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Living in the residence halls can be a challenge for anyone. For Alfred

Puzzuoli, it is especially challenging since he is legally blind and navigates with a cane.

However, Puzzuoli considers his life to be typical of other college students.

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The Cinderella story continues into December for the men's soccer team.

Riding a six game winning streak into the NCAA II men's soccer playoffs, the

Pioneers (15-5-2) have returned to the postseason with a vengeance after missing out last season.

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Athletics report released

Resolution written to support moving to Division I athletics

By LEE MCPHERSON
Staff Writer

Though it was only item number seven on the agenda, Congress never came close to hearing Resolution 97-04 Monday as the group labored through a couple of earlier topics, finally losing their quorum of 14 present voters at 6:15 p.m.

The resolution, which states Congress' provisional support of OU's planned jump to Division I

AAA athletics, will be read and discussed at the Dec. 9 meeting instead.

Unlike a bill, which generally takes two to three weeks to resolve, a resolution needs only one meeting to pass, said Congress member Bryan Barnett, the author of the resolution.

This ensures that the resolution, if passed, will be given to President Gary Russi and the Board of Trustees before Congress breaks for the term.

"I'll read it word for word (at the Dec. 9 meeting), and then it'll be

open for discussion," Barnett said.

Congress' support of the long-awaited and often discussed jump in athletics is contingent on two guidelines.

The resolution states, in part: "...that the conditions on which our support depends, include; our determined expectation that funding will not be diverted from academics and student life."

It continues: "...that the OU

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1973 - Board approves GLIAC membership.	1989 - Women's swim and dive team wins first GLIAC title.	1996 - Men's basketball wins first GLIAC championship.
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President consults student leaders

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

The ad hoc athletic committee's recommendations are in, but President Gary Russi wants to double check with various campus groups before making his own to the Board in January.

At a meeting with student leaders on Monday, Russi commended athletics at OU. "We have a great athletic program. ... Oakland is blessed with exceptional athletes ... and has top notch teams," Russi said.

Despite this enthusiasm, Russi strove for impartiality when he met with seven student leaders to get their input on the future of athletics at OU. He said he plans to meet with 22 groups within the next two weeks before making his own recommendations to the Board of Trustees University Affairs Advisory Committee on Jan. 21.

He hopes this feedback taken in tandem with the formal ad hoc committee's report will provide the Board with a comprehensive view of campus sentiment.

Russi has already received recommendations in the form of a report from the ad hoc athletic committee. They include:

- Transmit appropriate letters of intent to national and conference affiliations (current and anticipated).
- Adopt a transition budget through the year 2000.
- Make commitments to currently enrolled student ath-

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Post Photo / Patty Young

OFFICIAL START: Though under construction since mid-September, the Recreation and Athletic Center will receive a groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. today. See related story page 11.

Stolen credit cards rack up concerns

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

You may want to think twice next time you decide to leave personal belongings unattended on campus.

Senior Environmental Health major Yana Mukh didn't, and it almost cost her a credit card.

Mukh was in a fourth floor study room in Kresge Library on Nov. 4 she left her belongings in the room for under five minutes to go to the restroom. When she returned, she saw a man coming out of her study room.

"I said to him, 'Can I help you? That's my room,' and he something about looking for 'Kim,'" she said.

The man told Mukh he was looking for his friend and that they

usually met in that room. He apologized to her for the intrusion.

Mukh initially believed the man because she said his story seemed convincing.

"I can't believe it. I actually apologized to him for being so rude. I told him I was just suspicious because I got my credit card stolen three weeks ago," Mukh said.

Mukh said that the man seemed very interested in the fact she had previously had a credit card stolen and kept asking her to repeat the details of the story in their conversation.

After he left, Mukh said she went into the room and immediately checked her wallet to see if anything was missing. Right away she noticed her Visa credit card missing.

She opened the door of the



"As soon as I saw it on the floor I grabbed my purse and ran down to the circulation desk. I don't think I've ever ran that fast in my entire life,"

Yana Mukh
Senior
Environmental Health

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Student discovers worm in food served on campus

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

Freshman Angela Trupiano was surprised by some extra protein in her Vandenberg cafeteria meal on November 18th.

"I was eating, and I ate a couple of bites of corn, and I saw this worm in it. Me and my friends said, 'Eww! That's disgusting!' I was really grossed out," she said.

