainment and souvenirs."

In order to save costs, students could consider other areas in Florida.

"St. Petersburg and Fort Meyers

are less expensive and less traveled by students on spring break," McArthur said.

"But most students want to be where all the kids are. They don't want to be with honeymooners or the older people," she added.

MEXICO IS also a good bargain because of the exchange rate - 2,280 pesos to \$1.

"In Mexico, your dollar value is really great," said Carol Reddan of Great Oaks Travel. "There is a lot to do in Cancun, such as (visiting) the ruins and beaches."

Brenda Ziem of Uniglobe Travel Machine agreed. She said seven days in Cancun, including air fare, hotel and any airport transfers costs \$449.

Because of Canada's 19 percent exchange rate, Toronto can be an inexpensive vacation of shopping, off-Broadway plays, museums, hockey games and dinner theaters.

"Toronto is awfully popular. It's very cosmopolitan," said John Harding, owner, Pontiac Travel Service. "Going by train from Windsor or Sarnia (Ont.) is relatively inexpensive."

CHICAGO ALSO offers a similar big-city atmosphere.

"Chicago is a little more expen-

sive because you don't have the benefit of the Canadian dollar," Harding said.

"There's very fine shopping and museums. It would be very interesting for students," he added.

For students who don't mind staying closer to home, Harding said many area hotels offer weekend packages from \$50 to \$250. Also, if it snows, students could take ski vacations in Michigan.

NO MATTER what the destination, additional costs can be cut.

"Stay away from the usual spring break areas where everyone goes," McArthur said. "Stay at a Holiday Inn or a Ramada Inn and walk to the beach."

Reddan offered similar suggestions, including "driving down and sharing gas expenses, putting four students in a room and dividing the cost and eating in less than the nicest restaurants."

When visiting big cities, Harding suggested student should "utilize subways, buses or walk as opposed to (using) taxi cabs," he said.

"Use student ID to get into museums. Many give discounts if you can prove you're a student."

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Courtesy of New Line Cinema

"Ma" (Anne Bancroft) and Arnold (Harvey Fierstein) discuss love and respect between mother and son.

Torch carries viewer throughout movie

By ROB MARTIN
Special Writer

Torch Song Trilogy is not a film somebody goes to with high expectations. The pre-release publicity prevents it by implying that after viewers see the movie, they will be enlightened about homosexuality.

Because of the critics' publicity, author/star Harvey Fierstein luckily fought temptation to change his play to a movie that deals with issues such as AIDS, not relationships.

Those unfamiliar with the play may be inadvertently led to believe that the picture is a boring movie that's only purpose is to teach a lesson.

Happily, it isn't. *Trilogy* is an entertaining comedy-drama that completely sidesteps piousness. Fierstein, as Arnold Beckoff, is what gives the film its emotional center and charm.

The picture holds the viewers attention right from the beginning when Arnold, as a drag queen, is giving a monologue discussing his career and attitude toward men.

The scene is richly absorbing - as is the rest of the film, which stays

at or near the same level.

The story, set during the '70s, is divided into three sections (hence the title), each chronicling a significant relationship in Arnold's life. The first two are love affairs - one with Ed, (Brian Kerwin) a bisexual schoolteacher and the other with Alan (Matthew Broderick), a model. The third section presents a turning point in Arnold's relationship with his mother.

What holds the trilogy together are the emotional undercurrents of terrific Fierstein's performance. The flamboyance of Arnold's personality is always present but his feelings and the increasing level of maturity are completely evident.

Fierstein's acting is a bit overscaled for the camera but it never distracts from the characterization. This overacting is forgivable considering how long he played the character on stage. Fierstein, whose performance as Arnold on stage won him a 1971 Tony for best actor, gives one of the finest performances of the 1988 movie year.

The supporting performers are also quite good. Karen Young (*Jaws - The Revenge*), as Laurel and TV

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Video games obsession not just child's play

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

His hands practically move with a mind of their own, methodically pushing the buttons and moving the lever. The computerized man on the screen destroys and dodges other men and monsters who threaten him.

Wayne Miller cusses as he gets cornered by the threatening images. The score rises and stops at 179,700 when the last man gets killed and the words "Game Over - Insert Quarter" appear on the screen.

Miller, 18, is a freshman biology major who, by his own admission, spends all his free time at OU playing video games in the Oakland Center. Two weeks ago he spent \$40 playing video games in one day.

"I'm not addicted," Miller said. "If you get into them they're a lot of fun."

Mona Wallace, OC assistant director, who has three video games outside her office, said about \$12,000 a year is made from the seven video games in the student center.

There are also about six to nine video games in the residence halls.



Wayne Miller, an 18-year-old biology major, spent between \$800 and \$1,000 playing video games at OU last year.

first it was a real big thing then it kind of slowed down, but as the newer games came out it picked up again," Mendoza said.

Psychology Professor Ranald Hansen said video games will con-

tinue to be popular with adults for long time.

"I think it's because they (video games) absorb the tension so much," Hansen said. "People can

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Hollywood comes to Oakland

Screenwriter and Oakland University McGregor Professor Kurt Luedtke and special guest Director Sydney Pollack will discuss their film *Out of Africa* after a free showing of the movie Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. The event is sponsored by the Honors College.

The general public is invited and for reservations call 370-4450. Advanced reservations are necessary.

Also, in the afternoon of Feb. 7, Pollack will meet with Oakland University theater students. Details will be announced later.

