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FAST FACTS

Senate Meeting

University Senate will hold a meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at 3:10 p.m. in the OC Oakland Room. The meeting is open.

Stress-Free Zone

Student Program Board (SPB) is sponsoring a Stress-Free Zone today from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the OC Fireside Lounge. Activities include playing board games, coloring, drawing, cards, massages and a raffle. Admission is free.

Leadership discussion

The last of "The President's Club" round table discussions addressing "the trials and tribulations of being a student leader at OU" will be held today from 3-4:30 p.m. in room 126-127 OC.

Student leaders will come together to problem solve and collaborate on activities.

For more information, contact Jean Ann Miller, assistant director for Student Activities and Leadership Development at (248) 370-2400.

Graduation date moved

The spring commencement date for the graduating class of '99 has been moved from June 5 to May 1. The commencement will be held in the Athletic Center Arena.

Deadline for applications for graduation in Feb. 5.

Pre-Med meeting

Pre-Medical Society will hold its last meeting of the semester today in rooms 128-130 of the OC, from 6-8 p.m.

At the meeting, a representative from HMO Selectcare will speak about the relationship between doctors, patient and HMOs.

December to Remember

OU community is invited to participate in the holiday activities in the OC Fireside Lounge as part of the "December to Remember" week.

Thursday, Dec. 10 is the day for making decorations--dreidels, ornaments and other holiday items.

In addition, there will be holiday music and opportunity to learn about Hanukkah, Ramadan, Kwanza and Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 11 at noon, there will be a Holiday Cookie Bake-Off event with judging "who is the best cookie maker on campus."

Also, participants are invited to contribute to the giant holiday banner.

The activities are sponsored by the Center for Student Activities.

Next issue

THE OAKLAND POST will have its next publication on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The staff wishes you safe and restful holidays and a happy new year!

Golf course tees off community

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Editor in Chief

The Board of Trustees met Thursday for its first formal meeting since October.

Six of eight members were present (Rex Schlaybaugh and Dennis Pawley were absent), and were greeted by more than 200 community members who showed their distaste for the second golf course.

The lengthy agenda ranged from a revision to charges and name of the Investment Advisory Committee and a ratification of a new constitution for the School of Business, to the approval of the OU Katke-Cousins Golf Course and R & S Sharf Golf Course to the approval of the Land Use and Development Guidelines.

Also on the agenda was the authorization to develop a proposal for a Multi-Use Complex to be built on campus. At the end, about 23 people were scheduled to address OU's upper administration regarding the second golf course.

Barry Turett, mathematics professor and AAUP grievance officer, said the last time he saw so many people present at the board meeting was for the appointment of Gary Russi as

OU president. The issue then was also lack of consultation, he added.

Some members of the audience felt the agenda was padded to lengthen the meeting in hopes that some of the angry spectators would leave before being heard.

Fifteen eventually came up to the microphone. All spoke against the new golf course. Michael Riley, president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) addressed the board saying, "The Oakland University Chapter of the (AAUP) condemns in the strongest possible terms, the Russi administration's habit of ignoring the contractually-guaranteed, and Board-approved constitutional processes.

"These processes require that faculty have the right to participate directly in the formation, and recommendation of educational policy," Riley said.

The golf course discussion should have been presented to the University Senate. Riley said this was not done.

"This violation has effectively denied the faculty its right to be consulted on this matter of academic importance," he added.

The AAUP has filed a grievance against OU

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'(Golf) top of list,' says donor Sharf

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Editor in Chief

The decision to construct the R & S Golf Course has been causing a ruckus on the OU campus.

The controversy led to an unusual public forum with three vice presidents on the firing line.

David Downing, interim vice president of academic affairs and provost, Lynn Schaefer, vice president of finance and administration and David Disend, vice president for university relations and executive director of OU Foundation, encountered the response of the OU community to the second golf course at a public forum, Dec. 2, and a second protest, Dec. 3.

The Board of Trustees on June



DONOR: Stephan Sharf presented OU with financial gift for a second golf course.

4 passed the proposal for the OU Foundation to develop a golf course.

Stephan Sharf, former trustee and current President Club

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Search narrowed to six, Russi to choose finalists

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY and LISA MUMMA
Editor in Chief and Staff Writer

It was a long weekend of all work and no play for the 14 members of the VPAA/Provost search committee.

Their mission: to narrow the search pool from 10 semi-finalists to a short list of six and find the best person for VPAA/Provost.

What they found were 10 individuals, all unique, from different universities across the country, with varied backgrounds and experience, but all equally qualified.

Chair of the committee Kevin Murphy said, "I just feel very satisfied and proud of the quality of work the committee has done. All the candidates have excellent academic and administrative experience. They are the complete package."

"Each of these individuals come out of a true academic discipline," he added.

The interviews were held at

the airport Hilton Suites in Romulus Saturday and Sunday.

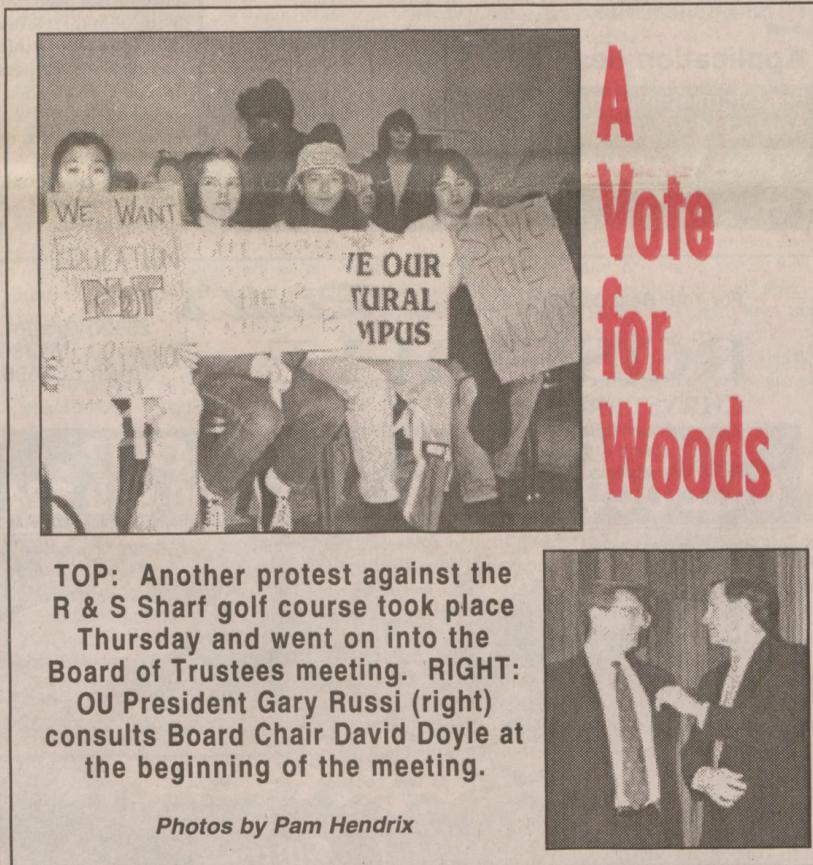
Murphy said the candidates were not scheduled in order of preference, but rather by their individual schedules and flight times.

After about 22 hours of interviews and deliberations, the committee recommended six of the 10 to Russi. The short-listed individuals are: Greg Weisenstein, University of Colorado; Louis Esposito, University of Massachusetts-Boston; John Wanat, University of Illinois-Chicago; Y.T. Shah, Clemson University (South Carolina); Tony Atwater, University of Toledo; and David Magidson, Wayne State University.

"(The others) haven't been ruled out, but we've moved them lower in the mix," said Murphy, chair of economics. "I get the gist (OU President Gary

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TOP: Another protest against the R & S Sharf golf course took place Thursday and went on into the Board of Trustees meeting. RIGHT: OU President Gary Russi (right) consults Board Chair David Doyle at the beginning of the meeting.

Photos by Pam Hendrix

Academic units complain, S & S budgets low

By RACHAEL NORMAN
Staff Writer

Hang on to those staples.

In the last few years, many academic departments at OU reported having a hard time meeting their supplies and services budget due to insufficient funding from the university.

The S & S budget covers expenses such as photocopying costs, laboratory supplies, office supplies, postage, maintenance contracts, ditto materials, video tapes, slides, fax machines, equipment repairs and other teaching supplies.

Some departments have not seen an increase in their budgets in almost a decade.

The English Department has

not had an increase in eight years. The S & S budget for the Chemistry Department has remained at about the same dollar level since 1988.

Yet, Rich Campbell, the acting chair of the Linguistics Department, said, "Our (budget) has remained constant since '95-96, when it dropped slightly from the preceding year."

Michael Sevilla, chemistry chair, said, "We received the first significant increase of 4.9 percent last year in a decade.

"Just inflationary increases since '88 would amount to a 42 percent increase in the amount we are currently receiving," he said.

According to Sevilla, the 4.9

percent increase was due to substantial increases in student enrollments, new lab and lecture courses being offered, and the addition of several new faculty members. The Chemistry Department is finding it difficult to cover its expenses on a 1988 budget, especially now that there are greater demands on the department, he added.

Photocopying costs seem to be a big issue in most departments. Many professors make numerous handouts during a semester. This takes a large toll on the budget for each department.

Mary Hoisington, administrative secretary in the Department for Rhetoric, Communication and

Journalism said, "We're doing just fine with our budget."

Yet, many faculty members from the RCJ Department have had to request a photocopying fee from students to cover the costs of handouts.

The School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) has not seen an increase in their supplies and services budget in more than five years.

"In the past we have asked for and received some one-time money to make up what is an increasingly large deficit," said Michael Polis, SECS dean.

"For example, last year SECS had to cover about half the supplies and services deficit from other monies," he said.

Some professors end up dig-

ging into their own pockets to cover the costs of supplies.

"I'm sure some of the faculty is using their own money," said Brian Connery, English chair.

Academic units have had to go without some supplies or equipment due to the lack of money available in their budgets.

"We can't replace our fax machine because we don't have the money," Connery said.

Even though some academic units find their budget adequate, there is always a hope for more.

"We live within our supplies and services budget, but are

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Student Affairs Student Affairs EVENTS

HAPPY
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FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS
STAFF!



UPDATING OU

• The 1999 Keeper of the Dream Award nomination forms will be available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center beginning Monday, December 14. These one-time nonrenewable awards recognize Oakland University continuing students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will.

• Schick Super Hoops 3:3 Basketball Tournament has been postponed until January 16-17, 1999. Entry forms are still being accepted until January 9, 1999!

• Monthly Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver Christmas food baskets to Pontiac families in need. To volunteer at the Baldwin Church and Center please contact

Joanne Crossman at 332-3280 or Douglas Butler at 332-6101, ext. 21.

• Career Resource Center (CRC). Hours for the CRC, located in 121 NFH, continue Tuesday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m. (open counseling), and Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon (by appointment). Students are invited to stop by to learn about the information resources and services now available at the center.

• Memberships for the new Rec Center are still available for student spouses, faculty, staff, alumni and their families. Check out the Rec Center during open hours Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

THIS WEEK

• Now accepting applications for intramural student officials for the REC Center for the winter semester. Please stop by the REC Center and pick up an application packet. Contact Felecia Bumpus for additional information or questions at 4732. Intramural sports are fantastic!

• Volunteers are needed to help read exams and books onto tape. For more information please contact the Office of Disability Support Services, 157 N. Foundation Hall, 370-3266.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• During Career Prep Week the Department of Placement and Career Services and the Office of Diversity and Compliance, along with students, will present:

Panel Discussion - "Diversity in the Workplace"

Where: Oakland Center Gold Rooms

When: Tuesday, January 19, 1999

Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

All faculty and students are invited to attend.

The organizations invited to participate in this dialog are DaimlerChrysler, IBM, Henry Ford Health Systems, Oakland County, Regional Plastics, University of Michigan/Ann Arbor, Ford Motor, General Motors and Oakland Community College.

• Career Prep Week. Placement & Career Services presents Career Prep Week from January 19-22, 1999. A variety of events and activities are planned to help Oakland students prepare for employment and career development. For a detailed calendar of events, visit our web page at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>. Featured event of the week will be the Diversity Career Fair on Thursday, January 21 (co-sponsored by the African-American Celebration Month Committee and the Office of Disability Support Services.)

Sharf

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member, and his wife donated a gift of \$2 million from life insurance policy to be used towards a golf course.

OU is financially backing the \$4.5 million project, and will receive the gift after the death of both Sharf and his wife Rita, Disend said.

Some community members wondered why the university was so insistent that the donation is spent on a golf course rather than something geared towards education.

At the forum, Disend said it was Sharf's idea, and he and his wife specifically donated to launch a second course on campus.

However, during a phone interview Monday, Sharf said that OU asked him to make a donation and was given a list of projects in order of priority. A second golf course was at "the top of the list," he said.

"(OU) asked me for it, (and I

agreed)," Sharf said. "Oakland is dear to my heart."

Over the past 25 years Sharf said he has donated gifts for various OU projects, including support for the Meadow Brook Music Festival, a scholarship fund for Chrysler, a new lab for automotive industry lab in SEB and Kresge Library. He added, he also donates personal time to the development of OU.

He said universities will always approach potential donors with a list of priorities.

Although Sharf is not an avid golfer himself, he said the second course will be a good way to get more investors involved in the OU Foundation.

"You shouldn't look at it as a golf course," Sharf said. "The university is not known enough." The golf course will generate public interest and financial sponsorships, without which the university cannot exist, he added.

"Professors aren't putting OU in public domain, really," he said. According to Sharf investors get involved at OU through Meadow Brook Theatre,

The Meadow Brook Music Festival, the Concours d'Elegance, and Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

According to a Board report, from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, more than \$137,000 in gifts was donated to Meadow Brook Theatre, \$87,000 in gifts was donated for the Concours d'Elegance and \$24,000 was donated to the OU Foundation.

Disend said since the Presidents Club was established, 1966, it has generated over \$40 million in gifts. He added, about two thirds of its members say they became involved because of the golf course. However, membership privileges at the course are extended to Presidents Club members as a perk.

Approximately, \$27 million has been generated due to initial interest in Katke-Cousins, Disend said.

Sharf said he believes a second golf course would be a good financial investment.

Disend agreed.

He said Sharf made the donation because he thought it was a way for his money to be most beneficial in the long run.

The concern for losing academic research was also a topic of discussion at the forum.

Laura Panek, graduate biology student, has been working on her research project for more than a year.

The second golf course puts her work in jeopardy because holes 10 and 12 are located beside the site of the paper wasps nests, the main subject of her research.

At the forum the attempts she has made in order to communicate with the administration have been ignored.

Downing told the audience he has been inundated with e-mails, letters and phone calls on this issue, but said it is impossible to respond to all in a timely manner.

Panek found this response unacceptable.

"So you rather I talk to the

press before you?" she asked. "The press is more interested in what I have to say than you?"

Schaefer said that the tenth hole has already been moved, and that OU is working with course designers to move the 12th hole.

But it is not just some members of the biological science department who are saddened by the second golf course decision.

Faculty such as Susan Wood, professor of art history, Shea Howell, professor of communication, and Natalie Cole, associate professor of English, spoke of how the natural campus serves not only academic use, but also as a place of unique beauty where individuals can go for bird watching, hiking, picnics, and is home to wildlife that have been dispossessed by the development in Auburn and Rochester Hills.

