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Five minutes into Saturday's game, OU was down 12-2.

Turned out, that span of time was merely an aberration. The remaining 15 minutes of the first half saw OU outscore Wayne State University 35-21.

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Russi recommends new status

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

After months of research and debate, President Gary Russi recommended to the University Affairs Advisory Committee, yesterday, that OU move from Division II to Division I AAA athletics.

"My recommendation is based on extensive consultation," said Russi. The president had spent time meeting with various groups to get input on the move as well as communicating with other schools in similar situations. According to his report, his findings were over-

whelmingly positive.

Russi initially commissioned an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of the move, chaired by Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette.

"In case anyone has any misconceptions on where I am publicly on this, we had a very energetic committee and did an inordinate amount of preparation," said Bissonnette.

The recommendation will go before the Board of Trustees Feb. 6. Provided the Board approves it, the next step will be to find a conference.

"We think there is an opportunity

to move into at least a couple of conferences," said Bissonnette. "They're interested (in us) because we have a good academic reputation, great market and good athletic history. The only negative is because it's a Division II team moving up to a Division I conference."

Bissonnette explained that finding a conference is a mutual search and timing is important.

"Conferences have to have a vacancy. There is a constant ebb and flowing. We have to find a conference that has either lost a team or decided to expand," he said. Bissonnette also said



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PRESIDENTIAL DECISION: President Gary Russi made a recommendation yesterday to make the move to Division I AAA.

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Celebration of equality

FULL SUPPORT: Sponsored by the Association of Black Students, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. march on campus had many supporters, including President Gary Russi and approximately 100 community members. Though many classes were in session, some students did miss class in order to attend the march. See related stories pages 3 and 7.

Resident reports criminal sexual conduct in Hall

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

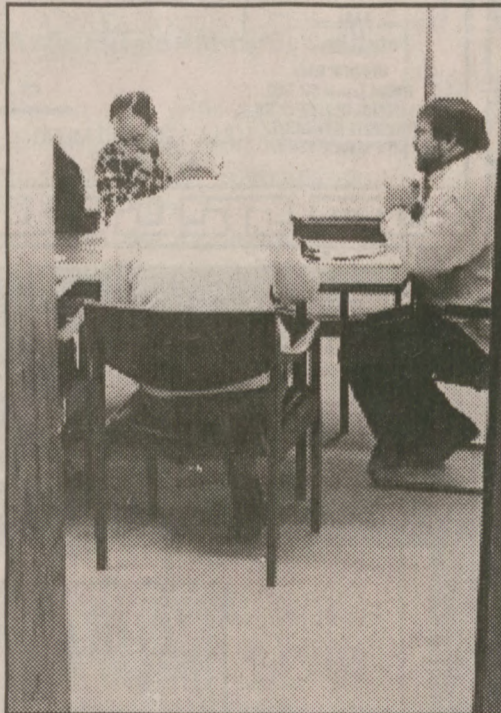
OU Police are investigating a female resident's complaint of sexual assault early Sunday morning by a male student.

Both the alleged victim and perpetrator live in different buildings in the halls.

According to OU police, this is the first report of a criminal sexual conduct incident on campus since 1993.

The police report stated that the female resident called OU police at approximately 2 p.m. Sunday, saying she had been assaulted by a male

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MARATHON MEETING: The search committee met for eight hours on Sunday.

Committee meets for day-long review

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

After a day-long marathon on Sunday in 220 Varner, the Vice President for Academic Affairs search committee met to winnow its applicant pool from 99 to 28.

In the pool were a variety of individuals, including deans and vice presidents from other institutions. Chair of the committee and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences David Downing said the meeting lasted from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

According to Downing, the

committee is using a set of criteria, letters and dossiers to select the best candidates, which include credentials to hire with tenure and the rank of professor, active fundraising efforts and a commitment to technology.

In a letter to the OU community, the search committee encouraged the campus to nominate individuals including "members of historically underrepresented groups and individuals with disabilities."

Downing refused to comment on the number of OU employees in the pool, saying the information is

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Student charged, hearing to be set

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

It was Thursday, Dec. 12 in the midst of finals.

David Bizoe said he was bored and sat down to a terminal in one of the computer labs. He connected to e-mail and the system elm. He proceeded to write the message, "Last night, I got down on my knees, and prayed for a long, lasting relationship, so we'll always be together."

Claiming he chose a name at random, Bizoe's message was sent to a secretary in the School of Engineering and Health Sciences. He said he was hoping for a friendly response.

What he got was a notification that charges of harassment and using e-mail for non-academic purposes were filed against him by the Student Affairs division.

Though a hearing has not been scheduled yet, Bizoe is expected to face a three-member conduct panel to decide his future at OU.

Bizoe was shocked when he received notice that David Herman, dean of students, halted his winter registration until a decision was made in what course of action to take.

"I didn't think he (Herman) reacted

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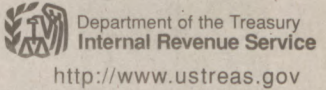
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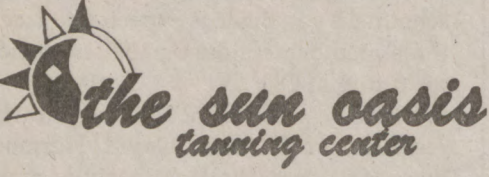
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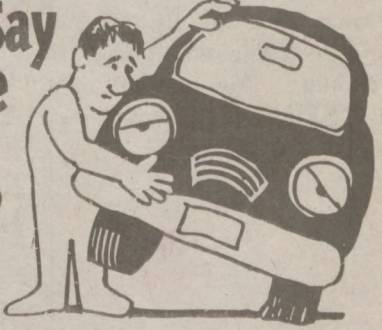
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CAMPUS NEWS

Elections preparations under way

By NATASHA VANOVER
Special Writer

This year's Student Congress elections could have a brand-new image to match its newly increased budget.

Last year's elections allocation was set at \$200. Congress now has \$2,800 to help promote the elections and improve voter participation.

According to Elections Commissions Chair Shajan Kay, Congress hopes this higher allocation will help raise the number of voters

from last year's total of 1,050 students to 3,000, the goal for this spring. This is about 23 percent of the total number of students enrolled this semester.

First, Congress will no longer have two ballot forms. Some confusion last year was caused by the two forms which included a scantron and separate matching candidate form.

This year, \$1,300 will be funded towards the creation of a single ballot designed by the same company that designed Congress' course evaluation forms last semester.

Besides accommodating voters,

Congress also took into consideration the help needed to man the voting booths. As an incentive to volunteers, \$300 has been set aside to facilitate a volunteer appreciation dinner after the elections.

Congress member Sarah Sherman feels that having the dinner is a good start, but she also thought workers should be paid instead of volunteering.

"Students in Congress dedicate so much time and research that they often can't manage going to school full-time and working 20 hours a

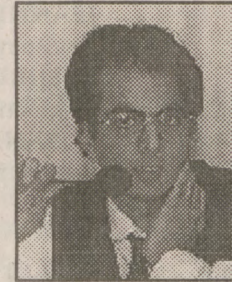
week. Stipends should be offered to replace the money lost by not working," Sherman commented.

The remainder of the funds will go towards advertising for the election. However, specifics have not been determined yet.

Videos profiling candidates could be a possible option, said Kay. "Congress is currently open to any suggestions or video-oriented students willing to help," he added.

Congress also has plans to pro-

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"I would like to see a diverse group of students running, not only students associated with Congress. We want to recruit new blood."

Shajan Kay
Elections Commissions Chair



NEW LOOK: Richard Fekel, OC director, said the basement of the OC could receive a facelift in the future. Bids are currently being taken on the project.

Renovations to come for center

By MARIA AMABILE
Special Writer

Though the food court is now complete, the lower level of the OC could be next in line for construction.

OC Director Richard Fekel is currently asking for bids from architectural firms to renovate the basement.

Once a firm is selected both sides will begin discussing plans to upgrade the facility.

The \$2 million renovation project could include a new game room, offices for student organizations, a 20-station computer lab, meeting rooms and storage areas. The total project space is 35,000 square feet.

Relocating the Placement and Career Center to the OC basement could be an option, as well. Fekel thinks this could be beneficial because the center would be more visible with the large number of students using the OC.

Fekel does not expect the upstairs of the building to be affected by con-

struction. Noise will kept to a minimum, he added.

The stacked chairs and tables currently occupying the area outside the campus radio station will be removed within the coming weeks, said Fekel. This will allow the previous game

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Hot water problems could be avoided

By TAMMY HAYES
Staff Writer

Problems with a six-year old boiler have left Vandenberg residents in the cold many morning.

The problem plagued boiler and its components will be replaced beginning in March at an estimated cost of \$200,000, under a proposal by Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs, to the Board's University Affairs Committee.

If the full board approves the replacement at its February 6 Board meeting, an outside contractor will begin the work as soon as possible.

During installation, students may experience three half-days of interruption of the hot water service, according to Snyder. "That's the maximum down time," she said.

The scheduled interruptions will occur in the middle of the night, according to Snyder, to minimize the impact on students.

"If this was a business establishment or a hotel, they would have gone out of business," complained Michael Edwards, a Vandenberg resident and a junior majoring in mathematics. "We have to pay too much money a month to live here."

Senior Human Resources Development major John Afful, another Vandenberg resident, said, "I felt I was catching a cold by taking a shower and walking into the brisk, cold air."

Residence Hall Director Eleanor Reynolds said the boiler worked well initially. "After the first two years of operating, we started experiencing problems," she said.

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Congress reports \$3,000 computer theft

A Student Congress member reported to police that more than \$3,000 in computer equipment was stolen from the Congress office last week.

The student told police he had left the office at 9:40 p.m. on Jan. 12. Another student came in later and closed it at 11 p.m. for the night.

