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## Double team

### OU and the City of Rochester partner up for opportunities

By REBECCA WYATT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an effort to give students and area residents something they have never had before, OU has teamed up with the city of Rochester to create a college town.

"We're interested in developing more of a presence in the surrounding communities, and Rochester, with so much business activity and our longtime associations, was a natural first choice," said OU President Gary Russi.

Mary Pezet, marketing manager for the Rochester Downtown Development Authority said the city is looking for ways to promote OU.

"We're looking for different venues so when you walk down the street you know it's a university town," Pezet said.

Russi said OU has always had a relationship with the city of Rochester but it was never officially recognized.

"This new agreement makes our relationship official and will allow us to work together to provide exciting and instructive new opportunities for our students, and to partner with a vibrant downtown area proximal to our campus," Russi said.

Pezet said OU approached the

city of Rochester earlier this semester about the venture. She said there will be many opportunities for students, faculty, staff and alumni including future discounts from Chamber of Commerce members.

Russi said students would gain from this partnership.

"It means our students will have increased opportunities for internships; they'll have the opportunity to contribute valuable hours of community service and to work on community development projects; most of all, it will enable our students to gain invaluable hands-on experience working with local businesses," Russi said.

According to Pezet, the city of Rochester will promote activities on campus and itself as OU's college town.

Russi said OU will endorse Rochester businesses on the OU Web site and in its publication.

"However, we do expect to see visible signs of OU's presence in downtown Rochester. Over time, we hope to see signs in



OU President Gary Russi and Rochester Mayor Karen Lewis discuss the terms of the partnership between OU and Rochester at a press conference.

window, banners, etc., related to OU events, the Grizzlies and so on," Russi said.

The venture poses no cost to OU.

"When it comes down to having the opportunities in Rochester, I think it is a good choice," said junior, Andy Rabe.

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## Shots fired in P-1 Lot

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU's Police Department (OUPD) is still searching for information about an unidentified gunman who fired shots into the air in the main parking lot on Thursday night.

OUPD Chief Sam Lucido said an altercation took place just after 10 p.m. in the P-1 parking lot in front of the Foundation Halls.

One of the subjects involved allegedly produced a handgun and fired one or two shots in the air, said Lucido.

He said there were no reports of injury from the shots, and they were not aimed at anyone.

According to the police report from the incident, OUPD received a call about a possible fight. When the officer arrived, he observed approximately 10-12 people leaving the area, one of whom was bleeding from the left side of his forehead.

OUPD later found out that the victim got involved in the confrontation when he was leaving the Talent Show held in the Oakland Center (OC). He said after the shots were fired, he was hit above his left eye with what he believed was the gun.

The victim refused medical treatment on Thursday night, but told an OUPD officer he would seek treatment the following day.

The victim declined to comment to The Oakland Post.

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## Rallying for a statue



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

A "For the Roar" Rally took over the Hamlin Circle Thursday. Students enjoyed free food, music and a visit from the Max and Erma's characters.

"For the Roar" is the initiative of three students, Chris Lutz, Paul Carlin and Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, to bring a mascot statue to campus. The group was raising awareness for the statue and recruiting volunteers to help with fundraising.



## Fall 2004 classes will start earlier

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The OU school year is going to look different beginning next year.

According to the Academic Calendar posted on the Registrar's Web site, the fall 2004 semester will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, before the Labor Day Holiday.

Registrar Steve Shablin said the change to the calendar was made for a number of reasons.

"(The change) makes us more consistent with other state institutions," said Shablin.

He said the change allows the fall study period for finals to last an entire day, rather than the usual five hours.

Starting before Labor Day moves Commencement up to Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004.

"It allows us to provide academic program information and financial information before the holiday closure," said Shablin.

He said this change does not extend the school year, because the semester will end on Monday, Dec. 6, 2004 as compared to the

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003 end to this semester. "We're not adding days to the academic calendar," said Shablin.

Nicole Leahey, junior, said she did not like the idea of starting early.

"I like starting after Labor Day," she said.

Another major change to the academic calendar is that winter recess during the winter 2005 semester will take place one week later than in previous years, said Shablin.

The break will begin Saturday, March 5, 2005 and will end on Monday, March 14, 2005.

During the winter 2004 semester, the break will run from Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 to Monday, March 1, 2004.

Shablin said the change was made because of student requests to make spring break more in line with other institutions.

He said he attended a Student Congress meeting during the winter 2003 semester, and the legislators made that suggestion.

Joe Conflitti, senior, said he likes the change to the break.

"That's good because (our break) never coincides with everyone else's," he said.

## Successful season

### Music Festival boasts best season to date

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Meadow Brook Music Festival had its most successful summer in the 10 years it has been under the management of Palace Sports and Entertainment (PS&E). This season, more than 170,000 guests flocked to the Music Festival to take part in more than 40 events.

Jeff Corey, director of public relations for PS&E,

attributes the good season to the wide variety of music acts and events.

"We had some big-name, current acts such as Beck, Carrot Top, 311, Ben Folds and more, in addition to our time honored DSO weekends," he said.

"If we booked a narrow range of entertainment types, we are limiting who would be interested in attending the events we host. To draw the number of patrons we drew, you

have to book a variety of events to appeal to the widespread entertainment tastes of the people of our area," Corey said.

Tom Wilson, president and CEO of PS&E, said one of the priorities this summer was to make the concert-going experience as affordable as possible.

"We did this by offering promotions such as \$10 tickets, by booking shows with reasonable prices and

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## Students keep dream alive through services

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned equality and harmony for all people when he gave his, "I Have a Dream" speech 40 years ago. Now, OU is recognizing students who are working to keep that dream alive.

The Dean of Students Office is accepting nominations for the 12th annual Keeper of the Dream Award.

According to Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students, the award is presented to students who have shown

strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes.

"The award was established in January 1993 to recognize Oakland University continuing undergraduate students who have contributed to interracial understanding

### Facts about applying:

- Applicants must have a 3.0 G.P.A
- Students must be returning for 2003-2004 school year.
- The 500 word essay and letters of recommendation are due to the Dean of Students by Oct. 31

and good will," she said.

Since its introduction, 40 students from a variety of majors and fields of study have been awarded the scholarship.

Aniesha Mitchell won one of the Keeper of the Dream scholarships in 2000. Mitchell graduated from OU in 2001

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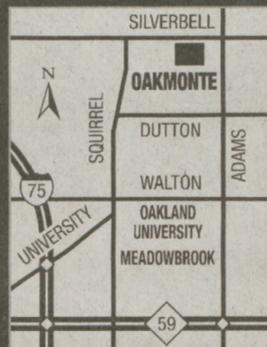
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## Rock Financial teaches money tips

By STACEY BALAS  
THE OAKLAND POST

According to MSN.com, the average college student is more than \$20,000 in debt, and to help students with this, Rock Financial is kicking off its financial event tour at OU next week.

"Everyday Finance 101-What You Need to Know Now to Become Financially Savvy!" is essentially a play on the weekly television and radio show, "The Real Estate and Business Insiders," said

Kristina Matvias, manager of Business Development for Rock Financial.

David Hall, Stephen Luigi Piazza and Bob Walters are coming to teach students about understanding credit, renting to buy, first time home buying tips and the advantage of investing in a home early, said Matvias.

Many college students aren't prepared to deal with the financial aspect of their lives when they leave college, said David Hall, spokesperson for Rock Financial.

Sometimes when students

borrow money, they forget that they have to pay it back, he said.

"For every action, there is a reaction," said Hall.

Rock Financial hopes to educate and help prepare college kids for the next phase in their lives. This will also help get seniors thinking early about buying a home and the advantages it would bring, said Matvias.

"A lot of kids don't understand how to buy a home," said Matvias. In reality it's possible for anyone to purchase one, she said.

Many credit issues tend to occur when people are in college, explained Hall, which is why he wants to get out there and actually talk to the college students.

If all goes successfully they will go on to other schools including the University of Michigan, Central and Western Michigan Universities.

The event is co-sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi and the American Marketing Association (AMA).

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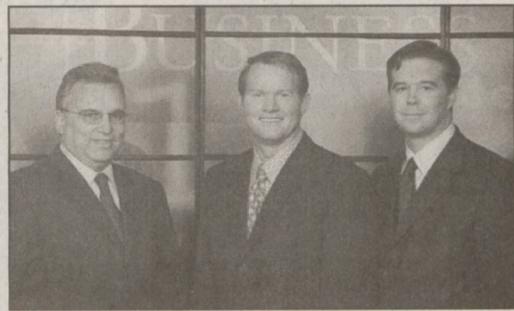


Photo courtesy of Rock Financial  
(From left to right) Stephen Luigi Piazza, David Hall and Bob Walters are coming to OU to help prepare students for their financial futures.

## New site features theater's behind the scenes action

By LIBBY BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Theatre's new Web site, launched in September, is nearly complete and should be fully operational by the end of the month.

The site's new look followed changes in the relationship between OU and the Theatre.

"Because Meadow Brook Theatre is no longer an auxiliary of Oakland University, the site needed to be changed," said Cheryl Marshall, Group Sales manager for the Theatre.

When completed, the site will offer many of the same features as before, as well as a few new options.

The site offers a preview

of current and upcoming shows for the 2003-2004 season, a news and events section for the latest news from the Theatre, group rate information and subscriber information. In addition, tickets will soon be available for purchase online.

The site also offers a new feature for the avid theater lover who enjoys more than just being a

member of the audience. This new feature will allow theater-goers to get a glimpse of the behind the scenes work that goes into their favorite productions.

From watching a carpenter construct a set, to admiring a seamstress hard at work on a costume, the new feature will allow viewers to see the time and dedication that

goes into a show.

"We are really excited about the new behind the scenes feature," Marshall said. "We are really looking forward to it."

The Theatre plans to update the site on a monthly basis.

The site address for the Theatre has not changed. To check out the new site go to www.mbttheatre.com.

## Money talks at OUSC

By VIRGINIE PEROV  
THE OAKLAND POST

The bad news about the state budget is worse than expected — and higher education is likely to shoulder at least part of the burden.

The official numbers haven't been announced, but according to Office of Government Relations Representative, Rochelle Black, who spoke on Monday at the weekly OU Student Congress (OUSC) meeting, the revenue of the state is at a lower level than projected.

"The bottom line is that higher education will be affected by the budget cuts," said Black.

She explained that in the last budget cycle, the cuts were lower than expected, but this time, there might not be any alternative to high cuts for education.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Mary Beth Snyder tried to reassure the OUSC by affirming the university's priority in preserving the academic programs, the students' services and the educational experience overall.

According to Snyder, these cuts were not a surprise and some money was put aside in a special fund to help temper their critical effects. However, she confirmed that the Board of Trustees (BOT) will have to identify some permanent base cuts and some ways to save money without affecting the academic programs.

"Considering the magnitude of the cuts, the Board has to balance academic quality with the price of tuition," Snyder said.

Along with higher education, the budget for community health, corrections and family independence agencies will be reduced.

According to Black, the prospect for stopping the cuts rests on choosing priorities. She reminded the OUSC that the situation is highly political and that no one wants taxes to be raised.

"It's a real policy debate that has to go to the people," Black said.

Governor Jennifer Granholm announced last Tuesday that she would take this issue to the public like she did last February.

In other business:  
● The resolution brought last week by Legislator Mario Hagar, sophomore, regarding the establishment of a Constitutional Commission was approved after a brief amendment to its composition. There will be three different groups of three representative students, as well as a faculty member who will provide input but will not have a voting privilege.

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## Genome expert to lecture

By SARA PALMER  
THE OAKLAND POST

J. Craig Venter, president of the Center for the Advancement of Genomics, will speak to OU at 3 p.m. today in the Banquet Room of the Oakland Center (OC).

The topic for his lecture will be "Our Genomic Future."

Venter is known for his scientific and technological accomplishments in decoding the genetic sequences of organisms, and particularly for his leading role in sequencing and analyzing the human genome.

