

# Welcome Week

*special edition*

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## FAST facts

### • OU ranks in top tier of Midwest universities.

*U.S. News & World Report* ranks OU among the Best Regional Schools in the year 2000 edition of its guide, *America's Best Colleges*, and ranks OU among the ten best public universities in the region.

*U.S. News* ranks OU 31 out of 133 Midwest regional universities.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, graduation, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

### • Egyptians want to collaborate on OU high-tech control projects.

The Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau (EEB) is funding the cost of prototype development and Internet connections between OU, other Michigan sites, and Cairo.

Researchers from OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science have been awarded three \$3,500 grants, one for each project.

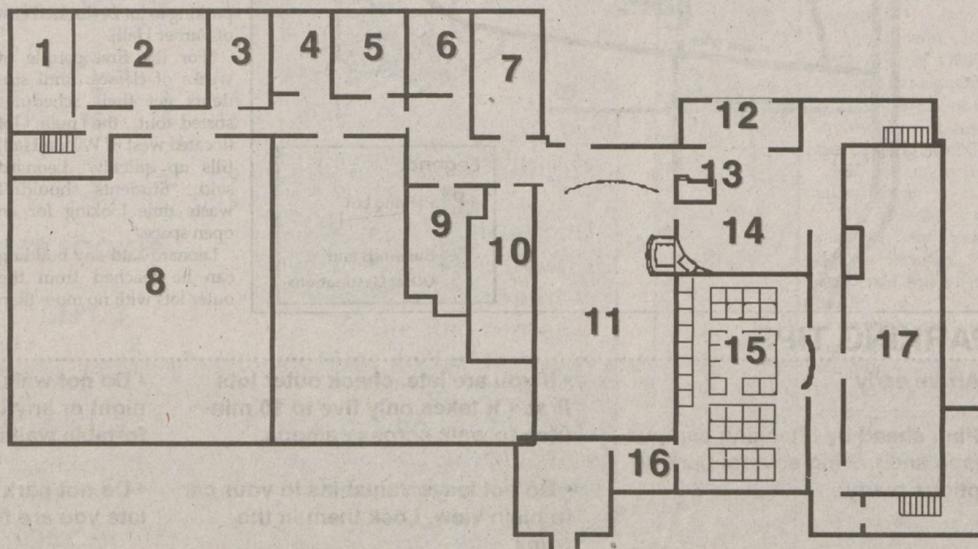
The projects include a walking robot, a digital stabilizer control system, and an automotive braking control system.

### • OU celebrates Hispanic culture.

OU will mark National Hispanic Heritage Month with its annual Hispanic Celebration Sept. 20-24, concluding with a reception on Oct. 7. OU faculty, staff, students and the public are invited to enjoy and learn about Hispanic culture at many events, which are free of charge. Hispanic Heritage Lunch specials will be served Sept. 20-23 in Pioneers Court's Center Stage in the OC. For more information call Office of Admissions at (248) 370-3364.

# Books, Beats & Eats

The renovated lower level of the Oakland Center caters to the different lifestyles of today's OU students



- 1 - LAKE MICHIGAN ROOM
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"There's no place like...  
The Oakland Center"

Wednesday, September 8

### 10A.M. - 10P.M.

Free use of pool tables, table tennis & video games - **OC GAMES ROOM.**

Guess the number of sports items in a bottle - **OC GAMES ROOM.**

### 10A.M. - 2P.M.

Billiards trick artist - **OC GAMES ROOM.**

### 11A.M. - 2P.M.

Free "Pretzel logics" samples - **Pretzel logic, OC.**

### NOON - 1P.M.

Meet and greet "sports celebrity" - **OC GAMES ROOM.**

### V.I.P. Tournament

- **OC GAMES ROOM.**

## Book buying goes online

The Internet offers college students cheaper options when buying textbooks

By Shajan Kay  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Number of online bookstores have reared their heads in the past year, and are providing steep competition for the traditional bookstores.

If you are suffering from sticker shock after going to check out the prices of your textbooks this year, there are now some reasonable alternatives that you can take advantage of.

Two Internet-based book sellers

have been advertising heavily here at Oakland for your textbook dollars. You may have noticed them, they are Varsitybooks.com and Textbooks.com.

Both online bookstores advertise deep discounts in their prices. In doing a random comparison of their prices to Oakland's Bookstore, operated by Wallace's, it was found that all the prices from the online bookstores were lower than OU's bookstore. The difference in price ranged anywhere from \$20 to \$5.

Textbooks.com seemed to have the

lowest prices of the three. They also sell used books as well as new, and as an added bonus, they will also tell you if they'll buy the book back and what they'll pay you for it.

To order from either online book seller you will need the ISBN numbers of the books you are buying. That number is usually on the back cover of the book. It takes three business days to receive your order at a cost of \$4.95 for shipping and handling.

### OU Bookstore

French 114-Rendez-Vous: An Invitation to French (with cassette, workbook and lab book included) **PRICE: \$120.50**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: **PRICE: \$108.00**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$90.75**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$50.00**

### Varsitybooks.com

French 114-Rendez-Vous: An Invitation to French (with cassette, workbook, and lab book included) **PRICE: \$104.67**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: **PRICE: \$101.58**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$82.11**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$46.25**

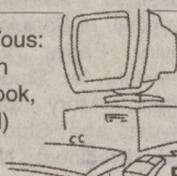
### Textbooks.com

French 114-Rendez-Vous (price reflects a used book price of \$46.90 for the actual textbook) **PRICE: \$88.15**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: (New Textbook) **PRICE: \$91.80**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$81.70**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$45.00**



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## CT contract talks 'disappointing'

By Shajan Kay  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

University bargainers are working under the threat of a strike by 250 secretaries, office assistants and lab technicians who have been working since June 30 under a contract extension. Late last month, the Clerical and Technical Union, UAW Local 1925, passed a strike authorization vote by a margin of 160-20.

Major stumbling issues are salary and proposed changes to benefits including health care, sources told The Post.

According to Suzanne Russell, chapter president, the union is "disappointed" with the slow pace of the negotiations for a new three year contract.

The strike authorization vote gives the Union's bargaining team the ability to tell OU that its members are ready to strike. When that happens, OU has ten days to reach an agreement with the union or face a walk out.

The Union still needs to seek the permission of its International Union in

order to go on strike. If the secretaries leave, phones, mail, and much of the day to day operations of the university will come to an abrupt halt with administrators filling in and department heads forced to answer their own phones, sort their own mail, etc.

The CTs are also the only large segment of the OU community currently trained on the new Banner system.

Bill Kendall, Assistant Vice-President for Employee Relations, is the chief negotiator for OU, seemed optimistic that a contract could be reached without a strike.

The two sides are still bargaining and if an impasse occurs, either side can request the help of a mediator to resolve issues.

