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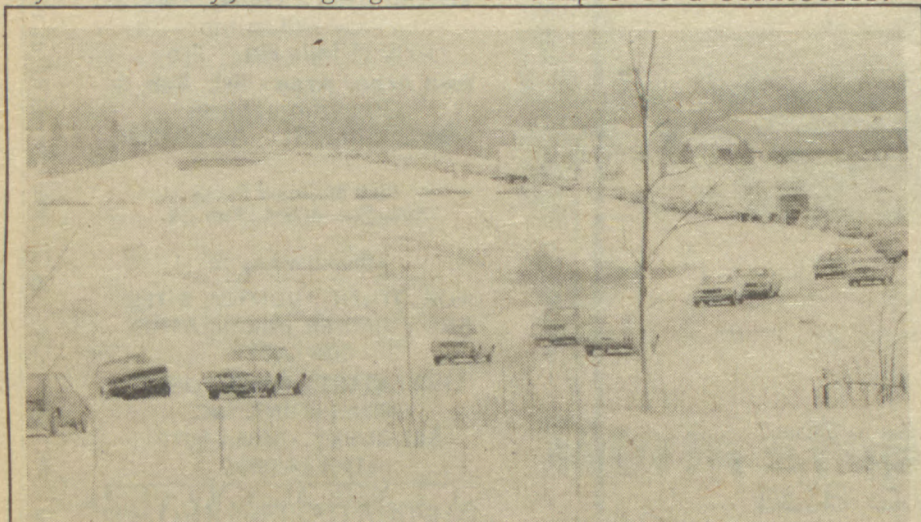
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Storm gives OU community 4 day break

by Brian Williams

It has been five days since what has come to be called "The Blizzard of '78" rampaged through the Midwest leaving behind a state of emergency and snow-covered, icy roads which paralyzed the region.

Michigan was hit hard by heavy snowfalls and high winds which caused classes at OU to be cancelled Thursday and Friday, bringing life on campus to a standstill.



Despite the fact that the university was open today, many students, faculty, and staff members never reached the campus grounds because of traffic jams like this one on University Drive at the I-75 exit ramp. Photo by PTAF

OU ground crews battled gusting winds and drifting snow in a frustrating attempt to clear university roads and lots.

Dorm students who struggled to meals found the food service manned by residence halls personnel who filled in for those Saga employees unable to make it to work.

Cars parked in the Vandenberg and Sports and Recreation lots were buried. Students attempting to travel were faced with the formidable task of digging their vehicles out.

The Sports and Rec. building was one of the few which remained open. It accommodated team practices and gave snow-bound students one chance to get out of the dorms.

By the weekend the road situation in Oakland



Ski resorts all over the state reported excellent conditions last weekend. A fact that held little solace for OU ski buffs who couldn't even get out of the lots and driveways. Photo by Dave Ross

County was mixed. The Rochester police reported clear conditions, plenty of salt and no shortages of food.

The Oakland County road crews, on the other hand, were almost out of salt and forced to use sand on clear but icy roads. A spokesman for the Oakland County Road Commission said they expected a shipment of salt today but said, "If another storm hits we're in trouble."

By Sunday road crews managed to clear most roads but many remained treacherous.

University grounds crews cleared the commuter lots but residence halls lots remained clogged.

The residence halls lots which were snow-clogged before the blizzard hit became impassable. Dorm students found their cars plowed under and spent hours digging and pushing them out.

According to unofficial sources traffic was backed up over a mile on I-75 north this morning due to ice on University Dr. Public Safety getting off I-75 at Opdyke and taking that to Walton and Walton east to OU as an alternate route.

African students call invitation 'racist'

by S.C. Derrick

OU will be seen as a "racist school" if it allows Deon Erasmus, a South African government official, to speak on campus, said Ouma Amole in an interview Thursday. Amole is a spokesman for eight OU African students.

The statement was the latest salvo in the battle over a proposed invitation by the Area Studies Committee to a South African official to speak on campus.

Amole also said that he thought Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lawrence T. Farley, who proposed the invitation, supported the policies of the South African government.

Farley declined comment.

Amole said opposition by OU African students to any speaker "depends on what he's going to tell us." He expects that a South African official will defend his country's policies.