Sometime between closing and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 13 somebody stole a Gateway computer, a Vivitron monitor, CD Rom, a Soundblaster and a set of speakers.

Police checked the outer doors, and saw no signs of forced entry.

Sixteen students have keys to the office located in the lower level of the OC, police said.

Books Stolen from Hall

An 18 year-old-student reported to police that during semester



break four books were stolen from her West Vandenberg room.

Sometime between Dec. 13, 1996, when she left campus and Jan. 1, 1997, somebody entered her room and stole a Calculus book and three Chemistry books valued at more than \$200. She said she locked her door.

When she returned from break, the door to her room was found unlocked. However, there were no signs of forced entry.

Man Arrested on Campus

A Detroit man with outstanding warrants was arrested on campus Jan. 18 after being caught speeding on Meadow Brook Drive.

The man caught the attention of a police officer when driving 15 miles over the speed limit on the campus road.

A check on the man turned up two outstanding misdemeanor warrants on charges of disorderly conduct out of the Detroit Police Department (DPD).

The man had \$64 on him, which the DPD agreed to accept as bond for the warrants.

The man was placed in custody of OU Police and brought to the campus police station where he posted \$63 bond, plus a \$1 money order fee.

He was given a court date and released.

Students skip classes, march and vigil attended

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

African American Celebration month kicked off at noon Monday with



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MLK HONORED: Kelly Morgan, ABS president, and Ron Howell, ABS vice president headed the march.

a march around campus to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

About 100 people showed up for this year's march sponsored by the Association of Black Students. The march began in front of Vandenberg Hall, circled around campus and ended just outside the OC.

Barry Gray, Congress multicultural advisory board representative said the number who attended was encouraging. "I was pleased (with the turnout). It's a start. We're on our way," he said.

However, the make up of the crowd at the march concerned Gray. He said the group was composed mainly of African-American students and white faculty members. He said that he hopes, in the future, more white students will take part in the event.

Overall, students who attended the march felt it helped further their knowledge and understanding of the civil

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Secrecy remains business as usual

Psst! Want to know a secret? Michigan has an Open Meetings Law and OU operates as if it is exempt!

Not only was there the issue of the way President Gary Russi received his nomination, but now there is the ongoing trouble with the Vice President of Academic Affairs search committee meetings. These meetings have been held in private, illegally.

In addition, another OMA situation has arisen.

David Bizoe will soon go before the Non-Academic Conduct Committee because of charges of using e-mail for non-academic purposes and harassment and intimidation.

The Open Meetings Act states that student discipline matters can be closed, but only if that student requests it.

Bizoe has done the opposite. He has requested it be open. However OU refuses to honor his request.

The conduct committee says both parties involved must request it open.

The legislature specifically provides that students (or in the case of minors, a parent or guardian) could demand an open hearing.

This provision was included despite the Buckley (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) Amendment. Clearly, the legislature's intent was to protect students from being railroaded. A parallel exemption for personal disciplinary hearings exists.

Further, the charges against Bizoe are "non-academic". If so, why would Buckley, which is limited by statute and court decision to academic matters, even apply? The law was created to prevent students from being railroaded, if it is forced to be closed that is exactly what is happening.

It doesn't matter that it plainly states in the university's Judicial Handbook, under Section VI A/3/F, "Hearings will be closed to the public." However, nowhere does it state why they will be closed. It also never states that both parties must agree in order for a hearing to be open.

The Student Press Law Center, after looking at the information, said this was a violation of the statute.

It's amazing this violation has not been caught and rectified before now. In actuality we've dealt with it before. In the past, when an open meeting was demanded, OU has backed down and dismissed the case.

The university is a public body and must follow the laws of the state.

In many ways it would seem OU would want others in attendance. That way students could learn of possible consequences to their actions.

Besides, we think there are a good many people who are unsure of what 'non-academic purposes' means regarding e-mail. From the way its sounds, it would appear most of campus is violating the rules.

All closure does is make people think that OU is doing something wrong, which it is.

If there is nothing to hide then open up the hearing and consequently save us starting another battle.

It might be a good idea for members of the OU community to brush up on the OMA. Just so everyone knows what can and cannot happen.

As for us, we will be at the hearing just as we've been at all of the search committee meetings. Oh and speaking of search committee meetings, Sunday mornings are convenient times for us to attend.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

ADL commends Congress for King resolution

Dear Editor:

First and foremost, I would like to thank the people who encouraged and supported the passing of the Martin Luther King Jr. Resolution (97-06). For the past several years, a number of campus student leaders have toiled and labored toward gaining the official recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at Oakland University.

The suspension of classes, in addition to university sponsored events, was concluded as the best way to celebrate the life-time work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Our efforts have finally been realized with the completion and unanimous acceptance of the Oakland University Student Congress Resolution 97-06 and the endorsement of President Russi. I understand and acknowledge that with all great movements there is often criticism. And yes, there has been a lot of criticism. I feel that it is important to acknowledge that not in a long time has a resolution, written and passed through the Student Congress, had such an affect on Oakland University's traditional policies.

Not only has this resolution received attention from THE OAKLAND POST and The Oakland Press, it has also gained the attention of various individuals and organizations throughout Michigan.

Several days ago, OUSC received a fax from the Michigan Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League.

The letter begins with the ADL's encouragement, in which they state that ADL "wholeheartedly supports" the MLK Jr. Resolution. Proving to you that once again, we have definitely touched a subject that has been long overdue. Again, I wish to thank everyone who

overwhelmingly supported the passing of the Martin Luther King Jr. Resolution.

Below is the ADL's letter dated Jan. 16:

Dear Mr. Gray:

Based on the story in this morning's Oakland Press, I wish to inform you that the Michigan Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) wholeheartedly supports your efforts to have classes canceled for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Further, students should not be penalized for taking the day off to participate in holiday activities.

Please feel free to use this endorsement of your efforts in any way you deem fit. If I can be of help to you please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish you every success for your efforts.

Happy MLK, Jr. Day!

Sincerely,

Donald H. Cohen
 Director

Sincerely,

Barry A. Gray
 Senior
 Public Administration

Vandenberg not Accessible to Physically Disabled

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to address the parking problem outside of East Vandenberg.

I am a physically disabled student who lives in East Vandenberg Hall and it seems like every time I leave to go home on the weekends, a car is blocking my access to the ramp.

This frustrates me because I do not have any room to maneuver my wheelchair to get to my van.

When I came back from a weekend, my mom had to park

on the other side and I had to take the sidewalk to get to the dorm.

I wish people would start being a little more considerate of wheelchair users.

When people choose to block the ramp, physically challenged people may struggle to get where they need to go.

Sincerely,

Renee M. Uitto
 Senior
 Journalism

Easy way to get OU's name out to the public

Dear Editor:

"A simple and inexpensive way for each of us to increase the visibility of Oakland University in the community (which is most definitely a hot topic on this campus) is to purchase an Oakland University sticker and affix it to the rear window of our cars. The impact of 1000s of cars

on the roadways each day with such a display would be very positive."

Barry S. Winkler, Ph.D.
 Professor Biomedical Sciences
 Eye Research Institute

Kudos to the Department of Art History

Dear Editor:

I have been reading the Letters to the Editor for the past few weeks and think it is time to look at the positive side.

I am a senior and have had my fair share of difficulty with various departments within this university. Financial Aid, Residence Halls, registration problems...it can drive a person crazy. That is why it is such a great relief to be an Art History major.

The faculty and staff in the Art and Art History department are incredibly open and friendly to the students. They go out of their way to make sure that we have everything we need to get the most out of our education.

They loan us books, computers the copying machine, and make themselves very available if we need help. Sometimes they let us call them at home and some treat us to dinner. Students are treated like people first and that their opinion matters.

I can confidently say that many Art History majors feel the exact same way about our department.

I listen to many of my friends who aren't Art History majors complain about how boring their instructors are or how lost they are in their classes. I just tell them to take an Art History class. It may not be your first choice for a major but how your treated and how you treat your instructors makes a big difference in how well you learn.

Sincerely,

Katherine M. Kenney
 Art History
 Senior

Letters to the Editor

O'Connor replies to accusations of misconceptions regarding Macauley

Dear Editor:

"Bill Macauley is a very amiable, lighthearted, approachable person..." Unfortunately, this same individual, who I also considered an "approachable person," displayed unprofessional behavior that should not be tolerated by anyone, and this includes both students and professors. I do not feel that my encounter with Mr. Macauley was due to my lack of "dignity and respect." I did not grab anyone by the tie and say, "Come back here. I'm not finished with you yet." I did not call Mr. Macauley obscene names. I did not raise my voice and threaten to get Mr. Macauley fired if I didn't "get my way." I have done none of the above, which Robert Stewart, Associate Professor of Psychology, has attempted to parallel with my concerns about the lack of respect and poor student service displayed at Oakland University.

What I did request was a chance to complete the Chinese Language Minor Program that was offered in my 1992 Undergraduate Catalogue, which I was informed the university did not have an obligation to comply with. I requested a dialogue that would generate an idea on how I could attain four credits in a program that has been slowly becoming extinct over the past three years. This is the same program that I have invested, approximately, \$3,500 in, and devoted three years of my life to.

Mr. Stewart may feel that I do not have the right to expect to be "served" with an education if I have paid for it, but I think that I do have the right to demand this. I also feel that I have the right to not passively sit by and consent to being treated as a submissive, non questioning, stereotypical female. As a student, I am not attending this university to be taught that I should simply shut my mouth and not question being treated as an inferior human being, whose program of study and classes can be dropped without any regard to the students in them. This is not the education I am here to attain, and I refuse to accept this situation as a norm.

