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Search continues

OUPD has taken over investigation of network compromise

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OUSC's meeting Monday afternoon included discussion of recent computer hacking, problems with Chartwell food in the OC and snow and ice removal for the upcoming winter season.

A week ago Saturday at 4:30 a.m., an individual compromised a library server and moved through other network domains, said Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president of University Technology Services, who answered OUSC's questions about the recent hacker attack.

"The individual was malicious and wanted to destroy everything he could find," said Rowe. Forty desktops and 15 servers were compromised by the attack.

The suspect did not get close to affect-

ing anything and the investigation has been turned over to OUPD, which is working with the FBI to discover the perpetrator of the compromise.

Rowe compared OU's network security to an onion rather than an egg, which gives full access once the head shell is cracked.

"Our security is like an onion. It has lots of hard layers. All of the layers limited the attack," she said.

Rowe said students would not be paying directly for the attack.

She said the university is still assessing the intellectual capital (information and research) lost because of the systems compromise.

Technology Services can recover most files lost due to the attack.

Rowe also oversees PrintWise, which is OU's new print management system

that uses SpiritCards to pay for printing charges, which are 10 cents per page.

PrintWise was created in effort to make printing more efficient and reduce paper waste.

However, students are upset about the cost of printing on campus, when Kinko's is right down University Drive and costs only 5 cents per page.

Rowe encouraged students to go to Kinko's or other printing businesses. "Kinko's is out to make a profit, we are not," she said.

The main reason for this new system was the paper waste, which was costing the university too much money, Rowe said.

Legislator Mark Ewing wanted to know if OUSC or other student groups were involved in deciding to institute PrintWise.

Rowe said that OUSC was informed

of the idea at an OUSC meeting over the summer and all OU students were sent three newsletters over the summer notifying them of the upcoming change.

After reviewing minutes from all the meetings over the past few months, Ewing said there was never any mention of this system, which would directly affect students, to OUSC.

They resolved to discuss the issue after the meeting.

Ronda Redmond, director of retail dining services, came to address questions from OUSC on student problems and concerns with Chartwells.

The biggest complaint was about the cost of catering incurred by student organizations. However, Redmond was

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Roqaya Eshmaawi/The Oakland Post
Victims and supporters hung T-shirts on clotheslines Nov. 9-10 in the OC to raise awareness about violence against women.

T-shirts serve as an alert

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Senior Katie Livingston, president of the Women's Issues Forum, was raped. So was Lindsey Larkin, an OU alumna.

In both 2001 and 2002, two forcible sex offenses were reported to the OU Police Department. It's probably many more were not reported.

The Women's Issues Forum held the "Clothesline Project" last Tuesday and Wednesday in the OC, in hopes of raising awareness about violence against women.

T-shirts were hung on clotheslines made by women on campus who were survivors, relatives or friends of survivors of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence or emotional abuse.

"There is a notion that women shouldn't talk about violence, 'don't air your dirty laundry,'" Livingston said. "We're playing on that notion."

Larkin, who brought Clothesline to OU in 2002, said she hoped to "educate the community."

"Making a shirt and telling a

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Debate rolls on

Profs discuss election, Arafat

BY KARL BUCHMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

"It blows my mind that there are no lawsuits right now," said Dave Dulio, professor of political science, regarding the outcome of the presidential election at a panel discussion last Wednesday.

The panel, composed of Dulio, Don Matthews, professor of history, along with Peter Trumbore and John Klemanski, professors of political science, discussed the reasons for the outcome of the election and the impact it will have on the future.

Dulio said he was surprised by the outcome of the election and discussed why he felt Kerry lost. Although Kerry was the best candidate, he said, Kerry needed to do more to convince moderate voters.

"The left really needs to do some soul-searching, because their views do not fit with most of America," he said.

Matthews addressed the impact that Arafat's death would have on the situation overseas, and said that the prospect of a Palestinian state is gone now.

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Campus reaches out to commuters



Allison Brunner/The Oakland Post
Students gathered between the Foundation Halls to celebrate Commuter Awareness Week. Tuesday, representatives from the newly-opened Hyundai dealership in Waterford visited campus to offer students discounted prices (above). Many events will be held and prizes awarded throughout the week, including the continuation of the Center for Student Activities "Lunch and Learn" series focusing on plant care Wednesday and Native American Indian Heritage Day will be celebrated Thursday.

Grizzlies ousted in opener

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The preseason favorite and second-seeded Golden Grizzlies were upset by third seeded Western Illinois University (WIU), 1-0, in the Mid-Con Men's Soccer Championship tournament at WIU's MacKenzie Alumni Field.

WIU's freshman defenseman

Preston Bernardi scored the game winner when sophomore forward Nowaf Jaman found him for the goal at the 70:30 mark. It was Bernardi's first career goal and it could not have come at a better time for the Leathernecks.

The Grizzlies tried to fight back and tie the score, but OU's offense ran out of time, failing to get a shot past WIU's junior



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Senior midfielder Shahar Ktovim fights for a loose ball in a game earlier this season, his final one with the squad. Ktovim will graduate having scored 11 goals and tallying 11 assists for a total of 33 points.

goalkeeper David Hanlon, who finished with four saves to earn the shutout win.

Junior Chris Edwards had a header in the 87th minute, fol-

lowed two minutes later by one from senior Ryan Rzepka, but both balls were wide of the net.

OU's goalkeeper Jeff Wiese, the Mid-Con Defensive Player

of the Year, finished with seven saves in the loss.

Grizzly head coach Gary Parsons acknowledged the

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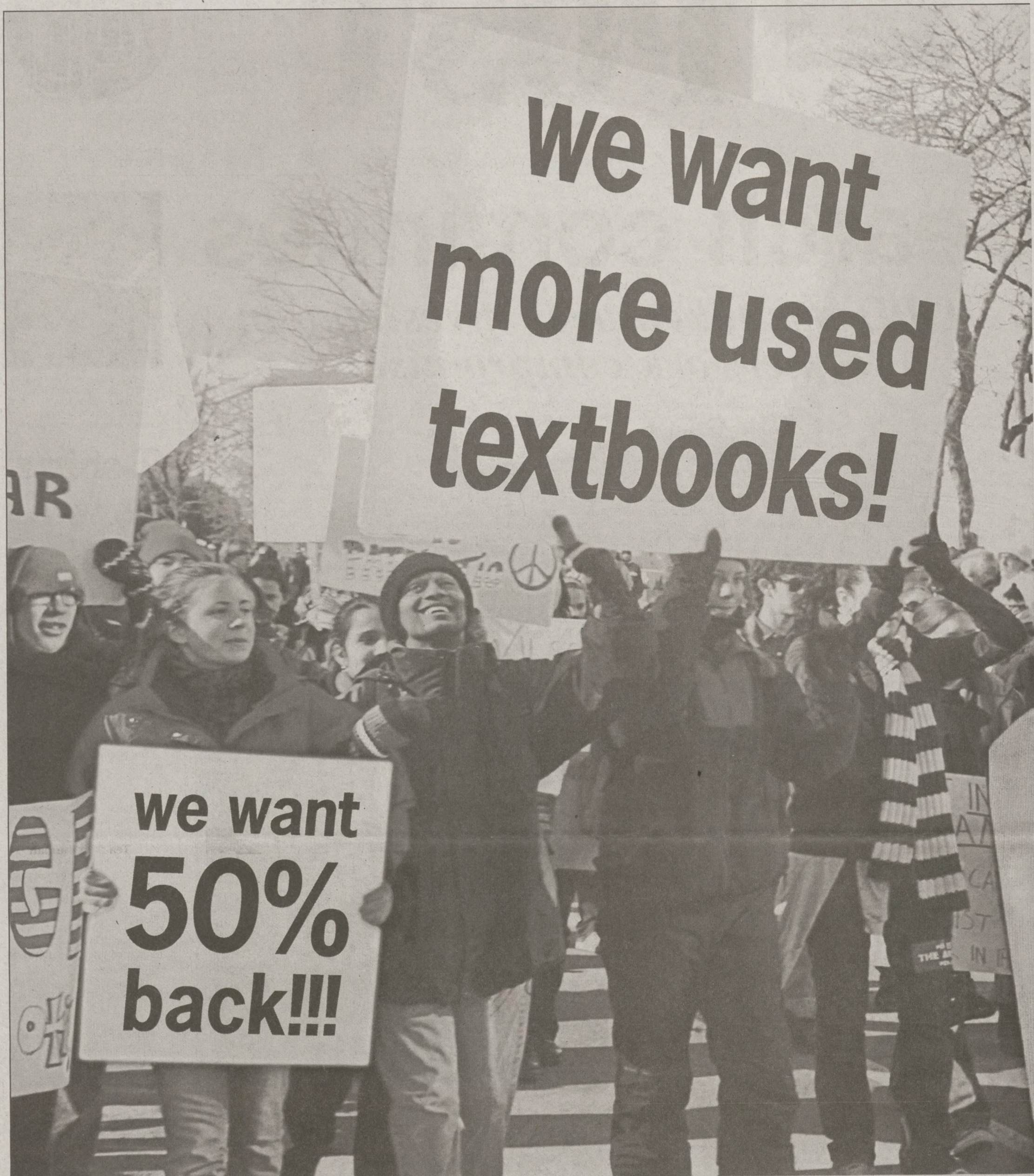
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Relayers raise \$44k for cancer research

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Teams walked 'round the clock for Relay For Life, a 24-hour fundraiser that began Friday at 4 p.m. in OU's Recreation Center, raising \$44,000, which will go toward cancer research and programs for the American Cancer Society.

"Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day, cancer will be eliminated," according to the American Cancer Society.

Jeremy Agler, community development director for Relay For Life, said he believes the event at OU "has had a tremendous impact

on the awareness of cancer on OU's campus."

"This event gave students an understanding of what it is like to deal with the issue of cancer," he said. "It is tough to find someone today that has not been touched by this horrible disease."

Cancer patients and survivors were in attendance along with about a dozen teams from OU and its surrounding communities.

They included the women's basketball team, the Chaldean American Student Association (CASA), Greek Organizations including Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Pi, the Student Nurses Association, Golden Key, Residence Hall Counsel, Admissions and local groups, including Strategic Financial.

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- Finding a cure - The American Cancer Society has spent more than \$2.5 billion on research that has led to advances such as the Pap test, bone marrow transplants and drugs such as Tamoxifen and Gleevec.

- Spreading the word - Volunteers educate their neighbors about cancer prevention and early detection; two things that save lives.

- Calling for change - American Cancer Society volunteer advocates work with elected officials to make cancer issues a priority. Their work has helped expand Medicare benefits for cancer screenings and get clinical trial coverage legislation passed in 16 states.

- Lending support - For those who have been diagnosed with cancer, knowing the facts and having the resources to get through treatment and recovery are essential. The American Cancer Society is available to help anytime, day or night. Last year, 1.3 million people got help by phone, and 400,000 people used the American Cancer Society's Web site, www.cancer.org, each month.

~ Compiled by Senior News Writer Allison Brunner
Information taken from the Relay for Life Web site, found at www.cancer.org.

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OU partners with AAA

OU students, faculty, staff and alumni are eligible for discounts on AAA membership through a partnership between OU Athletics and AAA Insurance.

The OU community is also eligible for lowered rates on season tickets to Golden Grizzlies men's and women's basketball games.

"We've established a partnership with AAA that not only benefits athletics but also benefits Oakland University's students, faculty, staff and alumni," said Denise McGee, assistant athletic director of marketing, according to an OU press release.

The promotion includes:

- a waiver of the \$15 enrollment fee and membership with AAA for a rate of \$48 the first year
- prepaid 24-hour roadside assistance
- discounts at numerous restaurants, hotels and car washes
- an OU season basketball tickets discounts voucher.

Interested individuals may contact AAA Sales Agent Joe Tomlinson at (248) 656-9616 or at his Rochester Hills office, 2490 Walton Boulevard, Suite 204.

Also available for contact is the AAA Troy Branch at (248) 879-2030 or at 25 E. Long Lake Rd.

Teaching human genetics

Douglas Wendell, associate professor of biological sciences, spoke with a group of about 20 students and faculty last week, on his new system for teaching modern human genetics through experimentation.

Wendell described the process of genetic testing and mapping and also described his use of Wisconsin Fast Plants to teach his students a hands-on approach to genetic mapping.

OU presents 2004 alumni awards

Alumni, faculty and staff gathered earlier this month to commemorate eight alumni who demonstrate exemplary dedication and service to OU.

Leadership Institute application deadline

To foster enhancement of leadership skills, the OU Leadership Institute is offering a year-long program where students meet one Saturday each month to discuss leadership issues.

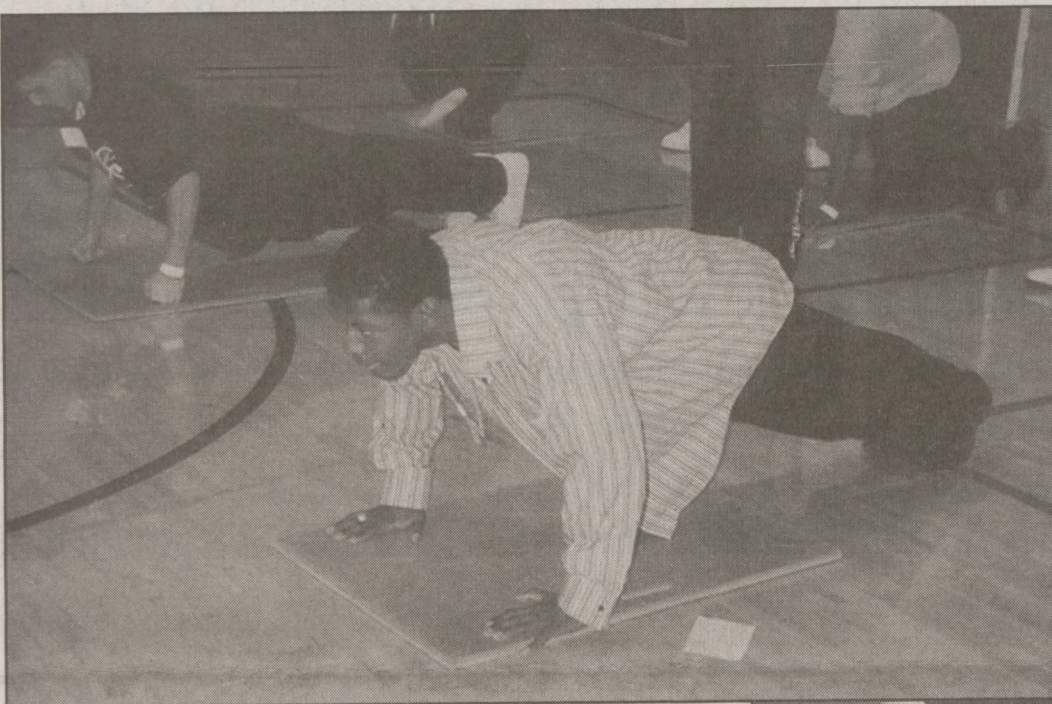
The program is open to students of at least sophomore status with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 19 at the CSA office, 49 OC.

