

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY 1997-98
WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



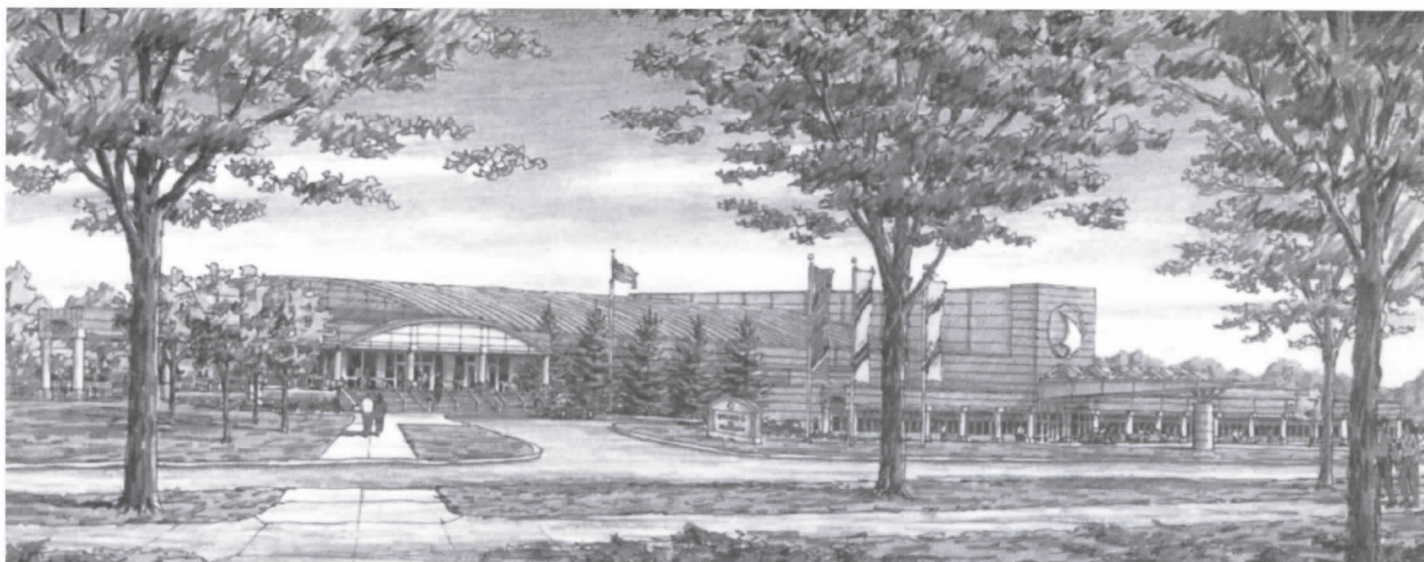
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Jill Mellis



Laura Juncker



Oakland's New Recreation and Athletic Center

Ground Breaking — Fall 1996

Projected Opening — Fall 1998

Lepley Renovation and Arena: 110,000 square feet

New Recreation Space: 140,000 square feet

Major Spaces

Arena - 3,000 seats for basketball, volleyball and special events

Natatorium - 50-meter x 25-yard pool, bubble pool and spa and

1,000 spectator seats for swim competition

Recreation gym - 3 court gym - basketball, volleyball

Club Sport Area - floor hockey, golf, soccer and volleyball

Running/Walking Track - 4 lanes, 1/10 mile

Weight Training and Fitness area - 8,500 square feet

Multipurpose/Aerobics Rooms - 1 @ 3,000 square feet, 1 @ 2,400 square feet

4 Racquetball Courts

1 International Squash Court

Locker Rooms

Wellness Center

Classroom/Meeting Rooms

Athletic Department Offices, Training Room and Locker Areas

Recreation Offices

Booster Room

Programs

Informal, Open-gym and Fitness Programs

Expanded Instructional Programs

Swimming Lessons

Expanded Fitness Training and Wellness Programs

Expanded Intramural and Recreational Programs

Expanded Club Sports

Family Nights

Children's Programs

Tournaments



Summer 1997



Oakland University Quick Facts

Location: Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401

Founded: 1957

Enrollment: 13,956

President: Gary Russi

Faculty Representative: Bill Macauley

Conference: Mid-Continent Conference (1998-99)

Affiliation: NCAA Division I-AAA (1999-2000)

Nickname: Pioneers

Colors: Gold, Black, White

Home Pool: Lepley Sports Center Pool

OU Swimming & Diving Information

Head Coach:

Tracy Huth (Oakland, '85)

Huth's Record at Oakland:

Five National Championships (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994), NCAA Second Place (1995, 1996, 1997), NCAA Third Place (1989), NCAA Sixth Place (1988)

Assistant Coach: Randy Teeters (Oakland)

Student Assistant Coach: Jessie Bailey (Oakland)

Volunteer Asst. Coach: Jeff Cooper (Oakland, '88)

Diving Coach: Don McElreath (Michigan, '78)

1996-97 Dual Meet Record: 8-4

GLIAC Finish: 1st of 7

NCAA Finish: 2nd of 22

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/8

Recruiting Class Size: 10

OU Athletic Staff

Athletic Director: Jack Mehl

Assistant AD: Greg Kampe

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1997-98 Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule

Month	Date	Contest	Time
September	27	ALUMNI MEET	12 noon
October	3	BLACK & GOLD INTRAQUAD	7 p.m.
	18	PIONEER FALL CLASSIC	12 noon
	24	(Oakland, Ashland, Waterloo, Hope) at Bowling Green Relays	11 a.m./5 p.m.
	31	at Northern Michigan	TBA
November	1	at Northern Michigan	TBA
	8	WRIGHT STATE	1 p.m.
	13	TOLEDO	4 p.m.
	21	ASHLAND	4 p.m.
December	5	at Eastern Michigan Invitational	5 p.m.
	6	at Eastern Michigan Invitational	10 a.m./6 p.m.
	13	PIONEER DIVING INVITATIONAL	All Day
	20-1/4	at Winter Training Trip - Oahu, Hawaii	
	30	at Hawaii and vs. Illinois	6 p.m.
January	2-3	at Rainbow Invitational - Oahu, Hawaii	
	10	DENISON	3 p.m.
	16	at Kenyon	4 p.m.
	23	PIONEER INVITE (Ashland, Clarion, NMU)	6 p.m.
	24	PIONEER INVITE (Ashland, Clarion, NMU)	10 am/1 p.m.
	30	at Eastern Michigan	4 p.m.
February	6	at Cincinnati	4 p.m.
	7	at Western Kentucky	12 noon (cst)
	26-28	NIC Championship - Cincinnati, Ohio	12 p.m./7 p.m.

HOME EVENTS IN ALL BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS

All times and dates are tentative and subject to change



Tracy Huth

Women's Swimming Coach

Assistant Athletics Director

11th Season

Oakland ('85)

Oakland University head women's swimming coach Tracy Huth is entering his 11th season at the helm of Pioneer swimming.

Huth and his Pioneers have established themselves as the top NCAA Division II women's swimming and diving program of the last decade. OU has finished in the top three in the nation for nine straight seasons, posting three straight second-place finishes after winning five consecutive national championships.

During the championship run Oakland broke a scoring or point differential record virtually every season, and joined elite company with Division I Texas and Division III Kenyon as five-time women's swimming and diving champions.

The first championship, 1990 in Buffalo, N.Y., was a last-event victory that stunned the swimming world. Number two, 1991 in Brown Deer, Wis., was a start-to-finish blowout. In 1992, the Pioneers went to Grand Forks, N.D. as the underdogs, and controlled the meet from the first event to complete the three-peat. Titles four and five were no contest as the Pioneers took Canton, Ohio by storm. In 1993, OU had the championship won before they swam an event the last night. In 1994, the Pioneers won every freestyle event there was, and a record 12 of the 20 events in all.

"I have always believed in approaching the championships with a team concept, not emphasizing the individual but the group," Huth said. "In the long run I feel this has made us more successful."