Mr. Stewart, an obvious Ayn Rand fan, is correct when he states that we need to "educate a few people about interdependence and reciprocal nature of interpersonal interaction." It is unfortunate, though,

he assumed that the interaction that took place in November was one of reciprocity. If I was to take his view further, I could easily say that the incident of a student grabbing his tie is an example of reciprocity, but I will not. I choose not to make assumptions based upon one side of an incomplete story that I have not researched all the facts on. I would like to say, though, as any professor does not appreciate students verbally or physically attacking them, neither do the students appreciate it either.

I also find it disheartening that Howard Schwartz, Professor of Organizational Behavior, and Mr. Stewart's concerns revolve around a faculty member being viewed negatively by a student in THE OAKLAND POST. They do not seem to be appalled with the unprofessional behavior I had to endure, which has yet to be intelligently explained nor apologized for. Their reactions to my letter are exactly what I am concerned with. I am tired of being treated like my opinion doesn't matter. I am tired of having problems that I encounter at Oakland University ignored, trivialized and handled in a "joking" fashion by a few individuals who perceive themselves as having the Mandate of Heaven on their side.

This university is a business. I pay for an education, and I expect it. If a few university faculty members are not willing to "serve" its students an education with a "side" of respect, then we will take our business, alumni dollars and support elsewhere. These are the facts. May all of the mistreated students become millionaires one day.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline J. O'Connor
Senior
Sociology

Professors at OU Deserve Respect

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to Dr. Stewart's letter on the increasing rudeness of students.

Overall, my experience here has been an enjoyable one, however I feel it has been somewhat tarnished by the alarmingly large amount of unappreciative, insolent, and indulged young people I have encountered both inside and out of the classroom.

The presence of these individuals, for me, degrades the academic experience by their lack of honor and respect or the professor/lecturer, the subject matter, the university, and ultimately other students. I am saddened by the fact that Dr. Stewart has had to stop wearing ties to work for his own safety. It is not only unfortunate, but obscene that the individuals who ought to be the most highly respected and revered are instead resented and venomously castigated by students who expect them to remain shackled to their desks, waiting to execute student demands.

An unpleasant classroom atmosphere is created when students regularly arrive late, whisper to their friends throughout the class period,

read newspapers, sleep, complain about assignments, criticize the credibility (if not the intelligence) of the instructor, and show a generally contemptuous attitude toward the entire educational endeavor.

I have encountered all of these much too often, and it makes me curious as to why these students are even here—they certainly don't want to be.

I have never encountered any faculty member that wasn't willing to render aid and assistance for any reasonable request. Taking them for granted is naive, and throwing tantrums is barbaric. Our faculty members deserve respect. The majority are warm, friendly, and endearing people who want to share some of their wisdom with us.

They are neither our servants nor our enemies. There is no reason anyone admitted to this university should not be capable of showing them a little civility, courtesy and appreciation (and if not, they ought to ask themselves why they are here, sully the experience for the rest of us).

Sincerely,

Samantha K. Dwight
Senior
Anthropology

Student shows different view of Associate Dean

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Jacqueline J. O'Connor's letter in the Jan. 8 edition of THE OAKLAND POST. I have known Dr. Macauley for close to two years and have had regular contact with him during this time. I feel I know him well. I found Ms. O'Connor's comments about Dr. Macauley to be quite contradictory to what I know of him.

Although he can seem intimidating at first, I do not believe that this is his intention. I have never known him to talk down to anyone because of their age or gender. In fact, he cares a great deal about his students and the university. He has gone out of his way to help me and other students I know.

That someone would call Dr. Macauley "sexist" is remarkable

to me. I have never felt he treated me any different because I was a woman. Of course, I do not find being called "young lady" offensive.

Ms. O'Connor admitted that she had not read a letter that was sent to her about the Chinese Language program at Oakland. This could be viewed as being unprepared and the letter may have answered her questions. I think that many officials would have reacted to her in a similar way as Dr. Macauley if they felt their time was being wasted by someone who was unprepared.

I understand that she was upset with Dr. Macauley's attitude during their meeting. However, I think it is irresponsible of her to write a letter to the school newspaper accusing the Associate Dean of being "arrogant" and "sexist" after just one encounter with him.

Sincerely,

Carrie Fortune-Szatkiwski
Senior
Political Science

Student's Actions Lack Discretion

Dear Editor:

It was inappropriate to publish Ms. O'Connor's letter concerning her complaints about her meeting with Associate Dean Macauley. Even if her accusations are accurate in every detail, the mature and responsible thing for Ms. O'Connor to have done would have been to meet with Dean Downing privately to seek satisfaction. Only if that failed should Ms. O'Connor have gone public.

Carl F. Barnes, Jr.
Professor
Art History and Archaeology

Setting it Straight

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

In the Jan. 15, edition of THE OAKLAND POST the Bubble Open Gym times were incorrectly reported. The correct times for open gym are: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Weekend hours are 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

SAFB has two new computers for your organization's work in the CIPO office. These are only for work pertaining to your organization's functions.

All allocation, appeal and re-categorization forms are due at 3:50 p.m. Jan. 27.

For any publicity help, please contact David Lingholm at x4291. For any other help, stop by the OUSC office or call x4291 and a SAFB will assist you.

• Election petitions are available at CIPO in the Oakland Center and are due Feb. 5.

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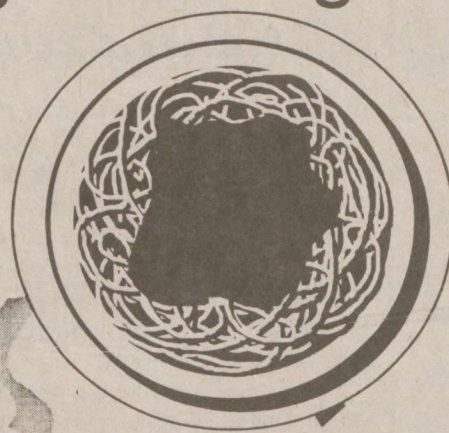
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FEATURES

OU community honors Martin Luther King with march and vigil

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

Monday was President Clinton's Inauguration. It was Martin Luther King Jr.'s observed birthday. And it was also the continuation of an OU tradition.



LIGHTING THE WAY: During the candlelight vigil held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Sonya Smith, sophomore communications, left, lights a candle from Mona Lisa, junior communication, right in remembrance of King.

The Martin Luther King Day Celebration, started by the Association of Black Students (ABS), features the Martin Luther Freedom March, a guest speaker and a Candlelight Vigil. It also kicks off the Black History Month celebration, which will last until Feb. 20th,

and features a variety of special events highlighting African-Americans and their accomplishments.

The day began with the Martin Luther King Freedom March, held from noon - 1 p.m. on OU's campus. Starting in front of the Vandenberg desk, the crowd of 100 moved across Beer Lake bridge, went around and circled the OC, went past South Foundation Hall, circled North Foundation, and finally ended in front of the OC.

Here ABS President, Kelly Morgan spoke to the crowd.

"Don't let it be one day," she said. "That doesn't mean sing everyday, but be open to other people and other races."

The crowd was diverse: young and old, African-Americans and Caucasians, administrators and freshman.

Freshman LaTerese Dickerson, attending for the first time, believes that the diversity of the turn-out is good.

"It is more geared towards African-Americans, since we had the struggle, but it's up to all people to realize it was unfair so history can't repeat itself," said Dickerson.

Bridget Payne, financial aid advisor at OU, has been enjoying the march for quite some time.

"I have been attending the march since I was a student here in the 80's," she said.

She also was impressed with the faculty turn-out.



Post Photos / Nelson May

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE: Students, Staff and faculty showed their support and honored Martin Luther King Jr. at the March on Monday.

"In the past few years, quite a lot of faculty and staff have gotten involved, sometimes more than the students," said Payne.

President Gary Russi was also in attendance, as well as Director of the Office of Equity, Glenn McIntosh.

"I think it has been a very positive

event," said McIntosh. "It is a time to reflect the values of Dr. King, where we are currently going and where we'd like to go."

The celebration continued in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Guest speaker Dr. McArthur Mickens presented a

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World renowned jazz pianist plays one evening only

By JENNIFER MADJAREV
Special Writer

One of today's most accomplished jazz performers, Marcus Roberts, will appear for a one night only concert at OU.

Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and SPB, Roberts will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

"I don't want people to miss this show," said Paul Franklin, SPB's Visual and Performing Arts advisor. "We hear so often that there is no quality entertainment at OU. Well we're bringing the best."

Thirty-year-old Roberts, blind since the age of four, has a long list of achievements. He has established himself not only as a creative musician, but also as a prominent jazz composer. His long list

of accomplishments include touring with Wynton Marsalis' band for six years and winning the first Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Roberts first three albums also reached No. 1 on the Billboard Traditional Jazz chart, the first time an artists' first three albums ever accomplished that feat.

"This is one of OU's biggest events," said Diana Pletz, SPB chairperson. "It's complicated because it takes many people working together."

In preparation for the concert, OU students have been working extra hard to inform the public of the event.

SPB and CIPO played Robert's music for an hour and a half last Wednesday in the food court to promote the upcoming event. Also, SPB has been advertising the concert on community and local radio stations and also by putting an ad in Detroit's *Metro Times*.

"SPB is very excited to have Marcus Roberts at OU because of his growing popularity," said Pletz. "He seems to be the jazz performer of the year. After all *Time* magazine just featured him in the December 23, 1996 edition, rating him to be the eighth best musical performer in the nation in 1996."

"For people who like jazz, you won't want to miss this show," said Franklin. "I know I won't. I'm psyched to meet the great Marcus Roberts."

The sponsors plan for the show to sell out, but there are still tickets available.

Tickets can be purchased at the CIPO service window in the OC and at the Varner Hall/ Meadow Brook ticket office.

Tickets will also be sold one hour before the performance begins outside of Varner Hall.



By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

When walking through the basement of the OC people will often see the office of the Society of Leibowitz and wonder what it is all about.