The dead worm was found whole in Trupiano's corn. And though descrip-

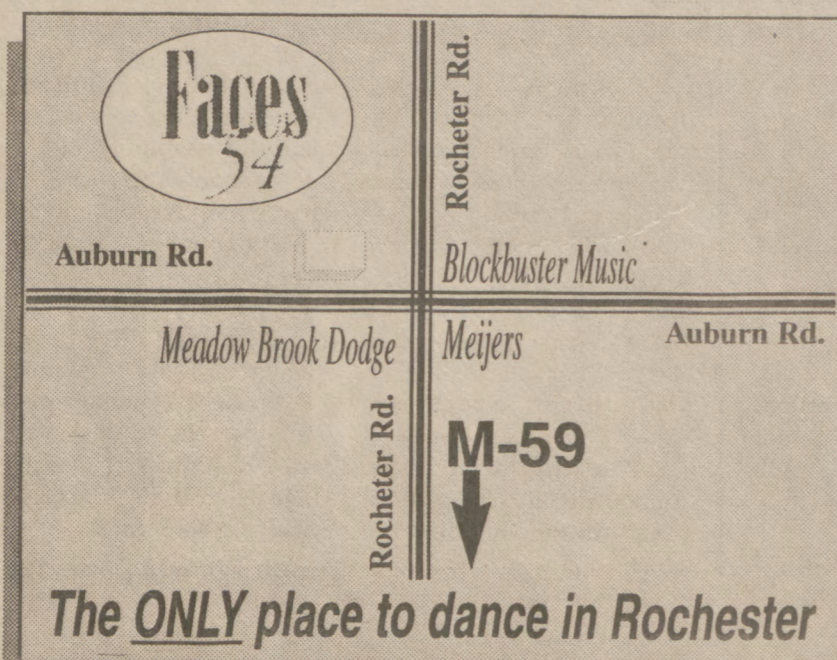
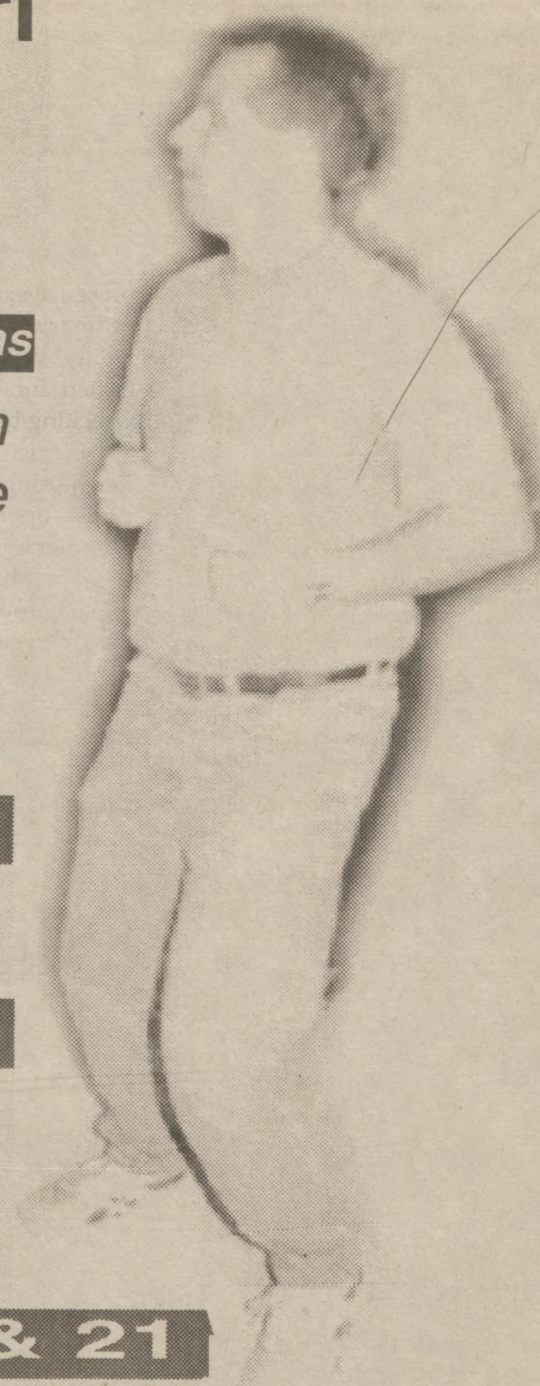
tions of the worm have varied from a little white worm about 3/4 of an inch to a slimy 8 inches, Trupiano described the worm as small, "like a thumbnail."

As soon as it was discovered, she brought it to the attention of management.

"I took my food to the (management). Everyone apologized," said Trupiano.

Aramark claims, however, that the worm incident was not their fault. Their supplier of corn, Sysco, is responsible.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Meadow Brook Hall's direction



Estate protects campus heritage

By KATHY GARDNER and CHRISTY GROVE
Staff Writers

Now, the idea seems unthinkable, but, in 1970, more than 25 years ago, OU's Board of Trustees wanted to board up Meadow Brook Hall (MBH). The Trustees gave preservationists one year to renovate MBH and bring it up to code. The Hall, which was the home of the university's benefactors, Matilda Dodge Wilson, and her husband, Alfred, opened its massive oak doors to the public in 1971, and has been open ever since.

MBH has to be seen to be believed. A brochure in the entrance lists a few facts about the Hall. It has more than 100 rooms, for instance, and cost \$4 million to build. Construction began in 1926 and finished in 1929, the year of the Great Depression.

Post Photo / Nelson May

HISTORIC MANSION: Lisa Ashby, Meadow Brook Hall director, has plans for increased restoration to help ensure the mansion's long life on campus.

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MBH director retires after 30 years

By KATHY GARDNER and CHRISTY GROVE
Staff Writers

Dressed in black silk, a slender woman with blonde hair and perfect posture sat in a treasure-filled room and talked about her life, her dreams, and her joys.

The room was in Meadow Brook Hall (MBH), and her presence excited and pleased the staff. After all, this was no ordinary woman sitting in the former study of Matilda Dodge Wilson. This was Margaret Twyman Eustice, celebrated for her role in rescuing the priceless Hall from a wrecking ball in 1970.

Eustice is modest. She does not take credit for her work in restoring MBH. She said that many volunteers, including professors' wives and members of the community, worked with her and Lowell Eklund, executive director, on the Hall.

The study, Eustice's favorite room at MBH, was her office before she retired in 1995. Eustice, in her 60s, worked for five years as a director of continuing education at OU before becoming the Managing Director of MBH in 1970. She worked for Eklund and then replaced him as executive director when he retired in 1987.

Eustice, newly married, retired because she wanted to

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New director takes measures to preserve Hall's history

By KATHY GARDNER and CHRISTY GROVE
Staff Writers

The newest doyenne of the castle has arrived, and we aren't talking about the Queen of England here. Lisa Baylis Ashby is the new executive director of Meadow Brook Hall (MBH).

Ashby replaced Margaret Twyman Eustice in July 1995. Eustice worked at MBH for more than a quarter of a century.

And with that longevity, she had a hand in selecting her replacement. "When you choose someone, you like to see that they are doing well," Eustice said. "She's the perfect person for the

job and I'm glad I had a hand in choosing her."

"She's busy building an advisory board and she's trying to get more involved in doing community outreach," said David Disend, Vice-President for University Relations.

Education and her creative energy will further aid Ashby's success. She earned her bachelor's degree from U-M in art history. Her M.A. is from the University of Southern California and an M.B.A. from UCLA.

Ashby feels that her most significant work experience included her work at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the John Paul Getty Museum in Malibu,

California, and the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco.

"She likes working at the Hall

quite a bit. I think there is always a lot of things happening, she likes the challenge," said her husband, Kevin.

Her work

at the Hall differs from her experiences at museums. "History is a way in," Ashby explained, gesturing with her hands, "especially

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Photo Courtesy / Oakland University

HALL LEGEND: Margaret Twyman Eustice, former director of Meadow Brook Hall, saved the Hall from demolition in 1970.



Lisa Ashby
MBH Director

ARAMARK target of theft in cash room

An ARAMARK dining official reported to OU Police on Saturday that an unknown individual or group of intruders had broken into the ARAMARK cash room and stolen a substantial amount of money.

The ARAMARK official said that sometime between 10 p.m. on Nov. 27 and 12:48 p.m. on Nov. 30, the safe was broken into and \$850 in reserve change was taken. Also an undisclosed amount of petty cash and paper money from the safe.

The money is from various food court operations on campus.

OU Police contacted the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD). The OCSD Crime Lab gathered evidence at the scene.