Downing said, "I get the sense that people are perceiving that the 250 acres is going to be turned into a parking lot."

That is not the case, he added. Schaefer confirmed.

"We're preserving as much of the natural land... of the approximate 250 acres, 95 acres will be developed and maintained, 35 acres will be scrubbed shrubs, (and) the wetlands in this area will be virtually undisturbed."

She said 20,137 feet of nature trails exist on the proposed site, but "our plan is to work with the community, and recreational users... to develop a more informal, signed, safe system with an additional 19,128 feet for a total of 30,031 feet of trails.

But the natural environment is not the only issue. OU's handling of the decision to build the golf course is creating controversy as well.

Donald Morse, professor of English, addressed the audience on this issue. "We're having a good open discussion with faculty, and so far one student, but the one person who should be addressed is noticeably missing (President Gary Russi).

"I've been here many years and I've seen many mistakes, but I have rarely seen such a mess as this. It's just another example of the weak underbelly of the university. And, this is not an isolated incident.

"I don't see any future for shared governance on this campus... You guys (the audience) have got to do something to take the governance back," he added.

Sharf said he is keeping his distance from the controversy over his gift. "I supported Oakland from front to rear. I feel bad about (the controversy). I'm not going to get involved... If that's political football, let it be."

News Editor Lidija Milic contributed to this story.

Oakland University Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Undergraduate Research Program

Ten research fellowships in excess of \$9,000 each will be awarded in a two-year undergraduate program in Biological Communication. The stipend for the period of June 1 - August 20, 1999, will be \$3,000. Oakland University sophomores or juniors who are contemplating careers in biological/biomedical research or science teaching are eligible to apply. Students will be matched with faculty mentors and will develop skills in problem solving, experimental design, instrumentation, data analysis, written communication, and oral presentation/discussion in small and large group settings.

Application deadline: February 12, 1999

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LOCAL NEWS

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FESTIVALS & SHOWS

• Holiday Gift Gallery

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts presents its Holiday Gift Gallery to benefit the non-profit organization. Open to the public through Dec. 23. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110.

• Traditions of the Season

See Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village decked out in holiday decor. Experience past holiday customs as costumed presenters busy themselves preparing for holiday celebration by crafting, cooking, and baking. Hands on activities for the whole family. Now through Sunday, Jan. 3. Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1620.

• Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Holiday Shop

More than 100 US artists in glass, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, dolls, fibers, wearable art, wood and framed fine art will be featured. Open through Saturday, Dec. 12. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham. Free admission.

FUNDRAISERS

• Children's Only Holiday Shop

An opportunity for children to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. Gifts range from \$1 to \$8. Proceeds go to Community House. Wednesday, Dec. 9 through Saturday, Dec. 12. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Community House, Birmingham. Call Debbie Fellberg at (248) 594-6407.

• Focus: HOPE Benefit Party

The Miracle in Motown Foundation presents its fourth annual charity party. A strolling light supper and dessert, cash bar and raffle prizes will be featured. Black tie optional. Saturday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Westin Hotel Renaissance, Detroit. Cost: \$55 at Ticketmaster locations, \$75 at the door. Call (810) 778-0023.

• Karmanos Holiday Fashion Show

Local TV personalities model clothes to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute. A silent auction will take place and luncheon will be served. Thursday, Dec. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Northland Center's Boy and the Bear Court, Lot E entrance, Southfield. Tickets: \$30. Call (248) 355-6444.

VOLUNTEER

• Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Metro Detroit chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters is conducting an orientation to educate volunteers about the program and the young people who need mentors. Male volunteers are especially needed. Thursday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. 53 1/2 W. Huron, Suite, 219, Pontiac. Call Efrain Garcia at (248) 338-6657.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

• Mitch Albom Book Signing

The Free Press columnist will sign his book "Tuesdays With Morrie." Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble of Troy, and Thursday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Borders Books & Music of Dearborn.

• Oakland County's Unity Day

Oakland County is hosting a Unity Day Program to celebrate the county's diversity. The program features performances by young people and food contributed by local restaurants. Thursday, Dec. 10, 9:15 a.m. Oakland County Courthouse commissioners' auditorium. Call (248) 858-0100.

Let us know about upcoming community events. Local News Editor Kim Connell can be reached at (248) 370-4267

Downtown stores offer more

Oakland County's downtown areas provide pleasant atmosphere for Christmas shopping

By HEIDI HENDERSON
Special Writer

When most people go out to Christmas shop, they most likely head out to the local mall. But a growing number of shoppers are leaving the crowds behind this year to embark on a different kind of shopping trip.

The downtown areas of Rochester, Royal Oak, and Birmingham are enabling modern shoppers the chance to discover unique gifts in a not-so-modern atmosphere.

Quaint shops lining the bustling main streets of these cities are stocked full this holiday season with one-of-a-kind gifts to suit everyone's needs.

Storekeepers in Downtown Rochester are ready to indulge shoppers' questions and attend to their needs, while guaranteeing their merchandise and providing first-rate service can only be found in Rochester.

"We will do whatever it takes to make the sale right," says Jill Washburn, co-owner of Estes Park and Channel 4 TV personality.

Washburn has watched her store, located on East Fourth Street in Rochester, become a hot-spot for shoppers since its opening two years ago.

Estes Park is a store which brings the outdoors inside with its unsurpassed displays of rustic furniture, accessory pieces, and garden items.

While the shop is mainly known and admired for its cabin-like appeal, there are items of every style inside. The two-level store offers a vast selection in natural body products, tasty food treats, and fun items for the family pet. Their infamous pinecone and tin cup candles are hot items which sell quickly, Washburn said.

Washburn explains that finding the perfect gift is not a problem at Estes Park, and that customers' comments are always welcomed.

"We care more about you here (than workers at larger retail stores) because we depend more on you being a returning customer," Washburn says.

She believes that this outlook is shared amongst Rochester's merchants, and it helps to make downtown shopping a better experience than mall shopping.

Down the street from Estes Park, shoppers peer into the windows of Bellissima and revel in the fun merchandise that's displayed before them.

Funky home accent pieces, aromatic candles, and original art items are just some of the treasures shoppers can expect at 301 Main Street. Bellissima also carries linens and kitchen products.

"I love how often they seem to have new things arrive. It keeps me coming back," says Rachel Charette, a native of the Rochester area.

There is charm and wonder in every item at the store that offers a little bit of everything.

If home accessory pieces aren't on your buying list this Christmas, Peggy's Dolls and Toys in Rochester will have a gift to please the youngster in your life.

Wonderfully made dolls line the walls at this store located in the Main Street Mall on Main Street. Employees there best describe the toy store as being "a



ABOVE: Estes Park is one of many Downtown Rochester stores which offers unique gifts.

BELOW: Downtown Rochester awaits shoppers, decked out in festive holiday lights and decorations.

Post Photos by Heidi Henderson

unique and special kind of place."

"It's a more specialized store...they're more mass market (at the malls)," store manager Debbie Lee explains.

The toy store has more than just dolls and stuffed animals, though. An entire corner is devoted to popular toys such as Playmobil and Pez products. You won't find remote controlled cars, but you will stumble across extraordinary gifts that both boys and girls will be delighted to find on Christmas morning, according to Lee.

Rochester is full of specialty stores to meet your holiday needs, but for those of Generation X, Royal Oak might be the better place to shop.

Downtown Royal Oak has more to offer shoppers nowadays than just eateries and coffee shops.

At The Wunderground at 110 South Main, they have a good idea where Frosty lost his magic hat.

The popular magic shop carries enchanting puzzles, Muppets, and of course, magic sets. Gag gifts and magic games can also be found there.

"We also have a hologram area that's really cool," employee Andrea Foglietta says.

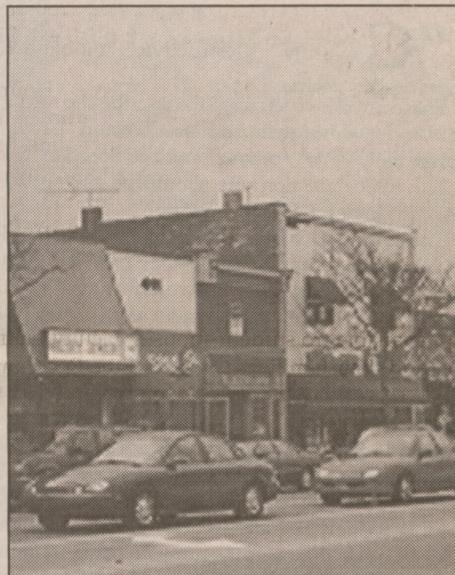
The Wunderground offers magic lessons and shows, and are more than willing to sell gift certificates for the indecisive buyer.

Another store that isn't quite as magical as The Wunderground but just as stimulating is The Groove Gallery.

The Groove Gallery is clearly a store for the senses. Take as much time as you need to marvel at the colorful bead displays for sale, or find a pleasant smelling incense stick that jaunts a memory. Flip through the unusual hand-made cards and stickers until you find one that's perfect for someone you know. The Groove Gallery is located next to The Wunderground.

A short distance away from Royal Oak is the elegant Downtown Birmingham area, with the chain stores of a mall in an outdoor setting.

Once you've visited the mall-type stores of The GAP, Victoria's Secret and EXPRESS, check out some stores



that offer a bit of Birmingham's unique flavor.

The Artloft sits at 203 East Maple, and has proven to skeptics that Birmingham shopping can be laid-back and affordable.

The store has a variety of wearable scarves, stylish picture frames, and unique lamps. It also carries inexpensive jewelry and artsy hair accessories.

Store manager Holly Leginess describes The Artloft as being "...affordable for the average college student."

If The Artloft is too off the wall for anyone on your list, Birmingham has some great clothing stores that can't be found at the mall.

Birmingham's It's The Ritz keeps on hand wonder-

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Internet shopping safer, hassle free

By KIM CONNELL
Local News Editor

For many years, that fabled click, click, click on the roof you expect to hear at Christmas was associated with the sound of reindeer hooves.

But today, that noise takes on a different meaning.

It's the sound of computer mice clicking across the country, with millions of people shopping for Christmas gifts on the Internet.

Internet shopping, or "e-commerce" as many call it, has begun to boom over the past year, with about seven percent of U.S. households reportedly shopping online this year.

More than \$13 billion worth of goods will be purchased over the Internet this holiday season, making it the hottest big-business trend in retail.

By the year 2002, analysts expect the amount of online spending to skyrocket to an estimated \$41 billion by 40 million web surfers.

OU Freshman Jennifer Keyes, undecided, is hooked on the Internet shopping trend.

Unlike many of her friends who brave long lines, rude salesclerks, and the fight for a parking space at the mall, she shops from the comfort of her home 24 hours a day, using her credit card.

"It's so convenient," Keyes said.

"I've never had any problems yet, but I'm still a little nervous about giving out my credit card number," she added.

OU Psychology Junior Melody Taylor is another surfing shopper.

"There's a lot of neat gifts that can only be found online," she said.

The surge in online sales is attributed to many factors, including the increase in households with Internet connection, and the increase of newly web savvy retailers.

Just about every major retailing company has a website, from Kmart (www.kmart.com), to Barnes and Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) to local retailers like Harmony House (www.harmonyhouse.com). This makes just about anything you can think of available for sale on the web.

These join already established e-stores, like www.amazon.com.

In many cases, online retailers offer printable coupons which can be redeemed in their stores, special discounts for items bought online and for products only available on their websites.

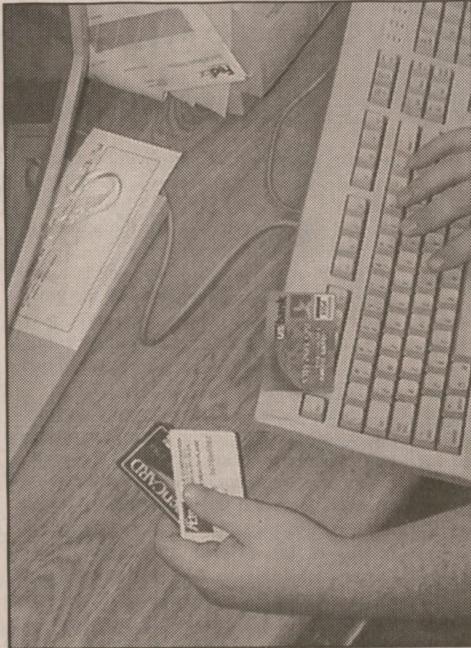
But many people are leery of transferring credit card numbers over the net, a few retail-based companies dedicated a week to promote online shopping.

National Online Shopping Week was launched Friday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Dec. 1 for the first time this year.

By holding National Online Shopping week, sponsoring retailers hoped to dispel the public's fears about online shopping security breaches, and to promote e-commerce.

According to credit organizations like MasterCard International and the Internet Fraud Watch organiza-

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GETTING MOUSE-R-CIZE: The number of U.S. citizens who use the Internet to shop is expected to swell to 40 million by the year 2002.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Trustees, VPs deaf to complaints from community

"Cowardly," "destructive," "thoughtless," "arrogant."

These are all words used to describe the recent practices of upper administration at Oakland University—the president, VPAA/provost and the Board of Trustees.

The main question one should be asking, however, is: Are these descriptions accurate?

These individuals would say no, just as anyone would when not wanting to admit they may have been wrong. And, faculty and students would say yes. Which brings us to our current situation here at OU.

Here we have a university rated by "US News & World Report" as one of the 100 best buys in the United States, and rather than focusing on expanding classrooms, computer labs, Kresge Library, academic programs and departmental funding, our administration is focusing on golf courses and multi-purpose complexes.

The root of the problem is money. Obviously, OU cannot rely solely on state appropriations, but there are other ways, other than a golf course, to bring in money.

However, it's been made perfectly clear that the golf course is not an option, but a sure thing. So let's talk about why OU has reached a point that students, faculty and staff have felt the need for protests, petitions and speaking out at the board meeting.

We've said it before in a Nov. 18 column. It's simply because Russi apparently failed to consult relevant campus groups. He only listens to one source, the board.

Sadly enough, Thursday's meeting was just another piece of evidence proving this to be true and possibly proving something even more troubling.

Not only is Russi deaf to community concerns, but so are the trustees.

It was disturbing to hear Board Chair David Doyle say that the board will comment after everyone speaks, and then after 45 minutes and 17 individuals say, "Everyone who spoke here this evening will get an individual response from us."

Does he honestly think that was the response that approximately 200 individuals gathered to hear?

Probably not, considering many members of the audience felt the urge to boo the board after its particularly eager adjournment.

It was also disturbing to watch the body language that took place at the head of the room while members of the OU community addressed their concerns and raised issues that should be addressed by the board to assist in its decision making.

Eye rolling, eyebrow raising, feet clicking, avoiding eye contact, note passing. A bit immature and uncompassionate, wouldn't you say?

Unfortunately, the damage is done.

Our land is going to be developed, there is a lot of unhappy community members, and OU's top administrators have lost an enormous amount of respect from the individuals it is supposed to be serving.