The organization, the oldest on campus, was started as a Science Fiction club in 1972.

Over the past 25 years, the O of L has shifted its focus to include role playing, anime and computer gaming.

The group has approximately 20 active members and around 50 non-active members. It meets at various times each week and can usually be seen on weekend nights gaming in the basement of the OC.

Membership includes OU students, alumni and even a few people outside of OU that enjoy gaming.

O of L boasts a diverse group of people and credits some of the long lasting ties to the group to the relaxing nature of gaming. "Gaming is a therapeutic release. You learn to adapt to situations quickly. It promotes a wide range of learning," said Chuck Modzinski, alumni member of the club. Modzinski said role-playing also incorporates history and mythology.

"People may change but gaming stays the same," said Bob Ninowski, O of L president.

Many alumni members have gone on to become writers and some work for gaming companies. One alumnus, Tom Dow is a Disney animator and was responsible for creating one of the gar-

Mixing fantasy and reality, creativity and imagination

goyles in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Jeff Marraccini, OU's Systems Administrator is also an active alumni member.

Many alumni were responsible for setting up the computer labs on campus and one O of L member physically put up the walls of WXOU (then WOUX).

The organization plays a variety of games which are contributed by the members. Games are run by a game master and can be designed to last one evening or for an indefinite amount of time.

The O of L is not just gaming however, on the second Saturday of every month they host Computer Gaming Night in Dodge Computer Lab.

"We get special permission from the labs. All of our officers, save one, work for the computer labs," said Ninowski.

Computer gaming night was originally on Fridays and was well received. "The first time we had about 40 people, but since we switched it to Saturdays the attendance has been lower," said Ninowski. They are considering switching it back to Fridays.

Animé night is the last Friday of every month and features a variety of Japanese animated features. Often O of L will be given new releases from the film companies to show.

In addition they are trying to set up movie nights but have had trouble obtaining space from the Scheduling Office.

Soon they hope to be official TSR play testers. TSR is the company which invented Dungeons and Dragons. By being play testers members will be able to try out games before the general public.

O of L is getting excited about its upcoming Nova 22 convention. The 22-year-old convention will be held in the OC April 23 and people from all over will attend. There will be gaming, vendors will be there to sell games and other products and a variety of competitions will be held. They expect approximately 100 people at the convention.

"It's supposed to be a blow-out," said John Godzinski, O of L member.

As well as organized nights on campus, members go out to movies and other events. Currently they are in the process of organizing an outing to see *Star Wars* when it is re-released later this month.

An overwhelming trait which the organization stresses is camaraderie. "All of our weaknesses are supported by someone else's strength," said Kevin Dockery, alumni member and former president. "We don't try to fit you into a mold. We'll make room for you if you want to have fun."

The organization welcomes anyone who wants to join. Although most of the members are male all females are welcome. Ninowski said that members are willing to help newcomers learn how to game and create characters if they are unsure how.

The name Leibowitz came from a book called *The Canticle of Leibowitz* which was released in the 1960s. Leibowitz was the name of the main character. Members of the organization want to dispel rumors that it is a satanic organization.

"When people don't know what it is, that's when rumors get started. It's happened before," said Dockery.

"As a whole it's just a talented and creative group wanting to have fun," said Ninowski.



Photo Courtesy Jazz At Lincoln Center

EXCLUSIVE CONCERT: jazz fans take note Marcus Roberts, premier jazz pianist will perform in Varner hall Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.



FRIGHTFUL GHOST STORY: Robert Grossman, left, plays Kipps as well as six other characters along with John Seibert, right, who plays the Actor in the thrilling tale of apparitions, *The Woman in Black* running now through Feb. 2 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Transformations, apparitions all part of *The Woman in Black*

By LISA COUCKE
Staff Writer

Theatregoers Beware! The longest running ghost story in the history of London's West End, *The Woman in Black*, is now spooking audiences at Meadow Brook Theatre.

"Audience members are challenged to use their imaginations in this show," said Mike Vigilant, public relations manager of Meadow Brook Theatre. "You have to earn your way to the dramatic setup in Act II."

According to Vigilant, the audience turn out for this production has been very strong.

"All of the bugs were worked out during the first week it opened," said Vigilant. "The transition and pace of the play wasn't where we wanted it to be at first which gave us a lot of mixed reviews."

The Woman in Black is the story of one man's attempt to stage the events of a dark night when he met the apparition of "the woman in black."

Any mention of this "woman" causes fear in the hearts of many as those who actually see the woman die.

The Woman in Black, showing through Feb. 2, was adapted by Stephen Mallatratt and is based on a novel by Susan Hill. Mallatratt has penned several other works including *Touch Wood* and *Whistle*.

This chilling ghost story is not like many plays presented at Meadow Brook. For this play Meadow Brook has been transformed into a Victorian theatre and much of the play will take place in areas that didn't exist before.

"The audience will see things they've never seen before and the actors will be performing in areas of the theatre that don't even exist now," said

director, Philip Locker.

The two main characters in this play, Kipps and the Actor, are being played by Robert Grossman and John Seibert accordingly. Grossman also plays six other characters in the play.

The Woman in Black is a well renowned play which has toured Great Britain three times and has played in 29 different countries. It received its American premiere in September 1995 at Connecticut's Westport County Playhouse.

Rush tickets are available to all OU students for \$5. Students may obtain these tickets on the day of the performance with a limit of two per student. Tickets for evening performances to the general public are \$22.

"For students it's cheaper than going to the Showcase (movie cinema)," said Vigilant.

And the answer to the question is...

Competition gives students opportunity to compete at regional College Bowl

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Jan. 18, 16 OU students participated in a *Jeopardy* style game called, College Bowl, "The Varsity Sport of the Mind".

The students were broken up into four teams named; Honors College, 3 Men & Karen, All Brains and CB Pioneers.

"I think it's great, it's something Oakland needs for the student body to keep active and social," said Andrea Zwolinski, junior, human resource development.

What is College Bowl? College Bowl is a type of question and answer game played between two opposing teams of four players each.

Points are scored when questions called toss-ups, worth ten points each and bonuses worth a stated number of points are answered correctly. The questions were asked by the Moderators, Paul Franklin and Tom Discenna.

The teams answer the questions by whoever presses the buzzer button like in *Jeopardy*. Score is kept to determine which team is ahead when the game is over. College Bowl is played in halves and in most College Bowl matches, halves are seven minutes in length.

College Bowl is a game of general knowledge with quick recall that spot-

lights the fastest minds on campus as they excel on their field of knowledge.

All questions pertain to every known topic from history, literature, religion, science, geography, multiculturalism and the current events of the arts, social sciences, sports and popular culture.

"Because of my experience in quiz bowl in high school, I was pleased to see College Bowl here for the students to participate in and also I don't think

to name a few.

This question and answer game provides an arena for the brightest students on campus to participate and demonstrate their skills under the fire of varsity competition. It has raised millions of dollars in scholarships and College Bowl is an excellent way to be competitive, is inexpensive, fun and most of all, it brings students, staff and faculty together.

College Bowl also recognizes intellectual achievement and helps the students learn about group or team participation.

It is an excellent combination of entertainment and academics that benefits the students by learning new things.

However, the best players then go on and play in regionals on Feb. 15 & 16 at Bowling Green State University. Based on who wins the regionals it is then determined where nationals will be held in April.

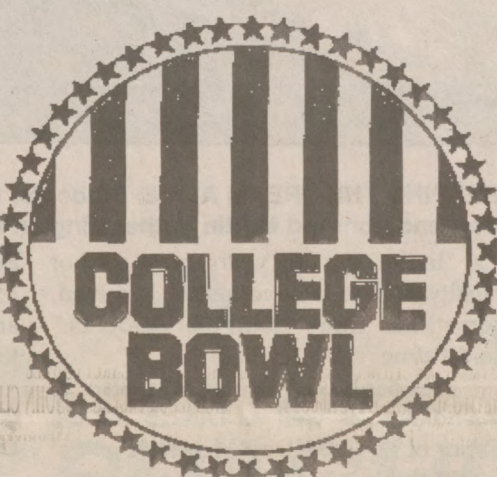
OU's winning team was 3 Men & Karen; comprised of Bjorn Hansen, captain & elementary education senior, Roy Peters, business sophomore, Mark Benedict, english senior, and Karen Shaw, biology senior.

"We felt a little inexperienced in the beginning, but we used our knowledge from our majors and we came together to help answer the questions as a team. I'm glad that it (college bowl) was there because it allowed students to compete academically against each other on various subjects and winning was the reward for having to take all of those obscure required classes," said Hansen.

"It is a shame that there weren't

there is enough mental competition on the campus," replied Raymond Landsberg, junior and chemistry major and a member of the team, Honors College.

College Bowl was created as a radio show in 1953 and stayed on the air until 1957. From 1959 to 1970, it was a weekly television series. It is considered the most honored game in television history and it has won an Emmy and a Peabody for educational achievement. Also, it has received citations from Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Carter and Bush



BACK IN ACTION: Eddie Murphy, right, stars as Scott Roper a hostage negotiator in *Metro*, teaching Michale Rapaport, middle, the tricks of the trade.

Murphy reprises cop role for new comedy, *Metro*

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

Eddie Murphy's new flick, *Metro*, came in as the box office's second biggest hit and grossed \$9.3 million nationwide over this past weekend.

The fast moving, action packed movie will keep you on the edge of your seat incorporating romance, suspense, mystery and comedy.

Metro in some ways is similar to the *Beverly Hills Cop* trilogy in that both characters are cops and both are witty, however, Murphy's character in *Metro* not only required him to use the sharp sense of humor everyone expects of

him, it also involved Murphy portraying a role that was more physical than in the past.

Scott Roper, played by Murphy, like his *Beverly Hills Cop* character, Axel Foley, not only is able to find humor in even the most dangerous of situations and is the good cop chasing down the crazy bad guy, but also is a character that isn't such a practical joker which requires him to take things seriously.

