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Artist-in-Residence and native Brazilian Flavio Varani has toured the world performing for audiences that come to hear him play the piano. More recently, he gave a concert at St. Mary's College.

The concert was part of the Classics on the Lake concert series.

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The women's basketball team lost to Northern Michigan University in the GLIAC Championship game on Saturday night in Marquette, 81-71.

OU will be heading back to the U. P. for this Thursday's NCAA Great Lakes Regional game.

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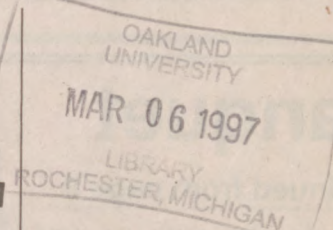
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Student concerned that  
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SAIL starts,  
schedules  
late in mail

By KAREN MILLER  
Special Writer

Since Monday, the first day of phone registration for spring and summer terms, a steady stream of students came by the registration desk looking for schedules. They didn't find stacks of them on the counter; they had to ask. When students did receive them, they were told they should have gotten one in the mail since they were mailed Friday.

According to the winter schedule, spring and summer schedules were to be mailed Feb. 17, and made available at the registration desks Feb. 26.

However, Monday was the first day of telephone (SAIL) registration, but many students still had not received them in the mail.

Registrar Lawrence Bartalucci said the schedules were delayed at the Postal Service. "We had them out on Feb. 19, and they should have gone in the mail within three days. I've now heard word that they went out in carriers' pouches Monday."

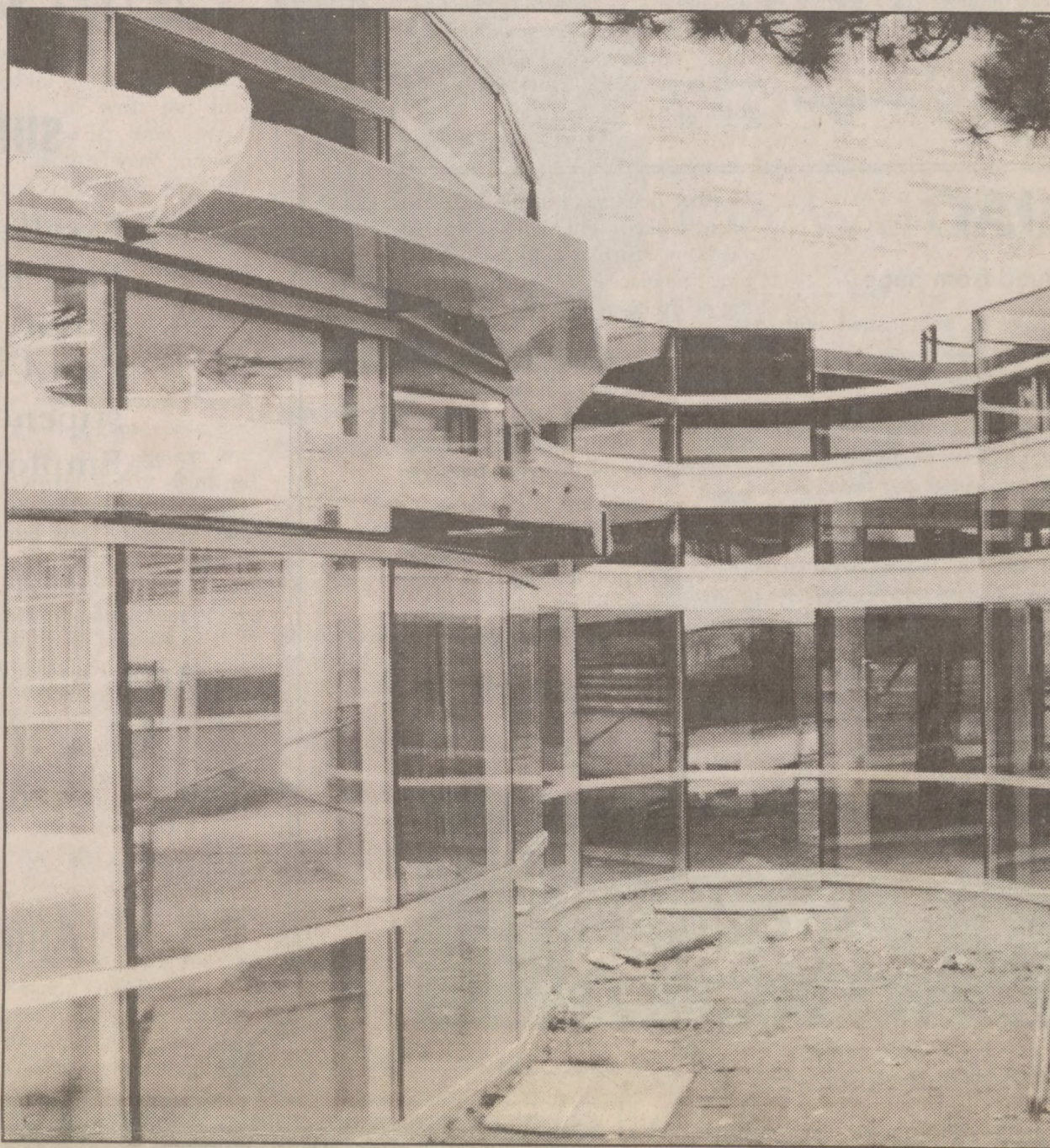
However, according to Linda Brown, bulk mail technician at the Rochester Post Office, the schedules never arrived until late last week and went through as low priority mail.

"We can't treat them like first class just because they were late getting here," Brown said.

The registrar's office said it mailed schedules as a convenience to students. However, students could not pick them up on campus until the week after they were supposed to be mailed, regardless if students did not receive them in the mail.

"We don't want students picking one up when they already have one at home in their mailbox. We have to keep costs down. We also cut costs by sending schedules second class with a bulk rate permit. It would cost three times as much to send them first class," Bartalucci said.

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Post Photo / Nelson May

## Glass home complete

NEW QUARTERS: The Honors College, which expected to be finished last fall, will finally receive a dedication ceremony on March 21. Since many of its students reside on campus, the HC offices and lounge will move from Varner to Vandenberg in an attempt to unify its students more and be closer to the Honors Tower.

Candidates come to campus  
Five finalists to meet the OU community

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Five VPAA finalists will come to campus this month to glimpse OU life.

The OU community, too, will get a chance to see candidates to fill OU's second ranked position.

Each candidate will spend two full days meeting with 10 campus groups, having two interviews with President Gary Russi, take a campus and tech park tour and have one public presentation where outside constituents can interview the candidates.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and VPAA Search Committee Chair David Downing said the schedule is reasonably set:

•Dr. Stanley Liberty, Thursday and Friday,  
•Dr. Bernard Oliver, March 10 and 11,

•Dr. Marlene Stathe, March 13 and 14,

•Dr. Dagmar Cronn, March 17 and 18,

•Dr. Judy Genshaft, March 24 and 25.

Originally, no student groups were on the itinerary. However, Rachel Yank, student

representative on the search committee, requested a student representatives group be added. Both Liberty and Oliver have been scheduled to have breakfast on day two with the students.

In addition, when the com-

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Former dean seeks  
new administration

By DAMON BROWN  
Assistant Features Editor

Fishing is heaven to Dr. Stanley Liberty, one of five finalist for OU's second ranked position.

"(My biggest catch) was a 343 pound Blue Marlin (Maui)," he said.

