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Search process forced open

Search committee recommends five to Russi

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
and JAIME SHELTON
Editor in Chief and
News Editor

President Gary Russi approved all five candidates submitted by the

search committee Sunday for the vice president of academic affairs and provost position to visit campus in early March.

The five finalists invited to campus are: Dagmar Cronn, dean of the College

of Sciences at the University of Maine; Judy Genshaft, interim VPAA at State University of New York at Albany; Stanley Liberty, professor of engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Bernard Oliver, dean of College of Education at Washington State University; Marlene Strathe, VPAA and provost at the University of North Dakota.

Although these candidates will visit OU, according to David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and search committee chair, all candidates will remain in the pool until the Board of Trustees fills the position. Russi's recommendation did not have to mirror the committee's choices. According to Downing, applications are also still being accepted.

These five were among 11 semi-finalists interviewed by the search committee last weekend. Twelve candidates were

scheduled for interviews but one officially withdrew after the interviews were opened by court order Friday. (See related story)

The other semi-finalists interviewed were: Kurt Geisinger, dean of College of Arts and Sciences State University of New York at Oswego; Fred Maryanski, associate provost at the University of Connecticut; Richard McGhee, dean of College of Arts and Sciences at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro; Thomas Moore, VPAA and provost at Central Washington University; Anthony Ponter, dean of College of Engineering at the University of Southwestern Louisiana; Jane Winer, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University.

The interviews were conducted at the Hilton Suites near Metro Airport.

The 90 minute interviews began Friday

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Post Photos / Nelson May

SITTING IN: President Gary Russi attended the interviews, and David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, chaired the committee. Semi-finalists received 90 minutes to field questions from the committee and ask some of their own. Following this, committee members gave their opinions of each candidate. After 11 interviews last weekend, the committee recommended to Russi five semi-finalists for campus tours and presentations in early March.

Judge grants court order, interviews made public

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick issued a preliminary injunction Friday forcing scheduled off-campus interviews with a dozen semi-finalist candidates for vice president for academic affairs to be open to public scrutiny for the first time.

The ruling came mid-morning Friday after oral arguments from both sides. The order, however, was not signed until just three hours before the airport interviews began because OU's attorney balked at signing off on the prepared court order.

According to POST attorney John Ronayne, III, of Detroit, OU raised the possibility of disbanding the search committee altogether at one point. However, after a lunch recess, OU agreed to the entry of the original order suggested by THE POST.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday by The Oakland Sail, Inc., and Editor-in-Chief Heidi Hedquist charging OU, the Board of Trustees, the search committee, President Gary Russi and search committee chair David Downing with violating the state's Open Meetings Act by holding the VPAA search in secret.

"This is a crucial issue for the student newspaper," said Garry Gilbert, Oakland Sail Board member and managing editor of The Oakland Press.

Gilbert said the newspaper decided to proceed with lawsuit in February because it seemed apparent that the search was nearing an end. He also said that the student newspaper should relay information from the VPAA search to the students.

"It was a crucial issue for us as a newspaper. It was not a matter of wanting to exploit the committee or the candidates. It is simply imperative that the law be followed for the

THE POST and Hedquist asked for a court order to force the scheduled interviews with semi-finalists last weekend open to the public.

"The university is clearly disappointed in the

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Post Photo / Jeannette Kirkaldy

ACTING QUICKLY: POST Editor in Chief Heidi Hedquist and her attorney John Ronayne, III, from Detroit went before Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick on Friday requesting a court order to hold the VPAA search publicly.

Long hours spent searching for VPAA

- Establish criteria for applications.
- Place an advertisement in professional publications to attract candidates.
- Begin reviewing applications
- Eliminate any applicant who does not meet the minimum job criteria.
- Review remaining applications more closely.
- Check references and backgrounds.
- Narrow pool further.

- Continue to narrow pool through research and discussion until reaching a semi-finalist pool (approximately 15 candidates).
- Schedule interviews to ask standardized questions and see if candidates are well suited for OU. This is also an opportunity to attempt to "sell" OU to the candidates as well.
- Discuss semi-finalists strengths and weaknesses.

- Submit smaller list (approximately 5) to President for consideration for campus visit.
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CAMPUS NEWS

CSC reported again in campus halls

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor in Chief

A 36-year-old Pennsylvania resident was still in Oakland County Jail Wednesday on charges of felonious and sexual assault against an OU residence halls student.

The suspect was arraigned Feb. 13 at 52 District Court in Rochester Hills. He is charged with one count of Third Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct and one count of Felonious Assault.

The accused stood mute at his arraignment before Judge Ralph Nelson. Bond was set at \$50,000 for each count. He could not post bail.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 26

before Judge Julie Nicholson.

The complainant told Auburn Hills police that she and the suspect had been in a "long term" relationship, and he was visiting her from Philadelphia. The alleged perpetrator had been staying with her for approximately a week.

According to the complainant, they had gotten into an argument the morning of Feb. 11, and she asked him to leave. She left her room briefly, and when returning, she alleges he was hiding behind the door and attacked her.

She told police he allegedly threatened to kill her and approached her with a hammer.

The complainant said she tried to calm him down but he only became more angered. He

allegedly grabbed her by the throat and pushed her against the bathroom door.

The alleged victim told police she felt she was in danger, and that her alleged attacker could kill her.

Allegedly, the suspect told her the only way he would calm down was if she would have sex with him. She told police she did not want to, but complied because she feared for her life.

Afterwards, she allegedly told the suspect she was going to get him bus fare, but instead reported the assault to the Auburn Hills Police Department.

According to the police report, Auburn Hills police officers went to the woman's campus residence and arrested the

accused.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said that this is not the first time the complainant has filed a complaint against the man. Other domestic violence claims have been filed. Gilroy said, however, that to his knowledge none were prosecuted.

The reported incident was the third CSC report in the past month at OU.

OU Police are investigating a CSC complaint which allegedly occurred in Hamlin Hall approximately three weeks ago, no further information is available at this time.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's office refused to issue a warrant on a Jan 19 acquaintance rape allegation where alcohol was involved.



Post Photo / Nelson May

Cuban influences come to dance department

HERITAGE CLASS: Students in the Music, Theatre and Dance department received the chance to study with Danis Perez Prades. Prades is a performer, teacher, ethnologist and choreographer who puts emphasis on the native Oriente dance in eastern Cuba. Classes were held last Wednesday free of charge. The first session began at 3 p.m., and the second at 6 p.m.

OUSC sponsors release of 'Jedi'

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

Almost 400 students will have a chance to see *Return of the Jedi* opening night for free, compliments of Student Congress.

At its Monday meeting, Congress passed a motion to amend its previously adopted budget to include the spending of \$3,000 to rent a movie theatre Friday, March 7, for the remastered 80's box office hit.

The motion was introduced by Congress Member Hemant Mahamwal, who said Congress is sponsoring sponsoring such an event for two reasons.

"This will give us a chance, if nothing else, to present ourselves to them (students) and it offers students a chance to enjoy an event from their student activities fee," he said.

Congress Member Raymond Landsberg added, "It is a unique and interesting way to get our name out."

Mahamwal said Congress wants to briefly introduce themselves to students before the movie starts, so students can get an idea of who they are and what Congress is about.

Congress will showcase the event at Rochester's Star Theater. The exact time is yet to be determined.

Mahamwal said no discounts were given by Star for hosting the event, and Congress will have to pay the full price (\$6.50) for each seat

in the 380 seat theater.

Starting today, students can pick up vouchers for the free tickets at the Congress office. The vouchers then must be traded in at the Congress office for the tickets March 3-5.

The subject of spending the \$3,000 initiated much discussion at the meeting.

Questions were raised at the meeting by Congress Member Bryan Barnett and Faculty Representative Kevin Early about whether Congress should sponsor this activity.

"I think it is a good idea ... but for SPB (Student Program Board) to handle, Congress needs to deal with other issues," said Barnett.

"I am absolutely amazed at how far this group is willing to go to spend student's money ... I think sometimes we get confused in what our responsibility is," said Early.

However, the majority of Congress supported the motion, which ultimately passed in an 11 to four vote.

"This is the student activity fee. What better way to spend it than on a student activity," said Landsberg.

"Just because it hasn't been tried before, doesn't mean it won't work," said Congress member Donny Aird.

The final details of the event are yet to be worked out, but interested students can call the Congress at (810) 370-4290 for up to date information.

Police chase ends in arrest

OU Police were involved in a mini-manhunt Feb. 11 when a 24 year-old Highland man fled after being stopped on Meadowbrook Dr. for driving a car with expired plates.