Amole said that he believed in freedom of speech. But, he said, "I don't believe in freedom of speech if it's going to brainwash my head." He added that he would also oppose any speaker from a country that routinely violates human rights, like Uganda.

Amole rejected any debate between a speaker opposed to South Africa's policies. He said the OU's African students would prefer to hear one speaker describe both

sides of the South African issue. He said this would "educate the American people" of conditions in South Africa.

He stated that white South Africans have a position that should be heard. OU's African students, he said, think that "the whites in South Africa have a right to live" there but they want to rule.

Amole stated that if a South African representative is invited he and the other African students will transfer from OU. He added that in future African students might avoid the university.

He said the African students will meet to write and distribute a statement of

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their position when weather permits. Amole has contacted the black student organizations on campus, but, he said, they are too disorganized. Black American students are not well together," Amole said, because "there is no good leadership."

ABS continued

Black History week was expanded to Black Awareness month because, according to Thorton, "The contributions made to society by blacks are too diverse to be focused on in one week."

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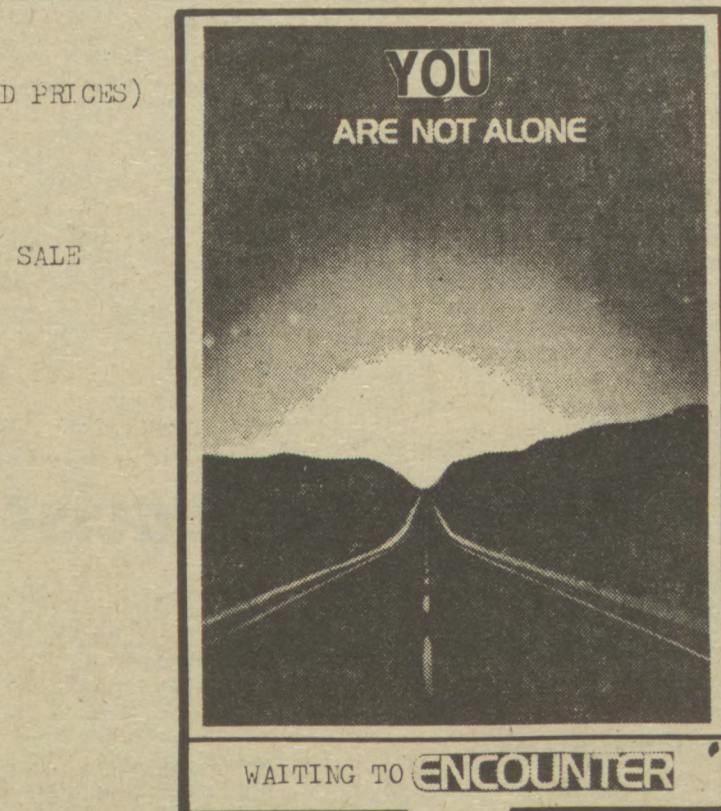
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Congress approves SAB winter allocations

by Pat Morrison

Congress met Wednesday night and accepted the Student Allocation Board's (SAB) winter '78 allocations to campus organizations. The allocations totalled \$14,000 with each of the 40 applicants getting about one-half of the funds they requested.

Congress also reviewed proposed changes in the by laws which would diagram the powers and duties of each office and committee.

Another proposal Congress passed stipulates that SAB allocations not include check-off groups--groups funded by student donations at registration. In essence, the proposal allows check-off groups to apply for funding directly from Congress "for the purpose of procuring funds for the completion of said goals," as stated in the bylaws.

"It wouldn't be fair to other student organizations if check-off groups were funded by the SAB," said Anne Loridas, a member of the ad hoc committee which formed the proposal. However she said that in the proposal Congress committed itself to publicize the check-off groups to aid them in their funding efforts.

Of the over 90 OU student organizations eligible for SAB funding, only 40 applied. The Abstention received the highest allocation, \$1,500 to pay performing groups, 100 per cent of its request. On the other end of the scale, the La Crosse club requested \$450 but got nothing.

ABS calls for black awareness in Feb.

by Pat Morrison

Comedian Dick Gregory's appearance on campus Feb. 27 highlights Black Awareness month which begins Wednesday. The event is sponsored by University Congress.