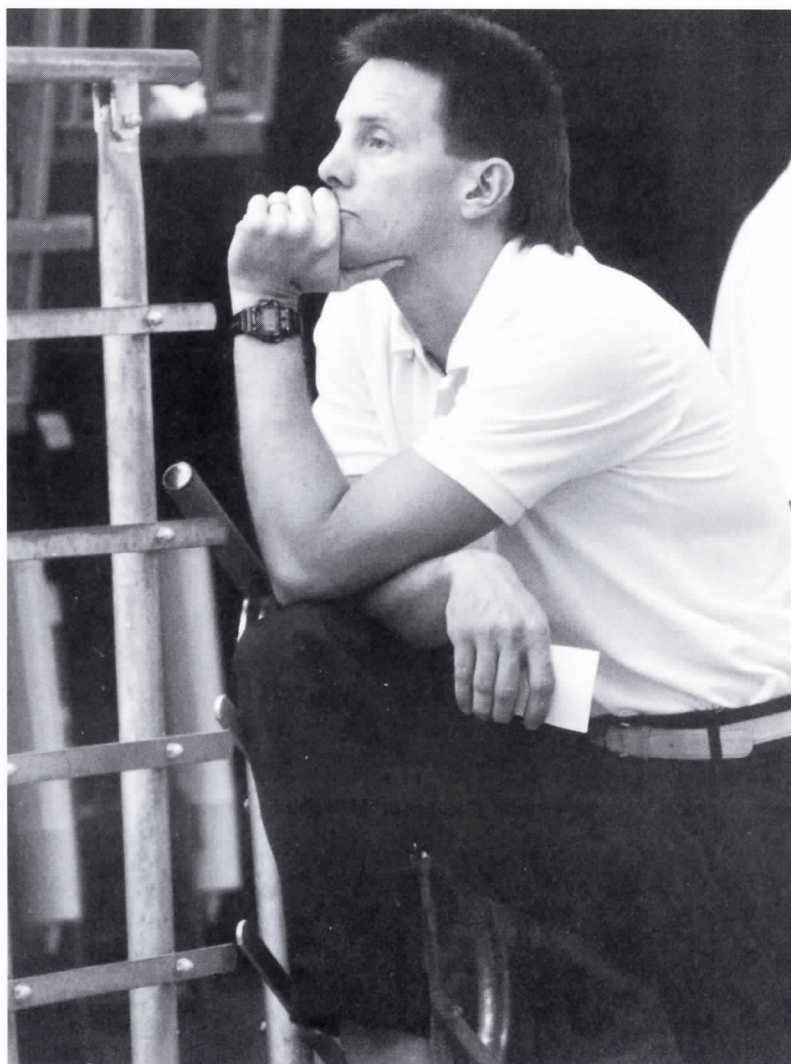
Success has come very quickly for coach Huth. He was an individual national champion and was named Division II Swimmer of the Year for the first of three times before his 21st birthday. He was hired as head women's swimming coach at OU by the age of 26, and coached a national championship team for the first time in just his third season, an accomplishment that earned him his first of three honors as Division II Women's Swimming Coach of the Year in 1990.

His latest accomplishment was being named Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Student Services at OU in the spring of 1996.

Huth's three NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year awards came in his freshman, sophomore and senior years. He was a rare 24-time all-American while at OU, and also claimed 13 national championships. Huth dominated the individual medley events from 1981-84, winning national titles all four years in both the 200 and 400 IM. His other five championships came as part of relay units.

In his four years, Huth was instrumental in four top-three finishes, including three second-place endings. His OU heroics earned him a spot in the Pioneer Hall of Honor in his first year of eligibility.

Huth graduated from Oakland in 1985 with a bachelors degree in secondary education/social studies. In 1996 he went on to earn his master's of education from Wayne State University.





Don McElreath

Diving Coach

2nd Season

Michigan '78

Oakland University's Don McElreath is entering his second season as the head diving coach for both the men's and women's diving teams.

In his first season he guided two male divers and one female diver to all-GLIAC and all-America honors. Senior Becki Bach earned both honors after finishing sixth on the one meter and third on the three meter at the 1997 NCAA Division II Championship. She won the one meter at the GLIAC Championship and finished second in the three meter. Junior Damion Pulliam earned both honors after finishing sixth on the one-meter and seventh on the three-meter at the 1997 NCAA Championship. Pulliam won both events at the 1997 GLIAC Championship. Freshman Greg Harris claimed 14th place at the NCAA Championship earning him all-America recognition. Harris earned all-GLIAC honors after finishing second on the one-meter and third on the three meter at the GLIAC Championship.

McElreath, who also serves as a physical education teacher at Shelby Junior High School in Utica, has been a coach in high school athletics since 1976. He began as the diving coach at Ann Arbor Huron High School, while studying for his Bachelor of Science degree in education at the University of Michigan. The 1978 Michigan graduate has coached both diving and gymnastics at Rochester High School, and has also coached gymnastics at Troy Athens and Birmingham Seaholm High Schools.

He has served as the varsity football defensive coordinator at both Utica and Utica Eisenhower High Schools, the volleyball head coach at Utica Ford High School and as the assistant tennis coach at Troy High School.



Jessie Bailey

Student Assistant Coach

1st Season

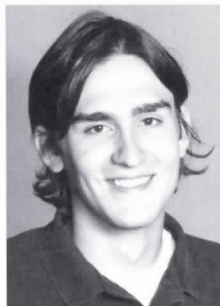
Jessie Bailey is in her first season as an assistant swimming coach to Tracy Huth. Bailey is currently working to complete her undergraduate degree in general management.

Bailey was a 20-time all-American, earning four individual honors at the 1997 NCAA Championship and two as a part of relay units. Bailey was a member of the 1994 NCAA Division II Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship team.

In the 1997 NCAA Championship, Bailey finished fourth in both the 100 back and 200 IM, fifth in the 200 back and 11th in the 400 IM. She swam legs in the 200 medley relay that finished third and the 400 medley relay that finished fourth.

The Dewitt native is in Oakland's Lepley Center Pool record book for the 200 medley relay of 1:49.05 (Bailey, Mellis, Alessandri, Lessig).

In addition to her coaching duties at OU, Bailey is an assistant swim coach with the Oakland Live Y'ers and the Rochester High School girls swim team. She was an assistant with the Heart of the Hills Swim Club in Rochester last summer.



Randy Teeters

Assistant Coach

1st Season

Randy Teeters enters his first season as assistant coach to Tracy Huth in 1997-98 and his second season with Oakland University swimming. He served the 1996-97 season as an assistant to Pete Hovland, OU's men's coach. Teeters is currently working to complete his undergraduate degree in biology/exercise science.

Teeters swam two successful seasons at Oakland after transferring from the University of Michigan. Teeters was an 11-time all-American and three-time national champion in his two seasons. His three titles came in the relays, two with the 200 medley and one with the 200 free.

In 1995-96, he set a school record in the 400 IM of 3:57.89, while placing second in the event. He also placed second in the 200 IM for the second straight season and fourth in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. As a junior, he was also third in the 200 back, ninth in the 400 IM, and 13th in the 100 breast. And, of course, he was part of two national championship teams.

Teeters was a finalist in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke at the United States Olympic Festival, placing third in both events. He was also runner-up in the 1992 Junior Nationals and a senior national qualifier.

A state and Catholic League champion while a prepster at Redford Catholic Central High School, Teeters is the nephew of former OU swimmer and Oakland Live Y'er coach Scott Teeters, who is currently the head women's coach at Eastern Michigan.



Jeff Cooper

Volunteer Assistant Coach

9th Season

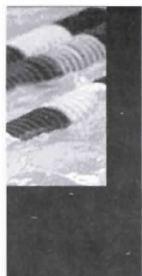
Oakland '88

Jeff Cooper returns in 1997-98 for his ninth season as an assistant under head coach Tracy Huth. This is Cooper's second stint with the Pioneers. Cooper's first two years at OU included the first national championship year in 1990. Cooper spent the 1990-91 season as an assistant coach at Louisiana State University before returning to Rochester.

Cooper was a 13-time all-American in his four years at Oakland. Included in his national honors were top 12 finishes in his specialty, the 400 yard individual medley, all four years as a Pioneer swimmer. Cooper also earned all-America honors in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle and with the 400 and 800 free relay units.

Cooper was a dominant swimmer in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship meet, winning 11 GLIAC championships. He won four titles in each of freshman and junior years, and was selected the GLIAC Swimmer of the Year as a frosh.

An OU team captain, Cooper helped lead the Pioneers to four straight GLIAC championships and four top six national team finishes, including back-to-back second-place finishes in his junior and senior years.



Stacey Axner

Butterfly/IM

5-5, Sophomore

West Bloomfield, Michigan
(West Bloomfield HS)

Coach Huth on Axner

"Stacey is suffering through some injuries right now. She was pretty close to the Division II time in the 200 fly last year. Stacey will add tremendous depth and how well she does will depend on how well she trains and how well she commits herself."