During the traffic stop, the man got out of his car twice to talk to the officer, each time the officer told him to return.

The officer ran checks on the man turned up a warrant for child neglect and three suspensions resulting from unpaid fines.

The man got out of his car a third time and ran away.

The officer chased him for several hundred yards, but stopped when he tripped on a beer bottle on the stairs along the side of West Vandenberg Hall.

Another officer then searched for the man. After a short chase, The man was taken into custody near Fitzgerald House.

The man was found to be on the

restricted visitation list and not allowed on campus.

The man was cited for trespassing, driving while license suspended and improper plates and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Marijuana found in Van Wagoner

During a fire drill on Feb. 12, a student told OU Police she found marijuana in one of the rooms in Van Wagoner Hall.

The student took the officer to the room, where he found a marijuana cigarette lying on the floor. He took it and waited for the resident of the room to return.

When the 18 year-old student returned, he told the officer that it was indeed marijuana.

He said that he did not have any more and that he had bought it from a friend at work in Troy.

The man was not cited for the incident.



Clinton selects alumnus to board

By LAURA SCHILDT
Staff Writer

OU's reputation accompanied a long list of accomplishments alumnus Donald Hillebrand carried with him to Washington D.C.

Hillebrand, from Oxford Mich., was appointed by the president of the United States to the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the principal science advisory body for the executive branch of government.

In Washington, his duties include providing technical support to automotive and industrial research and development.

Currently, he's working on the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV) program at the Department of Commerce.

The Clinton administration initiated PNGV in September 1993 to develop vehicles featuring high mileage and low emissions.

"He (Hillebrand) is a very smart, intelligent and successful person," said Bhushan Bhatt, Associate Dean of Engineering and Computer Science.

Bhatt taught Hillebrand in his

undergraduate engineering classes during 1983-85.

He earned a bachelor's degree in 1985 and his master's degree one year later in 1986, both in mechanical engineering from OU.

Hillebrand came back to OU, in 1992, and started working on his Ph.D. in systems engineering. Three years later after taking an educational leave of absence from Chrysler, he earned his third degree.

While working for the OSTP, Hillebrand remains an employee of Chrysler Corporation as a senior engineer of Minivan Vehicle Development.

Hillebrand started working for Chrysler as an intern during his junior year.

According to Hillebrand, OU's recommendation of him to Chrysler 14 years ago was the key in his career.

"Oakland had prepared me to hold my own," said Hillebrand.

In 1995, he was selected as a Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) fellow.

According to Bhatt, the selection process to become a fellow in the SAE is highly competitive.

Numerous applicants are required to write a paper on the reasons they should be selected as a fellow. After reviewing all the papers, committee members narrow down the number. Finally, they hold personal interviews with each candidate.

Hillebrand took his first leave of absence from Chrysler, in 1995-96, when he was the joint SAE/Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) Washington Fellow working on the PNGV program at the Department of Commerce.

In 1993, Hillebrand received the Outstanding Young Engineer Award by the Engineering Society of Detroit for his work in Chrysler's Minivan Vehicle Division.

"Oakland has a sleeper (engineering) program. It's a better program than the cost would suggest," said Hillebrand, who first chose the school for economic reasons.

Bhatt said Hillebrand keeps in contact with the department, and until recently, they would frequently see him around the university.

"He is a good alumni of ours," said Bhatt.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

OMA provides positive look at search process

Alumnus Barry Klein credits OU for teaching him to question authority and as a place encouraging critical thinking.

We, too, have obtained these skills here and last week put them to the test when we filed a suit against the university to get the VPAA search committee meetings opened up.

We prevailed and almost immediately headed out to Romulus to cover the semi-finalist interviews for the position.

We spent the next three days observing the interview process and learning the amazing amount of work which has been put into the search.

The committee was focused and went out of its way to ensure candidates received fair interviews. Several committee members would try to rephrase questions which candidates appeared to misinterpret to ensure they were back on track. It was apparent that they wanted all of the candidates to succeed.

They each listened attentively to each candidate, as well as each other, as they discussed the position and applicants.

As a result of the injunction, we were able to see the dedication and the criteria which the committee desired, and it was apparent that, in this instance, the search was in good hands.

Observing the process taught us a great deal and we are grateful that the law is in our favor as journalists, as students and as members of the public.

Students who feel the administration doesn't do anything or that OU is against its students would have been pleasantly surprised to see how big a concern student welfare really is to many people on this campus.

It was unfortunate that Rachel Yank, the student committee member, could not attend the interviews because it left a void of student input. It was also unfortunate that no students or any other community members or the public attended the interviews.

We hope the individuals on the committee, President Russi and the Board learns as much about the positive effects of openness as we did about how this university conducted this search.

It was unfortunate that one candidate did decide to withdraw as a result of the open interview process. By the same token, does the OU community really want a VPAA who prefers secrecy?

The candidates who remained appeared comfortable, honest and qualified for the job.

Hopefully, this weekend's meetings demonstrated openness as required by the OMA is not detrimental to searches. The law is designed for everyone, not just journalists.

As students and journalists, we've been taught to think critically and to challenge what we feel is wrong. We've been fighting for someone to hear our protest for a long time.

We're glad someone finally listened carefully. We aren't out to exploit, we're only trying to do our job.

OPINION



Post Cartoon/ Kanila Tripp

Letters to the Editor

Lab disrepair causes student to leave OU

Dear Editor:

This is my first year attending Oakland University. I was told by my friends and family, 'hat Oakland is a great school. They all said that Oakland supports its students and that the faculty here is great. Up until the beginning of the winter semester, I believed them.

Following the advice of my advisors, I decided to explore a wide variety of classes at Oakland. I had enjoyed Journalism in high school, so I thought I'd enroll in Journalism 190. After all, it is college, and the class should be more advanced.

To my surprise, the class is far behind what I expected. Educationally, I'm sure the class is superior, technologically, the class is far more than a disappointment.

On request of the instructor, the class was asked to purchase diskettes for saving our work on the computer. We were told to purchase a 3.5 inch, double density, double sided disk. Members of the class checked many computer stores, only to find that the double density disks are obsolete. Almost all post 1991 computers accept only high density disks.

I was horrified to read Professor Haar's class description. It states, "The lab in 105 VBH is old but serviceable." This statement is true, in fact, just about all that this equipment is good for is servicing. This equipment is so old, that it's not even fit to teach technicians how to service computers.

Of the 25 or so computers in the room, only 14 work. Unfortunately, there are 15 students in the class. I spent the entire first "real" class period plugging and unplugging miscellaneous computer parts into the network, in hope that I might be able to participate in the class activity. It has been a week since class began, and I've yet to use a fully operational computer.

I understand that a lack of funding is probably the university's excuse. It's the most sorry excuse that I've ever heard. All Journalism students are charged a \$40 additional class fee.

If all the money from all the Journalism classes were pooled, the budget for replacement computers should've been met long ago. This is what frightens me most. I've been told that the additional fee has been diverted from its original intent, into the school's general fund. I do believe that there is a word to describe this action THEFT.

The university is stealing from its Journalism students and spending the money on things that the money was not originally intended for. I'm sure that a resolution was adopted into the school's charter so that the money could be spent on other things. It is still wrong.

I've decided to make this my last semester at Oakland. The university is behind the times and is unable to provide the quality education that is needed in today's world. I furthermore don't want to be part of an institution that misuses students' funds. I'll be informing the appropriate coordinators of my high school to advise against students attending your school. I don't want anyone else to make the same mistake I did.

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Setting it Straight

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

Last week we mistakenly reported that the injury sustained by an OU Bookcenter employee happened at Vandenberg. In actuality it occurred at the OC. The location was mistakenly reported in the official OU Police reports.

OU traditions aren't always something to be proud of

By MEG O'BRIEN
Guest Columnist

I usually find it comforting to return to my old stomping grounds and find that little has changed. My old high school and the softball diamonds near my parents' house always look the same and that brings back some good memories.

But I can't say the same for Oakland University. Here, I find the change good and the lack of it very disconcerting.

OU has embraced a great deal of change since I graduated just three years ago - new buildings, a new athletic division and a substantially new administration - all things I'm glad to see.

However, it has not changed in the area in which it needs to the most: openness.

The Board and top administrators have yet to accept the fact that they must do their hiring, make their decisions and conduct their business on a consistently open basis. That is their legal obligation as a publicly-funded state university, and it is most certainly their ethical duty as leaders of an institution of higher learning.