In contract negotiations in 1996, the CTs faced a similar struggle with OU.

Issues debated then are haunting negotiations now including the hiring of employees who perform CT job duties but are outside the union.

During the dispute, CT members picketed a Board of Trustees meeting.

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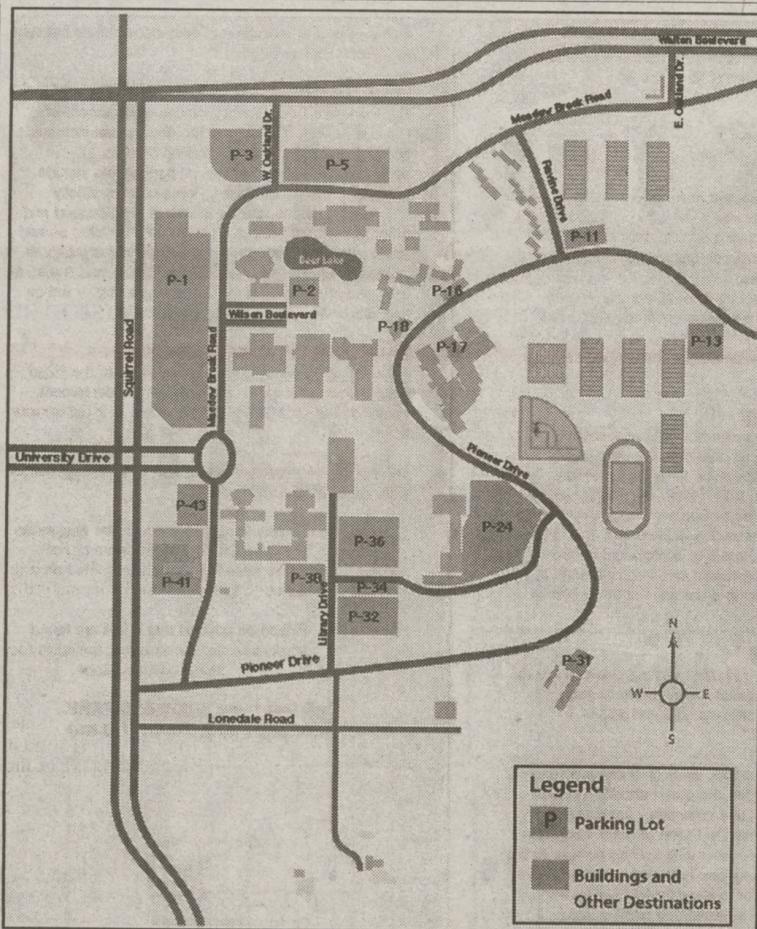
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The **OAKLAND POST** is always seeking writers, copy editors, artists, photographers and photo assistants to help us put our weekly paper together. Call Jenn or Joe @ 248-370-4268

# Parking pressure relief

OUPD plans to help students locate parking and avoid tickets



By Joe Gray  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

You have five minutes before your first class starts and you are circling the main parking lot looking for a parking space. You are getting tense because you can't find an open space and you are going to be late for class. What can you do?

OU Police Chief Richard Leonard advises students to go to lots 32 and 34 located south of Kresge Library or check out other remote lots located on campus.

Also, lot 11 (located near the upper soccer field) will be open for the first week of school. After opening week, lot 11 will be available on a permit basis only. Permits can be obtained at the Residence Halls office.

Leonard also recommends parking in lot 24 (located east of Varner Hall).

"For the first couple of weeks of classes, until students get their schedules sorted out, the main lot (located west of Wilson Hall) fills up quickly," Leonard said. "Students shouldn't waste time looking for an open space."

Leonard said any building can be reached from the outer lots with no more than

a ten minute walk.

During the first week of classes, OU police officers will be located in the main lot, closing off lanes as they fill up and directing students to available parking.

Despite the crowded parking conditions, the OUPD will not tolerate illegal parking.

Cars parked at the ends of lanes, on the grass or in other restricted areas will be ticketed.

Parking in restricted areas will result in a \$20 fine and illegally parking in a handicapped space will cost the driver \$50.

"All roads are fire lanes and we need to keep them open to let us move emergency vehicles quicker and safer," said Leonard.

The OUPD also provides non-emergency assistance.

The department can help drivers who lock their keys in their cars and provide a jump for dead batteries.

Jumper cables are also available in the OC and in each of the residence halls.

The OUPD is open 24 hours a day and is ready to handle police, medical and fire emergencies.

Students with parking or safety questions can contact the OUPD at x3331.

### PARKING TIPS

- Arrive early
- Plan ahead by checking campus maps and having several parking options ready.
- If you are late, check outer lots first. ( It takes only five to 10 minutes to walk across campus.
- Do not leave valuables in your car in plain view. Lock them in the trunk.
- Do not walk alone to your car at night or anytime you feel uncomfortable walking alone.
- Do not park illegally no matter how late you are for class.

## Fourth Annual Welcome Convocation set for Thursday

New Student Convocation is OU's official welcoming event for new students. The event is a strong tradition on college and university campuses because the ceremony brings faculty and students together for the first time in a celebration of new academic beginnings.

OU's convocation is unique. The traditional faculty procession in full academic regalia and a welcoming ceremony are blended with a reception where students and their families have the opportunity to meet professors and deans.

All new students, with their families, are encouraged to attend this important university event, which serves to connect students to Oakland and its traditions.

David Herman, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students said, "During our fourth year that we have had a special convocation. We have grown from 800 participants last year to 1250 this year. This is our way of officially welcoming new students and transfer students who are just beginning their OU journey."

The event will take place on Sept. 9, 1999 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation and Athletics Arena.

Guest speakers will be OU President, Gary Russi, Associate Professor of Sociology, Kevin Early, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mary Beth Snyder and Student Body President, Nick Mitchell.

## Workshop prepares seniors

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development have organized a workshop designed for students with anticipated graduation dates in the coming year. This event will focus on the following topics:

- Career Placement
- Future Finances
- Continuing Success

<b>8:00-8:30 a.m.</b>	Continental Breakfast	Oakland Room
<b>8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>	Get On Board: Know Yourself	Oakland Room
<b>9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>	Launch A Successful Career (choose one)	
	• How to Start the Job Search Engine & Register for Placement	Room 128
	• Today's Job Market & Employer Expectations for Success	Oakland Room
	• Chart a Different Course: Career Opportunities for Arts & Sciences Majors	Room 126
<b>10:30-10:45 a.m.</b>	Break	
<b>10:45-11:45 a.m.</b>	Get Underway With Solid Financial Choices (choose one)	
	• Can I Take This Job? Benefits That Float Your Boat	Gold Room A
	• Show Me the Money: Paying for the Voyage - Student Loans, Car Payments, Rent etc.	Room 126
	• Is Graduate/Professional School on Your Horizon?: What it Takes to be Admitted and Covering the Costs	Room 128
<b>11:45-12:45 p.m.</b>	Navigational Aids For A Successful Life (choose one)	
	• Are You a Canoe, Sailboat or a Yacht?: Choosing the Work Environment That's Right for You	Gold Room A
	• Changing Your Career Course Mid-Stream: Repackaging Yourself for a New Career	Room 128
	• Your Attitude Determines Your Latitude on the Job Being Successful in the First Year	Room 126
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	Light Lunch & Door Prizes	Oakland Room

Sign up by contacting the Center for Student Activities & Leadership Development  
49 Oakland Center (248) 370- 2400

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**sports**

# Intramural Sports

OU's Department of Campus Recreation is hosting Intramural Sports teams this fall. The following team and individual sports will be offered during the fall semester.