As a Freshman ... Was the 12th top point scorer at the GLIAC Championship in 1997 ... scored 32 points for OU as a frosh ... finished third in the 200 butterfly (2:12.81), fifth in the 500 free (5:18.90) and fifth in the 400 IM (4:44.40).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Bob Crosby ... a two-time all-League swimmer ... honorable mention all-Stater and OAA record holder in the 500 free ... a member of WBHS 1994 league championship team ... voted Most Valuable Swimmer in 1993 ... was Laker of the Year in 1992.

Personal ... Born Stacey Diane Axner on May 1, 1978 in Columbus, Ohio ... parents are Bruce and Ann Axner ... undecided on a major.



Megan Cagney

Freestyle/Backstroke

5-6, Freshman

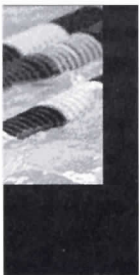
Kalamazoo, Michigan
(Central HS)

Coach Huth on Cagney

"She will be in a real development phase this year. What she has shown so far is that she can handle whatever workouts we are throwing at her. This freshman year will really give her a chance to develop and work hard on her biomechanics. I'm sure there'll be a tremendous amount of improvement just from that."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Tom Belco ... captained the Giants as a senior ... earned all-Conference, all-Greater Kalamazoo, all-Star and Prep Star honors at CHS ... also lettered once in soccer ... member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors.

Personal ... Born Megan Cagney on January 29, 1979 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan ... parents are Thomas and Cathleen Cagney ... health sciences major.



Sarah Cannon

Diving

5-4, Freshman

Rockford, Michigan
(Rockford HS)

Coach Huth on Cannon

"Sarah has a lot of experience from her background in gymnastics. She has experience on both the one and three meters, but particularly the one meter from high school. She is very good in the dives she has now and this year she'll work on adding difficulty

and strength. She definitely has the talent to help OU."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Rockford High School in Rockford, Michigan ... four year letterwinner under head coach Ann Wright ... co-captained the 1997 diving squad.

Personal ... Born Sarah Lynn Cannon on November 16, 1978 in Alpena, Michigan ... parents are Dan and Angela Cannon ... pre-medicine major.



Ellen Collins

Freestyle

5-11, Sophomore

Lakewood, Ohio
(Lakewood HS)

Coach Huth on Collins

"Ellen is primarily a middle distance freestyle swimmer, but is also our best distance swimmer. She is a prototype middle distance freestyler. She is very good in the 500 free and is improving greatly in the 200. She comes in with a year of collegiate experience and should compete at a very high level for us."

Before Oakland ... Transferred from Ashland University ... swam one season for Ashland under head coach Tim Verge ... earned four all-America honors as a frosh after finishing sixth in the 200 free, eighth in the 500 free and 1,650 free and was a member of the 800 free relay unit.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Lakewood High School in Lakewood, Ohio ... four year letterwinner under head coach Jim Stacy ... earned all-League honors in 1995 and 1996 and all-District honors in 1996 ... also lettered in cross country three years.

Personal ... Born Ellen Collins on September 29, 1978 in Cleveland, Ohio ... undecided on a major.



Devon Cunningham

Diving
5-3, Freshman
Tecumseh, Michigan
(Tecumseh HS)

Coach Huth on Cunningham

"Devon was our top diving recruit. She was ranked fourth in our zone (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin). She has some real ability. Devon will go through a development phase as a freshman, but she could be our top diver this year and contribute right away. Once we become Division I active, I can see her qualifying for the zone meets right away."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Tecumseh High School in Tecumseh, Michigan ... earned three letters in swimming under head coach Larry Reed ... captained the 1996 swimming and diving team as a senior ... earned all-League and all-District in 1995 and 1996 ... garnered all-State honors all three years ... THS swimming and diving team finished 14th in the state her senior season ... also lettered in track her sophomore year ... S.A.D.D. officer.

Personal ... Born Devon Marie Cunningham on February 9, 1979 in Ann Arbor, Michigan ... parents are Dennis and Denise Cunningham ... psychology major.



Clarice Gelmine

Co-Captain
Backstroke/Freestyle
5-6, Senior
Rochester, Michigan
(Rochester HS)

Coach Huth on Gelmine

"Clarey is our top returning backstroke, but has some serious knee problems and had surgery over the sum-

mer. She is extremely limited in the early going. She won't get any kind of green light ability until at least December. It's hard to determine anything right now, because she was really developing into a tremendous backstroke on our team."

As a Junior ... Doubled her all-America honors from her sophomore year with six as a junior ... finished third in both the 100 and 200 backs in times of 58.92 and 2:05.07, respectively ... earned honorable mention honors in the 200 free with a 12th place finish (1:55.51) ... swam a leg of the third place 200 free relay, third place 400 free relay and second place 800 free relay ... the 200 relay time of 1:36.11 at the NCAA championship was the season best ... she also holds OU's best times in the 100 and 200 back in 1997.

As a Sophomore ... Earned three all-America honors ... placed seventh in the 200 back, 11th in the 100 back and 15th in the 200 free ... GLIAC champ in both backstroke events last year.

As a Freshman ... A two-time all-American, finishing eighth in the 200 back and 11th in the 100 back ... a junior national qualifier in the 200 back ... a member of two Oakland County Championship teams at Rochester High School ... originally swam for OU coach Tracy Huth as a member of the Oakland Live Y'ers age group program.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Rochester High School in Rochester, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Ginnie Holloway ... captained the RHS swim team her junior and senior years ... member of all-American relay team at RHS ... team MVP her junior and senior years ... team finished 11th in the state her senior year ... member of the student council.

Personal ... Born Clarice Ann Gelmine on September 17, 1975 in Rochester, Michigan ... nickname is Clarey ... parents are Bert and Sherry Gelmine ... communications major.



Michelle Haley

Breaststroke/IM
5-8, Freshman
Okemos, Michigan
(Okemos HS)

Coach Huth on Haley

"Michelle is not the type of person you heard a lot about out of high school, although she did really well. She will do extremely well at the collegiate level just

because she is geared more towards the middle distance in the breast and IM. She has a tremendous amount of talent and the coaching staff feels that she is going to be very good."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Okemos High School in Okemos, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Marie Hull ... captained the 1996 Chiefs swimming team ... named all-Area and all-League her final three seasons ... team finished eighth in 1995 and 10th in 1996 in the state ... member of the National Honor Society ... nominee for the MHSAA scholar-athlete award.

Personal ... Born Michelle Anne Haley on March 31, 1979 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee ... parents are Dwight and Karen Haley ... father played basketball at Kansas two seasons ... physical therapy major.



Betsy Hansen

Butterfly/Freestyle
5-10, Sophomore
Pleasanton, California
(Foothill HS)

Coach Huth on Hansen

"Betsy broke the school record last year in the 200 butterfly by quite a bit and just missed the 100 butterfly record. She is very tough and very solid all the way around and has a tremendous background from her age group program. She is a very hard worker with specific goals in mind."

As a Freshman ... Tallied five all-America honors in her first season with Pioneer swimming ... claimed two in relays - one as a part of the fourth-place 400 medley relay team and the other as a part of the runner-up 800 free relay unit ... she claimed the other three in individual events ... she finished second in the 200 fly (school record - 2:05.06), eighth in the 100 fly (58.44) and earned an honorable mention plaudit in the 1,650 free (18:01.65) ... recorded OU's bests in the 100 and 200 fly, both at the NCAA Championship ... also was a part of the 800 free relay (7:49.58) at the EMU Invitational, also a 1997 best time.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Foothill High School in Pleasanton, California ... earned four varsity letters in swimming under head coach Steve Morsilli ... captained the FHS swim team her sophomore, junior and senior years.

Personal ... Born Elizabeth M. Hansen on August 16, 1978 in Stockton, California ... nickname is Betsy

... parents are Pete and Vicki Hansen ... elementary education major ... a junior national competitor in the 100 and 200 butterfly.



Liz Hawes

Freestyle/Backstroke
5-9, Senior
Fenton, Michigan
(Fenton HS)

Coach Huth on Hawes

"Liz is a very versatile swimmer. She can swim just about any distance freestyle. She is also a very good backstroker and can swim the IM. She trains as well as anybody. Liz is one of the best trainers on our team."

As a Junior ... Tallied two honorable all-America plaudits at the 1997 NCAA Championship ... was 11th in the 100 back with her time of 1:00.27 and was 16th in the 400 IM with her time of 4:49.63 ... recorded OU's best time in 1997 in the 1,000 freestyle (10:49.98) at Miami of Ohio ... member of the 800 free relay team that posted the Pioneer best time of 7:49.58 at the EMU Invitational ... tied for 20th at the GLIAC Championship with 27 points ... finished fourth in the 1,650 free (18:16.75) and sixth in the 400 IM (4:51.33).