Unfortunately, though, there aren't many groups or people out there who will make the effort to hold OU - not to mention local governments, police departments, planning commissions and other public bodies - to these standards.

THE OAKLAND POST has. And by pursuing a court order to open interviews for the Vice President for Academic Affairs search last week, the current staff has shown they will continue to be vigilant watchdogs over university affairs. That is comfort, indeed.

You see, if the university isn't forced to follow the law or meet those expectations, history has shown that it won't.

Whenever there is a conflict over what should be open, the first response has always been to find a way to end the situation rather than truly consider opening things up.

Instead of owning up to their responsibility as trustees for a public-funded institution when these clashes break out, the Board and university attorneys look for legal loopholes to allow university leaders to continue to make decisions without scrutiny.

A common tactic is to go after the Oakland Sail, Inc., the Michigan corporation that publishes THE OAKLAND POST. The university tries to argue that our company is part of the university and can't file a lawsuit. The state, the federal government and the advertisers who pay for ads seem convinced of our status. Oh, and so do the judges.

In case attacking the corporation doesn't work, there is usually a hunt to find out who is on the Sail board and just who voted to support a lawsuit or is pushing for openness. The student, alumni and faculty board members are pretty safe, but the non-unionized members get a talking to - laced with threats, no doubt.

Sometimes OU tries to get out of it by changing the technical scope of a committee or look for some other technicality. A good example of this occurred in 1992 when we went to the prosecu-

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FEATURES

Annual forum sends message

Pride Forum helps banish homophobic stereotypes at OU

By DAMON BROWN
Assistant Features Editor

King James was gay. His version of *The Bible* is the one referred to most today.

Ironically, the battle over whether homosexuality is a sin rages on, and *The Bible* is the weapon of choice.

Pride Forum (formally Gay and Lesbian Alliance, or GALA) gave its interpretation of the scriptures last Wednesday in the third annual February Forum, entitled "What the Bible Really says about homosexuality".

"Our intent was to clear up misconceptions of gay and lesbians and how Christianity and *The Bible* deals with this issue," said Pride Forum member, Sean Kosofsky.

Kosofsky hosted the two-hour pro-

gram, which featured three guest speakers: Anne Cox, Episcopal Minister at Nativity Church in Birmingham, Mark Bidwell, Preacher at Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, and Virgil Jones, retired rector of Wayne State University.

The speakers dissected various scriptures which people have claimed are against homosexuality, such as the story of Sodom (Genesis 19) and the warnings of sexual perversion (such as 1 Timothy 1:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Perhaps the most used verse against homosexuality is Leviticus 18:22, which reads "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination."

This, according to Bidwell, was to combat the then rampant problem of "temple prostitution", and not to stop homosexuality.

At the time male prostitutes were available at temples built to worship "false" gods, presumably ruling differ-

PRIDE FORUM

Logo Courtesy/Pride Forum

ent aspects of nature, such as a god of rain or a god of sunshine.

"People would want their crops to grow, so they would have sex with the male prostitutes," said Bidwell.

The conclusion was that the Leviticus scripture was discouraging polytheism (multiple god worship), not homosexuality.

Also observed was the accepted love between men and women, such as Jonathan and David, and Ruth and Naomi.

The overall view of the speakers was that *The Bible's* few references to homosexuality are over scrutinized, while other subjects of *The Bible*, such as

gang rape (Genesis 19:8) and incest (Genesis 19:36 with Lot and his daughters) aren't even discussed.

"It refers to women as property," said Cox. "Shouldn't we reject the (verses) against homosexuality (as we rejected the other negative sec-

tions)." wrong," he said.

Jones responded by saying that "you can use (the) scriptures to justify anything if you are not within the light of Christ."

After the forum, Kosofsky explained the name change from GALA to Pride Forum, saying that the latter name is more inclusive.

"(A) lot of different people felt excluded by the name. It was in the interest of our members to change to a name that was more inclusive," said Kosofsky. "We are as diverse as we are unique. Bi-sexuals, transgenders, heterosexuals did not feel included in the name."

"The two components of the title represent a message," said Kosofsky. "We are a proud community and also there is a continuous exchange of ideas."

Pride Forum members viewed this year's February Forum as a success.

"Before, all hated homosexuals. Now, it's love them, hate the sin. It is a step," said Shae Howell, Pride Forum advisor.

Civil Rights activist brings racism to light

By TAMARA HAYES
Staff Writer

Strength, courage and suffering. Myrlie Evers-Williams believes that racism will not cease.

"That's the nature of a human being," said Evers-Williams.

On Feb. 18, at Meadow Brook Theatre, OU's African-American Celebration Month's guest speaker was Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers. The topic was the film, *The Ghosts of Mississippi*, previously played in movie theaters, which starred Whoopi Goldberg.

At the beginning of her speech she said, "I'm proud to be on this campus, and to be a part of the lecture series."

Pauletia Nelson, OU student and Student Life Lecture Board member was involved in selecting Evers-Williams to be the guest speaker. "We wanted to get a woman who had a prestigious position, who had something to do with civil rights."

Evers-Williams, now Chair-person of the NAACP National Board of Directors, a non-paid position she won in 1995, two days after the death of her second husband Walter Edward Williams, also a civil rights activist.

Evers-Williams was born in Vicksburg, Miss. in the 1930's. As a child she was taught to put up with

racism, "I was born into it, it was a way of life and I was taught to except it."

At the age of 17, she attended Alcorn A & M College in Lorman, Miss., where she met Evers who was a WWII veteran.

"It wasn't until I was 17, when I went to college and met Medgar on my first day of school," said Evers-Williams, "he was the one who opened my eyes to not except how things are that was my first awakening that I could do something."

During their marriage, Evers applied to the University of Mississippi Law School. The couple received threats that lead to the NAACP asking them to start the first branch in Mississippi. This eventually lead to his death.

Evers-Williams cherishes a handwritten note from the former President John F. Kennedy given to her after her husband's death. "The first time I met him... I was struck by his look, he had aged quickly while in office," she said.

"Thirty years is not a long time," said Evers-Williams. That is how long it took for her husband's, now convicted killer Byron De La Beckwith, to be found guilty for the murder of Evers.

In 1994, Evers-Williams was present at the trial where De La Beckwith the original suspect was found guilty.

The strength that Evers-Williams

had, to fight the battle for 31 years came from anger. "Anger and determination," she said. "The first year after Medgar's death, in all honesty I survived out of anger. It's very unfair, but everyone that was white, I saw pulling a trigger."

Evers-Williams said that she overcame her unfair thoughts because she was raised in a family that taught each other not to hate. Evers-Williams also remembered something that her husband used to say, "he would say, 'You can use your energy hating. The people you hate probably don't know and probably don't care. You end up the victim.'"

In her speech she focuses on the younger generation in the audience. "I remember an old saying from my grandmother, this is for those who feel no need to vote, those who don't need Affirmative Action, those who don't get involved with their community. My grandmother used to say 'live child, just live.'"

"We should be involved whether we are college students, high school students, junior high or adults," she said.

Jermaine Evans, elementary education major, attended the luncheon and speech said, "it's like looking at a piece of history."

Evers-Williams brought up the



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BREAKING BARRIERS: Myrlie Evers-Williams visited Meadowbrook Theatre to address various subjects such as racism, equality and justice.

topic of Ebonics, something she does not support. Ebonics is an African-American language which is being used in California, where she now resides. "Ebonics is not going to get us there, it's not going to get us in the job we want."

Evers-Williams moved out of her Mississippi home over a year after her husband's death.

"It became unbearable for my children and I. I was never able to get the blood out of the concrete and the refrigerator that had the dent in it from the bullet that went through Medgar, it was just too much," she said and added that they did not have enough money to get

the refrigerator fixed.

After the speech Evers-Williams went to the Oakland Room in the OC for a book signing. The title of her book, *For Us, The Living*, it focuses on the life of her husband Medgar Evers and the civil rights struggle in Mississippi.

"It's always dangerous to be so close to something that society is always going against. She was there with him (Evers) and taking such personal chances, at risk, it's amazing," said Garrick Landsberg, Student Congress President.

Band performs live at WXOU



Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

JAMMIN' SESSION: Dave Dean, left, and John Kott, right, two members from local band Uncle Booby performed some of their very own tunes live on WXOU last Thursday.

Local band performed acoustic set at WXOU

By U. EIJO ONOMAKE
Assistant Sports Editor

Last Thursday, OU was visited by two members of the Rochester based band Uncle Booby.