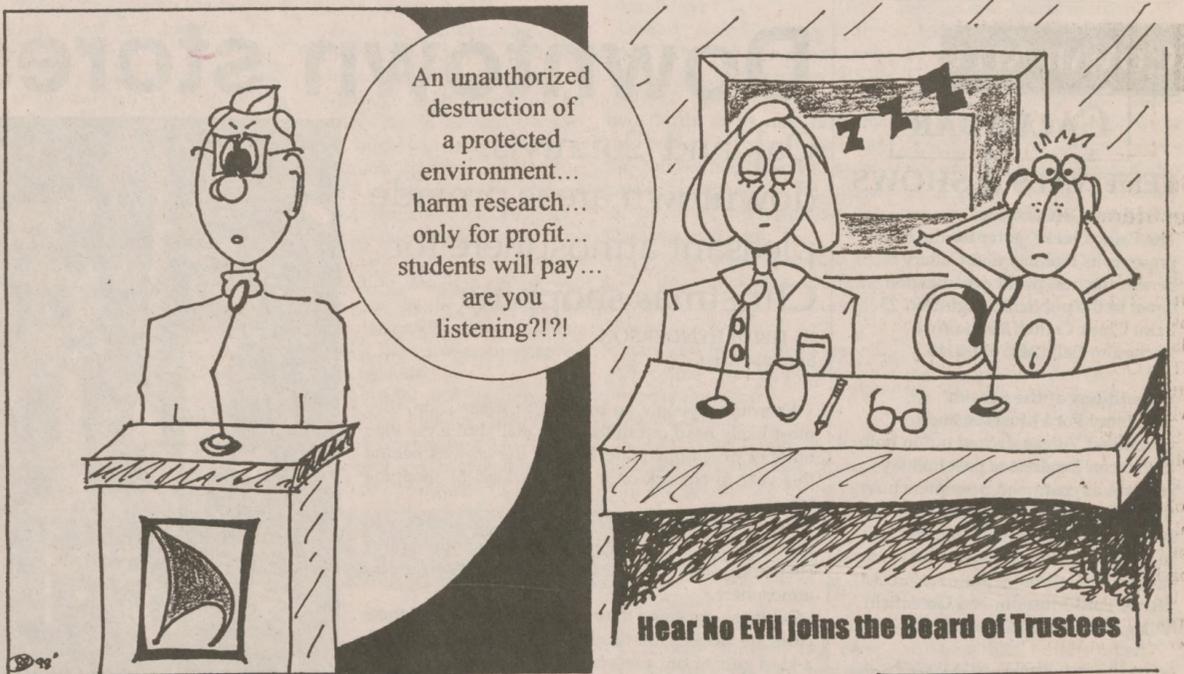
But hey, look at the bright side. Down the road, five or maybe 15 years from now, OU will inherit \$2 million dollars. Keep up the good fundraising.

After all, OU only has four corners. Maybe at the corner of Squirrel and Walton Blvd. someone will donate funding for an amusement park or a zoo. It sure seems appropriate.

JEANNEE KIRKALDY

If you wish to comment on this editorial or any other story in this issue send an e-mail to oakpost@oakland.edu

OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biology chair urges campus unity

Dear Editor,

The university community has experienced some difficult times during the past few weeks.

Ever since I came for my job interview to this campus in 1976, like most of my colleagues, I have been in awe of the natural beauty of this well-kept institution. Unable to get away from the laboratory or the company of hardworking students and postdoctoral fellows, I never made time for or developed an interest in golf or other sports thus literally wasting my intrinsic athletic abilities which allowed me to captain cricket teams in my youth. I am not a golfer, do not anticipate being one, but understand those who enjoy the sport.

The events of the past two weeks have brought painful attention to the Department of Biological Sciences because the plans for the second golf course at OU conflict with research projects of my colleagues and our research students.

The area under contention is also used by biology faculty for instruction, and restrictions to certain areas is likely to impact effectiveness of the department offerings. When the potential loss of these facilities was discovered, I immediately contacted the Provost Office, who lost no time in arranging a meeting between the faculty and the golf course management. At this meeting my colleagues expressed they were not opposed to the golf course but desired the area used for teaching and research protected. The administration and the golf course management asked for time to digest the information and consider the feasibility of the faculty request.

In the interim, the faculty concerns caused an organized movement to take shape. I am not sure if all those who spoke so eloquently at various meetings and fora know the

details of what is involved; their concerns are, however, genuine and well-placed.

The dialog between the biology faculty and the administration is still ongoing, and the events unfolded at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees reflect both democracy at its best and a sad commentary on the potential rift between various arms of the University. It is this that saddens me the most. "Divided we fall and united we excel," applies to not only the faculty but also their relationship with students, staff and administration.

We owe ourselves to voice concerns when appropriate processes seem bypassed or overlooked, and must acknowledge the positive even in an unpopular adversary. There are those who will tell you that the present administration does not listen or does nothing for the academic life of the University, and those who will entertain you with the stories of the past administrations who consulted all the time did nothing.

OU is on the move. During the past three years, the Department of Biological Sciences was able to recruit four able faculty, provide them with resources to set up their laboratories and personnel support at a level unheard of in the past.

All four colleagues are now recipients of external grants to continue their research initiated with the support from the funds received from the Center for Biomedical Research, Strategic Plan Initiatives, the OU Foundation, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The new faculty now collectively provides research training to a majority of the graduate and undergraduate students in the department.

It would have been impossible to hire faculty of this calibre engaged in the state-of-the-art research with the resources of the past.

The department boasts of the availability to

our students of contemporary equipment, envy of even larger institutions as has been, confessed by many visiting scholars. Sizable matching funds commitment by this administration was also instrumental in our receiving the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Research Institute Award that has trained, undergraduate students in cell, molecular and organismic biology in the laboratories of faculty from the Department of Biological Sciences, the Chemistry Department, and the Eye Research Institute.

I know that major matching fund commitments have been made to enhance the chances of investigators in acquiring Federal research and equipment grants. It is my hope that these and other initiatives, including the protection of current research and teaching facilities, would continue to provide a student at OU with opportunities of working with accomplished faculty, acquire the state-of-the-art knowledge and experience, and compete for the infinite career opportunities.

Yes, it appears big mistakes were made in not consulting the appropriate faculty and student bodies, but let us stay united and ready to fix it — because it is our university. I am at OU by choice, and have been a proud representative all my 22 years.

I call on the administration to seek the advice of the enormously talented and cooperative faculty, staff, and student body in a timely manner for initiating all moves which concern the community at large. I also urge my faculty colleagues, students and members of the staff to be forgiving and put to use their wisdom and energy into making this institution an even better place.

Sincerely,
Virinder K. Moudgil
 Professor and Chair
 Department of Biological Sciences

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

THE OAKLAND POST corrects factual errors that appear on its pages.

• Last week, a headline in Local News should have read "Political Science class follows impeachment inquiry."

POST INFORMATION

Due to OC renovations, THE OAKLAND POST has moved to the south side of campus. The office is temporarily located next to the Science and Engineering Building in Trailer B.

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Senate member says golf "profits" never materialized

Dear Editor,

One reason to question the need for an additional 18 hole course is the disconnect between the proceeds raised by the present 18 hole course and the Oakland academic mission.

I was a member of the University Senate when the legislation enabling the existing course was passed.

At that time the university administration spoke glowingly about the golf course profits that were going to be made available to the academic component. Alas, it turned out that these "profits" never materialized, for the (now obvious) truth that golf courses have infinite needs when it comes to maintenance.

They can always use finer sand for traps, better and more seed for fairways and greens, improved pruning of trees, water coolers every other hole, more up-to-date golf carts.

In other words, contrary to Lynn Schaefer's

remarks, claiming that there will be a "continuous source of income for academic programs," it is highly unlikely that any real support will be generated for the academic component.

If the Vice President for Finance is to be believed, she might suggest taxing the gross income of the golf course operations, new and old, with the aim of making these funds directly available to, say, increasing our scholarship base.

It seems strange that our Board, legally empowered to overseeing the academic viability of the institution chooses to ignore the academic component in this case and instead attempts to revisit Oakland's earlier image as the leading "black-tie" campus in Michigan. It is worth noting that other Oakland Boards and Presidents have tried this route before and found it wanting.

Sincerely,
Abraham R. Liboff
 Professor of Physics

CAMPUS NEWS

CRIME

WATCH

Suicide attempt in residence halls

A Hamlin Hall resident allegedly attempted suicide Saturday evening by taking nicotine in various forms and slashing his wrists.

The OU Police were informed of the attempt by another student resident, who called the dispatcher.

She said she had just gotten off the phone with her ex-boyfriend.

According to the woman, the student told her he had taken about 20 pieces of nicotine gum, chewed a whole tin of smokeless tobacco, and smoked half a pack of cigarettes.

He also allegedly told her he was going to leave his dorm room so that no one would be able to find him.

Two officers and two hall directors met in front of Hamlin. An officer knocked on the man's door with no response. One of the hall directors had a key and opened the door.

The man was found lying on his side, unresponsive but breathing.

He had two two-and-a-half-inch long lacerations on his left wrist, which had already stopped bleeding.

An ambulance was called.

The officers then checked the man's room for any other substances, but found none. Police found a suicide note on his desk.

The man was taken to Crittenton Hospital.

Computer stolen

A staff member reported a Gateway computer was missing from the office of Career and Placement Services in room 277 West Vandenberg Hall.

The computer, valued at approximately \$2,000, was allegedly taken over the Thanksgiving break.

The door was found locked, but was propped open. The light was on in the room.

The door was secured by another staff member Monday, Nov. 23, so the suspect may have had a key or access to one.

There are no suspects at this time.

Survey shows OU students work more hours than national average

By PAM HENDRIX
Staff Writer

A sample survey conducted by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment shows that OU students work more hours than college students nationally.

Based on this 1997 survey 72.4 percent of OU students worked more than 15 hours per week. Nationally 45.7 percent of the college students worked 15 hours or more per week.

Working can be detrimental or beneficial.

Laura Schartman, director of Institutional Research and Assessment,

said, "It depends on the particular person but an average of 20 hours or less working per week seem to benefit the student. Sometimes working in excess of 20 hours may force the student to cut back in academic areas."

Of the students who start as full-time freshmen, 11 percent graduate in four years, 32 percent graduate in five years, and 42 percent graduate in six years.

This survey provides evidence that OU students are working more.

Both Eleanor Reynolds, director of housing, and Robert Thomas, director of Career Placement Service, said they have noticed a change in the number of hours that OU students work.

"Students working in an academic atmosphere have more success educationally than those who work off campus."

Lisa Suidym
Associate Director of
Financial Aid

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Congress to put course evaluations on web

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

Modern technology might provide a way to find out who's been naughty and who's been nice at the podium in OU classrooms.

Student Congress is funding a pilot program in development to update their current course and faculty evaluation form and create a website displaying results.

The purpose of the project is "to give students the resources they deserve to make the best decisions concerning course selection," said Adam Kochenderfer, student services director of Student Congress and program facilitator.

Originally, Congress members planned to publish the evaluation results in a booklet, but that idea was too costly, Kochenderfer said.

"Our only viable alternative was to plan to put this information on an OU website," he said.

The website will be completed by next summer, he added.

Congress Vice President Hemant Mahamwal, while working as a student services director two years ago, researched the evaluation forms of U-M, Eastern Michigan and Wayne State in order to create the current evaluation form.

Mahamwal could not be reached for comment at press time.

Two years ago was the last time the pilot program was conducted.

"This information will not be put out for student use haphazardly," Kochenderfer said.

"We know that the information can be free from tampering, since other major universities have programs such as this one on the Internet," he said.

The departments participating in the program are the School of Health Sciences, the Department of Modern Languages and Literature, the Department of Political Science, the School of Business Administration, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism.

They will all be evaluated by same criteria, Kochenderfer said.

"We only contacted a few departments, so that we could start the program small and then expand once we have proven methods," he said.

Congress evaluation forms were handed out to faculty members of the listed departments, but whether they pass them out in addition to their own departmental evaluation forms is up to each professor's discretion.

Kochenderfer will then collect the completed evaluation forms, take them to Academic Computing Services (ACS) on campus for processing, and work with campus statisticians on interpretation and suggestions.

"Once we have input and recommendations, we will use them to create a new and improved evaluation form," he said.

New evaluation forms will be passed out at the end of the Winter '99 semester, he said.

Next, Kochenderfer will collaborate with a Congress computer specialist who will be putting the results on the web.

"The data that we're collecting now will simply be used to test the Internet

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Photo by Jenn Madjarev

Judging by the high traffic in the OC yesterday, 'tis the season to spend money. Many community members did some holiday shopping at the annual Art, Book and Gift Fair held in the Fireside Lounge.

Residence Halls to get renovations, upgrades

By PAM HENDRIX
Staff Writer

Next year, residence halls students just might see some items from their dorm wish list come to reality.

According to the Residence Halls administration, efforts have been made to keep OU competitive with other Michigan universities, not only in academic and recreational facilities, but in students' living spaces as well.

The OU Residence Halls were built between 1961 and 1968. General maintenance such as new roofing, painting, carpeting and replacement of lounge furniture has been an ongoing project. Cable television was added recently to each room.

"Current plans for renovation include removing old shower doors and installing one-piece units in the showers. This would eliminate water leaks and make cleaning easier," said Frank Moss, maintenance manager for Department of University Housing.

Plans for apartments to be built on campus are being considered. "The plans are now being discussed by the Board of Trustees," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of housing.

"This generation of students is less clear about their direction in life. This causes anxiety and uncertainty," said Reynolds.

She feels students need more outside activities and that perhaps the residence halls could join together with the new recreation center to provide activities. "We need to energize the students," said Reynolds.

Many Michigan universities have also recognized the need for changes in their residence hall facilities.

Some of the changes happening on local campuses include updates in housing, food service and general living conditions.

Room design has been a major interest on all campuses. "Students like to set their own room designs, this is important to them," said Reynolds.

University of Michigan (U-M) has implemented the use of convertible student room furniture. They have four different designs that can be assembled by students without tools. Ladders and safety rails have been included.

"I like the looks and the flexibility the new furniture provides. It is so nice not to have to worry about

building, renting or moving lofts," said Julie Lavrack, U-M Webmaster.

U-M has also come up with a comprehensive plan for students to participate in the selection and cooking methods used by the food service. They have two groups of students who monitor the food that is served on campus.

The first group checks monthly on the nutrition, customer service, selection, taste and cleanliness of the food served.

The second group works directly with the Executive Chef and staff. The group meets twice a month to check out new and existing recipes. They select the best tasting brands and work on improving the preparation of the food.

Western Michigan University and Michigan State University (MSU) are currently installing Ethernet access in every room.

Ethernet is a wire connection between computers which makes the process of connecting much faster.

At these universities, Ethernet is offered at no extra charge, and it does not interfere with the phone. The student purchases an Ethernet card, which is a one-time purchase.

"I would like to see the rooms updated for computers," said Reynolds.

She said, however, that it would be difficult to add Ethernet to the OU because of the age, amount of work and cost involved to make the addition.

Students are placing greater emphasis on lifestyle choices. Kalamazoo College has tried to channel student interests with Living Learning Units.

The units include Cultural House, Peace House, and



DESKTOP (Top): All students surveyed said they would like to have another desk in their dorm room for typewriter or computer equipment.

HIGH LIVING (Bottom): One of the featured options at some dorms in Michigan universities is convertible room furniture, with safety rails and ladders included. OU residents provide their own lofts.



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Post Photo/Tom Bressle

WINTER 1999 SAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(248)370-4646

The SAIL system is still available the following days/times:

(returning students only)

November 23-December 4	M-Th	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	F	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

December 5-December 14



Unavailable

December 15-December 18	T-Th	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	F	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

December 19-December 23

Unavailable

January 4	M	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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There is no need to come to the Registration Office to register or adjust your schedule, unless you have an instructor signature to register/add a closed class. All hold(s) must be released before SAIL registering.