As a Sophomore ... Earned a pair of all-America honors ... was 14th in the 200 free and 15th in the 1,650 free.

As a Freshman ... Earned five all-America honors as a freshman, including a national championship as a member of the 200 medley relay squad ... also scored in both backstroke events, the 200 free and the 1,650 free ... GLIAC champ in both backstroke events.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Fenton High School in Fenton, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Orley Spees ... captained the 1994 Tigers ... a three-time prep all-Stater who set six school records at Fenton High School ... a member of three top 10 Class B teams at Fenton ... swam for the Ann Arbor Swim Club ... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal ... Born Elizabeth Hawes on February 14, 1976 in Flint, Michigan ... nickname is Liz ... parents are Slater and Kirsten Hawes ... political science major.



Laura Juncker

Co-Captain
Freestyle
5-8, Senior
Austin, Minnesota
(Austin HS)

Coach Huth on Juncker

"Laura had an operation on her shoulder over the summer. She is working her way back into it slowly. She will be back, but we're just not sure how soon. She will be back at 100 percent this season. Laura is a true athlete, a hardworker and a great leader. She is the glue of our freestyle group."

As a Junior ... Was Oakland's top point scorer in the individual events with 52 ... earned the maximum seven all-America honors for the third year in a row ... finished third in the 200 free (1:53.24), fourth in the 500 free (5:02.41), seventh in the 100 free (53.44) and ninth in the 1,650 free (17:37.14) ... was a member of the second place 800 free relay, third place 200 free relay and third place 400 free relay ... recorded OU's best times in 1997 in the 100, 200, 500 and 1,650 free ... she was also a part of the 200, 400 and 800 free relay and 400 medley relay teams that recorded Oakland's best times.

As a Sophomore ... Earned the maximum seven all-America honors for the second straight season ... also won a pair of relay national titles with the 200 and 400 free units ... individually she was third in the 200 free, fifth in the 500 free, sixth in the 1,650 free and 12th in the 100 free ... she was also a member of the 800 free relay team.

As a Freshman ... A seven-time all-American and three-time relay national champion ... won relay titles with the 200, 400, and 800 free relay units ... was second in the 200 free, seventh in the 100 free, eighth in the 500 free and 10th in the 1,650 free.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Austin High School in Austin, Minnesota ... earned four letters at AHS under head coach Lynn Gulbrandson ... a three-year all-Stater in Minnesota as a prepster ... finished second in the state meet in the 500 free and third in the 200 free ... regional champ in both events ... earned all-Conference honors all four years ... was conference champion in the 200 and 500 free her final three seasons ... a prep Academic All-American ... also lettered in basketball (2) and golf (4) ... co-captained the golf and basketball teams in 1994 ... member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with high distinction.

Personal ... Born Laura Juncker on February 14, 1976 in Austin, Minnesota ... parents are Zane and Judy Juncker ... father played football at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa ... accounting major ... has been named to the Dean's List two semesters at OU and has received commendation five semesters ... Academic all-American member of accounting group OASI's ... named to the CSCAA Academic all-America Swimming team for the winter semester of 1997 with the 11th best GPA nationally among Division II swimmers.



Yvonne Lynn

Backstroke/Freestyle
5-9, Freshman
Plymouth, Michigan
(Salem HS)

Coach Huth on Lynn

"Yvonne is strong out of high school, but isn't as experienced as most Division I swimmers are. She did some year round swimming, but on a very limited basis. Yvonne is going to be a late bloomer. She has a tremendous amount of talent. She's got the build and all of the attributes, she's got the feel for the water ... she's got everything it takes."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Salem High School in Plymouth, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Chuck Olson ... captained the Rocks as a senior ... earned all-League and all-District honors all four years ... school record holder ... team finished 21st in the state her senior season.

Personal ... Born Yvonne Elizabeth Lynn on March 11, 1979 in Detroit, Michigan ... parents are Ronald and Elizabeth Lynn ... undecided on a major.



Jill Mellis
Breaststroke/Freestyle
5-5, Senior
Canton, Michigan
(Canton HS)

Coach Huth on Mellis

"Mellis is a tremendous sprinter. Her time in the 100 breast last year would have won the NIC meet. She is a very hard worker. She is the type of person you don't have to worry about. If anything, you have to worry about her working too hard. Jill is very, very skilled in the breaststrokes and the sprint frees. She'll be relied on heavily in those areas."

As a Junior ... Scored the third most points among all Pioneers at the NCAA Championship with 47 ... earned four all-America honors in the individual events and three in the relay events ... finished third in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.63), fifth in the 50 freestyle (24.14), eighth in the 200 breast (2:24.10) and 11th in the 100 fly (58.96) ... member of the third-place 200 free relay, third-place 400 free relay and third-place 200 medley relay units ... her 50 free time of 24.13 at the NCAA Championship was OU's best in 1997 ... also recorded the Pioneer Best Times in the 50 breast (32.03), 100 breast (1:05.63) and 200 breast (2:23.12).

As a Sophomore ... Earned five all-America honors ... national champion with the 200 free relay squad ... placed individually in three events ... was seventh in the 100 breaststroke, ninth in the 200 breast and 12th in the 200 IM.

As a Freshman ... A six-time all-American ... a member of the 200 medley relay national title team ... her best individual finish was seventh in the 100 breaststroke ... also scored in the 200 breaststroke and both IM events.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Canton High School in Plymouth, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Hooker Wellman ... captained the swimming team two seasons ... a state finalist in both the breaststroke and IM as a prepster.

Personal ... Born Jill Mellis on October 23, 1976 in Ann Arbor, Michigan ... parents are Jim and Barb Mellis ... engineering chemistry major ... named to the CSCAA Academic all-America Swimming team for the winter semester of 1997 ... her 3.55 GPA tied her for 22nd nationally among NCAA Division II swimmers.



Jennifer Redumski
Backstroke/Freestyle
5-4, Sophomore
Flint, Michigan
(Southwestern Academy)

Coach Huth on Redumski

"Last year was a developing year for Jennifer. She used her freshman year to develop her biomechanics and will add depth in both the freestyle and backstroke events."

As a Freshman ... Saw limited action as a freshman ... finished 10th in the 200 IM (2:17.65) and 200 freestyle (2:02.39) and 11th in the 200 freestyle (55.86) at the 1997 GLIAC Championship.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Flint Southwestern Academy ... a two-year swimmer under head coach Brad Jones ... set school records in six individual events and with three relays ... selected conference swimmer of the year as a senior ... state championship qualifier ... earned Academic all-Valley honors ... voted team MVP her senior season ... captained the Knights in 1995 and 1996 ... also lettered in cheerleading (1993 and 1994) ... class salutatorian.

Personal ... Born Jennifer Lynn Redumski on June 23, 1978 in Flint, Michigan ... nickname is Jenny ... parents are David and Patti Redumski ... physical therapy major.



Michelle Sodee
Diving
5-2, Sophomore
Middleburg Heights, Ohio
(Midpack HS)

Coach Huth on Sodee

"Michelle is our only returning diver. Last year was a

learning year for her in the three-meter diving and hopefully the year of experience will really help her."

As a Freshman ... Recorded nine points at the GLIAC Championship in 1997 ... finished eighth in the three meter diving with 322.35 points and ninth in the one meter event with 289.70 points.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Midpack High School in Middleburg Heights, Ohio ... dove for four years under head coach Tim Cray ... school diving record-holder who was ranked 14th in Ohio.

Personal ... Born Michelle Marie Sodee on January 24, 1978 in Middleburg Heights, Ohio ... parents are Bob Sodee and Betty Sodee ... international business major.



Laura Sorley
Diving
5-4, Freshman
Indianapolis, Indiana
(Decatur Central HS)

Coach Huth on Sorley

"Laura has a lot of talent and experience at the one meter. She has a vast gymnastics background and has a number of years of experience from there. As a freshman it is a matter of learning the mechanics and also stepping up and improving her degree of difficulty."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Decatur Central High School ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Shelley Rhinesmith ... is a school record holder in diving (1997) ... also lettered in cheerleading ... captained the Hawks swimming and diving team and cheerleading squad as a senior ... voted Outstanding Senior Athlete at DCHS in 1997 ... MVP in both diving and cheerleading as a senior ... member of the National Honor Society ... was homecoming princess and snowcoming queen.

Personal ... Born Laura Marie Sorley on February 12, 1979 in Honolulu, Hawaii ... nickname is Sorley ... parents are Charles and Angela Kappus ... physical therapy major.