Dave Dean, lead guitarist and vocalist, and John Kott, lead vocalist and guitarist were featured on "Space Your Face with Jake Mannino" on WXOU, 88.3 FM.

Jay Jones, drums, and John Taminski, bass, were unable to attend due to previous engagements.

Uncle Booby has been together for four months, and is rapidly gaining popularity around the local area.

According to Kott "In four months we (have) played close to 40 shows."

These shows have been packed with fans. Shows at the 7th House,

Magic Magic, and the Metro Music Cafe are just a few of the places where Uncle Booby has played to full houses.

The band hopes to expand its bases. "We're trying to get to (places like) Ann Arbor and Eastpointe," said Kott.

The group played three live songs and two songs were played off their untitled three track CD which they had brought with them to the radio station.

The live songs included: *Deep Within*, co-written by Kott, WXOU's Mannino and Dave Hart, a close friend, *Rubber Stamped* and *Tennessee*.

The rest of the songs performed were all written by Dean and Kott.

Dean refers to Kott as "the word man."

Uncle Booby is attractive to listen to because "(It's) rare to find bands into harmony.... (our music has) a groove to it," said Dean.

Kott said "no one really show-boats." There is no search for the perfect guitar riff or solos, he said.

Kott describes their music as "(A) folky kind of harmony, southern rock."

Dean and Kott agreed the bands influences range from the Beatles, Wide Spread Panic, and the Eagles.

The influence of the Eagles is evident in *Come On Down*, a song from the untitled CD.

Uncle Booby is planning on recording a live CD, Feb. 26 at it's show at the 7th House.

The band plans to release it for public purchase at a later date.

UPCOMING GIGS

- Feb. 23 Magic Stick
- Feb. 26 7th House
- Feb. 28 The Jupiter Room

Theatre student to perform at Kennedy Center in D.C.

By MARK JULIAN
Special Writer

Esau Pritchett, theatre student, made OU history after winning the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship.

Pritchett, 23, junior, will perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in April and is the first OU student to win the scholarship in the American College Theatre Festival Competition.

"The American College Theatre Festival is recognized by theatre people across the country," said Associate Professor of Theatre, Michael Gillespie.

"It's been in existence for 30 years and it involves over 800 entries from theatre programs across the country," Gillespie added.

The 29th annual festival took place Jan. 8-12 in Columbus, OH. More than 2,800 students entered the theatre competition from eight regions across the country.

Four productions from OU's Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD) and seven students were nominated to go on to the

regional competition.

Students were nominated by an adjudicator, directors from other universities, who come to see the entered productions and by the directors of the production.

Region III applicants were from: Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The festival is designed to recognize and promote quality in college theatre by taking the best theatre students from each region and letting them compete.

Students came to show their theatrical talents and compete for several awards, grants, scholarships and special grants. Students were judged in all aspects of theatre including acting, voices, costume design and writing, according to Gillespie.

Pritchett was chosen from more than 300 other competing actors to win the Region III Irene Ryan Scholarship.

"Success in the Irene Ryan competition is a testament to Esau's special talents and reflect the quality of training and performance opportunity he has

taken advantage of at OU," said Gillespie.

The acting scholarship is provided by the Irene Ryan Foundation, started in 1972. Ryan was a stage screen actress best known as Granny Clampett in *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

Pritchett was prepared for the competition with a Shakespearean scene from *Othello* and a monologue from *Zoo Man Sign*, however, a copyright couldn't be cleared and two days before the competition *I Am A Man* by OyamO was chosen instead.

"I fumbled through the rehearsal the day before and I had a sinus infection," said Pritchett. The next day Pritchett stepped on the stage feeling he had no chance of winning.

Pritchett recalled telling himself, "It's just a performance and relax," and despite his nervousness, Pritchett and his partner Stacy Cole performed their scene from *Othello*.

In contrast with the dialogue from Shakespeare, his monologue from *I Am A Man* had a strong southern dialect, to

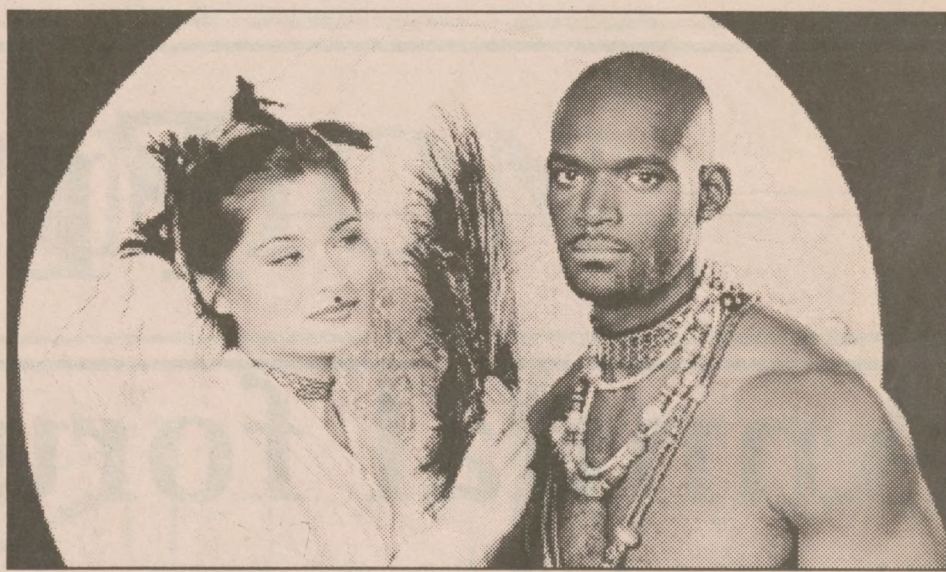


Photo Courtesy/MTD

RISING STARS: Esau Pritchett, right, and Stacy Cole, left, in costume from MTD's production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

show his acting versatility which will lead him to the Kennedy Center.

Pritchett came to OU two years ago to study physical therapy. However, his plans changed when he got a part in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* after a friend dared him to audition about a year and a half ago.

Pritchett credits his *Othello* partner Stacy Cole, "She was invaluable to the success of the entire scene," he said. He also credits Gillespie and Kim Fletcher, MTD promotions, for teaching him how to move on stage.

Pritchett said winning the festival is good for him and good for OU.

"Being one of 16 student actors invited to perform at the Kennedy Center will mean a lot to anyone reading Esau's resume in the future. In Washington, he will very likely meet a number of producers and agents who may be helpful to him in the development of his career," said Gillespie.

Pritchett and Cole will be performing in the *Evening of Scores* during the National Festival at the Kennedy Center on April 20th.

Living the hippie lifestyle of sex, drugs, rock and roll

By NATASHA VANOVER
Special Writer

Those not familiar with the year 1967 will be after reading *Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll*.

Barry Klein, author and OU alumni, gives the reader a behind scenes tour of the height of the hippie movement spanning from OU to San Francisco.

Before revealing his experiences,



Photo Courtesy Barry Klein

ROCK & ROLL: Barry Klein has grown out of his hippie stage, but still carries a tune.

Klein presents an informative yet interesting prologue explaining the conscience of the times. From the start he dispels the myth that most hippies in San Francisco wore flowers in their hair.

One summer trip to California turns into an unforgettable adventure into the "far-out" world of marijuana, LSD, STP, and free love. Even though these are only partial ingredients in the title of the book, it is rock & roll that is first focused on in the early part of the book.

As the book states, it might be interesting that purple Owslys were called the Mercedes of STP or that LSD is not conducive to romantic situations, but it is the music that evolved out of this small Haight-Ashbury district that stood out in my mind.

Klein doesn't deny the relationship between sex, drugs, and rock & roll, yet through the bluntness of his adventures the reader sees for themselves the consequences by sharing his encounters.

In one instance it is the strict advice of his father that teaches Klein the most beneficial lesson in the book. No matter what you do, you have to take responsibility for your own actions.

Klein's book uses hippie lingo, believable analogies, and descriptive characters to expand this book to all spectrums of the reader audience. Due to the content of *Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll* it is not recommended for those under 18. Klein is definitely not shy about sharing intimate, sometimes

embarrassing sexual experiences.

The reading flows because Klein does not focus on any one aspect of "the Summer of Love" for too long. The book uses personal letters and music lyrics to involve the reader.

What I like most about Klein's writing style is the openness in the retelling of his experiences. He never endorses anything, he only tells it as it happened.

This book does not necessarily have a detailed moral lesson at the end of each chapter, rather his messages comes to the reader without warning. Actually, it is within the understated parts of the plot that some profound messages get across.