Liberty, a professor of engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), said he did not need to fish around to see OU has potential.

"Oakland is an institution on the rise. It's a very good regional institution," said Liberty.

Some think Liberty isn't a bad catch, either. Dr. John Wollam, former dean of engineering, professor of electrical engineering at UNL, describes the 54-year-old as "smart, very intelligent, and yet very personable."

Liberty was dean of the College of Engineering, and was assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL as well. He is the first to visit our campus, on Thursday.

Liberty received his degree in electrical engineering, from Notre Dame in 1965. He then became a power systems design engineer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and, in 1966, volunteered to work in South Vietnam as a civilian for NAVFAC.

He returned to Notre Dame for his masters and Ph.D. in electrical engineering. He started working at Texas Tech University in 1971 as an assistant professor. In 1977, he became associate dean of the graduate school.

He came to UNL in 1981 as dean of the College of Engineering to help the university grow into the potential powerhouse it could be, he said. "There is an internal vision (already). There is a strategic plan. I try to play the 'enabling' role in an institution and to progress and enable them to achieve their maximum potential," said Liberty.

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Dr. Bernard Oliver  
Dean of Education,  
Washington State  
University

By SUZY SCHOLZ  
Assistant News Editor

Colleagues of Dr. Bernard Oliver agree on one thing, he's not your average sit-behind the desk leave-at-five dean.

Dean of Education at Washington State University (WSU) Dr. "Bernie" (as he prefers to be called) Oliver, 47, will be at OU March 10 and 11, the second of five finalist candidates to visit

Oliver known  
for accessibility  
and support

and meet with various groups.

Oliver has spent the last six years as dean and professor of education and a professor of physical education at WSU, a school with approximately 17,000 undergraduate and about 2,000 graduate students.

Prior to WSU, Oliver was the dean of education at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

Married for 23 years, Oliver has four children, two sons and two daughters and five grandchildren, but his extended family includes students at WSU.

Oliver attributes his

involvement in students' lives as part of his upbringing, he came from a family of 17 children.

"I think it's part of my genes," he laughed. "Students and faculty are the vibrant part of the university, I like students and I support them as much as I can."

Oliver invites students to his house for parties and receptions. "During the holiday season we try to invite the students who don't have the funds to go home into our home," he said.

Oliver's interest in students goes beyond the university level. Recently,

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## Banquet

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posed his idea with no seed money, and the support was lukewarm at best.

Regardless, the first banquet in 1993 was in the OU Crockery (now the Pioneer Court) and had 300 people in attendance. By its third year it was at the maximum the Crockery could hold 425 people.

By fall 1996, however, the Crockery was destroyed to make way for the Pioneer Court. The committee in charge of 1997's banquet had to relocate it to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion and

make the huge horse barn look full.

"It gave us a challenge and it was (that) we had to increase the size of the event," said Glenn McIntosh, Director of the Office of Equity and member of the Keeper of the Dream committee.

"Overall, it turned out to be a good move anytime we can bring external people on campus and raise funds for student scholarships."

They met the challenge with the 700+ crowd and Early doesn't see an end to the growth of the banquet.

"We doubled in just five years," said Early. "I see this event growing and growing and growing."

## GLIAC

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"We have to be satisfied with ourselves," he added.

Junior Jill Mellis said the team overall was slightly rested. "We figured we would win, but our times were better then we thought overall. When we are rested, our times are better," she said.

Sophomore Lisa Vantatenhove qualified for the ladies national team in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 53.09.

First place finishes were put in by Betsy Hansen in the 200 yard butterfly, Jessie Bailey in both the 200 yard backstroke and 400 yard IM,

Heather Bockmann in the 100 yard breaststroke, Jill Mellis in the 200 yard breaststroke and Becki Bach took first place in the one-meter diving board competition with a score of 411.10.

Huth said he was pleased with the performance of the relay teams. OU finished first in four of the five relay races only losing to Ashland University in the 800 yard freestyle relay.

"Our team had a great all-around performance. It was really a positive experience and it was very exciting," said Bailey, senior.

The National Competition for both the men and women squads will be held on March 12-15 in San Antonio, TX.

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## Oliver

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versity level. Recently, Oliver was involved in setting up a science fair for junior high students on the Internet. Students all over the world were able to submit their projects over the Internet, then scientists and faculty from WSU judged them. Oliver said entries came from as far as England, Germany and the Netherlands.

Throughout his career, Oliver has been involved in education. He has had more than 21 articles published in journals such as Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance and Journal of Negro Education.

Additionally, Oliver has also made several presentations across the country on issues including recruitment and retention of minority students, educational reform in physical education and faculty evaluation.

With Oliver's diverse interests he feels it may be time for a change of location. In his interview with the search committee, Oliver said he didn't want to be "one of those deans who have been around for 15 years"

He explained that he did not want to get to the level of an academic dean and then just stay there doing "the same old thing". "It's time to move on, I want to be in a metropolitan area," he said.

Oliver recently visited OU and was struck by the campus. "You guys have a really beautiful campus," he said.

Oliver was also impressed by OU's goals for the future. Oliver was appointed by the governor of Washington in 1995 to be a chair on the states Goals 2000 committee, a Bush/Clinton educational reform committee in each state which meets several times a year to make proposals to different schools on how they should spend federal monies.

Oliver sees diversity as an overriding issue facing American universities today.

"If you look at the changing demography, we're no longer a majority/minority country. I

became interested in it because one, I'm African-American, and two, I'm a school teacher, we don't have a lot of diversity in teaching staff," he said.

"One of the things I think about is if a student doesn't see someone in these kinds of roles, as a professor, doctor, an attorney, if you don't see people like you in these roles you begin to think these things are not for you," he said. "Diversity adds to the cultural richness of the country."

If hired as OU's new VPAA, Oliver has several goals for the university. "I would like to help the institution become an institution of choice, I want to help the institution in becoming more diverse and also be a part of an institution that is vibrant and changing," he said.

Oliver has a resume full of accolades. Oliver was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award at WSU for the past two years.

Oliver said the award is given to faculty and students who exemplify the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. including diversity, understanding and civility.

Oliver said he thinks he was given the award for the work he has done in recruiting minority students to WSU. He said that during the testimony given before presenting him with the award he was almost crying.

Outside of the office, Oliver has been involved in athletics his whole life. In high school he played football, basketball and ran track. While earning his bachelors at California State University he played football and ran track, he coached track at Stanford while earning his doctorate.

Oliver started his career in 1971 as an intern high school teacher in San Mateo, California. He then worked as a teacher and a coach at a high school in Daly City, California. He also worked at Stanford University, University of Texas and Syracuse University.

Oliver graduated from California State University at Hayward in 1971 with a B.S. in Physical Education and History. He earned his masters in education in 1972 at Stanford

University. He continued on at Stanford until 1978, earning his doctorate in Teacher Education and Curriculum development.

Since then he has done post doctoral study at institutions in Germany, Colorado, Washington and at Harvard.

Director of Student Recruitment College of Education at WSU, Milton Lang, works for Oliver and admires him greatly. "I think he's the best. I think it would be a great tragedy for us to lose him," he said.

He said Oliver's most significant trait as his "open door" policy. Oliver leaves the door to his office open so anyone who wants to can come in and talk.

Lang said Oliver provides a "very healthy environment about letting folks speak up about issues. He wants to give folks a voice and make sure no one is feeling stifled. I like the fact you can address anything with him," he said.