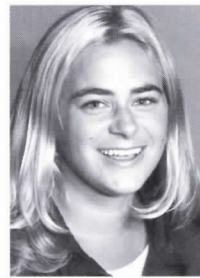
Peggy Strauss
Butterfly/Freestyle/IM
5-7, Freshman
Rockford, Michigan
(Rockford HS)

Coach Huth on Strauss

"Peggy is a very hard worker. She is one of the toughest workout swimmers that I've ever seen. She just gets in there and goes, and she wants to work out. Peggy's energy level and ability to work is a tremendous asset for her. We anticipate that she is going to do very well."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Rockford High School in Rockford, Michigan ... earned four letters under head coach Don Seifert ... earned all-Conference honors in 1993, 1995 and 1996 ... named team MVP in swimming as a senior ... YMCA All-American ... also earned one letter in water polo ... team MVP in water polo as well ... captained the 1997 water polo team.

Personal ... Born Margaret Helene Strauss on November 2, 1979 in Rockford, Michigan ... nickname is Peggy ... parents are John and Dianne Strauss ... computer engineering major.



Katie Szopo
Freestyle
5-7, Sophomore
Brighton, Michigan
(Brighton HS)

Coach Huth on Szopo

"Katie showed a lot of improvement towards the end of last year. She has come in this year and basically picked up where she left off. Katie is one of our top three distance people and will see a lot of action there."

As a Freshman ... Was Oakland's third highest point scorer at the GLIAC Championship and was sixth overall with 38 points ... finished second in the 500 free (5:09.72) and 1,650 free (17:56.62) and third in the 200 free (1:56.28).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Brighton High School in Brighton, Michigan ... a four year letterwinner in swimming under head coach Lisa Thomas ... earned all-State honors as a senior ... team finished 13th in the state her senior year ... also lettered in cross country and track ... captained the Bulldog track team her senior year ... earned all-State honors in track and cross country ... state champion two years in the 3200 relay ... member of the National Honor Society ... swam for the Ann Arbor Swim Club.

Personal ... Born Katherine Elaine Szopo on October 6, 1978 in Rochester, Michigan ... nickname is Katie ... parents are Ken and Suzanne Szopo.



Lisa Van Tatenhove
Freestyle
5-10, Junior
Zeeland, Michigan
(Zeeland HS)

Coach Huth on Van Tatenhove

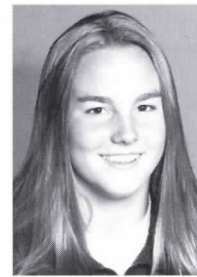
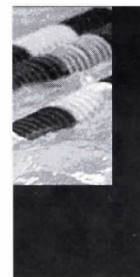
"Lisa had a very good freshman year and struggled a little bit last year, mainly from a biomechanics standpoint. I'd never argue with how hard the girl works. Even with that, she had a fairly successful year. What we've been doing is working hard to get her back to where she was before. If she does that she'll do very, very well."

As a Sophomore ... Earned three individual all-America honors and four honors with relay teams at the 1997 NCAA Championship ... finished eighth in the 200 freestyle (1:56.87) and 14th in both the 50 free (24.53) and 100 free (53.93) ... was a member of the second-place 800 free relay, third-place 200 free relay, third-place 400 free relay and fourth-place 400 medley relay units ... scored 35 points at the 1997 GLIAC Championship, tied for ninth overall ... member of the 200 free and 400 free relay teams that won the GLIAC titles at the championship.

As a Freshman ... Earned six all-America honors ... a member of OU's two relay national title teams, the 200 and 400 free relay units ... individually she placed sixth in the 100 free, seventh in the 200 free and 11th in the 50 free ... also a member of the second place 800 free relay team.

High School ... A 1995 graduate of Zeeland High School in Zeeland, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Mike Torrey ... captained the swim team at ZHS his senior season ... earned all-State, all-Conference and all-America honors in swimming ... was named team MVP as a senior ... a member of three state title teams at Zeeland High School ... earned relay all-America honors ... won a pair of individual state titles ... also lettered in volleyball at ZHS and earned all-Conference plaudits.

Personal ... Born Lisa Van Tatenhove on July 6, 1977 in Zeeland, Michigan ... nickname is Tater ... parents are Cal and Margie Van Tatenhove ... elementary education major.



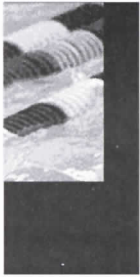
Kellyann Williams
Breaststroke/IM
5-7, Freshman
Plymouth, Michigan
(Salem HS)

Coach Huth on Williams

"Kellyann has a fairly extensive USS background. We don't need to worry about her work ethic, it'll be improving the biomechanics, technique end of things this year. If she can improve on those things, she's going to improve tremendously."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Salem High School in Plymouth, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner in swimming under head coach Chuck Olson ... captained the SHS swim team as a senior ... named all-League as a frosh and senior ... voted team MVP as a junior ... was all-District her sophomore season ... her relay team set the Salem High School records in the 200 and 400 free relays ... team finished 21st in the state her senior season.

Personal ... Born Kellyann Williams on March 12, 1979 in Plymouth, Michigan ... parents are Ken Williams and Beverly Benoit ... undecided on a major.



Amy Zeno

Freestyle/Butterfly
5-9, Sophomore
Shelby Township, Michigan
(Utica Eisenhower HS)

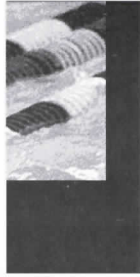
Coach Huth on Zeno

"Amy is a hardworker and adds a lot of depth to many areas. We are looking for improvement from her this year, as opposed to her freshman year, because she knows what it is all about."

As a Freshman ... Scored 17 points to help lead Oakland to the GLIAC title in 1997 ... the 17 points ranked her as 38th overall ... finished fifth in the 200 butterfly (2:19.17), ninth in the 1,650 free (19:07.66) and 10th in the 500 free (5:28.82) at the GLIAC championship.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Utica, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner in swimming for the Eagles ... earned all-League honors all four seasons ... a member of Eisenhower's county championship team ... also lettered in volleyball (1994 and 1995) and softball (1994, 1995 and 1996) ... captained the 1996 softball team.

Personal ... Born Amy Lynn Zeno on May 15, 1978 in Rochester, Michigan ... parents are Michael and Shirley Zeno ... father played football for Virginia Tech and then for the Boston Patriots.



Erica Zuercher

Backstroke/Freestyle
5-10, Sophomore
Hawesville, Kentucky
(Daviess County HS)

Coach Huth on Zuercher

"Erica had a good season last year, but she probably would've like to have swam better at the end of the year. She had a good season because she worked hard and she started to improve tremendously with her stroke. She adds tremendous depth, particularly in the backstrokes."

As a Freshman ... Finished 22nd overall in the GLIAC championship with 26 points ... finished fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:02.55) and 200 backstroke (2:14.07) and ninth in the 200 IM (2:17.33).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Daviess County High School in Hawesville, Kentucky ... one-year letterwinner under head coach Jill Mueller ... member of the school's first regional championship team during her senior year ... earned three letters in Oregon ... as a senior, she finished in the top 16 in all events (500 free, 100 back and two relays) ... earned all-State honors all four seasons ... voted Most Dedicated in 1992 and 1995 ... named Most Inspirational in 1994 ... team finished ninth in the state in 1995 and 1996 ... member of FCA and the National Honor Society.

Personal ... Born Erica Kelley Zuercher on April 18, 1978 in Waukegan, Illinois ... parents are Barry and Barbara Zuercher ... undecided on a major.