- Co-ed Softball
  - Tennis
  - Floor Hockey
  - Women's Basketball
  - Table Tennis
  - Badminton
  - Basketball Jam '99
  - IM Swimming
- Flag Football
  - Inner Tube Water Polo
  - Women's Volleyball
  - Team Golf
  - Racquetball
  - Triathlon '99
  - Soccer

Entry forms are available now at the Rec-center and due dates are listed on the applications. Captain meetings are mandatory and free agents must also attend. Contact Felecia Bumpus at X4885.

## SCOREBOARD

### VOLLEYBALL

**SEPT. 3**

Oakland	13	9	6
West Virginia	15	15	15

**SEPT. 4**

Oakland	7	5	4
Maryland-BC	15	15	15

**SEPT. 4**

Oakland	8	5	9
Kansas	15	15	15

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**SEPT. 3**

Oakland	2
Dayton	1

**SEPT. 5**

Oakland	4
CMU	2

### MEN'S SOCCER

**SEPT. 5**

Oakland	0
Dayton	0

## Volleyball Home Opener



OU sports opens its home season tonight when the Women's Volleyball team hosts the Central Michigan Chippewas @ the Rec-center. First volley is scheduled for 7 p.m. Admission for the game is free. The team traveled to West Virginia University on September 3 for a two day tournament. The volleyball team's current record is 0-3.

**life**

# Falling Victim

*Many believe it could never happen to them; prevent date rape before it's too late*

By Lisa Borich and Cara Plowman  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

**D**ate rape.... something that has become a reality to many. With the use of drugs like Gama Hydroxybutrate (GHB), the occurrence of date rapes are on the increase. Also known as acquaintance rape, people fall victim to it all too often.

Acquaintance rape is forced and unwanted sexual activity with a person you know. It can be a person you met at a party, dated, or are engaged or married to.

Experts estimate that as many as 90 percent of all rapes are not reported and about 60 percent of the victims know their assailant.

On college campuses 80 to 95 percent of rapes are acquaintance rapes according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

GHB and Rohypnol, also known as ecstasy and roofies, are colorless, odorless and tasteless drugs that dissolve in drinks to create unconsciousness or make the person less alert. They can become effective 10 to 15 minutes after ingestion.

OU has encountered acquaintance rapes in the last few years. OUPD reported that in 1998 only one case of acquaintance rape was reported.

"The majority of the acquaintance rape cases involve alcohol. And it's usually with both parties," said Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Still, too many of the incidents are never talked about.

"The majority of the cases are not reported," said Graham Health Centers psychologist Brenda Hartman. "We know what to do once it happened, but we need to improve the prevention."

Prevention can involve easy tactics like watching your drink, not drinking anything from someone you don't trust or know and discarding your drink if it has been unattended for any length of time. But, the Graham Health Center also suggests that you and your friends watch out for each other at parties.

OU has a program called R.A.D., Rape Aggression Defense, to teach women about physical defense and awareness of acquaintance rape.

Officer Terry Ross, OU's defensive tactic instructor, will be giving six sessions at the Rec. center. Only 20 people are allowed in each session, so enroll early. Prevention is your main defense.



Top: GHB, a date rape drug, is becoming prevalent. Bottom: GHB can be undetectable in alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages or food.

## Where to find help

Graham Health Center  
Oakland University  
Health 370-2341  
Counseling 370-3465

Detroit Receiving Hospital  
University Health  
1-313-833-1660

The Haven  
1-810-334-1274

Terry Ross, OU's defensive tactic instructor  
370-3331

## LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

I LOVE THE FALL, 'CAUSE IT MEANS A FRESH FLOCK OF FRESHMEN GIRLS HAVE ARRIVED. THEY ARE NAIVE, IMPRESSIONABLE, AND THEY DIG UPPERCLASS GUYS.

HI THERE! I'M BO, AND THIS IS BOONE. CAN WE GIVE YOU A DELUXE TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?

HEY, MY DORM COUNSELOR WARNED US ABOUT YOU.

UM... YOU MEAN HORNY UPPERCLASS GUYS, OR US IN PARTICULAR?

SPECIFICALLY YOU TWO... HERE'S THE FULL COLOR BROCHURE.

# WEBgirl

Web Girl is the newest edition to THE OAKLAND POST. Check her out every week and discover some of the internet's most unusual, interesting and informational websites. Be sure to follow Web Girl as she travels deep into cyberspace and discovers sites that you won't want to miss. Take it away Web Girl.....

It's back to school, and unfortunately this means back to those brain-draining study marathons. But never fear... WebGirl has plenty of entertaining websites for you to check out... when you're taking a study break, that is.

You may have measured your I.Q. level before, but do you know your insanity level? Take the test, at [www.msu.edu/user/loossean/erin/sanity.html](http://www.msu.edu/user/loossean/erin/sanity.html) and you may be surprised at your results.

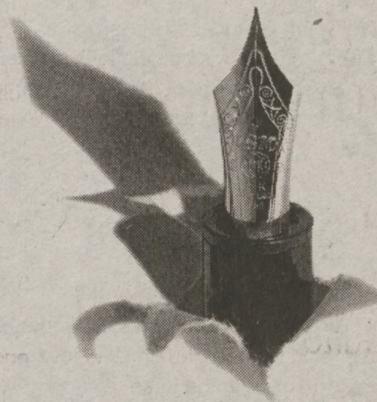
Star Wars - Episode 1: The Phantom Menace took movie theaters by storm this summer, leaving some patrons either raving or ranting. At <http://users.vei.net/jng/fcp/main.htm>, one disgruntled moviegoer shows you his off-color version of the popular film, in a rather explicit manner.

Remember racing home from school to watch cartoons back when you were a kid? Relive those days in Yesterdayland [[www.yesterdayland.com](http://www.yesterdayland.com)]. Search for your favorite cartoons from the 50s through the 80s, read their synopses, and post your memories there for all to see.