He described Oliver as "relaxed and outgoing, I have the opportunity to play golf with him periodically, he's very competitive." Lang added, "I think what you get inside the office is what you get outside. You don't have to guess what type of person is coming into work. He's under a lot of stress but at the same time he doesn't show it. He likes to smile and laugh a lot."

Matt Caires, president of WSU student government, Association of Students Washington State University, described Oliver as a strong mentor for African-American students as well as a friend to students.

"He constantly, about two or three times a year has receptions at his house so students have a chance to get together on a social level," he added, "I would classify the dean as a leader, a soft spoken leader. He leads by example."

He said that Oliver is well known on the WSU campus, "Everyone knows who Dean Oliver is, We have had chips and cake over his house," said Caires.

In his spare time, Oliver likes to stay active. He attends many WSU athletic events as well as playing racquetball, basketball and cycling. Oliver also gardens.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Hazing issues resurfaced on campus

### Former president tells pledge story

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

With the recent suspension of Chi Upsilon (XY), hazing has again been brought to the forefront on campus.

Stephanie Maximiuk, former president of XY last semester, said hazing started even before she was initiated in 1994. Here is her account:

It was the first Friday in December, 1994. Though winter was still a two weeks away, the wind was cold and the temperature was low. Snow covered the ground, she said.

Dressed almost entirely in purple, Maximiuk, then a junior, arrived at the OC in early evening. With her XY pledge class of 11, she loaded her bag and snacks into one of two station wagons.

Though a road rally seemed innocent enough to her, she said the events of the weekend brought tears to her eyes. The three day hazing initiation for XY's pledge class was just beginning.

One stop was the "filthy" Theta Chi's fraternity house where pledges were made to clean it from top to bottom, she said. Her work included picking up pop cans and sweeping needles that fell from the Christmas tree. All the while, XY members yelled at the pledges.

The "road rally" continued, and pledges were expected to pick up purple ties and sorority signs hidden along the highway. As time pro-

gressed, the roads became more dangerous with more vehicles on the highway. Once, a semi truck narrowly missed one of the station wagons on the road.

Their final destination was Nancelona, Mich. She was shown a dark garage with a tarp on the floor as her bed. Their bathroom was just a circle in the snow, she recalled.

For Maximiuk, the situation was worse since she was recovering from surgery she had a few weeks earlier and fighting off an infection.

The pledges were escorted back to the station wagons where they each waited until her name was called.

She was summoned second, and she was apprehensive and worried because the first pledge sister never returned to the car.

"We didn't know where (she) was. We didn't know what to expect," she said.

Once inside, the cabin was dark, with candles the only illumination. While kneeling on a heart-shaped pillow, she heard in a cold voice, "Welcome to your interrogation."

Intense grilling and mind games from sorority members followed, accusing her of lying and calling XY's vice president a "cold-hearted bitch," she said.

"They turned everything around. They cut you off and wouldn't let you answer," she said. "I finally got the point— sit here, let them yell at you, and they'll dismiss you."

After what seemed like an eternity, she was led into a very small bathroom, meeting up with the first pledge sister for the first time.

As more pledges went through the interrogation, the more the tears flowed. The purpose was to make the pledges turn to each other for support, creating a bonding experience, she said.

As the night went on, other "games," including those involving Jack Daniels shots of alcohol, were played. She was confused about whether the drinking game was a test to see if she would go against the pledge commitment not to drink or comply with the requests of her soon-to-be sisters and drink the shots. She was afraid to drink and afraid not to.

"I don't intimidate easily, ... but I didn't know what to do at that point. It was all about trust," she said.

Other rituals included "Journey of the Gods" where pledges learned about Greek gods. Though each was led individually and they ended at the grave of Hades, she said the game broke the tension created earlier.

At about 4 or 5 a.m., they were allowed to sleep. They had no dinner and were told to eat snacks if hungry. In the cold garage, the 11 pledges huddled together to stay warm. They were awakened later with the sounds of banging pots and whistles.

The pledges had to make breakfast for the active members. Whatever was left over was theirs.



Post Photo / Nelson Moy

**GREEK SANCTIONS: Chi Upsilon was suspended for hazing.**

Day two was filled with relaxing games, including a three-legged race and a water balloon toss where shaving cream covered the balloons.

Later, tension decreased as one pledge created a puppet show to poke fun at XY members.

After dinner, one final, shorter re-interrogation session occurred where pledges answered questions like "What does secrecy mean to you?" and "Do you trust your sisters?"

"Cross-over" was the last ritual, taking place around a huge bonfire. At this time, the pledges found out how their weekend points added up. None received a positive number. She received about -150.

"They would make up stuff to make it a negative situation for you," she said.

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## Prosecutor closes case, no warrant

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Oakland County Prosecutor's office refused again to issue a warrant for the individual responsible for leaving a dead animal for Chi Upsilon's former president last semester.

"There were not specific facts to meet the requirements of the statute," said Sarah Pope, Assistant Oakland County prosecutor.

On Nov. 15, 1996, former Chi Upsilon President Stephanie Maximiuk received a package at her desk in the Greek Council office containing a dead raccoon. Though she said she signed a waiver asking OU Police not to prosecute, she later requested action, saying she was unaware of the contents of the waiver.

The case was originally submitted to Pope and refused earlier this semester, but after questions arose as to whether or not the packet was complete, the case was resubmitted and denied.

"It (the refusal) was kind of disheartening. There is nothing to protect the victim," Maximiuk said. "I'm all for freedom of speech, but you don't use it to threaten someone," she added.

Maximiuk said she considered filing a civil suit, but said attorney and court costs could be more than a possible award if she prevailed.



Post Photo / Nelson Moy

### Instructors teach medieval martial art

**JAPANESE TECHNIQUE:** Members of OU's Aiki Kai Jenny Kirkbride, freshman journalism major, and Eric Coulter, senior biology major can receive instruction from black belt instructors from a Milan / Ypsilanti-based school. Aiki Kai is a martial art said to be purely defensive.

## Car taken from Lepley lot

A residence hall student reported his car missing from the Lepley parking lot Feb. 25. The complainant said he drove the 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier to baseball practice around 2:50 p.m., and when he returned at about 9:10 p.m., it was gone.

The owner said he and a friend drove around to try and find the car, but could not.

Police checked the area where the complainant said he parked, but no

broken glass or punched lock was found. There were flecks of red paint.

The complainant said his grandparents were the only other people who had keys to the car. They live in Imlay City and were out of town on that day.

The next day, Waterford Police alerted OU Police to the car's whereabouts.

Eleven fingerprint lifts were taken from inside the car, and the

names and addresses of five suspects were recorded.



## Congress left with \$300 until May

By LIDIJA MILIC  
Staff Writer

Congress could feel the financial pinch as the semester drags.

Congress passed Monday a \$4,700 bill for a new computer, leaving its leftover funds at about \$300.

In January, one of Congress' three computers was stolen from its office. In an effort to keep up with the workload, a new computer, color scanner, and security systems for all three computers will be purchased.

The appropriations for the equipment will come from the leftover Congress budget funds.

This, however, is a concern for some. After the purchase, Congress will only have about \$300 left over for

expenses until the end of the semester. "What I'm worried about is that we spent a lot very fast," Congress member Matthew Karrantja said.

Congress had about \$13,000-14,000 on Valentine's Day. Since then, it has spent about \$8,000 on appropriations such as the Keeper of the Dream, Banquet (\$1,000), "Jedi" tickets (about \$3,000), and an outstanding advertising debt at THE POST (\$4,000).