Professor of biology Doug Wendell said the genome is basically an organism's genetic material and the information it contains.

Venter founded Celera Genomics in 1998, with the idea to try to decode the approximately 30,000

genes with 3 billion chemical based pairs that make up human DNA.

"He led a large team of people," Wendell said. "They made huge technological advances."

Wendell led a discussion in the Honors College on Monday to generate interest among the students and to provide a better understanding of Venter's work.

Ann Marie Palomo, senior, is an Honors College student and biology major. She was part of the discussion Monday and intends to attend the lecture on today. She encourages other students to attend.

"Everyone can understand even if they are not a biology major," she said. "It's a very important and interesting field."

Venter has a Ph.D. in physiology and pharma-



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post  
Students and staff discuss J. Craig Venter's work on Monday in the Honors College. It was organized to provide a better understanding of Venter's work.

cology from the University of California at San Diego.

He is the president and chairman of three non-profit organizations that he had a part in founding.

"It will be worthwhile to see someone who's had

such a huge impact on science and hear him speak personally about his experiences," said Wendell.

Students who wish to learn more about Venter and his work can read some of his published arti-

cles, available in the Kresge Library.

The Honors College plans to offer a class in the Fall of 2004 called The Power of Genes.

## Russi addresses Senate, discuss budget

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU President Gary Russi warned of future budget cuts from state appropriations during his address to OU's Senate last week.

"We are preparing for many major cuts," said Russi.

He said Michigan has suffered from a reduction in revenue and Governor Jennifer Granholm will have to move quickly to adjust the budget.

Russi said Granholm only has a few areas in which she can make adjustments and it is expected she will make significant cuts to K-12 and higher education.

"The level (of cuts) is hard to predict," said Russi.

He said he believes that fiscal year 2004 will not be too stressful, but the challenge will be preparing for 2005.

He also said Academic Affairs will continue to be the priority when dealing with the budget.

"Of course our goal is to become

a university of distinction," said Russi. "We all know that we've got a very eager student body."

In other business:

● The Senate discussed the reorganization of Research and Graduate Study. It has been split into the Office of Grants Contacts and Sponsored Research and the Office of the Graduate Study and Admissions as of Oct. 6, said Moudgil.

Dr. Ronald Olson, is the interim vice provost for Research and is now responsible for the Office of

Grants Contacts and Sponsored Research. The Office of the Graduate Study and Admissions is now headed by Claire Rammel, director of Graduate Study.

The University Graduate Council will be chaired by Associate Provost Ron Sudol.

Moudgil said this information was brought to the university via the Senate "in order to emphasize university priorities, and to give due attention to these two areas of academic importance."

### Police Beat

● A maintenance worker for the Meadow Brook Haunted House found evidence of attempted arson when he arrived at the festival grounds Sunday around 5 p.m. The worker found a full gas can and a pair of burnt gloves on the grounds. Apparently, it looked like someone had tried to get under the tent

flaps and through the emergency door. Inside, there were no signs of disturbance and police believe no one got in. Palace Security plans to add more patrols to the area.

● A resident student was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital by the Auburn Hills Fire

Department around 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, after suffering chest pains. She said the pains started around 7 p.m. and only got worse.

● An Assistant Professor for the Computer, Science and Engineering Department had the sign outside his office door stolen

on Oct. 15. A different professor also filed a similar complaint recently. OUPD has no suspects.

● A resident student has been receiving threatening e-mails from her ex-boyfriend. The student said she didn't know whether the threats were serious or not. She was advised to

keep a printed history of the e-mails in case she decides to take legal action.

● OUPD was called to the University Student Apartments to investigate a suspicious odor around 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 15. Officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana outside an entrance door but didn't

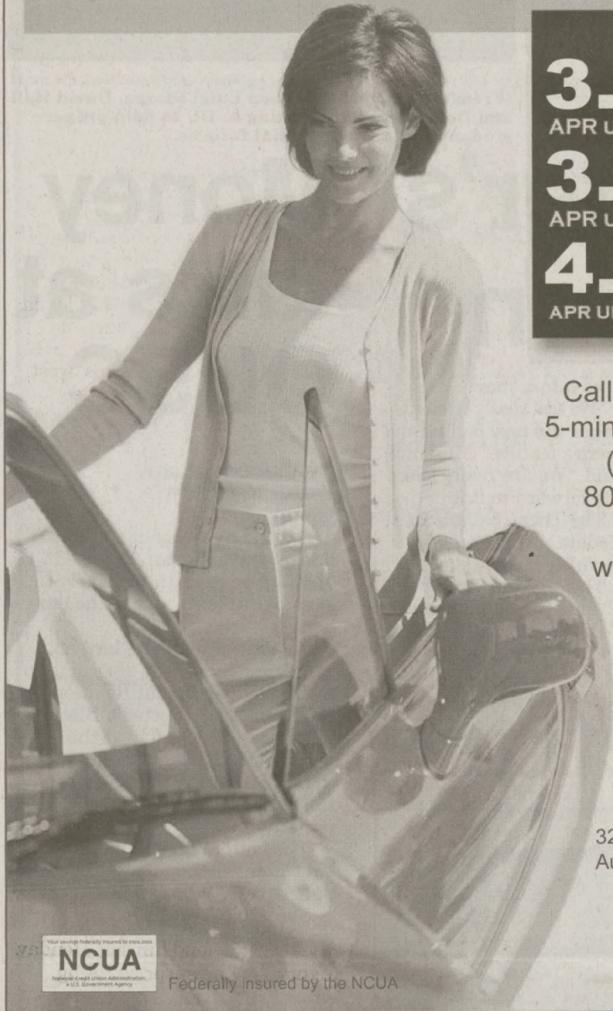
find any marijuana in the room or on the occupants.

● A man was escorted off campus Oct. 14 after refusing to leave his former place of employment. OUPD reported that he appeared to be intoxicated. His ID card was confiscated and he was asked not to return to the university.

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## Drive-in to movies

**Silverdome debuts  
movies in parking lot a  
month after originally  
expected**

By ADAM L. NEAL  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Students no longer have to drive north 45 minutes to Burton to have an old-fashioned evening under the stars while enjoying a drive-in movie.

The Pontiac Silverdome recently opened its empty parking lot and partnered with the Bloomfield-based Movies at the Drive-in company to bring shows watched through windshields and listened to through radios back to metro Detroit.

After the first weekend of having all three 40-by-80 screens open on the outskirts of the Detroit Lions' former stomping grounds, Joe Cobb, a partner for Movies at the Drive-in, said the Pontiac-owned Silverdome is the first of hopefully many large facilities to house drive-in movies.

"It has happened without a hitch," he said about the drive-in so far. "We are going to try to market this throughout the U.S. We already have some prospects in the south and the west."

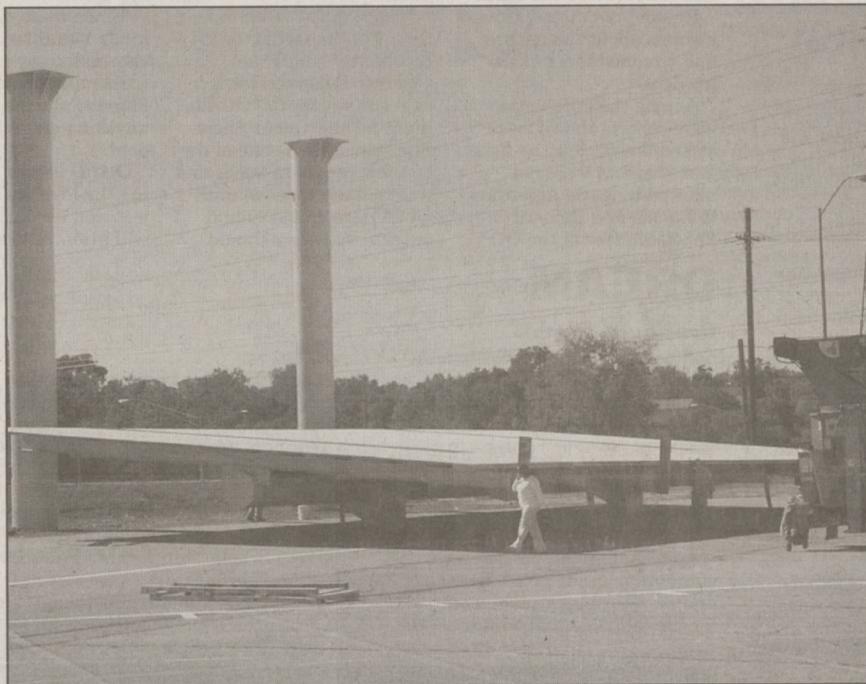
Cobb also said bringing drive-in movies to large venue parking lots is, "fairly inexpensive and good for those parking lots that just sit there."

"Even an owner of a minor league ball team on the east coast may be interested," he said.

The official opening was on Oct. 10, but only one screen was up and operational.

Greg Roberts, director of marketing and events for the Silverdome, said the first weekend with all three screens went better than expected.

"We sold out the first week with the one screen," he said. "I know once the first of the double features was done, more cars were



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Construction workers put up the last screen to complete the trio for the second week of drive-in movies at the Pontiac Silverdome.

allowed in because some left at the break.

"Last week, we did three times as (well) with all three screens up and running."

"Kill Bill" and "Duplex" were the first movies shown. Both were brought back last week because of the amount of positive feedback, Cobb said.

First-run movies will constantly be played with the double feature, according to Cobb. He said he hopes this will bring more people in each week, including on the week days.

"We are trying to run the movies seven days a week, 365 days a year with a few blackout days (for previously scheduled

events)," Cobb said. "About 70 to 75 percent of the business is on weekends, with the rest coming from the week days."

He said the goal is to play the movies throughout December, depending on the weather and turnout during the colder months.

There have been minimum problems so far, Cobb said. Only one older-model car came in without a FM radio, which is what is used to listen to the film in vehicles. The man was given a refund, and he said the company would purchase some FM radios

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## Global Glance

• Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said Monday that NBA superstar Kobe Bryant has to stand trial on the charge of felony sexual assault on a 19-year-old woman in Colorado. If convicted, Bryant could face up to life in prison and a fine up to \$750,000. Bryant, who has a wife and a daughter, admitted to the sexual encounter. However, he said it was consensual sex — not rape. Even though the case is not expected to start until the spring of 2004, Gannett is currently setting up an arraignment date. The alleged assault happened on June 30 at a mountain lodge in Edwards, west of the Vail ski resort where the woman was a clerk. Bryant was a guest at the lodge during the incident.

• Another U.S. soldier died in an attack Tuesday at a mosque in the holy Shiite city of Karbala. Iraqi security forces, working with coalition troops, conducted raids where they detained 21 believed to be involved in last week's attack that killed three U.S. soldiers. A coalition military official said the raids were against "criminal elements" and not against one specific individual. The official said the operation had gone, "mostly peacefully." Officials are still in the process of identifying detainees. Two Iraqi police were also killed in the raids.

• In a turn of events, Washington D.C. sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad won the right to represent and defend himself Monday. Right after the surprise ruling, Muhammad, 42, denied he had anything to do with the attacks that left 10 people dead in Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. His 20-minute opening statement focused on him not being involved, and that the evidence will actually work in his favor. His defense lawyers are still staying on to coach Muhammad. However, that is their only duty. Muhammad is also charged with terrorism, conspiracy and illegal use of a firearm. He faces a possible death sentence if convicted on the murder or terrorism counts.

• A 20-year-old student from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina could spend up to 10 years in prison if convicted of breaching airport security and planting suspicious items on a Southwest Airlines plane. Nathaniel Heatwole admitted to investigators last week he planted the items - box cutters, bleach, strike-anywhere matches and modeling clay resembling plastic explosives - on the aircraft in mid-September. He sent an e-mail to the FBI explaining what he did, but it was over-looked for about a month. He was released without bond, but Heatwole had to give up his passport and is not allowed to enter airports until after his preliminary hearing on Nov. 10.