Police alerted to deer slaying

Reports of gunshots on Nov. 24 drew OU Police to Butler Road, where

a man was illegally gutting a deer.

Police found the 35 year old Utica resident around 8:40 a.m. and questioned him about the situation.

The man denied shooting the

female deer, but told police he saw it

laying on the ground while he was walking down the path. He told police the deer was injured so he cut the deer's throat and began to gut it.

The man did not possess a firearm at the time.



The man was able to produce a firearms deer license to police, but was not able to show a doe permit. Police confiscated a knife and the license and then cited the man for not having the doe permit.

Parking Lot Damages

A 20-year-old student parked her car on campus last week only to return to an unexplained act of destruction.

The woman parked her 1984 Buick Skylark in the lot behind Vandenberg on Nov. 25 at 10 p.m. When she returned to her car 12 hours later the next day, she found that someone had broken out the right front door glass with an unknown object.

There was no other damage done to the car, and the woman told police that nothing was taken from her car.

Estimated damage was \$100.

Food Court construction 60 percent complete

By DANIELLE ELBAZ
Special Writer

Construction can be heard throughout the Oakland Center due to the preparation of the Food Court for its winter opening.

Since September, construction workers have been pounding away trying to build a new food area at OU.

The Food Court is 60 percent done, and a thermometer keeping track of the progress is now hanging on the walls separating the construction from the rest of the OC.

"A lot of activity is taking place, especially in the area of the food service," said Richard Fekel, director of the OC.

The tile floors are almost finished, and next week workers will begin to put up equipment including the counter.

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Post Photo / Nelson May

ALMOST THERE: The food court, still nameless, is expected to open for business early next semester. The eatery is now 60 percent complete.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Recital Hall, Studio Theatre need revival

Campus is certainly buzzing with construction dust and the many new ideas formulating for finally getting OU on the map.

Many departments on campus are getting ready to move into new buildings. But despite the improvements in some areas others still remain neglected.

The list of improvements are long for all over campus, everything seems to be falling apart at once. But there are some areas that were never up to par to begin with.

One of these areas is the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD).

The department is one of the stronger ones on campus with a list of successful faculty and talented students.

Traditionally it has been a department which many people un-associated with OU knew about. People from around the area come to view various productions.

Yet, MTD doesn't even have a real theatre in which to perform.

The Recital Hall is satisfactory for recitals but cannot accommodate a large production of any type.

The Studio Theatre is, if anything, worse. The small room holds a minimal amount of people seated in unbolted, uncomfortable chairs and there is no real stage.

The theatre is great for very intimate productions but is no place to be performing large plays and musicals.

The recent production of Lucy Simon's *The Secret Garden* was well cast and directed, yet it lost a lot because of lack of facilities. There was barely enough space for the actors to perform let alone comfortable seating for the audience.

If the department had better facilities more students could get involved in productions and more people would attend. After all one of the main reasons people do musicals is that they are usually conducive to large casts and audiences love them.

Turning people away from performances does nothing but harm the university as a whole.

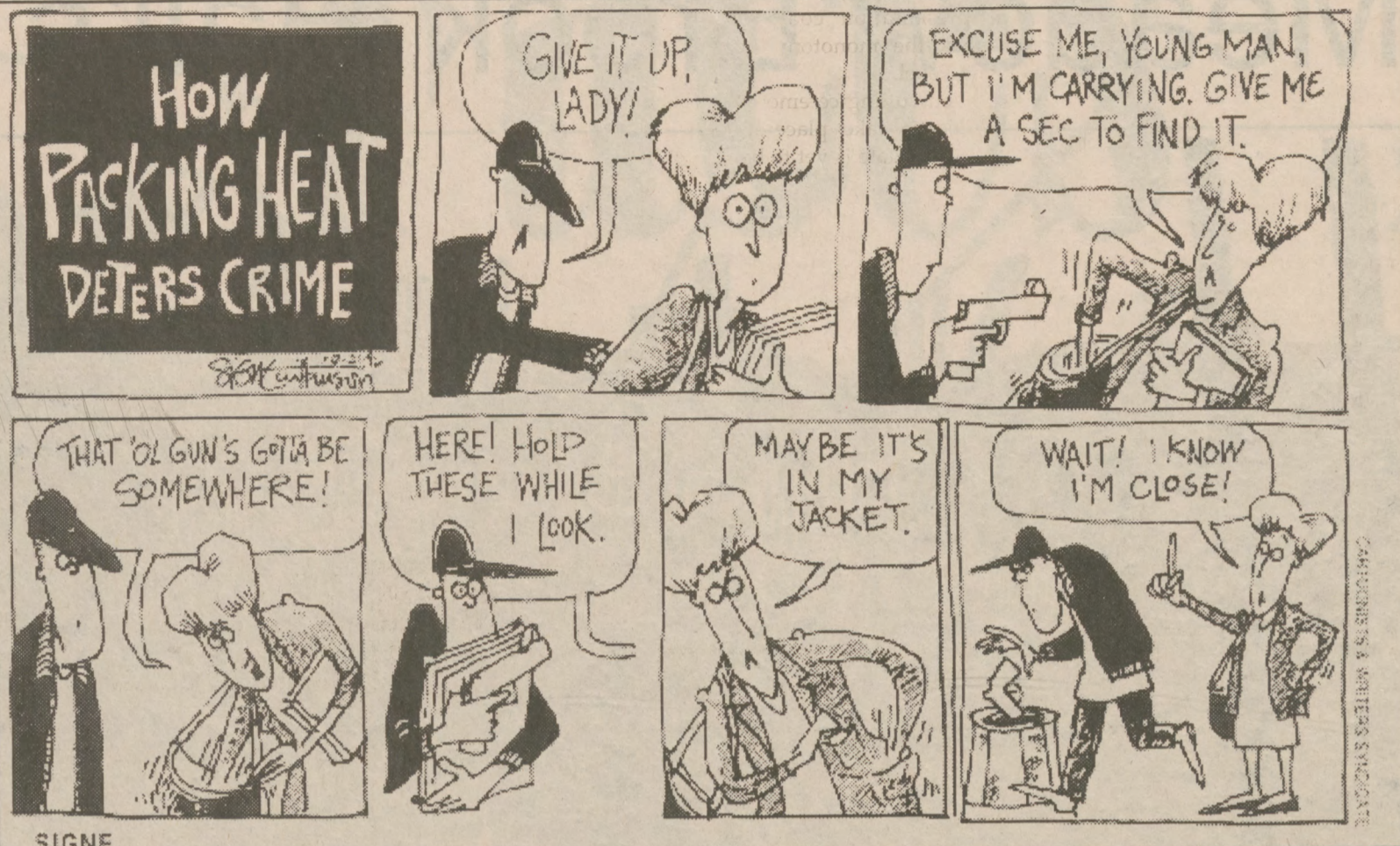
The fund drive to replace the much outdated seats in the Recital Hall and Studio Theatre which was put temporarily on hold in early October was a good start to help the problems. The university thought the drive might interfere with the All University Fund Drive.