Klein keeps moving, not sparing time to moralize or linger. Instead he tries to capture the moment. Klein made the analogy that "Love, like real estate, is not necessarily luck or location: it is timing, timing, timing."

Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll captures the moment "literally and figuratively", with a free-flowing change from scene to scene that unconsciously gives the reader the freedom to grasp a lesson one finds most useful.

Klein shows independence and freedom not in a far-out never seen before concept. He takes the issues in the 60's, the music, the ideals of people, and the lessons learned along the way and weaves it into a book that leaves the reader with a strong sense of awareness.



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ENGARDE: Coach Victor Jurashoff, far left, and Brian Mageski watch brothers John Purcell, left, and Justin Purcell, right, go to battle.

Prepare to duel with the Fencing Society

By REBECCA DEVANTIER
Staff Writer

Mom always said never run with scissors. The Fencing Society tends to bend that rule with two-and-a-half foot swords.

Fencing may seem simple, but it is a sport, according to Justin Purcell, senior electrical engineering major, who signed up for the Fencing Society at his freshman orientation.

"It became something I really enjoy doing," said Purcell.

According to John Purcell, Ph.D student in systems engineering and

Fencing Society President, "It's hard aerobic work."

Training for tournaments is a big part of their practice curriculum. At tournaments, pools of five or six people fence each other. The top 80 percent fence the next pool. Participants keep fencing until they are eliminated or they keep going until they win.

The scoring system is based on touches and the type of the three pound swords used. To score when using a foil, the thin, flexible blade must touch the torso at the tip. It must be done with just enough force so the end of the blade bows slightly. The foil is the practice weapon for the epee.

The epee has a stronger blade than the foil. The point can come in contact with any part of the body to score. The head, legs and arms are fair game when fencing with a sabre. When using a sabre participants can score by touching with either the point or the blade.

Score is kept track electronically, with an electric sensor at the tip of the foil connected to the uniform which has a metal circuit woven into the lamee of the vest. When the tip touches it, the circuit is completed and a light goes off.

According to John Purcell, the object of tournament sword fighting is "not to embarrass your opponent with superior sword work," Purcell said.

Fencing may sound dangerous, but according to Justin Purcell the risk for injury is minimal. "I've never known anyone to get hurt fencing, except for a sprained ankle," said Justin Purcell, "It's much safer than basketball, [because] it's not a direct contact sport."

Fencing athletes have to wear a mask with a mesh guard which is checked with a punch test before tournaments. They also wear white uniforms.

The birth of fencing came when the choice weapon was the rapier. The rapier was heavy and dangerous to use to practice for duels, so practice weapons were invented. The effort to minimize injury developed into a finer form of sword fighting according to Purcell.

Fencing is a lot of hard work but it does have some pay offs. Justin Purcell says fencing helps keep him in shape.

"I think it's an elegant sport and I think it's very romantic," Justin Purcell said, "but it hasn't gotten me any dates that I know of."

OU EVENTS

Dr. Laurence Wesley, professor of African-American history from Daytona Beach Community College will speak at the closing ceremony of African-American Celebration Month on Wednesday in the Gold Rooms at noon.

The Association of Black Students will sponsor an evening of entertainment when African drummers and dancers perform at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms on Wednesday.

The 5th annual "Keeper of the Dream" Banquet will be at 6 p.m. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on Thursday and will feature the General Motors vice president of corporate affairs, William C. Brooks.

Do you believe in hypnosis? Dr. Al Snyder will put you and your friends under a spell on Mar. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Oakland Cafe.

OU student Gretchen Busam will perform her acoustic tunes in honor Women's History Month at 8 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Mansion.

MUSIC

For all you blues lovers out there Roomful of Blues will be having a CD release party at 8 p.m. on Thursday at The Magic Bag.

Local rockers Buckwheat Zydeco will take the stage at the 7th House at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Eighteen and over are welcome and tickets are \$15 in advance.

The Count Basie Orchestra will join the DSO to put on a pop series Thursday through Sunday. Tickets are now on sale and range from \$16 to \$40.

Heavy rock fans get geared up for the performances of Metallica with special guest Corrosion Of Conformity when they rattle the roof of the Palace on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 7 p.m.

THEATRE

I Am A Man, the story of one man's fight for equality, by OyamO is now being performed at Meadow Brook Theatre through Mar. 9.

Chaucer's classic tale of travelers on a pilgrimage to the city of Caterbury, *Canterbury Tales*, begins Feb. 28 and runs through Mar. 9 at the Bonstelle Theatre.

ART

Paintings by an internationally known figurative artist, Barbara A. Wood, will be on display Friday through Sunday at the Park West Gallery in Southfield.

The mysterious paintings reflecting the diversity of America's heritage by Ellis Ruley will offer a unique view of the African-American experience at the DIA beginning Mar. 1 and running through Apr. 27.

MOVIES

The Empire Strikes Back starring Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and James Earl Jones will move into theatres hitting the big screens on Friday.

The Rockumentary double feature HYPE shows rare concert footage such as stage diving, interviews and mosh pits and will be shown at 8 p.m. on Friday at the Magic Bag.

OTHER

The 1997 Outdoorama, sport and travel show, presented by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs will run Feb. 21 through Mar. 2 at the Novi Expo Center.

Sure Things

SPORTS

Men win South title

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

OU 82 It was just a matter of
GU 73 time.
OU's men wrapped up another first-place season by defeating Gannon University last Thursday night at The Bubble, 82-73, to win the GLIAC South title.

Saturday afternoon, the Mercyhurst College Lakers suffered their worst loss of the year, as OU led by as many as 41 points, enroute to a 107-70 win.

In Thursday's clincher, senior guard Kevin Kovach paced the Pioneers with 21 points. Kovach only shot 3-of-14 from the field, but knocked down 12-of-13 free throws.

GU was without their coach, Jerry Slocum, whose father Jerome, suffered a heart attack. Assistant Dave Mislan replaced Slocum on the Knights' bench.

In the win against GU, senior forward Dan Buza scored 17 and junior point guard Denny Amrhein had 15.

The men raced to an 11-2 lead after Amrhein hit a 3-pointer. GU briefly held a 21-20 lead before OU went on a 8-0 run, to go ahead 28-21.

GU was leading 58-50 with 12:54 remaining. OU's 25-8 spurt, capped by a Kovach 3-pointer from the left wing, gave them a 75-66 lead with 2:06 left.

Amrhein said that he would like the best overall record in the GLIAC, but that winning the South Division is a start.

"That's one of our goals we strive for (winning the division)," he said. "We wanted to win the overall championship, but we'll settle for winning the South."

Buza guarded GU's Troy Nesmith, the Knights' top scorer. Nesmith finished with 18 points and had only two 3-point shots.

OU's Buza had quite a game himself, with six rebounds, four steals and two blocks to go along with his 17 points.

Against MC on Saturday, the Pioneers led 57-29 at halftime and 95-54 with 7:13 left after freshman guard Steve Reynolds stole a David Lanahan pass and went in for an uncontested layup.

Sophomore Matt McClellan who continues to make a case for himself for GLIAC player-of-the-year, led OU with 28 points.

In defeating the Lakers for the second time this season, OU improved its record to 18-6 (13-3 GLIAC) and a win this Thursday night at The Bubble would give OU their best conference mark ever and make OU the first team in the GLIAC to win 20 games four years in a row.



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PLAYING HORSE: OU senior center Kristen Grant tries to score against G night. Grant scored 12 points and hauled down seven rebounds in OU's 3

Women batter Knights by 31

Bates scores 25, grabs 11 rebounds as team goes to 21-3

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Pioneer junior Tamika Bates scored 17 first-half points, and junior Ulrika Nilsson had a season-high seven assists as OU routed Gannon University last Thursday night, 81-50, to tie for the GLIAC South Division title.

The women jumped out to a 37-21 halftime lead against a Lady Knights' team that has lost 10 of its last 12 games. OU beat GU 109-74 in Erie, Pa. on Jan. 9.

Freshman forward Becki Wheatley was rewarded with extended minutes for the first time all season. She played 17, pulling down seven rebounds.

Wheatley said that this season has been a learning process.

"Coming into college basketball, I've had to get used to a lot of things," she said. "The time will come that I will play more. This will only make me better."

Wheatley was given additional playing time because of her strong practices lately.

"We decided we needed a player to give us an injection and Becki always practices hard and always does the little things," OU women's coach Bob Taylor said.