However, Congress' financial status should improve when the new bylaws become effective on May 1, 1997. At this time, Congress will receive an additional \$5,000 from the Congress Reserve account. The account, a total of \$10,000, serves as a safety blanket for any mistaken or overlooked bills.

"Congress Reserve account is basi-

cally there (as a cover up," Congress member Hemant Mahamwal said. "But, we felt that unintentional mistakes can't be as high as ten grand."

Karrantja also expressed concern that Congress could not cover any kind of financial emergency that might occur until May.

Mahamwal disagreed: "The theft [of a computer in January] was a financial emergency," he said. "We really need a new computer."



**Hemant Mahamwal**  
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## EDITOR'S VIEW

### Saying adieu to Division II by leaving an impression

The time has come for OU to move on. The university's days as a Division II school will soon be but a memory, but what a memory it will be and what a way to say goodbye.

OU is leaving Division II with both the Men's and Women's swimming and diving teams qualifying for the National championships.

In addition the Men's and Women's basketball teams have advanced to the NCAA regionals.

The success of all of OU's teams this year has provided a nice closure to this era and will give the OU community something to remember during the transition period- and beyond, at least for a time.

Even if the teams currently competing don't prevail at this level, OU will be left with the excitement of the achievements the teams did make.

If they do go on and win in these next few weeks then the Pioneer's will leave Division II as reigning champions.

Regardless of the outcomes, OU's teams have put up an amazing fight and have racked up a truly impressive track record to escort them into Division IAAA.

Few schools can boast of the consistency of quality teams across the board in college athletics, but OU can. OU has had recent, if not long term, success in virtually every sport offered.

Sports have become an increasingly important topic at OU.

Despite a plethora of controversial discussions around the community, and the knowledge that this is the last time OU is able to officially compete for two years, the teams' morale and drive has remained and they have all fought to the end.

In making the leap into Division I, OU can enter as a force to be reckoned with and, if that kind of team drive continues, will undoubtedly be successful in its new home as well.

Of course Division I will be a new environment for OU, and it will take some time for the Pioneers to settle in and take home a title.

Chances of a title may even increase with the possibility of the new lacrosse club becoming a varsity sport and whatever other sports may be added to the OU roster in the near future.

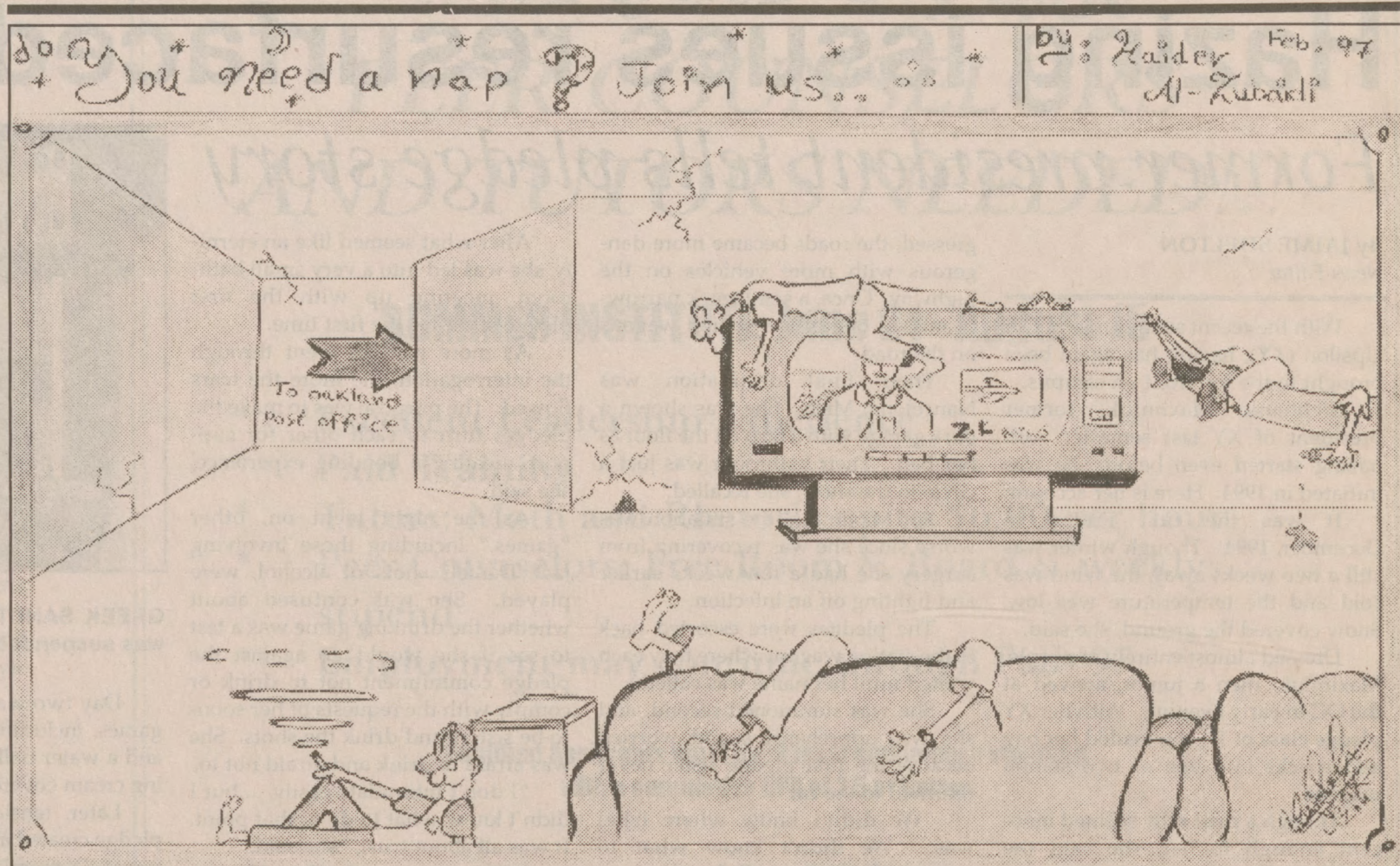
In the meantime the university community needs to relish this moment and the adrenaline which is pumping in the last few months of the semester and the '96-'97 Pioneer season.

In the end all at OU, whether athletes, academics or both, can be proud to say they're Pioneers.

We congratulate all of the teams past, present and future which have helped to put OU on the map and have contributed to the incredible athletic history which has been built.

So whether going out with a splash, a basket or a swing, the Pioneers will make their exit from Division II with the style of a true grand finale.

# OPINION



## Letters to the Editor

### Ads for envelope stuffing may be scam for students

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to your Classified Ads page in the back of every OAKLAND POST newspaper.

I responded to two of the three ads that peaked my interest. They boasted profits exceeding \$500-\$1,000 per week for the easy task of stuffing envelopes. All I had to do to begin with, was to send a S.A.S.E. to their company in order to get more information about the employment opportunity.

In a week I received back advertisements from these businesses telling me what I needed to know to get started as an independent mailer. Both sales pitches informed me that all I needed to do was to send a check, money order or cash in the mail, (depending on how many envelopes I wished to stuff- the price ranged from \$20-\$50) for a one time registration fee. I would then be sent boxed envelopes already pre-addressed and stamped, and an instructional packet with even more information.

The whole idea was that I would stuff these envelopes with flyers, send them back to the company and they would then send me my payment according to how many envelopes I had stuffed. The registration fee would be well covered after I made my first thick paycheck that was 15 times the original fee. Sound too good to be true, well, it is.