Also scheduled to appear is black poet B. F. Maiz. Maiz's Feb. 14 performance is sponsored by Association of Black Students (ABS). ABS declared February Black Awareness Month as an expansion of national Black History Week (Feb. 12-18), according to Robert Thorton, president of ABS.

Other activities on tap for this month include: an African drum recital, black gospel night, and several band appearances and films.

Not all black groups are as well-prepared for the



Executive Assistant Steve Quick, President Gary Foster and SAB Chairperson Lori Philo listen to preliminary discussion of the controversial bylaw proposals. A showdown is expected when Congress votes on its bylaws this Wednesday. (photo by Paul Miller)

Storm stops OU - Saga keeps cookin'

by Diane Kowalski

The drifting snow and icy roads which helped make the past week's storm "the worst in Michigan's history," according to state police, brought special problems to people and businesses around the state. OU's Saga Food Service was no exception.

Because of the weather, the university was forced to close on Thursday and Friday. When the university closes, Saga's union employees do not have to report to work, according to their contract.

"We usually have enough of our workers show up de-

spite the rule," said Steve Bandi, Saga director. "The conditions were extreme, though, so we sent the Thursday morning shift home and told the others not to

try and come in."

OU's dorm students, however, could not be sent home and had to be fed. Saga's managers and student managers (continued on page eight)

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month as ABS. "We're planning activities for black history week," said Nathan Mounser, president of GDI, "I never heard of Black Awareness Month."

"We have some activities planned," said Harry Faimer, Intrepid Souls (IS) president. "We haven't finalized them yet."

Thorton cited the recent GDI and IS elections as the reason for the confusion. "They are just pulling themselves together."

Thorton said the activities programming is directed to the entire University. The theme for the month is: "The struggle continues," highlighting black and white co-existence, the black family and black culture. (continued on page two)

Sail

Review

by Gary Schlueter

The cheers from the high school students gave proof that it was preview night at Meadowbrook Theatre. Elizabethan madrigal music filled the hall and auditorium and helped to set the spirit for Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

A thunderstorm, the tempest of the title, opened the play. A drawn transparent curtain created hazy visi-

bility. Behind the curtain flashes of lighting offered brief glimpses of the doomed ship while shouted commands over oaths and confusion told the destiny of the crew and passengers.

As chaos ruled the prologue, tranquility and safety are granted the island in act one. Prospero, the right Duke of Milan, relays to his daughter Miranda the details of how he was cheated from his dukedom and forced to take refuge on a remote island. Fate intervened on this little paradise where he practices his wizard's craft by bringing a ship peopled with the conspirators who usurped his dukedom. On the island, they are helpless, for Prospero rules.

Once the island was under the domain of Caliban, a despicable creature, half man-half demon. When Prospero came to the isle he quickly subdued Caliban and made him a servant. Prospero enlists the creatures of the spirit world to do his bidding. Ariel, a spirit of the air, was trapped in a living hell before Prospero freed him on the condition that he serve the wizard for a length of time. Ariel submitted thankfully.

The enemies of Prospero led by Alonzo, the King of Naples, wander the island searching for Ferdinand, his son. Ferdinand has found Miranda and they have fallen deeply in love. Meanwhile, Trinculo, a ship-wrecked steward and his drunken friend Stephano meet Caliban in hilarious circumstances. Caliban prays to Stephano's bottle and deems him his lord and master. (Is there sinister intent in that foul heart? Only time will tell.)

It is inevitable that all these scattered forces will converge and it's a testimony to Prospero's powers that all meet when and where he determines. His strength and wisdom run a close parallel to the playwright himself. The director, Terence Kilburn, wrote about the play, "*The Tempest* is generally considered to be Shakespeare's last complete play and many scholars have seen in the character of Prospero a representation of Shakespeare himself, especially when at the close of the play Prospero renounces his 'magic art' and requests the

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Editor's Opinion

A common caricature in the *Sail* office is the mental picture of the distinguished administrator sitting in his high-backed chair smugly saying to himself, "Oakland University can survive easily without students." Although I doubt that any administrator has ever consciously thought or said that, I see far too many signs of that kind of attitude in the administration. Three recent examples come to mind:

Case I: A colloquium was held Jan. 6 which related the "roles and goals" of OU for the next five years. Isn't it funny that they held a colloquium to explain where OU is going for the next five years three days before any students returned to classes?