It seems that the university didn't understand that each department contributes to the whole and is not isolated from the rest of the university. So how could it have harmed OU?

Every department on campus should have equal importance and contributes equally to the reputation of the university.

MTD is possibly the department which the general public comes in the most contact with and therefore, gives an impression of OU as a whole. Does the university really want to portray an image of threadbare, spartan facilities to potential students and donors?

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Parking troubles near Pryale disgruntles faculty member

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on the Nov. 13 news article on the Oakland parking problems. I agree completely with those survey respondents who criticized the planning and construction on a new sports center without adequate thought to the parking problems that would arise at the north end of the campus. Even before construction, parking for O'Dowd and Pryale (home of the psychology department and its over 900 majors) was difficult or impossible. How could those who planned the new construction be so shortsighted as to believe that additional spaces halfway across campus could approximate a reasonable solution to taking away most of what little parking we had?

Kudos to Richard Tucker who might not mind walking, but I'll bet he doesn't like being wet from the knees down by the time he reaches his office as is the case with Pryale faculty and students. We do mind very much looking and feeling like drowned rats by the time we reach our offices and classes. And, now that the Michigan winter has set in, we are forced to brave the icy wind that blows (carrying rain and snow) incessantly across the vast, scenic, open spaces of our campus carrying our heavy loads of work back and forth. There is a lot of grass out there between O'Dowd and Pryale that could better serve as parking spaces.

The current parking situation at O'Dowd and Pryale is ridiculous. Almost as ridiculous as naming a basketball coach the head of the parking committee! (Am I the only one who sees a potential conflict of interest when the head of the committee is gaining a new sports center while those of us who work and study at Pryale and O'Dowd have lost their parking spaces.) It's almost as ridiculous as forming a parking committee without any financial resources. It's almost as ridiculous as asking us in the survey if we would be willing to pay unrealistic and exorbitant fees for additional parking or shuttle buses. Is it any wonder that so many people said, "no?"

Where was the communication between the administration planners and the people who would be so negatively affected? There was

no communication! There was no consultation at all. If there had been, I assure you we at Pryale and O'Dowd would have predicted exactly the situation in which we now find ourselves. In its drive to become a larger and more well-equipped institution, the administration has lost sight of the people whom the institution is designed to serve and who serve the institution- the faculty, staff and students.

In my copy of the last alumni magazine- I got my undergraduate degree in Psychology at OU in the days when we could park reasonably close to our classroom buildings- there are many laudatory articles about the university's award-winning success at fundraising, the anticipated five percent increase in legislative funding, and plans for even more expansion along the lines of the strategic plan. The alumni reader certainly gets the impression that Oakland is doing pretty well financially. The magazine makes Oakland sound like a very attractive option for students deciding on a university and for alumni considering donations, but it did not mention that you might have to hike half a mile in our notoriously inclement Michigan weather to get to classes because the university doesn't care enough about fits faculty, staff or students to spend some of this money to provide them with parking that is close enough to where they need to go.

Everyone knows that the Great American Smoke-Out is coming up soon. I wonder if it's time to consider a Great Oakland University Park-In to take place on the grassy meadows and knolls that about and much closer to classes and offices than our current parking areas. It certainly seems from THE OAKLAND POST article that we have not been successful at getting the administration or the parking committee to take our problem seriously by writing letters or answering surveys.

Sincerely,

Christine Hansen
 Professor
 Psychology

Dear Editor:

This past Thanksgiving weekend I was contemplating resigning from OUSC. After serving for four years I have realized that my time is over. The new generation of students are here to fight for you. These young lions have the heart, desire and motivation to do many great things but they still need time and guidance.

I have accomplished many goals to help make students' stay here at OU as easy as possible. Hopefully I helped them in one way or another over the past four years.

I just realized that OUSC is not progressing anymore. What have we really done besides talk a whole lot about what should be done to improve OU. The problem is that is all talk and no action.

When I travel to other campuses I see the student government in action. They set and reach their goals. Other student governments get things done for students, so what is the problem with OU? Student governments are respected at other universities because they get things done.

The students here do not respect their own student government and why should they? If OUSC would go out and fight on behalf of the student body then maybe the Oakland community would respect Student Congress. Until then we do not deserve their respect.

It would be so easy just to give up and

resign from Congress. I could spend time with family and friends and have time to pursue a relationship. I have let Congress get in the way before and it hurts because I give so much time that I do not have time for myself. Friends and family have become strangers while strangers have become family. I want to become close with the important people in my life instead of being consumed by Congress.

As some of you know I lost my first love to a drunk driver four years ago. That is the reason I joined OUSC because I wanted to help other people. She is my inspiration and my guardian angel who is watching over my back. As I was thinking about quitting I had a vision from her and that is when I knew the answer.

There is no way in hell I am giving up because this is the time when the students need me the most. The passion, desire and fire is back in my soul and I will continue to fight for students until I leave this institution. I may be out of my prime but I will lead the new generation of Congress members and teach them how to fight for students. I will try my best to get the respect of every student. If I can't, then I know I'm not doing my job and only then will I move on.

To all of the past and current students here at OU, from the bottom of my heart thank you for all of your support over the past four years. I could not have done it with out you.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Karrandja
 OUSC Representative
 Senior
 Communication

OUSC Representative Contemplates Early Resignation

Eatery

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ters and ceiling grid work, said Fekel.

Painting is also almost completed and will probably be done by the middle of next week, said Fekel.

"We are processing along well," said Fekel.

Construction does not occur on a room-by-room basis, it is a phase process, said Fekel. "We have a number of tradesmen including mechanics, finish carpenters, electricians and so forth working together to complete the task," Fekel added.

One of the last things that will be done is the carpeting, said Fekel.

When the Food Court opens, students will be able to choose from a variety of places. Inside there will be a Burger King, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. Burger King already has a banner up for advertisement. A rotisserie chicken spot called Meadowbrook Farms and DC Subs are also included in the new eatery.