The win meant that the woman will receive a bye in the GLIAC

Tournament starting Feb. 27.

Lori Young, OU's starting point guard left the game with 13:03 to play in the first half when she suffered a minor Achilles tendon injury.

OU has only lost one game in its Division (Jan. 4 against Ashland University) and improved their mark within the South to 7-1.

By the eight minute mark of the second-half, Taylor put the lineup of Wheatley, freshman guard Jamie Ahlgren and freshman forward Teresa Tallenger, along with sophomore guard Courtney Ruffing and Nilsson in against GU.

Taylor said a victory Saturday, against Mercyhurst, which would give the team the South Division title, isn't the biggest piece of the proverbial pie that the Pioneers are looking to slice.

"Winning the division is a first goal, but it's not the ultimate goal," Taylor said. "Hopefully, this is not an end-all."

OU (21-3, 12-3 GLIAC) was up 23-7 after a 3-pointer by junior guard Jamie Pewinski and two Bates free throws after an off-the-foul by the Lady Knights' Suzanne Gudakunst.

Senior center Kristen Grant and Pewinski scored 12 points, and Nilsson had eight as OU went to 10-1 at The Bubble.

Intramural Notes

***The deadline for Intramural Volleyball will be on Wednesday March 5th. Play will begin on March 11th.**

***Forms can be picked up in the Oakland Center, room 144**

OU Basketball Notes

***The women's team now leads the all-time series against MC, 4-2. On Jan. 11 at Erie, Pa., the team defeated the Lakers 67-58.**

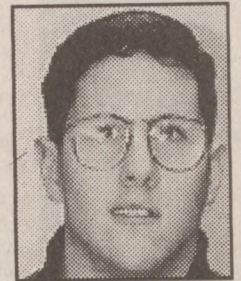
***The women are ranked No. 3 in the Great Lakes Regional Poll.**

***Senior point guard Lori Young continues to lead the GLIAC in assists, with 91.**

***The Pioneers had at least 22 wins in each of the last three seasons.**

Men's Basketball

The OU men's team beat Michigan Christian College 81-77 in overtime at The Bubble on Monday night. It was 65-65 after regulation. The Pioneers were led by freshman Mike Riley's 20 points. Senior Kevin Kovach scored 17 for OU (19-6, 13-3 GLIAC).



David Cameron

Surowiec, Gregory, Luczak and Osmun: Pioneers for life

Don't look now.

OU's men's team received a verbal commitment Sunday from their first recruit since OU announced its intention to join Division I.

Brad Buddenberg is from Garden City, a 6-4 guard who averaged 20 points, five assists and eight rebounds as a junior last season for Garden City High School.

Buddenberg is the first recruit from Garden City that the Pioneers have nabbed in recent years.

OU will be in the Meantime I in September 1999 and in the Division I will have to be content with merely playing.

The men's basketball team has made 50% of its schedule, and big name schools for next season are few.

Among the most notable home games, at The Bubble, is against Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis.

The men travel to Puerto Rico for the San Juan Shootout in mid-December. They will either open against Southern Mississippi or No. 13 New Mexico.

With the new sports complex on the way, the signing of Buddenberg and only the formality of filing with a conference, OU is moving onward and upward.

It would not be a shock to see the women's team finish in the middle-of-the-pack, be it in the Mid-Content Conference or the Mid-Western Conference.

The men's team may have a harder time and wins might not come as much in the years after the official move is made.

Switching for a second...

On Saturday, four athletes were inducted into OU's Athletic Hall of Honor. James Surowiec, Ken Osmun, Brian Gregory and the former Lisa Guilfoyle (now Lisa Luczak).

It was a nice thing to witness, these fine athletes getting a huge honor.

Surowiec worked for The Oakland Post, as a cartoonist while attending OU from 1986-90. Three of the four athletes (the exception being Osmun) went on to earn additional degrees (Surowiec, a law degree, Luczak, a Master's of Administration, and Gregory, a Master's degree in athletic administration).

Osmun delayed using his NCAA post-graduate scholarship, instead joining the Navy, where he is a lieutenant and public works officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in the Chicago area.

It was a great thing to see Saturday night, athletes that laid the cornerstone for OU's winning tradition.

Luczak swam on the first OU's women's team to win the NCAA-II National Championship in 1990. The women beat California State Northridge by four points. This small margin, to put in perspective, came in a meet where scores can reach into the thousands for team competition.

Gregory (BG to those that know him) might have been the best point guard ever at OU. Dressed to a tee for this black-tie affair, he looked like a proverbial son coming home. He is from a Chicago suburb, but thanked OU men's coach Greg Kampe. Gregory said Kampe was like a "father figure" to him.

The move to Division I might make OU into a cut-and-dry, win or else school. Watching these athletes, seeing the proud faces, made me think. You can come home, yes you can.

OU defeats Lakers, 70-64 to get bye in GLIAC tourney

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Saturday afternoon at The Bubble, Mercyhurst College was defeated.

The OU women's team were the culprits, pulling away in the second-half, to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South

OU 70
MC 64

Division title, 70-64.

Besides giving the women a bye in the GLIAC Tournament, OU women's coach Bob Taylor picked up his 300th win in his fourteen-year career.

When asked about the significance of the win, Taylor said he didn't know he was approaching a milestone.

"I've always been taught 'If you have to blow your own horn, it ain't worth blowing'," he said.

MC went ahead 6-0 after Lori Morth scored on a layup. It was a close game throughout, with the Pioneers up 36-32 at halftime and 57-53 with 7:15 remaining.

Women's junior guard Jamie Pewinski knocked down a jumper, giving the team a 67-59 lead with 3:21 left.

OU junior forward Tamika Bates led the Pioneers with 16 points and seven rebounds. Senior point guard Lori Young scored 13 points, with three assists.

Rounding out the OU players in double-figure were freshman guard Jamie Ahlgren, who scored 11 and senior forward Alyson McChesney, with 10 points.

OU (22-3, 13-3 GLIAC) hosts Wayne State University Thursday. The Pioneers' three seniors (McChesney, Kristen Grant, and Young) will be honored during Senior Night. Cyndi Platter has one more year of eligibility remaining.

Pioneer of the Week



Matt McClellan
Men's Basketball
6-7 forward

McClellan averaged 16.3 points in three OU wins this past week. He scored 14 points in OU's 81-77 overtime win against Michigan Christian and 28 against Mercyhurst College in a 107-70 win on Saturday.

He is averaging 22.2 points in GLIAC play (356 in 16 games) and is shooting at a 62.6 % clip in conference contests.

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Feb. 19-Sat., Feb 22

•Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams at GLIAC Championships, Northern Michigan University*

Thu., Feb. 20

•Men's/Women's Basketball Teams hosts Wayne State University* (5:30/7:30 p.m.)

Thur., Feb 27-Sat., Mar. 1

•Men's and Women's GLIAC Tournament at campus sites—TBA*

*Denotes GLIAC game
**Home games in Bold Type

*For the week of Feb. 12th, Pioneer of the Week was junior forward Tamika Bates.

Bates scored 30 points in a win against Ashland University. She garnered GLIAC Player-of-the-week honors for her performance.

For the week of Feb. 5-12, she average 28 points for the Pioneers in two road wins. The wins allowed OU to move back into the top 10 nationally.

Baseball Notes

OU's season starts on March 8 at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic Tournament at Ft. Meyers, Fla.

The Pioneers finished 18-28 (14-13 GLIAC) during the 1996 season. Senior third baseman Jeff Harwood leads returnees with a .322 overall average (37-for-115, 14 stolen bases) in '96. OU's opener is less than three weeks away.

By the numbers; Kampe is No. 1 on OU win list

Coach enjoys competitiveness on and off the field

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

Athletics and competition. For OU men's coach Greg Kampe, they run parallel.

His father, Kurt was a guard on the University of Michigan's 1947 Rose Bowl team. His brother, Kurt Jr., won two letters at U-of-M for his football prowess.

Kampe followed in their footsteps, with a slight detour, playing football and basketball at Bowling Green State University.

Kampe said he chose BGSU, because he could play both sports. Others schools, such as the University of Kentucky, Michigan State University and Notre Dame, recruited him for football only.

He earned honors on and off the field, with a 3.4 GPA at BGSU, graduating in 1978 with a B.A. in Business and Journalism. He still holds a Mid-American Conference record for punting—best single game average, while starring as a two-time All-MAC defensive back and punter.

After college he took a graduate assistant position to coach at the University of Toledo. While at Toledo, Kampe earned a Master of Arts degree in physical education.