## Global goof

• A campus club from a Canadian university offered students more than just reading, mathematics and social studies with Bondage 101. The course, put on by the gay-oriented group, the U-Vic Pride Collective, sponsored the three-hour class for those interested in experimenting with kinky sex with ropes and knots. Officials from the University of Victoria said it is not part of the official curriculum, but allowed the student group to conduct the class. Club spokesman Michael Joyce said the point of the class was safety. He said if people are not tied up the right way, they could suffer nerve damage.

~ Compiled by Adam L. Neal,  
Local News Editor

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various news sources.

## State bird may change

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH  
& TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

Some Michigan residents are getting all a twitter over which bird should symbolize the state.

A bill recently introduced proposed that the state bird be switched from the red-breasted robin to the warbler.

The robin was named the state bird in 1931 after winning the support of the Michigan Audubon Society. At that time, the robin was called the most acknowledged and treasured of

all the birds in Michigan, according to the Michigan Audubon Society.

The Audubon Society has switched gears and is now spearheading the effort to switch from the robin to the yellow and black warbler.

The controversy about the change involved the warbler's scarcity in the state. In Michigan, the warbler is only seen nesting in young Jack Pine Trees.

To some, it just makes more sense that the state bird should be more populous. When the

robin became the state bird back in 1931, no one knew Michigan had a warbler.

Steve Heck, senior, said he was surprised to hear the state bird may change.

"It's kind of interesting that the state bird might change, although the warbler isn't the bird Michigan is used to seeing," he said.

James Bull, president of the Detroit Audubon Society, said it is time for a change to better represent Michigan.

"We do like the robin, it just doesn't say Michigan," he said.

"The robin is not as exceptional as the warbler. The robin is also the state bird of Connecticut and Wisconsin."

Another group tried to implement the warbler as the state bird in the 1970s, but the bird was placed on the endangered species list in 1973.

With a population higher than 1,000, the warbler is now found in 10 lower peninsula and four upper peninsula counties.

It has yet to be determined when this issue will go up to vote.



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

People line up outside of Yates Cider Mill in Rochester last week waiting for a turn at the goodies offered.

## Cider mill season peaks in Michigan

By TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

It may be difficult to avoid the temptation of the annual fall trip to the cider mill when living in Michigan.

The Michigan tradition can be fun for people of all ages.

Patrons of Michigan's cider mills can enjoy freshly picked apples, hot doughnuts, apple treats such as candied or caramel apples and, of course, a tall glass of apple cider.

But most cider mills have more to offer than these tasty fall treats.

Throughout the fall season, most cider mills attract customers by hosting events, such as apple and pumpkin picking, hayrides, storytelling and corn or hay mazes, as well as gift shops and bakeries.

Yates Cider Mill in Rochester offers a fudge shop, bakery, petting zoo and pony rides on weekends. There are also trails along the banks of the Clinton River to hike along.

Yates offers a variety of apples and apple treats including apple pies, turnovers, caramel apples, apple butter

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## Festival funds down

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH  
THE OAKLAND POST

Even though the 2003 Arts, Beats & Eats Festival was another year full of food, music and art, it was also a bit of a disappointment for fund-raising.

The event, which took place during Labor Day weekend, showcased 200 nationally renowned artists. However, it did not bring in the revenue expected.

This is the first time in the Pontiac event's six-year history donations actually declined, despite above average attendance. Even though there were record breaking attendance on Friday and Saturday, the total 1.2 million guests was still down from last year during the four-day event.

Organizers will honor all of the sponsors and volunteers that make Arts, Beats & Eats Festival possible with its annual "Thank You" party later this month. About \$200,000 was raised for local charities through food and beverage sales and will be presented to various non-profit organizations.

A total of \$1.4 million has been raised over the event's history for charities like Grace Centers of Hope, Habitat for Humanity and Orchards Children's Services.

Organizers donated about \$250,000 to nearly 50 non-profit organizations this year, which is about one-third less than last year.

In 2002, organizers donated \$363,000, and an estimated 1.35 million people attended the event.

Jonathan Witz, festival producer said weather did play a part in the low attendance.

"The day and a half of rain hurt attendance and sales and increased the costs to coordinate the festival," he said.

Witz also said donations are on a downturn everywhere because of the economy.

# TEAM

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"I just don't think it gives off that college-like town feeling," said Rabe. Russi said the partnership with Rochester isn't exclusive. He said he hopes OU can create this type of partnership with other cities. "We are very interested in developing similar relationships with Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Pontiac, as our students frequent those communities as well. Over time, we hope to have similar reciprocal relationships with those cities, too," Russi said.

# MUSIC

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by working in cooperation with our media partners and sponsors on various ticket specials," Wilson said. "The efforts we made were rewarded with another fantastic turnout." Many students added to the record number of guests at Meadow Brook Music Festival this summer. Junior Heather Hillman went to the Norah Jones concert in July. "I like the outdoor venue," she said. "The Music Festival is a lot closer to my house than DTE is." Steve Goodson, sophomore, also said he liked the outdoor concerts. "I saw ABBA in July and it was one of the best shows I've been to," he said. "You can't beat \$10 tickets." Some students don't realize that Meadow Brook Music Festival is part of OU. Besides being on campus, Meadow Brook Music Festival offers discounted tickets to students for many shows. Freshman Sara Wild was excited to learn about the discounted tickets. "I like going to DTE in the summer but it gets expensive. Maybe next year I'll go to Meadow Brook for some shows if it's cheaper," she said. Other students didn't realize events other than concerts were hosted at Meadow Brook Music Festival. "I thought it was strictly an outdoor concert venue," said Chris Harper. "It's nice that they host other events, too." Currently, Meadow Brook Music Festival is hosting Hauntfest, one of the top-rated Haunted Houses in Michigan. The event runs every Friday and Saturday through Nov. 1. Tickets are \$13 and are available through Ticketmaster or at the door.

# FIGHT

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Lucido said he thinks that the altercation started after words were exchanged and it escalated from there. According to the police report, one witness stated that a group of about eight individuals were being loud and disrespectful of OU, and that started the fight. Rumors circulated around campus about the nature and circumstances of the incident. Among the speculation were reports the OC was locked down after the fight, and students were not allowed to leave. According to Lucido and Richard Fekel, director of the OC,

this is not true. Lucido said officers might have told students not to leave until things calmed down outside, but there was no official lock down. Fekel said the OC staff didn't think it was necessary to keep students inside. "There didn't seem to be a threat to the facility or its occupants," said Fekel. Senior Deborah Newton said she was in the OC that night for the Talent Show. She said she was one of the last few people to leave, and was told not to leave until OUPD was called to find out whether they should

stay inside because there was a "scuffle" outside. On her way out, Newton said she asked a woman what happened and she told Newton some people heard shots when they were walking to their cars earlier and ran back into the OC. "Since when does that kind of stuff happen here?" she said. She also said until Monday she did not know anything about the incident. OUPD is now investigating the identity of the subject who fired the gun and will attempt to seek a

charge for assault against the individual. The assault charge will be a result of the fight, not from the gun shots, said Lucido. "This appears to be an isolated event." He said there were many events on campus on Friday night, including Midnight Madnezz which attracted about 2,000 students, and there were "absolutely no problems." If anyone has information about the incident, contact the OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

# DREAM

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and now works in the Office of Admissions. She said this award is very important to the OU community as a whole. "Martin Luther King Jr. stood for unity and diversity. These are morals you need on campus and worldwide," Mitchell said. Applicants must possess a current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and be returning students enrolled for the fall 2004 and winter 2005

semesters. Candidates are nominated by the campus community and self-nominations are also encouraged. Winners are chosen by a committee of students, staff and faculty. Award recipients receive \$5000 scholarships and are recognized publicly at an annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet held in February. All eligible students must submit a typewritten resume, an essay of 500

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## Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

Ankane, Oakland University's African Dance Troupe, extends their most sincere thanks to all the people who helped to make Reggae Fest, held on Oct. 3, 2003, a tremendous success.

We are delighted to have worked with the members and staff of NAACP Youth and College (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Youth and College), ABS (Association of Black Student), CSA (Center for Student Activities), OUSC (Oakland University Student Congress), SAFFB (Student Allocations Funding Board), SPB (Student Program Board), Chartwells, The Oakland Post and Varner Hall Multi-Media Center. We also thank Rodney Broan for his assistance with the special choreography. In addition, we thank

the band Love Peace and entertainers Kodack and Octain for their performance that evening. The event attracted 260 people, thanks to the support of the Oakland University student body.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank our chaperons, Ivy Horn, assistant director of the Academic Skills Center, Jean Ann Miller, director of CSA and Vanessa L. Bard, assistant director of Advising Resource.

Respectfully,

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## Editor's View

### Who says alumni don't matter?

Many believe the students, faculty and staff drive this university, but there is one huge group being left out ... the alumni.

Maybe someone should ask the alumni how they feel about an influential person on campus discounting their contributions and saying they don't matter.

Or maybe someone should just remind this person how important OU alumni really are to the university.

At graduation, students are reminded over and over again not to forget OU and to join the Alumni Association. If alumni and their opinions don't matter, why would they want to continue to be apart of OU?

Students today owe a lot of thanks to the alumni who came before them. Without the contributions of these former students, OU wouldn't be what it is today.

The Oakland Post owes its existence to alumni. The Post's governing board is composed of a lot of alumni who offer vital input on the progress of the paper.

Other groups like the OU Student Congress and the radio station, WXOU, wouldn't be here, or at least in the capacity that they are today, without alumni. Things would definitely be different without alumni.

And we should be especially indebted to those former students who keep on giving even after they move on.

Their generous contribution of money and time help continue programs students have come to enjoy.

Not to mention, we would be missing out on all the networking opportunities that come along with having a vibrant alumni group.

Without alumni, the Distinguished Lecture Series in the College of Arts and Science would not exist. OU students, faculty and staff would not have had the ability to listen to or speak with Pulitzer Prize winning author, David McCollough last spring.

McCollough came to OU with some help of alumna Gretchen Adler and her husband, Ed Adler.

Alumni have given more than \$3.7 million over the past five years and on average, 2,781 alumni have donated money to OU. In these tight-budget times it's the outside giving that really matters. Without alumni, students might be giving up a lot more than they already are.

Many alumni still dedicate their time to working to give students the education and opportunities they deserve. Some alumni still have involvement in the groups they once had such a passion for.

Realize that alumni make a huge difference in the life of the students. Start planning now for the future. Think about the many ways to leave your mark here on campus. Maybe you're involved now. Maybe you'll donate money. Or maybe you'll be a successful professional who can offer guidance to a student who needs it. It's something to think about now, because before you know it, you'll be an alum, too.

### Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The OU alumni are often overlooked.

Our stance: The alumni are a powerful group and should be respected.

### Featured columnist

#### Student republican argues political stance



**BRIAN KOSS**  
Sophomore  
Media director  
College Republicans

Thursday morning I sat down in my 8 a.m. class the same way I always do; with a cup of coffee and a newspaper. As I was discussing baseball with my fellow classmates, an unfamiliar figure strolled into our classroom. He told us he was here to talk about the Green Party, and since this is a political science class, I thought he deserved a chance to plead his case.

He was eager to distribute the stack of papers in his hand, which he claimed explained the Green's platform and "progressive" agenda. Nevertheless, I was interested in what these flyers had to say.

Much to my expectations, the lists compiled on the two handouts were not a party platform or a set of political beliefs, but an uninformed, irrational attack on

American domestic and foreign policy and the Bush Administration; or what he called, the Bush "Regime."

Firstly, the letter suggests that we are all being manipulated by "Republican Propaganda" and that Iraq was oppressed by 12 years of sanctions. It then goes on to say that our soldiers purposely killed Iraqi civilians who opposed "USA colonial rule." Of course, we all know that Saddam was the real victim here and our soldiers are heartless heathens. This is token rhetoric from the "blame America first" crowd.