Center Stage is the most unique of all food spots, said

Fekel. It consists of presentation cooking. A selected type of food, which will vary, will be chosen for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Customers then can line up, tell the chef exactly what they want and watch the chef cook their food right in front of them.

"The lines for Center Stage might take a little longer, but the idea of presentation cooking might break the monotony of food," said Fekel.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place in January, but the date is yet to be announced.

The name of the Food Court is yet to be decided, as well.

A contest allowing students to participate in naming the Food Court has been running since the beginning of the semester. There has been 717 applicants, but a finalist hasn't been chosen.

"The entire committee has not met yet to decide a winner," said Don Ritenburgh, administrative assistant for CIPO, but meetings have been held to narrow the list.

The winner will be announced at the grand opening of the Food Court, said Ritenburgh.

Eustice

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spend more time with her husband, Donald Eustice, who recently retired from his contract construction painting company.

In addition, she felt that it was time for someone "with fresh ideas" to lead MBH into the next century. "I could see a lot of things that should be changed," Eustice said, but she did not feel that she was the right person initiate the changes. "I think 30 years is enough," she said with a smile. Her eyebrows arched a little as if to add "don't you agree?"

Eustice can enjoy retirement knowing that the Hall is in Lisa Baylis Ashby's hands.

"You've proven me right!" Eustice said to Ashby when her successor popped into the study to say hello. "You're as wonderful as I thought you would be."

Visitors come and go. They tell her how wonderful it is to see her and comment on how great she looks. As she waves hello and goodbye, her large rings, a Eustice trademark, catch and sparkle in the light.

Eustice and her husband are making the most of their time together. She never took a real vacation while working at MBH. She only took a few days here and there because, she said, "There was always something going on, some event, and I didn't want to miss anything." They travel often because their children are scattered across the US and in England. Together, they have seven (adult) children and 11 grandchildren. Three children and five grandchildren are hers from her marriage to Harold Twyman, an engineer. When Twyman died in 1989, the two had been married for 43 years.

The Eustices personally attend birthday celebrations for

every grandchild.

A recent trip to England was extended to include stops in Germany, France and Scotland. They are considering a trip to Italy in the spring, and perhaps Spain next fall.

Some trips are scheduled around Michigan's growing season, so as not to interfere with one of her many interests: gardening. Eustice was often too tired to garden or plant flowers when she was working. Her days at MBH sometimes lasted as late as seven or eight o'clock in the evening.

It's also hard to find the energy and discipline to exercise after putting in a long day at the office. For Eustice, however, that's no longer an issue. She works out with machines at the YMCA with her husband several times a week. During warm weather, she walks outdoors and her husband rides his bike for exercise. In fact, she sometimes

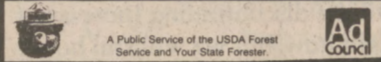
walks up to eight miles to meet him at a restaurant in Birmingham for lunch. "If he rides his bike, he has to give me a good head start," she laughed.

Eustice may be retired, but she still keeps a very busy schedule. Exercising may consume her mornings, but afternoons are given to the church. Eustice and her husband are especially active in religious activities that involve special events, including newlywed counseling.

When Eustice stepped out of Matilda's study and into the chill November air, she noticed the new construction between the parking lot and the Hall. She wondered what they were building. Her job at the Hall is over, but her interest is not.

After lunching with a close friend, she would need to go home. She still had a generous amount of baking to do for a church function the next day.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.



Ashby

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ly with a personal residence because everybody is interested in it." In a conspiratorial tone, she lowered her voice and said, "At museums, usually, we have to lasso them in, but here it is much more accessible."

Ashby's museum experience and graduate degree also allows her to teach Art History 380, Museology and Patronage, to Oakland students at MBH. She widened her eyes and enthusiasm was evident in her voice when she said that she hopes students will take advantage of the learning experience of the Hall because it is right in their own backyard.

Ashby, one of nine children, is originally from Bloomfield Hills. Most of her family lives in Michigan and are in the medical

profession. She has returned to Michigan after a 21 year absence.

Culture and art have been a life-long interest of Ashby's. At the age of four, she asked her parents if she could attend art classes at Cranbrook. Fortunately, they said yes and continued to nurture her creative side.

Art continued to be an important part of Ashby's life in junior high. Her best friend's dad was architect, Gunar Bracurtz. "We went to every art opening on his personal invitation... so as a teen I met great artists," said Ashby.


"All of my outside interests have to do with what I do for a living," said Ashby. She enjoys going to galleries, estate sales and antique sales with her six-year-old son, Spencer. "We have been doing this together for three years. He has an incredible eye," she said. Ashby added that her son is also very interested in

architecture, so they go to a lot of historical sites and museums together.

His love of architecture probably comes from his father, an architect for Rossetti and Associates in Birmingham. He said that Spencer is especially interested in three dimensional art. "He is always building things. To be an architect, you either have the ability or you don't-and he has it," said Kevin.

The Ashbys have been married for 12 years, and live in Clarkston with their daughter Samantha, 9, and Spencer. Samantha is an excellent athlete and a chess champion, according to her mother. Kevin added that she is also talented in graphic design.

Ashby's newest reign in one of America's castles includes oversight of the building, grounds and furnishings; as well as all activities at the Hall.



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Hall

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But facts don't tell the whole story.

This historic treasure would not be here today if not for the devotion and hard work of a handful of OU faculty and volunteers. Lowell Eklund and Margaret Twyman Eustice will always be remembered for their pivotal roles in saving the Hall.

Eklund, who recently died, was MBH's executive director until his retirement in 1987. The elegant Eustice retired as executive director in 1995, after 25 years at MBH. The new executive director is Lisa Baylis Ashby. Ashby is the same age Eustice was when she began working at MBH.

"The Board of Trustees said, 'We'll give you one year' to renovate MBH but no money to do it with," recalled Eustice, over lunch in November.

The Matilda R. Wilson Charitable Foundation supported their efforts with approximately \$265,000, Eustice said.

The 88,000 square foot Hall needed fire escapes, exit signs, and an updated ventilation system, to name just a few changes to bring it up to code and allow it to be used for tours and conferences.

And the price remains high. Restoring and maintaining the Hall is a tremendous expense. For example, a utility bill could run as high as \$100,000, Eustice said.

Funds from tours, conferences and donations provided operating expenses, but they relied on volunteers for most of the work until the mid-1980s.

Eustice, soft-spoken but sharp as the diamonds she wears, gives credit to others for the Hall's rescue. Without the help of volunteers, MBH would have gone "into the red," she said. "I really can't say enough about how helpful they were in that very first year."