If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at [ouwebgirl@write.com](mailto:ouwebgirl@write.com)



**For The Pen  
To Be Mightier Than  
The Sword,  
It Must Have Paper.**



Words on paper. They will always be the most powerful tools human beings use to communicate. They place no limits on how much we can say, and the furthest reaches of the imagination are the only limits on what we can show. They have the power to make complex ideas simple, and simple ideas powerful. We do more than read them, we hold them. And, from the advertising we see in publications to the letters we receive in the mail, the things we hold in our hands have the quickest routes to our hearts.

**Say It In Print.**

# student Affairs

## UPDATING OU

- Having trouble getting acquainted with other students? Visit the **Oakland Center**. Building hours are: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon - 10 p.m.
- Lost? Visit the **Campus Information Center** located next to the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center. For information about campus events, please call 370-2020.
- Need copies? Visit **Copy Stop Etc.** in the Oakland Center, open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday- Friday. Five cent copies, UPS, overnight mail, US mail, and many other services available.
- Looking for new sources for food? Visit the new **Pretzel Logic**, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center or the **Courtside Cafe** in the Recreation Center.
- All majors who plan to graduate in 12/99, 4/00, 6/00 and 8/00 are advised to register ASAP with **Placement and Career Services** for campus recruiting.
- The **Academic Skills Center**, 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 would like to welcome students to the fall semester of 1999! We offer tutoring for most 100 and 200 level courses, and our tutors are students who have taken the courses you're taking. STOP BY!!! We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. AND MUCH MORE!
- Visit the **newly renovated university book store** in the Oakland Center, lower level. They will be open special hours for their fall opening as follows: Wed., Sept. 8 and Thurs., Sept. 9, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 11, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- **Campus Rec** happenings for fall. Hurry in for the best fitness class times! Schedules for activities / special events are available now. Sign up begins on Sept. 7 for "Learn to Swim," group exercise sessions and specialty classes (yoga, tai chi, pilates). New programs to look for: tennis (9/15), inner - tube water polo (9/27), WOW (Women on Weights), scuba lessons and a life-guarding course! What about the new membership options? Sponsor a friend for membership. Watch for information on Family F.R.E.E. days, beginning 9/18. Check out our web site for more information at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu) under campus life and services.

## THIS WEEK

- Fall **intramural sports** entry forms will be available starting Sept. 7 at the Recreation Center office.
- Participate in **Welcome Week** activities from Sept. 7-11. Schedules are available at the Campus Information Center in the Oakland Center.
- The **Student Affairs Ice Cream Social** will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls.
- **New Student Convocation** will be held in the Athletic Arena at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9. All new students and their parents are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **African American Celebration Month Committee** would like to invite any interested students to attend the next committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Lake Ontario Room. This year's theme is "Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas."
- **Dedication** of the lower level of the **Oakland Center** will be Thursday, Sept. 16 from 3-5 p.m.
- **Career Prep Week** will be held Sept. 25 - Oct. 1. Visit our web site for complete calendar of events at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> or call (248) 370-3250.
- Weekend of Champions Oakland University- **WOCO U V** will be Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.
- **Campus Recruiting** begins on Oct. 4, 1999.
- **DaimlerChrysler Day** will be held in the Oakland Room, Oakland Center on Oct. 4, 1999 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All students are invited to participate in this informal and free event. Dress casual.

# STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD

## SPB

### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

100 CRAZY PEOPLE HIDING IN THE BASEMENT OF THE OAKLAND CENTER

Here's what's going on...

**Comedy Showdown**  
**Vandenberg Cafeteria**  
 Five comedians fight to be the funniest!  
 FREE Food and Laughs!  
 Friday, September 10 @ 5:00 PM

### I Still Know What You Did Last Summer

Showing Outdoors on the  
 North Side of O'Dowd Hall  
**Friday, September 10 @ 9:00 PM**  
 Bring a blanket, and a friend...  
 We'll pop the popcorn. FREE!!

### James Michael Shaw

## Underground Coffeehouse

Hear James perform, drink some coffee,  
 eat some food, and there's an open mic.  
**Saturday, September 11 @ 8:00 pm**

## SPB Open House

100 feet of sandwich, and much more food.  
 Find out what SPB is all about on  
 Tuesday, September 14 @ 12 noon  
 Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW FOR..

TITANIC, THE MUSICAL, SEPT. 19 @ 2:00 PM  
 FISHER THEATRE \$15/OU STUDENT, \$28/GUEST  
 ON SALE STARTING SEPTEMBER 13...

ROAD RALLY, OCTOBER 2 @ 2:00 PM  
 \$20/TEAM OF FOUR  
 THE BEST OF SECOND CITY, OCTOBER 2 @ 8:00  
 VARNER RECITAL HALL  
 \$5/OU STUDENTS, \$12/GUEST  
 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING  
 TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT,  
 OCTOBER 10 @ 6:30 MASONIC TEMPLE  
 \$15/OU STUDENTS, \$29/GUEST

**ANY QUESTIONS?**  
**CALL SPB @ 248-370-4295 or**  
**VISIT US IN 64 OAKLAND CENTER**

## The Center for Student Activities

### "What's Happening" This Week!

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (a.k.a. The CSA Office) welcomes new Oakland University students, faculty and staff to the University. We also welcome back returning students, faculty and staff! The CSA office is looking forward to spending an exciting last semester with you before the millennium and Y2K CSA is located in room 49 in the lower level of the Oakland Center. We hope you will be able to come and see the newly renovated lower level!

If you want to find out "What's happening on OU's campus, this is the weekly column to read! The CSA Office sponsors many of the major activities on OU Campus.

## Say Hello to Rakhi!



The CSA office would like to introduce our newest professional staff member, Rakhi Roy to the Oakland University Community. Rakhi (pronounced "Rocky") is the Coordinator of Student Organizations, Leadership and Diversity Programs. Rakhi has a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M University and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Iowa. She just moved to Michigan from College Station, Texas. Welcome Rakhi to Oakland University.

## Lower Level Grand Opening



### The Grand Opening of the Lower Level of the Oakland Center continues on Wednesday, September 8 with several events:

- 50% discount on the use of Pool Tables and Table Tennis in "Bumpers" Games Room - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Contest: Guess the Number of "OU Goodies" in the Treasure Chest in "Bumpers" Games Room - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Free Cake & Other Free Sweet Things - in the TV Room in the Lower Level, OC - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Trick Shot Artist Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman will perform in "Bumpers" Game Room
  - ♦ Trick Shot Exhibitions at Noon and 6:00 p.m.
  - ♦ "Beat the Pro" Challenge Matches at 1:30 p.m.
- VIP Billiards Tournament in "Bumpers" Games Room at 3:00 p.m.
- Free "Pizza and Pop" in "Bumpers" Games Room - 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

### Reminders for Student and Greek Organizations

- Every organization must fill out a registration form for the 1999/2000 academic year and return it to the CSA Office by Friday, September 17.
- The "Annual" Student Organization "Officer Training" is on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up in the CSA Office by Monday, September 13. It is required for Presidents and treasurers to attend.
- Student and Greek Organizations Day is Thursday, September 30. If you would like to reserve a table, please submit your request in the CSA Office by Wednesday, September 15. There is limited space.