Roper is San Francisco's top hostage negotiator who has the ability to talk most of the bad guys out of serious situations without any fatalities.

Roper successfully succeeded in seven out of eight hostage negotiations until Michael Korda came along. Michael Wincott plays the demented villain (Korda) on a mission to get away with the stolen goods and successfully pay back Roper for interfering with his first attempt.

Wincott's style and ability to bring out the bad guy will give audiences chills with his stone cold stare and gruff voice as he leads Roper and his partner, Kevin McCall, played by Michael Rapaport, on a wild goose chase that involves being tossed around a lot which required Murphy to take on more stunt work than in the past.

McCall is the rookie SWAT team sharp-shooter in training to be a hostage negotiator who is eager to impress his colleague.

In the beginning, Roper wasn't so keen on the idea of training a rookie, but McCall had impressive surprises waiting for Roper around every corner.

Together Murphy and Rapaport make a good team. Both have a flair for comedy and a unique way of working the audience.

What's a good drama without a love story? In between dodging bullets, chasing runaway trolleys and saving hostages, Roper being the smooth talker he is, worms his way back into the heart of his former girlfriend, Ronnie.

Carmen Ejogo, England native, makes her American film debut playing leading lady, Ronnie Tate. Ejogo's fresh new face, cute British accent and ability to recover quickly after several near fatal accidents will definitely open up doors of opportunity for future American films.

For all those fans who love Eddie Murphy humor and fast paced police dramas, *Metro* is the movie to see.

OU EVENTS

Get involved. To find out what kind of organizations OU has to offer cruise by the Gold Rooms in the OC Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Student Organization Day.

Internationally renowned jazz composer and pianist Marcus Roberts will perform in the Varner Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Friday.

No need to head to the Windsor Casino on Saturday to play blackjack, roulette and craps. **Casino Night** begins at 8 p.m. in the OC. Some prizes include a TV and VCR.

Guitarist Peter Mulvey will play the Underground Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. Saturday in the OC.

Beach Party in February? Chase those winter blues and exam blues away at the **Beach Party Dance** on Feb. 8 hosted by SPB. Tickets are \$5 for students and are on sale at CIPO.

Tickets are on sale at CIPO for the Washington DC trip scheduled for Mar. 13-16. If you wish to visit many of the monuments and historical sites the cost is \$140 per student.

MUSIC

Hear the tunes of **Guttermouth** along with special guests **Assorted Jelly Beans** and **Square One** at the Shelter on Friday.

The **Pontiac Symphony Orchestra** and **Meadow Brook Estate** present the Winter Cabaret Concert, featuring Cabaret seating, a light supper, dancing and great music. The concert takes place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the St. George Cultural Center.

Nil Lara will be performing at the 7th House on Saturday with special guests **The Borrowers**.

Norwegian pianist **Leif Ove Andsnes** joins Neeme Jarvi at the DSO for four performances starting Thursday through Sunday.

THEATRE

A family joins together determined to have a great time but soon expose illusions and reveal truths in *Time of My Life* at the Hilberry Theatre running through March 1.

Black history is celebrated in the satire of the old South in *Purlie Victorious* at the Bonstelle Theatre running through Sunday.

The ghostly thriller, *The Women in Black*, takes center stage at 8 p.m. and runs thru Feb. 2 at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

ART

European paintings from the **Tadeusz Malinski Collection** of the 18th and 19th centuries are on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery now through Feb. 8.

Internationally renowned photographer Ruth Bernhard, celebrates her career and birthday at the DIA with **Ruth Bernhard at Ninety: Known and Unknown**. This collection features classic photographs as well as never seen before pictures.

Tickets are now on sale for **Thelma Golden**, specialist in African-American art, who will lead a discussion on African-American artist and on important movements in recent art at the DIA at 7 p.m. on Jan. 30.

MOVIES

Shakespeare's tragedy *Hamlet* directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh will exclusively open at the Main Art Theatre on Jan. 24.

The true story of the romance between Ernest Hemingway and Agnes Von Kurowsky comes to the big screens on Jan. 24 starring Sandra Bullock and Chris O' Donnell, *In Love and War*.



CIPO THIS WEEK

CIPO Programs

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

CIPO AACM VIDEO SERIES

"ALEX HALEY"

Tuesday, January 21, 7-9pm, Annex II
Monday, January 27, Noon-2pm, Annex I

In this inspiring video portrait, Alex Haley recounts the transformation of a college drop-out into one of America's most powerful non-fiction writers. One of the few in-depth conversations with Haley before his death in 1992, this tape is a moving testament to a man who, like *Roots* itself, became a symbol of African Americans' determination to endure and indeed, excel.

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7-9pm, Rms. 126 & 127
Tuesday, February 18, 7-9pm, Annex I

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

"SKIN DEEP"

Friday, January 24, Noon-2pm, Annex I
Thursday, February 6, 7-9pm, 126 OC

"Skin Deep" takes us on a journey into the hearts and minds of young people today as they struggle with their country's racial legacy. With remarkable openness and candor, a diverse group of college students from across the country come together to share their anger, pain, confusion, and hope with each other and with us. This gutsy film encourages self examination and dialogue as it takes us beneath the surface of America's racial divide.

Music in the Food Court

The Student Program Board, Aramark, and CIPO will provide entertainment in the Food Court every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please stop by and enjoy!

January 22- Dennis Farac plays Island & Beach Music

COLLEGE BOWL CAMPUS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to "Three Men & Karen" for winning the Campus College Bowl Competition. They will represent Oakland University at the regional competition on February 15 & 16 at Bowling Green State University.

London and Paris

Oakland University will explore London and Paris. The annual international trip will depart Oakland University May 5 and return May 14. Oakland students, employees, alumni and their guests will be able to sign up. The cost is only \$1445 and includes: roundtrip airfare, lodging for nine nights, daily continental breakfasts, several tours, and much more.

Look for information at the CIPO Service Window or call Dewald Travel @ (810) 528-9900. Information brochures are now available at the CIPO Service Window.

Cross Country Ski Rental

As the snow begins to fall, it is time to inform or remind students and employees that CIPO rents XC skis. The cost is \$5 for a day & \$10 for a weekend.

WANTED: BANNER PAINTER! Artistic ability and neat printing a must! Apply at CIPO office. Samples of drawing and printing required. Flexible hours. \$4.75/hour.

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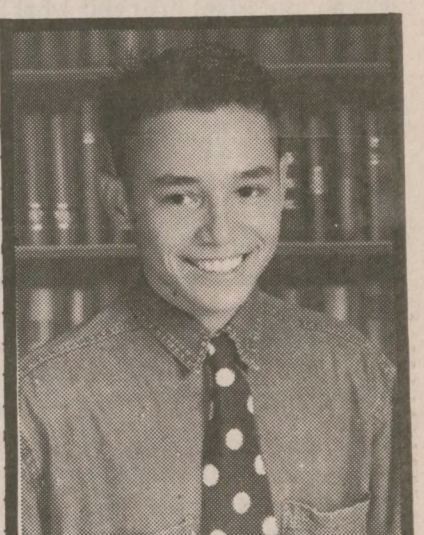
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March

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The celebration continued in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Guest speaker Dr. McArthur Mickens presented a speech entitled "The Strength of Our Culture". Although his speech was short, his words were uplifting.

"Despite opposition and unfairness, we still see some sunshine in it. We don't have to bow our heads, scratch our heads or shuffle around for anyone. We have to take the negative and make a positive out of it," said Mickens during his speech.

The day ended at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms with the candlelight vigil, hosted by Director of the Residence Halls, Jean Ann Miller. There was a brief synopsis of Dr. King's life, highlighted by excerpts from his speeches, including his most famous "I Have A Dream."

The excerpts were read by seven students, including Garrick Landsburg, Student Congress President, and ABS President, Morgan.

Afterwards, candles and candleholders were passed out, the candles lit and the lights dimmed as the audience had a

"moment of silent reflection." The vigil ended with quotes of Dr. King were spoken, such as "The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important." Finally, everyone was asked to share their silent reflection thoughts with their neighbor.

Junior Rochelle Hailey, even though she has attended the King celebration every year, enjoyed this year's service thoroughly.

"It gave me a chance to reflect on people of the past that allowed me to be here [such as King]," she said, "and also to reflect on those who are not recognized."

Felecia Bumpus, Coordinator of Intercultural Programs at CIPO, along with Monifa Jumane, Director of Special Programs, are co-chairs of the African-American Celebration Month committee. Bumpus was very pleased with the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

"[Today] was very successful," said Bumpus. "There was a lot of administration, faculty and students at the lecture and [at the vigil]."

Sophomore Tamarus Southward, however, feels that more OU students and faculty can and should get involved.

"We had 100 people march-

ing today, but the campus has thousands and I wish more would get involved," said Southward.

Morgan agrees that many more people need to get involved, so they can get perspective on their past, where they came from, and where they are going.

"A lot of things we take for granted. Like getting on the bus [and sitting where we want to] or going to any restaurant we want to. Before, you couldn't do that. That is taken for granted in my generation and younger, even those a little older than me," said Morgan.

Morgan feels that those who were actually there during King's time can help change the younger generation's attitude toward Dr. King's observed birthday, from just a day off to a day of reverence and thought.

Academic Advisor for the School of Engineering Pat Bennett was around when King was alive and feels as though Dr. King's message is just as important today as during the civil right movement.

"[Dr. King's philosophy] is something I firmly believe in," said Bennett. "I remember marching long ago, in the 60's. The message still needs to be heard."

Monday by President Gary Russi.

Congress reinforced this by sending letters requesting faculty who teach on Mondays to advise students of their option not to attend class. Faculty were asked to read the letters to their classes.