One of those individuals, Barbara Thorpe, recently completed 25 years as a volunteer. Thorpe has a special attachment to MBH and believes in preserving the legacy of Matilda Dodge Wilson.

"I was born on the farm. It's part of my heritage," she said. Thorpe lived on the land that is now a part of OU's campus. Her father took care of the dairy farm

for the Wilsons for 27 years.

"We used to run around the farm and play with the animals. I played with the calves, mostly," she said. Thorpe currently works in the archives section but continues to volunteer on Saturday nights.

Eustice is proud of what her staff and volunteers were able to accomplish during her tenure at MBH. They identified items that are of an artistic nature, such as oriental rugs, photographs and paintings, with the help of a curator, and they provided programs for the community that were exciting and interesting. In addition to being a university, Eustice said, OU had the Hall and the rich heritage it represents.

The Hall is about a five minute drive from the main campus. She knew that MBH was a good distance away, but she wanted students to know it was there for their use and enjoyment. In addition, Eustice felt it was important for students to learn about their benefactors. She encouraged students and their parents to tour the Hall by offering reduced rates during orientation, and offering dollar days to students at various times.

Perhaps most important, Eklund and Eustice helped MBH earn money to pay its way.

"The moment of transition has been the hardest part of the job. Phase one was concerned with basic survival so I am glad that Margaret Twyman (Eustice) did such a great job in preserving this building," Ashby said.

David Disend, Vice President for University Relations, said that MBH needs to build its endowment fund. For example, the Concours d'Elegance is the largest fundraiser that MBH holds. "If it rains, it means the difference between (MBH) operating in the black or the red," he said.

Out of necessity, Eklund and Eustice concentrated on the Hall's survival. "We wanted to be on a sound economic footing so that it could be used more for OU and not outside interests," Eustice said. That having been achieved, a new era is unfolding under Ashby's creative force.

"I think the direction of the Hall is going in the same direction, but we are going into a new phase now. Every one of us wants to showcase the Hall," said Corenna Aldrich, MBH's Public Relations Director. Aldrich said it is a natural step to

take the Hall where it left off with Eustice, and to make it known to more people.

Ashby will concentrate her efforts on developing the museum aspect of MBH. A volunteer at the Hall said that Ashby is making quite a few changes, and that she is trying to make the Hall more like a museum. A quiet, museum atmosphere contradicts Ashby's casual, open style, but her friendly personality is sure to overflow into future projects.

It is through the past that the future of MBH will be secured, she believes. "The important part people have to remember about museums is that their present material is evidence about a culture ... looking at original history is like zooming back into a historical time and place," Ashby said.

The newest lady of the Hall also plans to continue efforts in the areas of preservation and expand into interpretation.

She said that to preserve the Hall is to control the environment through possible conservation projects, and to interpret is the ability to have the public view different eras of art, history and society.

"It's about taking steps to make sure the building remains long after I'm gone," said Ashby, with conviction.

Ashby plans on expanding the interpretive efforts because not much has been done in that area. She believes that more than tours need to be offered to showcase all of the Hall's aspects.

In the future, she hopes to offer various programs to children and seniors. Field trips for elementary students would be offered which would include prior classroom study of the Hall. She would also feature new entertainment programs and in depth lectures on different aspects of the building and time period.

"I'm adding big time to the program ... We have a lot of stories to tell," Ashby said. She hopes to have specialized tours focusing on different themes. For example, she would like to include how Mrs. Wilson was representative of society; life with the Wilsons during a given year, the manner in which Mrs. Wilson reflected the women's liberation movement through her clothing style, and much more.

"This property hasn't been quite positioned in the public eye

as to how important it is," she said.

The architecture alone sets it apart from other buildings. For example, no two of the home's 39 chimneys are alike. "There is a high level of craftsmanship that can't be copied today. We stand apart in those respects." Many of the features in the rooms were duplicated from some of the great homes in Europe.

"I enjoy working for the cause ... making sure we take care of what we have here and preserving it for the public is important," Ashby said. That is why she feels it is important to add programs in addition to the daily tours.

In her eyes, the Hall needs to develop contributions for operating expenses to lessen the need for renting the Hall to outside interests, such as conferences and weddings. Ashby believes that renting the Hall is damaging to the property. Currently, more than 90% of the money earned has to do with renting the facility.

The Hall will no longer be used for overnight facilities. "We will be discontinuing those as of right now, but we will still honor those already scheduled," said Aldrich. As far as she knows, the practice of hosting weddings will continue.

Ashby feels that historical house museums are more accessible to the public because they are places where people once lived. It adds more of a human aspect to the art throughout the building.

A piece of history is right here in OU's backyard. Both Eustice and Twyman feel that students should take advantage of this magnificent residence. "Students should be involved in the learning process as a process of inspiration," Ashby said.

Aldrich agreed saying "It's part of their heritage, it's a touching thing to visit the woman's home who built the Hall and the university. She dearly loved the students."

Eustice and Ashby have different styles but a common love: preserving the home of OU's benefactors. The Grande dames, past and present, share a dedication and commitment to preserving a piece of history.

Eustice praised Ashby for her efforts. "I think that most people find change very difficult. I'm not sure I could have taken it on. To step into it is overwhelming."

Results

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letes that they will not lose scholarships as a result of the transition.

- Grant an unconditional release to any athlete who want to transfer to another institution as a result of the transition.

- Attempt to mitigate the "lost experiences" of athletes competing during the transition, by providing reasonable alternatives such as travel or expanded educational opportunities to be determined by the athletic administration and coaching staff of the OU.

- Appoint an Athletic Advisory Committee whose responsibilities will be to advise the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on the administration of the athletic program. The committee will include a broad community representation to ensure faculty and student's voices will be heard. OU's NCAA faculty athletics representative will serve on this committee.

- Reorganize the Intercollegiate Athletic Department to reflect a Division I AAA status, ensuring that special needs such as academic support, compliance and business function are met. This includes the implementation of the Athletic Advisory Committee.

Though the ad hoc athletic committee met with many groups on campus, including student leaders, the AP Assembly, the University Senate, and the Dean's Council, Russi said he wanted to hear for himself how the community feels about the athletic upgrade.

All who attended the Monday meeting, generally, thought a Division I AAA status is the right move for OU, though there were some reservations.

"I'm for it and against it in different ways," said Lynette Buffa, residence halls council president. "I don't know if it would be a great move right

now, ... (but) going Division I is inevitable."

Overall, however, Buffa did feel that more competitive athletic teams would be beneficial for school spirit. "It would add great spirit to residence hall life," she said.