The letter then proceeds to call for an impeachment of Bush, demanding that he was never truly elected; when clearly, according to the Constitution of the United States, he was. Of course, the writer of the letter would say that the Constitution was written by stupid, dead white men.

What really got me were the "enlightened" economic policies the writer suggested. The idea is presented that if every income in the United States was added up

and divided by the population, we would all have \$80,000 a year salaries. As the writer sees it "they don't want you to have any of it, especially since you might want the \$80,000 you deserve."

Where does this idea come from? It is irrational, outrageous and even immoral. Not that this would ever happen, but if it did, think about what chaos it would create. Our whole system as we know it would cease to exist. But capitalism is evil anyway, right?

Come to find out, the man who was presenting these radical proposals is a professor of (brace yourself) business. If you care to find out more about these "progressive" beliefs, go online to [www.workers.org](http://www.workers.org), [www.mecawi.org](http://www.mecawi.org) (Michigan Emergency Committee Against War and Injustice) or [www.internationalanswers.org](http://www.internationalanswers.org); always credible sources.

These ideas can be dismissed as ridiculous, but keep in mind these are our educators who believe this. Be aware my fellow students, be very aware.

### Upcoming Board of Trustee meetings

- 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, Elliott Hall
- 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, Elliott Hall
- 3 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, Elliott Hall
- 3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4, Elliott Hall

### Upcoming University Senate Meetings

- 3:10 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, Elliott Hall
- 3:10 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, Elliott Hall
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## Point / Counterpoint

### Should Student Congress limit meetings to 60 minutes?

#### YES

BY JEFF GALECKI  
OUSC LEGISLATOR AND  
DISCIPLINARY CHAIRPERSON

Time is not on our side. The aim of limiting the regular congress meetings is to encourage members to handle the vast majority of business in committees. Items for discussion/approval will have been picked through and constructed in a fashion that promotes the flow of ideas.

Setting this grand ideology of how democracy and decision making should function aside for a second, the plain fact is we simply do not have the time. Would the student body be best served if we lose the number of members needed for quorum or could not fully understand the issue before we came to a decision?

The answer is obvious, and if it is not then I will tell you. It is "no," in an ideal situation, all members of congress would be given an infinite proportion of time, but some professor's incon-

venience us with "classes," and set "times" for us to attend them.

Wouldn't it be nice to meet as a whole to discuss larger issues and set overall policies that steer us in a direction? Or, should we waste-fully squander our time attempting to debate issues in which there are so many questions and points to be raised that they end up canceling each other out?

Having smaller committees meet to discuss and create policies allows for those with a greater interest to participate with increased involvement.

Students across campus can serve on these committees. This way enables students to have a greater voice and be involved in areas that they are interested in. Instead of canceling each other out in our meetings because a certain bill or resolution has scads of inaccuracies or has not been brought to fruition, we should spend our time judiciously debating the mature policies that have been fully investigated; attempting to gain time as an ally again.

#### NO

BY BRIAN WELCH  
OUSC DIRECTOR OF  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The necessary purpose of a Student Congress is to provide the means for the free and open exchange of ideas.

To time limit this exchange of ideas is to infringe upon the virtues of democracy and, fundamentally, the will of the students. Any lapse resulting from an exchange of ideas is small and confined in comparison to the abundant benefits generated by democracy in action.

It is a fallacy to equate efficiency with effectiveness. Efficiency's purpose is to expend the smallest amount of energy possible, regardless of a necessary outcome. Effectiveness's purpose is to meet the needs of students by achieving a desired outcome. The Student Congress exists to meet the needs of students,



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### ROCK

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"It covers a wide variety of areas that aren't covered in any class," said Brett Preston, AMA president.

He said that's why AMA is cosponsoring this event.

It will be held from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28 in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Cash prizes totaling \$500 will be given out, plus there will be free food and gifts.

### OUSC

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"This is the fairest and easiest way to do it," said Jeff Galecki legislator and chair of the Disciplinary Committee.

Brian Welch, legislator and director of Legislative Affairs, will act as Chair of the Commission.

Also approved after amendment was the bill aimed at altering the OUSC by-laws.

After dragging their feet for four weeks, the members of Congress finally agreed on a text regulating the duties and responsibilities of the Disciplinary Committee and the Research and Review Committee.

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### DRIVE-IN

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for cars with similar problems. Only one car has needed a jump-start, which Silverdome security was available to handle.

Other double-features currently playing are "Freddy vs. Jason" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," together, and "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" and "Underworld."

No alcohol is permitted on Silverdome property and will not be sold during the movies. Food items from Big Boy will be on sale,

along with movie favorites, such as popcorn, soda and candy.

Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. for the first feature at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 per person, \$4.50 for seniors and children between the ages of 8-12 with those under age 8 being free.

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### CIDER

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and apple jelly.

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Michigan Apple Committee's Cider Contest since 1999.

It offers customers a variety of apple treats, a petting farm, ice cream and gift shops, along with a haunted house.

In Armada, Blake's Cider Mill offers the opportunity to pick fresh fruits and vegetables, a train tour through the cider mill, pumpkin patches, cornfield mazes, "you-cut" Christmas trees and a haunted house throughout October.

Patrons of Westview Orchards and Cider Mill of Romeo can enjoy weekend hayrides until Halloween, a five-acre "Salute to Our Troops" corn maze and apple and pumpkin picking.

Westview also has an array of apples and other fruit products,

such as its famous apple bread and fruit doughnuts.

Dexter's Cider Mill is the oldest continuously operating cider mill in Michigan. Located in Dexter, Mich.,

it offers the typical fall treats, including turnovers, pies, gingersnaps, strudel and jellies.

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, in Northville, offers a craft show among the traditional goodies. Also, it displays a variety of different apples and a winery.

Most cider mills offer something that's a little different than the others. Yet, they all share the fall

tradition of freshly made apple cider, which has survived generations and is likely to remain a Michigan tradition for generations to come.

#### Local Cider Mills

· Yates Cider Mill at 1900 E. Avon, Rochester Hills, Mich. Open though November.

· Franklin Cider Mill at 7450 Franklin Road (at 14 Mile), Franklin, Mich. Open until November 30.

· Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill at 17985 Armada Center Road, Armada, Mich. Open daily until December.

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## Women set record

### Clinch no less than a share of Mid-Con title

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

With nine consecutive victories, the OU women's soccer team is in uncharted territory.

The Golden Grizzlies captured their eighth straight win with a 3-1 home victory over Oral Roberts University (ORU) on Thursday, tying a program record, and set a new mark with a 1-0 road win over intrastate rival University of Detroit-Mercy (U-DM) Sunday.

OU may have controlled the pace of the game against U-DM, but the Titans' junior goalkeeper Alisson Dube.

Senior OU goalkeeper Sarah Buckland kept pace with Dube, however, shutting U-DM down on its three shots on goal to record her fifth shutout.

As the scoreless match dwindled on, OU had many chances but was stopped by Dube.

With 30 minutes remaining, Dube stopped freshman midfielder Marianne Samdal during a one-on-one situation.

Samdal took a pass from freshman midfielder Lisa-Marie Woods just outside U-DM's 18-yard box and took a shot that was stopped by Dube.

Samdal had another chance less than five minutes later when junior forward Shelly Piccirillo flew a pass over the Titans' backline. Dube had yet another crucial save for her team on Samdal's shot.

A combination of teamwork and a mental error by a Titans' defender was the difference for the Grizzlies in the 78th minute.

The play began when junior defender Katie Arnott passed the ball from the OU backline up to sophomore forward Kristi Swaving, who chested the ball and dished to Piccirillo in the middle of the field.

Piccirillo kept the ball moving with a long pass up the right side of the field to Samdal, where she carried ball to the U-DM endline before attempting a crossing pass to Woods.

Titans' redshirt freshman Kathy Banjavic was the first to get to the ball but deflected it into her own goal to give the Grizzlies the only goal of the game.



Sophomore forward Kristi Swaving fights for the header with the Oral Roberts' goalkeeper.

"It's good to beat teams from our state" head soccer coach Nick O'Shea said in a press release. "Part of our goals for the season are to try and be the top team in Michigan - so this win helps us accomplish this goal. It was a challenging game against Detroit, they dropped back a lot and made it difficult for us. However, our perseverance paid off and we got a goal."

Thursday's victory over the visiting Golden Eagles of ORU not only continued OU's winning streak, but also guaranteed the team a share of the Mid-Con regular season title.

ORU was the first to score, taking the lead in the 37th minute with a goal by sophomore forward Jessica Kellogg.

In the second half, OU gained control of the match by pressuring the ORU defense early until Peltopera was hauled down.

Woods took the free kick and was able to get the ball around the Eagles' wall and past sophomore Kellie Fenton to knot the score. Woods picked up the her first assist of the

game more than 10 minutes later when she fed Piccirillo with a pass after winning a battle for the ball. Piccirillo fired the blast while turning, bending the ball to the back right corner of the net for the game-winner.

The Grizzlies sealed the victory with less than three minutes remaining in the match when Swaving took a long pass from Woods to set up a one-on-one opportunity.

Swaving's used her fancy footwork to beat the remaining defender before beating Fenton on the near right post to give OU the lead.

In its only competition this week, OU will have a chance to secure a second Mid-Con regular season outright title in four years.

If they can defeat Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in the teams' 1 p.m. Sunday match on its home field, the Grizzlies will earn the regular season crown and the number one seed in the Mid-Con Conference Tournament.

OU will be looking to make it four straight tournament titles.

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ADAM HITCH

Senior Sports  
Writer

### Thanks for the memories, Cobras

The air was colder than anything I have ever experienced and it was 5 p.m.

The minute our bus arrived at our hotel in Sault St. Marie, I looked out at our hotel and smirked.

I wondered who would be the poor sap that would get the room at the far end; the one with the glacier sized snowdrift right outside its door.

Turns out it was my dad and me.

This was the start of a wonderful weekend tournament with my hockey team the Cobras. A team I would be a member of for the next decade.

It was January in the Upper Peninsula and that means cold air, snow and ice. It also meant no better time for hockey at the ancient Pullar Ice Arena.

Hockey was supposed to be first priority, but being kids was the job that we all excelled.

Our favorite activity was running across the parking lot in only our bathing suits to the pool house and jumping into the hot tub then running back outside and jumping into the snowdrifts.

The wind-chill high for the weekend was 10 degrees.

When we were not busy screwing around, we would actually play hockey.

Pullar Arena was where the Red Wings used to skate in the preseason back in the 1940s and earlier.

We had to place our skates on heaters in the locker room to unfreeze them for our awaiting feet.

Then, depending on the locker room, we either walked down or up a flight of stairs to the large ice surface.

This experience was just the tip of the iceberg.

The Cobras would play a few away tournaments every season with a unique experience at every venue.

The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto hosted us seven consecutive years.

The Spaghetti Factory in Toronto knew a few of us by names because we were "the big group of Michigan people."

A trip to Boston one year featured our bus running out of gas on a bridge near Buffalo at three in the morning.

Why did we run out of gas? The driver just thought the gauge was broken.

We went to Boston a couple times and street roller-blading does not get any more fun than on the hills of its suburbs.

Full-speed down one of the hills, it is virtually impossible to stop without getting hurt.

It was a blast.

We also went to Montreal but an oath by the team keeps what happened there a secret.

Our team was never covered by a journalist; wins were important but only so we could stay away from home just a little bit longer.

Who scored the goals was not important either, as long as someone did.

Our most important objective anywhere was to get some "hardware" not for someone to get a special number of points.

My experience with the Cobras taught me one thing, sports are important because of the memories you make while playing them and nothing a person reads will capture that feeling.

If you have to choose between reading a sports section in a newspaper and actually playing the game, drop the paper immediately.

I really wish I was still a Cobra, "Oh ah."

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## Soccer finds stride

BY ALAN BOJAKOWSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's soccer team got back on track last week, going 1-0-1 against two tough opponents to improve its record to 6-3-4 overall, and 2-1-0 in the Mid-Con Conference, where it currently holds third place.