Important Dates

Classes will end at 10 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving break and will resume Monday Dec. 1.

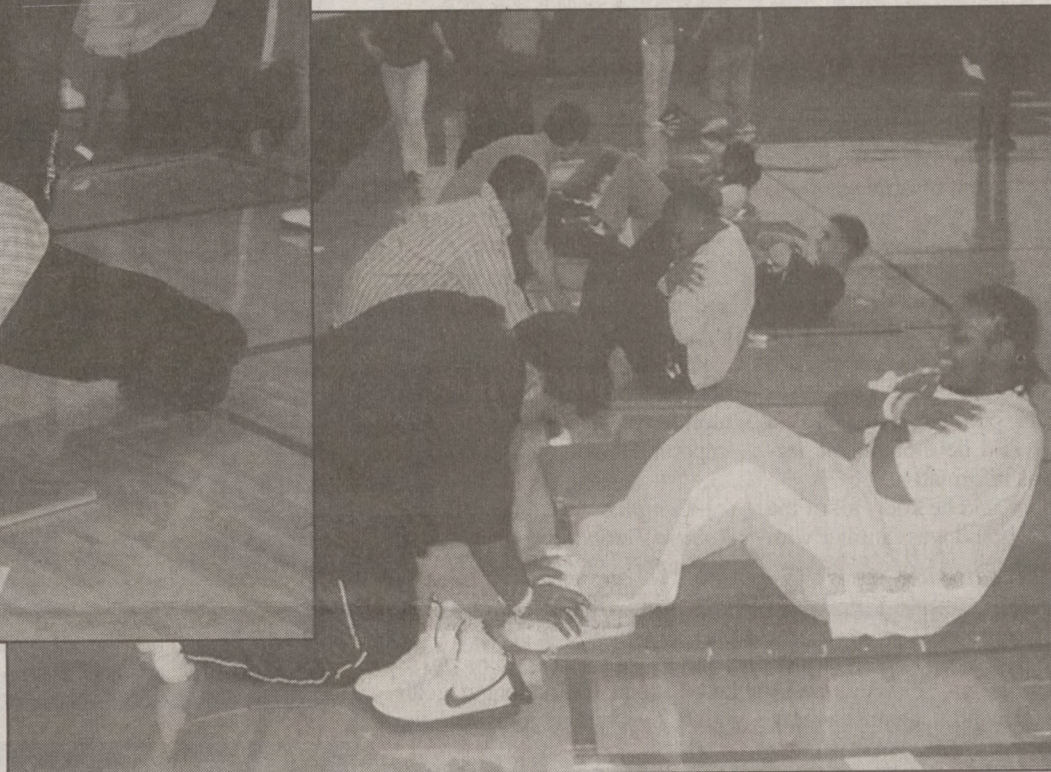
Students can register for winter semester classes through Sunday, January 2, 2005.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi
Campus News Editor and Allison Brunner, Senior News Writer



Kaethe Hampel/The Oakland Post

OU students perform pushups and situps at the second annual Cardiovascular Fitness Challenge held last Wednesday at the Recreation Center track. All members of the OU community were invited to take part in the event.



Preventive measures to decrease risk of cancer

Health wise

Editor's Note:
This is the second in a continuing series about health issues that concern college students. Please look for further coverage on cancer prevention and other issues next semester.

BY MICHAEL WILLIAMS
THE OAKLAND POST

Cancer. Just the word alone invokes menacing thoughts of fear and inevitable death.

Many have friends and family mem-

bers who have been diagnosed, or who have passed away due to cancer.

Younger people tend to believe that only the elderly are diagnosed with cancer.

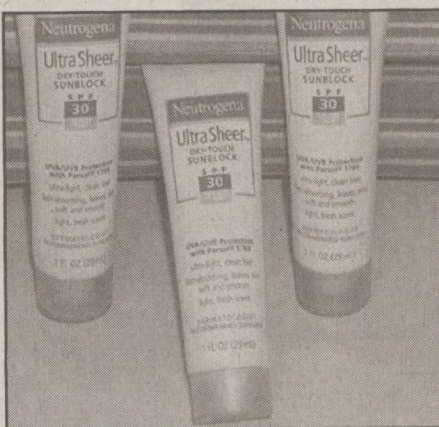
What they don't realize is that some lifestyle habits, which take root in youth, help to pave the way for cancer in older age.

Cancer is one type of tumor, a malignant tumor, said Kenneth Hightower, dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Malignancy refers to a property of wild, unregulated growth of cells that normally divide or reproduce when needed, like skin cells that shed every 45 days or so and are replaced by new cells from division.

Cancer grows wild, with no

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Roqaya Eshmawi/The Oakland Post

Not only is the stereotype that only the elderly are diagnosed with cancer false, but younger individuals can decrease their risk of being diagnosed with cancer by taking preventative measures to stay healthy.



Proposed budget plans awaiting board's approval

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The board of trustees heard several proposed operating budget plans for the next academic year at its meeting on Nov. 3.

The proposed 2005-06 operating budget to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Management and Budget

was presented by Director of Budget and Financial Planning, Tom Lemarbe.

To support OU's continued enrollment growth and "its distinctive undergraduate experience," the proposal calls for a request of \$9.6 million, according to an OU press release.

Sue Goepf, vice president for university relations, presented an overview of OU's

capital campaign public phase, which will start on Founders' Day, April 22, 2005.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs, presented a proposed agreement with Credit Union ONE that would provide several automated teller machines, an on-campus credit union branch and a SpiritCard that will also serve as an ATM card.

Bill Rogers from the Golf and Learning Center proposed a budget for fiscal years 2005-07.

He mentioned that the weather had a negative effect on use of the golf course this past summer. His plan calls for increases in greens fees for both the Katke-Cousins and the R & S Sharf

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Police Beat

- A female sold her car to another female for \$950 but when she came to cash the check, it bounced.

She had told the buyer not to drive the car because it was not insured, but the next morning she found the buyer loading up the car with her belongings and taking off.

- Between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., every Wednesday or Thursday, a female student

receives harassing phone calls. The first caller told her she was "going to die."

Since then, the calls have not been as threatening. The student hears both male and female voices and sometimes no one speaks.

- A female student complained of receiving three harassing phone calls from South Hamlin to her dorm room.

Two of the callers were male

and one was female. They left messages on her voicemail insulting her.

The student said she does not know who is making those calls, but feels harassed by them.

- A female parked her car by Hamlin Hall and went back to find a long scratch on the right side. The

scratch appeared to have been caused by a thin, sharp object, such as a key.

She said she is unaware of any students who may have done this and said that there have not been discipline problems in the hall since the beginning of the year.

- A power screwdriver ran a screw through an electrical cord in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion causing smoke and a smell of burning.

No injuries were reported and other than the cord, there was no damage.

- A trespasser was discovered sleeping in the 4th floor stairwell of Kresge Library.

A staff member woke him up and had him wait until OUPD arrived.

He was issued a citation for trespassing and an officer transported him to the Pontiac Bus station.

OUSC**Continued from A1**

not the person to ask about the catering aspect of Chartwells.

Redmond addressed other concerns about the high cost of food in the Pioneer Food Court and C@fé O' Bears. She pointed out that the prices are comparable to those of Subway, KFC and other restaurants with similar food around the area. Redmond averaged prices from Pontiac, West Bloomfield, Rochester and other cities, to get fair prices.

Redmond said the reason the Pioneer Food Court does not offer hot breakfasts for students who have morning classes was because it was attempted a few years ago but "got about an average of ten students a day." It was not cost effective to serve breakfast.

Redmond ended by informing students if they have opinions or feedback to fill out comment cards located outside of the Pioneer Food Court or C@fé O' Bears.

A representative from Grounds and Maintenance came to speak about snow and ice removal in the upcoming winter season.

Students need to keep in mind the crew of 15 cover 350 acres. They begin clearing parking lots and sidewalks at 3 a.m. when there is a light snow, and at midnight when there is a heavy snow.

There are "priority" walkways that are cleared first. Students will soon be able to pick up a copy

of a map that shows these walkways, so they can use the safest paths to move about on campus.

If anyone has any questions or complaints about snow or ice removal, including problem areas they notice during the winter months, contact Grounds and Maintenance at ext. 2381.

In other business:

- Sophomore Niki Pszczolkowski was approved as a new legislator.
- The House Policy Committee asked for OUSC's help in passing a noise ordinance for disruptions, including yelling and honking horns, outside of residence halls at late hours of the night.
- Legislator Lindsay McCulloch was approved to SAFB.
- One seat is still available on the SAFB.
- Next week's discussion topic will be the possibility of having a break between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, since Fall semester now begins before Labor Day.
- Students are concerned about segregation on campus due to the arrangement of the residence halls and floors. The problem was referred to the Research and Review Committee.
- OUSC is looking into the purchase of a shuttle bus for students.
- The next OUSC meeting will be Monday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

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Trumbore predicted which presidential cabinet members would resign.

"(Condoleezza) Rice will leave. (Colin) Powell might resign," he said.

According to CNN, Attorney General John Ashcroft released a resignation letter to the president Nov. 2.

Powell, Agriculture Secretary Ann

Venneman, Education Secretary Rod Paige and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham submitted their resignations to the president Monday morning.

National security advisor Condoleezza Rice has been nomi-

inated to be Powell's successor.

"Powell has had a controversial tenure in the secretary of state's job, reportedly differing on some key issues at various junctures with the Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld," the article also said.

Trumbore also said there was a chance Donald Rumsfeld would be out of office as well.

The event was hosted by the Center for Student Activities (CSA) and moderated by Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs.

Senior political major David Lauber said he thought the lecture was informative.

Lauber said he knew all of the professors and was familiar with their debates.

"I agreed with everything everyone said, except the opinionated statements," he said.

Lauber said he thought more debates like this should have been held before the election.

"They can have stronger stances, without worry that what they say will compromise the election," he said.

Second degree nursing student Nathan Koyl said he felt the discussion was "pretty good."

He said the discussion did not change his opinions on any of the issues, but he did find it interesting.

The discussion lasted an hour, and was attended by about fifteen to twenty people.

Franklin said discussions are held on a monthly basis, and this month they decided it was important to address the election.

~Campus News Editor
Roqaya Eshamawi contributed to this report.

T-SHIRT**Continued from A1**

story can be very empowering," she said.

Some students approached the table, but others did not feel comfortable and preferred to watch from a distance.

"Everyone has a different level of comfort," Livingston said.

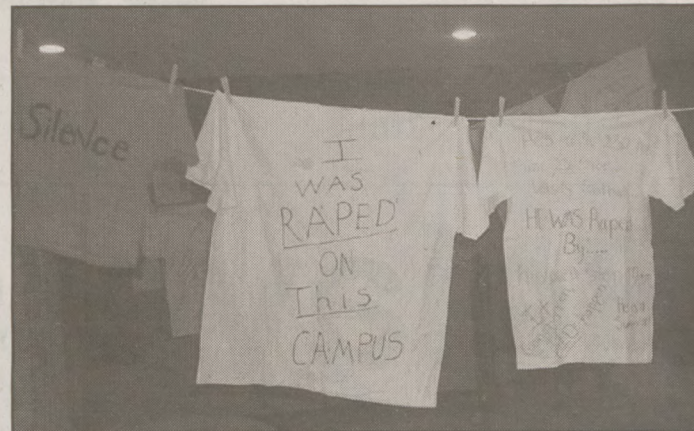
Toni Darnell, a Cooley Law School student, said states should be careful while drafting laws concerning sexual offenses.

The law should not let men get away with rape she said. But at the same time, "you don't want someone you care about to be accused of rape when she might have consented."

The law is usually in favor of women, she said. "Sometimes a guy thinks she's saying yes and he didn't mean to do anything she didn't want to ... but the law convicted him."

The Clothesline Project started in 1990 with 31 shirts displayed as part of an annual "Take Back the Night" march and rally on a village green in Hyannis, Mass.

"The concept was simple - let

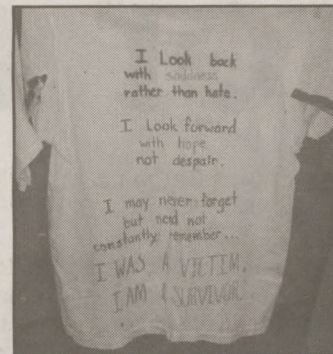


Roqaya Eshamawi/The Oakland Post
Students helped spread awareness of violence against women with t-shirts (above and right) hung in the Oakland Center.

each woman tell her story in her own unique way, using words and/or artwork to decorate her shirt," according to a flyer provided by the Women's Issues Forum.

Darnell said in the 60s and 70s, if a women was raped "it was almost like you invited it, you asked for it ... nice girls don't get raped."

Now, she said, society has come a long way from there. There is "psychological help for her and her family or signif-



icant other ... it didn't used to be like that."

OU has also adopted the White Ribbon Campaign, started by men who pledge to work "to end men's violence against women."

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team's success this season, but realized the team did not perform in the win-or-go home match.

"We had a great season but did not play well during the WIU game," he said.

"When you look at our record this season, as well as our goals made and saves, we have had a good year, but unfortunately we slipped and let a shot in."

OU finished the season with an 11-5-3 record.

Wiese was ranked 13th in the nation in goals against average, with a .69 average going into the tournament.

The Mid-Con's two leading scorers, OU's Edwards and WIU's Jaman both finished with four shots but neither scored a goal.

WIU went on to defeat Oral Roberts University 4-0 in the finals to win the Mid-Con Championship and automatic bid into the NCAA College Cup.