But that didn't really matter anyway, I was told, because the colloquium was only meant for faculty members; no students were notified about the colloquium or the subject matter discussed. Only for faculty. Do administration members think that they and the faculty members are the only ones concerned about the shape of OU in the next five years? Won't there be any students here then?

To my knowledge, no similar colloquium has been scheduled for students. It seems that the administration thinks the students don't care about what kind of school they attend. After all, why should they, they only pay to go here.

Case II: A legal advisor for the university seemed quite surprised when one of

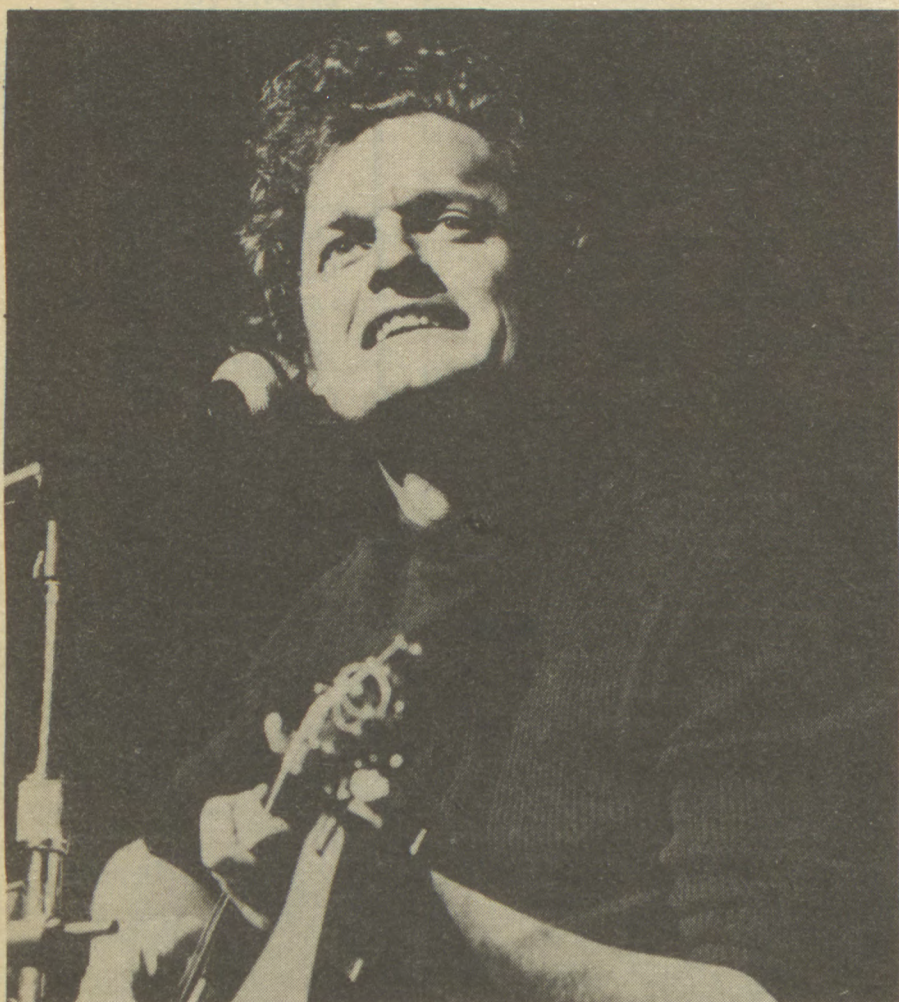
our reporters questioned him about the new policy regarding the posting of grades opposite student numbers ("OU moves to 'protect' student privacy," January 16, 1978). "How did you find out about this?" he asked.

Evidently, the administration did not think it necessary to inform the students that it had taken steps to protect their privacy. Perhaps the most unfortunate thing, however, is that it seemed so surprising to an administrator involved in the decision that supposedly benefits the students. Odd.