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1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

Date	Meet	Score	OU Result
Oct. 19	PIONEER FALL CLASSIC		1st of 5
Oct. 25	at Bowling Green Relays	NTS	
Nov. 1	at Toledo	111-130	L
Nov. 8	at Ashland	113-92	W
Nov. 9	at Wright State	105-136	L
Nov. 16	WESTERN ONTARIO	132-70	W
Dec. 6-7	at Eastern Michigan Invitational		2nd of 6
Jan. 11	at Denison	159-85	W
Jan. 17	KENYON	143-96	W
Jan. 24-25	at Clarion Invitational		2nd of 4
Jan. 31	at Hope	144-94	W
Feb. 1	at Northern Michigan	149-76	W
Feb. 8	at Miami of Ohio	104.5-189.5	L
Feb. 19-22	GLIAC Championships at Northern Michigan		1st of 7
Mar. 12-15	NCAA II Championships at San Antonio, Texas		2nd of 22

OAKLAND'S 1996-97 BEST TIMES

Event	Athlete	Time/Score	Event/Opponent
50 free	Jill Mellis	24.13	NCAA Championship
100 free	Laura Juncker	52.50	EMU Invitational
200 free	Laura Juncker	1:52.10	NCAA Championship
500 free	Laura Juncker	5:02.41	NCAA Championship
1000 free	Liz Hawes	10:49.98	Miami (Ohio)
1650 free	Laura Juncker	17:37.14	NCAA Championship
50 fly	Gisa Alessandri	27.26	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 fly	Betsy Hansen	57.67	NCAA Championship
200 fly	Betsy Hansen	2:05.06	NCAA Championship
50 back	Colleen Murphy	29.48	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 back	Clarey Gelmine	58.92	NCAA Championship
200 back	Clarey Gelmine	2:05.07	NCAA Championship
50 breast	Jill Mellis	32.03	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 breast	Jill Mellis	1:05.63	NCAA Championship
200 breast	Jill Mellis	2:23.12	NCAA Championship
200 IM	Jessie Bailey	2:09.17	NCAA Championship
400 IM	Jessie Bailey	4:37.55	NCAA Championship
1-meter diving (6)	Becki Bach	238.575	Kenyon College
3-meter diving (6)	Becki Bach	265.125	Kenyon College
1-meter diving (11)	Becki Bach	357.40	NCAA Championship
3-meter diving (11)	Becki Bach	471.60	NCAA Championship
200 free relay	VanTatenhove, Mellis, Gelmine, Juncker	1:36.11	NCAA Championship
400 free relay	VanTatenhove, Hawes, Mellis, Juncker	3:32.41	EMU Invitational
800 free relay	Hansen, Hawes, Szopo, Juncker	7:49.58	EMU Invitational
200 medley relay	Bailey, Mellis, Alessandri, VanTatenhove	1:48.11	NCAA Championship
400 medley relay	Murphy, Mellis, Hansen, Juncker	3:55.24	NCAA Championship

WOMEN'S SWIMMING ALL-AMERICANS

Gisa Alessandri (1994-97)	Jill Mellis (1995-97)
Becki Bach (1993-94, 96-97)	Colleen Murphy (1994-97)
Jessie Bailey (1994-97)	Kristen Nagelkirk (1993-96)
Ingrid Bartnik (1991-92)	Debby Nickels (1993-94, 96)
Heather Bockmann (1996-97)	Sue Novitsky (1988)
Amy Comerford (1991-94)	Lee Ann O'Neill (1986-87)
Marsha Dahlgren (1982)	Cindi Parker (1990-92)
Sheila Dempsey (1990-91)	Jodi Parker (1992-95)
Patty Doherty (1982-84)	Jackie Parks (1982-84)
Karen Enneking (1981-84)	Kryston Peterson (1982)
Laura Fischer (1991-93)	Shelly Pilarski (1988-89)
Deanna Fridley (1989-91)	Kim Pogue (1983-86)
Clarice Gelmine (1995-97)	Michelle Rademacher (1994-96)
Bonnie Gleffe (1984-85)	Lyn Schermer (1989-92)
Dana Goerke (1986)	Nancy Schermer (1985-88)
Lisa Guilfoyle (1988-91)	Linda Scott (1983-86)
Betsy Hansen (1997)	Renee Shaw (1991)
Liz Hawes (1995-97)	Kristi Spicer (1986, 88)
Katie Ill (1989-92)	Jennifer Stair (1994-96)
Ann Jacobson (1990)	Shelly Staniek (1982)
Angie Johnson (1991-94)	Sarah Stanwood (1983-85)
Ginnie Johnson (1986, 88-89)	Shelley Steyaert (1988)
Laura Juncker (1995-97)	Beth Surowiec (1991-93)
Nikki Kelsey (1987-90)	Ellen Surowiec (1995-96)
Dana Kennedy (1988-91)	Shannon Taylor (1991-93)
Allison Klump (1986)	Mandy Terrell (1995-96)
Jennifer Kunishima (1991)	Jill Thompson (1988)
Kerry Leavoy (1989-92)	Kathy VanHouten (1989-92)
Danni Lentine (1992-93)	Lisa VanTatenhove (1996-97)
Ellen Lessig (1993-96)	Kathy VanValkenburg (1982-85)
Heidi Mader (1991-92)	Mary Vincent (1982-84)
Tammy McGinnis (1982)	

1997 NCAA INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

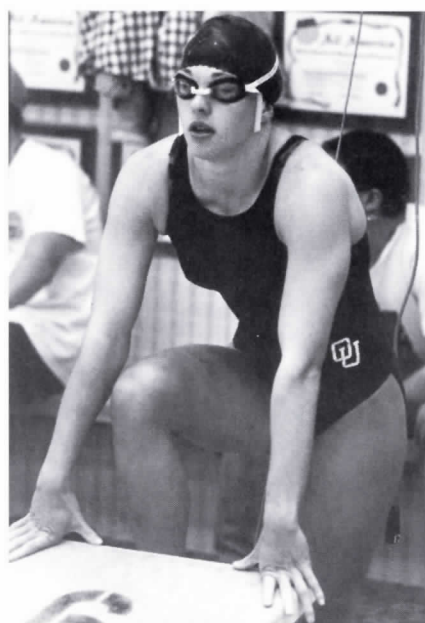
Swimmer/Event	Time	Place	Points	Total Points
Gisa Alessandri				
200 fly	2:09.42	6th	13	13
Becki Bach				
1M Diving	332.60	6th	13	
3M Diving	453.90	3rd	16	29
Jessie Bailey				
100 back	59.06	4th	15	
200 back	2:07.80	5th	14	
200 IM	2:09.48	4th	15	
400 IM	4:37.55	11th	6	50
Heather Bockmann				
100 breast	1:06.12	4th	15	
200 breast	2:23.75	7th	12	
200 IM	2:11.37	11th	6	33
Clarey Gelmine				
200 freestyle	1:55.51	12th	5	
100 back	58.95	3rd	16	
200 back	2:05.07	3rd	16	37
Betsy Hansen				
1,650 freestyle	18:01.65	16th	1	
100 fly	58.44	8th	11	
200 fly	2:05.06	2nd	17	29
Liz Hawes				
1,650 freestyle	18:10.66	17th		
100 back	1:00.27	11th	6	
400 IM	4:49.63	16th	1	7
Laura Juncker				
100 freestyle	53.44	7th	12	
200 freestyle	1:53.24	3rd	16	
500 freestyle	5:02.41	4th	15	
1,650 freestyle	17:37.14	9th	9	52
Jill Mellis				
50 freestyle	24.14	5th	14	
100 breast	1:05.63	3rd	16	
200 breast	2:24.10	8th	11	
100 fly	58.96	11th	6	47
Colleen Murphy				
100 back	59.38	5th	14	
200 back	2:15.67	15th	2	16
Lisa Van Tatenhove				
50 freestyle	24.53	14th	3	
100 freestyle	53.93	14th	3	
200 freestyle	1:56.87	8th	11	17

OU WOMEN IN NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1982	3rd	1990	1st
1983	5th	1991	1st
1984	4th	1992	1st
1985	12th	1993	1st
1986	8th	1994	1st
1987	11th	1995	2nd
1988	6th	1996	2nd
1989	3rd	1997	2nd

GLIAC YEAR-BY-YEAR STANDINGS

1997		
Oakland	648	
Northern Michigan	477	
Ashland	408	
Grand Valley State	240	
Gannon	153	
Hillsdale	136	
Wayne State	112	
1992		
Northern Michigan		718
Oakland		589
Grand Valley State		296
Ferris State		233
Hillsdale		121
1991		
Oakland		728
Northern Michigan		597
Grand Valley State		291
Ferris State		246
Michigan Tech		119
Hillsdale		56
Wayne State		0
1990		
Oakland		720
Northern Michigan		640
Ferris State		275
Grand Valley State		245
Michigan Tech		107
Hillsdale		79
Wayne State		1
1995		
Oakland	771	
Northern Michigan	512	
Grand Valley State	356	
Hillsdale	189	
Wayne State	3	
1994		
Oakland	678	
Northern Michigan	449	
Grand Valley State	356	
Ferris State	355	
Hillsdale	137	
1989		
Oakland		730.5
Northern Michigan		476.5
Ferris State		350
Grand Valley State		317
Hillsdale		116
1993		
Oakland	625	
Northern Michigan	580.5	
Ferris State	356.5	
Grand Valley State	317	
Hillsdale	203	
Wayne State	68	