What's Happening

Winter Sidewalk Sale at Winchester Mall Jan. 26 through 29. Call 652-1152 for more information.

Playwriting instruction at Cranbrook in a six week course beginning Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Call 645-3635 for more information.

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who she calls a peace loving man, from the public eye creating a mystic about him.

Today this god-like reputation would be next to impossible to attain. Akihito chose his own wife Michiko Shoda, a commoner, breaking all tradition. Akihito and his wife are more visible to the public and they raised their children themselves, something that was never done before.

The next ruler after Akihito, Prince Hiro, 28, is the first emperor-to-be who is foreign educated. He is predicted to be even more approachable than his father.

Abiko said that the traditional role for the imperial family in Japan is ceremonial. She said that throughout most of its 2,000 years, the position has had no real power.

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Harding added.

PLANNING AHEAD ahead can save the most money of all.

"The main problem with

Mud slinging



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowalik

Bryan Kowalik, junior, and Bruce Penn, freshman, slip and slide in the mud during the Winter Carnival's obstacle course Wednesday. The Winter Carnival, which ran through Saturday, was sponsored by the CPO.

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become absorbed in television in the same way but when you add the capacity to interact with it (television), it becomes even more absorbing."

Hansen also said that television is essentially a "passive activity" but it becomes more absorbing when one has "these interacting games."

Wayne Miller described his busy day of video game playing as he carelessly flipped quarters to friends, telling them to start a game for him.

His day started when he brought \$20 in quarters with him to school and he and his friend, accounting major Jim Sattler, 18, played "Altered Beast" until the very end, Miller said. They then proceeded to "Gorilla Warfare" and "Time Soldiers" and played them also to the end, he said.

By then he got another \$10 in quarters and it wasn't even lunch yet. After lunch, he and some friends went to Beer Lake Yacht Club where he changed another \$10 bill and played "Gauntlet."

According to Miller, "when that ran out, that was it."

He estimates that between September and December 1988 he spent between \$800 and \$1,000 playing video games.

"I could have bought one," he jokingly added.

If it could be said that Miller is one extreme, John Stebbins, 23, is the other. Stebbins, an accounting major, calls playing video games a "social outlet" for him and his friends.

"I just play at school, it's no big thing," Stebbins said.

Whatever the reason for the popularity of video games, it is evident that as children become adults, video games are no longer a fad but a pastime.

fall can save considerably on package deals such as cruises.

"Certain cruises can cost \$900 to \$1,000 including all lodging and meals," Reddan said. "The only extras are personal expenses such as beverages, short excursions and tips."

AIDS more than issue for prof

By KELLY BOONE
Staff Writer

The AIDS epidemic has been a source of uneasiness and fear for many people.

The public's lack of understanding about this disease has motivated many health care professionals, like associate nursing Professor Norman Kloosterman, to dedicate a great deal of time and energy to educating people about AIDS.

For the past three years, Kloosterman has voluntarily assisted approximately 75 AIDS patients.

"Those active in the disease process I see weekly, usually for about an hour to sit with them and discuss what is going on in their lives," Kloosterman said.

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system leaving victims susceptible to a multitude of infections and cancers. This fatal disease is transmitted by bodily fluids, most commonly through sexual intercourse.

Physicians refer patients to Kloosterman and he tries to help them with problems related to their daily lives.

This includes establishing a proper diet, training others to care for the patient and educating employers and family members about the disease.

"AIDS is an extremely important problem today and I think his work with AIDS is absolutely essential. I think it's important that students from all walks of life develop a caring attitude toward AIDS pa-

tients," said Andrea Lindell, nursing school dean.

Frances Jackson, assistant nursing professor, agreed. "He has great clinical expertise and in nursing that is very important."

Kloosterman attributes his interest in this disease to "having a friend that died with AIDS and seeing nurses in the critical care units refuse to take care of AIDS patients."

Kloosterman, who grew up near Kalamazoo, uses his experience in dealing with the patients to inform the public by way of giving speeches and publishing articles.

Kloosterman, 38, is a certified critical care nurse and has taught at OU for five years. Currently, he is a full-time doctoral student in nursing at Wayne State University.

"He is very warm and helpful to the students. He is very knowledgeable about the rare field of critical care nursing," said Penny Cass, assistant nursing professor.

"His teaching is viewed by students is very satisfactory," Lindell said.

"Norman is a very dedicated teacher and in my opinion he is extremely sensitive to his students. I think the thing I appreciate about Norman is that he is a merciful teacher," Jackson said.

"He can teach a difficult subject and still keep the students' best interest at heart. He hates to fail anyone and if you are willing to work as a student he is willing to help," she added.

For his interest in the disease, Kloosterman has also been named chairman of the Michigan Nurses

Association Task Force. Appointed in December, Kloosterman heads a 15-member committee composed of nurses and public health officials.

He has been a member of MNA since 1979 and has been active in the AIDS committee for one year.

According to Kloosterman, the primary function of the task force is to review all AIDS legislation from the Senate and House of Representatives at the state and federal levels.

"We try to interpret the affect it (the bill) will have and if we should recommend it." He added, "We also testify before Senate subcommittees on issues related to AIDS."

Kloosterman said the committee sponsors AIDS conferences for health care professionals as well as discusses AIDS policies with various health-related organizations like the Wellness Networks of Detroit.