In game one of the two-game road stint last week, the Golden Grizzlies traveled to Columbus, Ohio on Wednesday to take on Ohio State University, tying 2-2.

Down 2-1, junior defenseman and co-captain Ryan Rzepka stepped it up in the 86th minute when the co-captain received a pass from junior forward Philip Braathen and blasted a shot past the OSU goalkeeper.

Neither the Grizzlies nor the Buckeyes were able to pull out a goal in two overtimes, ending the game in a 2-2 tie.

Junior midfielder Brett McNabb had OU's other tally.

In game two of the week's road competition, OU headed south on Saturday to take on Mid-Con newcomer Centenary College in Shreveport, La., defeating the Gents, 1-0.

Braathen recorded the lone goal, his fifth of the season, in the 17th minute. Sophomore OU goalkeeper Jeff Wiese recorded his second shutout.

OU traveled to Bowling Green State University on Tuesday, defeating the Falcons 1-0.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, OU brings Mid-Con competition back home when conference rival, Valparaiso University comes to town.

## Runners gear up

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

In their final tuneup before the Mid-Con Championships, the OU men's and women's cross country squads had strong showings.

At the Bronco Invitational hosted by Western Michigan University on Friday, senior Kristie Kieffer took her third individual title of the season in the women's race and junior Adam Frezza was the top finisher in the men's race, placing fourth.

Kieffer dominated the race and defeated her nearest opponent by 34 seconds with a time of 17:03.

"Kristie continues to amaze me," head OU cross country coach Paul Rice said. "The time she ran will open the eyes of a lot of people in our region. Her chance of qualifying for nationals is real good, but as we all know, it has to all fall into place on that one day for her. That is what we will be focusing on with Kristie over the next month."

Kieffer is excited about her chances at qualifying for the NCAAs in her final year at OU.

"I think about it all the time," she said. "It's been my goal for the past couple of years. It's my last shot and, if I want to do it, I have to do it now."

Junior Melissa Nasers placed third in the women's 5K race, nearly 50 seconds back of her teammate with a time of 17:51.

## Netters' woes continue

BY ADAM HITCH  
THE OAKLAND POST

The weekend was a tough one for OU's women's volleyball team as they dropped back-to-back matches on Friday and Saturday to Valparaiso and Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW).

Friday night saw OU drop its fourth straight match, 30-22 30-11 30-19, to Valparaiso.

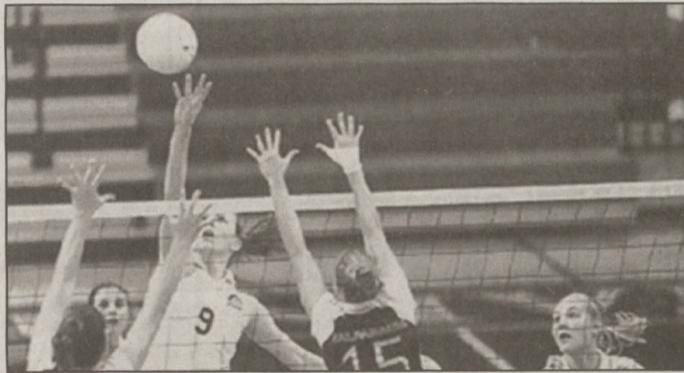
Leading point getters for OU were sophomore Heather Lippert, with 10.5 points, and senior Courtney Varterasian with 10.

The losing streak continued on Saturday versus IPFW.

OU was unable to win a game as they dropped the match, 30-23, 30-12 and 30-20.

A late run by the Mastodons spoiled a well played match by the Grizzlies and the offensive explosion continued in game two as they handled the home team with ease.

"The breakdowns in the middle of each game gave the other team the



Senior middle blocker Pattie Hunter goes for the kill.

momentum," said head coach Dave Schmidlin. "Eventually they come off their high and we played them even."

Schmidlin cited the lack of a dominant physical presence as a reason for the team's struggles.

"It creates a very small margin of error, a player like that can create points when there are imperfec-

tions in play," he said. "Right now we need to be perfect because we are full of role players while almost every team we have played has one dominant player."

The home stand will continue at 7 p.m. Friday as the Grizzlies play Centenary College. It will wrap up at 5:30 on Saturday against Oral Roberts University.

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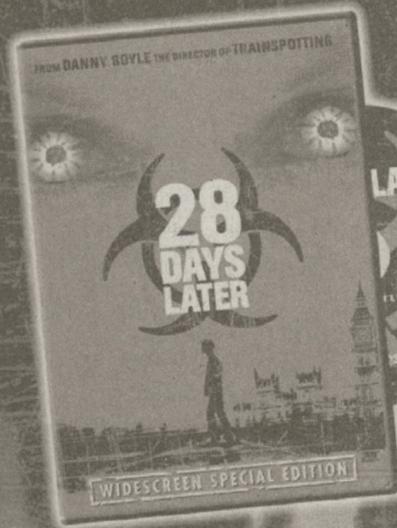
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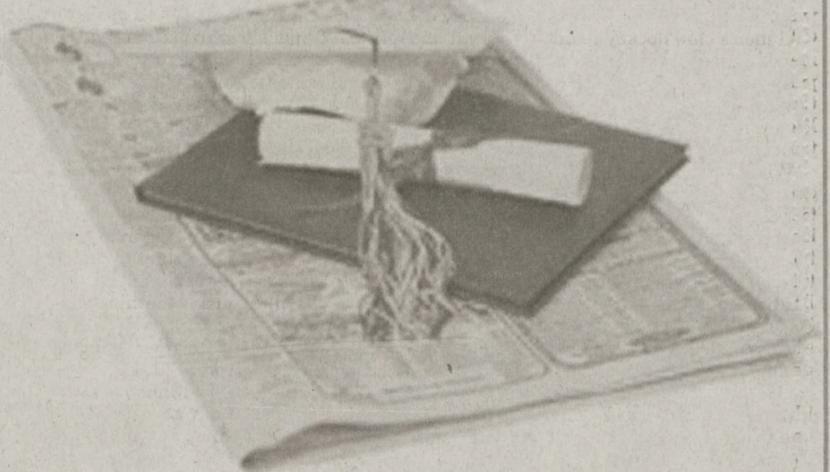
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Saturday Oct. 25 9:45 p.m.  
vs. Western Michigan  
(@ ONYX in Rochester)

# 'Blues' at midnight

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's basketball coaches, Greg Kampe and Eileen Shea-Hilliard, were "shaking their tail feathers" Friday night.

For the fifth time, OU kicked off both the men's and women's basketball seasons with Midnight Madnezz, celebrating the first day college basketball programs are allowed to hold full-team practices.

Going with the evening's theme, Kampe and Shea-Hilliard were decked out in the full gear of the Blues Brothers. Kampe did his best impression of Joliet Jake, the shorter and more stout of the two, and Shea-Hilliard pulled off a decent likeness of Elwood, the taller of the two.

This will be Kampe's 20th season as head coach of the Golden Grizzly men's basketball squad, and he said this is the first time he's done anything like this.

"It took a lot of persuasion and, finally, I had a meeting with the athletic director and he said 'Greg you're going to do this,' so I did it," Kampe said with a smile. "I wanted to be the tall one though. They made me the fat one."

Kampe said he is willing to continue the masquerade as long as the event continues to grow from year to year.

"Normally, I'd say no to all this stuff, but this gets bigger and bigger every year," he said. "People are working real hard to make it good. If they want me to do something from now on, I'm going to do it."

This is Shea-Hilliard's second season as head coach, but only her first experience with Midnight Madnezz.

Shea-Hilliard said she was fine with whatever was setup and she didn't know how they could have made Kampe the tall one.

"I said I'd do whatever," she said. "What can you do? Unless you want to see Kampe in high heels, and that wouldn't be a pretty sight."

The evening began at 10:45 p.m. Friday when the doors to the 'O'rena were opened. The first 1,000 fans were given a free shirt courtesy of OU Student Congress and the Athletics Department and free sunglasses were handed out compliments of the Student Activities Board.

Once the initial wave of fans



Photo courtesy of OU Athletics Department

Students packed into the 'O'rena Friday night to enjoy the fifth annual Midnight Madnezz celebration.

were inside the confines of the 'O'rena, they were entertained by the gritty battle between the student and faculty basketball teams.

The faculty kept the game close, even holding the lead on numerous occasions, but could not keep up with the students' speed as the youngsters walked off the court with the victory.

Performances by the Golden Grizzlies Pep Band, the university's Images dance team and the independent dance team Intrigue, highlighted the evenings competition.

Setting up the later appearance by Kampe and Shea-Hilliard, two entertainers dressed as Jake and Elwood of the Blues Brothers stunned the crowd with a high-energy medley of the original duo's songs.

Another bright spot in the evening was the unveiling of the new mascot. Replacing the almost teddy bear-like, old Graze was a more current and vibrant Grizz.

Rippling with muscles, as opposed to the former's fluffy physique, the new Grizz has an orange-like color resembling that of Winnie the Pooh.

His face, however, says he want-

ed a lot more than honey.

Once the clock struck midnight, players from both the men's and women's basketball teams strutted onto a smoked-filled court, wearing black hats to match the evening's Blues Brothers theme.

After each player was introduced by class standing from both squads, the two teams went through a few team drills to officially kick off the 2003-2004 season.

Students nearly filled the 'O'rena and seemed to appreciate what the event stood for.

"Midnight Madnezz is one of the events in which OU students can show school spirit," Ana Ruiz, junior, said. "It's fun to see so many people cheering for Oakland."

"It acquaints spectators with the players and gives you an idea what to expect from the teams during the season," she said.

Both coaches expressed a desire to see the fans show their support throughout the season.

"It would be great to get that big," Shea-Hilliard said. "A combination of the students and the support we get from the community would be nice."

"That's something we can't control. We just have to go out and

play hard, and win, and hope that people keep coming," she said.

While addressing the crowd, Kampe tried to emphasize the positive effect filling the stands for games can bring the basketball programs and the university.

"When you're bringing the caliber of team in here that we are, you've to go have support," Kampe said. "Especially when they're on TV."

"Potential recruits and potential students for the university watch that and they want to come to a place that looks like a big time atmosphere."

The men's team faces Hillsdale College in an exhibition contest at 6 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the 'O'rena before beginning the regular season.

The Grizzly men will open their season on the road before playing the University of Missouri at 6 p.m. on Nov. 29 in their home opener.

The women's squad will not have any exhibition games this season.

OU's women will open up their season at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22, traveling to face Boston College before a 7 p.m. contest on Nov. 25, which will be the team's home opener.

# Hockey begins league play

BY ANTHONY STACK  
THE OAKLAND POST

Less than one-third of the way through the season, the OU men's club hockey team needs to step up its level of play in order to qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association national tournament in March.

While the Grizzlies came out of the weekend with a 6-2-1 record, each game will become more crucial down the stretch and the competition will stiffen as Greater Midwest Hockey League (GMHL), the Grizzlies' division, play shifts into full gear.

OU faced Michigan State University Friday night at the Onyx Ice Arena to open up its GMHL season, tying the Spartans 3-3.

Junior forward Brandon Schnurr opened the scoring

in the game for MSU under 20 seconds into the first period off a pass from linemate freshman Jason Keene.

OU came right back and tied the game up with an unassisted goal from junior forward Ron Teasdale.

With 2:05 left in the first period, freshman forward Mike Ellenbogen scored on Grizzly senior goaltender Shaun Zeldes to give the Spartans a 2-1 lead heading into the first intermission.

At the 9:11 mark of the second, OU sophomore Will McMahon scored while the teams were four-on-four, moving the puck past Griffin as he attempted a poke check. Defenseman Adam Chornoby, freshman, and Karl Borgquist, senior, got the assists on the goal.

OU scored 33 seconds into the third on McMahon's

second goal, assisted by senior forward Nick Shenduck, to take the lead.