## CSA SERVICE WINDOW

The CSA Service Window is located in the Lower Level of the Oakland Center, outside the CSA Office.

Oakland University events you can sign up for are:

- Seniors: Set Your Sails! On September 25
- WOCO U V Appreciation Tickets for commuter students (starting September 13)
- Golden Key Honor Cords for Fall commencement on September 20

SPB Events which you can buy tickets for are:

- ♦ "Titanic: The Musical," September 19 at the Fisher Theatre
- ♦ "Second City" Touring Company October 2 at Varner Recital Hall (starting September 13)
- ♦ Trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul on November 4-7 (starting September 13)
- ♦ Tickets to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on October 10 at the Masonic Temple (starting September 13)

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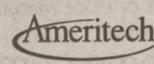
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## FAST facts

• **OU ranks in top tier of Midwest universities.** U.S. News & World Report ranks OU among the Best Regional Schools in the year 2000 edition of its guide, *America's Best Colleges*, and ranks OU among the ten best public universities in the region. U.S. News ranks OU 31 out of 133 Midwest regional universities. The rankings are based on academic reputation, graduation, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

• **Egyptians want to collaborate on OU high-tech control projects.** The Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau (EEB) is funding the cost of prototype development and Internet connections between OU, other Michigan sites, and Cairo. Researchers from OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science have been awarded three \$3,500 grants, one for each project. The projects include a walking robot, a digital stabilizer control system, and an automotive braking control system.

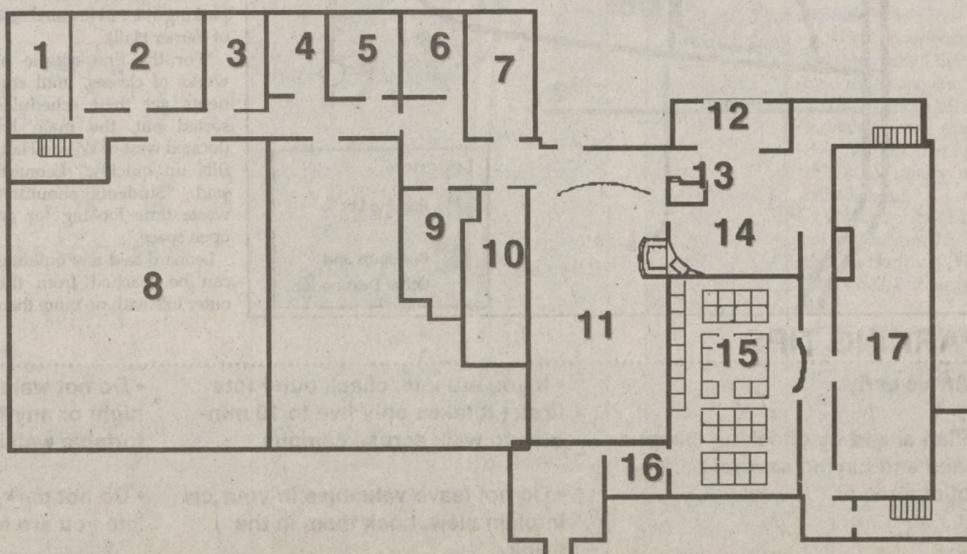
• **OU celebrates Hispanic culture.** OU will mark National Hispanic Heritage Month with its annual Hispanic Celebration Sept. 20-24, concluding with a reception on Oct. 7. OU faculty, staff, students and the public are invited to enjoy and learn about Hispanic culture at many events, which are free of charge. Hispanic Heritage Lunch specials will be served Sept. 20-23 in Pioneers Court's Center Stage in the OC. For more information call Office of Admissions at (248) 370-3364.

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# Books, Beats & Eats

The renovated lower level of the Oakland Center caters to the different lifestyles of today's OU students



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- Guess the number of sports items in a bottle - **OC GAMES ROOM.**
- 10A.M. - 2P.M.**  
• Billiards trick artist - **OC GAMES ROOM.**
- 11A.M. - 2P.M.**  
• Free "Pretzel logics" samples - Pretzel logic, **OC.**
- NOON - 1P.M.**  
• Meet and greet "sports celebrity" - **OC GAMES ROOM.**
- V.I.P. Tournament - **OC GAMES ROOM.**

## Book buying goes online

The Internet offers college students cheaper options when buying textbooks

By Shajan Kay  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

A number of online bookstores have reared their heads in the past year, and are providing steep competition for the traditional bookstores.

If you are suffering from sticker shock after going to check out the prices of your textbooks this year, there are now some reasonable alternatives that you can take advantage of. Two Internet-based book sellers

have been advertising heavily here at Oakland for your textbook dollars. You may have noticed them, they are Varsitybooks.com and Textbooks.com.

Both online bookstores advertise deep discounts in their prices. In doing a random comparison of their prices to Oakland's Bookstore, operated by Wallace's, it was found that all the prices from the online bookstores were lower than OU's bookstore. The difference in price ranged anywhere from \$20 to \$5. Textbooks.com seemed to have the

lowest prices of the three. They also sell used books as well as new, and as an added bonus, they will also tell you if they'll buy the book back and what they'll pay you for it.

To order from either online book seller you will need the ISBN numbers of the books you are buying. That number is usually on the back cover of the book. It takes three business days to receive your order at a cost of \$4.95 for shipping and handling.

### OU Bookstore

French 114-Rendez-Vous: An Invitation to French (with cassette, workbook and lab book included) **PRICE: \$120.50**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: **PRICE: \$108.00**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$90.75**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$50.00**



### Varsitybooks.com

French 114-Rendez-Vous: An Invitation to French (with cassette, workbook, and lab book included) **PRICE: \$104.67**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: **PRICE: \$101.58**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$82.11**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$46.25**

### Textbooks.com

French 114-Rendez-Vous (price reflects a used book price of \$46.90 for the actual textbook.) **PRICE: \$88.15**

Physics 151-Principles of Physics: (New Textbook) **PRICE: \$91.80**

Accounting 200-Financial Accounting: **PRICE: \$81.70**

PT 577-Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy: **PRICE: \$45.00**

## CT contract talks 'disappointing'

By Shajan Kay  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

University bargainers are working under the threat of a strike by 250 secretaries, office assistants and lab technicians who have been working since June 30 under a contract extension. Late last month, the Clerical and Technical Union, UAW Local 1925, passed a strike authorization vote by a margin of 160-20.

Major stumbling issues are salary and proposed changes to benefits including health care, sources told The Post.

According to Suzanne Russell, chapter president, the union is "disappointed" with the slow pace of the negotiations for a new three year contract.