"We are also trying to get area AIDS groups together. The government is giving a lot of money right now for AIDS work and these people are duplicating each other's work," Kloosterman said.

As chairman Kloosterman would like the committee to implement a statewide awards program.

"We are looking at an award to the media for accurate and compassionate portrayal of AIDS. We also want to establish awards for nurses and health care professionals in caring for these people," he said.

"The purpose will be to get their picture in the paper and show the public that these people have been caring for people with AIDS for a long time and they're not getting it," he added.

Torch

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veteran Eddie Castrodad, as David, slip comfortably into their roles. Broderick, in the short time he is on screen, is, as usual, earnest and compelling.

Kerwin (*Murphy's Romance*) is not dazzling, but he's very good as Ed and has become a talent to watch out for. Playing a character who gradually come to terms with his sexuality is a tough role.

Anne Bancroft (*Agnes of God*), however, gives what may be the worst performance of her career as "Ma." She's incredibly amateurish. For example, every line is accompanied by a hand gesture. If Fierstein hadn't been there to circumvent it, the last third of the movie would have been ruined.

Trilogy is the winter movie season's best film. It's a shame to see it arrive so improperly heralded as an out-of-touch movie because it doesn't deal with the issues.

Torch Song Trilogy (R)

Behind the scenes: New Line Cinema release; screenplay by Harvey Fierstein; directed by Paul Bogart; produced by Howard Gottfried.

Cast: Anne Bancroft, Matthew Broderick, Harvey Fierstein, Brian Kerwin, Karen Young, Eddie Castrodad.

Rating: 7 (on a scale of 1 to 10)

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Tankers dominate

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you in on Oakland University's best kept secret. It is (drumroll please), the men's swimming team. Yes, this mid-sized institution of higher education nestled away in the outer reaches of Detroit's northern suburbs boasts one of the top three or four swimming programs of any school in Division II.

This top-notch squad has won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crown for the past 11 seasons!

Quite simply, its dominance is unmatched. With their GLIAC foes brushed aside, the team has gone on to finish in the top three in the NCAA Division II meet ten of those 11 years. Once, in 1980, the team won the championship.

This season is no exception. These guys are gunning for the glory of winning a national title with what coach Pete Hovland has said may be his deepest and most talented group in quite awhile.

Usually, with the Pioneers, the competition is more fierce within its own ranks than with its opponents during dual meets.

Flocking to OU

Year after year, the best prep swimmers from across America and sometimes even internationally flock to OU with the goal of turning their dream of being part of a national championship team into a reality.

I'm not exaggerating. There are guys on the roster from places like Cottage Grove, Oregon; Dalton, Massachusetts; Cheney, Washington; Anchorage, Alaska; Napa, California; San Leandro, California; Spokane, Washington; Everett, Washington; and even a brand new nation tucked away in the Caribbean called the Netherlands Antilles.

Indeed, these men did more than splash around at the beach when they were young. They are some of the finest in swimming in our nation. If these guys were gracious enough to put out a calendar, women, they'd make the "Men of USC" look like a bunch of bumbling, beer-bellied beach bums.

Meet the men

I'm talking about guys like sprinter Hilton Woods, by far this incredible athlete is the finest OU has to offer, in any sport. At the tender age of 20, the sophomore already is a two-time Olympian and Pan-American Games bronze medalist (for the Netherlands Antilles). You have to see this man swim to witness how impeccably graceful he is. His swimming is so smooth it can only be labeled effortless determination.

You'll see what I mean by that when you come out and watch him.

Eric Dresbach: This hard-working guy has got to be the shark of the team. Few swimmers in the Division II ranks have such raw power as this senior from Flint does. He has earned enough collegiate swimming honors in his career to satisfy anyone. That is, except for himself. This season he's determined to better than ever. He's "swimming like a man on a mission," Hovland said.

John Kovach: One of the best butterflyers to be found anywhere, the sophomore from Garden City just keeps improving. One of the best competitors you'll see anywhere.

Jim Druart: What Kovach is to the butterfly, this junior from Grand Rapids is to the backstroke.

Eric McIlquham: Of all the freshmen, this prized prep recruit from Dalton, Mass. is a terrific butterfly and freestyler and is helping immensely in the team's drive for the national title. A jack-of-all-trades, he can also turn in a mean 200-yard individual medley when called upon.

That's only a small portion of the kind of talent which struts its stuff at every meet.