Beginning Tuesday, January 5, 1999, an instructor signature is required to register or add a course. Students will need to come to the Registration Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall to register or make adjustments to their schedules. See the Winter 1999 Schedule of Classes for additional information.

A new student information system is being implemented for Summer 1999 Session. A separate Schedule of Classes will be printed for the Spring and Summer 1999 Sessions. The Spring 1999 Schedule of Classes will be mailed to students in February followed by SAIL registration in March. The Summer 1999 Schedule of Classes will be mailed in April followed by SAIL registration in May.

We will continue to provide updates as details are finalized.

HAVE A GREAT TERM!

Office of the Registrar

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

International Travel

It is not too late..... Interested in a great Holiday Gift? This year CSA is coordinating two exciting international trips. Have you made your plans yet?

The first trip to *Historic Mexico* will be during winter break, February 20 - 27, 1999 for a cost of \$1590 per person.

The May trip to *Turkey* and will be from May 15 - May 25, 1999. The cost will be \$1950 per person.

Information about both trips is now available at CSA. Reservations for either trip can be made by calling Gina at DeWald Travel, (248) 528-9900 or (800) 228-0707.

December to Remember:

- ◆ **Wednesday, December 9**
 - **SPB's Stress Free Zone:** Finals stressing you out? Holiday shopping too much for you. Come to the Fireside Lounge to let all the tension out. SPB will have special activities designed to let you release the pressure including an opportunity for a free massage.
- ◆ **Thursday, December 10**

Join CSA in the Fireside Lounge at Noon in making holiday decorations! Dreidels, ornaments, and other holiday items will be made. Come learn about Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan and Christmas. Enjoy holiday music in performed in style!
- ◆ **Friday, December 10**

Come taste the holiday's (and OU's) best at the **Holiday Cookie Bakeoff!** Help judge who is the best cookie baker at Oakland University. Also give us your favorite holiday tradition by writing it on our giant holiday banner!

College Bowl

We want a few good players and Moderators!

The Oakland University Campus Tournament will be held January 30, 1999. Registration forms can be picked up at the at the Center for Student Activities. The entry fee to the Campus Tournament will be \$20 per team.

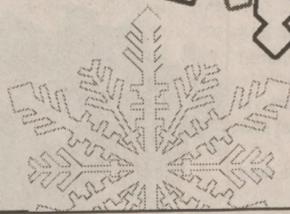
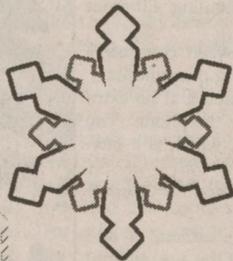
The Regional Tournament will be held at Michigan State University on February 20 & 21, 1999. The winner of the campus Tournament will earn a spot to represent Oakland University at the regional Tournament.

The staff of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development wishes all Oakland University students well on the finals, wonderful and meaningful holidays, and a safe and peaceful New Year! Enjoy the break and come back and make 1999 better than 1998!

The CSA Service Window

We now have tickets or sign up for the following:

- ◆ SPB January Ski Trip (limited space left)
- ◆ Meadow Brook Ball is Sold Out
- ◆ College Bowl Campus Tournament Sign Up
- ◆ The Rockettes at the Fox Theatre (through December 11)



CAMPUS LIFE

'tis the season to GIVE

This semester, a class was given an assignment: do something meaningful this holiday season



Post Photo / Krystal Kaltz

HELPING HAND: One team of four adopted a family for the holidays, giving them the presents here, as well as a Christmas tree and Christmas dinner.

Mike Murphy



Happy Holidays — time to give help, hope

We lost in the first round of the playoffs, and I'm glad we did.

There were thirteen of us. We were The Chiefs, an intramural floor hockey team. We named our team after the hockey team in the movie "Slapshot." We played hard, once a week, at the Rec Center, against teams made up of other students. I was the captain. I was the goalie.

The Chiefs got dropped like yesterday's bran muffin in the playoffs. We lost 10-3 in our first and only playoff game. I organized the team, and it meant a lot to me to see my friends show up every week, play hard, and have fun.

And I'm happy we lost. I'm happy we played. I'm happy to know that I have the luxury of being able to run around for an hour or two each week with 12 of my friends. We were lucky enough to have that opportunity, to be in college, to be able to run, and play. Not everyone is that privileged.

These are things we take for granted as college students, as suburbanites, as young men and women. And this is the time of year to take a step back and think about what we don't often think about: how damned lucky we are.

Yeah, it's a tired old message and I'll try not to re-hash it. We always think of those less fortunate during the holidays. And the news wide-spread community service in this University and its community is the best story you'll read in this paper. Giving of yourself, year-round, isn't just the right thing to do, it's the greatest thing you can do with your time.

The feeling you get when you help someone who needs you is better than any drug, better than any grade, better than anything you can buy. If you just chuck away the idiotic cynicism this culture pushes on you and give your time and energy to others, you won't be sorry. And neither will the people you help.

As a hockey team, we gave our time and energy and we lost. We left with no trophy, no title, little glory. We may as well have never taken the court, if you see it that way.

But that's taking the experience for granted. I see it differently. We walked away with great memories, had a lot of good times, and made a few friends.

And when I made a good play in hockey, I was happy for myself — but mostly I was happy because I helped the team. That's what teamwork is all about — giving of yourself so that the team wins.

We're all on the same team, OU, and it's a damn hard game out there. We need everyone to show up and play. There are people out there that can't make it without you.

If you don't have the time or the inclination to help them directly, do them, us, and yourself a favor. Appreciate your life. Try to be more kind. Realize how lucky you are. Think of those that love you.

During this holiday season, give the gift of hope to someone else. In doing so, you'll be giving yourself the greatest gift of all — an appreciation for what you have.

And even when you lose, you'll realize how happy you are to just be able to play.

Happy Holidays, OU. Take care of yourselves — and each other.

Mike Murphy is a senior majoring in journalism and staff writer for THE OAKLAND POST.



Post Photo / Krystal Kaltz

Above, GIVING GIFTS: From left, David Broden, Kati Berlin, Daniela Dimovski, Pete Knoll and Dale Lesh pack up dry goods for a family they adopted for Christmas.

Right, LOADS OF LOVE: The class filled a van to the brim with clothes, food, toys and more that they collected for various shelters and families in the area. Their final project for class was to "do something meaningful" for the community.



Post Photo / Rebecca Devantier

By **KRYSTAL KALTZ**
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Scott Crabill's Group Dynamics class has been bitten by the holiday bug, with a little help from their professor.

The class was given the assignment to "do something meaningful" to finish out the semester.

Each group has gone out into the community and found a way to help out someone in need.

"I give small group assignments throughout the semester," said Crabill. "One is to educate, one is to entertain, and the last one is to make a difference."

Crabill wants his students to realize that they can enjoy themselves when making a difference in someone else's life. If the spirited atmosphere in Crabill's classroom is any indication, the students are definitely enjoying themselves during these final days of class.

"This class is great," said Rebecca Devantier. "We've had a lot of fun organizing the activities."

Each group chose a different activity for their final project. However, each activity wasn't limited to just the students in the group that organized it. Many students crossed over to help out with several of the activities instead of just one.

The class collected supplies for a local shelter for abused women and children. The shelter wished to remain unnamed.

Supplies were also collected for the Pontiac Rescue Mission, and one group took the supplies and spent the day at the mission, stocking and organizing the pantry. They also helped out as wait staff.

The Lighthouse Mission of Clarkston gave the class the name of a family in need, and the students' adopted the family and collected Christmas supplies for them.

Big K (formerly KMart) helped out by offering the class a fifty percent discount on the items for the family, and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lake Orion donated a tree.

Among the gifts collected were Christmas dinner, toys, clothes, books and household supplies.

The class spent an entire session preparing and wrapping the gifts for the

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Student spreads faith to Nicaragua

By **KRYSTAL KALTZ**
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Sarah Wilson's big brown eyes glisten as she looks up at the wall of the coffee shop. Sipping her steaming drink, she says, "I feel like I have two lives: one here and one in Nicaragua."

Wilson, an elementary education and language arts sophomore, pronounces the country's name with a perfect Spanish accent, brought about by the time she has spent there speaking with the Nicaraguan people.

Wilson, 19, is a missionary, and has been to Nicaragua twice. She is hoping to travel there again during the upcoming

summer to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch.

It all started in Lenox, Mass., at the United Methodist Church five years ago.

Pastor John A. Beattie, now deceased, asked Sarah to join a mission group on a trip to visit their sister church in Nicaragua.

They were to hand out supplies and advice to the underprivileged people living there, and Beattie thought that Sarah would be perfect for the job.

Her parents agreed, and two weeks later she found herself getting off a plane with nine other people from her church.

They traveled around handing out medical and hygiene supplies, and instructing the people on how to use them.

The experience made such an impression on Sarah that she decided to go back two years later, by herself.

"I wanted to strengthen the bond between the two churches," she said.

To raise money for the trip, she asked for donations and held several fundraisers, including a can and bottle drive.

"I'm surprised my parents let me go the second time," she said. "It was during a really violent election time."

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Photo Courtesy / Sarah Wilson

CITY OF ANGELS: Sarah Wilson and the late Pastor John Beattie contemplate in a Nicaraguan church.

CURRENT

EVENTS

ON CAMPUS

- "A Christmas Carol," 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today; 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 2 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 370-4900.
- "Stress-Free Zone," 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. today, Fireside Lounge, OC. Call (248) 370-4295.

THEATRE

- "The Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Opera House. Call (313) 874-SING.
- "A Tale of Two Cities," 8 p.m. Friday; 8 p.m. Saturday; Hilberry Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.
- "Little Women," 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; Bonstelle Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.

EXHIBITS

- The Pontiac-Oakland Society of Artists 1998-99 Art Exhibition, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; Oakland County Galleria. Call (248) 858-0415.
- "An Afternoon of Artistic Expression," featuring Georgette Jones, 1 p.m. Saturday; Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Call (313) 494-5853.
- "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style," 2 p.m. Saturday; Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall. Call (313) 833-4249.

MUSIC

- Candlebox wsg The Hunger & Goodness, 8 p.m. Friday; Michigan Theater. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Holiday Pops, 8 p.m. Thursday; 8:30 p.m. Friday; 8:30 p.m. Saturday; 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 576-5100.
- New Bomb Turks/ The Hellcopters, 9 p.m. Thursday; Magik Stick. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Michael Hill's Blues Mob, 10 p.m. Friday; Amer's First Street Grill. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Dave Matthews Band wsg Maceo Parker, 7 p.m. Thursday; Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 377-0100.
- The Gaither Christmas Homecoming, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 377-0100.
- "A Country Christmas" starring Alabama, 8 p.m. Saturday; Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 377-0100.
- Andy Williams Christmas Show, 8 p.m. Monday; Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 377-0100.
- "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday; St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Call (313) 341-3466.
- "Marygrove Christmas Concert," 5 p.m. Sunday; Marygrove College Sacred Heart Chapel. Call (313) 927-1252.
- "Christmas Jubilee," 3 p.m. Sunday; St. Edmund's Church. Call (810) 745-2950.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Wassail Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-4005.

Bus ride is about experience

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of English Robert Anderson has found the perfect place to be social.

The city bus.
"It's a shame that more people aren't taking them and taking the adventure," said Anderson.

He has been riding the SMART bus to OU since summer of 1997. He has a car at home, along with a wife and three kids. However, he has his reasons for riding the bus.

"I would rather ride the bus for environmental reasons and for social reasons. I meet people. I feel like I'm part of the community," Anderson said.

Anderson catches two buses to work. The first picks him up in Troy at 6:45 a.m. and drops him off at the DiamlerChrysler Technological Center at 7:10 a.m.

From there he takes a shuttle to OU, which drops him off in the circle in front of Kresge Library.

The process could actually be shorter, but Anderson enjoys taking his time as well as getting exercise.

"It takes me about a half an hour to walk - I could catch the bus 10 minutes away, but I like to walk," he said.

"The bus comes within a half a mile (of my house) - I walk a mile and a quarter or so for exercise," he added.

Anderson feels that the simplicity of the bus ride is helpful to him. He and his wife just had their third baby two weeks ago, so things are hectic, he said.

"It's nice to come in and to not have to look for a parking spot," said Anderson.

Tranquility isn't always part of his bus experience, however.

"(One) guy had a seizure. He was like this..."

Anderson then stood with his left hand high and his right on his chest.

"...and he was holding his heart. He was helped on his back and the bus driver called an ambulance."

Anderson said it was a startling experience, but also a moving one.

"It was funny, because everyone on the bus was spread out, but after the accident we were all clumped together, as if to 'confirm' humanity... It was really interesting to see how people responded," he said.

There have only been a few problems Anderson has had with the bus, dealing with the ride home.

For instance, the busses begin at 4 a.m., but stop running early evening.

"(One of the problems) is that the bus doesn't run all day - the last bus comes at 7:45 p.m. Instead of staying in late, then, I come in early," he said.

Also there has been a small problem with getting the bus home on time.

"Overall, it is very convenient to go from the bus stop to campus - I tell them



TAKING A RIDE: Associate Professor of English Rob Anderson, who actually has a car, takes the bus to OU, more for the experience than anything.

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Get on the bus

Here's a few reasons to take a bus, instead of the usual mode of transportation:

- Parking is not a problem
- No driving = no stress
- It's kinda like having a chauffeur
- You meet interesting people

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

New box set holds hidden treasures

By JAKE ELLIS
Special Writer

Like the title of his debut album issued on Blue Note Records, "Takin' Off," so has gone the career of the musical evolution of jazz piano legend Herbie Hancock.

Since leaving his hometown Chicago for New York City with trumpeter Donald Byrd's band at age 20, Hancock has cultivated and developed his unique blend of blues and gospel to form an inimitable style of modern jazz playing.

Hancock's "The Complete Blue Note Sixties Sessions," a recently released box set, is a strong testament to his maturation and growth as a bebop player, and beyond.

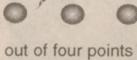
Evident are his influences, from the powerful playing of bebop master Bud Powell and Thelonious Monk, to Bill Evans, his predecessor from the celebrated Miles Davis quintet of the 1950s.

"The Sixties Sessions" chronicles Hancock's entire catalogue of seven albums on the Blue Note label. These include: "Takin' Off" (1962), "My Point of View," (1963), "Inventions and Dimensions," (1963), "Empyrean Isles," (1964), "Maiden Voyage," (1965), "Speak Like A Child," (1968) and "Prisoner" (1969).

Hancock joined the Miles Davis quintet shortly after cutting "My Point of View." This was the beginning of a long

"The Complete Blue Note"

Piano pizazz



out of four points

productive association with Davis and others, like bassist Ron Carter and drummer Tony Williams.

As is customary in the jazz community, many other musicians add their touches. Contributors to this compilation include an A-list of jazz performers. Among them are trumpeters Byrd and Freddie Hubbard, saxophonists Dexter Gordon and Hank Mobley, drummers Jackie McLean and Willie Bobo, bassists Paul Chambers and Buster Williams, Davis bandmate Wayne Shorter on saxophone, and many others.

This six-album compilation is not only an outline of Hancock's work as a bandleader. It also contains a miscellany of works by contributors just mentioned.