If anyone would like to share their experiences related to identity formation, please contact
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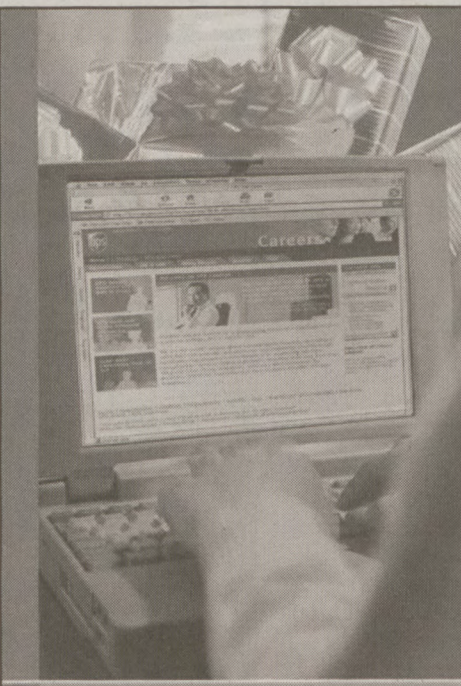
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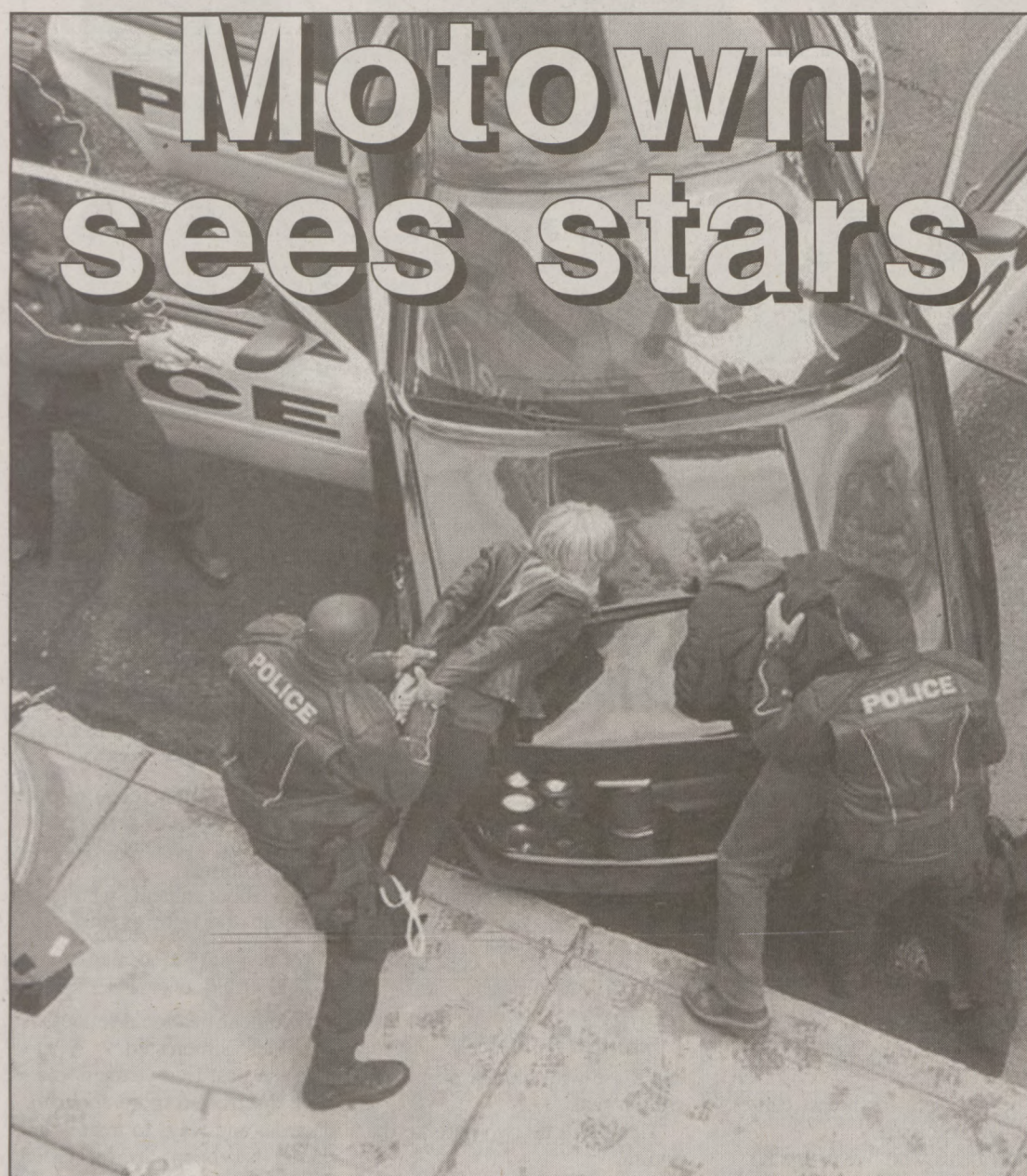


Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

Scarlett Johansson and Ewan McGregor star in the futuristic sci-fi movie, "The Island."

BY NATASHA JOHNSON
THE OAKLAND POST

Detroit transformed into Hollywood and then futuristic Los Angeles Nov. 1-9. Thanks to a \$100-million sci-fi thriller "The Island," Detroit got a temporary two-block makeover.

"The Island," starring Scarlett Johansson and Ewan McGregor, takes place in 2044 and is about a man, played by McGregor, who discovers he is a "harvested being" that is being kept in a utopian facility along with the rest of his community.

"The Island," produced by DreamWorks SKG

and Warner Bros. Pictures is expected to be released next summer.

While the filming was in Detroit, infamous director Michael Bay, who directed "Armageddon" and "Pearl Harbor," held casting calls for extras and cars that could be presented in the movie.

About 175 extras and 100 cars were chosen from the Detroit area to be in the movie.

Extras worked 8-14 hours for 6-9 days. They were paid a nonunion salary, which is \$54 for the first eight hours and after 10 hours, they were paid double overtime. This is the same way it works in Hollywood.

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Cities keep quiet

BY TRACY ESTES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

"Step into the shoes of a mother with a newborn baby that won't stop crying because the teens down the street have the music so loud that it's shaking the windows," said Vicki Barnett, mayor of Farmington Hills.

To stop people with loud music that may be disrupting to the community, the city of Farmington Hills has passed an ordinance to set some ground rules for noise offenders.

Council members for the city of Farmington Hills introduced the "Vehicle Stereo Noise or Vibration" ordinance on Nov. 8, to stop people on the streets with loud stereos that can be heard or felt 50 feet or more away.

Failing to comply with the ordinance will be considered a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

If caught with disrupting sounds, Barnett said the first offense may receive a warning and education on the ordinance and how unhealthy the vibrating base and loud music can be on a person's hearing.

Although it would be tough to enforce this rule among people simply driving by, "the ordinance is mainly for neighborhoods and other areas where people congregate with loud and disrupting music," Barnett said.

Police will not be patrolling for noise.

"We are counting on residents to call the

police if there is a problem, but we are hoping they try the old-fashioned way first; simply ask the people to turn their music down," Barnett said.

Several cities have already instated policies for noise disruption including Detroit and Troy, while other cities feel there is no need for a new ordinance.

Shelby Township's council members chose not to pass their proposed noise ordinance.

"A policy like that is very hard to enforce," said Terri Kowal, Shelby Township clerk. "We don't like to enact ordinances that can't be upheld."

Shelby Township currently has a strict disturbing the peace ordinance, Kowal said.

"And we also have the distracted driving ordinance," which is a zero point ticket counting as one of the two tickets a person would receive for breaking the law on the road.

Shelby Township has not ruled out a new noise ordinance, but Kowal said the board has decided to go back to the drawing board and work on it a little longer.

Rochester Hills does not have an ordinance for loud music from vehicles.

"We get noise complaints," said Bob White, supervisor of ordinance enforcement in Rochester Hills. "Most complaints are after hours and we just refer people to the sheriff's department."

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Triumph over bipolar disorder

BY TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

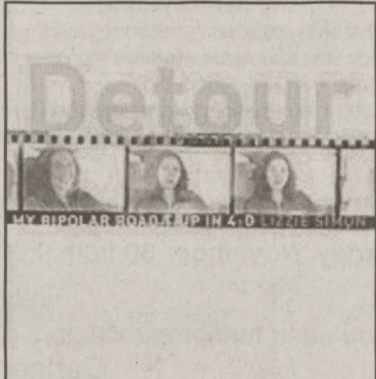
Lizzie Simon, author of "Detour: My Bipolar Road Trip in 4-D" will be coming to the Hyatt Regency Dearborn at the Fairlane Town Center Nov. 18 to encourage those living with bipolar disorder to "take a detour to wellness."

Simon will be accompanied by Dr. Gary Sachs, director of the Bipolar Clinic and Research Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and Lydia Lewis, president of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance.

The trio will be hosting a forum directed toward young people living with bipolar disorder.

"The goal is all about educating, informing and inspir-

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Courtesy of Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Lizzie Simon, author of "Detour: My Bipolar Road Trip in 4-D" will be in Dearborn Nov. 18.

Detroit's rebirth starts at the heart

BY KATHLEEN LARRABEE
THE OAKLAND POST

Birmingham, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield; that's where many students say they like to hang out or they would like to live in those cities one day. Few students said they spend their free time strolling the streets of downtown Detroit or aspire to live in the heart of the city.

Why? Do they truly dislike what it represents or merely avoid it because they are biased or unaware?

Detroit, a once diverse, multi-cultural and attractive city, is reawakening, courtesy of small yet powerful and growing efforts of people just like you!

So, how exactly can small efforts really adjust years of dark misunderstandings about the city in Metro-Detroit residents?

They can start by listening to those who still have faith in the

city's possibility.

Donna Batista, owner of The Batista Gallery in Ferndale, speaks with optimism about Detroit's potential for recognition as "a goldmine for cultural enthusiasts."

Originally from California, Batista said she feels Detroit has "some of the best talent seen all over the country," especially in art. She expressed surprise at how the art community is lagging behind, in terms of local priority.

She attributes this to the lack of support from the news media, pointing out the lack of coverage of gallery openings and the fact that many people go elsewhere to buy art, forgetting the wealth of local galleries.

Yet, she sees Detroit as an important player in U.S. history for something other than its auto industry, citing the Heidelberg

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Palace starts season with new makeover

ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The Detroit Pistons beat the L.A. Lakers in the final series to claim the title of 2004 NBA World Champions.

Fans would love a repeat of last season and with pumped players, supportive fans and a \$5 million plan for improvements to the Palace, it could very well happen.

According to most basketball fans and critics, the final series between the Lakers and the Pistons was one of the most surprising in many decades. Detroit soon went from being dubbed "Hockeytown" for the Red Wings repeated championships, to "Hoopstown."

Focus has shifted from hockey and the Wings, who are still on lockout, to our underdog of a basketball team that shattered the 14-year spell of no championships and brought it back to Detroit.

Improvements on the outside of The Palace began with extensive refurbishment of the parking lot, including 700 additional spaces. All parking lots were resurfaced and re-lined. A non-slip faux slate surface was added to the West Plaza, outside of the Atrium entrance.

In addition to the outside, the Palace now has its own Hall of Fame exhibit. It includes memorabilia from some of the biggest names to perform at the venue

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Photo courtesy of SRS

It's easy to tell tires with worn treads, like these, need replacing, but identifying aged tires is not as simple, according to SRS.

Group seeks tire expiration dates

BY BRANDON GLATFELTER
THE OAKLAND POST

A petition for tire expiration dates has been brought up to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) due to recent fatalities.

The petition was brought by the safety group Safety Research and Strategy (SRS). Their Web site, www.safetyresearch.net, says that the petition requests a consumer advisory alerting the public of hazards. NHTSA has 120 days to make a decision on the petition.

According to SRS, the reason aged tires are so dangerous is that in 50 accidents cited, the tires had never been used and showed no signs of damage or wear. Aged tires are dangerous because the cohesive chemicals are only active when the tire is in use so premature aging of the tires occurs when tires are unused for long periods, SRS said. Expiration dates would allow drivers to identify if their tires are safe.

Out of several OU students interviewed, none knew the danger of aging tires. When informed, they thought that tire expiration dates or at least a more firm statement of when

to get rid of old tires was in order.

Daniel Zielinski, vice president of communications for the Rubber Manufacturer's Association (RMA), a spokes group for the main tire manufacturers of America, said that, "it [tire aging] was an issue worthy of discussion."

But, he said though he feels expiration dates on tires may increase automotive safety, they may be a hindrance as well.

"People might not look at any other safety aspect of their tires because they think the tires are safely within the expiration date," Zielinski said.

He said he feels this is a major problem.

"The incidences cited by the petition were cases where the full size spare tires had not been rotated as is suggested for safety."

The problem is that if people are already not following suggested safety tips, if an expiration date is put on tires, it would seem likely that the safety tips might not be followed at all, Zielinski said.

Both he and SRS say there must be a middle ground. People must know when to throw away unused tires as well as other safety precautions.

For more information on tire safety, go to www.rma.org.

Global Glance

Bush nominates Powell replacement

President Bush announced yesterday that he has nominated national security advisor Condoleezza Rice as the next Secretary of State, following Colin Powell's resignation, Friday. If chosen, Rice would be the first black woman and the second woman ever chosen for the position. Rice's nomination comes after a slew of changes in the Bush White House. Also resigning were Agricultural Secretary Ann Veneman, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Education Secretary Rod Paige. Rumors are also circulating of Homeland Security Department Secretary Tom Ridge's resignation, but the White House has not confirmed the report.

Australian train wreck injures more than 120

A high-speed train derailed in Australia early yesterday, injuring more than 120 of its 157 passengers. Two are listed in serious condition and the medical staff of Queensland's state department said it was a miracle that nobody was killed. Seven of the train's nine cars plowed across nearby fields and some of the cars almost slid onto close-by Bruce Highway, a major east coast road. The cause of the accident is not known and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau launched an immediate investigation.

Woman sues Castro for father's death

The daughter of CIA pilot Thomas "Pete" Ray, who was killed by the Cuban government during the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, testified she held President Fidel Castro personally responsible for his execution and for displaying his frozen body in a glass case. Janet Weininger is seeking \$112 million from the communist government in a lawsuit filed under a federal anti-terrorism law that allows the families of victims executed by state sponsors of terrorism to seek damage. She said she wrote more than 200 letters and telegrams to Castro over 18 years and Ray's body was released in 1979. Testimony took less than a day in the non-jury case, but the judge gave no indication when he would rule.

Global goof

Dammed expensive

Beavers in Louisiana made an expensive dam last week. The beavers found a bag of money stolen from a casino, ripped it open and used the money to build their dam. The money was part of more than \$70,000 stolen from the Lucky Dollar Casino in Greensburg. Police searched for days before a tip was called in saying the money had been thrown into the creek. One bag of stolen cash was found right away and a second downstream. After searching for the third bag, officials began to break down the dam to search near it. That's when they saw the stolen wallpaper. The casino people were happy to get their money back, even though some of it was wet.

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.

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which was the top fund-raising team with \$9300. The top student organization team was OU Physical Therapy, which raised \$4600.

"The event was a huge success for a first year event. It honored 30 survivors and had well over 900 participants partake in the event," Agler said.

Teams set up camp in the lower level of the Recreation Center, directly below the track.

A team captain was responsible for forming a team of friends, coworkers, family members or other interested individuals.

The team members were all responsible for collecting contributions prior to the event.