Pioneer spirit

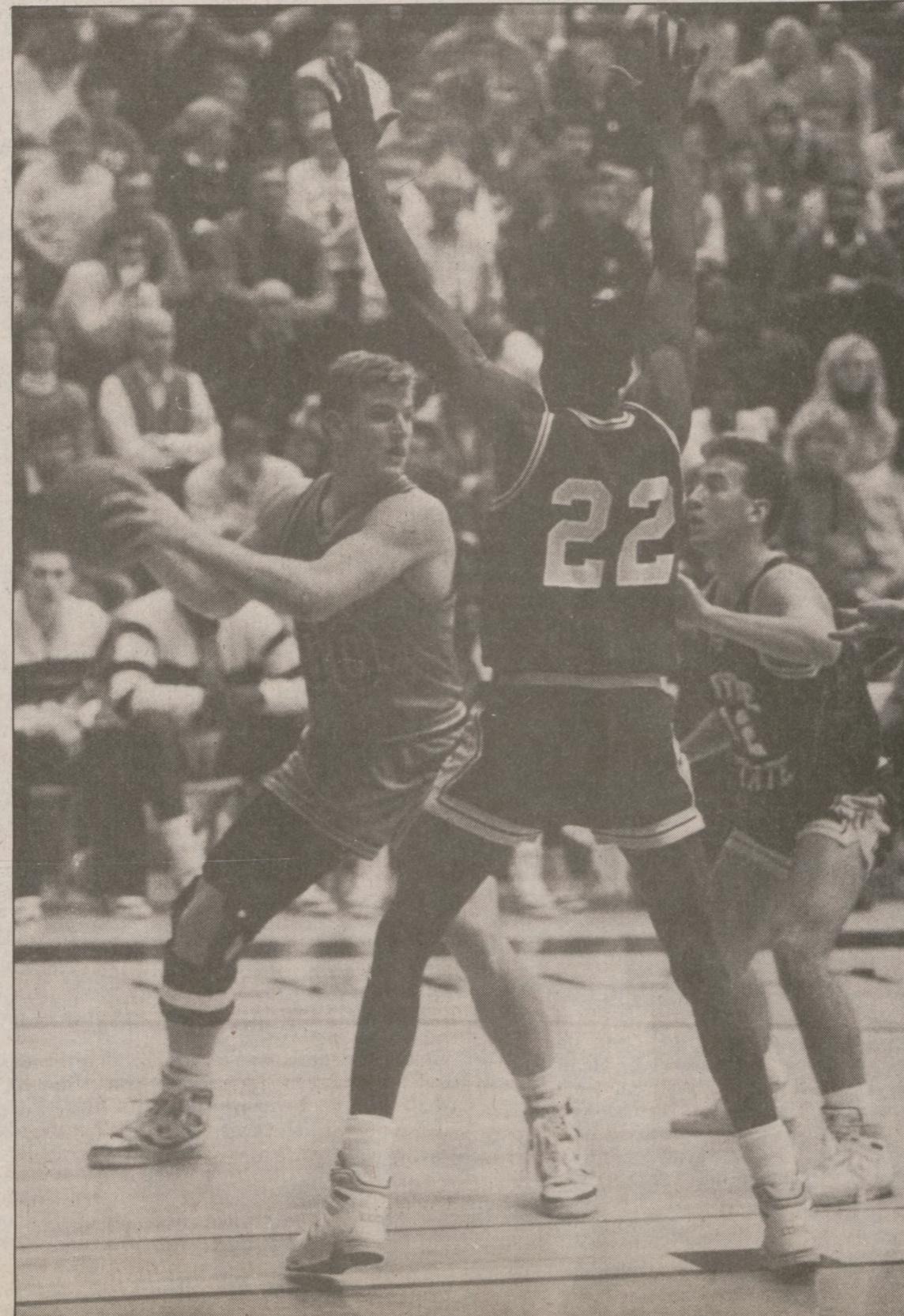
At this point you may be asking, OK, I'm now dying to see these guys in action so please tell me when and where.

Gladly, but you only have two more chances to see this show before it ends its run at Lepley Sports Center for another year.

The first is this Friday against Kenyon College at 4 p.m. Hovland said Kenyon and OU have been great rivals for years and always provide an exciting meet.

The second is Feb. 17 against intrastate rival Michigan State University at 7 p.m. MSU will seek to avenge a loss to the Pioneers last season. It could be one of the most entertaining home meets in some time.

Coach Hovland said that while he has not been unhappy with attendance figures this season, he'd "like to pack the place ... have standing-room only (because) I know that more school spirit will make the guys swim faster."



The Oakland Post/Rob Kowal
Junior center Dave Hintz (00) searches for an open teammate in OU's 79-75 victory Jan. 19 over Wayne State University.

Men hoopsters take thriller

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

Two thousand and forty-one.

That's how many fans packed Lepley Sports Center to watch the men's basketball team take a 79-75 come-from-behind victory over Wayne State University Thursday.

"They (the crowd) won it for us. They never gave up so we couldn't," junior guard Brian Gregory said.

The 2,041 fans broke the old record (1,442), set Jan. 28, 1988 when the Pioneers beat Ferris State University, 90-80.

OU moved to 13-4 on the season (3-2 GLIAC), including a 101-99 victory over St. Mary's College Jan. 14.

In that game, senior forward John Henderson scored a career high 37 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Pioneers.

OU, which trailed WSU for much

of the game, found itself on the short side of a 73-70 score with 1:21 to play.

An Andre Bond jumper appeared to tie the score, but the officials ruled it a two-pointer, leaving OU behind 73-72 with a minute to go.

"I thought it was a three; it was a real bad call," Bond said.

WSU GUARD Kevin Heck made two free throws with 56 seconds left making it 75-72.

OU junior guard Tony Howard, who had missed all six of his previous three-point attempts, nailed a triple-try 13 seconds later to tie the score.

On the ensuing inbounds pass,

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OU, Ferris, split two

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

The OU basketball teams split a doubleheader at Ferris State University Saturday.

The women were victorious 83-73, while the men dropped an overtime thriller, 88-82.

The men almost pulled another comeback out of their hats, coming back from 14 points behind to send the game into overtime, tied at 73.

But the GLIAC-leading Bulldogs put a damper on the Pioneer upset hopes by scoring the first seven points of the extra stanza.