A high point of this set is the inclusion of Hancock's final, somewhat obscure Blue Note LP, "The Prisoner." This artistic statement is a strong symbol of society and the times, expressing feelings of oppression.

Hinting at new directions to come, this album is enhanced by fresh additions to the orchestral concept with three winds and two brass, including "I Have A Dream," an ode to Dr. Martin Luther



DON'T BE BLUE: Hancock's box set, "The Complete Blue Note," is now available in most music stores.

King, Jr.

Other tunes reflecting the theme of this record are: "Firewater," "He Who Lives in Fear" and "Promise of the Sun."

Another attraction to the collection is the inclusion of previously unreleased bonus tracks. Alternate takes total 12, with the most intriguing being "Mimosa," a percussive-heavy piece from "Inventions and Dimensions."

The outtake of "Goodbye to Childhood," from "Speak Like A

Theaters:
funding's
the thing

By SARAH LEHMAN
Special Writer

The lack of abundant funds for both Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's department of music, theatre and dance has forced both groups to rely on hard work and team effort.

MBT and MTD need both to pull off a successful season of shows.

"I don't think many of the public at large understand or appreciate how much it costs to put on any one production," said Sue Hume, Development Assistant at MBT.

The financial process varies from company to company. But they share the common goal of using what they have to put a performance together.

MBT is a professional theater company. This means that most involved are paid workers. The theatre receives donations from individuals and corporate sponsors, in addition to ticket sales, to put on shows.

According to Melodee Dubois, director of development at MBT, seventy percent of their funding comes from ticket sales.

An information packet the theatre distributes states that MBT offers a number of benefits to all of their donors and corporate sponsors to help encourage donations.

These include invitations to dress rehearsals, VIP ticket service and a name listing in MBT programs.

According to Dubois, the number of contributors has been on the rise. In two years, the number has gone from under 400 to 1,500.

In the past, donations made up only 15 percent of MBT's operating budget, but with the increase in participation, donations now cover about 30 percent of the annual budget, she said.

"While we've made significant progress in the last two years, we still have a considerable way to go to be on par with comparable theaters throughout the country," DuBois added.

"A Christmas Carol," MBT's own theater tradition, opening will add to profits until its close Dec. 27.

OU's MTD, on the other hand, is an amateur organization. It is staffed by students and faculty and it must rely on

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VPAA/Provost candidates interviewed, search committee recommends top six

Applicants who have made it into the peak of selection will be reviewed by OU President Gary Russi, who will choose four or five to bring on campus.

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY and LISA MUMMA
Editor in Chief and Staff Writer

The VPAA/Provost Search committee followed a carefully orchestrated script in interviewing the ten candidates at the Hilton Suites in Romulus last weekend.

All the candidates were asked nine specific questions in the 90 minute interviews. The candidates were allowed 15 minutes of introductory remarks at the beginning of each interview. Candidates were given an additional 15 minutes at the end to address questions to committee members, OU President Gary Russi and trustee Louis Grech-Cumbo. Russi and Grech-Cumbo sat in on the two days of interviews.

What follows is a synopsis of the interviews of the six first tier candidates and the committee's comments on each.

Greg Weisenstein was the first of the candidates to meet with the committee. He was at ease and smooth. On why he chose to apply for the position he said, "I'm not interested in leaving my position in (Colorado Springs). I'm interested in new opportunity... I'm quite satisfied where I'm at."

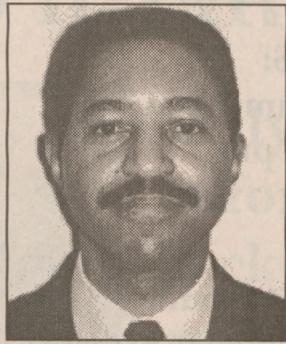
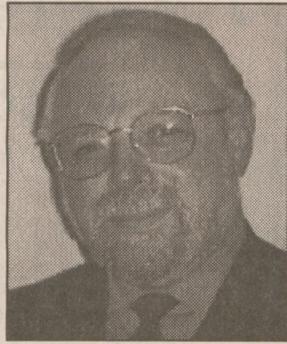
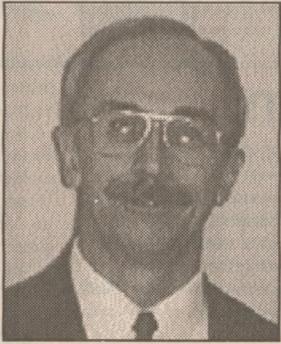
He added, "But, I think it's time to move on, and from what I've read and from what my colleagues have said from around the country, this is the exciting place to be."

Weisenstein currently serves as Dean of the School of Education at University of Colorado. He received a B.A. in social studies from University of Washington-Seattle, an M.A. in mental retardation and emotional disturbance also from U-W, and an Ed.D. in secondary special education/administration from University of Kansas-Lawrence.

Committee members agreed Weisenstein had a good understanding of academia and of where OU was going, and that he was familiar with the strategic plan.

Michael Sevilla, chair of chemistry, said, "He's a polished diamond who has traveled through academia without being chipped."

Proving the importance for punctuality by arriving about 10 minutes early, Louis Esposito, a true economist, worked his way through introductions, stressing the student member, Alysia Roberson, to be most important person in the room.



Post Photos/Jeannee Kirkaldy and Lisa Mumma

VPAA/PROVOST CANDIDATES (left to right): John Wanat, David Magidson, Tony Atwater, and Y.T. Shah. Photographs of the other two candidates recommended to Russi by the search committee were not available at press time.

In his letter of interest, Esposito stated, "My last report as Provost to the (UMass-Boston) campus community reflects the core of my educational philosophy; 'When presented with a new program or initiative, my first question was always 'How does this benefit our students?' I find it unsettling to engage in discussions about new initiatives in which the word 'student' is a r e l y uttered, as the absent reference suggests that the primary focus of discussion is what we as faculty would like us to do rather than what our students need and deserve from us."

Dressed in a conservative navy suit and a classic blue and red tie he dazzled the committee with his ability to be personable.

Esposito, a Brooklyn, NY native, said he regrets not having been at more than one institution.

He currently serves as vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at UMass-Boston.

He believes the provost position is "to be one of the most trusted persons on campus."

Esposito added OU is really a terrific institution that clearly has a reputation for its commitment to teaching and public service.

The committee felt Esposito had a good sense of what the job of provost entails and found him engaging.

Grech-Cumbo said, "He had the ability to make you want to communicate."

Meeting the committee just

before dinner Saturday was John Wanat.

A loyal faculty member and administrator at UIC since 1978, he said, "I'm at a good place, but I feel as though I've run out of headroom... I'm interested in finding opportunity to make a difference."

Wanat's commitment to education is clear through his interview, education and employment history.

Since 1993 he served as executive associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at UIC. Additionally, since 1995 he served as vice provost.

"The challenges facing higher education today are daunting," Wanat said. "But the need for leaders who have experience in complex universities is clear."

The committee agreed that Wanat has the experience and felt he knows the provost position inside and out.

The first finalist candidate from the Sunday interviews, Y.T. Shah, chief research officer and senior vice president at Clemson University, believes the education business is ultimately about people, and that the key to recruit and retain one's student population is proactively engaging in a dialogue between student organizations and the administration.

He said, "Education is not just collecting a degree," and that a broad-based liberal arts education, for which the university must lay the groundwork and implement, includes an emphasis on communication skills, critical thinking, foreign language

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Jamie Boase, biology sophomore, agreed. "I think we should save our natural area for educational purposes. Sports should not come before education."

Other community members do not feel a second golf course should have priority over education, such as physical therapy senior, Cathy Rychel.

"Research is so important, and it should take precedence over a golf course," she said.

Although Board Chair David Doyle initially promised the trustees would address concerns following the audiences comments, he was quick to accept the motion to adjourn.

Other issues discussed passed at the meeting included;

- A revision to changes and name of Investment Advisory Committee;
- A ratification of new constitution for the School of Business Administration;
- A approval of public School

academy board member for High Scope Academy;

- A presentation of audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30;
- An approval of 1999-00 operating budget request for submission to the executive office of the state of Michigan;
- A capital outlay budget request;
- A motion to amend the recommendation for land use and development guidelines.

Trustee Henry Baskin requested that the entire community—students and faculty—be involved in the process for developing a master plan for land use, and that it be added to the recommendation.

- An authorization to investigate feasibility of a Multi-purpose Complex.

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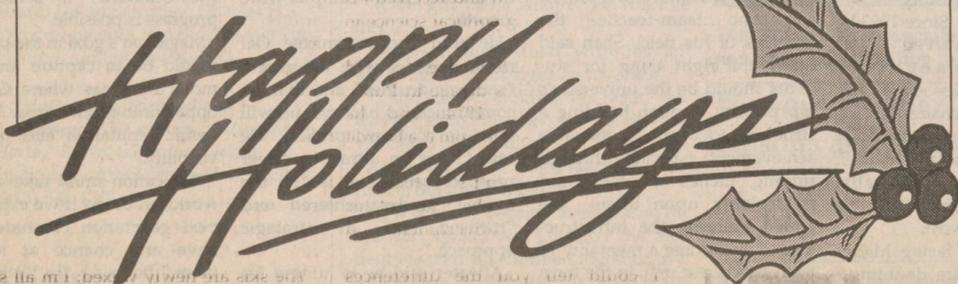
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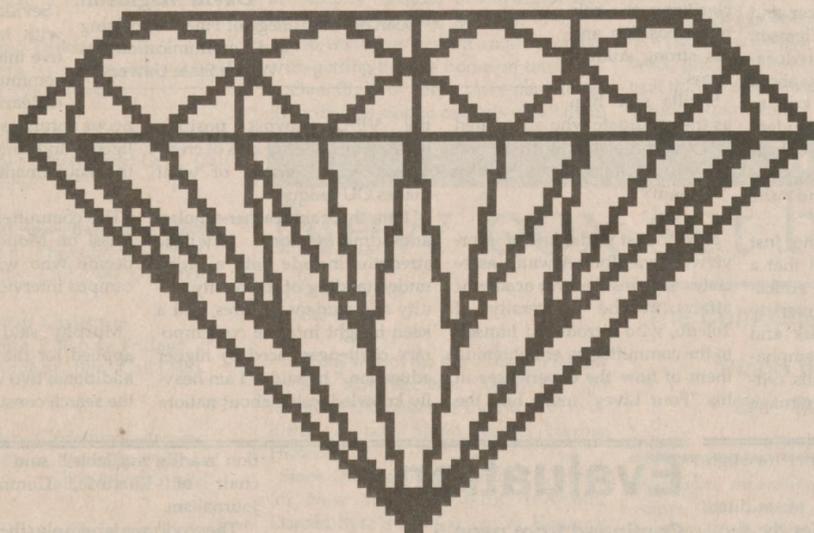
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Class

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family.

Another group of ten students went to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac to spend some time with children in the pediatric unit.

John Cholewka, finance sophomore, was able to make the contacts with the hospital because his mother works there.

"When we got there, we got a briefing on each kid," said Cholewka. "We went in and colored, read stories, and just played with them. We did whatever they wanted

to do."

"We were only able to hang out with a few of the kids," said Eddie Pevos, communications senior. "It was a great time."

One group is also planning to make a holiday visit to residents at America's House retirement community on Auburn Road. The group spent some time making Christmas cards for the people they are going to visit.

Crabill is proud of the efforts his class has made to spread some holiday cheer.

"I think it's really neat because they all did so many different things," he said. "I was lucky to get a class that works so well together."

Wilson

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The first time she traveled to Nicaragua, she was almost kidnapped by a man who had been sniffing glue to get high.

"Think of stereotypical poverty and make it ten times worse," she said, describing the sad situation of the country.

Despite the crime and poverty, Sarah described the Nicaraguans as a very religious, happy people.

"The kids there are wonderful," she said. "It amazes me how much love and happiness they hold in their hearts."

Wilson herself has had a difficult time — dealing with the death of Pastor Beattie.

"This is the man who cried and said that I was doing God's work, and that was what I was put here to do," she said. "He was like another father to me."

She is hoping that by focusing on the

hurricane victims of Nicaragua, it will help her to adjust to life without him.

Love and happiness are two things that Sarah's heart may never lack, due to her work for the church.

Pastor Benjamin Cortes from the Iglesia de Cristo Barrio Nuevo, which is the sister church that Sarah visited, said in a letter to the United Methodist Church, "We have been blessed for the pastoral visit of the beloved daughter of your church."

And even though her life was essentially in danger while she was in Nicaragua — a man was even shot in the head two miles from her camp — Sarah maintains that she wouldn't hesitate for a second if she had the opportunity to go back.

"The hurricane has wiped out everything down there," she said. "It's been a big reality check."

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Theater

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an annual budget provided by OU that is used for the entire department.

According to Manjit Gill, a staff member in MTD's financial department, money from ticket sales or any outside fundraising contributes to all areas of the department, not just the theatre department.

Student programming money was once available to the department, but recently they changed the criteria for an organization or department to request funds.

Gill said members of the department were greatly disappointed to find out that they no longer met the criteria.

At OU, productions are put on by students, faculty and staff, and none are paid. The students spend much of their free time working in the theater for a learning experience, Gill said.

In recent years, there has been an increase of interest in the student theatre.

Between the 1992-1993 season and the 1997-1998 season at OU, ticket sales have doubled.

"The enrollment is increasing and the talent level is high, but the budget remains stagnant," said Gill. "Therefore, it makes it difficult to support all of the students involved."

The students' latest effort was a pair of one-act plays, last month's "Artist Descending a Staircase" and "Albert's Bridge."

Kelly

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"I like to help people organize things," Kelly said.

He was a big part of the organization of the Polar Bears. He helped them choose their name, he helped them in their recruiting process and he helped them find a coach.

The coach he found was Jack Hernandez, who has 30 years of hockey coaching experience.

"We'll keep him until we move into

NCAA," Kelly said. "Hopefully we'll keep him then too."

The Polar Bears isn't the first time Kelly has helped in hockey organization.

He helped organize the Grosse Pointe North women's hockey team. He also helped formed the Women's Metro League.

Kelly is not planning to stop after the formation of the hockey team.

In the future he wants to organize a rowing team and a polo team.

"What do I do for fun?" Kelly said. "I work."

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SPORTS

Polar Bears ready to hit the ice

By KELLI PETROVE
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Michigan is home to many great hockey teams. Detroit is, after all, hockeytown. OU is about to join in the hockey season with the newly founded women's Ice Hockey club team. The team was founded by Political Science professor John Kelly, who is now serving as treasurer for the team. Preparation for the new team began about two months ago. With approximately 16 women on the roster, the team is ready to begin the season. "However, we are always looking to expand the team," John Kelly said. "While some women on the team have years of experience, some are trying on their skates for the first time. "We are just starting out, so no one is included from the club," Kelly said. "Since OU does not currently have an ice hockey arena, the women travel to either the Palace, home of the Vipers, or to Fraser Ice Arena to practice. The women belong to the Central Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Association and have the following games on the schedule: U-M, MSU, MU, CMU, Lakeforest College, Ohio State, University of Illinois and Bowling Green State. Games are scheduled to begin after winter break in January. Rebecca Kelly (Kelly's daughter), is a captain, and has been playing ice hockey for eight years. "I played at Grosse Pointe North high school on their ice hockey team," Rebecca Kelly said. The addition of the women's ice hockey club is a long awaited decision. Co-Captain Michelle Hernandez proached Kelly last year with interest in starting a team. With tables set up in the OC to gain interest, the women have drawn the support of players, members and leaders of the club. All the women need is the support of the entire community.