He yearned to become a head coach. After six seasons as an assistant, Kampe was hired by OU as the school's fifth head coach. He began by taking over what he called "a downtrodden program."

Kampe then began molding a program, that up to his arrival, really had no tradition and no trademark.

The winningest coach in OU's basketball history at 232-134, one might expect an array of personal mementos of his success in his office. Well, Kampe has mementos. Items such as pictures of former players, pictures of son Keith, carefully preserved news clippings of OU's successes. Kampe's wholehearted interest in OU shows. In the pictures, in the clippings and in the way he described his first game at OU.

Kampe's first game was against Division I Western Michigan. Even though the game was one of many he has coached, because it was his first game at OU, he remembers it like yesterday.

"I remember I didn't sleep the night before the game. We went to Western and played a tremendous basketball game. With five minutes to go, it was a two-point game."

The Pioneers lost that game (69-51), but the Kampe era was off and running. The next game produced Kampe's first win at OU, 69-68 against Northeastern Illinois.

Discipline and perseverance have been two trademarks of the OU basketball program since his arrival. Some of the players he has coached have gone on to play professional basketball. Among them, Eric Taylor (Germany), Dennis Kann (Austria), Scott Bittinger (Miami

Heat training camp), and John Henderson (Germany), are just some players to have gone on to the next level.

One of Kampe's players, Brian Gregory, even went on to coach at MSU and is now at U-of-T. Gregory, a transfer from Division I Navy, was OU's starting point guard from 1988-90. He is the career leader in assists with 905 and is also among the top ten at OU in scoring (14.5/points per game).

Gregory was elected to OU's Athletic Hall of Honor on Saturday night. Kampe calls Gregory the "best point guard I have ever coached in my life." He epitomizes the ordinary OU basketball player during Kampe's tenure.

Respectful, determined and tenacious could describe both the coach and his players.

During Kampe's fourth year at OU (1987-88), his team beat rival Ferris State University 90-80, in overtime. At the time, FSU was the No. 1 team in NCAA-II basketball. "That might have been the biggest win in our school's history," Kampe said.

After this triumph, victories came in increased numbers.

Recruiting became somewhat easier. The men's team enjoyed its first 20-win season under Kampe during 1986-87. During the 1993-94 season, OU went down to Toledo, Ohio to play the Division I Rockets. What happened in that game was unexpected to some basketball "experts" around the Midwest. OU shocked U-of-T, 86-65.

It wasn't sweet revenge for Kampe, who had made it known that he was interested in the

head coaching job at U-of-T.

"No, it was about going back home (Kampe's from nearby Defiance) and showing them what Oakland basketball was about, since while I was being interviewed for the Toledo job, they really didn't understand."

The win, convincingly easy against a Division I foe, turned some heads. Since that time, OU has won its first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, made three NCAA Tournament appearances and has had the most wins in the GLIAC (49).

"He really brings out the most in people," said Pioneer junior guard Kris Matuszewski. OU assistant basketball coach Eric Stephan agrees.

"(He) is somebody who really cares about players. The lessons they learn, makes them better people—that's what coach Kampe does."

This year, OU has won the GLIAC South Division Championship and at 13-3 in the conference, can finish with the school's best regular-season record.

The men are close to making another NCAA Tournament showing and would be the only GLIAC team ever to do so.

Kampe, 41, lives in Rochester with his wife Susan, and sons Keith, 10, Branch, 4, and Press, 1.

"My dream job would be to coach at the University of Kentucky for five years," he said.

"What is going on here, at Oakland, is exciting—I don't foresee myself leaving any time soon. I love my job. I love Oakland."



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JUST WIN: OU coach Greg Kampe looks to assistant Eric Stephan in a game last week. Kampe has 232 wins at OU. He has won two GLIAC Championships (a South Division title this season). The Pioneers are 19-6 heading into the finale.



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REMEMBER WHEN: Former OU point guard Brian Gregory, inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor Saturday, holds the Pioneers' record for assists.

Four athletes win Hall of Fame honors

Three All-Americans and a former guard

By DAVID CAMERON
Sports Editor

James Surowiec, a men's swimmer from 1986-90 and a cartoonist for THE OAKLAND POST, was among four former athletes inducted into the Athletic Hall Of Honor Saturday night at Meadow Brook Hall.

Surowiec, Ken Osmun (Men's cross country), Lisa Guilfoyle Luczak (Women's Swimming and Diving) and Brian Gregory (Men's Basketball) were selected in ceremonies headed by OU Director of Athletics, Jack Mehl.

"After tonight, great things are expected (of the hall members)," he said.

Luczak swam for OU from 1988-91, leading the women to the 1990 NCAA-II National Champion. She was an All-American from 1988-91 and still holds the OU records in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Luczak was pleased with the award, "It was probably the most important honor I could ever receive," she said. "I used to swim a lot of races and win, but none of them meant what being inducted to the hall means."

Surowiec, with teammates Richie Orr, Eric Dresbach and Hilton Woods, won the NCAA National Championship in 1989 (the 400-yard medley relay). In 1990, Surowiec, Orr, Jon Teal and Eric McIlquham took the National Championship in the 200-yard medley.

He drifted away from the sport during elementary school, took it up again when he was a junior in high school and became a nine-time All-American at OU and just missed the cut for the 1988 Olympics Trials by 17 one-hundredth of a second.

He graduated with a journalism degree in 1990. Surowiec then went to the University of Detroit, gradu-

ating in 1993 with a law degree. He is now an attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Surowiec wasn't a highly-recruited athlete during high school and said OU men's Swimming and Diving coach Pete Hovland helped him follow his dream—to swim in college.

"Pete (Hovland) took a chance on me as a swimmer," he said. "His job (Hovland's) is to make kids realize their dreams."

Surowiec said swimming for OU was outstanding and that making the hall was a "great honor."

"This was the most wonderful experience," he said.

Osmun ran cross country and finished in 11th place in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Nationals in 1990, with a time of 30:14. The first All-American in OU's history of the sport. Osmun found time to be a deejay for the school radio station (now WXOU) and earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Gregory, the starting point guard on OU men's basketball team, finished as the all-time assists leader in OU's history (905 assists) and scored 1,223 points to rank 11th in school history.

He is now an assistant coach at NCAA-I University of Toledo. He spent six years as an assistant coach at Michigan State University.

OU police officer David Birkholtz and Bill Rogers received the George Wibby Award. For 16 years, Birkholtz has been an OU police officer and organizes the Police Golf Scramble, to raise money for OU's golf program. Rogers came to OU as a golf professional in 1977.

John Huntington, owner of Huntington Ford received the Community Service Award for service to the Rochester area.

Basketball team standings

Women's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
North Division	W	L	W	L
Northern Michigan	17	0	23	2
Michigan Technological	14	3	18	6
Lake Superior State	9	7	15	9
Saginaw Valley State	8	8	15	9
Ferris State University	5	11	11	13
Northwood College	3	13	8	16
Grand Valley State	2	14	9	15
South Division	W	L	W	L
Oakland University	13	3	22	3
Ashland University	9	6	17	7
Mercyhurst College	8	7	16	7
Hillsdale College	7	8	15	9
Gannon University	4	11	10	13
Wayne State University	4	12	9	15

Men's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
North Division	W	L	W	L
Grand Valley State	14	2	21	3
Northwood University	10	6	17	7
Saginaw Valley State	10	6	15	9
Michigan Technological	9	8	13	12
Ferris State University	8	8	12	12
Northern Michigan	4	13	7	18
Lake Superior State	3	13	6	16
South Division	W	L	W	L
Oakland University	13	3	19	6
Hillsdale College	8	7	14	10
Wayne State University	8	8	13	12
Gannon University	7	8	16	8
Mercyhurst College	5	10	11	12
Ashland University	4	11	11	13

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Pioneer Leaders

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Matt McClellan (20.5)

•Women's Basketball Scoring
Tamika Bates (15.5)