John Henderson led OU with 22 points, followed by Andre Bond, Eric Taylor and Wallace Davis. Each had 13.

FSU stars Marcus Kennedy and Jarvis Walker were held to 15 and 12 points respectively by

a sagging Pioneer zone defense but a surprisingly accurate Bulldog outside shooting spree did in the OU hopes.

The Bulldog bombers were led by senior guard Richard Legreair who hit six three-pointers and finished with 19 points. FSU hit 13 triples in the game.

The loss drops the Pioneers to 13-5 (3-3 GLIAC).

In the women's game, OU led 43-26 at the half and was never threatened, leading by nine or more throughout the second half.

The Pioneers were led in scoring by junior center Debbie Delie who had 26 points.

Leah Fenwick and Shawne Brow added 14 each while Dawn Lichy hit for 12 points and nine assists.

The win improves OU's record to 14-3, including a perfect 6-0 mark in league play.

Women swimmers mop up EMU, Clarion

By KATIE CALLAHAN
Staff Writer

The women's swimming team had a big weekend sweeping Eastern Michigan University, 166-134 on Friday and Clarion University, 136-95 on Saturday.

It was the first time OU had ever beaten Clarion.

"Normally we don't swim anyone

before Clarion," OU coach Tracy Huth said.

Huth said the back-to-back meets were scheduled to give his squad a feel for the pressure of the national championship meet which is held over the course of four days in March.

Last year, Clarion defeated OU 112-107 and finished fourth at the NCAA Division II championships. OU was sixth.

"Clarion's a big powerhouse," Sophomore Lisa Guilfoyle said. Swimming against them gives the Pioneers an idea of what to expect at nationals Guilfoyle said.

It was the second consecutive productive weekend for the Pioneers as Friday (Jan. 13) they destroyed Cleveland State University taking first place in 12 of 16 events in a dual meet at CSU.

The following day (Jan. 14), OU crushed Wright State University, 139-82.

With the Pioneers comfortably ahead of CSU, Huth chose to swim three of the events as exhibition.

"I was surprised they (CSU) didn't swim that well," Freshman Katie Ill said. "But we could've swam better too."

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Men swimmers cruise past Clarion

By MARK SPEZIA
Staff Writer

The men's swimming team crushed Clarion University Saturday, 139-96 in Lepley Sports Center.

The win capped a week that began with what turned out to be a dangerous road trip to the Buckeye state.

After slipping and sliding its way down I-75 to Dayton, Ohio, the Pioneers came away with a 159-84 triumph over Wright State University Jan. 14.

OU Coach Pete Hovland said bad weather left roads in terrible shape forcing the team bus to pull off the highway and stop for almost an hour.

The Pioneers arrived at WSU after the meet's starting time but the officials delayed the start of the meet for about 30 minutes.

Just as the tankers overcame mother nature, they overwhelmed their outmatched foes racking up first places in ten of the 13 events.

Kirk Radditz won the 1650-yard freestyle in 16:28.45 beating teammate Erik Strom by more than ten seconds at the 50-free.

"Kirk has really dedicated himself this year and it's paying off ... I'm happy to see his progress," Hovland said.

John Kovach edged out fellow Pioneer Mike Nation in the 200-yard butterfly 1:57.15

to 1:58.82.

Kovach said he was glad to get the win but could have swum better.

"I felt good, but I swam kind of a dumb race ... I went out a little too hard and died," Kovach said.

"I won but it was not a pretty sight."

Kovach also anchored the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team which included Hilton Woods, Dave Rogowski and Eric McIlquham.

In the 200-yard backstroke, Jim Druart touched out a Wright State swimmer 2:00.07 to 2:00.19. "It took me awhile to get going, but things turned out fine," he said.