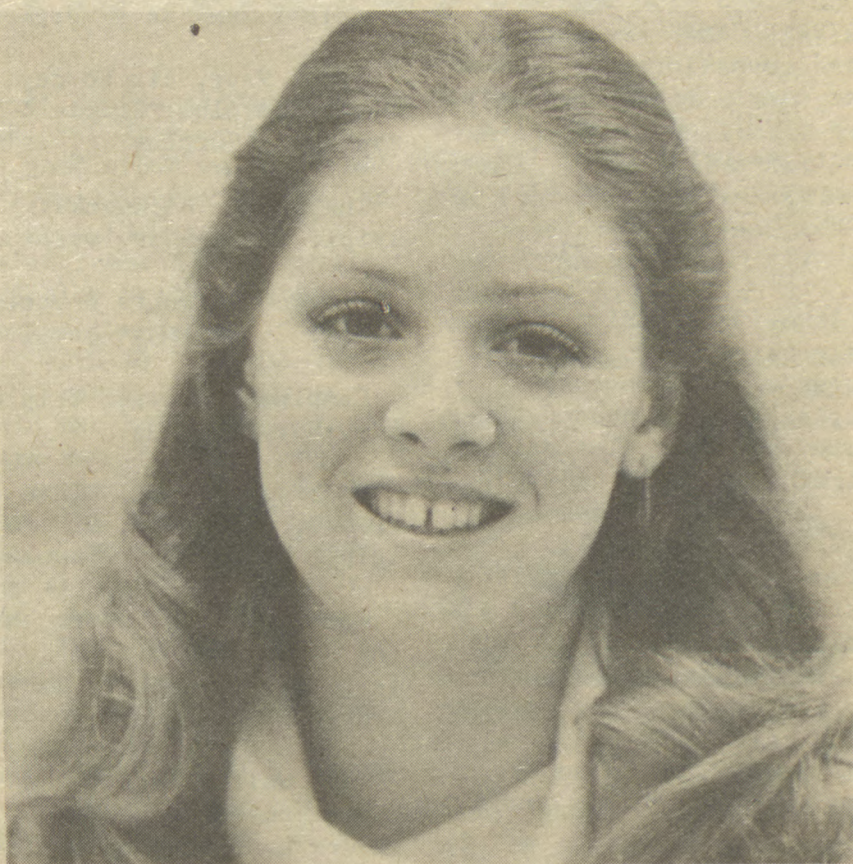
Case III: A friend of mine was talking to a high-ranking residence halls administrator late last semester. This administrator said that the needs and social life of the students were secondary to the financial aspects of the residence halls. Can you believe it!? Balancing the books is more important than student affairs. I wonder if this residence hall administrator ever stopped to think about the reason the residence halls exist in the first place.

I'm not pointing a finger at any individuals, because I believe the feeling is altogether too common. These are only a few examples of the "OU can exist without students" philosophy.

These administrators should take a close look at why they have their jobs. They should stop to consider that providing an atmosphere conducive to a quality social and occupational education is the reason this institution exists.

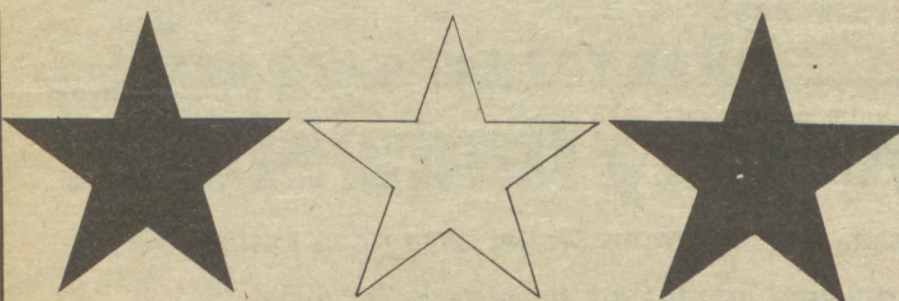


Faces in the Crowd



Beth Taylor, a senior in Theatre Arts (Dance), is a busy lady. Her twenty hour credit load waits while she plays a nymph in *The Tempest*, and prepares a dance concert with Oakland's Dance Theatre around February 20th and an hour of scenes with Don Annis, and stars in Herb Appleman's "Hey Day" scheduled for spring. She is also a member of *Other Things and Company* whose performance "Dancing Pants" won critical acclaim.