The strike authorization vote gives the Union's bargaining team the ability to tell OU that its members are ready to strike. When that happens, OU has ten days to reach an agreement with the union or face a walk out.

The Union still needs to seek the permission of its International Union in

order to go on strike. If the secretaries leave, phones, mail, and much of the day to day operations of the university will come to an abrupt halt with administrators filling in and department heads forced to answer their own phones, sort their own mail, etc.

The CTs are also the only large segment of the OU community currently trained on the new Banner system.

Bill Kendall, Assistant Vice-President for Employee Relations, is the chief negotiator for OU, seemed optimistic that a contract could be reached without a strike.

The two sides are still bargaining and if an impasse occurs, either side can request the help of a mediator to resolve issues.

In contract negotiations in 1996, the CTs faced a similar struggle with OU.

Issues debated then are haunting negotiations now including the hiring of employees who perform CT job duties but are outside the union.

During the dispute, CT members picketed a Board of Trustees meeting.

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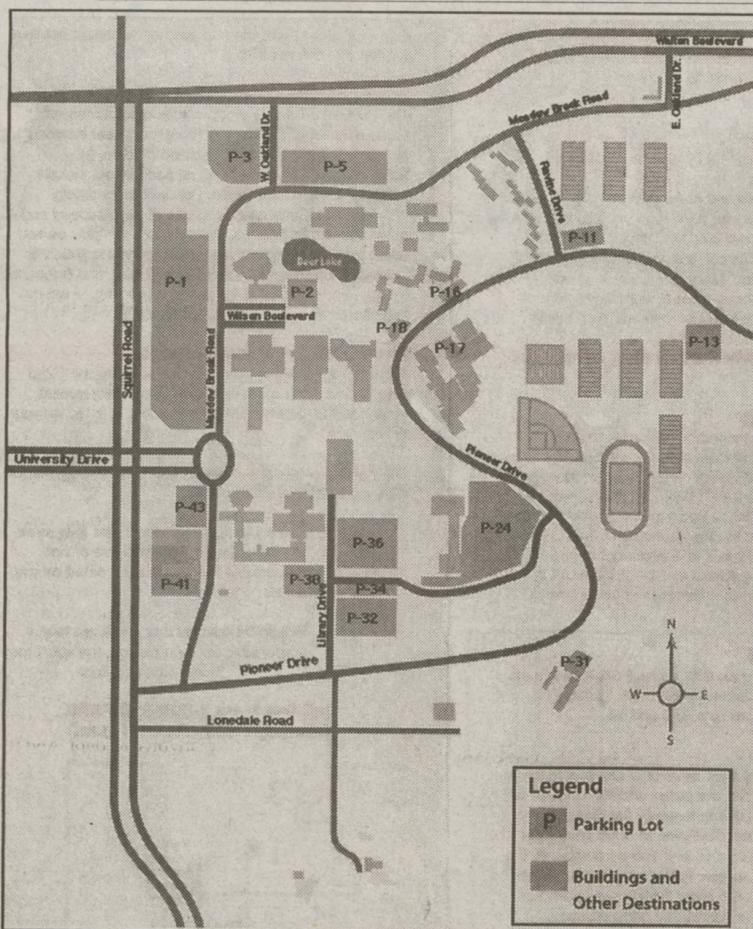
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# Parking pressure relief

OUPD plans to help students locate parking and avoid tickets



By Joe Gray  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

You have five minutes before your first class starts and you are circling the main parking lot looking for a parking space. You are getting tense because you can't find an open space and you are going to be late for class. What can you do?

OU Police Chief Richard Leonard advises students to go to lots 32 and 34 located south of Kresge Library or check out other remote lots located on campus.

Also, lot 11 (located near the upper soccer field) will be open for the first week of school. After opening week, lot 11 will be available on a permit basis only. Permits can be obtained at the Residence Halls office.

Leonard also recommends parking in lot 24 (located east of Varner Hall).

"For the first couple of weeks of classes, until students get their schedules sorted out, the main lot (located west of Wilson Hall) fills up quickly," Leonard said. "Students shouldn't waste time looking for an open space."

Leonard said any building can be reached from the outer lots with no more than

a ten minute walk. During the first week of classes, OU police officers will be located in the main lot, closing of lanes as they fill up and directing students to available parking.

Despite the crowded parking conditions, the OUPD will not tolerate illegal parking.

Cars parked at the ends of lanes, on the grass or in other restricted areas will be ticketed.

Parking in restricted areas will result in a \$20 fine and illegally parking in a handicapped space will cost the driver \$50.

"All roads are fire lanes and we need to keep them open to let us move emergency vehicles quicker and safer," said Leonard.

The OUPD also provides non-emergency assistance.

The department can help drivers who lock their keys in their cars and provide a jump for dead batteries.

Jumper cables are also available in the OC and in each of the residence halls.

The OUPD is open 24 hours a day and is ready to handle police, medical and fire emergencies.

Students with parking or safety questions can contact the OUPD at x3331.

### PARKING TIPS

- Arrive early
- Plan ahead by checking campus maps and having several parking options ready.
- If you are late, check outer lots first. ( It takes only five to 10 minutes to walk across campus.
- Do not leave valuables in your car in plain view. Lock them in the trunk.
- Do not walk alone to your car at night or anytime you feel uncomfortable walking alone.
- Do not park illegally no matter how late you are for class.

## Fourth Annual Welcome Convocation set for Thursday

New Student Convocation is OU's official welcoming event for new students. The event is a strong tradition on college and university campuses because the ceremony brings faculty and students together for the first time in a celebration of new academic beginnings.

OU's convocation is unique. The traditional faculty procession in full academic regalia and a welcoming ceremony are blended with a reception where students and their families have the opportunity to meet professors and deans.

All new students, with their families, are encouraged to attend this important university event, which serves to connect students to Oakland and its traditions.

David Herman, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students said, "During our fourth year that we have had a special convocation. We have grown from 800 participants last year to 1250 this year. This is our way of officially welcoming new students and transfer students who are just beginning their OU journey."

The event will take place on Sept. 9, 1999 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation and Athletics Arena.

Guest speakers will be OU President, Gary Russi, Associate Professor of Sociology, Kevin Early, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mary Beth Snyder and Student Body President, Nick Mitchell.