Right, PRACTICING HARD: Co-Captain Rebecca Kelly uses fancy footwork at practice. Kelly has been playing ice hockey for over eight years.

Below, TAKING DIRECTION: Coach Jack Hernandez gives his team pointers at practice. Hernandez has been coaching hockey for thirty years.

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Kelly assists in forming hockey club

By KELLI PETROVE
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Not only is John Kelly a political science professor and a father, he is also the reason that OU has the new Polar Bears Women's Ice Hockey Club.

Kelly came to OU as a full time professor of political science in 1995. Previously he taught at Wayne State and the University of Detroit.

"I love OU, the students are very bright," Kelly said. "They question authority and that makes them thinking people."

Kelly brings with him an impressive educational background. He graduated from Bishop Gallager High School in Harper Woods and from there moved on to OU.

After his sophomore year as a Pioneer, he transferred to U-M and received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1972.

After that he went to Wayne State and received his master's degree in Public Administration in 1974, and he received his law degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1983.

However, Kelly didn't stop there, he went back to WSU where he got his PhD in American Government and Institutional in 1994.

"I could tell you the differences between all of the schools," Kelly said. "OU really has the best campus in the whole state."

Kelly isn't just a smart guy though. He enjoys sports and also likes to help people. During his college career he played Fencing.

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Lisa Borich



Anticipating winter sport season, fall overstaying welcome

Over the past few weeks Michigan has been experiencing higher than normal temperatures.

Great, some people say. The longer these abnormal temperatures stay the better, after all who wants to be out in the cold scraping off their car from snow and ice, especially when you're running late for class or work. Not to mention, driving in this mess that looks like the coke slushes you buy at 7-eleven.

Everyone's dressing up like Eskimos all in preparation for a five-minute walk from the car to the designated building.

Sounds miserable, to most, but to the dedicated snow buffs this is pure heaven.

Of course most snow buffs, like myself, are miserable with this in between weather we have been experiencing. Where's the snow?

In preparation for the New Year, some friends and I are renting a condo up north hoping to ring in the New Year on the ski slopes.

I bought all new ski attire, pants, sweaters, etc. I guess you can say I'm your typical woman when it comes to ringing in the New Year in fashion.

The skis are newly waxed; I'm all set for this excursion my friends and I have mapped out our plans.

There's only one problem, NO SNOW!

I thought that Mother Nature was going to introduce us this year to El Nino's sister, La Nina. (Just the opposite of El Nino's horrendous heat and thunderstorms.)

For this week's edition I planned on doing this awesome layout on winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling. I even planned on interviewing professional boarders and skiers who compete for a living.

But, since there isn't any snow, we're still stuck playing sports like football and soccer.

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm ready for winter. Let Mother Nature take control and give us everything she's got to dump on us.

And for those of you, who are not the winter sports type, don't you want a white Christmas? I guess that's how songs like "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" were discovered.

Wouldn't it be nice to wake up on Christmas morning and look out the window to see a fresh layer of snow covering your yard.

Perfect skiing snow. Or snowman snow, whatever you like to do in the snow.

Even those of you who hate the cold weather, wasn't there a time when you welcomed winter and all the snow activities. Snowball fights, building forts and making snow angels filled our winter days when we were small.

Wouldn't we all like to have the snow come so we could relive those special times.

El Nino has overstayed its welcome. It's time for him to move on and for us to say "Hello" to La Nina.

Say "Hello" to skis and snowmobiles. Oh, and to the new winter jackets and fleece tops.

So, get ready OU; polish your boots, fill up your snowmobile tanks, and wax up your skis and boards.

Pretty soon all of us will be trudging through the white powdery stuff we call snow by foot or by car. Well at least I hope we will.

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Bearcats maul Grizzlies

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The Golden Grizzlies men's Basketball team played truth or dare with the No. 6 ranked University of Cincinnati Bearcats. The truth was that Cincinnati has had previous difficulties hitting behind the free point line and instead liked to park the ball down low. The Golden Grizzlies dared the Bearcats to make its threes. They double dared them. They triple dared.

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The Bearcats responded to OU's dares by dropping a school record, 24 bombs from the three point line en route to a 106-78 victory.

The Bearcats were playing the first game since defeating No. 1 ranked Duke on Nov. 28.

OU jumped out to an early 14-8 lead but Cincinnati came back in the final 10 minutes of the first half to take a commanding 54-27 lead.

Cincinnati hit 14 three pointers in the first half alone.

The Golden Grizzlies played even with the Bearcats in the second half, but on this particular occasion the Bearcats

were too much for the overmatched Golden Grizzlies.

"We were excited to go there to play," said head coach Greg Kampe. "We played very well against the 6th best team in the nation on the road."

"We wanted to go in and play with them," said Brad Buddenberg. "We came out good. Then they hit the run, and they kept on hitting."

Jason Rozycki summed up the game. "We gave it our best shot."

Myke Thom, Dan Champagne, and Brad Buddenberg each scored 19 points to help in the Grizzlies effort. Jason Rozycki added 13.

Thom had nine rebounds and Buddenberg had eight for the Grizzlies who out rebounded the Cincinnati Bearcats, 39 to 35.

Leading the way for the Bearcats was Steve Logan and Melvin Levett with 28 points each.

The Golden Grizzlies traveled to Bowling Green on Tuesday night and travel to Western Michigan on the 12th.

When Western Michigan University last played they defeated the University of Michigan Wolverines, 81 to 74.

Women fall to Southern Utah

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The OU Women's Basketball team continues to learn about new competition, both conference and non-conference, to gain the experience necessary to become a respected Division I basketball school. The Golden Grizzlies opened up its Mid-Continent Conference schedule with a 87-78 loss to Southern Utah University Thunderbirds in Utah on Monday. Only two days before, Southern Utah defeated Youngstown State, a team that won the Mid-Continent Conference Championship for four years in a row. The Golden Grizzlies' loss to the Thunderbirds dropped its record to 4-4 overall and 0-1 in the conference. The Thunderbirds are 2-0 in the con-

OU	78
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ference and 4-3 over all.

OU came out of the gate slowly falling behind 20-6 in the first half.

The Golden Grizzlies were forced to play catch up with the Thunderbirds. With about eight minutes left before half, OU came back to cut the Southern Utah lead to 43-33.

"We came out flat," said freshman forward, Sarah Judd. "We would have won if we didn't have a slow start."

The Grizzlies shot 39 percent from the field in the first half while the Thunderbirds shot 47 percent.

The Thunderbirds scored 15 points from the three point line going five for five.

In the second half, OU came out with a trap zone which created problems for

the Thunderbirds.

OU cut the Southern Utah lead to seven points but that was as close as the Grizzlies got.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Grizzlies fell by a score of 87-78.

The second half marked OU's

improvement from the first half. OU outscored Southern Utah University, 52 to 51 in the second half.

OU shot 42 percent in the second half while the Thunderbirds shot 40 percent.

OU shot 40 percent from the field for the game, while the Thunderbirds shot 44 percent for the game.

The Golden Grizzlies were out

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Sarah Judd
Women's Basketball

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• The women's basketball team host Detroit at 5:15 p.m.

Grizzly women swim for pride over weekend

By LISA BORICH
Sports Editor

The OU Women's Swim team swam an impressive meet this past weekend at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational in Ypsilanti.

Head coach Scott Teeters summarized the weekend event saying, "The love for the team is growing," he added, "The kids (team) were profiting from the other kids (teammates) success."

The Grizzlies scored 668.50 points placing them third overall in the invitational. Denison University walked away from the weekend placing first and EMU with a second.

"These girls are getting it done, were in great shape and this weekend proved it because we (OU) were the only team out there that didn't rest," said Teeters.

OU out scored five other schools; Bowling Green, Allegheny College, Kalamazoo College, Wayne State University and University of Michigan, who only supplied its divers at this invitational. U-M's swim team traveled to the Notre Dame invitational instead.

Junior Kazi Murr scored a 330.70, a fourth place in the one-meter diving, giving OU 15 points.

Sophomore Devon Cunningham dove into the seventh place spot, scoring a 321.70 and giving OU 12 points.

Freshman Kristin Karsiss upped OU's score adding 17 points when she swam a 4:39.01 which placed her second in the 400 yard IM.

Sophomore Michelle Haley placed fourth in the same event, swimming a 4:44.28 and giving OU 15 points.

"We were running people and we weren't getting beat from behind," said Teeters, talking about the team's drive to place high in events.

Sophomore Peggy Strauss came through in the 100 yard butterfly placing third with a time of 59.26, giving the Grizzlies 16 points.

"A lot of kids beat kids they never have beat before," said Teeters. Sophomore Yvonne Lynn swam to a third in the 100 yard backstroke, scoring 16 points and timing at 59.10.

Freshman Rachele Atraz placed third in the 500 yard freestyle coming in with a time of 5:11.34.

OU was also successful in the relay events.

In the 800 yard relay freestyle event freshman Gracie Bender, freshman Rachele Atraz, freshman Heather Kelly and junior Ellen Collins gained OU 30 points, swimming a 8:01.34 and giving them a fourth place.

OU also placed fourth in the 200 yard relay freestyle event with the help of freshman Katie Walker, senior and co-captain Lisa Van Tatenhove, sophomore Yvonne Lynn and Kellyann Williams with a time of 1:40.86.

Lynn, Williams, Strauss and Bender teamed together in the 400 yard medley relay to place third with a time of 4:00.69.

Over the holidays the Women's Swim team will travel to Oahu, Hawaii for training and the Rainbow Invitational against Harvard.

"We're going to try to be competitive with Harvard, but also learn from them too," said Teeters.

EMU Invitational inviting to OU men

By LISA BORICH
Sports Editor

The Golden Grizzlies traveled to Ypsilanti to compete in the Eastern Michigan University Invitational this past weekend.

"Overall, I think we competed well, but I hope to win this meet in one or two years," said head coach Pete Hovland.

OU placed third with a final score of 712.00, putting them ahead of Kalamazoo College, Bowling Green, Allegheny College, Wayne State University and University of Michigan.

Eastern Michigan University won the invitational with a final score of 1066.50 and Denison University placed second scoring 852.50.

"This weekend helped let us know where we stand competitively," said Hovland.

The Grizzlies swam a 1:34.57 to get a third place in the 200 yard medley relay with the help of freshman Ido Meron, freshman Mark Quinn, junior Yoav Ritter and senior Kevin Bobzien.

Meron and freshman Marc Grey, both who swim distance, "We were brought in to bring the distance program to the next level," said Hovland. "We walked away (from the invitational) feeling good about the distance program here at OU."

OU placed fourth in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Bobzien, junior Courtney Dunlap, junior Thiago Orso and sophomore Todd Duncan swam together for a time of 1:24.63.

Bobzien also placed third in the 50 yard freestyle event with a time of 21.01. Another third for Bobzien was in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 46.04.

Freshman Andy Schmit placed second in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 4:35.87. Grey also swam in the 500 free, in which he placed fourth with a time of 4:38.95.

Schmit also place third in the 1650 yard freestyle event.

The Grizzlies had some impressive times and places during the weekend.

Placing first in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 1:50.80 was Meron.

Also with a first was Quinn in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:06.04.

Over the holiday break the OU Men's Swim team will travel to Oahu, Hawaii for training and the Rainbow Invitational, which starts on January 2.

"It takes a lot of commitment and sacrifice to be part of the swimming program here at OU," said Hovland.

While the team is in Hawaii they will "experience the most vigorous two weeks of training they will probably ever experience in their swimming careers," Hovland added.

Since the team will be away from family and friends during the holiday season, Hovland said, "during the break they (team) will have nothing else to focus on besides swimming."

The men's next dual meet is January 15 against Kenyon.

"Overall, we competed well, but I hope to win this meet in one or two years."

Pete Hovland
Head coach for Men's Swimming

A new coach for a new division

By JILL HOLTHUS
Staff Writer



HEAD COACH: Scott Teeters is the head women's swim coach.

Scott Teeters may be the new head coach of the Women's Swimming and Diving team, but he's no stranger to OU.

Teeters, a graduate from OU, was a member of the Men's Swim team while at OU and captained the team for two years.

After graduating with his degree in elementary education, he went on to coach many swim teams. Including the Oakland Live Y'ers here in Rochester for

ten years.

Before coming to OU, Teeters was head coach at Eastern Michigan University.

It was hard for him to leave Eastern, but he was attracted to OU. Teeters saw the university's commitment to the sport and the high academic discipline of the athletes, with the swim team achieving a 3.0 or higher GPA.

But the greatest attraction was OU making the change to become a Division I school. Teeters said he never would have left EMU if OU wasn't Division I.

Teeters feels the team has to adjust to a

lot of changes.

"It's going to be rough waters for a couple of years, but the opportunities that we can present kids with are so much greater now with Division I," he said.

"You take the least talented kid in any one of our sports teams and that kid is going to get exposure to things that they never could have got before, even if they were the best at Division II," added Teeters.

The athletes most affected are the

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Spotlight on the Black & Gold

DAN NAYLIS: MEN'S SWIMMING

By KELLI PETROVE
Assistant Sports Editor

Dan Naylis has had an award winning swimming career thus far. Recognition of his swimming talent started at Rockford High School in Rockford, Michigan.

As a middle-distance freestyler, Naylis went to high school states and placed third in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:35.81 and fourth in the 200 freestyle, 1:42.23.

This laid the groundwork for a successful career on OU's Men's Swim team. Naylis came to OU in 1995 and proved himself to be a solid middle distance swimmer.

Naylis is currently one of three captains for the Golden Grizzlies.

During his freshman year he won three All-American honors for placing in sixth place in the 500 freestyle, ninth in the 200 freestyle and 13th in the 1,650 freestyle.

Naylis moved on to earn even more recognition during his sophomore year. He scored 19 points in the NCAA Championship. Once again he earned All-American status with his seventh place finish in the 200 freestyle, 1:41.28.

He didn't stop there, he received three honorable mentions for his swims in the 100 freestyle, 1,650 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

At the championship meet he swam one leg

of the 800 freestyle relay, and received All-American status after the relay won the national title.

In his junior year, during the Division I transition, his best finish was third in the 200 free, 1:45.93.

"Dan has handled the transition into Division I extremely well," head coach Pete Hovland said.

The transition period was tough for most of OU's athletic teams, and the swimming team felt the pressure as well.

"I asked Dan to lean on me to help me get the team through this tough time," Hovland said.

The team has gotten through this period and has begun a new era in Division I.

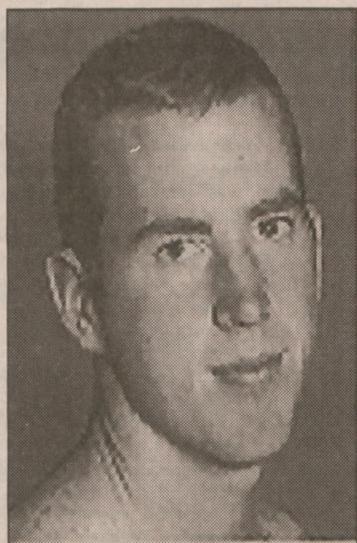
Now, going into his final season on the OU team, Naylis is expected to do well in Division I.