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clearly rendered. Its high
points are comedy and fluid
body movements. The American
air which it assumes made it
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Cagers 'snowball' Ferris State, 101-71

By Stu Alderman

Junior Tim Kramer, out of Grosse Pointe Park, turned in a strong performance as he netted a game-high 38 points as the Pioneers demolished Ferris State, 101-

71, on January 23.

Kramer had only 12 points at halftime as the Pioneers jumped in front of the Bulldogs, 42-33 after the first 20 minutes of action. The 6-5 forward poured in 26

points in the second half to guide the Pioneer attack.

A good crowd was on hand to witness the Pioneers who put on a show to remember. The excitement was prevalent as Senior Eulis Stephens brought the crowd to its feet with 10:17 remaining in the first half. Stephens stole the ball from a Ferris guard and went the length of the court to make a slam dunk. OU then led, 20-18.

In a five-minute stretch near the end of the first half, Ferris could muster only three points as the Pioneers were in command leading 37-25 with just under four minutes in the half.

OU scored the first basket of the second half on a layup by Bjorn Rossow as the Pioneers were on their way to a victory. Rossow, a 7-foot freshman from Oslo, Norway, played a strong game as he carded nine points.

"Tonight we got the ball inside", said coach Jim Mitchell who was pleased with the 30-point victory. "FS was intimidated by Rossow underneath. Kramer got inside well also."

With 6:05 left in the game, OU's Stephens picked up an intentional foul in an attempt to grab a loose ball. Stephens was ejected from the game for his unsportsmanlike conduct according to the referee.

Stephens finished the game with 14 points and eight rebounds. "Eulis was tough on the boards", said Mitchell. "It seems that he had more than eight rebounds!" OU's Derek Knight came off the bench to pump in 12 points. Ferris State's Ernie Mathews also played a strong game in the Bulldog loss. The young freshman finished with 26 points.

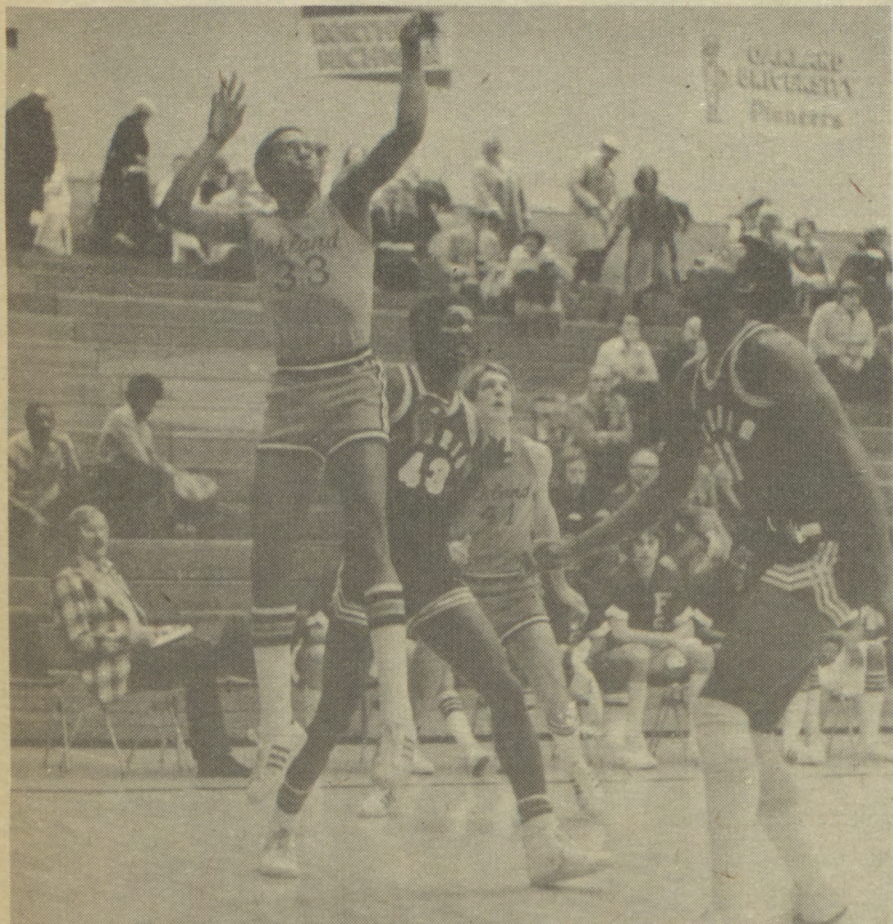
Sports

OU shot a sizzling 64 per cent from the field in the second half en route to their second GLIAC victory of the season. The Pioneers shot 55 per cent for the game to FS's 39 per cent.