While groups came together and socialized, each team had to make sure that at least one of their members was on the track at all times.

Cancer survivors walked the first lap, named the Victory Lap, around the track to start the event at 4 p.m. on Friday.

A special tradition known as the luminaria ceremony occurred a few hours into the first night.

Lights were placed inside decorated bags and lined the track for the entirety of the event to remember those who have been lost to cancer.

Teams camped out on the lower level of the Rec Center and brought with them sleeping

bags, pillows, tents, food, games and their walking shoes.

Walkers made it through the night with the help of a DJ, a dance competition, relay Olympics, a scavenger hunt, bad hair and best pajama competitions and a battle of the sexes trivia game.

Junior Caitlin Harrison said she decided to "participate in Relay for Life, because it's a great event."

"I was there to support my friends and their families," she said.

"The money raised goes toward cancer research and education, and who knows in the future if someone I love and care about will be diagnosed with cancer ... hopefully by then, the money raised will help find a cure."

The relay allows individuals to grieve for loved ones they've lost to cancer and celebrate lives of survivors who beat cancer.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

Nearly half of all men and a little over a third of all women in the U.S. will develop cancer during their lifetimes.

In 2004, there were approximately 50,000 people in Michigan diagnosed with cancer.

In the U.S., approximately 1.5 million cases were diagnosed.

"When I first started at the American Cancer Society, I did



Danielle Zuccaro (center), Phi Sigma Sigma president, battled cancer twice. Her sorority sisters and friends supported her at the event.

Photo courtesy of Danielle Zuccaro

not know why God brought me to this organization," Agler said, "but as my first months progressed I knew why I was there."

Agler himself has been affected by cancer in many ways. "I lost my favorite uncle to throat

cancer. In addition, my mother has just recently been diagnosed with breast cancer," he said.

"I would like for future generations to live in a cancer free world."

This event, Agler said, "is

about the students of OU (who) embraced this challenge and worked very hard in the fight against cancer."

He recognizes the committee at OU that put this event together.

Members included Tracy Tran,

Meghan Anderson, Erin Fleming, Heather Haney, Nicole Fritz, Amy Pignanelli and Kristyn Gardner.

"It is about students who have taken up the fight against cancer," Agler said.

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control, and typically spreads to other parts of the body.

Currently, cancer is the number two killer for all ages and genders, closely following heart disease.

In this year alone, it is estimated that there will be 2 million new cases. In the United States, there are approximately 9 million people with the diagnosis.

The average survival rate of all types of cancer is 50 percent.

This means that 50 percent of diagnosed individuals will live five years after diagnosis.

As for skin cancer, in this year alone, it is estimated that 600,000 new cases will be diagnosed, but only 2,000 individuals will die.

Melanoma, an especially deadly type of skin cancer, is speculated to produce 45,000 new cases.

Research shows that most skin cancer that kills individuals at age 65 or older is due to extensive exposure to the sun in youth.

It is estimated that one in two students who live to age 65 will develop at least one skin tumor.

Reducing UV exposure is key to reducing the risk of cancer.

Light-colored eyes, fair skin and blonde or red hair also increases an individual's risk, as does a tendency to freckle.

According to Harvard School of Public Health risk analyst, George Gray, individuals should be aware of their family histories, moles on their bodies and having encountered two or more severe sunburns before age 18.

Individuals who will be exposed to sun should use SPF, Sun Protection Factor, and should be able to determine what degree they need.

For example, if an individual will experience sunburn after 12 minutes and applies sunscreen with an SPF of eight, this means that the sunscreen will protect the individual from sunburn for eight times 12 minutes; a total of 96 minutes.

SPF numbers are relative; they differ from person to person.

Smoking is another risk factor for cancer.

Despite efforts to inform the public of the hazards of smoking, many individuals continue the habit and put themselves at risk for developing lung cancer.

Today, there are 350,000 individuals with lung cancer.

Of those, 90 percent report that they started smoking in their youth.

Cancer is listed as the fourth leading cause of death for college students.

It is estimated that over 80 percent of smoking college students will die of cancer later in

adult life. Over age 60, it is estimated that as many as 160,000 will die each year.

The numbers for breast cancer have also risen.

Individuals who live to age 80 have a 12 percent chance of developing it. Younger women may also die of breast cancer, however those cases are rare.

In the 1950s, 50 per 100,000 people had breast cancer.

By 1970, that number increased to 80 and the new millennium finds that number has risen to 100.

Seven to 10 percent of victims of breast cancer have a hereditary form of it.

However, the number one risk of breast cancer besides being female is age.

Other risk factors are still being researched.

Information compiled from interviews with the Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Kenneth Hightower.

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ing those with bipolar disorder," Simon said.

There will be two parts to the forum.

During the first portion, information will be given about the disorder and new treatments available, as well as learning about support groups, tools and resources to help deal with the disorder.

Simon will share her story of her struggle and triumph over bipolar disorder.

The second half of the forum will be a question/answer segment, where the audience can interact with their hosts.

Attendants are welcome to share their stories, listen to others' experiences and ask questions.

"Treatment is not passive, but an interactive experience," Simon said.

Bipolar disorder is a complex disorder where an individual can go from being severely depressed to being on a manic high.

A main goal of the forum is to let people suffering from bipolar disorder to know they do not have to go through these cycles and can feel well.

"Bipolar is just a diagnosis, it's

not an identification. Wellness is possible," Simon said.

In the past five years, doctors have discovered more about the disorder and ways to treat it and there has been an increased awareness.

The disorder is complex and can go years without a diagnosis, however, once it is diagnosed, it's important to commit to treatment.

"If they commit to wellness, they can achieve their goals," Simon said.

The forum will encourage those living with bipolar disorder and those living with others who have the disorder to talk openly about it.

"[We will be] encouraging thinking about wellness and encourage developing a path for wellness that works for them so they can achieve their life goals," Simon said.

The forum was first held in Atlanta. The Metro-Detroit area is its second stop.

In Atlanta, there were approximately 566 attendants and the forum is hoping for just as many in Dearborn.

To find out more about the "Detour to Wellness" forum, visit their Web site at www.detourtowellness.com or call (800) 501-4553.

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courses.

Geoff Upward, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall, presented a budget for the hall that would reposition it as a public museum and cultural center for OU and the community.

James Leidel, energy manager, presented

a proposal to "continue contracting the university's electrical supply from an alternative supplier as long as it remains economically viable," according to the release.

The September Employee of the Month, Chris Chamberlain, a network engineer in the University Technical Services Department, was presented by OU President Gary Russi.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil recognized Dick Goody, assistant professor of the arts and director of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, and James Hansen, associate professor in the department of counseling.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. in Elliot Hall Auditorium.

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Thursday, November 18 is the Great American Smokeout. If you or someone you know has considered quitting, the staff at Graham Health Center can help! Call Graham Health Center for more information or to make an appointment. Stay healthy!

Please remember, good hand washing (15 seconds) is the best protection against the transmission of colds and flu! The hand wash gels are a good

alternative when soap and water are not available. Keep your immune system strong with a healthy diet, plenty of sleep, and vitamins. Alcohol and smoking will weaken your immune system. If you are ill, stay away from crowds and groups in confined spaces.

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November 18 at 6:00 PM Inramural Sports - **Basketball Extravaganza** followed by the **Annual All Star Basketball Game** at 8:00 PM. Call 248-370-4885 for information.

BREAK PASSES will be available for the December/January semester recess period. More information to come.

CAREER SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

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Register for one of the interview clinics below by calling Career Services at (248) 370-3250. Professional attire NOT required.

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Wednesday, December 1, 10:00 AM - noon

Thursday, December 9, 10:00 AM - noon

Wednesday, December 15, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Call career Services at 248-370-3250 to register.

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-How to prepare for the interview

-The interview process

-What skills employers seek from candidates

-What to do after the interview to leave a positive impression

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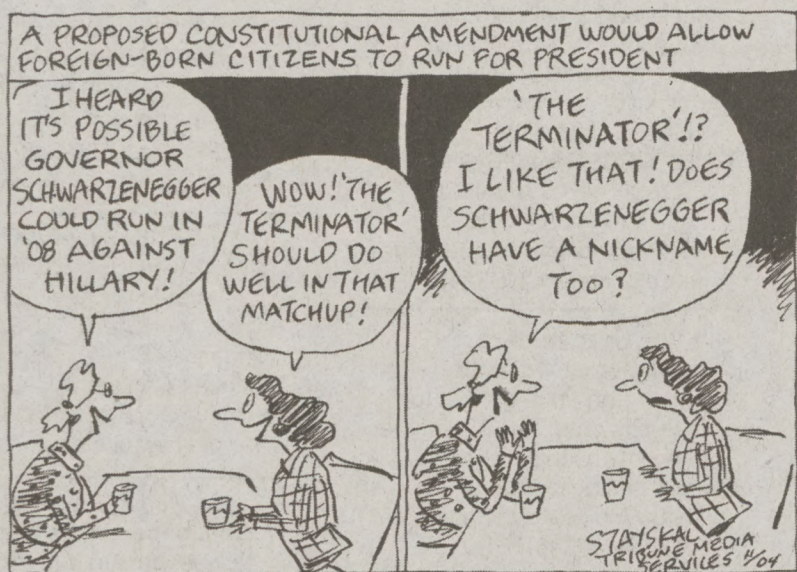
Upcoming Information Sessions:

Thursday, November 18	5:00 PM
Monday, November 22	12:00 PM
Tuesday, November 23	11:30 AM
Wednesday, December 1	12:30 PM
Thursday, December 2	11:00 AM
Friday, December 3	1:30 PM
Tuesday, December 7	3:00 PM
Wednesday, December 8	5:00 PM

Oakland Center Art, Book & Gift Fair

Tuesday, November 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM come browse and purchase unique holiday gifts.

If you need further information, please contact Kim at 3245, or by email to Carlsen@oakland.edu.



A time of thanks and giving

It's that time of year again. Next week we will mark the official beginning of the holiday season when we celebrate Thanksgiving.

And for many of us the party won't end until early January. Our nation first celebrated Thanksgiving in 1621.

The Pilgrims suffered a devastating winter during the year following their arrival, but the harvest that followed this devastating time was plentiful, and they celebrated with a feast.

This first celebration lasted for three days.

More than two hundred years later, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Today we look forward to Thanksgiving for many reasons.

It's a time to visit with family and friends, enjoy a good meal, relax and possibly watch football.

We spend the rest of the week-

end shopping.

For students, the holiday break also gives us a few extra days to prepare for the end of the semester and the inevitable final exams.

For millions of people around the country, however, Thanksgiving is just another day to wonder where their next meal will come from.

According to information on the U.S. Census Web site, in 2003, 35.9 million people were below the official poverty thresholds and a story done just last month by The Daily Oakland Press reported that as many as 250,000 of this county's 1.2 million people live at or below the poverty level.

These statistics are daunting. The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) has an Adopt-A-Senior program that continues through Sunday at its headquarters in Pontiac.

OLHSA is collecting food

items, including Thanksgiving staples such as turkeys, small hams and potatoes, as well as nonperishable items.

The items will be distributed to low-income seniors in the area. For more information, visit the OLHSA Web site at www.olhsa.org.

Additionally, many senior citizens need special care around the holidays.

In Macomb County, volunteers are needed to help with the Holiday Meals on Wheels program.

Volunteers will deliver five to ten meals to homebound senior citizens in the area on Thanksgiving Day.

Visit www.macombcounty-mi.gov for more information.

For additional volunteer opportunities, visit www.volunteersolutions.org.

It doesn't take a lot of money or time to make a difference in someone's life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discussion would have saved some frustration

Dear Editor:

Recently, between the existing parties, it seems as if there is no middle ground.

Both sides, liberal and conservative, did not make an effort to come together and respectfully discuss their differences prior to and after the election.

Discussing would have been a much more efficient way for all students to gain a better understanding of both viewpoints.

As a legislator on Student Congress, I have conversed with many students to learn about their beliefs and why.

It helps me to understand the type of students that I represent.

This is something that I believe if all students did, we would have greater respect for one another.

Allowing for only one viewpoint to be heard is not fair to all students because you lose perspective on the issue.

When both views are equally heard, it is easier to come to a compromise or understanding.

I fear in the long run that not discussing and hashing out compromises will lead to serious issues on campus.

Examples of these are discrimination based on political party, and the loss of the liberty to express open approval for political ideas, or heaven forbid, the lack thereof.

The Bill of Rights of the US Constitution grants us the right and obligation to openly express ourselves without fear of recrimination.

In closing, I hope all students will respect and, with patience, tolerate and appreciate other students' opinions and beliefs.

Donald Stuckey II
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OUSC Legislator

When will the Proposal 2 debate end?

Dear Editor:

Over the past month or so I have watched as the whole debacle over OUSC endorsing a resolution opposing Proposal 2 evolved and now that the election is over and the Proposal was overwhelmingly passed, I hoped that the issue would die.

Unfortunately for me, and for the good of the student body, it has not.

The debate has left congress, which had to shut down the day before the election because of the level of debate being brought to it, and has come here to The Post.

The last two issues have featured letters to the editor from Legislator Doug Merriam and Student Services Director Sarah Cook continuing the debate past its relevancy.

I consider the resolution to be something completely outside the idea of congress' being the student voice and being there for the good of the students, because this Proposal had no direct effect on the ability of anyone to do anything at Oakland, two concepts which I believe have been eradicated and replaced with turning congress into the rubber stamp for an extreme agenda set forth by the Student Administration.

The issue of Proposal 2 has taken over all discussion in and about congress, something which is not that hard to understand when most people barely know that we have a Student Congress or what it actually does.

I had considered making more direct shots at who I believe is responsible and other low roads but I do not wish to drag myself down to the level of the pettiness that has been displayed during this whole matter.

So for myself and the 90 percent of this University who did-

n't vote in the last Student Congress election, who aren't in organizations, and who just want to go to classes, pass, and go into the real world, stop it.

Get back to what you are supposed to do, work for our benefit, not to push your own agenda, not for my sake, as I will be graduating in December, but for the benefit of new and future students.

To the students who read this allow me to make one seriously editorial comment, one that is mine and mine alone. In the next Student Congress election, for your own good, remove all remnants of this administration from power and start anew, so hopefully this will never happen again.

Scott Ryan Czasak
Senior
Political Science

How could anyone have voted in support of Proposal 2?

Dear Editor:

As an outspoken Republican I am sure it will come as quite a shock to many who know me when I ask what the **** any of you were thinking when you voted for Proposal 2?

Regardless of anyone's religious beliefs, it is disappointing and disturbing that a majority of the people could come together to willingly support the discrimination of an entire group.

The passing of similar legislation in ten other states is showing a disturbing trend in modern politics: the hijacking of the Republican Party by those who feel privileged enough to legislate morality. Frankly, this scares the crap out of me.