## Workshop prepares seniors

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development have organized a workshop designed for students with anticipated graduation dates in the coming year. This event will focus on the following topics:

- Career Placement
- Future Finances
- Continuing Success

<b>8:00-8:30 a.m.</b>	Continental Breakfast	Oakland Room
<b>8:30-9:30 a.m.</b>	Get On Board: Know Yourself	Oakland Room
<b>9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>	Launch A Successful Career (choose one)	
	• How to Start the Job Search Engine & Register for Placement	Room 128
	• Today's Job Market & Employer Expectations for Success	Oakland Room
	• Chart a Different Course: Career Opportunities for Arts & Sciences Majors	Room 126
<b>10:30-10:45 a.m.</b>	Break	
<b>10:45-11:45 a.m.</b>	Get Underway With Solid Financial Choices (choose one)	
	• Can I Take This Job? Benefits That Float Your Boat	Gold Room A
	• Show Me the Money: Paying for the Voyage - Student Loans, Car Payments, Rent etc.	Room 126
	• Is Graduate/Professional School on Your Horizon?: What it Takes to be Admitted and Covering the Costs	Room 128
<b>11:45-12:45 p.m.</b>	Navigational Aids For A Successful Life (choose one)	
	• Are You a Canoe, Sailboat or a Yacht?: Choosing the Work Environment That's Right for You	Gold Room A
	• Changing Your Career Course Mid-Stream: Repackaging Yourself for a New Career	Room 128
	• Your Attitude Determines Your Latitude on the Job Being Successful in the First Year	Room 126
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	Light Lunch & Door Prizes	Oakland Room

Sign up by contacting the Center for Student Activities & Leadership Development  
49 Oakland Center (248) 370-2400

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**sports**

# Intramural Sports

OU's Department of Campus Recreation is hosting Intramural Sports teams this fall. The following team and individual sports will be offered during the fall semester.

- Co-ed Softball
  - Tennis
  - Floor Hockey
  - Women's Basketball
  - Table Tennis
  - Badminton
  - Basketball Jam '99
  - IM Swimming
- Flag Football
  - Inner Tube Water Polo
  - Women's Volleyball
  - Team Golf
  - Racquetball
  - Triathlon '99
  - Soccer

Entry forms are available now at the Rec-center and due dates are listed on the applications. Captain meetings are mandatory and free agents must also attend. Contact Felecia Bumpus at X4885.

## SCOREBOARD

### VOLLEYBALL

**SEPT. 3**

Oakland	13	9	6
West Virginia	15	15	15

**SEPT. 4**

Oakland	7	5	4
Maryland-BC	15	15	15

Oakland	8	5	9
Kansas	15	15	15

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**SEPT. 3**

Oakland	2
Dayton	1

**SEPT. 5**

Oakland	4
CMU	2

### MEN'S SOCCER

**SEPT. 5**

Oakland	0
Dayton	0

## Volleyball Home Opener



OU sports opens its home season tonight when the Women's Volleyball team hosts the Central Michigan Chippewas @ the Rec-center. First volley is scheduled for 7 p.m. Admission for the game is free. The team traveled to West Virginia University on September 3 for a two day tournament. The volleyball team's current record is 0-3.

**life**

# Falling Victim

*Many believe it could never happen to them; prevent date rape before it's too late*

By Lisa Borich and Cara Plowman  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

**D**ate rape... something that has become a reality to many. With the use of drugs like Gama Hydroxybutrate (GHB), the occurrence of date rapes are on the increase. Also known as acquaintance rape, people fall victim to it all too often.

Acquaintance rape is forced and unwanted sexual activity with a person you know. It can be a person you met at a party, dated, or are engaged or married to.

Experts estimate that as many as 90 percent of all rapes are not reported and about 60 percent of the victims know their assailant.

On college campuses 80 to 95 percent of rapes are acquaintance rapes according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

GHB and Rohypnol, also known as ecstasy and roofies, are colorless, odorless and tasteless drugs that dissolve in drinks to create unconsciousness or make the person less alert. They can become effective 10 to 15 minutes after ingestion.

OU has encountered acquaintance rapes in the last few years. OUPD reported that in 1998 only one case of acquaintance rape was reported.

"The majority of the acquaintance rape cases involve alcohol. And it's usually with both parties," said Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Still, too many of the incidents are never talked about.

"The majority of the cases are not reported," said Graham Health Centers psychologist Brenda Hartman. "We know what to do once it happened, but we need to improve the prevention."

Prevention can involve easy tactics like watching your drink, not drinking anything from someone you don't trust or know and discarding your drink if it has been unattended for any length of time. But, the Graham Health Center also suggests that you and your friends watch out for each other at parties.

OU has a program called R.A.D., Rape Aggression Defense, to teach women about physical defense and awareness of acquaintance rape.

Officer Terry Ross, OU's defensive tactic instructor, will be giving six sessions at the Rec-center. Only 20 people are allowed in each session, so enroll early. Prevention is your main defense.



Top: GHB, a date rape drug, is becoming prevalent. Bottom: GHB can be undetectable in alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages or food.

## Where to find help

Graham Health Center  
Oakland University  
Health 370-2341  
Counseling 370-3465

Detroit Receiving Hospital  
University Health  
1-313-833-1660

The Haven  
1-810-334-1274

Terry Ross, OU's defensive  
tactic instructor  
370-3331

## LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

I LOVE THE FALL, 'CAUSE IT MEANS A FRESH FLOCK OF FRESHMEN GIRLS HAVE ARRIVED. THEY ARE NAIVE, IMPRESSIONABLE, AND THEY DIG UPPERCLASS GUYS.

HI THERE! I'M BO, AND THIS IS BOONE. CAN WE GIVE YOU A DELUXE TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?

HEY, MY DORM COUNSELOR WARNED US ABOUT YOU.

UM... YOU MEAN HORNYY UPPERCLASS GUYS, OR US IN PARTICULAR?

SPECIFICALLY YOU TWO... HERE'S THE FULL COLOR BROCHURE.

# WEBgirl

Web Girl is the newest edition to THE OAKLAND POST. Check her out every week and discover some of the internet's most unusual, interesting and informational websites. Be sure to follow Web Girl as she travels deep into cyberspace and discovers sites that you won't want to miss. Take it away Web Girl.....

It's back to school, and unfortunately this means back to those brain-draining study marathons. But never fear... WebGirl has plenty of entertaining websites for you to check out... when you're taking a study break, that is.

You may have measured your I.Q. level before, but do you know your insanity level? Take the test, at [www.msu.edu/user/loosean/erin/sanity.html](http://www.msu.edu/user/loosean/erin/sanity.html) and you may be surprised at your results.

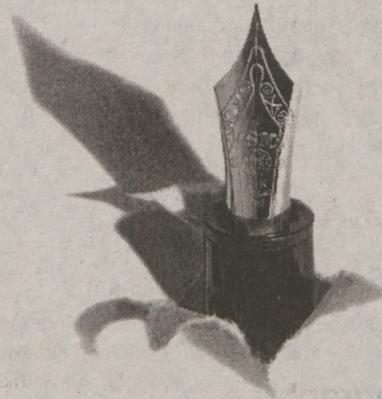
Star Wars - Episode 1: The Phantom Menace took movie theaters by storm this summer, leaving some patrons either raving or ranting. At <http://users.vei.net/jng/fcp/main.htm>, one disgruntled moviegoer shows you his off-color version of the popular film, in a rather explicit manner.