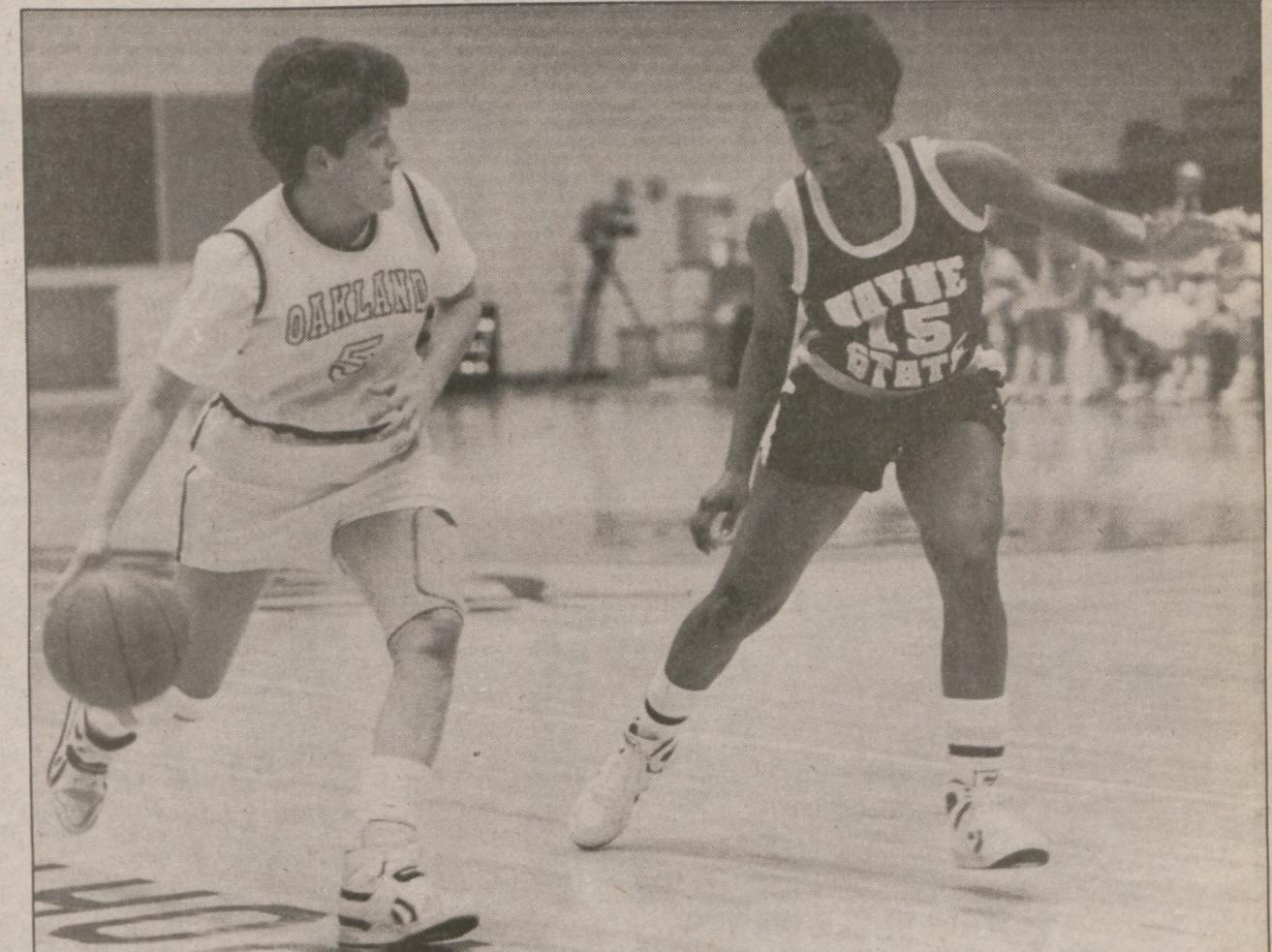
Other winners for OU were Mark Knapp, who swept the 1 and 3 meter diving events, Scott Harris in the 500-yard freestyle, Woods in the 200-yard freestyle, Rogowski in the 50-free, and the 400-yard medley relay team of Richard Orr, McIlquham, Nation and Woods.

The Pioneers went up against Clarion on Saturday, who finished third behind OU last year in the NCAA Division II National Championship Meet. "It's (Clarion) one of the teams we know we'll face in Nationals, (this will be)

the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).

The Pioneers received strong performances in both games from juniors Debbie Delie and Shawne Brow.

The 85-62 victory over the Tartars raised OU's record to 13-3 (5-0 in



The Oakland Post/Rob Kowal
Anne Serra (5), moves the ball up the court for the Pioneers in OU's Jan. 19 triumph over Wayne State University.

Women cagers keep rolling

By TOM COOK
Staff Writer

the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).

The Pioneers received strong performances in both games from juniors Debbie Delie and Shawne Brow.

Against WSU, Delie led four Pioneers in double figures with 20

points.

Senior forward Leah Fenwick tallied 16 while Brow scored 13, including three three-point field goals.

OU Coach Bob Taylor and assis-

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Gina Debrincat

A garden party

A stranger in a strange land. A displaced Detroiter in Boston.

That is what I felt like as I traveled to Boston to watch the Detroit Red Wings take on the Boston Bruins at historic Boston Gardens two weekends ago.

The Garden (say GAH-den-er's do not exist in Boston).

As my traveling companion and I entered the arena, we soaked up the ambience. The Garden's extensive history is logged by the many championship banners hanging from the ceiling.

The game. End-to-end action. A 5-5 tie. I do not know if the fact that being the two sole red and white jerseys in a sea of black and gold made the game seem more exciting, but never have I seen a more intense hockey game.

Although we were surrounded by Bruins fans, no one threw peanuts or beer at us. After Bob Probert was ejected from the game, I, sitting calmly in my "Probert" jersey, surprisingly did not get ejected along with him.

'My kind of place'

Post-game.

We struck up a conversation with some Bruins fans, and accompanied them to "Sullivan's Tap," after the game.

"Sully's" (as the locals call it) is the kind of place where anything that rubs against the wall becomes a permanent part of it. My kind of place. A key is needed to get into the bathroom and the key is attached to a piece of metal which has about as many uses as a "Ginsu" knife.

It took awhile for these die-hard Bruins fans to relax with two Red Wings supporters in their bar but as the beer began to flow, they even had some nice things to say about the Wings.

"I was very impressed with Steve Yzerman although I'm a Boston fan," said Kevin Carr, 27, of Norwood, Mass., a suburb about 20 miles of Boston. Yzerman had two goals and three assists.

"The Red Wings played a hell of a game to grind out that tie," said John Kenney of Marshfield, a suburb about 20 miles from Boston.

Taxes, cars, guns

We left "Sully's" and journeyed to another fine drinking establishment in Norwood, Mass. called "Lewis".

As I sat in "Lewis'" absorbing the surroundings, I did not feel like a displaced Detroiter in a hostile Boston environment. I just felt as if I were hanging out with a group of friends who happened to like a different hockey team.