Oakland raised its conference record to 2-6 and overall record to 5-14. Ferris dropped to 3-5 in the GLIAC and 8-8 overall.

OU was scheduled to play Northern Michigan last Saturday, but due to the inclement weather conditions, the game was postponed.

The Pioneers travel to Lake Superior State on Saturday and invade Akron next Monday. The next home game will be on February 11 against cross-town rival, Wayne State.



OU's Eulis Stephens (33) shoots over two Ferris defenders as Tim Kramer (41) glances on. (Photo by Stu Alderman)

Harte guides attack

By Stu Alderman

Four Pioneers scored in double figures as the OU women's basketball team rode past Ferris State, 85-76, on January 23.

Freshman K.D. Harte turned in a fine performance in leading the Pioneer attack by flipping in 31 points, of which 19 came in the second half.

Sophomores Helen Shereda and Jeanette Fisher chipped in 15 and 11 points respectively. Shereda also hauled down 15 rebounds. Freshman Trudy Dalecki poured in 13 points and added 12 rebounds en route to the victory.

OU shot a dismal 32 per cent from the field in the first half as the Pioneers led by only three points, 37-34. OU finished the game by outshooting the Bulldogs of Ferris with a mere 38 per cent to 35 per cent.

The Pioneers now stand at 8-2 overall and 5-1 in conference action. On Tuesday, OU will travel to Delta

College and will be back at home on Wednesday against Spring Arbor at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, the Pioneers travel up north to face the Soo Lakers of Lake Superior St.

OU vs. Taiwan

The City of Pontiac and Oakland University will feature as a special event the OU women's basketball team against the National women's basketball team from Taiwan - representing China Airlines.

The exhibition game will take place on February 21 at the Sports and Rec. Building with tipoff at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission seats. Group rates are available to groups of 10 or more at \$2 per ticket.

For more information, phone the Pontiac Special Events office at 857-7788 or OU's sports dept. at 377-3190. Complete story next issue.



Throughout the men's basketball game against Ferris on Jan. 23, prizes were given to lucky ticket holders. It was all part of a 'giveaway' offered by local merchants who have spent their time and money for OU sports publications. Events like this, represents the ever growing relationship between the OU community and local merchants. Prizes ranged from free pizzas to \$10 worth of gas. The prize that everyone would have liked to have won, was a free hotel room for one evening at the Sheraton. Congratulations to the winner! (Photo by Stu Alderman)

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campus events calendar

HAPPENINGS

January

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- Bagel Sale, 9am-3pm, Table #6 OC, Anibal House Council.
- Scientology Book Sale, 12nn-4pm, OC, Scientology of Birmingham.

February

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- Trip to Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, 11am, Bus leaves at Hamlin Circle, Sign up at Residence Halls, Adm. \$4

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- Float Building, 8-5pm, Crocker-Alcove OC, Tautological Society.

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- Dutch Auction and Record & Book Sale, Book Center.
- Talent Show Tryouts, 6pm-10pm, Abstention OC, A.H.C.
- Snow Sculpture, Residence Halls.
- Bonfire and Skating Party, 6-10pm, Beer Lake, Residence Halls Programs.
- Hot Chocolate Giveaway, 10am-12nn, Beer Lake Bridge, Saga.
- Indoor Picnic, 11am-1pm, Iron Kettle OC, Special Menu & Prices, Saga.

- 31 Meadow Brook Theatre presents "The Tempest", Fantasy w/ Music, 8:30pm, WH.

FILM

- 1 Film Showing, "A Streetcar Named Desire", Starring Marlon Brando and Vivian Leigh, 7pm, 201 Dodge Hall Cinematheque.
- Brown Bag Flicks, "Moby Dick", 11:45 & 5pm, Abstention OC, CIPO.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2 President's Club Lecture Series presents "Henry Thoreau and the Misguided Defense of the Environment" by Leo Marx, 1pm, Varner Recital Hall.