Rochelle Hailey, junior elementary education major, attended the march even though her class was scheduled to meet. "She (instructor) didn't bring it up in the last class, so I just skipped," she said.

Junior sociology major Michelle Neuman drove from Troy just to attend the march on campus. She believes her professor handled the holiday fairly.

"My professor gave us the option to cancel class. She said 'you guys decide amongst yourselves' and put it before the class to vote. Then she left the room and we voted," said Neuman.

Her class was canceled, but she said she did not see anyone else from her class in attendance at the march.

John Petrovski, freshman accounting major, was eating in the food court during the march. "If I was more knowledgeable, I would participate, I don't know much about it," he said.

Senior Management Information Systems major Bryan Hegelund said his professors failed to inform students of

their option not to attend class.

"Not a single one even mentioned it. The man (King) definitely deserves recognition," he said. Hegelund said, however, if he had the day off he would spend time catching up on homework and studying rather than attending on-campus activities such as the march.

"The students that really care will be there in full force. You should give it the attention it deserves," said Aird.

Recent discussion this year questioning the university's handling of the King holiday has put OU in the public eye.

As a result of a press conference held by Congress the first week of December, an editorial appeared in The Oakland Press criticizing OU for not canceling classes.

Also, a letter from the Michigan Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League was recently sent to Gray in support of his efforts to have classes canceled. Congress passed Gray's resolution to support the cancellation of classes to honor King Day earlier this month.

President Russi, though supportive, said it was too late to cancel classes this year because of calendar issues. The University Senate is currently looking at an option to cancel classes next year.

petition.

Unlike previous years where voters had to approach candidates to hear their campaign goals, this year, students running for office are allowed to approach people and voice their campaign goals.

Candidates also have more flexibility this year while petitioning than in previous years. Congress only asks that no petitioning or campaigning be held in the hallway near the offices of Congress, Student Program Board, Association of Black Students and Golden Key.

Petitions for a presidential ticket and legislative seats can be picked up at CIPO now through Feb. 5.

Eligibility requirements for Congress include:

- Attending OU this semester and for one semester prior to winter 1997
- Having good conduct and

academic standing

•Attending one of the three orientation sessions held by Kay in February.

Three students so far have picked up petitions for president: Ken Eagle, Jonathan Raiss and Donny Aird.

The petitions needed for president and vice-president combined are 300 signatures. One hundred fifty is needed for interested legislative applicants.

Kay scheduled the elections from March 16 through March 20 to help avoid conflicts with finals and candidates have adequate time to study for exams. The last election was held in early April, just before finals.

A legislative forum is scheduled for March 5, a presidential debate is set for March 10, and a vice presidential debate is on March 13. All will be held in the Fireside Lounge.

Bowl

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more students involved because it really is a fun game, educational and it's easy, (similar to intermural) where by the winning team gets to represent Oakland University against other universities," answered Scott Andrews, a junior and Political Science major and member of the team, All Brains.

College Bowl, "The Varsity Sport of the Mind" is a tournament of academical success and winning based on knowledge is the greatest prize of all.

The winning team was presented with a trophy which will be on display in the trophy case in the OC.

Boiler

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Reynolds said the problem appears to be one of capacity. The boiler is simply too small to satisfy the demand.

The new proposal calls for the installation of two water heaters and a replacement of the 30 year old steam boiler that services the Vandenberg dining hall as well as four 500 gallon storage tanks.

Though the Vandenberg steam boiler is problem free, it will be replaced.

The dining hall experienced problems, as well, because it lost hot water along with the students. With no hot water available, employees had to boil water to wash dishes.

Facelift

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room to be reinstated, and the bare pool tables will be back in use.

Fekel said it is too early to determine a schedule for when renovations might begin. He did say, however, a program development committee will work for the needs of the student organizations to help accommodate them during the construction period.

The book center should not be touched since it was renovated a couple of years ago. A new lease with Barnes and Nobles could move it upstairs in a few years, however.

Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.

I can relate to that. Maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these old guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears...soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of



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Elections

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note the election by visiting classrooms and dropping by student organizations to encourage members to run for office.

"I would really like to see a diverse group of students running, not only students associated with Congress. We want to recruit new blood," said Kay.

Last year there were 15 spots open for legislative positions, and only 15 people ran. This year, Congress President Garrick Landsberg added 10 additional seats in hopes of having more review power for university policies and procedures, like the University Senate.

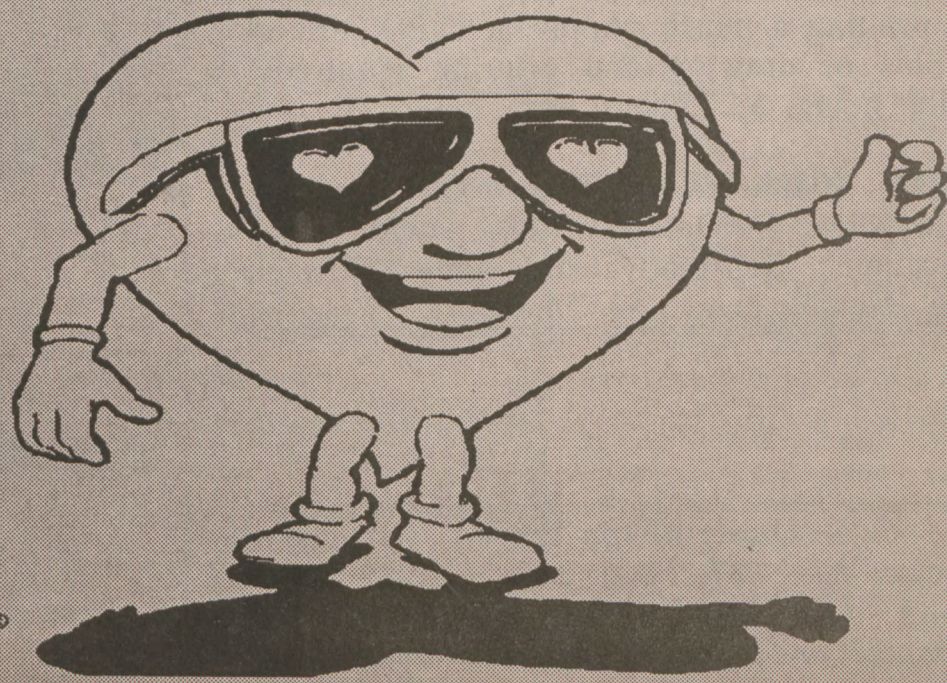
Kay emphasized that as long as a candidate is capable of fulfilling a position, the public is allowed to sign more than one

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SPORTS

Coaches react to NCAA

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Last Monday the NCAA passed new reforms changing the fact that athletes competing in intercollegiate sports can now work, but will be limited to earning the difference between the value of their scholarship and the estimated cost of attending school, *The Detroit Free Press* reported.

Coaches at OU were in favor of this change.

Associate Director of Athletics and Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe said that the ruling helps the students athlete in coping with the real cost of school.

"It's about time the NCAA does this," Kampe said. "This is a way to help (athletes) because the normal student can

work, so why shouldn't athletes."

Kampe said he welcomes the change and said that it was time for the NCAA, the board that governs intercollegiate athletics, to revise some of their legislation.

"It's about time that the (NCAA) moves into the 21st century," he said. "They make rules for the few cheaters and most schools do not have violations."

OU Baseball Coach Steve Lyon said any concerns that problems are going to be caused by this, such as athletes getting bogus jobs through the university or boosters, is unfounded.

"In 99% of the jobs, they are legitimate," said Lyon. "Most scholarship athletes need additional money to live on."

The NCAA from now on will no longer meet at a single convention.

Starting in August 1997, Division II and III are now going to meet in separate conventions in order that they will be able to concentrate on issues concerning smaller schools.

Under the old format, the entire NCAA voted on rules for each sport and its members were often reluctant to grant changes that had a narrow impact.

Division I will be run mainly by a 15 member board of directors, all of whom are college presidents.

Men's Assistant Basketball Coach Eric Stephan said that the NCAA's decision to separate Divisions would be beneficial to the individual institutions.

"Maybe the NCAA will lose some of their power and let institutions govern themselves," he said.



Post Photo/Bob Knoska
IN FAVOR: Head Coach Greg Kampe favors NCAA change.



David Cameron

*OU winners
all around
this week: Huth,
Kampe, Taylor*

Topics for conversation this week...

Watching our basketball teams Saturday, one has to be impressed with the coaching.

Men's and Women's Coaches Greg Kampe and Bob Taylor are riding the hot streak right now but even so, credit needs to go to both.

No player goes stale from inactivity on either side.

Freshman will complain about their minutes on most teams.

This doesn't seem to apply to either Pioneer squads.

On the surface, they both have great chemistry, which is not to be taken lightly.

If Wayne State is one of the GLIAC South challengers for the Men's title, based on the Pioneers play of late, the Tartars look like a defeated team.

To those that were in Detroit last weekend, WSU's 7-0 run at the outset of the Men's game didn't have that 'let's get going or else' fear that was rampant in years' past.

The Women's game featured a win and some great play from senior center Kristen Grant. Guess it was just a matter of time before KG got on track.

Surely, the injury she suffered after transferring to OU put her behind the eight-ball at the start.

Only a gutsy player, like herself could come back to be one of the main forces on a team going for the National Championship. (I know, its early yet. I'm just sooo excited, Coach T)

The Women's side has three contenders in the GLIAC—OU, Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan. After these three, all in the national rankings (OU is No. 6), everybody else feeds off leftovers.

This week's swing up north can be a long ride and will test the teams.

It's the GLIAC's equal to a pro teams' trip to the West Coast. The air is just a little colder, the snow a bit steeper up north.

Kudos to our double-good guys—Men's Swimming and Diving Coach Pete Hovland and Women's Coach Tracy Huth.