I originally joined the Republican Party because of my conservative belief that Americans are governed best when governed by themselves, and the belief that everyone is

protected under the Constitution to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Not life, liberty if we feel like it, and the pursuit of whatever the divine few determines is best for all of us sinners.

Admittedly, it is fairly apparent that the Founding Fathers probably intended for the country to be based on fundamental Christian ideals. In fact, 52 of the 55 people who worked on the Constitution were evangelical Christians.

However, it is also important to note that many of these same Founding Fathers owned slaves and were adulterous philanderers.

While I am not seeking to ridicule the leaders of colonial America, the point I am trying to make here is that while basing one's ideology on the actions of the Founding Fathers is indeed noble and staying true to tradition, it is also important to recognize their flaws and more importantly, to implement reform wherever tradition hinders the liberty of any American, whether you agree with their lifestyle.

I am also not attacking Christianity. In fact, I am a Christian.

I am merely mentioning those who seek to discriminate against others just because they don't adhere to certain morals and beliefs.

American tradition is founded on the inclusion of everyone. If we begin excluding people based on their lifestyles, we are essentially discarding any civil rights progress this country has ever made.

I know this is far little, far too late, but I made the mistake of counting on the good will of the people of Michigan to do the right thing and dismiss Proposal 2.

I honestly thought that Michigan voters would have had the decency to recognize the bitter discrimination they were voting into law. I was wrong.

In hindsight I wish I had done more to help.

However, for what little my opinion is worth, I will now proclaim, as a true conservative, for-

ever enshrined in the printed word that the gay community has both my, and hopefully the true, Constitution-defending conservative community's full support in repealing this discriminatory piece of legislation.

In the words of Barry Goldwater, arguably one of the most truly conservative Republican senators in recent history, "religious factions will go on imposing their will on others unless the decent people connected to them recognize that religion has no place in public policy."

They must learn to make their views known without trying to make their views the only alternatives." Amen.

David Lauber
Senior
Political Science

OU branch MSUFCU is alive and well

Dear Editor:

Your Oakland University Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union is alive, well and serving you today and tomorrow - just as we have from the day the university opened its doors.

In response to the many questions and rumors about the credit union sparked by recent university actions and to correct inaccuracies in the October 13th article "Partnership will bring Funds, Scholarships" in The Oakland Post, we wish to reassure our members and the community of our continued commitment.

As our long-term members know, the mutual relationship began well before 1996, as stated in the article.

The university and the credit union came to Oakland County together in 1957 as partners, and we have been serving the staff, faculty, students and community ever since - not only with financial services, but as a committed donor (most recently, \$200,000 to the SBA computer lab), an avid supporter of programs and

activities on campus (approximately \$85,000 last year) and active contributor of time and service (speaking engagements, committee memberships, etc.).

From our view, there is no basis for The Post's report that OU's partnership with us "ended last year."

In January this year, the university's administration emphasized the strong relationship and close partnership in a presentation to the credit union's board of directors. Their half-million dollar request for study-abroad scholarships based on that partnership was received favorably by our board. The next week we were informed that the partnership was up for bid.

Later, OU administration assured us that we would always have a presence and ATM on campus. There has never been any communication of the one-year cut-off introduced in the article.

Direct deposit of not only student payrolls, but all employees, has been available to OU for years.

As the largest university based credit union in the world, we lead the industry in technological expertise and systems.

Unfortunately, university systems and procedures allow for direct deposit of monthly payroll only.

For the University to forfeit this forty-seven year partnership, the industry-leading technology, proven loyalty and dedication, both financial and non-financial support, not to mention a half-million dollar scholarship, it is difficult to understand how the university can say OU would be gaining more than they are losing.

In spite of the changes, the credit union continues to provide the very best in financial services to each and every one of our members and future members of the OU community.

Our number one priority will always be our membership.

John M. Savio
Vice President
Oakland University Branch
MSU Federal Credit Union

FILM
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What drew Bay to Detroit, according to city officials, was the period architecture.

Producer Ian Bryce said 17 other cities were considered as possible filming locations.

He said Detroit was the clear winner because of its diversity of buildings in the background, something L.A. is lacking.

The Detroit scenes, which included a high-speed chase, car crash and pyrotechnics, were shot at six downtown locations including Michigan Central Depot, Johnny Rockets restaurant and the Michigan Theatre.

The Office of the Mayor was unsure what type of economic impact the filming would have on the city, but DreamWorks said they usually hire local drivers and builders when they are on location.



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG
This bank on the corner of Fort and Shelby has been transformed into one of the sets on the sci-fi movie "The Island," based on a futuristic Los Angeles. The film is scheduled to be released in the summer 2005.

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Project, a creation of hometown artist Tyree Guyton, which garnered worldwide recognition, as a recent example that helped put Detroit on the map.

Furthermore, if recent progress is any indication, people in support of the city are coming out of the woodwork in surprising numbers embracing Detroit, with the aim of creating a downtown that focuses on attracting the young professionals of every ethnicity and making an upbeat and walkable communal core.

Detroit Synergy, a grassroots non-profit organization and one of the most visible groups working around that mission, was formed in 2002 by three Detroiters seeking a broad organization that would work to revitalize Detroit.

According to James Canning, Detroit Synergy (DSG) representative, the group's recent brainstorming sessions, which encompass an increasing diversity of community members, have centered on seeing what people want to see downtown.

Canning said DSG is unique in that "the steering team does not hand down projects," but basically acts as a guiding force, working with other organizations to combine resources and energies.

For example, the DSG recently worked with the Detroit Art Parade to raise awareness for the arts. They also have an ongoing target of working with the National Conference and Justice on Different People, Common Ground, a program which involves twice-quarterly meetings to discuss breaking down racial barriers. This bodes well for the involvement of

people within the city, according to Canning, for if any effort is to succeed, it must work for all Detroiters.

The starting point for this reawakening tends toward an area commonly known as "Midtown," a roughly two-mile-by-two-mile section along Woodward Avenue, between Fisher Freeway and New Center. Midtown holds claim to such landmarks as Orchestra Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and Wayne State University, as well as many historical churches, prominent museums and cultural centers.

And where better to start a city's rebirth than by jump-starting its heart?

It is not the only area of distinction, but the easiest to convince sponsors to invest in, Canning said, as the results of renovations are more rapid and drastically observed.

PALACE
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including Elton John, Billy Joel and Madonna.

Moving inside, non-slip surfacing was added to stairways. A few concession stands have been re-tiled to make them more attractive to customers.

As part of a new sponsorship by Captain Morgan's Rum, the Terrace Club will be renamed "Captain's Quarters." It will be colorfully redecorated in Captain Morgan's colors.

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BAN
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The city of Utica has a minimal noise policy, "no noise before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m."

But like most cities, this policy is for construction purposes, not loud music in vehicles.

Kathryn Dornan, city clerk for Farmington Hills, believes some cities need such policies and others may not.

"Our noise policy came about because of the number of complaints we were getting," she said. "And these people weren't just calling the office, they were calling council members, which has an even stronger impact."

So far, the ordinance has been in effect for about a week, and Barnett said they have heard nothing but good things come from it.

"I used to get two to three complaints a month about the noise. Now I'm getting two to three calls a week from people applauding us," Barnett said.

Residents in Farmington Hills do have a 21-day grace period before the ordinance takes full effect. If people are upset with the ordinance, they will need to collect signatures from 10 percent of the city's population on a petition to stop it.

"People have the right to stop it," Barnett said. "But we've had no complaints about having the ordinance and I think we will be just fine."

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Courtly games cheer gallery

Eighteenth century play is performed entirely by OU crew

BY NATALIE FISHER
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's department of music, theatre and dance is presenting its first restoration play, "She Stoops to Conquer," in the Varner Studio Theatre this month.

Karen Sheridan, associate professor of theatre, directs the play, written by Oliver Goldsmith in 1754. All the cast and crewmembers are OU students and staff.

"OU has never performed a restoration play," Sheridan said. "So this is a big deal."

The play made its debut last Thursday in the Varner Studio Theatre.

"It's a fun play about love and trickery, with a broad comic style," Sheridan said.

Goldsmith's play has entertained audiences throughout the world since the 18th century.

According to Sheridan, OU's performance sticks to the origi-

nal script and is done in true fashion.

Costume designer and special instructor of theatre, Leslie Littell, has adorned the cast with fine fabrics and luscious jewels, expressing their aristocratic characters.

Hair and makeup artist, Jessica Pence is the creator of the pompous updos, weaves and wigs.

The costumes and accessories may sound to be a bit over the top, but nothing has been exaggerated, except the play itself, which is exactly how Goldsmith intended it.

The play is rich with foolery, deception, love and laughter.

"(The play) is nothing like real life," Sheridan said, "it's very comic."

Senior theatre performance major, Steve O'Brien, who plays Hastings, says there's something in the play most everyone can relate to.

"It's a fun experience. It would be a great night out for a date or for anyone looking to have a few laughs," he said.

Goldsmith's play makes light of the struggle of arranged marriages and the conflicts that arise between parents and their children.

The play involves two couples

"She Stoops to Conquer"

now playing in
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Photo courtesy of the music, theater and dance department
Tony Edgerton (Marlow) and Aricka Shuck (Kate Hardcastle) are the main actors from the cast of OU's production of "She Stoops to Conquer." They are pictured in the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall.

desperately trying to be together, but, for several reasons, without success.

Their efforts are derailed further when the son of an aristocratic family is introduced to the plot and spins a web of deception so tight, only he can untangle it.

While "She" may have to stoop to conquer, it is love that conquers all because the characters really love each other, Sheridan said.

The theatre is set up for a thrust presentation, which allows the audience to be seat-

ed on three sides of the stage.

Varner Studio Theatre only offers seating for about 140 guests, but that means the audience is closer to the action.

The play is written with a technique common in plays called "asides."

This allows the characters on stage to suspend their performance for a brief moment to address the audience, adding another level of humor to the play.

The crew includes student sound designer Amy Thompson, and professor

Kerro Knox who is in charge of lighting.

The theatre has been decorated with paintings done by the students of Julia Beeding's scene-painting class.

Performances will be held in the Varner Studio Theatre Nov. 12, 13, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.

The general admission is \$12 and \$6 for OU students; the matinee held Nov. 19 will be \$6 for all.

For more information, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013.

Student soldier is back in school

OU student recalls his nine months in Kuwait and Iraq after enlisting in the Army

BY BREANNE KOPSON
THE OAKLAND POST

Education at a college level is a very important, and as OU students know, a very expensive experience.

Just how far would you go to be able to attend college? One OU student went all the way to Iraq to fight in the war.

When the time to start thinking about attending college came around, Geoffrey Hampson, 21, was faced with the dilemma of having a brother attending school at the same time.

He knew his parents could not afford college for both of them, so he enlisted in the Army to earn money for tuition.

After completing basic training, Hampson was first deployed to Kuwait on Feb. 19, 2002.

"I was nervous and scared at first, with basic training being the toughest part of the whole experience," he said.

Not knowing anyone, being so far from home and having a drill sergeant in your face 24/7 did



Photo courtesy of Geoffrey Hampson

Top: Hampson is photographed with Iraqi children.

Left: Hampson (left) made some new friends when he spent nine months in Iraq. He feels fortunate to have been sent back home after less than a year abroad.

not make for an easy situation.

"The mandatory gas chamber drill was my worst experience," Hampson said. "I didn't like qualifying for my weapon either, because I sucked."

But there were many obstacles left to face.

His month in Kuwait was spent training because there was no combat at the time.

Hampson became a motor transport operator.

"Basically, a truck driver, but that's how they (the Army) put it," he said.

He drove trucks hauling fuel for tanks and other vehicles; a dangerous job, he said.

He added that "with the chance of gunfire ... driving a fuel truck is like driving a bomb waiting to go off."

When the war started and he

knew he'd be sent into Iraq, Hampson remembers things becoming intense.

"I was nervous of what to expect," he said.

Once across the Iraqi border, he took turns being the driver or passenger of a two-person truck hauling fuel. He had to keep his weapon aimed at all passing vehicles, not knowing if any of them posed a threat.

His longest drive lasted 29 hours, with the trucks breaking down constantly.

"They were older than I am," he said. "And the intense heat caused the tires to wear down

easily, forcing us to replace them frequently."

While stationed in Iraq for nine months, Hampson went through many monotonous days laden with routine.

There was physical training in the morning, which consisted of running two to four miles.

Hampson would then shower and eat, and when working on a mission, would sign out his weapon and ammunitions.

"I would then wait for my convoy briefing, while packing water and MREs (meals ready to eat)," he said.

"I was happy to sleep in a bed again, not in a cot or on top of a service truck."

-Geoffrey Hampson

While in Iraq, Hampson missed his friends and family, but he missed the simple things as well, like doing laundry, he said.

"At one point, I was stuck with only one outfit and I had to wash it in my helmet. This helped me realize how much Americans take their everyday life for granted, particularly the conveniences we have," he said.

Besides earning money for school, Hampson also had an experience that taught him a lot about "growing up and finding out who you are."

He experienced diversity on a large level, a new thing for him as he came from a mostly white high school. He also made good friends, he said.

Hampson returned home on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2003.

He did not have a problem with adjusting back to life at home, but rather was thankful for being able to drive and not have to worry about running over a roadside bomb and not having to carry a gun.

"I was happy to sleep in a bed again, not in a cot or on top of a service truck," he said.

Back home, when Hampson isn't busy attending classes, he can be found working at Applebee's.

He currently lives in Grand Blanc in an apartment with his older brother.

He enjoys running, shopping, hanging out with friends, going to clubs and listening to alternative music.

He hopes to become a high school teacher, but is not exactly sure for what subject yet.

If given the chance to share something with everyone, Hampson wants people to know you can't always believe what you see and hear in the media.

He feels the media poorly portray the war, especially the lives of the soldiers.

There are generals who aren't really fighting in the war, so of course, they have no problem being there, Hampson said.

Many of the soldiers, however, would love nothing more than to come home.

"Who wants to be shot at everyday?" he said.