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ruling. (It) will vigorously defend the lawsuit. (OU) believes staff advisory committees are not public bodies under the Open Meetings Act," said Charles Duerr, Jr., an Ann Arbor attorney who represented the university at Friday's hearing. Duerr said OU will file its answer to the lawsuit on or before March 6, as required by court procedural rules. Sosnick's order required the search committee to conduct all public interviews of applicants in the open and in accordance to

the OMA. THE POST waived the 18 hour notice requirement for the past weekend's interviews to allow the committee's airport interviews to be held as planned. Ronayne argued that since the Board of Trustees recommended to President Gary Russi to formulate a search committee, Russi is, in turn, a one-man public body who answers to the Board. Thus, the search committee is a subcommittee of the president and must comply with the OMA, he said. "This notion that the committee is merely advisory is an attempt to beguile by resorting to semantics," Ronayne argued Friday to Sosnick. "If the president was going to make the decision (to hire), we wouldn't be

here," he added. Duerr conceded that the Board does have the final authority to hire the VPAA. However, he denied that the president is, in effect, a public body. Instead, he said, Russi is like a chief executive so staff committees under him should not be considered a public body. "President Russi has constitutional authority... as chief executive responsible for the university," said Duerr. Duerr further argued that the committee did not make any decisions, just recommendations. He also said that no candidates would be eliminated, and the list of candidates would be forwarded to the Board. Ronayne disputed this say-

ing the search committee is not advisory in light of two appellate court decisions involving U-M and MSU. Ronayne said that instead, the search committee has a specific task to narrow the candidate pool. "I think it tortures the Open Meetings Act, ... and (it) extends Federated beyond rationale," Duerr said. Sosnick ruled the Board of Trustees was a public body, and since it makes the ultimate decision to hire, any delegation of the responsibilities makes Russi and the search committees "subcommittees" of the Board. As such, both must comply with the OMA, he said. In his findings before issuing

a preliminary injunction, Sosnick said he felt based on the law, THE POST would likely succeed if the lawsuit was to go to trial. The search for VPAA began in October. Problems arose immediately when Downing excluded reporters both from The Oakland Press and THE POST to leave meetings to protect the "confidentiality of the applicants." He told reporters that open meetings could jeopardize the applicants' current positions and limit the quality of the pool. Friday's airport interviews were the first time any public or media was allowed access. One semi-finalist candidate withdrew as a result of the open interview process.

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tor's office to open up the meetings of the Board's Finance and Personnel Committee and the University Affairs Committee, where the bulk of any meaningful discussion on most university business occurs.

The prosecutor told the Trustees they were violating the law because part of the decision making process was being done behind closed doors.

Instead of opening them up, the Trustees responded by inserting the word "advisory" to its committees and removing committee responsibilities that could be construed as involving any decision-making.

After resolutions from nearly every campus body, pressure from the prosecutor's office and a petition process that acquired well more than 1,000 signatures, the Board eventually approved a policy of conditional, campus-wide openness.

And let's not forget the recent presidential search - or lack there of - started last year. Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz ordered the university to open its search in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Instead of following the law, the Board decided to wait for a successful ruling on its appeal and/or the passage of a state law that would allow universities to close presidential searches. When those outs didn't appear to be in the immediate future, they picked up their marbles, went home and called the whole search off. Very mature, indeed.

I'm guessing that the university tries these loopholes and quick fixes, rather than dealing with the core issue of openness, because leaders think they will go away.

Or they may think that this is a little game in which faculty with an agenda stick their hands up students' backs and make them say things they don't mean or understand.

From experience, I can tell you neither case is true. Students on THE POST have always gotten a good education in journalism from OU and are intent on doing the right thing.

The Board would do well to follow that lead, instead of expending so much time, energy and money fighting openness.

I've tried to figure out the board's obviously intense motivation behind the tenacity with which this battle has been fought year, after year, after year. Is it insecurity? Fear? Shady dealings? Stubbornness? Laziness? A legitimate belief that qualified candidates won't apply? Or just big egos that don't feel they should be accountable to little old us?

I don't know the answer. But I can't imagine any reason good enough to break the law and destroy an atmosphere that encourages open discussion and informed dialogue by all members of the university community.

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evening and continued all day Saturday and Sunday with half hour breaks between candidates to discuss the previous interview.

The interviews were the first opportunity for the committee to actually meet the candidates.

Each was asked the same eight questions and given an opportunity to inquire about the position and OU.

The questions ranged from the individual's approach towards collective bargaining to administrative challenges.

"I know how to work well with unions... Working with them is better than working against them," said Genshaft.

Many candidates felt the most challenging administrative decisions came in the personnel areas. "Almost every administrator loses the most sleep over interpersonal (decisions). The most challenging for me was removing a department chair ... He was hurting the department, and I made a big mistake not in removing the chair but waiting too long to do it," said Liberty.

Other questions included were diversity and student needs. Several candidates had received awards for their involvement in diversity issues. "You get real aggressive when hiring so when students sit in those

classes, they see the real possibility," said Oliver. He said this was especially true for people of color.

Candidates asked the committee a variety of questions. Many inquired about OU's Strategic Plan. Others were curious about what exactly the committee was looking for in a candidate, and what academic areas needed improvement the most.

Candidates had a variety of viewpoints on the collaboration of departments on campus. "Student affairs and academic affairs should not be separated,...but integrated," said Strathe.

Cronn described a university as an inverted pyramid. She explained that the students were the integral part who rested on the shoulders of the faculty who rested on the shoulders of the administration and staff.

In the discussions that followed each interview, committee members discussed their impressions of the individuals and how well the candidate was likely to fit in at OU.

The semi-finalists came from a variety of types of schools in respect to size and concentration as well as location.

Of the 15 member committee only 11 attended all of the interviews. Alumni member Rosemarie Hirsch, 1972 graduate, only came Saturday. Student member Rachel Yank did not attend because of an out of town conference. Budget Manager Tom Le Marbe had a prior

commitment and Assistant Professor of Nursing Margaret Christensen could not attend because her child was ill.

Overall, the committee seemed pleased with the quality of the applicants. "I think we have identified exceptionally well qualified individuals... I wish that we hadn't lost a candidate, (but) I'm very pleased with the group," said Downing.

Russi sat through all the interviews but did not participate. He asked no questions and answered only those which the committee deferred to him.

During the upcoming campus visits he plans to personally interview the candidates.

Russi wants the visits to be scheduled promptly. "We need someone in that job now to work as a team member... This position is so critical to us right now," said Russi. The position is expected to be filled by July.

Several candidates have applied to other institutions. According to Downing, if the process drags on too long the pool size may dwindle.

Candidates will meet with various constituents on and off campus.

Groups are likely to include: University Senate, Deans' Council, the Cabinet, AAUP Executive Committee, department chairs and student leaders. The candidates will also make a public presentation which will include a question and answer period and reception.

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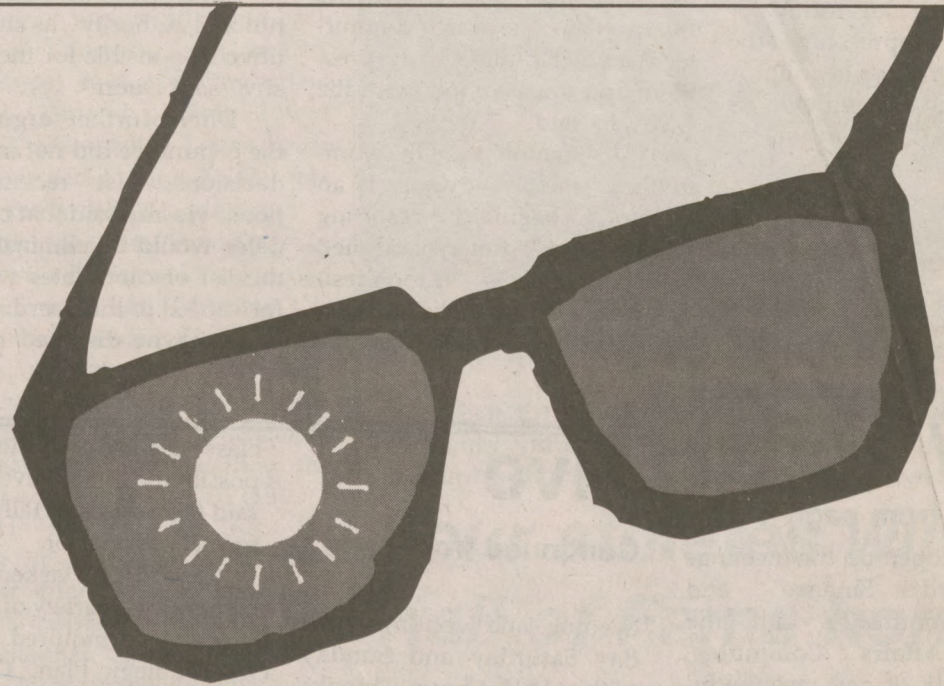
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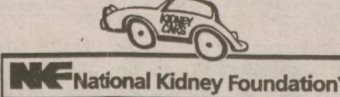
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