I telephoned the Better Business Bureaus regarding the two companies, and also the one I had not sent for information on. The oper-

ators informed me that each company had two or more complaints filed against them (after two complaints they are not allowed to tell you how many more are filed). Something in the fine print in the information provided by these companies is preventing people from getting the money they were promised.

Ironically, all three of these companies were the only advertisements on your Classified Ads page that did not have a phone number accompanying the ad. This is because they have no phone numbers listed according to the business bureaus.

I do not know your policy on admitting ads to the last page of the newspaper, but I would think you are admitting them with the integrity of the student body in mind. You are an award winning, non-profit paper, so siphoning out distasteful ads should be your concern. Please be more careful next time. Not listing advertisements without accompanying phone numbers would be a good way to do this.

Sincerely,

B. J. Reindel  
 Sophomore  
 Journalism

Editor's Note: The Oakland Post stopped running the ads as soon as we were alerted to the apparent problem.

### Move to Division I Signifies End of Positive Era

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the men's and women's basketball teams of OU on two fine seasons. And congratulations to coaches Greg Kampe and Bob Taylor.

These are probably the last winning seasons Oakland basketball will have for a while, as the university board has chosen to crash the Division I party in search of greater prestige and income. Students, faculty and staff should enjoy this last Division II season because Oakland now stands poised to lose, little by little, the things that have kept me a fan 10 years beyond graduation.

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The OU Board of Trustees will probably get what it wants from moving to Division I: More money. More prestige.

But the price is high. The university will ultimately give up unadulterated, uncorrupted, unblemished amateur athletics for this money and prestige.

It won't happen right away, but it will happen. And it's a damn shame.

Sincerely,

Ralph R. Echtnaw  
 Oakland Alumni

### Bathroom Graffiti Offensive

Dear Editor:

I wonder how many people are as sick as I am of having to view pornographic graffiti every time they use the restroom. What happens when I have to take my children in there? Grow up people!

Sincerely,

R. Novak  
 Graduate Student  
 English

### Setting it Straight

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

In the Feb. 19 edition of The Oakland Post we incorrectly stated that the Auburn Hills Police Department made the arrest in the CSC story. In actuality the arrest was made by OU Police.

In addition, in the side bar on the VPAA search process it was mistakenly reported that the Search committee would narrow the candidates to one finalist. The search committee only narrows to semi-finalists.

Also, Jim Surowiec's name was accidentally misspelled.

In the story about Uncle Booby it was mistakenly stated that they wished to expand to Eastpointe it should have said East Lansing.



## CIPO THIS WEEK

### CIPO Programs

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

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#### ATTENTION!! ALL STUDENT LEADERS!!

Sorry to Inform you that the Winter Leadership Series has been canceled due to lack of participation. We'll reschedule the series soon.

#### Officer Transition Workshop

This is a new training opportunity for new and returning officers of student organizations at Oakland University. This workshop will take place on Saturday, April 5, 1997, from 9-4:00 pm. Sign up in the CIPO Office. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. You will have until March 17, 1997, to sign up. Let's get a head start on your officer training.

#### Coming Soon!!

The 19th Annual Student Organization Recognition Night.

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## Liberty

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However, his road was not without difficulties, he said.

Because of a conflict between another university Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) and UNL, he was forced to step down from his position as dean, said Liberty.

UNO in the early '60's, because of financial trouble, became part of a state funded university system, including Nebraska Medical Systems and UNL. As a result of Nebraska-Omaha joining them, a conflict of heads occurred and the engineering department of UNO became run essentially by UNL.

"Over the last 30 years, the entire Omaha community was not happy with it. It was like a bad marriage," said Liberty.

UNO's engineering department was lagging behind UNL's in growth. As a result, UNL was accused by some of not properly sharing resources with UNO.

"Omaha was focused on undergraduate and little research," said Liberty. "At Lincoln, we covered it all, and had faculty do extensive research. The growth of Lincoln was better because of administrative growth."

The conflict finally exploded in 1993, with UNL experiencing nearly constant press accusations of hoarding resources, and he was at the forefront defending the university, Liberty said. This led to

his stepping down.

"The administration felt it would be better if I were not the focal point of the attention and move beyond it," said Liberty. "Sometimes players have to change to move forward. I was the player that changed."

Former UNL senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, Joan Leitzel, who made the decision to relieve Liberty of his position, agreed that this was just a part of university politics.

According to the article published in the Daily Nebraskan newspaper, Leitzel said, "It's not uncommon for a university to change administrative leadership from time to time. People come and go in a university."

Liberty insists it was not performance related. "If someone were to ask 'I wonder if it was performance related?', I would say no. It was strictly political," said Liberty.

David Sokol, who motivated Omaha business leaders to fight for a separate UNO engineering college, said Liberty was an innocent bystander.

According to the Daily Nebraskan, Sokol said, "He (winded) up being a casualty of a war he didn't start."

After his step down, Liberty became director of advanced research at Technological Park, a joint venture between the University of Nebraska and the city of Lincoln. He later became a professor of engineering at UNL.

Liberty stresses that integrity is most important in all aspects of life.

"I like people I work with and associate with to know that I am truthful, trustworthy and consistent," said Liberty.

One of the results of Liberty's hard work was the Nebraska Research Initiative (NRI), a program to increase university funding.

"The NRI is a funding appropriation from the Nebraska legislature to boost research (at the university)," said Liberty.

However, his plan for OU if he was chosen as VPAA would be more broad, he said. It would encompass more than research and graduate studies.

"(I want to) further enhance the learning at levels of undergraduate, as well as just graduate," said Liberty.

Though Liberty may spend hours working at the university, he does find time to play, as well.

He plays golf, handball and, of course, goes fishing. He enjoys music as well and plays the piano and the single reeds. His immediate family consists of his wife, Angie, and his two children, Stan II, 32, and Jennifer, 30. Liberty enjoys spending time with all of them.

"I spend as much time with my family as possible. My wife and I try to visit (extended family) at least once a year," said Liberty. "Family is very important."

*Editor's Note: At time of press, Liberty's photograph had not arrived.*

## Visit

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mittee suggested removing chairs and directors of each academic department, Russi requested the group remain on the list. He said meeting with this group was helpful when he came to campus for his own VPAA interviews in 1993.

Currently, each finalist's vita is kept in five campus offices: President's Office, Dean of Engineering Office, College of Arts and Sciences Office, Education and Human Resources Office and the Physics Department. THE POST and Student Congress also have copies.

## Account

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Now they were told it was now time to pay for their "sins." Active members took the paddles and pretended to hit the pledges, but instead smacked their own hands. In the end, the president gave them a rose and said XY was not based on points.

The initiation was over.

Despite her objections to the hazing, Maximiuk stayed with XY and was later elected a member of the Standards Board and Pledge Trainer.

"I thought I could make a difference, ... a positive impact," she said. She said her changes were minimal.

In fall 1995, the sorority passed a time limit on interrogation and pledges were allowed to use the bathroom. Maximiuk knew XY was still hazing, but she hoped it would be less.

During the second pledge class, when her anti-hazing efforts received a major setback, inactive members came. They were drunk before noon, extremely mean, disrespectful and rude to everyone. "I was embarrassed for the chapter. It was pathetic," she said.

In summer 1996, she was elected president. Once again she thought she could turn XY's hazing around. She could not.

After some complaints, OU had to step in and suspend the sorority for three years.