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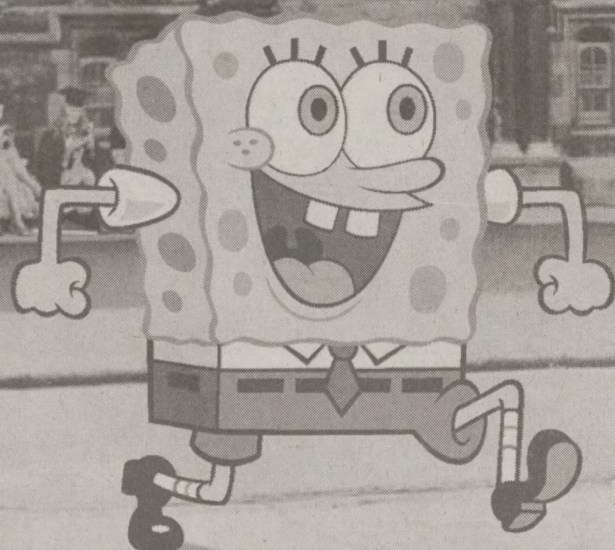


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'Smoke Signals' exhales humanity

After the visit of Native American film director Chris Eyre, Andrew DuPont gives you a run-down on "Smoke Signals"

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Despite having neither big-name actors nor a big Hollywood budget, "Smoke Signals" is a highly enjoyable movie that deserves all the awards it has won since it came out six years ago.

"Smoke Signals," the directorial debut of Chris Eyre, is based on a short story by Sherman Alexie, "The Lone Ranger."

The result is a unique take on the popular "buddies on the road" concept. It might seem like an esoteric setup, but the story is one to which everyone can relate.

Victor (Adam Beach) and Thomas (Evan Adams) are two natives of the Coeur D'Alene reservation, which they call "The Rez," in Idaho.

They couldn't be more different. Victor is somber and quiet, while nerdy Thomas is cheerful and talkative to a fault.

It's obvious Thomas wants to be friends with Victor, but Victor can hardly stand to be around Thomas when he rambles on with his stories about everything imaginable.

The movie seamlessly transitions from the present to flashbacks of the boys' childhoods to help better explain their significant differences, and the bond that links them for life: Victor's father Arnold (Gary Farmer).

Thomas' parents died in a massive fire when he was an infant, but Arnold managed to save both Thomas and Victor from the blaze.

But when the boys were young, Arnold ran away from the reservation for Arizona, leaving his family behind.

When word comes that Arnold has died, Victor plans to journey to Arizona to collect his ashes, but lacks the money to do so. Thomas has enough, but wants to go with Victor in exchange for paying for the trip.

Despite the serious back-story, "Smoke Signals" is quite comical in parts, thanks mostly to Thomas.

His innocent ideals and awkward social skills contrast greatly with Victor's skepticism and killjoy mentality, and the result is often laugh-out-loud funny.

"The Rez" itself is an eclectic mix of traditional Native American traditions and modern

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"Smoke Signals" is available for rent at any local video store

American culture.

One great example of this is the reservation's local radio station, where the traffic reporter is a guy sitting in a lawn chair on top of a van at the only intersection in town.

As the men's journey nears its end, they meet Suzy (Irene Bedard), the woman who lived next to Arnold.

She tells Victor about the man he thought he knew, and the ideas of forgiveness, redemption, healing and friendship



Photos courtesy of ShadowCatcher Entertainment

Top: "Smoke Signals" was released in 1998 and won awards at the Sundance Festival.
Left: Adam Beach and Evan Adams play Thomas and Victor.



become overwhelming.

Though the basic plot has been done many times before, the influence of Native American culture gives the film a fresh resilience that makes it not only memorable, but a future classic.



Chris Eyre, director of "Smoke Signals."

Chris Eyre speaks to OU

BY VIRGINIE PEROV
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

A crowd of more than 300 students and faculty gathered Monday night in the Banquet room of the OC to spend an "Evening with Chris Eyre."

The award-winning director was on campus to present his first feature

movie, "Smoke Signals," which came out in 1998.

"Smoke Signals" was the first movie to be written, directed, co-produced and starring Native Americans.

In a brief introduction to the film, Eyre described it as "a movie about small things."

"Smoke Signals" is unique because it's about small human components that make us empathize with each other," he said.

He concluded his introduction by stating that it doesn't matter whether

it's about people in the Middle East or China, the best part of small stories is that we can all relate to them.

During the discussion that followed the screening, Eyre spoke of his years in film school, the poverty in Native American reservations and the making of "Smoke Signals."

~ Chris Eyre

The audience laughed when he related his memories of sharing his favorite movies with his fellow students at NYU Film School.

"Some were saying '400 Blows' and

others '8 1/2.' (...) I was raised with 'The Little House in the Prairie' and 'Silver Spoon.' I was thinking 'Wow! I don't know if I should be in movie school,'" Eyre said.

In "Smoke Signals" one of the scenes shows two Native American women driving a car in reverse on a long stretch of road. A member of the audience asked about the significance of it.

"Sure it's a metaphor," Eyre said. "But for the Indians, it's more about economics. Their car doesn't work."

Eyre concluded the evening by assuring that "movies do change the world in their own way" and hoped for the rebirth of independent movies.

PUNCH OF FUN

BY ADAM BARK
THE OAKLAND POST

In "The Incredibles," a series of lawsuits has forced all superheroes into a relocation program.

Mr. Incredible/Bob Parr (voice of Craig T. Nelson) and Elastigirl/Helen (voice of Holly Hunter) are forced to stop fighting crime and lead normal lives.

Years later, Bob and Helen seem to have adjusted to their lifestyle. They have three children; a daughter, Violet (voice of Sarah Vowell); a son, Dashell (voice of Spencer Fox) and a baby, Jack-Jack. But the Parrs still aren't your typical family.

Bob is not entirely comfortable with family life. He feels the hero in him yearning to be free and when the mysterious woman Mirage (voice of Elizabeth Pena) offers to include him in a top-secret mission, he accepts.

Unfortunately, the mission is really a trap set by Syndrome (voice of Jason Lee), a wanna-be hero turned villain. So Helen has no choice, but to once again suit up as Elastigirl with Violet and Dash in tow.

"The Incredibles" is not a bad movie. It just lacks the adult sense of humor that made the success of the previous Pixar films such as "Toy Story" and "Shrek."

Known for being kids' movies with hidden adult content, they enclosed plenty of jokes that would go over a child's head, leaving the kids unaware, yet catching the adult's attention.

The movie takes itself more seriously than its predecessors, trying to be a bona-fida action flick.

This seriousness is evidenced



Pixar films. The character of Edna Mode (voice of Brad Bird) is one of the funniest in the film, constantly interrupting everyone and full of bizarre mannerisms.

In one scene, she is showing Elastigirl the new superhero costumes she has made for the family.

To show the durability of these uniforms, she says the baby's outfit can endure thousand degree temperatures and shoots at it with a machine gun, because "you never know what a baby will get into."

Another comedic scene involves Elastigirl stretching and getting herself stuck in three different doors, spanning three rooms. With a fight scene going on in each room, this is a very funny scene.

This movie has something for just about everyone. There's a heartfelt message for families, plenty of action and enough comedy to keep it from becoming too gritty.

Director Brad Bird (The Iron Giant) has done a good job balancing the elements of this film. I'd be surprised if we don't see an equally impressive sequel in the next few years.

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Photo courtesy of Microsoft

Halo saga might continue

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A lot of time was lost last week, thanks to the release of a highly anticipated form of entertainment.

Halo 2 hit shelves at midnight on Monday, Nov. 8 to the jubilation of many but to the dismay of others who will lose use of their television sets for the next month or more.

The sequel to Halo, the revolutionary first-person shooter that has captivated gamers since the introduction of Microsoft's Xbox, lived up to its predecessor's standard, maintaining the status quo in some areas and branching out in others.

A staple in the Halo diet was getting together with at least one other person and enjoying the multiplayer action the game affords.

That feature is back and better than ever, with some notable upgrades.

A new series of maps have been introduced, some of which are just variations of the maps from the original Halo, with much more space to adjust to the game's best feature: online game play.

What once was restricted to only the PC version

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of Halo, has now expanded to the console version of Halo 2.

While Halo was always capable of 16-person game play, it was a much more difficult process than it is with the sequel.

Instead of using four separate televisions, Xbox consoles and a series of cables, Xbox Live makes it simple for any subscriber to get in on serious multiplayer action.

And the larger maps keep from clogging up the game play with the maximized number of participants and are still small enough to keep things interesting with smaller numbers.

The weapons throughout the game are much more extensive than they were in the first rendition of Halo, offering a wider variety of choices as well as dual-wielding capabilities that help strengthen even the weakest weapons.

In the single-player mode, little has changed from the original.

One major difference, which also spills over into the multiplayer mode, is the lack of "health."

Instead of worrying about picking up health packs, players must keep an eye on their rechargeable shield.

Once the shield is diminished, retreating for cover is a must since the character can only take a few unshielded shots before croaking.

While this is an unusual way of dealing with a character's life force, it does eliminate the need to worry about health packs.

Experienced gamers may get frustrated with Halo 2's campaign mode, which could be defeated in a single sitting on the default setting.

But as the difficulty settings are increased, players will be challenged once again.

Also, the return of the cooperative play mode within the campaign will also allow for gamers to get together and enjoy the battle to save earth together.

One downfall is the lack of co-op play through Xbox Live. So, in order for players to team up to save the world, gamers will need to be in front of the same television.

An abrupt ending will also discourage those who fight until the bitter defeat of the Covenant, but leaves the door open for a possible third segment to the Halo saga.

So, whether it's playing in one living room or across the country with Xbox Live, gamers are sure to enjoy the newest installment of this contemporary classic.

No "Encore" for Slim Shady

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Nov. 17

CSA's Lunch and Learn series: House plant care and greenhouse operations will be held from noon-1 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC. The staff from the Meadow Brook Greenhouse will present the basics of keeping your house plants healthy.

The Oakland Composers will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. The performance is free.

Thursday, Nov. 18

The third annual Holiday Shop will be held today from noon-8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Hall Coach House. The house will be open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Beautiful artificial holiday arrangements are for sale and admission is free.

The bi-monthly student writers meeting is today, from 7-9 p.m. in Lake Superior room B of the OC.

Friday, Nov. 19

Friday Night Live with Mike Birbiglia will be held at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. Birbiglia has been seen on NBC's "Late Friday" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving recess begins at 10 p.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 29

Classes resume at 7:30 a.m.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, professor of communication and the dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania will speak at 7 p.m. in the Banquet rooms of the OC.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

The Art, Book and Gift Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the OC.

A Music Theatre Workshop will be held at noon in the Varner Studio Theatre. Admission is free.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. today through Friday in the lobby of Pawley Hall.

Today is "World AIDS Day" and there will be an informational seminar from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. There will be speakers from the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project to answer questions and offer free HIV/AIDS testing.

Friday, Dec. 3

Friday Night Live welcomes comic Kivi Rogers to OU at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Saturday, Dec. 4

There will be a campus tour for prospective students and their family members from 10 a.m.-noon. Please meet in the Oakland Room of the OC.

The Winter Wonderland will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. OU students, faculty and staff are invited and welcome to bring their children to this free holiday carnival. Visit with Santa, make a few holiday crafts and enjoy some wonderful refreshments.

Monday, Dec. 6

Fall classes end at 10 p.m.

Compiled by: Tracy Estes
Assistant Life Editor

Opinion

By Tracy Estes
Assistant Life Editor

Eminem's latest album "Encore" was released Nov. 12 and unfortunately fans may wish Mr. Mathers off the stage when they hear this new disc.

The album was released a week early because of the demand from fans for some new Slim Shady rhymes.

There was a lot of controversy when the "Slim Shady LP" and the "Marshall Mathers LP" were released due to Eminem's violent lyrics and discriminating words, but that is the Eminem we know and love.

After the release of his last album, "8 Mile," and debut movie, Eminem's acting career seemed to take off in Hollywood.

However, Eminem's newfound fame has made him turn a tad toward the pop side, rather than the hard core rapper his fans are used to.

"Encore" may be a new direction for Eminem and producer Dr. Dre.

The album is slower and it seems Eminem's taken a few vocal lessons to keep in tune with the melody on a few tracks.

"Just Lose It" is an example of the one song that everyone remembers from Eminem, like "My name is," "Lose yourself" and the "The Real Slim Shady."

The problem with this song on the

"Encore" album is that it is the only one you'll remember.

"Mosh" is another track that may boost sales, but it's slow and hardly worth turning your radio up to bump in your car.

Obviously, from the lyrics in the song, we know Mr. Mathers didn't vote for President Bush.

Eminem has done quite a bit of work with his group D-12 and it's kind of disappointing that after waiting all this time, "Encore" doesn't live up to the height his fans may have anticipated.

There are a few tracks worth listening to. "Rain Man" has potential and sounds much like the Eminem tracks we are used to. "Spend More Time" is another good track incorporating members from D-12, Obie Trice and 50 Cent, to bring back that rap we miss.

"Encore" is Eminem's milestone after five-years of being known as hip-hop's controversial bad boy. It seems he's at that point where he doesn't know whether to be good or bad.

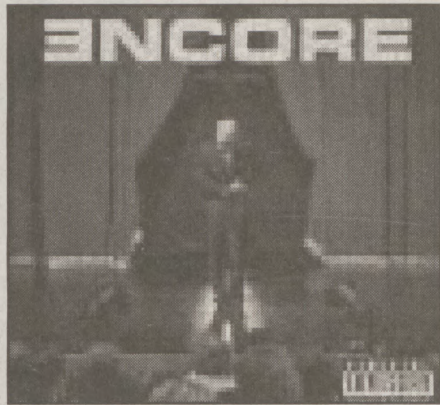
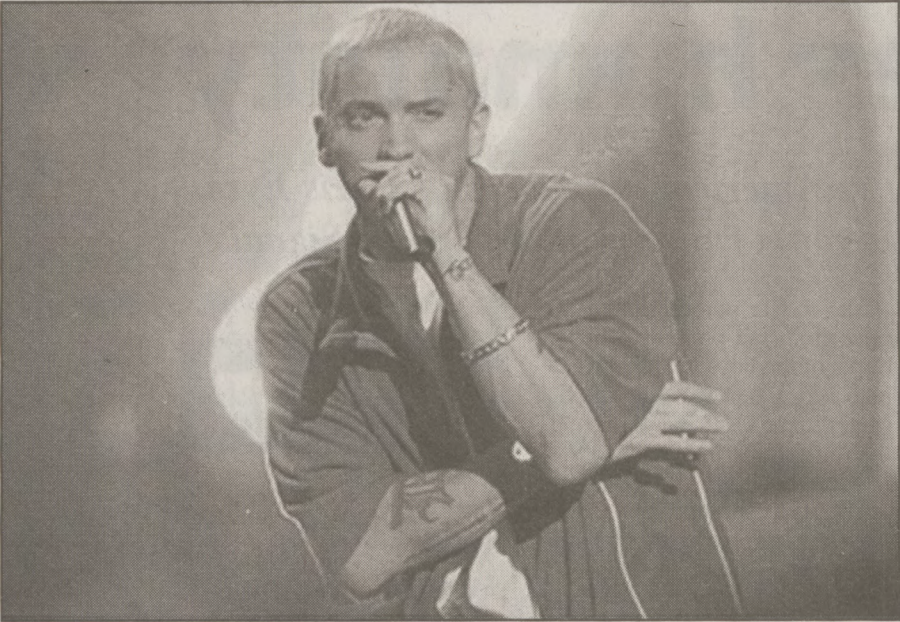
The album shows a more grown up side of Eminem, away from the thug rapper in the past.