Jill Mellis

OAKLAND ALL-TIME RECORDS

SCHOOL			
Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
50 freestyle	Lisa Guilfoyle	23.42	1991
100 freestyle	Nancy Schermer	50.37	1988
200 freestyle	Nancy Schermer	1:49.85	1988
500 freestyle	Nancy Schermer	4:56.74	1985
1,000 freestyle	Nancy Schermer	10:19.84	1985
1,650 freestyle	Debby Nickels	17:04.53	1994
100 butterfly	Linda Hein	57.63	1979
200 butterfly	Betsy Hansen	2:05.06	1997
100 backstroke	Amy Comerford	55.49	1992
200 backstroke	Amy Comerford	2:01.26	1992
100 breaststroke	Lisa Guilfoyle	1:05.30	1991
200 breaststroke	Danni Lentine	2:20.67	1991
200 individual medley	Amy Comerford	2:05.99	1994
400 individual medley	Lyn Schermer	4:29.19	1992
1-meter diving (6)	Nikki Kelsey	297.575	1990
1-meter diving (10)	Mandy Terrell	514.90	1995
3-meter diving (6)	Nikki Kelsey	294.30	1990
3-meter diving (10)	Becki Bach	471.60	1997
200 medley relay	Comerford, Johnson Fischer, Lessig	1:45.39	1993
400 medley relay	Comerford, Lentine Ill, Schermer	3:51.92	1992
200 freestyle relay	Fischer, Comerford Johnson, Lessig	1:33.49	1993
400 freestyle relay	Fischer, Lessig Parker, Nagelkirk	3:25.03	1993
800 freestyle relay	Parker, Lessig Taylor, Nagelkirk	7:32.97	1993

POOL			
Event	Record Holder	School	Time
50 freestyle	Ellen Lessig	OU	24.31
100 freestyle	Nancy Schermer	OU	52.38
200 freestyle	Kirsten Silvester	NMU	1:51.71
500 freestyle	Kirsten Silvester	NMU	4:54.94
1,000 freestyle	Schoenl	MSU	10:21.16
1,650 freestyle	Kirsten Silvester	NMU	16:50.75
100 butterfly	Bair	Clarion	58.18
200 butterfly	May Tan	NMU	2:07.36
100 backstroke	Amy Comerford	OU	57.70
200 backstroke	Amy Comerford	OU	2:06.05
100 breaststroke	Shao Hong	NMU	1:06.36
200 breaststroke	Caves	W. Ontario	2:23.18
200 individual medley	Lyn Schermer	OU	2:08.61
400 individual medley	Tillotson	Clarion	4:35.04
1-meter diving (6)	Bachman	UM	305.15
3-meter diving (6)	Bachman	UM	332.07
200 medley relay	Bailey, Mellis, Alessandri, Lessig	OU	1:49.05
400 medley relay		UM	3:46.60
200 freestyle relay	Cerkvenik, Kochert, Kley, Kleeman	NMU	1:37.63
400 freestyle relay	Haggland, Silvester, Tan, Kleeman	NMU	3:31.94
800 freestyle relay	Haggland, Kleeman, Tan, Silvester	NMU	7:41.13

GLIAC RECORDS AND 1997 CHAMPIONS

Event/ Record Holder	1997 Champion
50 freestyle Tea Cerkvenik, NMU, 24.04, 1993	Val Nordquist, NMU, 24.24
100 freestyle Tea Cerkvenik, NMU, 52.03, 1993	Jamie Minnich-McDaniel, AU, 52.39
200 freestyle Kirsten Silvester, NMU, 1:51.71, 1991	Ellen Collins, AU, 1:54.33
500 freestyle Kirsten Silvester, NMU, 4:54.94, 1991	Ellen Collins, AU, 5:04.75
1,650 freestyle Kirsten Silvester, NMU, 16:50.75, 1991	Ellen Collins, AU, 17:36.69
100 butterfly May Tan, NMU, 58.12, 1992	Erin Vostad, NMU, 58.27
200 butterfly May Tan, NMU, 2:07.22, 1989	Betsy Hansen, OU, 2:09.71
100 backstroke Amy Comerford, OU, 57.34, 1993	Val Nordquist, NMU, 59.96
200 backstroke Jenny Kleeman, NMU, 2:03.41, 1993	Jessie Bailey, OU, 2:10.02
100 breaststroke Xia Fujie, NMU, 1:05.04, 1995	Heather Bockmann, OU, 1:07.88
200 breaststroke Xia Fujie, NMU, 2:18.67, 1995	Jill Mellis, OU, 2:26.63
200 individual medley Xia Fujie, NMU, 2:07.65, 1995	Erin Vostad, NMU, 2:10.45
400 individual medley Lyn Schermer, OU, 4:36.82, 1990	Jessie Bailey, OU, 4:38.27
One-meter diving Becki Bach, OU, 411.10, 1997	Becki Bach, OU, 411.10
Three-meter diving Debbie Duncan, NMU, 480.90, 1997	Debbie Duncan, NMU, 480.90
200 medley relay Brassar, Hong, Tan, Kley, NMU, 1:46.72, 1992	Bailey, Bockmann, Alessandri, Mellis, OU, 1:49.82
400 medley relay Kleeman, Hong, Tan, Silvester, NMU, 3:56.65, 1990	Bailey, Mellis, Alessandri, Juncker, OU, 3:59.59
200 freestyle relay Cerkvenik, Kley, Hammond, Kleeman, NMU, 1:36.65, 1992	VanTatenhove, Gelmine, Mellis, Juncker, OU, 1:38.53
400 freestyle relay Kleeman, Storm, Nagelkirk, Cerkvenik, NMU, 3:31.19, 1993	VanTatenhove, Alessandri, Mellis, Juncker, OU, 3:35.33
800 freestyle relay Haggland, Kleeman, Tan, Silvester, NMU, 7:41.13, 1991	Minnich, Dibble, Gorecki, Collins, AU, 7:46.18

OAKLAND'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Event	Athlete	Year
50 freestyle	Lisa Guilfoyle	1991
	Ellen Lessig	1993
	Ellen Lessig	1994
100 freestyle	Lisa Guilfoyle	1991
	Kristen Nagelkirk	1994
200 freestyle	Lyn Schermer	1989
	Kristen Nagelkirk	1993
	Kristen Nagelkirk	1994
	Kristen Nagelkirk	1995
500 freestyle	Kristen Nagelkirk	1994
1,650 freestyle	Debby Nickels	1994
50 backstroke	Kathy VanValkenburg	1982
100 backstroke	Amy Comerford	1992
	Amy Comerford	1993
	Amy Comerford	1994
200 backstroke	Amy Comerford	1994
50 breaststroke	Karen Enneking	1982
	Karen Enneking	1983
100 breaststroke	Karen Enneking	1982
200 breaststroke	Karen Enneking	1982
	Karen Enneking	1983
100 individual medley	Kathy Van Valkenburg	1981
200 individual medley	Lyn Schermer	1990
	Amy Comerford	1994
1-meter diving	Mary Vincent	1984
	Nikki Kelsey	1989
3-meter diving	Nikki Kelsey	1990
	Ingrid Bartnik	1992
200 medley relay	Kathy VanValkenburg, Karen Enneking, Marsha Dahlgren, Jackie Parks	1982
	Amy Comerford, Cindi Parker, Katie Ill, Laura Fischer	1992
	Amy Comerford, Angie Johnson, Laura Fischer, Ellen Lessig	1993
	Amy Comerford, Angie Johnson, Gisa Alessandri, Ellen Lessig	1994
	Liz Hawes, Jill Mellis, Gisa Alessandri, Ellen Lessig	1995
200 free relay	Lisa Guilfoyle, Kerry Leavoy, Dana Kennedy, Lyn Schermer	1990
	Lisa Guilfoyle, Kerry Leavoy, Dana Kennedy, Lyn Schermer	1991
	Kerry Leavoy, Amy Comerford, Jodi Parker, Laura Fischer	1992

Event	Athlete	Year
400 free relay	Laura Fischer, Amy Comerford, Angie Johnson, Ellen Lessig	1993
	Amy Comerford, Jodi Parker, Angie Johnson, Ellen Lessig	1994
	Jodi Parker, Laura Juncker, Ellen Surowiec, Ellen Lessig	1995
	Lisa VanTatenhove, Jill Mellis, Laura Juncker, Ellen Lessig	1996
800 free relay	Lisa Guilfoyle, Kerry Leavoy, Dana Kennedy, Lyn Schermer	1990
	Lisa Guilfoyle, Kerry Leavoy, Dana Kennedy, Lyn Schermer	1991
	Laura Fischer, Jodi Parker, Kerry Leavoy, Lyn Schermer	1992
	Laura Fischer, Ellen Lessig, Jodi Parker, Kristen Nagelkirk	1993
	Ellen Lessig, Jodi Parker, Angie Johnson, Kristen Nagelkirk	1994
	Ellen Lessig, Laura Juncker, Jodi Parker, Kristen Nagelkirk	1995
	Lisa VanTatenhove, Kristen Nagelkirk, Laura Juncker, Ellen Lessig	1996
800 free relay	Jodi Parker, Ellen Lessig, Shannon Taylor, Kristen Nagelkirk	1993
	Ellen Lessig, Jennifer Stair, Jodi Parker, Kristen Nagelkirk	1994
	Laura Juncker, Jennifer Stair, Jodi Parker, Kristen Nagelkirk	1995



OU Administration



Gary Russi

President

Gary D. Russi was appointed university president on April 12, 1996, after serving 15 months as Oakland University's interim president and vice president for academic affairs. Before that he was the university's chief academic officer for a year-and-a-half. Russi is the school's fifth president.