With 14:24 left in regulation, Grizzly junior defenseman Anthony Magdowski was sent to the penalty box for hooking. Thirty-three seconds into the penalty, the Spartans' Schnurr scored again to tie the game and close out the scoring.

"We played an alright game," said assistant coach Sean Hogan. "We're a better team than them. We had a lot of chances. But that's just something that's going to happen. Game to game, tomorrow, we're going to come out, keep it positive."

McMahon realizes the team's need to match its emotion with its skill.

"We need to play with a lot more discipline and heart and just get back to our defensive system," said

McMahon, who had two goals in the game.

In Saturday night's match-up with Michigan Tech University, OU was able to get back on track, winning 4-2.

Senior forward Ron Kolito gave OU the lead one minute into the first period.

The Grizzlies' junior defenseman Brian Belliotti scored more than three minutes later, during a four-on-four, off a pass from Teasdale to put OU up 2-0.

The momentum swung at the 13:30 mark of the second period when Wolf Pack sophomore center Dan Sobieray scored, with sophomore left-wing Kyle Marchand and senior defenseman Robert Vitton getting the assists, to renew his team's life in the game.

Nine minutes and eleven seconds later, OU's fresh-

man forward Jon-Paul Ferrari tallied a goal from Belliotti and McMahon to extend the lead to 3-1.

With 3:42 left to play in the second period, Michigan Tech's Vitton scored to bring his team within one.

The Grizzlies sealed the victory 12:41 into the third period when Belliotti got his second of the night, to give the Grizzlies a 4-2 victory over the Wolf Pack.

"Basically, I think our team has a hard time getting focused for anybody," said a frustrated Furstenau after Saturday night's game. "It doesn't matter who we're playing, if it's a good team or bad team. We don't come to the game ready for a battle."

"It'll be good for a couple minutes and lousy for a few minutes, but we don't have the work ethic that we

need."

OU continues the season Friday versus Grand Valley State University and Saturday night versus Sienna (New York). Both games will be played at 8:30PM at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester.

The Division III 'Black' team played Michigan Tech's DIII squad Friday night, losing 4-2, but turned the tables by defeating Lawrence Tech University Saturday night, 4-2.

This weekend, the team will begin with a Friday road contest against Lansing Community College.

The 'Black' squad will then wrap up the weekend at 9 p.m. with a game at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills against Northwood University.

# Swimmers get competition under way

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Intercollegiate competition began for the OU women's swimming and diving squad this weekend at the inaugural Tom Stubbs Relays, hosted by Bowling Green State University.

Eight teams competed in the 10 relays, with OU winning five of the events.

"It's always nice to start off well," head swimming and diving coach Pete Hovland said. "I think it breeds confidence in not only what we're doing in the pool, but as a team it's nice to go in and

beat up on all those teams that we have rivalries with."

After placing sixth in the one-meter diving event and seventh in the three-meter event, the Golden Grizzlies began their dominance of the pool.

The relays began with the 200-yard medley relay, with OU's 'A' team finishing second with a time of 1:50.60. In the 300-yard butterfly relay, the Grizzlies captured their first top finish of the competition with a time of 2:54.73 by their 'A' squad.

Putting a streak together, OU captured the top spot in the 300-yard backstroke relay with a

2:59.41 finish.

Making it three in a row, the Grizzlies swam to a time of 3:23.34 to finish first in the 300-yard breaststroke relay.

The streak was snapped after the 800-yard freestyle relay when OU placed fifth with a time of 8:00.87, more than 15 seconds behind the University of Akron's first place finish.

In the 400-yard medley relay, the Grizzlies were once again bested by Akron, finishing with a time of 4:01.19, second to the Zips' time of 3:56.70.

The distance of the 1500-yard freestyle relay was too much for

OU, as the Grizzlies finished seventh in the event with a time of 16:12.64.

"Our distance events are an area of concern," Hovland said. "However, I think by the end of the year it won't be a weakness. I won't say it will be a strength, but we'll hold our own."

OU recaptured its winning ways in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:04.49, nearly four seconds faster than second-place finisher, the University of Miami (Ohio).

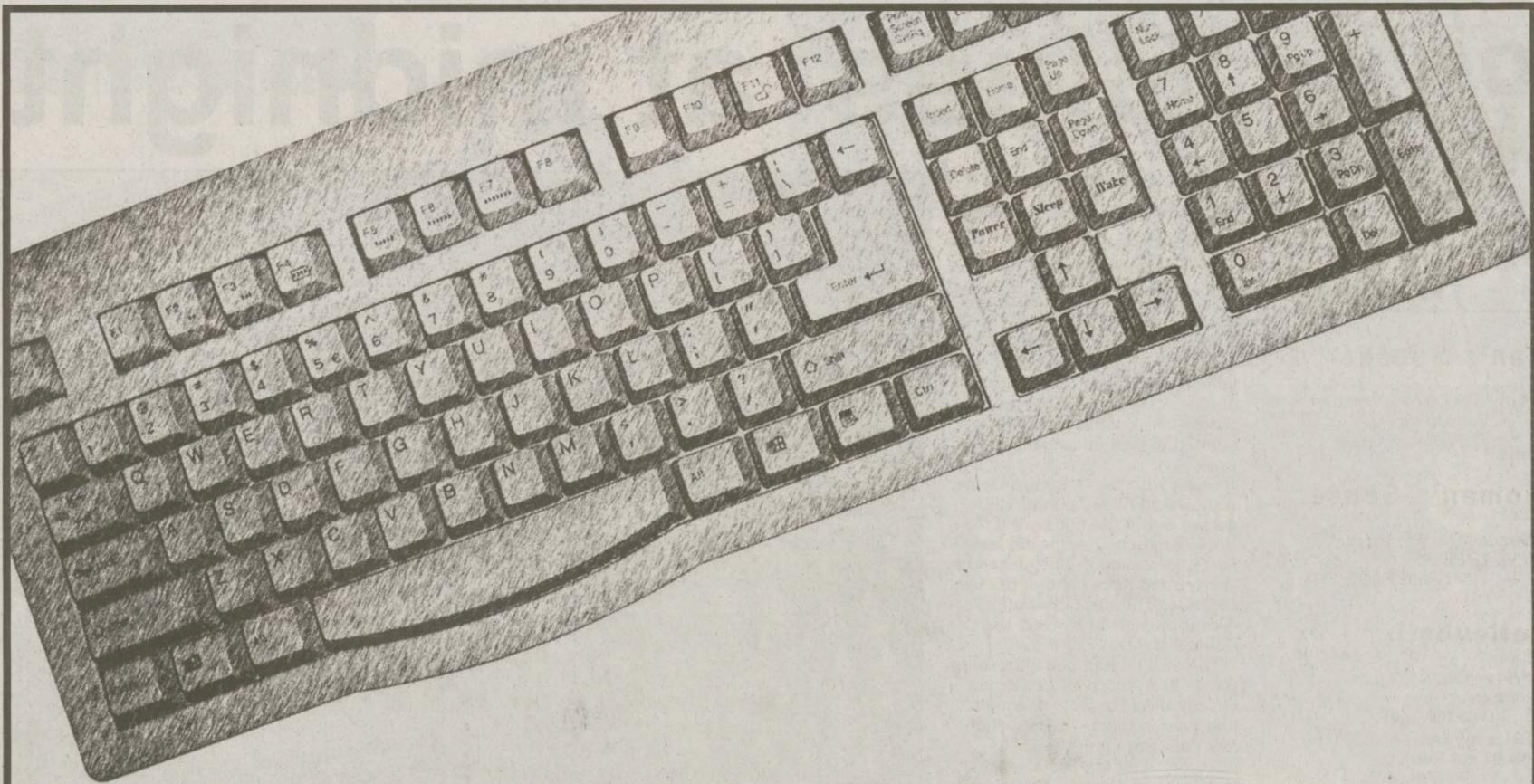
The Grizzlies wrapped up the relay with a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay. OU did not

compete in the competition's last event, the 500-yard freestyle relay.

The men's squad will join the women for the OU quadrangular at 1 p.m. Saturday in the OU Aquatics Center.

Wayne State University, West Virginia University and Akron, in women's competition only, will join the Grizzlies for the competition.

"We're going against some other teams' strengths and we might not fare as well, but it will give us an idea of where we are at as a dual meet team at the beginning of the season," Hovland said.



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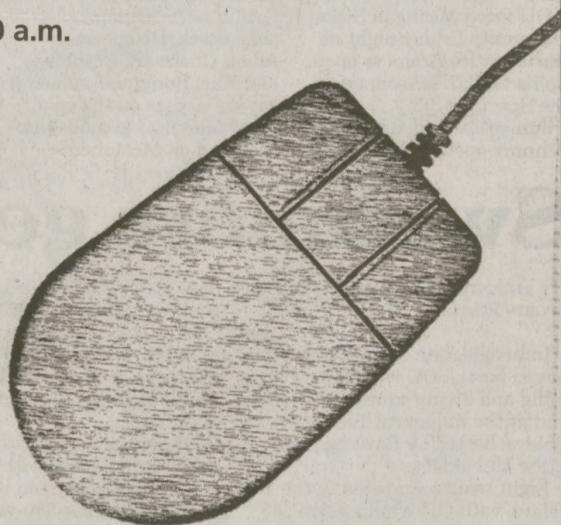
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## Poor Boy Music on the rise

BY KIMBERLY GARCIA  
THE OAKLAND POST

The familiar rock sounds of power pop, punk and jangly guitars can be found in Poor Boy Music (PBM).

The band's high-energy horns and live performances add distinctive sound to the familiar, creating a style that Jerry Castle, senior, guitarist and vocalist for PBM, simply calls "rock, with horns."

PBM, which was formed in 1997 while Castle was still in high school, consists of members-Tom Torrento, Rob Ciesluk, Dave Krogh, Dave Jakubowski, Jeremiah Hoehner and Castle.

Most of members of the band attend colleges throughout Michigan. Although they've dropped and added members during the past few years, the band has remained together more than six years, said Castle.

This past May, the band participated in South by Southwest, SXSW, in Austin, Texas, which is an internationally recognized Music and Film Festival. The event attracts renowned artists from across the globe, including Jeff Beck, Iggy Pop and Marilyn Manson.

While at SXSW, PBM was singled out and picked up by recording label, Raw Fish Records. Since then, the group's exposure and popularity has been on the rise, said Castle.

They recently completed a two week tour of Europe, playing to enthusiastic audiences in Manchester and London, England.

According to Castle, PBM's success is due in part to its strong, upbeat stage presence.

"We sound much better live than on CD," he said. "We are a performance driven band."

Last week, students were given the chance to experience what audiences across the Atlantic and the U.S. have been enjoying. PBM performed in the food court



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Poor Boy Music performed last week at WOCOU Kick-off. PBM will be performing Tuesday, Nov. 11 at The Blind Pig in Ann Arbor.

in the OC.

In addition to touring, the band has also released a full length CD, entitled, "Overview," which is available online at the web site, [www.pbmusic.com](http://www.pbmusic.com) or at small record stores across metro Detroit.

For Castle, PBM's recent notoriety has been great, but when it comes down to it,

it's still all about the music.

"I don't do it because I like playing bars or traveling, though this is nice. Basically, I just like to play the music," he said.

Unlike some groups which see their future success through rose colored glasses, Castle's approach is more practical and follows the old adage of "one step at a

time."

"The goals for right now are just to play as many venues and campuses as possible and then go bigger," he said.

If students didn't get a chance to see the OU performance, they can still catch the band live in action on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at The Blind Pig in Ann Arbor.

## Virgil offers an evening of magic, romance

BY LESLEY-ANNE GRAHAM  
THE OAKLAND POST

Dinner and a movie for two: \$45. Dinner and a movie for two including a large popcorn bucket and a box of Whoppers: \$74. A three-course meal and a night of magic sponsored by the Student Program Board, (SPB) priceless. Well, almost.