"I will never sell out," Eminem said in an interview with Rolling Stone.

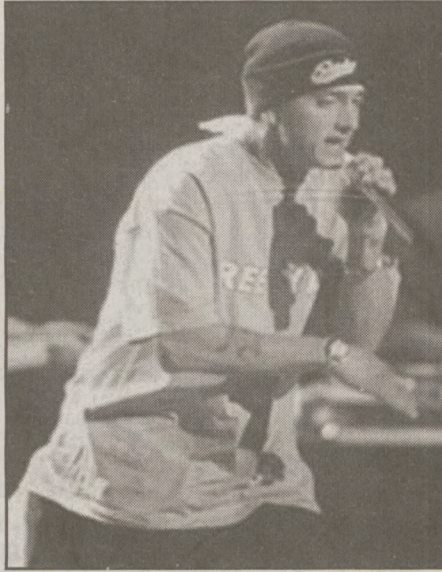
Maybe it's because his daughter is getting older and may see her father on MTV, or maybe because he's finally run out of things to say about ex-wife Kim and mother Debbie.

"Encore" is an album to add to your Eminem collection, but it definitely won't be in my CD player on repeat.

It's about time to go back to your notebook and write some new rhymes Slim.



Photos courtesy of Eminem.com
Top: Marshall Mathers, also known as Eminem. Left: "Encore" was released Nov. 12 in stores. Right: Eminem's controversial lyrics have landed him the nickname of hip-hop's bad boy rapper.



HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6: Your friends are about to come to your rescue, and not a moment too soon. You'd do it for them, so don't get all goofy when they do something nice for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7: A person with high ideals is good to know, if somewhat amusing. You provide the practical touch he or she is so sadly lacking.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8: A pleasant distraction could make you late for an appointment or for meeting a deadline. Take care, the boss is watching.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8: Money's tight, so go over your budget carefully. You're the perfect person for this job. You're a master at saving money.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6: Your mate or partner has an idea that seems, at first, quite inspiring. Don't rush right into agreement, though. It may have a fatal flaw. Investigate.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7: Paperwork interferes with what you'd rather be doing. Dig into it now and be better prepared for a meeting the day after tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5: You yearn for a quiet, yet meaningful conversation with one who truly understands. Don't do it on company time, however. That would be too expensive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6: Don't schedule lots of outside activities for tonight. Stay close to home and mull over all the stuff going on in your head.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7: You'll find it easier to study for the next couple of days. It's also easier to fix things, because it's easier to read instructions.

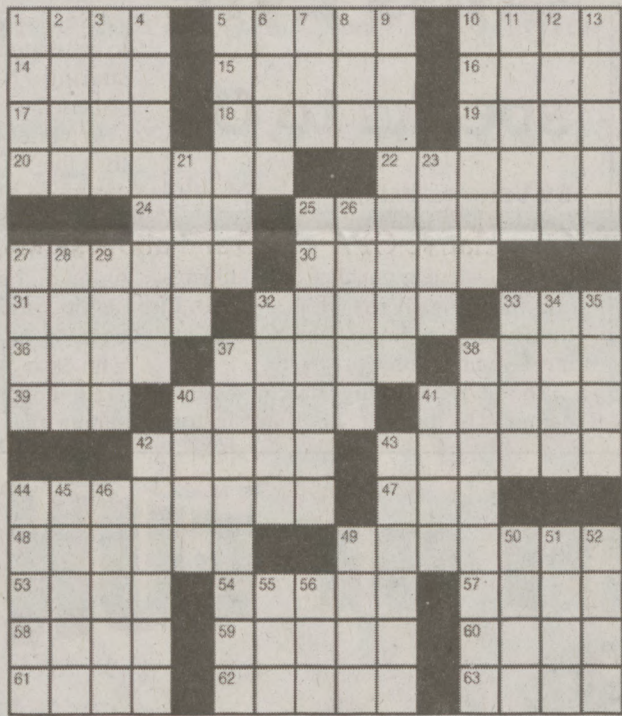
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7: Don't brag to your friends about a bonus that may or may not be coming. Wait until the check clears before you discuss it or spend it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7: You're growing in power, but this doesn't necessarily make your life easier. A person who'd like to dominate you is getting a little worried.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: Take care of paperwork for the next couple of days. Postpone travel and fun. Well, you can have fun, but use it as a prize to keep yourself motivated.

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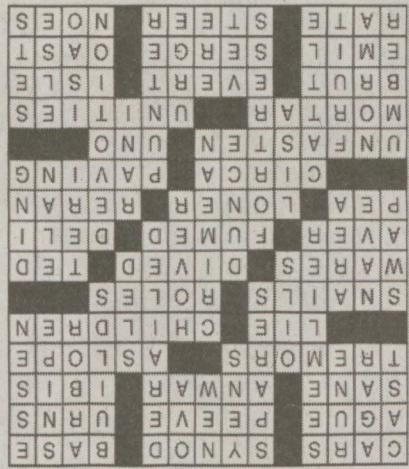
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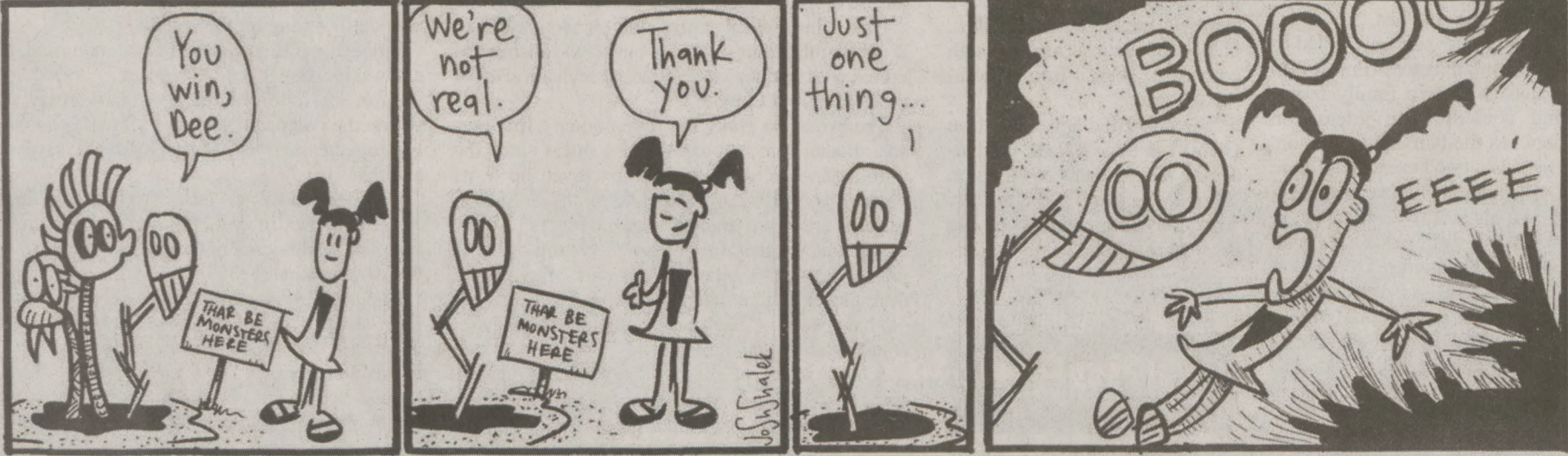
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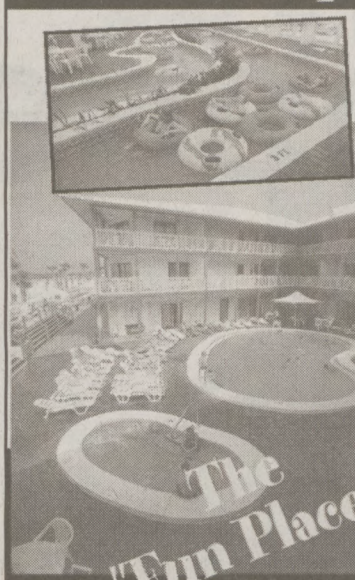
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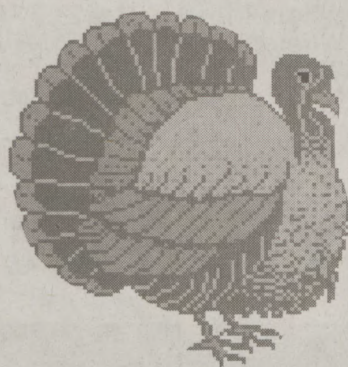
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Expectations are high for experienced squad

2004-05 OU women's basketball preview

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Expectations are high for the OU women's basketball team this season, with reason. Nine players return from last year's 17-11 (10-6 in the Mid-Con) squad, joining head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard in her third year at the helm.

All five starters are back for the Golden Grizzlies, along with a cast of supporting characters and a nearly completely revamped coaching staff.

Even with the mix of familiar and new faces, Shea-Hilliard says the team's personality won't change from the fast-paced style of old.

"I'm not foolish enough to mess with something that's been working," Shea-Hilliard said. "I think the big difference has been the increased leadership and depth."

Leadership will come from a variety of sources for the Grizzlies this season, with four seniors and two returning juniors on the roster.

Forward Amanda Batcha has been a constant force at OU the last three years, starting every game of her career. Batcha averaged career highs in minutes (34.6) and points (9.1) last season, and will be looking to end her Grizzly career the way it began, with a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Leigh Tully started every game for OU last season, with the forward averaging 17.6 minutes and 3.7 points per game. Guard Ashley Holenka is another experienced role player for the Grizzlies that brings energy and leadership to the floor.

After joining the team as a transfer student last season, center Petra Manakova had her ups and downs, but proved to be a force in the post, averaging 9.6 points and 5.3 boards in 23.2 minutes per game.

The bulk of the offensive load, however, may come from the Grizzlies' duo of juniors, Anne Hafeli and Jayme Wilson.

Wilson is a pre-season first team all-conference selection after leading the Mid-Con in scoring last season with 15.3 points per game, bolstered by her league-leading 2.29 three-pointers per contest.

Wilson's numbers could be even better with the emergence of a point guard, which would free Wilson from ball-handling duties.

"It's hard to attack from the top (of the key)," Wilson said. "I can come off screens and get in the flow of the offense rather than having to initiate the offense."

Hafeli brings her steady hand at the free throw line (second in the conference at 85 percent from the charity stripe) and touch from three-point land (35 percent shooter) as the only other Grizzly who averaged in double figures last season.

That depth will be led by sophomores Nicole Piggott, Bonnie Baker and Joya Puryear, all of whom gained valuable experience last year.

Piggott was the standout of the group despite playing in only 23 of the team's 31 games due to an injury. She averaged over 20 minutes per game and added seven points per game, helped by seven double-digit performances.

Baker and Puryear will also look to expand their roles after getting a year under their sneakers.

Adding to the team's deep bench are four newcomers, including one transfer student and three freshmen.

Transfer junior forward Lakeshia White brings her double-double average (18.9 points and 14.8 rebounds) at Hibbing Community College in Minnesota to the Grizzly squad.

Six-foot-one Cass Tech graduate



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Senior center Petra Manakova goes for a layup in a Grizzly game last season. After transferring to OU, Manakova contributed immediately, giving the Grizzlies a true post presence.

Monique George was an All-Detroit player who will look for playing time at forward, and Bethany Jury could help spell Manakova at center with her 6-foot-4 frame after earning all-state honorable mention honors at Livonia Ladywood High School.

With OU still looking to solidify the point guard position, Jenna Schroeder, a first-team, all-state honoree and Miss Michigan finalist, could compete for the job.

Shea-Hilliard believes she has a good mix of players and a balanced attack.

"We're still going to try and get up and down the floor and run," she said. "I've got shooters. I've got post players."

Another point stressed over the offseason was communication, which has led to the growth of normally quiet but effective players like Batcha and Wilson into more outspoken leaders.

"It's something I've been working on and something the coaches have helped me with," Wilson said.

Batcha has also been conscious of her role as a leader.

"I feel more responsible because I am a senior now," she said. "I really want to get things done because it's my last year. I'm talking more and letting people know what we need to do to get things accomplished."

After an exhibition win against Western Ontario, 87-57 Monday, OU will look to begin the long road to accomplishment with their season opener on Friday against Ohio University on the road.

OU will then tip-off at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Central Michigan University.

Game Preview



Who: OU at Ohio Univ.
When: Friday Nov. 19
Where: The Convo
What: OU will tip off its season with a road game against the Ohio Bobcats.

Who: OU at Central Mich.
When: Tuesday Nov. 23
Where: Rose Arena
What: The Grizzlies continue their season against CMU.

Junior guard Jayme Wilson takes a jumper. After leading the Mid-Con in scoring last season, Wilson is a preseason first team all-conference selection.

Bob Knoska/File Photo

Senior forward leads in her own way

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Quietly, senior forward Amanda Batcha has helped develop the personality of the OU women's basketball team.

While things have changed around her, Batcha has been a rock for the Grizzlies going into her fourth and final season.

When she first joined OU, Sarah Judd and Katie Wolfe were running the show, leading the Grizzlies to a Mid-Con title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Silently, Batcha earned a spot on the conference's All-Freshman squad, averaging 5.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

The following season, with Judd graduated, Wolfe took over the scoring reigns and current juniors Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli joined the squad as freshmen.

Between Wolfe, Wilson and Hafeli, the Grizzlies had 45 points a night, along with then senior Romica Clint's nearly nine points per game. Batcha didn't need to score.

Instead she dominated where she was most comfortable, in the paint. She grabbed a Mid-Con lead-

ing 10.1 rebounds per game, ranking her 22nd overall in the nation, and finished third in the conference with 28 blocks.

But much like her own personality, Batcha's achievement went quietly noticed, earning her respect on the court but no accolades off it.

Still, she grew as a player and a student through those first two years, and even the passive observer could see a passion for the game and a hidden potential.

Last season, Batcha showed she wasn't just a rebounding machine and defensive force, but proved she was an all-around player.

Named the team captain before the season, she took on a larger offensive role, not only averaging a career-high 9.1 points per game, but also doing so efficiently by leading the conference with a 58.6 field goal percentage.

Batcha didn't let the staples of her game suffer, however, leading the team in rebounds (8.9 a game) and steals (1.8 per contest).

But Batcha's duties didn't end with scoring, rebounding and defense like the average post player.