Vice President for Residence Hall Council Samantha Howard agreed, saying Division I AAA would bring more pride to campus. "It's another aspect of how Oakland is growing, and it's a great time to be here," she said.

Edzko Smid, Association of Graduate Studies president, however, questioned the reliability of the funding sources for going Division I AAA. Smid felt that because much of the funding came after the athletic upgrade through television and merchandise sales, OU would be "fortune telling" to rely on this funding.

The concerns from the students, though, seemed to be outweighed by positive comments.

Lauren Warner, Golden Key Nation Honors Society president, thought by moving to Division I AAA, name recognition would help stop some confusion of the location of campus in Rochester, Michigan, rather than Oakland, California.

Besides increased name recognition, Warner hopes that more a competitive athletic status will bring commuters to campus for reasons other than classes. "Moving to Division I will help bring together commuters and those living on campus," said Warner.

Questions regarding a Student Congress referendum also made their way into the discussion. "My hope is that it (a student referendum) would happen quickly," said Russi. He would like to see action soon because he needs to make his recommendation to the Board in January.

A Congress resolution in favor of the move has already been written. It is expected to be voted on at Monday's meeting.

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Student Congress would strongly encourage the Athletic department to provide suitable transitional support to our current athletes including, but not limited to, advising and counseling related to the proposed move."

The resolution is the culmination of extensive debate and discussion by Congress through October and November, during which time they heard opinions and heart-felt pleas from all walks of campus life. Faculty, administration, athletes and students have all been given forum to sway Congress.

The impact the resolution will have on Russi and the Board of Trustees is hard to determine, said Barnett, but he would like to think Congress' take on the issue means something. "We hope that it has great effect. This carries the weight of being the voice of the student body, of 14,000 students," Barnett said.

Another uncertainty is the response of the whole congress once the resolution is read. Though he has solicited the input of "a lot of Congress people, student liaisons, and students," he concedes that he hasn't heard a lot of objection to the resolution. "The only thing you can't anticipate is the arguments against," said Barnett.

One member, Rep.

Hemant Mahamwal, has written Barnett to address his concerns. In a letter to Barnett, dated Nov. 27, Mahamwal wrote that he would like to see the following provision added to the resolution: "Let it furthermore be resolved, that OU assist the university student congress in developing standards that gauge the impact of athletics on academic affairs and student affairs."

Barnett said that he would have no problem if Mahamwal makes a motion at next Monday's meeting to have the provision added.

Barnett added that he is confident the resolution will pass. "My gut feeling...I think that it'll pass. The response I'm getting from Congress members is that they'll support it. I'm anticipating the passage of this."

The sticking points of the meeting were over agenda items V.1., which was a reading of Bylaws Amendment 97-03, and V.3, which was a reading of the Budget.

V.1. was the first reading of a proposal to rearrange the duties of the Administrative Assistant, the Elections Commission and the Disciplinary Committee. After debating for over an hour on the necessity of those changes, the discussion was brought to a close by Faculty Rep. Kevin Early. The end result, according to current Administrative Assistant Shajan Kay, is that "really nothing happened."

Mahamwal said that he

thought the proposed changes were not major, but still carried significance. He said, "You can argue semantics all day (about the changes). I don't think the changes are substantial, but they are substantive." The bylaws amendment is slated for a second reading at the Dec. 9 meeting.

The budget attracted an equal amount of static. The group first debated a line item in the budget slated for \$1200 to fund a banquet rewarding the efforts of Congress. Mahamwal expressed his disapproval of the banquet, saying that Congress did not in fact deserve any reward. "What have we done? We haven't done anything." He went on to say the money would be better spent on OU students.

After taking two votes to cut funding to the Elections Commission for \$1000 for the purchase of video monitors (passed) and \$500 for a Voluntary Appreciation dinner to reward election day volunteers (failed), discussion on the banquet was reopened. Rep. Matt Karrantia made a motion to strike the banquet, and this time the motion was defeated.

Shortly thereafter, Faculty Reps. Dave Moroz and Early left, and the group was whittled down to 13 voting members, bringing about the closure of the meeting. Congress will meet for the last time this term on Monday in the Fireside Lounge.

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FEATURES

A day in a life...

Working toward independent future

By RENEE UITTO
Staff Writer

I have Cerebral Palsy.

Because of my CP, it takes a little longer to answer a question in class or to get ready in the morning. I use a wheelchair. Some people believe that I don't have the ability to lead a full life or think and learn like others.

This really frustrates me because nothing's wrong with my mind. I just have a physical disability.

Coming to OU began a new chapter in my life. It was a special time for me. I was finally out of high school and community college after eight years. I attended Warren Woods Tower and Macomb Community College at the same time because of the convenience of transportation to and from college classes.

I didn't feel very grown-up before OU because teachers at Tower still treated me as if I was still in high school.

One of my first challenges was finding an aide to help me when I needed to go to the restroom. I called the physical therapy program and the nursing school to see if there was anyone interested in helping. The staff put up ads on bulletin boards.

I got one call from a guy who sounded very nice but I told him, "This is a job for a female!"

I stopped by the Special Advising office, (now known as Disability Support Services). I was talking to the secretary about my dilemma, and a just happened to be there and was listening.

She said, "I can help you." That was the beginning of a cherished friendship. Angie Zottolo was very easy to get to know. Even though we didn't become really close until three years later, I thought of her as a great friend.

Transportation was also an issue.

"So, if you see me in my wheelchair, feel free to say 'hi'."

Renee Uitto

My mom took me to school in the morning, and a bus from a church in Ferndale picked me up when classes were over. I didn't have a chance to get involved in campus life.

During my first semester, my teachers seemed to be willing to accommodate me. My two classes were Spanish and International Studies of Eastern Europe. I really had to work hard. I wished I could have done better, but I

know I tried my best.

I enjoyed being at Oakland. I felt very independent and liked the challenge of a big university.

However, it was a very difficult time for me because I just broke up with my boyfriend. We were starting Oakland at the same time.

We had so many plans together but our whole relationship just fell apart because we disagreed on a lot of things, and it was too hard to work them out. I decided to get on with my life without him. But, just like anyone in a relationship, when it's over, it hurts.

I had a personal assistant my second year who drove me to school, took notes for me in class and helped me in the restroom. I liked having her, but I felt I didn't have any privacy or time for activities after classes. I'm the kind of person who cherishes my privacy and my independence. After three semesters she decided she did not want to drive me anymore. I was thinking of not going on campus anymore.