During his tenure as interim president, Russi brought to life Oakland's 10-year Strategic Plan. OU has experienced record enrollment growth, major campus construction, new degree programs, increased community and business partnerships, and historic agreements with community colleges worldwide.

Russi, who is also a tenured professor in health sciences, came to Oakland from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He was Drake's vice president for research and strategic planning, and a tenured professor of pharmacology and toxicology. Russi also served as vice provost for academic affairs, vice provost for planning and budgeting, and director of university planning.

An American Council on Education Fellow in 1982-83, Russi received his baccalaureate in pharmacy in 1969 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas in 1972.



Amy Stabley Hirschman

Sports Information Director

Amy Hirschman joined the Oakland athletic staff as the SID in June of 1997. Hirschman will handle all of the day-to-day responsibilities of the sports information office and the publicity of all 13 NCAA Division I Pioneer athletic programs.

Hirschman comes to OU from the University of Texas, where she spent five years as an Assistant Sports Information Director. At UT her primary responsibility was handling the publicity efforts for the Longhorn baseball team. She also supervised student management of media relations for tennis and golf and assisted in game-day operations for football and basketball. Hirschman was the editor of the football game day programs and oversaw the 20-person student SID staff. She served as the media director for NCAA Baseball Regionals in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

The 28-year-old native of Mount Pleasant graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1991. At CMU, she served as a student assistant in the sports information office for four years. Prior to joining the UT staff, Hirschman served as an intern in the Michigan State University sports information office (1991-92).

Hirschman is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has won many awards for writing and publications. Her Texas baseball media guide was voted second best in the nation in 1997.

The former Amy Stabley is married to Steve Hirschman, a former pitcher at Michigan State, and the couple resides in Rochester Hills. Stabley Hirschman is part three to a three-generation SID family. Her grandfather, the late Fred Stabley Sr., was SID at Michigan State for 33 years (1947-80) and her father, Fred Stabley Jr., is the current SID at Central Michigan (1982-present). The threesome is the first, and only, three generation SID family in the history of CoSIDA and collegiate athletics.



Jack Mehl

Director of Athletics

Jack Mehl, Oakland University's fourth athletic director in history, enters his third season as the director of the Pioneers in 1997-98.

As Mehl embarks on his third year at the helm of Oakland athletics, the Pioneers are venturing into a whole new world for themselves. OU has changed its NCAA affiliation from Division II to Division I-AAA (1999-2000) and has joined

the Mid-Continent Conference (1998-99).

Mehl came to Oakland from his position as Business and Marketing Manager for the Rose Bowl, a position he held since 1993.

Mehl served as the Director of Athletics at Florida Atlantic University for 12 years, from 1979-91. At FAU, Mehl was responsible for proposals which moved the school's athletic program from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II level, and ultimately to its current affiliation at the NCAA Division I level. He administered a 14-sport program at FAU which operated with a budget in excess of \$2 million.

Mehl has also been a coach of both golf and basketball during his career in athletics. He was Florida Atlantic's golf coach during his first five years as AD from 1979-84. He was a coach of basketball at three different institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he served as head coach from 1975-78. He was an assistant coach at Ohio State University under Fred Taylor during the 1974-75 season and was an assistant at Otterbein College from 1972-74.

Mehl received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education from Otterbein College in 1972 and a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1974.

OU Athletic Staff



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Mid-Continent Conference

Established in 1982 as the Association of Mid-Continent Universities (AMCU), the Mid-Continent Conference has grown into a nationally competitive league while continuing to enhance a tradition of ethics and integrity throughout its 15 years of existence.

The Mid-Continent Conference was formed when eight Midwestern universities joined together as a new NCAA Division I conference for men's athletics. Representing six states, AMCU-8 original members were Cleveland State, Eastern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Conference membership also changed as Northern Illinois was admitted in 1989, followed by Wright State and Youngstown State in 1991 and Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1992.

The 1992-93 season marked an additional



milestone for the Mid-Continent Conference. Women's athletics made its full-fledged debut in the conference with six championship sports (volleyball, cross country, swimming and diving, basketball, tennis and softball). Furthermore, the Mid-Con has added three women's championship sports within the last three years: indoor and outdoor track & field (1995-96) and golf (1997-98).

The Mid-Con enters its 16th season in 1997-98 with nine schools comprising its membership, SUNY-Buffalo, Chicago State, UMKC, Northeastern Illinois, Oral Roberts, Southern Utah, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Youngstown State. The Mid-Continent

Conference sponsors 18 championship sports: men's & women's basketball, men's & women's cross country, men's & women's swimming and diving, men's & women's indoor and outdoor track, men's & women's tennis, men's & women's golf, baseball, men's soccer, women's volleyball and softball. Oakland will join the Mid-Continent Conference for the 1998-99 season.

In addition to its national prominence in men's and women's basketball, the Mid-Con has enjoyed national success in other sports as well. In baseball, both Troy State (1995 & '97) and Northeastern Illinois (1996) earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament with decisive wins in their respective Play-In series. Valparaiso has advanced to the NCAA Women's Volleyball Play-In in 1994, 1995 and 1996. The Mid-Con's softball champion has advanced to the NCAA Tournament each of the last four years.

Oakland University — Pioneering the Future

"Pioneering the Future" is the best way to describe the excitement building at Oakland University today. This comprehensive campus is in its 40th year and continues to increase its programs, facilities, resources and enrollment.

Through the leadership of OU President Gary D. Russi, Oakland students are acquiring the skills they need to succeed in a complex and rapidly changing workplace.

Of Oakland's full-time faculty, 87 percent have earned Ph.D.s from many of the nation's finest research institutions. Ninety-eight percent of undergraduate students are taught by faculty. Quality of academics continues to be recognized — for 1996

OU was rated 23rd in academic reputation by U.S. News and World Report among the top 122 Midwestern regional colleges and universities.

Highlights for OU in 1997:

- Dedication of a new \$43-million Science and Engineering Building. The university's first classroom/office building since O'Dowd Hall was built in 1981 is linked to existing Dodge Hall of Engineering and Hannah Hall of Science to provide much-needed lab, office and classroom space.
- Following a comprehensive review of intercollegiate athletics, the Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the university's athletic program from NCAA Division II to Division I-AAA.
- Oakland and the Henry Ford Health System have formed the first partnership of its kind in the nation between a state-supported university and a private health care system. The alliance will prepare nurses for a rapidly changing health care environment, including managed care.
- Oakland's School of Engineering and Computer Science is becoming the "automotive school" for the Big Three automakers. The school has numerous partnerships with each, and was the first to respond to Chrysler Corporation's offer to experience today's manufacturing environment by placing faculty interns in plants, research laboratories and offices.

- Inclusion in America's 100 Best College Buys 1997-1998, by John Culler & Sons.

OU's cultural enterprises attract more than 500,000 visitors each year to its beautiful 1,441-acre campus. Patrons of art, theatre, music and historic preservation recognize Oakland's Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Theatre, Music Festival and Hall as second to none.

Dedicated to preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly changing workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences and Nursing.

Oakland offers undergraduate programs in 71 areas with master's and doctoral programs in 45 areas.

Oakland University was created in 1957 when the late Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson donated their 1,500-acre estate and \$2 million to begin a new college in Oakland County. Named Michigan State University-Oakland, the new campus enrolled its first students in 1959. In 1963, its name was changed to Oakland University, and in 1970 the Michigan Legislature recognized the maturity and stature of the university by granting it autonomy. The governor appointed Oakland University's first board of trustees in 1970.





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