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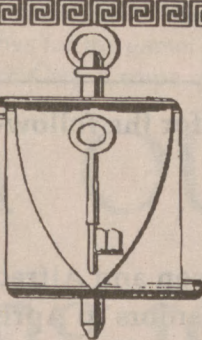
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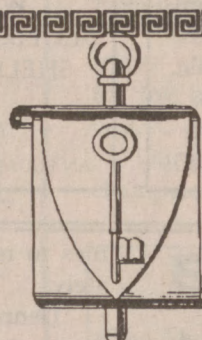
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Schedule

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Getting the schedules out is a complicated, Bartalucci added. Since scheduling and faculty conflicts often arise, he said it is difficult to put it out any sooner. "There are a myriad of planning issues involving the allotments of classroom space and times to each department," he said.

Since the schedules did not reach many homes in time, seniors unable to visit campus last week had to pick up schedules to register almost immediately.

Denny Gross, a senior environmental health major, said he had this problem last semester, too. "I only live in Troy; it shouldn't take this long. I liked it better before they started mailing them."

Senior Amy Fenwick, education major, agreed. "It's ridiculous, because offices around campus had them the week before break."

Bartalucci hopes the Fall Schedule of Classes, due out later this month, will be on time.

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# SPORTS

## Women make NCAA field

By DAVID CAMERON  
Sports Editor

The women's team lost to Northern Michigan University in the GLIAC Championship game on Saturday night in Marquette, 81-71.

OU will be heading back to the U.P. for this Thursday's NCAA Great Lakes Regional game. The team received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and will play against Saginaw Valley State University (19-10). Last season, the Pioneers fell to Southern Indiana University, 84-83 in the first round.

OU women's coach Bob Taylor said that his team played well on Saturday and that NMU was merely better than Michigan Technological University, which OU defeated 58-51, to get to the title game.

"I don't think we did anything different," Taylor said. "We just played a better team."

In facing No. 6 seed SVSU, the Pioneers face old friends—former OU assistant

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**Bob Taylor**  
OU Women's coach

coach Suzy Merchant is now the head coach for the Cardinals. Marian Groce, a former OU assistant, is Merchant's top assistant.

"I've just got to worry about my team," Taylor said. "It's not Bob against Suzy, it's Oakland

against Saginaw. I don't see it as being a weird thing."

Against MTU, junior forward Tamika Bates led OU with 17 points in only 12 minutes as the team outscored the Huskies, 28-20 in the second half and beat MTU for the first time this season.

The women had lost to MTU 72-68 on Jan. 25, committing a season-high 24 turnovers.

Taylor said that SVSU would be a formidable opponent on Thursday.

"Saginaw is playing very well," he said. "They're a team that no one wants to face right now."

In Saturday's GLIAC title game, OU senior forward Alyson McChesney scored a game-high 27 points.

The winner of OU-SVSU will play No. 2 seed NMU on Friday night at 8 p.m.

## OU baseball looks for better future

By DAVID CAMERON  
Sports Editor

Last season, OU baseball coach Steve Lyon couldn't be pleased with the final results. After all, better things were expected of the Pioneer ball club and a third-place conference finish wasn't one of them.

OU went 0-and-9 in its trip to Florida and Alabama to start last season, losing to NCAA-I Western Michigan University, 14-2, St. Leo's, the University of Tampa, Florida Southern, who was coming off a NCAA-II National Championship in 1995, and Alabama-Huntsville.

Lyon said that start "kind of set the wrong tone for the whole season."

In 1996, OU started 5-and-1 in the GLIAC and was tied for first with Mercyhurst College, but quickly disappeared from the race because of poor games against Saginaw Valley State University, Ashland University and MC.

"We were 3-8-1 against Saginaw, Ashland and Mercyhurst, and went from first (place) to fourth real quick," said Lyon. "This year all 12 games against those teams are at home."

That might make a difference, since the Pioneers played only 10 home games, due to poor weather and were 6-4. Overall, OU finished 18-28-1.

OU's coach is looking to his four senior position players—catcher Ted Vlaz, third baseman Jeff Harwood and centerfielder Jason Paul to produce and to help the ball club during any rough times they might encounter.

"I am looking to our four seniors—(Jeff) Harwood, Jason Paul, and Ted Vlaz to show leadership and to help us throughout times."

OU has received a verbal commitment from Brad Knorr, a 6-4, 210 lbs right-handed pitcher from Clio High School. Knorr pitched 54 innings last spring, striking out 87.

Knorr won't help out the 1997 squad, but will in 1998.

For this season, though one of the teams' goals isn't merely to compete for the conference, but to win the GLIAC outright, Lyon said.

"Our goal is to win the conference championship," he said.

## Fast Facts

• The Men's Basketball team ended its regular season with a 9-3 home record, after defeating Wayne State Feb. 20, 65-64, at The Bubble before a standing-room-only crowd. The men improved their home record all-time against the Tartars to 11-22. OU swept the season series, 2-0 to take the Bolt.

## The Pioneer sports week

### Thu., Mar 6

• Men's / Women's Basketball NCAA Regionals, Great Lakes Region, Indianapolis and Marquette

### Sat., Mar 8-Sat., Mar 15

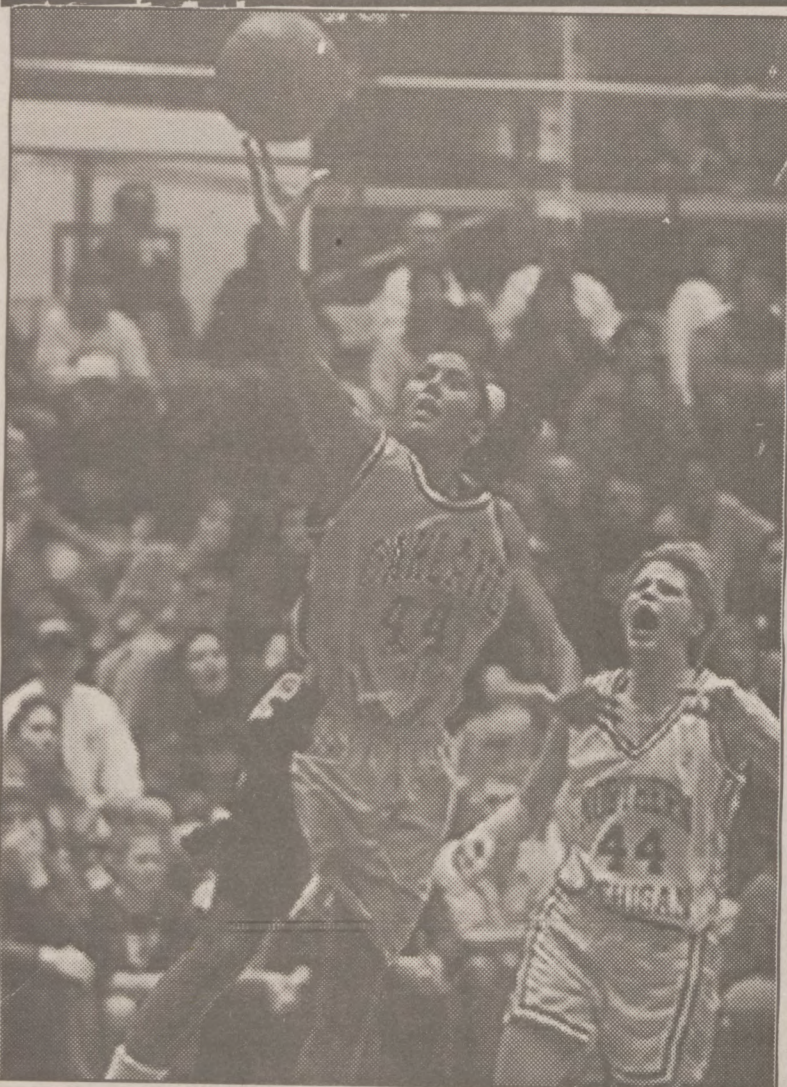
• Baseball team is at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic Tournament, Ft. Meyers, Fla.