What a crowd last Friday for the meet against Kenyon.

I'll be honest. Some know me as the former Men's Basketball Manager and before this semester, I hadn't attended a men's or women's meet.

After viewing Friday double-win, I ask myself—Why didn't I go to more?

If anyone sees a guy with a notebook and a leaky pen at a meet, Yes that's me. Please feel free to say hi.

I realize that this next topic really doesn't have much to do with OU sports but...

The Super Bowl hype week is among us.

The country's national media will go to great lengths to get the breaking, I mean broken story.

If nothing tangible is there, is there really any need to make useless information into a story?

I'm sure Men's Assistant Coach Eric Stephan (O.K.—Big E!) remembers when Bears QB Jim McMahon flew in an acupuncturist to help his sore rear end before Super Bowl XX.

Yep, real news like that will line the print and electronic media outlets.

The plan for Sunday is to watch the big game and wait to hear how our student-athletes did.

Don't visit an acupuncturist and have a great Super Sunday, will ya?

Women clobber Tartars

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Five minutes into Saturday's game OU was down 12-2.

As it turned out, that span of time was merely an aberration. The remaining 15 minutes of the first half saw OU outscore Wayne State University 35-21 enroute to a 85-48 blasting of the Tartars at the Matthea Building, moving to 16-1 on the season and into the GLIAC lead when Ashland University lost to Mercyhurst College.

The victory gives OU a 7-1 GLIAC South mark, one-game better than AU.

OU sophomore guard Courtney Ruffing led all scorers with 16 points, including three 3-pointers.

Freshman guard Jamie Ahlgren scored 14 points and had four assists. Senior forward Alyson McChesney picked up 13 points. Bates and junior guard Jamie Pewinski each had 10, senior center Kristen Grant scored eight. Freshman forwards Sue Karber and Becki Wheatley contributed four, as did senior point guard Lori Young. Young dished off for five assists.

Freshman forward Teresa Tallenger knocked down her only field-goal attempt in five minutes of work, scoring two points.

The Pioneers took their first lead of the game with 9:43 left in the first half when Ahlgren drained a 3-pointer from the right wing, putting OU up 19-16.

OU soon went up ten, 31-21 on a Pewinski layup. Pewinski made a nice move, using a stutter-step and scored by touching the ball off the high-glass.

WSU would go on a 7-0 run to get to within three points, 31-28.

A four-point halftime lead (37-33) soon grew to nine, 44-35 after a McChesney 3-pointer from the left wing.

The lead was expanded to 74-42 with 4:09 left after OU went on a 30-7 run in a 12-minutes span.

Ruffing knocked down back-to-back 3-point shots to give OU the 32-point lead.

OU hit on 54% of their 3-point attempts and outscored WSU 48-15 in the second half.

Women's Coach Bob Taylor wasn't particularly pleased with OU's slow start, but said he couldn't be more satisfied with his club's second half effort.

"It was probably lack of preparation," Taylor said. "At halftime, we just challenged the players a little bit. We had to be the aggressors and get after people."

McChesney noted that this week two Northern games need full undivided attention. "We've got to be focused going to the U.P.," she said.

"It could be a make or break trip."



Post Photo/Bob Knoska
GRANT IS GREAT: OU senior center Kristen Grant scored eight points in the Pioneers 37 point win at Wayne State University last Saturday. Grant had six second-half points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Men's swim team kicks Kenyon by 45 at home

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Kenyon College came to Lepley Sports Center Friday and OU Men's Swimming and Diving team had their way, winning 144-99 in a coed meet with the women.

Among the stars of the afternoon, seniors James Collins, Ken Ehlen and Raffi Karapetian took five events—the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle (Ehlen and Collins), the 200-yard breaststroke (Collins), and the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyle (Karapetian).

OU Men's Swimming and Diving Coach Pete Hovland said Collins, Ehlen and Karapetian set examples for the rest of the squad in the way they have been going about competitions.

"The focus that these guys

have—that is a credit to them," Hovland said. "The example that they (Collins, Ehlen and Karapetian) are showing can and should be picked up by the rest of the guys."

Overall, OU took first in nine of 13 events.

In the 200-yard individual medley, seniors Isaac Farnsworth and Kevin Everett finished first and second. Farnsworth had a time of 1:58.27, coming in just ahead of Everett, who was clocked at 1:59.94.

Karapetian scored a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a 47.26 and Ehlen took second with a time of 0:47.31.

The team of Karapetian, junior Mark Gole, sophomore Trevor Morgan and Ehlen won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:08.16.

Freshman Ido Meron kept up his

proficiency by taking the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:54.78.

Newcomer Darian Pulliam finished second in the 3-Meter diving event with a score of 249.90. Freshman Greg Harris was third and senior John White was fourth in the 3-Meter. Harris scored 233.40 and White had a 223.72 point total.

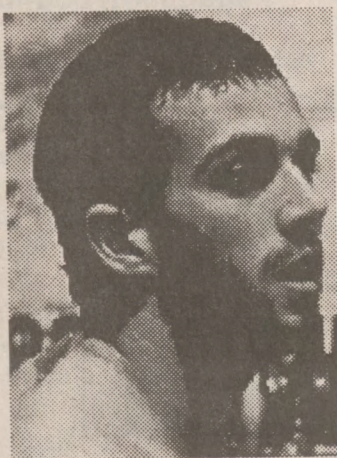
Pulliam also took the 1-Meter diving event with a score of 265.88.

Hovland said his team is looking toward the National Championship and that with the holiday break, combined with minor ills, the determination is tremendous.

"After a long break, you can lose focus," he said.

"(OU's) focus is on one and only one thing—the National Championships," he said.

Pioneer of the Week



Raffi Karapetian
6-1 Senior
Men's Swimming

Raffi helped OU defeat Kenyon College Friday by taking first place in the 100 and 50-yard freestyle. Karapetian's times of 0:47.26 and 0:21.31 brought OU another triumph.

The Pioneer sports week

- Thu., Jan. 23**
- Men's / Women's Basketball Team at Northern Michigan University (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.)*
- Fri., Jan. 24**
- Swimming and Diving Team at Clarion University Invitational, co-ed*
- Sat., Jan. 25**
- Swimming and Diving Teams at Clarion University Invitational, co-ed*
 - Men's and Women's Basketball Teams at Michigan Technological University (1/3 p.m.)*
- * Denotes GLIAC game.
** Home games in bold type.

Men's Box at Wayne State

OU 86, WSU 69						
DETROIT—						
(OU)	Fg-Fga	3p-3pa	ft-fta	a	pts	
Buza	9-13	0-2	2-2	7	20	
Frohock	3-5	2-2	0-0	0	8	
McClellan	6-10	0-1	6-9	2	18	
Amrhein	1-2	1-2	2-2	3	5	
Kovach	5-14	1-4	4-4	4	15	
Mat'zu	5-8	4-7	0-0	1	14	
Riley	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	
Thom	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	
Baber	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	
Reynolds	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	
(11-5, 6-2 GLIAC)						
FG 1st half 14/ 31-45.2 %						
FG 2nd half 18/ 27-66.7 %						
FG totals 32/ 58- 55.2%						

Women's Box at Wayne State

OU 85, WSU 48					
(OU)	Fg-Fga	3p-3pa	ft-fta	a	pts
McChes'	5-11	3-6	0-0	1	13
Bates	5-8	0-0	0-1	0	10
Grant	3-5	0-0	2-2	1	8
Young	1-2	0-0	2-2	5	4
Pewinski	4-8	2-4	0-0	3	10
Ruffing	6-10	3-5	1-1	2	16
Ahlgren	5-8	4-7	0-0	4	14
Karber	2-4	0-0	0-2	3	4
Wheatley	1-1	1-1	1-2	1	4
Tallenger	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2
(16-1, 7-1 GLIAC)					
FG 1st half 14/ 27-51.9%					
FG 2nd half 19/ 33-57.6 %					
FG Totals 33/ 60-55.0%					

Men put stake in Wayne State

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

At practice Thursday, OU Men's Coach Greg Kampe offered an analogy to his players comparing blackjack to playing defense.

"You'll win a lot more hands if you go by the rules then if you sit and just guess—the same applies to flying at your man defensively."

OU followed Kampe's words to a tee, using a 17-9 run early in the second half to romp Wayne State University 86-69 to move back into first place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference's South Division.

OU (6-2 GLIAC), stifled WSU's top scorer Tony Goins. Pioneer senior forward Dan Buza draped Goins, and Kampe said Buza defense was remarkable.

"Buza was unbelievable," Kampe said. "He really did a job on (Goins)."

Buza helped on the offensive end as well, scoring a OU-high 20 points and did his best point guard impression, racking up seven assists.

A first half which saw both club exchange leads evaporated with WSU up on the Pioneers, 37-35.

Then in the second half, a 27-6 run by OU leveled the Tartars.

As Goins went, so did WSU. He scored only six second half points.

Meanwhile, OU had one of their most productive afternoons of the season. Every Pioneer scored at least two

points, except freshman guard Steve Reynolds.

Sophomore center Matt McClellan added 18 points, putting his GLIAC average at 22.6 a game.

OU senior guard Kevin Kovach had 15 points and junior forward Kris Matuszewski scored 14.

Senior forward Craig Frohock, with eight points; junior point guard Denny Amrhein with five; senior guard Harold Baber; freshman guard Mike Riley and freshman forward Myke Thom, with two apiece, made up the remainder of OU's offense.

Amrhein's 3-pointer with 10:18 left in the contest gave OU an 18-point lead, 67-49.

Kampe said he marvelled at times about the Pioneers play from his seat on the bench.

"I would think, watching this game that, 'boy this is my team and they are executing,' " he said. "We systematically took them apart."

OU out-scored WSU 51-32 in the second half.

With the win, OU has put another Kampe phrase to good use: They have to weather the storm, so to speak, in games away from The Bubble.