"Dan is in the best shape of his life going into this season," Hovland said. "Hopefully, he can guide us to the next level."

"His leadership is ranked up with one of the best I have ever seen in a program," Hovland said.

Naylis is more than a great athlete, he is a great person, according to Hovland.

As far as his ethics and dedication go Hovland gives Naylis an "A+."



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Dorms

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Women's Resource Center.

The Kalamazoo Residence Hall guide explains that each house has unique programs. They focus on cultural and political issues, have poetry reading, special dinners and dances. Events that all take place within their living unit.

These are strides other universities have made. During an informal survey, 25 OU students made the following suggestions they thought would improve life at OU.

Computers are the biggest concern for students. "Computers in the lab are always broken, the computer in my room is not hooked up to the Internet, or e-mail," said Jill Townsend, sophomore, radiation therapy. "More and more classes require students to use the computer, maybe the residence halls should be updated," said Townsend.

Of the students surveyed, all felt that with the existing furniture arrangement, a separate computer stand is necessary. A computer can take up the entire desk, leaving no room to do other homework.

The survey also showed that most students prefer lofts. "Building and putting up your own loft is a pain. Lofts are provided at other universities. If

lofts were provided at OU, it would make moving in so much easier for students," said Max Hendrix, freshman business.

Other suggestions included new furniture and bedding. "It's the pits, the mattresses have stains and the furniture is old and broken," said Barcardi Coleman, freshman management information systems. "We need carpeting on the floors and some help cleaning the messy hallways," said Coleman.

Large buildings present problems with temperature. "One day it's hot the next day it's cold," said Jason Tinsley, junior electrical engineering. He felt that being able to control the heat in their rooms would be a significant improvement.

"In order to correct this problem students should get a thermometer and record the room temperatures through out the day," said Grover Tighe, Central Heating Plant Supervisor and Energy Systems Coordinator. Once the information is received he said, "He can contact the skilled trades technician, and make the necessary corrections."

Safety and convenience were issues students brought up during the survey. "I would like to have cards like they have at U- M, when you come in at night you swipe your card through a reader and the door opens. It is very convenient," said Ashante Barnes, sophomore mechanical engineering.

Marty Houser, hall director in Hamlin

Hall, disagreed.

"A card could be lost or stolen, then anyone could get into the residence halls. It would be possible for someone to enter without permission. Safety would be an issue," he said.

Students had other safety concerns. "Please don't mix someone who is 21 with students who are underage," said Gewanda Cox, freshman business management. "It's not fair to put that responsibility on the older student, nor is it fair to the younger student."

Other wish list items include sign up sheets for study groups in each dorm, talent shows, intermural sports competition between halls, and food service in one hall on weekend.

Work

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"So many students are overburdened with working that they don't have time to look for jobs," said Thomas.

He feels that students are limiting their choices in life. They have little time to explore what is available in the job market.

"The students need some plain old fun," Reynolds said. She feels students smile less on campus because they are working and studying so

hard.

Students give many reasons why they find it necessary to work more hours.

One reason is that many students have cars. This necessitates car and insurance payments. Many students also have pagers and cell phones. And, the cost of education has also gone up.

OU has strict policy guidelines for work-study students. There is a limit of 20 hours per week for students with full-time class schedules.

"The students are here mainly for education," said Lisa Suidym, associate director of financial aid.

The Federal Government and the State provide

funds to help students through college. The government provides \$260,000 and OU adds an additional \$52,000, the state provides \$80,000 and OU adds \$20,000 for a total \$412,000 to be spent on assisting students.

In order to receive these funds, students must work on campus.

There are many reasons why students may want to consider working on campus.

If a student works on campus, a car is not a necessity. The scheduling of work times is flexible, since the university employer is more likely to make allowances for exams and study groups.

Students can schedule work between classes, and

there is also a pool of other students to call if an emergency arises and they cannot work.

"Students become a part of a family when they work on campus. We celebrate birthdays and have a nice friendly atmosphere," Siudym said.

The pay varies between \$5.40-\$7.25 per hour depending on skill and experience.

Siudym also said that sometimes this is the first experience a student has in meeting demands by those outside of the family.

"This is a good time for students to find out that if you don't work you don't get paid. Sometimes that is a critical problem," she said.

During the time Siudym has worked for the university, she said she has found that, "Students working in an academic atmosphere have more success educationally than those who work off campus."

The number of on-campus jobs has been sufficient for employing students looking for work, Siudym said.

She added many people were concerned that the recreation center would hire so many students, there would be a shortage of workers in other areas.

Siudym said there are approximately 1,421 students employed on campus, and there have been no shortages of students for the number of jobs available.

"OU tries to place students in jobs relevant to their studies," she said. "We cannot always be successful in that aspect, but we can be much more flexible in scheduling work hours."

What does happen on campus is that students are enticed to work at jobs that pay a higher salary.

Jim Kuehold, manager at Rio Bravo restaurant which recently opened just outside campus, hires 25 percent of his staff from OU. He pays between \$7.50 and \$12.00 per hour. This pay difference is common for jobs off campus.

"The new restaurants and other businesses opening in the area have caused a problem for hiring students for on-campus jobs," said Louann Stewart, circulation manager at Kresge Library.

"They pay more than the minimum wage that we offer. We do give small pay raises for good performance, but it is still not enough to compete with off-campus jobs. The library is short a few hours during the day covering the circulation desk," Stewart said.

Greg Jordan, director of the Department of Campus Recreation, said, "I initially was concerned that we would have staffing problems at the rec center due to higher pay at off-campus jobs. Fortunately that did not happen."

The recreation center employs 125 students. The jobs vary from lifeguards to aerobic instructors. The pay ranges between \$5.50 and \$7.00.

"What the student loses in pay he gains by having more flexible hours and a friendly atmosphere," Jordan said.

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Russi) agreed with our assessments of the candidates."

The four on the second tier are: Christopher Baldwin, Sharon Hoffman, Jane Ollenburger and William Pollard.

The next step is for Russi to review and possibly call candidate references, Murphy said. He will then invite four to five to OU for two-day interviews.

"My goal is to begin campus interviews around the tenth of January and hopefully be done and make an offer by the first week in February," said Murphy.

"More than likely, (the individual Russi appoints) will begin the job in June because they will have to finish the year out at their current institution."

Russi and Board of Trustees member Louis Grech-Cumbo also attended the two-day marathon interviews, but neither actively participated in the discussions. They simply answered questions directed at them by the candidates when they felt it appropriate.

Alysia Robertson, the only student member of the committee, was present for the Saturday session but absent on Sunday. According to Murphy, she had a family commitment.

Internet

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tion (IFW), shopping with credit cards on the Internet is one of the safest ways to shop.

The IFW website at www.fraud.org claims that using cash allows crooks to maintain their anonymity, and checks and money orders don't offer the same protections as credit cards do.

If your credit card number is stolen and used by an unauthorized person, or if you are charged for merchandise and never received it, you can contact the credit card company within 60 days to dispute it.

Accessing credit card numbers over the Internet is very difficult, according to MasterCard, due to the advance in SSL, or Secure Socket Layer Protocol.

Virtually all online merchants use an encryption code to scramble the transmission between the user and the merchant. Anyone who tries to access the transmission will not be able to read it.

Also, before entering or exiting an "order form" screen, a message box and appears to alert the user of their transfer between "secure" and "unsecure" mode. An icon also remains on the screen to remind users of what mode they are in.

The IFW claims they have "not received a complaint of someone's credit card number being stolen while it was being transferred to a legitimate merchant."

But despite the updated safeguards, some consumers are not convinced their credit card numbers will remain safe.

"Technology keeps changing, and it seems like anyone could get your credit card number," said Matt Kerstein, OU communications senior.

Although Kerstein doesn't have a credit card, he claims he would be more willing to use a credit card over the phone or in person, because it would be "safer".

There are some alternatives consumers can use which don't require a credit card number sent over the web, according to MasterCard International.

•**Shop high-tech, pay low-tech.** Many merchants allow you to shop online and fax or mail your credit card payment in, although it may take longer to fill your order.

•**Set up an account.** Some merchants let consumers register their credit card number and receive a unique ID by mail, fax or phone. Merchants can use this information to charge the account when the consumer sends his or her unique ID number over the Internet.

In general, credit card companies and the IFW advise consumers to never provide a credit card number to a merchant who does not run a secure server, or send credit card information by e-mail. Also, make sure the merchant has offices in the US.

If you experience any problems with a merchant, contact the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org or IFW at 1-800-876-7060.

Teeters

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juniors and seniors, most of which choose OU because of its Division II sports.

Teeters stresses health and fitness to his team which claims that they are in the best shape ever. He also stresses the importance of emotional stability and has had to change his style of coaching to match his new team.

"Women are almost more competitive than men," said Teeters.

He feels that right now should be the best days of their lives.

"Your worst day at swim practice is still going to be one of the best days of your life," said Teeters.

He feels that the team is "tough in the water, but a very calm group otherwise."

He teaches them to have the quali-

ties that make strong people-- assertiveness, controlled aggressiveness, enthusiasm and most of all, self-confidence.

Teeters compares himself and the team to the movie "A League of Their Own," where he gets his philosophy for coaching. He's not autocratic and leaves it up to them to make their own decisions.

He tells his team, "Nobody's messing with you, but you."

He tells the ladies on his team, "not to take any crap from men," as he stresses the importance of gender roles and athletic equality for women.

He also believes in care not fear in coaching. He doesn't want to be anyone's friend, but their coach.

"I want to make sure they know what's right in the absence of authority."

It may be tough at first for the team to adjust to Division I, but Teeters says he has told the kids what his goals are and they can come along for the ride.

Downtown

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ful dresses and unique jewelry items that are worth stopping in for. Located at 193 West Maple, It's The Ritz carries women's apparel only. Their clothing is a little more tailored than its next door neighbor, Caruso Caruso.

"Caruso Caruso probably has the best selection of jeans anywhere," says Brenda Teague, an avid Birmingham shopper.

Their 60's styled decorated interior and their one-of-a-kind sweaters and T-shirts make the store a popular spot for Christmas shopping, according to Teague. Everything from flannel pajamas to baseball caps can be found in this apparel store for both men and women.

Don't forget to take a break from buying and enjoy a meal or hot coffee from one of the numerous restaurants and cafes that exist in these towns. There are many options to choose from.

In order to entice shoppers to their downtown areas, some

cities are holding special shopping events this season.

Rochester will be holding a special "Men's Night" on Dec. 17 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Many downtown stores will be open later that day especially for male customers who might need some extra help from clerks in finding the perfect gift for someone.

Downtown Birmingham's stores will also be open later from 6 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 11 for a Midnight Shopping Spree. Shoppers who can't get to their favorite Birmingham stores by day can now visit many of them that night.

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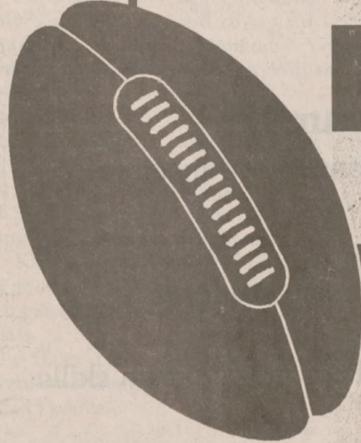
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New director plans to develop, improve ERL

By RACHAEL NORMAN
Staff Writer

While working in a high school media center a few years ago, Adelaide Phelps the new director of the Educational Resources Laboratory (ERL), realized it was the hub of the school.

"I realized the impact the media center had on student learning and decided to direct my education toward library and information science," Phelps said.

Phelps attended OU as a history major and graduated with a BA degree in 1995. In 1998, she graduated from Wayne State University with a masters in Library and Information Science.

"When I graduated from Oakland University, I felt

the university was on the threshold of a change. The library profession was also changing," Phelps said.

Search strategies and research skills were changing with the new technology. Already having a strong back-

ground in research, due to her history courses as an undergrad, and concentrating on academic librarianship, she was able to focus in on these new skills.

The ERL position offers the opportunity to combine what Phelps has learned from her work experience with her educational background.

Her work experience has been in K-12 education.

"When the position in the Educational

Resource Laboratory presented itself, it seemed to be a perfect match. I never dreamed that my K-12 education/staff development experience and academic librarianship would fit together so well," Phelps said.

While taking classes part-time and working full-time at a high school media center, Phelps realized that the two librarians that worked there were always finding new ways to reach students and cooperate with teachers on curriculum development.

It wasn't until after she accepted a position at Staff Development in another public school district, that she realized the importance of continuing education for teachers and the "rigorous training" involved in becoming a teacher.

She decided to pursue librarianship as an undergrad here at OU after she had fallen in love with the academic atmosphere.

The ERL is comprised of 30,000 items, of which 23,000 is children's literature. These items are all housed in 3,000 square feet of space.

There are three regular employees, two full-time and one part-time. Fifteen work-study students act as

employees. Professional development, textbooks, manipulatives, puppets, posters, globes, software, CD ROMs, and audio and videocassettes make up some of their other collections.

All OU faculty, staff and students have borrowing privileges to these items. There is also a production room where laminations, spiral bindings, transparencies and posters can be created.

"I never dreamed that my K-12 education/staff development experience and academic librarianship would fit together so well."

Adelaide Phelps
Director of the ERL



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarov

A PLACE TO BE: New director of the Education Research Library enjoys the position among books, students and academia. Adelaide Phelps, OU and Wayne State alumna, hopes to find new ways to enrich the ERL users' experience.

Ten Macintosh computers and two PCs are available for student use. All of these are hooked to a networked printer and have the Internet, e-mail and word processing on them.

Video cameras, tripods, and VCR units are also available for faculty and student use. Two OPAC stations, that connect to the Kresge catalog as well as that of the ERL, are available for student use.

Phelps' position offers a variety of challenges on a daily basis. She has no set typical day.

"On any one day, I will be solving computer problems, helping students with search strategies, and answering reference questions," Phelps said.

At the same time, she can be making arrangements to barcode 23,000 items, making plans to rearrange the interior design of the ERL, or trying to connect the ERL circulation system with that of Kresge Library.

Collection development and finding a balance between technology and literature are a daily struggle.

Fortunately, she has the regular ERL staff, the student staff and the ERL committee supporting her and offering her many useful suggestions constantly.

"It is a team effort that keeps the ERL rolling toward the future," Phelps said.

It is in the near future that Phelps hopes to turn the ERL into the hub of the School of Education and Human Services, as well as to provide outreach programs for the larger university community and school districts.

Students receive RCJ Writing Excellence Awards

By SEEMA POPAT
Special Writer

Can you write? Do you like to write? Then read this article and find out how you can get some cash doing just that.

The tenth annual Writing Excellence Awards were presented to the winning students by the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism (RCJ).

The Nov. 4 ceremony took place at a Meadow Brook Hall luncheon before OU President Gary Russi and Board of Trustees member Louis Grech-Cumbo, among others.

The winners were awarded \$100 for first place, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third place.

The first category consists of research papers submitted to RHT 160. Category two includes any other type of paper submitted to any 100-level RHT course.

The third category is any paper submitted for credit to any course in the university including 300-level RHT courses.

Entries are turned in at the end of each semester and judged by an RCJ committee of four which include Ron Sudol, Cathy Briedenbach, Julie Mody and Mary Ann Samyn.