Many of us learned a lot from each other that evening. We cleared up a lot of misconceptions about Detroit, among the biggest: (1) everyone in Detroit does not walk around with bulletproof vests carrying guns, (2) not everyone in Detroit works for an auto company and (3) we do not receive discounts on cars.

We, on the other hand, learned three important Boston survival tips which cannot be found in any AAA travel guide: (1) never say that Gordie Howe was a better hockey player than Bobby Orr, (2) never say that Bill Laimbeer is not a crybaby and (3) never, under any circumstances admit that you voted for Michael Dukakis in the 1988 presidential election. The natives I talked to called their home state Taxachusetts.

Pioneer Odyssey: unforgettable

2001: A Pioneer Odyssey. That was the theme for the OU-Wayne State University basketball game Jan. 19.

The athletic department had hoped to draw 2001 spectators to the game.

The department had everything anybody could want from a college basketball game and more.

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5:38- OU women's coach Bob Taylor hops off the bench shouting instructions to his team, "Wayne State, Wayne State, Wayne State," fortunately for him, the opponent wasn't Appalachian Institute

of Technology. At this point, the gym was half full; probably a record.

6:07- Halftime: OU 40, WSU 28. Time to stretch the legs and talk to some of the OU men cagers relaxing in the stands before their game. Junior guard Tony Howard was commenting on the

closeness of the Pioneers, "I've been on teams where there were bad apples; but no bad apples in this bunch, we stick together," he said.

6:21- A line forms at the concession stand during the women's game. The wait is long enough

that the beginning of the second is missed by many.

6:31- A Dawn Lichy breakaway layup brought the crowd to its feet. That had to give the Pioneers a good feeling knowing they had loads of support.

7:04- Buzzer sounds. An 85-62 OU triumph. One down, one to go. People are standing in the aisles.

7:20- OU's cheerleaders, see that the Tartars have brought their own contingent of loud voices, begin getting psych'd up.

7:29- WSU Sports Information Director Rich Thompson walks by the press table with his prediction, "The game's already over; Oakland by 15, write that down."

7:32- Former Pioneer hoopster Scott Bittinger's number five is officially retired. OU coach Greg Kampe has a few remarks and athletic director Paul Hart-

man presents the jersey to Bittinger and his mother. The ceremony is short and sweet and evokes a standing ovation.

"It's more than I asked for when I came here," Bittinger said. The third leading scorer in OU history said he ranks this event second only to winning the state championship in his junior year of high school.

7:37- Howard's lay-in gives the Pioneers their first points of the evening and two rolls of toilet paper come flying out of the stands. A two-shot technical foul is charged to the Pioneers. The rule was instituted to wipe away the toilet paper problem.

7:40- Four minutes into the game Oakland coach Greg Kampe already has his coat off and is pacing up and down in front of the bench.

7:56- Over ten minutes into the game and the Pioneers only have ten points. The defending NCAA Division II scoring champs would have had a hard time throwing the ball into Beer Lake at this point.

8:02- College basketball finally arrives at Oakland University. Andre Bond flies through the lane and does a one hand slam-dunk that gets the throng of more than 2,000 on their feet rockin' and rollin'.

8:14- Halftime WSU 33 OU 31. A full slate of activities makes the intermission fly by. Seven South Hamlin Hall won the "Yell Like Hell" contest. Karen Booms won the always competitive Kaepa airplane toss contest for a free pair of Kaepa shoes. Only one person showed up for the halfcourt shot contest and he

was so busy showing what a prolific dribbler he was, he hit the ceiling with his shot. Detroit Piston Dennis Dembo played commissioner for the airplane toss and tossed some half court bombs of his own.

8:39- WSU's Mario Pearson gets his Tartar-record tying seventh blocked shot of the game as he sends a Brian Gregory shot halfway to Dodge Hall. Pearson later broke the record.

8:55- WSU 65, OU 57. Kampe takes a time out. It looks grim for the Pioneers but nobody is leaving.

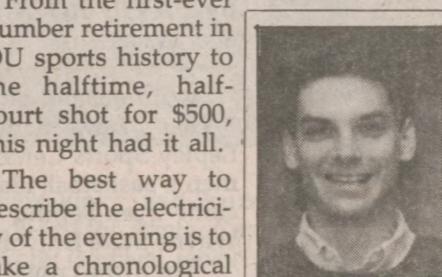
9:05- Attendance is announced. 2,041. A new record. The crowd chants "Go OU." The Pioneers mount their comeback.

9:13- Howard hits a three pointer from the corner to tie the game at 75 and the building starts to shake.

9:14- Game tied, time out. WSU cheerleaders were on the court, the crowd was chanting, the pep band was blaring, thirty seconds to play and one reporter's notes were getting harder and harder to read.

9:15- John Henderson hits two mammoth free throws, and Gregory seals the deal by canning a pair of his own charity tosses.

9:19- Game over 79-75. A clean sweep by OU. The jubilant crowd floods the court. The players mob each other. The 2001 Pioneer Odyssey ends on a happy note. Hopefully more odyssey's will be soon to come. Thanks to University Congress, Residence Halls Council and Student Program Board for helping to make the athletic event of the year possible.