• (OU opens against Bloomsburg (Pa.) March 8)

### All-GLIAC Tournament team

(Men: Kevin Kovach, Matt McClellan)

(Women: Alyson McChesney, Tamika Bates)



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

**FOLLOW THE BALL:** OU's Tamika Bates tries a layup against Northern Michigan Saturday night.

## Men receive at-large bid to NCAA Tournament despite losing to GVSU

By DAVID CAMERON  
Sports Editor

ADRIAN — OU's men's team lost for the third straight season in the GLIAC Tournament title game Saturday night at the Merillat Sports and Fitness Center, 92-78 to Grand Valley State University.

The loss left OU without a GLIAC Tournament Championship in its last year of affiliation with the conference.

Sunday afternoon brought better news for the Pioneers, after they got an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament in

Indianapolis. OU is seeded fifth in the Great Lakes Region, and will play GVSU on Thursday night at Nicoson Hall on the campus of the University of Indianapolis.

Against the Lakers, OU led 6-5, when sophomore center Matt McClellan, who scored a game-high 25 points for the Pioneers, connected on a 3-pointer from the right wing 3:41 into the contest. This was the last time the men would lead. GVSU scored 10 straight points to take a 15-6 lead with 12:39 to play in the first half.

OU trailed 41-33 at the half and by 20 with 13:11 to play

(64-44) before cutting the the officiating. Lakers advantage to five (68-63) on a McClellan 3-pointer from the right corner with 7:24 remaining. A 10-2 GVSU run, game the officiating was capped by a Joe Modderman jumper with two seconds left on the shot clock, gave the Lakers a 78-65 lead with 4:16 in Saturday's game and 27 in left. Modderman scored a GLIAC Tournament-record 40 points in the game and the loss left OU 0-and-2 against the Lakers this season.

The Pioneers' McClellan didn't make it to the foul line and the Lakers shot 28 free throws for the game. OU men's coach Greg Kampe questioned

the officiating. "I think the calls were absolutely ridiculous," Kampe said. "For a championship game the officiating was awful—that's my opinion."

Pioneers' senior guard Kevin Kovach, who scored 15 points in Saturday's game and 27 in OU's 95-83 semi-final win against Saginaw Valley State Friday night, said that it was GVSU's night.

"I thought they (the Lakers) played really well," he said. "(Joe) Modderman did an unbelievable job and they were able to hit some key baskets at key times."

In beginning preparation for Thursday night's NCAA Tournament opener, Kampe said that OU must keep GVSU away from the foul line, if its to win.

"We have to make our shots and stay out of foul trouble," he said.

OU (21-7) will be seeking its second NCAA win against GVSU. The Pioneers lost a eight-point lead last season to Northern State (N.D.) and fell 98-92.

During the 1993-94 season OU defeated Quincy (Ill.) at Quincy, 105-98 for its first NCAA victory.

## Both OU swimming and diving teams prevail

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY  
Features Editor

The men and women's swim teams ended their GLIAC tradition the same way it began—by winning.

During the weekend of Feb. 19-Feb. 22, the OU swimming and diving teams traveled to Northern Michigan University where both competed and won the 1996-97 GLIAC Championship.

For the men, winning the 1996-97 GLIAC title is the 19th consecutive year, making OU currently the only school to ever win the men's GLIAC Championship.

The women's win made it the 8th win out of the 9 times the GLIAC has hosted a women's championship.

The men proved to be the dominators by drowning out its four competitors with a score of 698.0.

Head Coach Pete Hovland said the team had three goals to keep in mind and try to achieve— to fill out the national team, to see how the young swimmers would perform without the already qualified national team and to win the conference title.

"(Our) first priority was to get two more spots filled for the national meet," said Hovland.

Courtney Dunlap, freshman, qualified for the national team in the

50 yard freestyle with a time of 21.06.

"I kind of knew I was going to qualify, but I thought it was going to be in the 100 (yard freestyle)," said Dunlap.

First place finishes were put in by Trevor Morgan in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyles, Wesley Brown in the 200 yard freestyle, Yoav Ritter in the 100 yard butterfly, Mike Robberson in the 100 yard backstroke and Erich Kelly in the 200 yard IM.

In addition, on the diving board junior Damian Pulliam placed first on both the one-meter board with a score of 481.45 and on the three-meter board scoring 481.20. OU also won all five relays.

Robberson, sophomore, was pleased with the teams performance. "The team was great. This is only my second year on the team and it was the most exciting, funnest meet yet," he said. "Everyone was cheer-



Post File Photo/Bob Knoska

**GREAT FINISHES:** Senior Heather Bockmann won the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:07.88. The photo is of an earlier meet.

ing for every race. It was really nice to be a part of."

The women blew its six competitors out of the water with a score of 648.0.

"Overall it was one of the best conference meets we have ever had," said Head Coach Tracy Huth.

See GLIAC page 2

## Swimming and Diving Notes

Both the men and women's swimming and diving teams may be fighting for a conference championship next season.

OU Athletics Director Jack Mehl said that the teams have been accepted into the National Independent Conference, pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

"We will be preparing a request to the board of trustees approving our acceptance into the National Independent Conference," Mehl said. "Clearly, competition against such teams as the University of Cincinnati, the University of Houston, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky is consistent with our long-term objectives to Division I and we hope the board (of trustees) will act favorably on our request."

OU is leaving the Division II GLIAC conference and won't become an official Division I member until September 1999.

Members of the NIC are the University of Cincinnati, Northeastern Louisiana, Southern Illinois, Florida Atlantic, Western Kentucky, Evansville, the University of Houston and Southwest Missouri.

The swimming and diving teams leave Sunday for the 1997 NCAA-II National Championships in San Antonio, Tx. from March 12-15.



# FEATURES

## Artist-in-Residence World renowned pianist performs

By REBECCA DEVANTIER  
Staff Writer

Artist-in-Residence and native Brazilian Flavio Varani has toured the world performing for audiences that come to hear him play the piano. More recently he gave a concert at St Mary's College.

The concert was part of the Classics on the Lake concert series. The series has three more concerts.

Aaron Shrewsbury, administration major at Madonna University, attended the concert to fulfill a requirement for a humanities course, but said he'd probably go to the concert if it wasn't a requirement.

"I appreciate good music. I know he's (Varani) good at it," Shrewsbury said.

Varani began playing the piano at the age of seven after his mother brought a piano home as a gift for the family. Varani was hoping it would be a 16 wheeler truck.

Despite his disappointment, three

years later he was touring with the Brazilian National Symphony.

After three years at age 13 he moved to Paris to study with Magda Tagliaferro who he greatly admires, "I love to listen to her(play)," he said.

He lived in Paris until he was 20 when he moved to the United States to study music at the Manhattan School of Music.

While in Paris, Varani won the "Harold Bauer Award" for the most distinguished pianist.