Kampe cautions that still two games remain away from Rochester. This weekend at Northern Michigan University and Michigan Tech.

"We will evaluate the trip when it is over," he said.



ON THE BLOCK: Matt McClellan is 3rd in the GLIAC in scoring (22.6 /game).



I MUST QUALIFY: Junior Clarice Gelmine swims against Kenyon Friday. Gelmine finished second in the 200 freestyle to qualify for Nationals.

Swimmers, divers race past Kenyon

OU dunked Kenyon College on Friday afternoon at Lepley, with nearly the same result as the men—143-96.

OU took seven events against KC.

Senior diver Becki Bach attained the top score in the 1-meter dive with a 238.575.

Pioneer freshmen Kara Davidson and Michelle Sodee finished third and fourth, respectively with scores of 218.55 and 206.19.

The 50-yard freestyle event was taken by junior Jill Mellis with a time of 25:16.

Bach also won the 3-meter diving event, scoring a 265.125 to win by more than 40 points.

The team of junior Clarice Gelmine,

sophomore Lisa VanTatenhove, junior Elizabeth Hawes and junior Laura Juncker finished first in the 400-yard relay, clocking in with a time of 3:37.37 as OU's points in that event was 13 to four for KC.

Juncker took a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle.

The Pioneers looked strong in this meet at a packed Lepley Sports Center.

OU Women's Swimming and Diving Coach Tracy Huth thought his team has just the right determination as they look forward to Nationals in March.

"I'm really pleased with the attitude," he said. "We were certainly up for Kenyon, which are the Division III champs."

This week the team travels to Ohio for the Clarion Invitational.

OU Milestones

- OU Men's Basketball senior guard Kevin Kovach has moved into second place in career assists with 431.
- OU's Women's Basketball team is ranked No. 6 in NCAA-II and No. 3 in the Great Lakes region

SID Update

—Associate Director of Athletics Greg Kampe said that thus far OU is looking at hiring a temporary replacement for the remainder of the academic year to handle statistics for Pioneer sports teams.

Athletic Director Jack Mehl said that any temporary replacement that is hired wouldn't be automatically excluded from a possible permanent position.

"I wouldn't dismiss the possibility of hiring (a temp permanent-ly)," he said. "I wouldn't close the door on it," Mehl said.

Basketball team standings

Women's Basketball				
		GLIAC		All Games
North Division		W	L	W L
Northern Michigan		10	0	14 3
Michigan Technological		9	1	14 3
Ferris State University		4	6	9 8
Lake Superior State		3	5	9 7
Saginaw Valley State		3	5	10 6
Northern Michigan University		2	6	7 9
Grand Valley State		1	9	6 9
South Division		W	L	W L
Oakland University		7	1	16 1
Ashland University		6	2	13 3
Mercyhurst College		4	4	12 4
Hillsdale College		4	4	11 3
Gannon University		2	7	8 9
Wayne State University		2	7	7 10

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

Sports in brief

- Away basketball games this week**
- Thursday — Double header as the women's team plays at Northern Michigan at 6:00 p.m. and then the men square off at 8:00 p.m.
 - Saturday — Double header as the women's team plays at Michigan Tech at 1 p.m. and the men follow at 3 p.m.
- Swimming and Diving this week**
- Friday and Saturday---Men's and women's team at Clarion Invitational (Ashland, Edinboro and Clarion)

Conduct

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acquaintance at around 5 a.m.

The two were friends, but were not dating, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy, OU Police.

The police report said the woman claimed to have been assaulted in the man's room.

Sources in the residence halls said the two apparently had been drinking. Gilroy would not confirm if alcohol was involved. However, he did say drinking is often a factor in these cases which he characterized as an "acquaintance rape".

The police said the woman did not report the incident until later in the day. She allegedly

slept, and then spoke to a friend about the incident, before making the call to police. Police refused to disclose whether she left the man's room after the assault and returned to her own room where she went to bed.

Gilroy said the man could be charged with third degree criminal sexual conduct. Third degree criminal sexual conduct is a 15 year felony and involves any type of penetration and force with an absence of consent, but without injury.

Both students have been interviewed by police who are now talking to other possible witnesses.

Gilroy said he plans to take the case to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office sometime next week.

Hearing

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properly to the charge (of harassment). I think he made a big thing out of nothing. ... I think it is ridiculous that I would have to go before any kind of committee," said Bizoe.

Herman said he could not comment on Bizoe's charges because they are part of his student records. Student academic records are private under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Bizoe has admitted to sending 20 to 30 random messages over a span of a few weeks but no more than six a day. He said the latest was the only message that was perceived as threatening.

"I would never write anything threatening. She was the only one who (found) it threatening," Bizoe said.

According to "Judicial Handbook" which outlines procedures for conduct hearings, "Oakland University will take disciplinary action against students whose actions or behavior disrupt or threaten to disrupt the campus community."

Herman informed Bizoe that he could not register for this classes until Bizoe decided the type of hearing he wanted. According to Herman, this process is not uncommon, especially since Bizoe was planning to register at Wayne State. The hold was lifted the first week of classes after Bizoe made a firm decision to attend OU.

To avoid admitting guilt,

Bizoe said he opted for a non-academic conduct hearing, a choice Herman feels is unusual. Herman speculated that 90 percent of the cases falling under the non-academic category end up at an administrative hearing conducted solely by the dean of students.

Bizoe will be able to choose one of the panel members, but he said he has not made a definite choice yet.

In addition, even though Bizoe requested the meeting open, Herman said the hearing will most likely stay closed to the public. He said that in order for the hearing to be open, both the university and the accused have to agree to hold it publicly.

According to the handbook, "Hearings will be closed to the public." Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean of students, said this is because past academic conduct could be brought forth during the hearing.

"Things end up surfacing in a conduct hearing. ... In some ways, there's a domino effect," Schmitz said.

According to the Student Press Law Center, OU's handbook violates the state's Open Meetings Act (OMA). The law presumes that all public meetings be open, and since OU is a public institution, the meeting must be open if the accused student makes that request.

Bizoe is expected to receive an official packet with a list of charges and date of the hearing soon. The hearing has not been set yet.

If found guilty, Bizoe could face anything from a disciplinary warning to expulsion.

Status

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it would be hard to fit into a conference until there was Board approval for the change.

Trustee James Sharp was concerned with how the conference would finally be found.

"It seems like we have all the time in the world, then all of a sudden we're down to the crunch period and we have to make the biggest decision of our lives," he said.

Bissonnette reassured him that conferences can come and go.

Russi recommended all of the ad hoc committee's suggestions, but added that the budget and the reorganized athletic department be part of a comprehensive business plan to ensure a smooth transition. The Board will vote on the budget in June.

According to Bissonnette, if the move is approved, the university will try not submit its letters of intent until after the swim teams are given the opportunity to compete in the nationals. OU

has to file by June.

"The teams will never quit competing," said Jack Mehl, athletic director. "From the time we issue or letters of intent we will enter a two year transition. The teams will continue to compete in the regular season but will no longer be able to compete in post season (competitions). We are guarding very carefully intercollegiate opportunities for this spring for that reason."

The recommendation includes stipulations that no current student athlete will lose his scholarship, any athlete wishing to transfer during this period will be allowed to unconditionally. The university will attempt to make up for "lost experiences," as well.

The informal President's Advisory Committee will also be disbanded according to the recommendation and an official Athletic Advisory Committee will be formed.

Student Liaison Angela Dodson requested that two students be on the committee. Dodson suggested that one be an athlete and one be a non-athlete.

Dodson was also concerned about OU's current rule of no

contests held during final exams no longer being in effect. Bissonnette said that was not an NCAA rule.

Members of the UAAC raised concerns on how the Board would remain informed on the progress of the transition.

"I would be interested to have someone come back to make a report on the transition and on conference selection," said David Fischer, chair of the UAAC.

"When you come in February, can you bring one page highlighting the decisions you anticipate will have to be made?" asked Sharp.

In addition to the ad hoc committee, Russi met with a variety of groups on campus to discuss the possibility of going Division I AAA. Included were students, faculty, staff, administration and friends and supporters.

Russi also spent time talking to other university presidents contemplating similar moves, as well as visiting campuses of Division I AAA schools. Russi and members of the ad hoc committee also attended this year's NCAA conference.

Review

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confidential.

"We are certainly pleased with the diversity of the pool," Downing said.

There are currently 99 applications, but the committee will continue to accept more until the Board of Trustees fills the position.

"If good applications come forward, we will consider those," Downing said.

Downing said the next step is to narrow the list again to about 10 for "airport interviews" with semi-finalists. Though not necessarily held at the airport, the interviews will give the committee its first chance to meet face to face with the candidates. Downing hopes to have these

interviews before midterms.

Downing said he is staying in contact with candidates to update them on the search process, and the committee hopes to have a new VPAA approved by the Board and in place by late July.

"We're pretty much in track with other institutes. ... It's going about the way we expected," said Downing.

After making the final cut to about five candidates, Downing said public presentations would be held on campus and all candidates' names will be released.

Despite objections from reporters, Downing said the search committee will continue to meet in private until finalists are chosen. He said this was to protect the confidentiality of the applicants.

Jane Briggs-Bunting, The Oakland Post attorney and

director of the journalism program, has filed a complaint with the Oakland County prosecutor's office because of the closed VPAA sessions.

Currently there is an injunction issued by Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnell under appeal which requires OU to hold all meetings open. The order was issued in April 1995 after OU was said to violate Michigan's Open Meetings Act (OMA) by holding presidential search meetings in secret.

In a similar case, the state Court of Appeals found Michigan State University in violation of the OMA after the university held searches for its president in closed meetings, as well.

General Council to the Board Susan Gerrits denied requests to comment on this ruling as to how it affect OU's appeal outcome.

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