In the absence of a true point guard, Batcha stepped up as the team's captain and led the squad with 3.4 assists per game. Add all that up with her

17 blocked shots and Batcha becomes a legitimate five-tool player.

She'll be the last one to tell you that, however. She'd just laugh and smile, saying something along the lines of "I don't know about that."

With this being Batcha's last year, Wilson says the senior forward will probably be the player she will miss most out of all the players she's ever played with.

And it's not just because Batcha can rebound with the best of them.

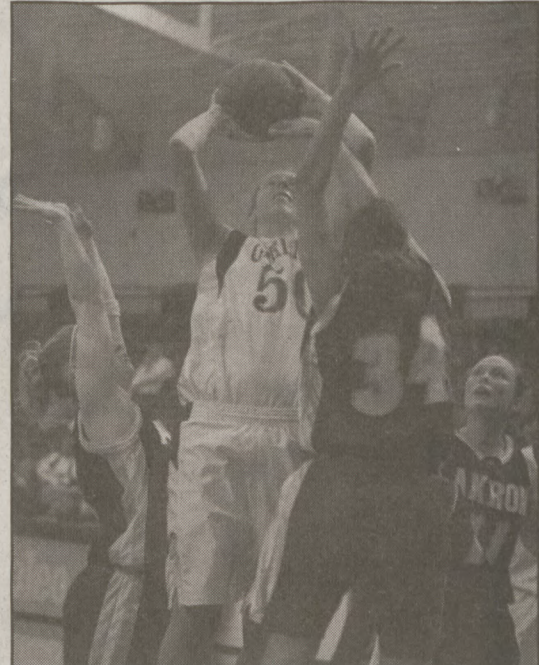
"She does so much for the team, and we want to help her realize her goals," Wilson said.

She brings a work ethic that has helped fuel the team's drive, but also a sense of humor that allows the women to have fun while playing hard.

It's an interesting combination of attitudes, one that has this year's team among the favorites in the conference.

But no matter the outcome, Batcha said the friendships she's built would be the best thing about being an OU basketball player.

"All the memories we make here (are great)," she said. "Just about everyday we laugh about something that's happened. Everybody wants everyone else to do well."



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Senior forward Amanda Batcha fights for a basket in a home game in the O'rena last season.

Grizzlies can't top Crusaders

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing for nothing but pride, the OU women's volleyball team attempted to end Valparaiso University's undefeated Mid-Con season.

But the Golden Grizzlies fell short, losing 3-0 (30-23, 30-17, 32-30) in their final game of the season.

OU had trouble getting its offense going during the first two games, allowing Valpo to take both games.

In game three, OU jumped out to a 17-9 lead, but Valpo came back to tie the game at 28.

OU was not able to hold off the Crusaders, falling 32-30.

"We struggled the first two games," head coach Dave

Schmidlin said. "We fought hard in the third game, but I'm really proud of the effort overall."

Junior Heather Lippert led OU offensively with eight kills.

The game marked the final time seniors Sara Miller, Karen Conger and Katie Lozier would take the court for OU.

"The seniors set a great example for what we are looking for in leaders," Schmidlin said.

"They did everything I asked of them and set a foundation for next year's captains to build upon."

With the loss, OU finishes the season at 5-24 and 3-11 in the Mid-Con.

"You can throw the record out the window," Schmidlin said.

"We had a good year considering our roster size. We were for-



OU's three seniors played their final game Friday night at the O'rena

tunate not to suffer any major injuries and we were competitive in every match."

This offseason Schmidlin wants to concentrate on recruiting and improving the returning players overall games.

OU will return Lippert, who lead the team in kills with 272, junior setter Becca Moller, who finished with 878 assists, and freshman outside hitter Chelsea Licavoli, who set an OU record with 42 aces this season.

Unbeaten streak over



Michigan State University ended The Golden Grizzlies 20-game winning streak, defeating them 5-2 on Friday. OU, led by sophomore forward Will McMahon's hat trick, bounced back to defeat Ferris State University 5-1 on Saturday. OU's record now stands at 10-1. The Grizzlies will hit the road this Friday to face Ohio State University.

OU sets pool records

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The women's swimming and diving teams won its second consecutive dual meet, defeating the University of Toledo 138-105.

"I was very pleased and proud of the effort that the team put into the meet," said head coach Pete Hovland.

The team started off the meet on a positive note by gaining a victory in the 400-yard medley relay with the team of sophomore Jenna Dejonge, senior Renie Green, sophomore Melissa Jaeger and junior Maria Musialczyk, touching the wall at 3:55.88, a Toledo pool record.

"Toledo has been on a roll this semester in

winning most of their meets," Hovland said. "I knew the meet would be a challenge because we were swimming in their pool. But we were able to come ahead and win."

The team of sophomore Amanda Burwell, freshman Shalla Elaine, senior Karoline Freytag and junior Line Jensen set another pool record in the 800-yard freestyle relay with a time of 7:46.70.

"The girls responded very well as a team throughout the meet," Hovland said. "This was one of the better meets that I have been to since I have been coaching."

The Golden Grizzlies took first and second in the 200-yard freestyle. Junior Line Jensen finished first with a time of 1:54.03. Seconds later, Freytag touched the wall at 1:55.28 to take second.

Sophomore Amanda Burwell took the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:09.24. Burwell also came in first in the 200-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Melissa Jaeger won the 200-yard butterfly (2:09.11.)

Freshman Christine Hager finished in 55.93 to take first place in the 100-yard freestyle.

In diving, freshman Becky Renkola won the three-meter event with a score of 281.70.

"From the beginning to the end, the girls swam their hardest and had great team effort," Hovland said.

The next meet for the women will be the Mid-Con Championship at 1 p.m. December 2-4 at the OU Aquatics Center.

Cross Country ends season at Regionals

Five Grizzlies turned in personal record times to help OU's women's cross country team claim 22nd place at the NCAA Great Lakes Regionals.

Sophomore Laura Fisher was OU's top finisher. She ran the 6K race in 22:01.9 to finish in 84th place out of 209 competitors.

Junior Kim Schultz also cracked the top 100, she completed the course in 22:43.3 to claim 90th place.

On the men's side senior Luke Williams finished the 10K race in 32:54.7 to grab 107th place and help OU finish 28th overall.

Sophomore Joe Zick was OU's 2nd place finisher, turning in a time of 34:11.9 to earn 148th place in his first NCAA Regional event.

-Dave Pemberton-Sports Editor

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Kampe looking to bring back true Oakland style

2004-05 OU men's basketball preview

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

After last season's disappointment, head coach Greg Kampe said he was going to tear things down and start over. Little did he know he would have to start over with, essentially, a new team.

OU returns only five players from last season, only two of which were starters (senior forward Rawle Marshall and senior forward Courtney Scott.) Senior point guard DeMarcus Ishmeal is the only other returning player to log significant minutes last season.

Despite the team's inexperience, Kampe said he is excited to start playing a more team-oriented game.

"I like playing basketball like the old Oakland teams, where we are moving the ball and playing a fast-paced game," Kampe said. "All this one-on-one play is gone. We just felt over the last couple years we switched from a free shooting team to a one-on-one type team and we didn't like it."

"We did it because it suited (Mike) Helms well, but now that he is gone, we're back to playing the way we used to play."

Ishmeal, a junior college transfer last season, will play a prominent role in helping OU make the transition as the team's starting point guard. Kampe said Ishmeal struggled early last season, but he is confident Ishmeal knows what his coach wants now.

"My main focus is running this team and getting everybody to play as one," Ishmeal said. "Play collectively like a team instead of everybody going one-on-one like we did last year. I'm focused on getting the ball in my hands so we can get the ball moving."

The bulk of OU's offense will rest on the shoulders of Marshall and Scott. After two years playing in the shadow of Helms, Marshall (17.6 ppg last season) will get his turn to shine as OU's primary option.

Marshall has been touted by many as the Mid-Con's best NBA prospect and is a preseason CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-American. Marshall should see plenty of double teams this season, but Kampe said he is confident, if the team's shooters knock down their shots, teams will not get away with it.

Kampe also wants the team to focus more on getting the ball to Scott in the post. Scott (6-6) is an undersized power forward, but lost weight in the offseason to improve his quickness. Scott said he made the effort to lose weight after he noticed that he was somewhat sluggish last season in game film.

Scott will also play a prominent role as the team's leader. He was chosen as the team's captain and has organized workouts with the team all summer.

"I'm glad coach (Kampe) let me be captain. It let me step in and do something we have been wanting to do for a long time," Scott said. "We brought all the freshman up in the summer for the first time to work out. We did a lot of team stuff this summer. We had some meetings, did a lot of barbecuing, stuff like that. It's been a blast."

The team did have a few setbacks during the offseason.



Game Preview

Who: OU at Xavier Univ.
When: Fri., Nov. 19

Where: Cintas Center
What: OU will look to begin its season with a win over the Atlantic 10's Xavier

Who: OU at Illinois Univ.
When: Wednesday, Nov. 24
Where: Assembly Hall
What: The Grizzlies take on the nationally ranked Illini.

OU lost three players expected to return and dealt with an altercation between Marshall and sophomore guard Kris Krzyminski, where Krzyminski suffered a broken nose and orbital bone.

Kampe said the incident was a black eye to the program, but the relationship between the two has been patched up.

Marshall also said he has put the incident behind him.

It will be important for Marshall and Krzyminski to co-exist because the two will likely be in the starting lineup. Krzyminski, a former junior college most valuable player, will provide OU with a legitimate three-point threat.

The team can not afford a slow start, because of the tough non-conference schedule that includes six out of seven games on the road to begin the season.

Kampe said he is worried about the team's depth inside because of the loss of key post players (Shawn Hopes and Courtney Williams) in the off-season. Sophomore David Ritzema (6-10) and freshman Patrick McCloskey (6-7) will likely compete for most of the minutes at center.

"I just think we're not very deep (in the post)," Kampe said. "We are a little fragile. If we get an injury or we get into foul trouble, we might be in a position where we have to move Rawle down in there and that's not a good thing."

Despite all the issues in the offseason and the team's inexperience, they are not making any excuses and the team still has high expectations.

"We definitely want to do better than we did last year," Marshall said. "Last year was a disappointing season. (This year) we want to win over 20 games, win our Mid-Con tournament and get into the round of 64."

The athletic department is offering 100 free tickets for each home game to students that stop by the Grizz Store in Vandenberg Hall. Students just need to show their spirit card, no purchase is necessary.

Projected Starters

PG: DeMarcus Ishmeal, Sr.

SG: Kris Krzyminski, So.

SF: Rawle Marshall, Sr.

PF: Courtney Scott, Sr.

C: David Ritzema, So.

Off the Bench

G: Pierre Dukes, Jr.

G: Brandon Cassise, Fr.

G: Austin Kralisz, Fr.

F: Derrick Coleman, R-Fr.

F: Patrick McCloskey, Fr.

F: David Carson, Fr.



Senior forward Courtney Scott takes a jump shot in a game last season. Scott was named team captain for this season. Last year Scott led the Mid-Con in offensive rebounds with 97.

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Ishmeal lacks size, not heart

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Millions of children growing up dream of playing Division I basketball, but only a few thousand actually make it. The players who make it travel many different routes.

For some, the journey is easy because of natural talent and genetics. Others must work hard to even have a chance.

OU's senior point guard DeMarcus Ishmeal did not have an easy path to the Div. I level. He had to overcome many obstacles, but none bigger than something he could never change: his height.

Listed at 5-foot-9, Ishmeal has had to overcome stereotypes his entire life.

People constantly questioned his ability because of his height. Ishmeal said he learned to deal with it when he was around eight years old.

"Every time I got on the court somebody would say 'Oh I got the little

fella,' and called me a mismatch," Ishmeal said. "I just got used to it. It's all mental and you just have to overcome that."

At Redford High School in Detroit, Ishmeal flourished, averaging 16 points, five assists and four steals a game to help lead his team to a 21-2 record.

Despite his play, Div. I schools did not heavily recruit Ishmeal. He was even told teams would rather have players not as good as him.

"My coaches told me a lot of colleges would take a six foot guard that is not as good as me just because they (had) height," Ishmeal said. "I knew it wasn't fair but I hung in there. I didn't let that break me."

Ishmeal decided it would be a good idea to go to a junior college and improve his skills.

He first visited Daytona Beach Community College, the reigning Junior College National Champions. He

was told his visit went well, but when he got back the team told him they were not going to sign him because of his size.

"When my coaches told me, they said that I was like 'Not again,' but I never thought of giving up," Ishmeal said.

He finally decided to attend Mott Community College in Flint. There he would prove to many of his doubters he was for real, helping lead Mott to the Junior College National Championship.

"It felt great to win the championship. It was like 'I told you so,'" Ishmeal said.

The championship caught the eye of OU head coach Greg Kampe, who was looking for a point guard.

"When you're recruiting, you always want guys that win," Kampe said. "When you're a point guard, you are the leader and guy that makes the team go."

"He took a team to a championship so he has the intangibles and that's why we recruited him. We want someone who is a winner on our team."

Kampe ended up signing Ishmeal prior to last season.

Ishmeal struggled early last season, but ended up starting seven games and led the team in assists with 83, good for 10th in the Mid-Con.

Kampe expects him to play even better this season because Ishmeal has a better understanding of what his coach wants.

Ishmeal said his main concern is just helping the team win.

He said when you are winning everybody looks good. He wants to help everybody feel good and keep the ball moving.

"I feel this year is going to be special," Ishmeal said. "I'm going to try my hardest to make it special. I know everybody here is going to work collectively as a team to make it a good year."

After everything Ishmeal has overcome, just being at the Div. I level is special.

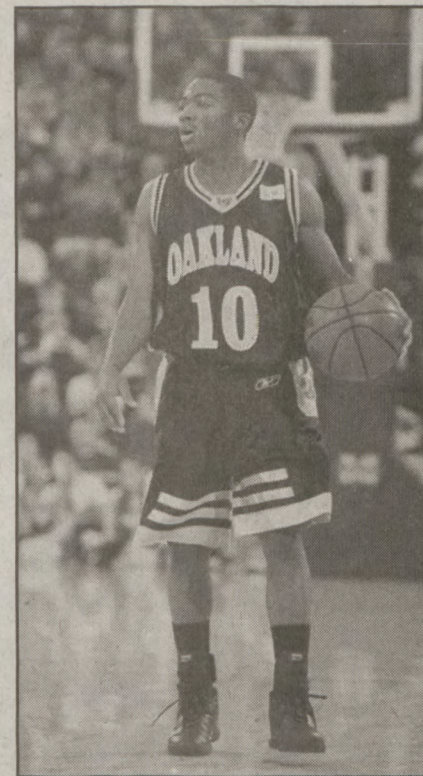


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Senior guard DeMarcus Ishmeal will take on a leadership role this season.