CONFERENCES

- 31 Seminar: "On Being a Christian", 7:30pm, St. John Fisher Chapel, Campus Ministry.
- Learning Skills Workshop, 12nn-1pm, 18 OC, Women's Center.

February

- 1 Speaker C.E. Sheffler, Executive Engineer, Paint, Erosion and Material Engineering of Ford Motor Company, 2:30pm, 236 Dodge Hall, Society of Automotive Engineers. His presentation precedes Ford's interviewing; open to general public.

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- Assertiveness Training Workshop, 2-4pm, 18 OC, Women's Center.

- 2 Career Development Workshop, 12nn-1pm, 18 OC, Women's Center.

CONCERTS

- 2 Jazz Concert, 8:30pm-12am, Abstention OC, Abstention Coffeehouse.
- 5 "Contrast", a multi-media chamber music and dance concert, 3pm, Varner Recital Hall Music Dept. Artists: Kathleen Winkler, Marvin Holladay, Richard Piippo, Stanley Hollingsworth, and others to be announced.

- 2 "African Drum Ceremony", 12-3pm, Lounge II OC, Music Dept.
- 3 Student Recital, 8-10pm, Varner Recital Hall, Music Dept.

SPORTS

- 31 Women's Basketball vs Delta College, 6:30pm, Away.

February

- 1 Wrestling vs Western Michigan, 7pm, Away.
- Women's Basketball vs Spring Arbor, 6:30pm, Home Event, Sports & Rec.
- 3 Wrestling vs Windsor & Adrian, 7pm, Home Event, Sports & Rec.
- Men's Swimming vs Central Michigan, 7:30pm, Away.

- 4 Women's Swimming vs University of Wisconsin, 2pm, Away.
- Men's Basketball vs Lake Superior State College, 7:30pm, Away.
- Women's Basketball vs Lake Superior State College, 5:30pm, Away.
- 6 Men's Basketball vs University of Akron, 8pm, Away.

misc.

- 31 Christian Science Meeting, 12nn-1pm, Meadow Brook Rm. OC.
- Tautological Society Meeting, 12nn-1pm, Lounge II OC.
- OU Democrats Meeting, 12nn-1pm, Rm. 125 OC.

February

- 1 A.C.E. Meeting, 6:30pm-9pm, Meadowbrook Rm. OC.
- Ski Club Meeting, 12nn-1pm, Gold B,C OC.
- 2 Ecumenical Worship, 7:30pm, St. John Fisher Chapel, Campus Ministry.
- 5 Meadow Brook Hall Tours, 1-5pm Adm. \$2 OU students, under 12 and over 65; \$3.50 adults.
- 6 Parapsychology Club Meeting, 3:30pm, Rm. 120 VBH.

Every Tuesday:
Oakland Sail photo staff meeting: Oakland Sail office, 1 p.m.

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Oakland Sail Staff meeting 12:10, 36 O.C. All writers should attend.

Every Thursday:
Ecumenical Worship Service, 7p.m., St. John Fisher Chapel, Campus Ministry.

Every Sunday:
Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1-5 p.m., Adm., \$2, students, \$3.50, general.

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Note Taking Techniques Workshop, Wed., 10 a.m.-11:30; Thurs., 2-3 p.m., 118 VBH.

Storm continued

ers took over cooking. Campus resident assistants pitched in to do other union jobs, such as serving and washing dishes. Regular student employees did their jobs and the manpower problem was solved. Workers returned Saturday morning.

The second problem arose when suppliers could not make it to OU. Students go-

ing to Saturday brunch were faced with signs reading "No seconds will be served, due to emergency." The signs will remain until more food is delivered early this week.

"We get most of our food from a supplier in Grand Rapids, one of the hardest hit areas," said Bandi. "We received a ship-

ment on Tuesday which lasted until Friday. Another order was due Thursday and could not make it."

The food served for the remainder of the weekend was a reserve supply, kept for such emergencies. "We will have enough to last until we can get more," Bandi said, "but we are still being

careful with it."

The most critical shortage is bread and baked goods. Produce and milk, both supplied by Detroit firms, arrived over the weekend. "The milk came just in time," Bandi said. "We were going to have to start rationing it and we didn't want to have to do that."