Remember racing home from school to watch cartoons back when you were a kid? Relive those days in Yesterdayland [[www.yesterdayland.com](http://www.yesterdayland.com)]. Search for your favorite cartoons from the 50s through the 80s, read their synopses, and post your memories there for all to see.

If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at [ouwebgirl@write.com](mailto:ouwebgirl@write.com)



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# student Affairs

## UPDATING OU

- Having trouble getting acquainted with other students? Visit the **Oakland Center**. Building hours are: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon - 10 p.m.
- Lost? Visit the **Campus Information Center** located next to the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center. For information about campus events, please call 370-2020.
- Need copies? Visit **Copy Stop Etc.** in the Oakland Center, open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday- Friday. Five cent copies, UPS, overnight mail, US mail, and many other services available.
- Looking for new sources for food? Visit the new **Pretzel Logic**, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center or the **Courtside Cafe** in the Recreation Center.
- All majors who plan to graduate in 12/99, 4/00, 6/00 and 8/00 are advised to register ASAP with **Placement and Career Services** for campus recruiting.
- The **Academic Skills Center**, 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 would like to welcome students to the fall semester of 1999! We offer tutoring for most 100 and 200 level courses, and our tutors are students who have taken the courses you're taking. **STOP BY!!!** We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. **AND MUCH MORE!**
- Visit the **newly renovated university book store** in the Oakland Center, lower level. They will be open special hours for their fall opening as follows: Wed., Sept. 8 and Thurs., Sept. 9, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sat., Sept. 11, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- **Campus Rec** happenings for fall. Hurry in for the best fitness class times! Schedules for activities / special events are available now. Sign up begins on Sept. 7 for "Learn to Swim," group exercise sessions and specialty classes (yoga, tai chi, pilates). New programs to look for: tennis (9/15), inner - tube water polo (9/27), WOW (Women on Weights), scuba lessons and a life-guarding course! What about the new membership options? Sponsor a friend for membership. Watch for information on Family F.R.E.E. days, beginning 9/18. Check out our web site for more information at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu) under campus life and services.

## THIS WEEK

- Fall **intramural sports** entry forms will be available starting Sept. 7 at the Recreation Center office.
- Participate in **Welcome Week** activities from Sept. 7-11. Schedules are available at the Campus Information Center in the Oakland Center.
- The **Student Affairs Ice Cream Social** will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls.
- **New Student Convocation** will be held in the Athletic Arena at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9. All new students and their parents are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **African American Celebration Month Committee** would like to invite any interested students to attend the next committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Lake Ontario Room. This year's theme is "Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas."
- **Dedication** of the lower level of the **Oakland Center** will be Thursday, Sept. 16 from 3-5 p.m.
- **Career Prep Week** will be held Sept. 25 - Oct. 1. Visit our web site for complete calendar of events at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> or call (248) 370-3250.
- Weekend of Champions Oakland University- **WOCO U V** will be Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.
- **Campus Recruiting** begins on Oct. 4, 1999.
- **DaimlerChrysler Day** will be held in the Oakland Room, Oakland Center on Oct. 4, 1999 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All students are invited to participate in this informal and free event. Dress casual.

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Here's what's going on...

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Friday, September 10 @ 5:00 PM

### I Still Know What You Did Last Summer

Showing Outdoors on the  
North Side of O'Dowd Hall  
Friday, September 10 @ 9:00 PM  
Bring a blanket, and a friend...  
We'll pop the popcorn. FREE!!

### James Michael Shaw Underground Coffeehouse

Hear James perform, drink some coffee,  
eat some food, and there's an open mic.  
Saturday, September 11 @ 8:00 pm

### SPB Open House

100 feet of sandwich, and much more food.  
Find out what SPB is all about on  
Tuesday, September 14 @ 12 noon  
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VARNER RECITAL HALL  
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TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT,  
OCTOBER 10 @ 6:30 MASONIC TEMPLE  
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## The Center for Student Activities

### "What's Happening" This Week!

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (a.k.a. The CSA Office) welcomes new Oakland University students, faculty and staff to the University. We also welcome back returning students, faculty and staff! The CSA office is looking forward to spending an exciting last semester with you before the millennium and Y2K CSA is located in room 49 in the lower level of the Oakland Center. We hope you will be able to come and see the newly renovated lower level!

If you want to find out "What's happening on OU's campus, this is the weekly column to read! The CSA Office sponsors many of the major activities on OU Campus.

## Say Hello to Rakhi!



The CSA office would like to introduce our newest professional staff member, Rakhi Roy to the Oakland University Community. Rakhi (pronounced "Rocky") is the Coordinator of Student Organizations, Leadership and Diversity Programs. Rakhi has a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M University and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Iowa. She just moved to Michigan from College Station, Texas. Welcome Rakhi to Oakland University.

## Lower Level Grand Opening



The Grand Opening of the Lower Level of the Oakland Center continues on Wednesday, September 8 with several events:

- 50% discount on the use of Pool Tables and Table Tennis in "Bumpers" Games Room - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Contest: Guess the Number of "OU Goodies" in the Treasure Chest in "Bumpers" Games Room - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Free Cake & Other Free Sweet Things - in the TV Room in the Lower Level, OC - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Trick Shot Artist Tom "Dr. Cuc" Rossman will perform in "Bumpers" Game Room
  - Trick Shot Exhibitions at Noon and 6:00 p.m.
  - "Beat the Pro" Challenge Matches at 1:30 p.m.
- VIP Billiards Tournament in "Bumpers" Games Room at 3:00 p.m.
- Free "Pizza and Pop" in "Bumpers" Games Room - 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

### Reminders for Student and Greek Organizations

- Every organization must fill out a registration form for the 1999/2000 academic year and return it to the CSA Office by Friday, September 17.
- The "Annual" Student Organization "Officer Training" is on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up in the CSA Office by Monday, September 13. It is required for Presidents and treasurers to attend.
- Student and Greek Organizations Day is Thursday, September 30. If you would like to reserve a table, please submit your request in the CSA Office by Wednesday, September 15. There is limited space.

## CSA SERVICE WINDOW

The CSA Service Window is located in the Lower Level of the Oakland Center, outside the CSA Office.

Oakland University events you can sign up for are:

- Seniors: Set Your Sails! On September 25
- WOCO U V Appreciation Tickets for commuter students (starting September 13)
- Golden Key Honor Cords for Fall commencement on September 20

SPB Events which you can buy tickets for are:

- "Titanic: The Musical." September 19 at the Fisher Theatre
- "Second City" Touring Company October 2 at Varner Recital Hall (starting September 13)
- Trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul on November 4-7 (starting September 13)
- Tickets to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on October 10 at the Masonic Temple (starting September 13)

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