Marc Moraniec

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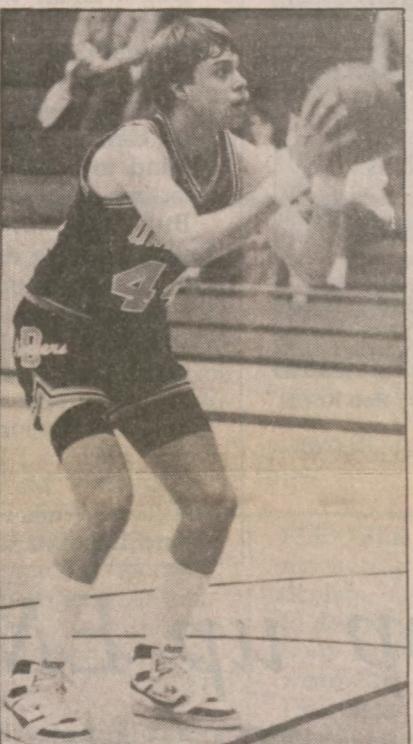
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Pioneer of the week



The Oakland Post/ Paul Kowal

Junior center John Henderson is the Pioneer of the week.

Pioneer of the week (Jan. 1-7): Senior forward John Henderson of the men's basketball team.

What he did: Totaled 64 points and 23 rebounds for the week including 27 points in OU's 103-75 Jan. 12 blowout of Lake Superior State University. The 6-7, 215 pounder registered a career-high 37 points on Jan. 14 as the Pioneers slipped past St. Mary's College, 101-99.

Henderson, who leads OU in scoring and rebounding shot 65.5 percent from the field and 88.8 percent from the free throw line.

He also set a school record by sinking 16 free throws in the St. Mary's game.

Henderson was also named GLIAC player of the week.

Quote: "Winning the league championship is our goal," he said. "That would enable us to get into the NCAA (Division II) tournament."

Personal: A 22-year-old elementary education major from Warren with a 3.3 GPA.

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Wayne

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junior guard-forward Wallace Davis tipped the ball away and in the scramble that followed, WSU Al Ament was whistled for a foul.

It appeared that Davis was fouled but the officials ignored the WSU protests and sent Henderson to the line, one of OU's all-time best free throw shooters.

Henderson calmly sunk both charity tosses giving the Pioneers a 77-75 lead with 28 seconds left.

WSU came down the court but Heck's shot bounced off the rim. The rebound was tipped, then grabbed by the 5-9 Gregory, OU's smallest player.

B.G. WAS immediately fouled, and sunk both free throws, icing the game for the Pioneers.

As time ran out, most of the record crowd flooded the court to congratulate the victors.

"I had goose bumps," Gregory said.

After the game, Henderson's free throws were the main topic of conversation in the Tartar dressing room.

"It's something OU has in its repertoire. (Pioneer Coach) Kampe put him (Henderson) on the line and the officials let him get away with it. But I'm not criticizing Greg Kampe. If the officials don't call it, why not?" WSU Coach Ron Hammie said.

"I don't know who was fouled, but the officials told me to shoot the free throws," Henderson said.

Kampe agreed, "As far as I know, it was John Wallace would have made the free throws too."

The record crowd was credited for the victory by many Pioneers.

"I wish we had a crowd like that for every home game," Howard said.

"We'd never lose at home."

"We didn't deserve to win this game the way we shot, but the crowd pulled us through," Kampe said.

THE PIONEERS shot only 39.2 percent from the field against WSU marking the third GLIAC game in the last four that OU has shot under 40 percent.

OU struggled against the tough Tartar defense that held Henderson scoreless for the first 26 minutes of the contest and to nine points overall.

Coming into the game, Henderson was averaging 22.8 points a game to lead OU.

Gregory and Bond picked up the slack.

Gregory turned in perhaps the finest game of his career in picking up his first collegiate "triple double" with 21 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds.

Bond, a 6-4 185 pound junior, made 12 of 26 shots for 26 points.

Leading WSU was Ament who dominated Pioneer pivotman Dave Hintz for much of the game.

"He's the best player I've played against this year and I just wasn't ready for him. I was a step slow all game," Hintz said.

Ament finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pioneers face their most grueling road-trip of the season this week when they go to the Upper Peninsula to take on GLIAC rivals Northern Michigan University (Jan. 26) and Michigan Technological University (Jan. 28).

Both Clemons and Taylor agreed that Brow's triple was a key in the game.

OU led by as many as 28 points as the team shot 62 percent from the field in the second half.

Sophomore forward Janice Kosman came off the bench to pitch in ten points while junior guard Dawn Lichy had nine points and nine assists.

The Pioneers showed why they are the best three-point shooting team in the GLIAC against the Northwomans of NI.

In OU's ??-?? victory, The Pioneers scored half their points from three point range.

Leading the way was Brow who tied a school record as she connected on six of ten triple-tries. Brow finished with 20 points. **WITH THE** game tied at 16, the Pioneers went on a 19-2 run that included four consecutive three-pointers and five triples overall.

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Talent coach Shawn Clemons were pleased with the performance.

"Defensively we're working hard. They took away our three-point shot, we did other things which was good to see. I thought we shot the ball well and (had) balanced scoring," Clemons said.

"I think Wayne did some things that hurt us. I think it was a plus that when they took it (three-pointer) away from us we were able to go inside," Taylor said.

OU JUMPED in front early with a 13-2 spurt that opened up a 17-7 lead.

Brow sank a three-pointer just before halftime that gave the Pioneers a 40-28 halftime lead.

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