He has won "Musician of the Year," from the Michigan Foundation of Arts, and "Best Soloist of the Year," from the Brazilian Art Critic Association.

Varani played in the Chopin International Competition in Mallorca where he won first prize.

"(It was a) momentous moment in my life," he said.

Varani has performed as a guest artist with orchestras in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Japan.

After graduation, Varani was going to teach for only a year at OU. He is

now a 10 year track artist-in-residence.

Along with teaching at OU, he acts as artistic director for the International Academy for Advanced Studies in Chamber Music in Germany.

Varani's favorite place to play is Japan, he has been there five times in the past four years and will be returning to Japan in November.

He likes performing in Japan because it is "extremely well organized," he said.

Varani also enjoys performing for the audiences near his native soil. "I love playing in Latin America," he said.

He respects the composer Schumann. "I'd like to shake his hand," he said.

He also likes the way Ravel uses rhythm in his compositions.

Varani is signed on the Orion Master Recordings and Maison Dante recording labels and has made four records already.

In the near future, Varani will be making a new CD of Villa Lobos music.

Throughout the months of May, August and October Varani has three tours scheduled.



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**WORLD CLASS PLAYER:** Flavio Varani, professor of music, theatre and dance, has been a professional pianist since the age ten and has traveled all over the world on tour.

## Keeping the dream alive

**Fifth annual banquet  
gives OU community  
and beyond hope for the  
future**

By DAMON BROWN  
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On the quieter side of campus, by Sunset Terrace and John Dodge House, lies the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

The relatively obscure horse barn has been overshadowed by more glamorous architecture on campus.

But not tonight.

On, Feb. 20, the old stable was packed with the business elite of the greater Detroit area, local mayors, OU faculty and staff, OU students- more than 700 in all, decked in business suits and elegant dresses.

It was the 5th Annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet, celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and, more importantly, keeping his dream of racial peace and equality alive.

"(The banquet) is about keeping the focus and recognizing that everything hasn't happened- all the good things

haven't happened and there's always a job to do," said Ken Walters, husband of department of reading professor Kelly Walters.

The main purpose of the event is to give two \$2,500 scholarships to OU students who work to keep King's dream alive on campus. Juniors Carla Sabbagh and Tierra Stamps were selected for this year's award.

Sabbagh, double major in Psychology and Spanish, was selected because of her involvement in a variety of areas on campus, such as being an Orientation Group Leader (OGL), Academic Skills Tutor and Admissions Ambassador. Sabbagh serves as vice president on the University Student Congress.

She was also involved in starting the first national Hispanic sorority here at OU last year.

"I'm very excited and very proud," said Sabbagh.

Stamps, systems engineering major with manufacturing option, was also selected because of her extensive on campus commitment. She has been an OGL, Admissions Ambassador, and teacher's assistant in the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program

(DAPCEP) for 7th and 8th graders.

She is also a member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), where she has been Communications Chair, Conference Planner and Treasurer.

"I am very honored," said Stamps. "I am very overwhelmed to be given the award."

The banquet also featured a guest speaker, Mr. William Brooks, vice president, corporate affairs for General Motors Corp.

Brooks said the focus of his speech was on the African-American male and the problems hampering growth, such as high incarceration and unemployment.

He noted that approximately 700,000 African-American males are in prison, yet only 300,000 are in higher education. Education and skills are the key, he said.

"(We) need to focus on the powerful issues education, jobs, values and money," Brooks said.

He also said that these issues are crucial to African-Americans getting involved in the job market as the year 2000 approaches.

Brooks wanted the audience to walk

away focused and motivated. Much of the audience was.

"It hits home, makes you want to go out and do something," said Stamps.

"I want them to really have a good view of where we as African Americans stand today and some of the ways that all of us have to participate, we can't stand on the sidelines any longer," said Brooks.

Brooks himself was quite impressed with the banquet.

"It's outstanding. There are so many different people here, a lot of students, a lot of young people, a lot of older people so it's a good mixture of people, a very diverse audience. I think I'll enjoy tonight," said Brooks.

TCI Cablevision of Oakland County and Michigan Government Television were also on hand to televise the event.

The banquet wasn't always this big, however. In fact, its beginnings were rather humble.

Dr. Kevin Early, associate professor of sociology and host of the banquet, felt that students working for racial harmony were not rewarded, and that is why he started the two scholarships and the banquet.

"I asked questions about the schol-

arships here on campus, and I discovered there were no scholarships or awards based upon individual commitment to the university by way of race relations and a commitment to good will, good citizenship, diversity, as well as academic excellence," said Early.

The road was uphill. Early pro-

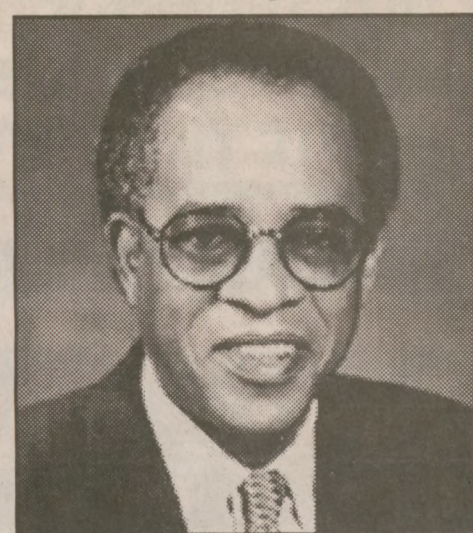


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**MOTIVATING SPEECH:** GM's VP of Corporate affairs, William C. Brooks was the spoke words of wisdom at this years banquet.

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Photo Courtesy/ Meadow Brook Theatre

**HISTORICAL EVENT:** Phillip Locker, left, and Lou Beatty, Jr., right, star in Meadow Brooks Theatre's production of *I Am A Man*, a story of sanitation workers on strike in Memphis during the time Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

## History re-lived at Meadow Brook

By LISA COUCKE  
Staff Writer

The Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the most remembered events in history and now comes to OU in Oyamo's production of *I Am A Man* showing at Meadow Brook Theatre.

"We just received four stars from the *Detroit Free Press*," said Mike Vigilant, public relations manager of Meadow Brook Theatre.

The production is set in 1968 and the action takes place in Memphis, Tennessee. A deeply racist society was forming and taking action at this time and Dr. King was right in the middle of it all.

The Vietnam War reached a dangerous climax in 1968 sparking anti-war protests everywhere. The play's background focuses on these events.

Oyamo, author of the play, is an associate professor and Playwright-in-Resident at U-M in Ann Arbor. Oyamo's plays have been in theatres all over the United States including, New York's Working Theater, Chicago's Goodman Theater and Washington D.C.'s Arena Stage. The Seattle Children's Theater had also commissioned Oyamo's *Pink and Say* on which he is currently working.

Actors in the production include Lou Beatty Jr. playing the role of T.O. Jones. He has starred in shows such as *Dynasty*, *Matlock* and *Hunter*.

Charles Bevil will be playing the

role of Bluesman. Bevil is an actor, writer, visual artist and also composed and performed the music for *I Am A Man*. Phillip Sekou Glass, an OU alumni, will be playing the role of Rev. Moore.

"T.O. Jones is the kind of actor that can play any kind of character," said Vigilant.

Rush tickets are available to OU students for \$5. Rush tickets may be obtained the night of the performance with a limit of two per student. Tickets for evening performances to the general public are \$22.

This civil demonstration of *I Am A Man* will be playing at Meadow Brook Theatre until March 9.