For \$7, students can enjoy an entrée, drinks and dessert along with a magic show at the SPB Dinner Theatre, Friday Oct. 24. Non-student admission is \$10. Dinner is catered by Chartwell's and begins at 7 p.m., in the OC Ballroom.

This is the second dinner theatre SPB has sponsored. Last year, students dined to the environmentally friendly beats of Recycled Percussion, a four-man percussion ensemble that bangs out rhythms on recycled materials.

"This is a night for the students to have a full-course dinner and see a show at a good price," said Stacey Cowling, junior and SPB's main stage chairperson. "It's a

great deal. We're expecting 75 to 80 people, which is a good turnout for a Friday night."

Many students agreed \$7 for dinner and a performance is a great, inexpensive way to spend a Friday night.

"Theatre tickets can range anywhere from \$10 to \$60 and that's not including dinner," said Dani Smith, senior. "Seven bucks for both is fabulous."

Student Body President Jonathan Parks will be in attendance at Friday's dinner.

"It is a great deal for both," said Parks, junior. "You can't beat it."

Sarah Costigan, freshman said, "It would be fun to go with a big group of people, if the magician is any good."

The featured magician will be Virgil, performing "The Magic of Virgil," which stars himself and his assistant, Jeanette, who is also his wife. Virgil was the recipient of the Magician of the Year Award in 2000, bestowed by the Brotherhood of Magicians. He delivers "close-up sleight of hand" and "grand illusions" to audiences around the country and parts of the world, according to his web site [www.magicofvirgil.com](http://www.magicofvirgil.com).

As quoted on the web site, Virgil and Jeanette's show



Photo courtesy of Virgil

"The Magic Of Virgil" is coming to OU at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

offers "a fusion of music, romance, choreography and theatrics that will leave you breathless."

Attire for the event is casual and tickets will be sold at the door and may be purchased with cash or Spirit Cards.

For more information, contact the SPB at (248) 370-4295.

## Nickelback rocks music world by taking 'The Long Road'

BY KATIE MANIACI  
THE OAKLAND POST

With the release of their new CD, "The Long Road," Nickelback has taken the world of rock to another level.

The group who made the music scene sit up and take notice in 2001 with their album, "Silver Side Up," has done it again.

Lead vocalist Chad Kroeger's scratchy bass vocals and his bandmates rocking beats have produced yet another awesome collection of songs.

This hour-long, half-raucous and half-romantic musical ride begins with the electric guitar-driven "Flat On the Floor," which opens the album with a bang.

While certainly an atten-

tion-getter, this rocker is a little too Twisted Sister-esque.

Listeners dealing with a bad breakup will love "Do This Anymore." It's dance-friendly beats and bluesy guitar riffs lead them to a great "straw that broke the camel's back" rocker.

Track number three is the album's first hit single, "Someday." Kroeger's cracking voice beautifully conveys the pain of an ending relationship. This song has the perfect combination of romance and rock.

However, even the most stellar of albums can have its low points and "The Long Road" is no exception. Once listeners get past

the jumpy, scattered guitar riff of "Believe It or Not," the album is soon compensated for by two of its highest hits.

"Feelin' Way Too Damn Good," though it has a slamming mid-tempo beat, sends a message of "too good to be true romance"

that could make it the love song of 2004.

The album then jumps to "Figured You Out," with its blunt opening line,

"I like your pants around your feet/I like the dirt that's on your knees/And I like the way you still say please."

Other songs on the album contain lyrics about unwanted pregnancies,

### Review

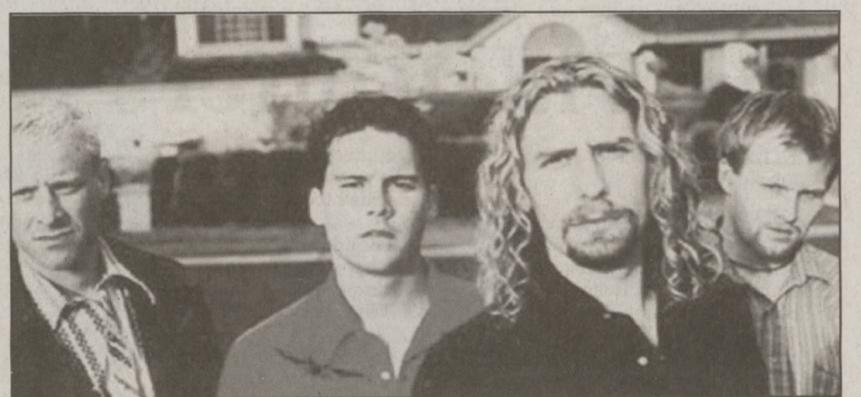


Photo courtesy of www.MTV.com

Nickelback's latest album, "The Long Road" is in stores now.

absentee fathers and some influences by Bruce Springsteen.

The album closes with "Learn the Hard Way." The song's techno-style rhythm adds nice variety to this

predominantly alternative/classic rock reminiscent collection.

With the success of its last album and the meteoric rise of its last smash hit "How You Remind Me,"

Nickelback has nowhere to go but up.

And "The Long Road" is a rocking, rip-roaring stepping stone in that direction.

# Costumes make fantasies reality

By TRACY ESTES  
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Halloween costumes are not just for little kids and trick-or-treating, adults wear them as well.

Although there are thousands of costumes, choosing only one and the perfect kind, is not always easy.

"Halloween is all about the fantasy," said Nikki Thompkins, senior. "It's a day to not be yourself."

Tompkins plans to be a dominatrix for Halloween. "I like to wear leather and I think it would be cool to whip people," she said.

There are many ways to find the perfect Halloween costume. Costumes can be as simple and inexpensive as wearing a white sheet to portray a ghostly figure.

Students can turn simple costumes into elaborate designs quick and simply by adding accessories like swords, wands and costume makeup.

Students with a few bucks to spare can hand-pick any of the many costumes available at local Halloween stores.

"This year, the gothic and renaissance costumes have been a big sell for the ladies," said Melissa Thornsberry, assistant manager for Halloween USA in Rochester.

"The men seem to be a little more apathetic, wear-

ing only masks, but pimp costumes seem to be big," she said.

Thornsberry also said people have been asking for all sorts of costumes, including fruit, such as apples and bananas.

OU students have many creative costume ideas for this year's Halloween celebration.

"I'm going to be a gangster, 'Charlie's Angles' style," said Sarah Dufour, senior.

Dufour said she and her friends wanted to be something together so they decided to become powerful girls with guns.

Other students decided to take their costumes a little farther and portray real, everyday people.

"I'm dressing up as a former coworker," said Paul Kampe, junior.

Anything different from normal everyday attire can be considered a costume, said Mary Bialk, assistant manager of Party City in Rochester.

"We have a lot of costumes and so far our

biggest sales have been Spiderman for men and the Red Hot Devil for women. We did have a few people ask to be Jesus, with the white robes, but this year has been steady with masks and witch costumes being big as well," said Bialk.

Some costumes Party City and Halloween USA have to offer are Sonny and Cher, Elvis, Sponge Bob Square Pants, the Saturday Night Live Spartan cheerleaders, Gandalf the Great from "Lord of the Rings," Austin Powers and sexy police officers.

It doesn't take long to put a great costume together. Accessories can be cheap and costumes start at \$19.99 at Halloween USA.

"I'm going to be a pimp in a real flashy suit, because I'm the smoothest cat daddy around," said Michael Little, senior.

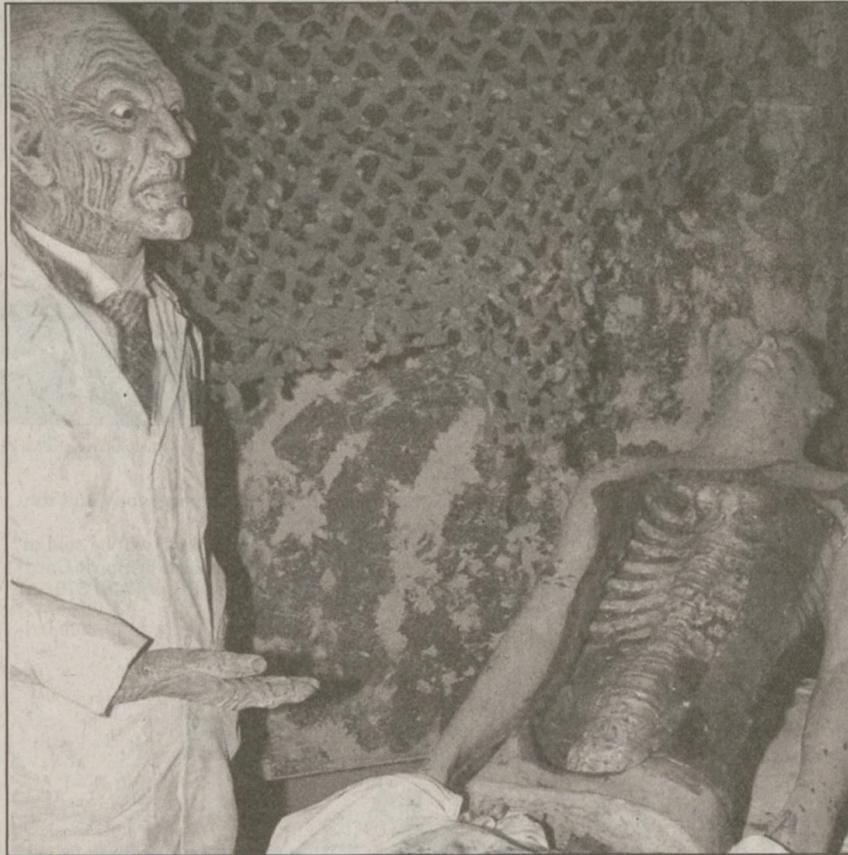
*"I'm going to be a pimp in a real flashy suit, because I'm the smoothest cat daddy around."*

Michael Little, senior



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post

Halloween costumes can be as creative and unique as desired, and can be anything from devils to witches, to movie characters to other fantasy creations.



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post

Hauntfest runs from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1 and will be open Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7 p.m.-midnight.

## 'Hauntfest' is sure to provide chills and thrills

By DAVID PEMBERTON  
THE OAKLAND POST

For students searching for a good time this Halloween, look no further than Meadow Brook Music Festival's "Hauntfest."

Whether you've experienced many of Detroit's haunted houses, Hauntfest provides a uniquely scary experience with everything from chainsaw hackers to creepy attractions.

Hauntfest is attracting many people from the surrounding communities.

"I've been to a lot of haunted houses, but this was one of the best," said Charlie Underwood of Trenton. "The parts where it is pitch black and you can't see where you are going is really cool because you don't know what to expect."

Aldina Dedovic of Clinton Twp has never been to a haunted house before because she said she was too afraid.

"Now I know why, that thing (Hauntfest) scared

me to death," she said. "I'm going to have nightmares about that guy with the chain saw."

Hauntfest received good reviews and 4 3/4 stars from the Haunted House Hotline.

"Hauntfest was really cool," said Mike Kanak of Auburn Hills. "I would recommend it if you think you don't get scared easy because this haunted house will scare you."

Many of the Hauntfest survivors agreed the workers were making sure everyone had a good time.

"It was cool that they only let a few people go in the haunted house at once," said Ashley Lake of Warren. "Other haunted houses I've been to send big groups of people in at once so you can miss a lot of the stuff."

Hauntfest is run by Palace Sports and Entertainment. It has run a few haunted festivities at DTE Energy Music

Theater in the past, but this is the first year it is running a Haunted House at Meadow Brook.

"Man, the people working in the haunted house were everywhere. They kept popping out of nowhere," said Ashley Duncan of Trenton. "The guy that was following us,

was really scary, whatever they are paying him, it isn't enough."

Tickets to Hauntfest are \$13 and all ages are welcome. There is also a coupon on their web site at [www.Hauntfest.com](http://www.Hauntfest.com) for \$3 off.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or on the Web site.

Hauntfest runs from 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday and from 7-11 p.m. every Sunday until Nov. 1.