The papers are anonymously evaluated by replacing the student's name with a code number so that everybody has a fair chance of winning in whichever of the three categories they are entered.

Students may submit their work in more than one category, but only one paper per category.

This year, there was a total of eight award win-

ners.

In category one, two unranked awards were given out.

Jeffrey Kass wrote an argumentative research essay entitled "Homosexuality."

The paper focused on whether the primary cause of homosexuality is biological or environmental.

Gabriel Schwartz was the other winner with a paper "Should Anyone Care?" about whether IQ scores are accurate predictors of success, defined in terms of financial and occupational status.

In category two, the first place was awarded to Jeff Seehorsch for a paper entitled "Narrative: Analysis of Triadic Theory."

The paper is about the intense frustration of trying to learn how to

hit a baseball under the patient but annoyingly persistent instruction of his dad, and the powerful feeling of the eventual breakthrough experience.

Seehorsch said he was very surprised to win the award.

"(I) didn't think it compared to the others that were

entered," he said.

Second place in second category went to Brian Lynch, who wrote "Toward a Triadic Meaning in Swimming."

The first- and second-prize papers were similarly focused on the process of learning the task and then finally achieving it.

"I was very honored to receive the kind of recognition from the writing excellence panel," Lynch

"We were very pleased by the high quality of writing exhibited in these exemplary papers written for a wide range of OU courses."

Ron Sudol
Professor
Rhetoric, Communication
and Journalism

RCJ Writing Excellence Awards

First category:

Jeffrey Cass
"Homosexuality"
Gabriel Schwartz
"Should Anyone Care?"

Second Category:

Jeff Seehorsch
"Narrative: Analysis of Triadic Theory"
Brian Lynch
"Toward a Triadic Meaning in Swimming"
Kris Metheny
"Modern Medicine—An Easterly Wind Prevailing"

Third Category:

Linda Eastman
"Mujeres Revolucionarias: Their Voice, Their Lives: The Mexican Revolution and Its Impact on Women"
Damon Stanek
"Joseph Cornell"
Bobbi Harding
"The Performance Sequence of Three Kinds of Body Oscillations in the Paper Wasp, Polistes Fuscatus (Hymenopera Vespidae)"

Budget

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hoping for an increase this year to meet the strain of rising costs to do business," said Ronald Olson, dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Some departments have lab fees for students enrolling in that particular department. This helps cover the costs of supplies and lab equipment.

The RCJ Department has computer lab fees that strictly cover the costs of the computer labs. Journalism has a computer lab fee assessed by OU, for which the university does not pay.

The university provides \$5,300 to the Modern Languages and Literatures Department annually for its lab student labor budget. This budget is normally spent by early November.

The money for the remainder of the year is made up by selling tapes to students and on-site teaching. These tapes are sold to students who do not even use the lab, yet their money pays the labor budget for students who use the lab.

"What would make more sense would be to

charge all students a lab course fee," said David Jaymes, MLL chair.

"We would need about \$40 per laboratory credit to cover expenses," Sevilla said. The MLL department is not allowed to assess lab fees as well.

Computer fees and lab fees are not necessary to departments such as the English Department.

"There is nothing that students should be paying," Connery said.

Instead, the university encourages the academic units to raise their own funds by soliciting alumni.

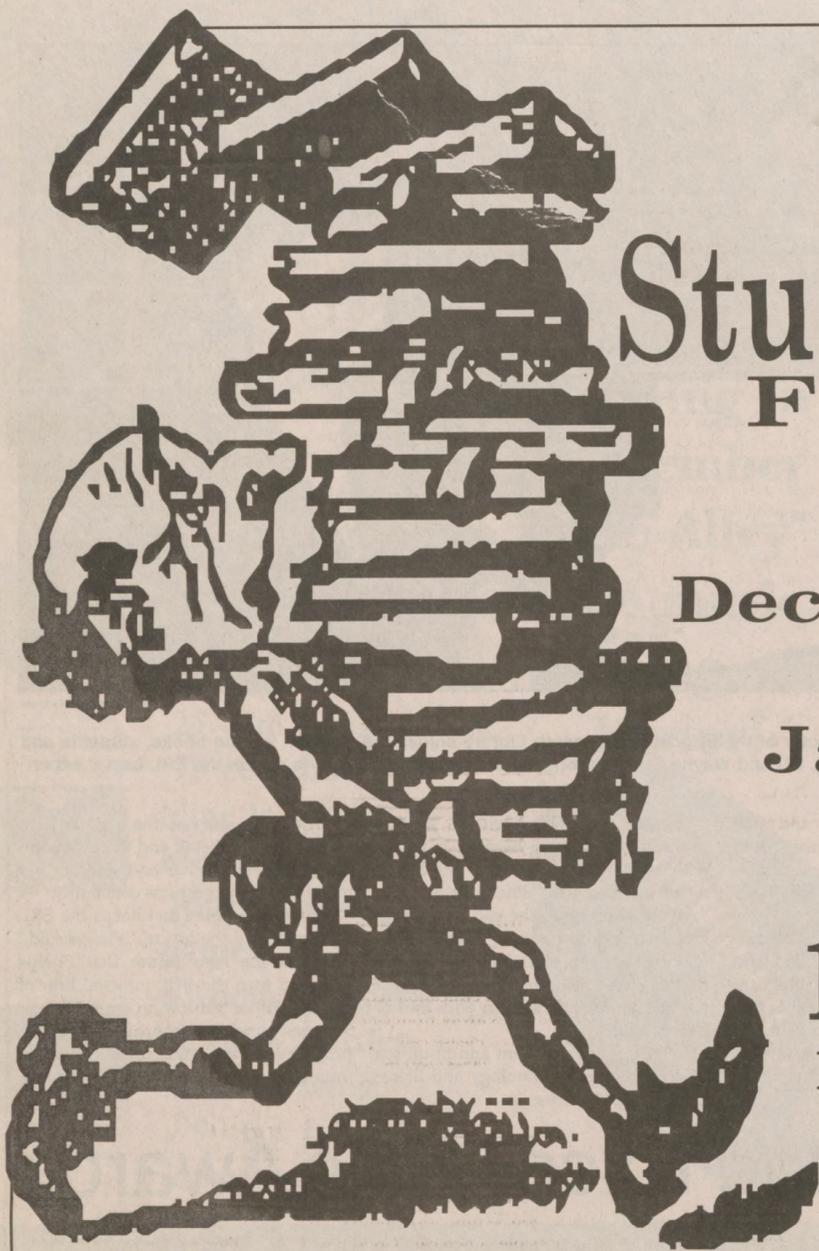
"Yes, it is true that chemistry faculty do contribute to the department to augment our programs," Sevilla said.

An incentive program is also encouraged by offering more spring and summer classes.

Through the enrollment of these courses the department is able to take a cut of the profits these courses generate.

Although OU administration keeps turning down requests for lab fees by such departments as Chemistry and MLL, the chairs said they will keep pushing for a raise in S & S funding.

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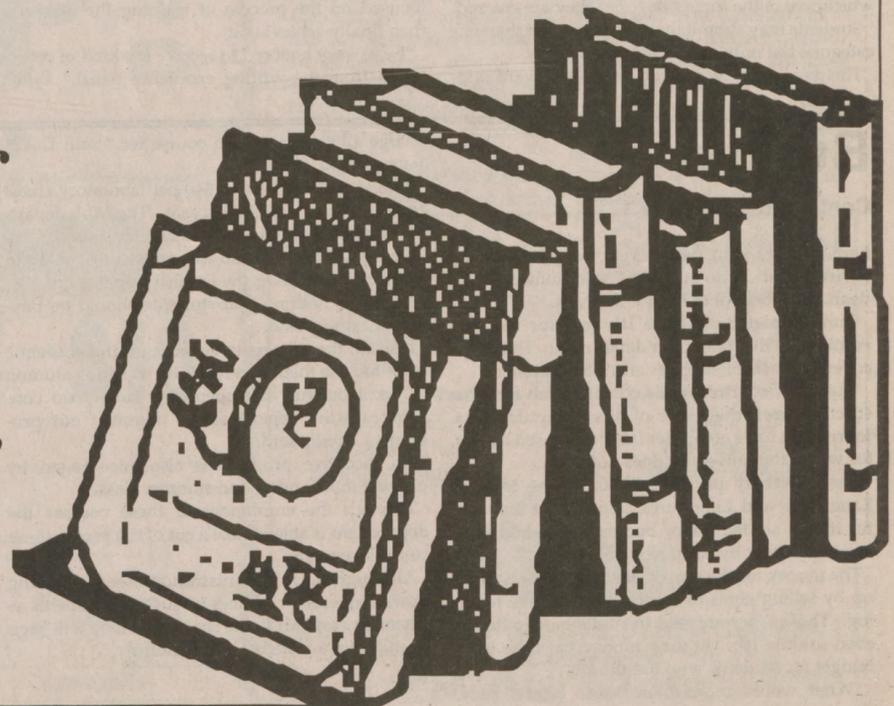
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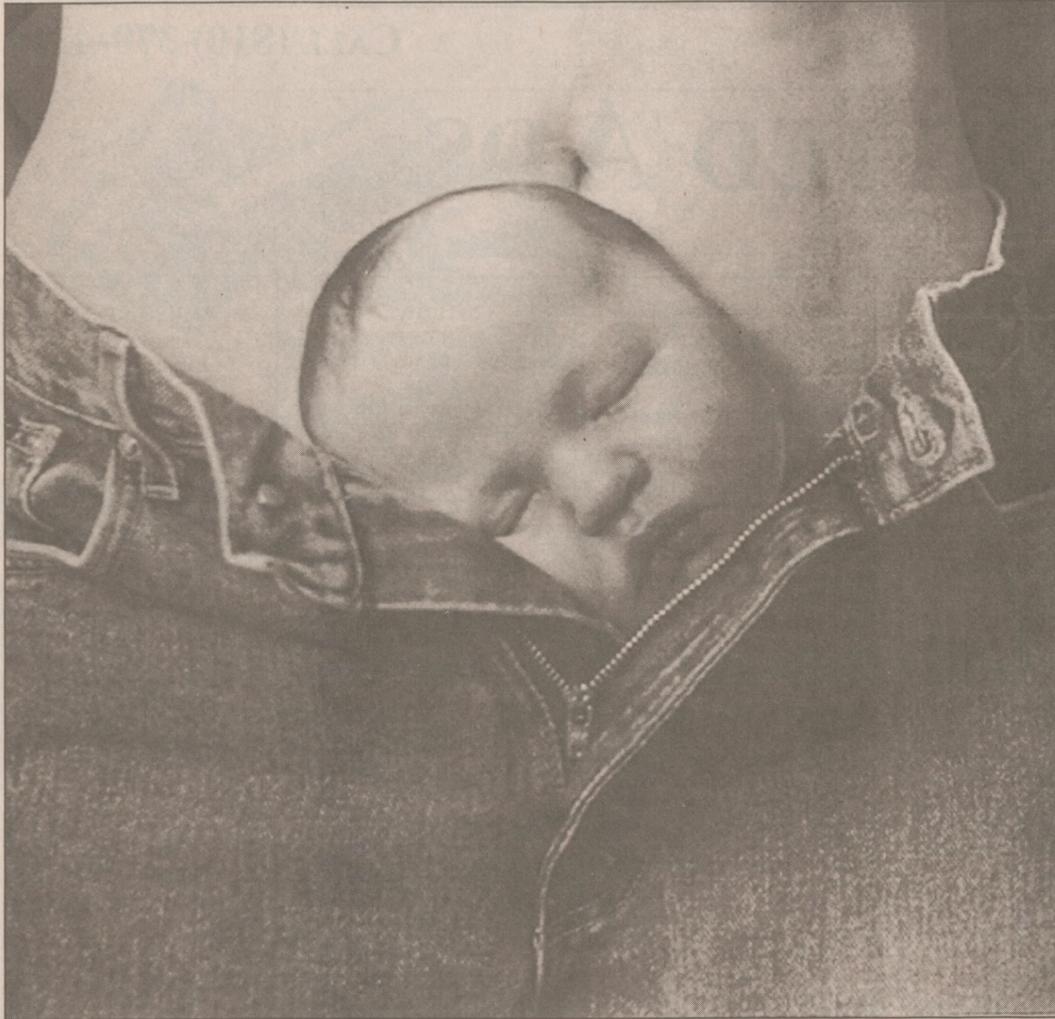
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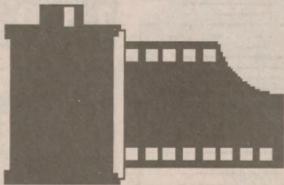


by Karen Callewaert



by Sarah Rhodes

Picture This



BY RACHAEL NORMAN
Staff Writer

The Department of Art and Art History presented the second annual exhibition of work by Photography II students on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 12-2 p.m. on the first floor of

Wilson Hall.

Photographs that were included were images from class photo shoots at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, light studies and experimental multiple image prints.

All photographs were shot in black and white. The students did their own developing and printing in OU's darkroom.

Professor Andrea Eis organized the exhibition that included student work by Karen Callewaert, Veronica Chojnacki, Ann Dzeroogian, Rachael Norman, Danielle Paglino and Sarah Rhodes.

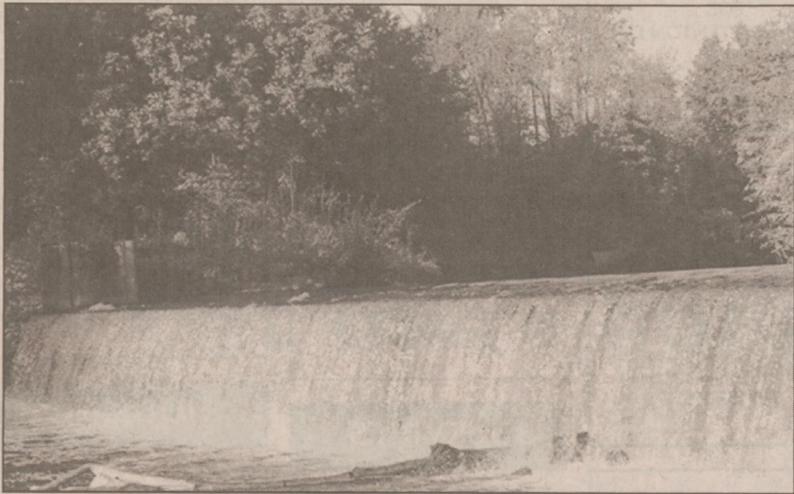
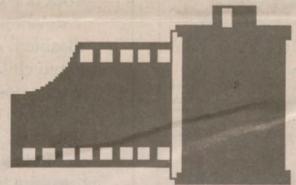
The photo students got a chance to see what their work would look like in an exhibit.

It also gives other students and faculty a chance to see what students are involved in and to lend valuable criticism. "We need to get rid of our mutual admiration of each other's work and get outside criticism," Chojnacki said.

Eis said, "I think it is a celebration of all the hard work the students have done during the semester. There is no other permanent student exhibition space on campus which is why we have to make our own opportunities for exhibitions."

There will be a fifth annual student/faculty exhibit in the Meadowbrook Art Gallery in Wilson Hall for all of the studio arts classes April 16 - May 16. The opening reception has yet to be scheduled.

"There is only one other possible time (Meadowbrook Art Gallery) for students to exhibit their work, so that is another important reason for this exhibition because opportunities are so scarce," Eis said.



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