It will also be open from 7 p.m.-midnight, Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 30.

### Review

## Six Flags offers frightening festival

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Students who are looking for a fun, inexpensive and spooky way to spend Halloween should join the Student Program Board (SPB) for a trip that will "scare the 'Yell' out of you."

The SPB is sponsoring a trip to Six Flags Worlds of Adventure in Cleveland for a frightening night of creepy coasters, horrific haunted houses, chilling concerts and devilish decorations.

This is the second year that the SPB has sponsored a trip like this for students.

Last year, Erin Jenkins, junior, and trip supervisor, organized a trip to Cedar Point for the Halloween weekends and many stu-

dents were interested.

This year, as the trip supervisor, Jenkins decided to go somewhere different.

The SPB decided on Six Flags because of the variety of attractions said Lisa Cooper, administrative and financial assistant for the SPB.

The annual extravaganza transforms the entire park into a Halloween haven.

The park provides family fun by day and chills and thrills by night.

Events like the Campfire Creepout, where families listen to scary stories, the Super Spooky Dolphin Show, a pumpkin painting contest, hay maze and costume parade are all geared toward family fun.

After dusk, the park is transformed into a haunted hot spot for the older crowd.

"Halloween isn't just for kids in the U.S. anymore," said Hank Salemi, Six Flags senior vice president of marketing. "Teens love it, parents love it and even the 20 to 40 year old age group gets into the Halloween spirit."

The park boasts five haunted houses including the newest, House of 3-Dementia. Upon entering the newest addition to the Fest's haunted house lineup, guests are given 3-D glasses to tour the attraction. Other haunted houses include the House on Hell Street, Fearanoia, the Experience, Brutal Planet Haunted House and the Haunted Gauntlet and Trail.

Students can brave these and other attractions at a reduced price compliments of the SPB. For \$20, students will climb aboard a charter bus and be taken to the park and \$30 for non-students. The reduced price includes transportation and admission into the park.

The bus leaves OU at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

According to Cooper, the trip would normally cost about \$60.

"We want to do something fun for students so we try to subsidize costs like this," she said. She said that this is also why the price is higher for non-OU students.

Guests are expected to arrive at the park around 1:30 p.m. and then spend about eight hours touring the eerie events and rid-

ing the thrilling coasters. Cooper said this should give students more than enough time to spend at the park.

As of Oct. 10, 30 tickets for the Fright Fest trip have been sold. Cooper said the SPB is not worried about the amount of tickets remaining. There are only 45 tickets available for the trip.

"Many students wait till the last minute to buy tickets," he said. "I'm sure a lot of people will also come the day of."

For more information about the Fright Fest, visit the Student Program Board Office in the basement of the OC.

Tickets for the SPB trip to the Six Flags Fright Fest are available at the CSA service window.

# Team player wants to help OU community

## THE LOW DOWN

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL  
THE OAKLAND POST

Michael McGuinness, sophomore, enjoys his hectic lifestyle. The 19-year-old OU student and South Lyon native maintains a busy schedule as a member of many organizations. McGuinness holds down 20 credit hours, is president of the Gay/Straight Alliance, a Student Congress (OUSC) legislator and a member of the OU College Bowl Team.

In his spare time, McGuinness volunteers in the Pontiac School District for the Americorps Oakland program, which is aimed at helping lower income children in the school system.

McGuinness is also a member of the inaugural class of the OU Leadership Institute.

New to OU, this group of young leaders came together with the help of the Center for Student Activities to implement the skills they have acquired to educate future student leaders.

Aside from his many leadership activities, McGuinness is completing an internship with the Oakland County Democratic Party to further his career goal of becoming an elected public official.

"It's exciting to do so many things and to have a direct impact on decision making at Oakland," McGuinness said.

As an OUSC legislator, McGuinness said it is his job to represent the student body and bring forth any concerns or issues that students may have.

McGuinness became a legislator for the student body at OU after losing the election to current President, Jonathan Parks.

McGuinness said he may run again for student body president next year.

"I'll be actively involved in Congress whatever my role may be. I'll more than likely run next year," he said. "I'll have a few plans to improve the student body."

The Gay/Straight Alliance, previously known as the Pride Forum, is one of McGuinness' most valued organizations.

"I came out in high school," said McGuinness. "I've learned and discovered who I was."

This sense of identity is what McGuinness hopes to promote at OU. According to McGuinness, there has been a tremendous growth in membership and a greater impact on campus life.

With about 30 active members, the Gay/Straight Alliance hosts events to encourage gay and lesbian equality.

Recently, the Gay/Straight Alliance held a Candlelight Vigil in memory of Matthew Shepard, a victim of a hate crime. Shepard was killed because of his sexuality.

"Mike is very professional," said Kenton Lewis, student body vice president. "It's people like Mike, who are prime examples of high involvement at this university," he said.

Of all the activities McGuinness is involved in, he said Americorps is the one he is most proud.

"I want to help as many people as possible," McGuinness said. "That's why I joined Americorps."

Americorps is not McGuinness' only means



Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post  
Mike McGuinness is a dedicated member of many organizations at OU.

of reaching out to the less fortunate. His desire to lend a helping hand is also the reason he plans to become a politician.

"In politics, you can help a lot of people," McGuinness said. "Legislation can be passed to help people on a very large scale."

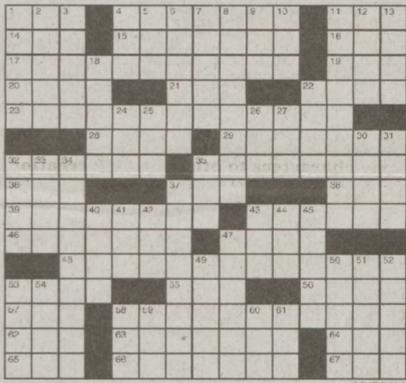
Because of his unique aspiration to promote volunteerism, McGuinness has been named "Mr. Americorps," and was chosen as the Americorps Representative for the Michigan Americorps Member Council.

"Look for my name in the future," he said. "You never know, I might be the president of the United States some day."

### Student Profile

### Crossword

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"You shut up! I oughta drop you like a sack of potatoes for that Ashton Kutcher boy!"

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## OU Says...

## What are your Halloween Plans?



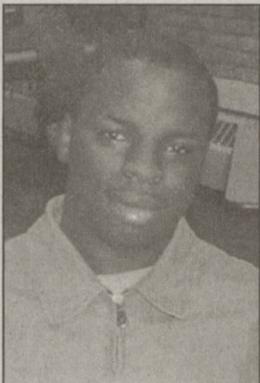
"I'm passing out candy and taking my nephews trick-or-treating."

Lawrence Bates  
Junior  
Sociology



"My friends' band 'The Rat King' is playing a show, so I'll probably go. I think it's a costume party."

Tom Rowland  
Sophomore  
English



"I'm going to be hanging out with buds and scaring some kids."

Andrij Lawrin  
Sophomore  
Physical Therapy



"I'm taking my little sister out. She's only one year old."

Leaha Benyam  
Sophomore  
Nursing

### Friday, Oct. 24

Friday Night Live with Elvira Kurt will be at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

### Saturday, Oct. 25

The Student Program Board is hosting a trip to Fright Fest at Six Flags for OU students. The bus departs from OU at 10 a.m. and tickets cost \$20 for students and \$30 for non-students. Tickets are available at the Center for Student Activities service window.

Make-A-Difference-Day at OU begins at 10 a.m. in the lounge of Hamlin Hall. Volunteers can sign up in advance at the Center for Student Activities office in the OC.

The Make-A-Difference-Day-Bowl-Athon, sponsored by the Americorps Alumni Association and Americorps Oakland, will take place from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at Classic Lanes in Rochester.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

The Student Program Board will be hosting a song writers workshop with Brad Yodar from noon-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Brad Yodar will host an Open Mic Night for students at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

### Tuesday, Nov. 11

The Student Program Board is hosting an Art Gallery at noon-2 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC.

### Wednesday, Nov. 12

The Center for Student Activities is hosting a Current Events Panel from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Career Services is hosting the Health and Life Sciences Career Fair from 1-5 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

The Student Program Board is hosting Rhythms Den with Randi Driscoll at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

### Thursday, Nov. 13

The Student Life Lecture Board is hosting Soledad O'Brien to speak at 4 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

### Friday, Nov. 14

Friday Night Live with Troy Thirdgill will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

The Student Program Board will be presenting the Annual Murder Mystery at Meadow Brook Hall at 8 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 23

The Golden Key International Honor Society Induction ceremony and Reception will take place in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

### Wednesday, Dec. 3

The Student Program Board is hosting a concert with performer Vanessa Bell Calloway at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.

# Student Affairs

Column

**Updating YOU Every Week!**

### Keeper Of The Dream Award

Applications Now Available in the  
Dean of Students Office  
144 Oakland Center

The Keeper of the Dream Award recognizes students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Applicants must be currently enrolled and returning in Fall, 2004, must exhibit strong citizenship and leadership, and exhibit scholastic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA). Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 will be made. These awards are presented publicly each year at the annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet. Scholarships will be distributed evenly fall and winter terms.

All applications are due by Friday, October 31.  
Graham Health Center

This is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week! Are you aware?...25% of Oakland University undergrads do not drink alcohol, 64% limit consumption to 3 or fewer drinks when they drink, and only 1.2% drink on a daily basis! Conclusion: there are lots of people to have fun with without getting drunk. Call Graham Health Center (370-2341) for more information or to make an appointment.  
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### On-Campus Recruiting

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### Campus Rec Happenings

**Kayak Class**—Rec Center members only. Sign up until October 26th. Classes begin the week of October 27th.

**Co-Rec Soccer**—Intramural Champions for 2003 are Team Norrod with a 3-2 win over Asthma. Thank you to all who participated. It was a great season!

**Flag Football Playoffs** run from October 16 through October 23 so come to the upper fields and cheer your favorite team on!

### UPCOMING REC EVENTS

**Weightlifting Competition**—October 28th, 7 PM

**4 Player Volleyball Registration**—October 17-31. The captain's meeting is Nov. 3 at 7 PM.

**MIRSA Flag Football Championship**—October 23-25, upper Pioneer fields. Come and watch teams from all over the region compete for top honors!

### THIS WEEK

#### FIRST YEAR STUDENT TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

**College Binge Drinking and Sober Reflections**

Thursday, October 23, 12 noon-1 PM, Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
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#### RESIDENCE HALL PROGRAMMING

**Friday Night Live Series presents comedian Elvira Kurt**

Friday, October 24, Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM  
A Toronto native and alumna of Second City, Kurt is an accomplished comedian who hosts her own TV program in Canada, has starred in an acclaimed Comedy Central half-hour special, has earned multiple nominations as College Comedian of the Year, and has countless other TV credits as a comic actress, host and writer often on gay/lesbian shows.  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 29 Detroit Medical Center Representatives Reception**

Noon-1:30 PM, 401 O Dowd Hall. Meet with representatives and learn about future job opportunities within their organization. All grade levels welcome! A PIZZA lunch will be served for all those who attend.

**Thursday, October 30 Detroit Medical Center Representatives Reception**

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Friday, November 7, 2003, 9 AM- 3 PM, Burton Manor, Livonia

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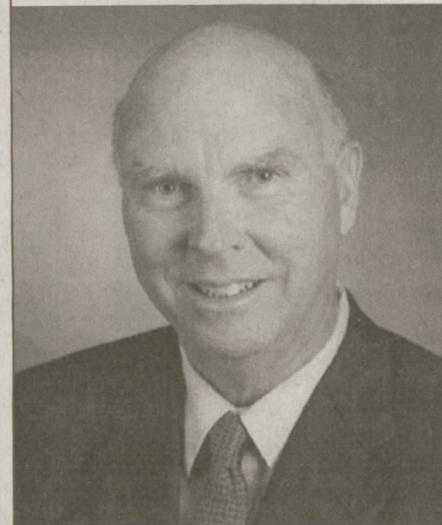
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