I got along with most of my professors. They seemed to work with me and helped me. I felt like I had a unique relationship with them, and they wanted to see me succeed. I decided on a journalism major. Some of my favorite classes were Feature Writing, Persuasion, News Editing and both of my news writing classes. The professors took time to get

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NEW FOUND FREEDOM: College life on OU's campus has allowed Renee Uitto to gain independence. Uitto stresses that even though she has a disability, she is still a normal college student and wants people to realize that those with disabilities can do many of the same things as others.

New name, same services

Disability Support helps special needs students

By RENEE UITTO
Staff Writer

Though it's had three name changes in three years, Disability Support Services still serves the needs of students with disabilities. As of mid-September, its location is 157 North Foundation Hall.

The office serves as a facilitator between students with disabilities and the OU faculty and staff.

Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects persons with disabilities from discrimination in educational settings. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 provides them equal access and opportunities. These laws offer persons with disabilities equal chances.

The ADA also requires that schools need to provide accommodations for students with disabilities.

Upon arrival at OU, a student with special needs meets with Lisa McGill, the director of Disability Support Services, to determine what accommodations will be needed by the student. At this meeting, proof of the disability is required. The proof will remain confidential.

Some of the special arrangements include priority registration for classes, assistance in identifying volunteer notetakers, special test-taking arrangements, faculty are notified of particular accommodations requested by students, information on community resources and assistance with contacting other offices on campus. If a student needs a personal assistant, he or she is responsible for finding one and paying for the services provided.

DSS has many adaptive devices which assist hearing or visually impaired students. They include the Kurzweil Reading Edge, which scans books and converts the text to synthesized speech and reads it aloud in seconds, and a closed caption television with a computer, which magnifies text and displays color images for people with low vision.

For hearing impaired students, a Phonic Ear is used. The student can plug it into his/her hearing aid and the professor wears a microphone to amplify the lecture.

In the future, DSS would like to purchase a voice input system for students with limited arm and hand control. The system prints what the student said. The computer has to be adjusted to pick up and recognize voices. The system costs approximately \$16,000.

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Lisa McGill
Director, DSS



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COLLEGE LIFE: Can be a challenge for anyone but for Alfred Puzzuoli, who is legally blind, life on campus provides other obstacles.

Overcoming campus challenges accomplishing goals, dreams

By RENEE UITTO
Staff Writer

Living in the residence halls can be a challenge for anyone. For Alfred Puzzuoli, it is especially challenging since he is legally blind and navigates with a cane.

However, Puzzuoli considers his life to be typical of other college students. "If you are using normal in the context of how my life relates to those without a disability, then I would have to say for the most part, it is fairly normal," he said.

Puzzuoli usually takes 12 to 16 credits a semester. He admits that he can generally keep up well, but his math classes are the hardest for him.

Puzzuoli, 23, senior, is majoring in Spanish and minoring in computer science. He attended Western Michigan University for four years, but never declared a major. He believed it was best that he go to a school closer to home.

"Since I figured I still had several years of school remaining," he said. I wanted to find a university that was closer to home and which could offer resources comparable to those at Western."

When it was time to start thinking about college, Puzzuoli knew he wanted to go away from home but he didn't know where he wanted to go. A program called College Prep for the Blind allowed visually impaired students to gain experience in a college setting before they actually begin a full semester of classes.

College Prep for the Blind only offers the program at Western. After given the opportunity to navigate the campus, Puzzuoli felt comfortable enough to attend Western.

Puzzuoli has a computer to do his homework. He also has a screen reading package, which converts written text into speech. The computer has a regular keyboard which he learned in typing classes. "I had an advantage in the training in that I didn't need to look at the

keys," said Puzzuoli.

In his computer classes, Puzzuoli uses a screen reading package, which converts the written text into speech. The user can review the text at any time. He also has a scanner which allows him to read books and other printed materials.

Puzzuoli was always fortunate to have professors who were willing to be accommodating. He had one computer teacher in eighth grade who did not want him in her class. He received A's on all his assignments, but his final grade was a C because he couldn't draw a picture on the screen.

Puzzuoli lives with his mother and father in Roseville and is an only child. He has been blind since birth. He said his family has always been very supportive of his goals and his mother encourages him to follow his dreams. "My mother always told me that I should try to do anything I felt I really wanted to do and I've taken that philosophy."

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Tearing down stereotypes fighting for equal rights

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

One out of every ten people, at one period in their life, has homosexual urges.

That means, in a classroom of 40, there are could be at least four gay people.

And they are immediately noticeable, right? Hand straight towards the ground, making a right angle with the wrist. Walking with a twist. Or with a butch haircut, looking like a man.

Not necessarily. "It is from ignorance," said senior Jackie O'Connor, member of Pride Forum formally known as the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) on campus. "If you don't know much about something, you can be easily confused. If they were enlightened, they wouldn't be so irrational. Go to GALA meetings. Listen to 'Queer Liberation' on WXOU [Fridays, 5 - 6 p.m.]. You'll realize that there are no [gay] stereotypes. Not walking, talking stereotypes. Maybe that would open your mind."

"Open your mind and open your heart. Try to meet people that would break that cycle [of homophobia], like non-straight people," said junior Sean Kosofsky, member of Pride Forum, junior political science.

According to Professor of

Communication Shea Howell, advisor to Pride Forum, America breeds the gay-bashing mentality.

"I think any culture that depends on violence and where emotions and femininity are suppressed will have negative views towards those who don't follow suit. America has a violent culture. People are intimidated by anything different from themselves," she said.

Despite the openness that is supposed to be the foundation of universities, they are no different than society as a whole.

"I think it is a problem in society, so of course the problem exists here," said Howell.

Junior Daniel Filipkowski, member of Pride Forum, feels as though OU's homophobia is unique. "I think it's a certain type. Like 'We know it's there, but we don't have to talk about it. It disturbs us, but we don't want to make a fuss.' This is better than complete intolerance, and it has improved since my freshman year. It is still not complete acceptance, though."

O'Connor feels the attitudes haven't improved enough.

"I haven't had a problem with it lately. I don't live on campus anymore. When I lived on campus, I would say [I didn't feel comfortable]. Now that I'm off, yes. There is a problem in the residence halls.

"I had a roommate accuse me of hitting on her. I said I have taste. I am selective of who I'm with. Heterosexual males don't find all females attractive. Heterosexual females do not find all males attractive. I have tastes."

"One roommate I had did not want me to touch her things, like I had some type of disease. This made the living situation uncomfortable," said O'Connor.

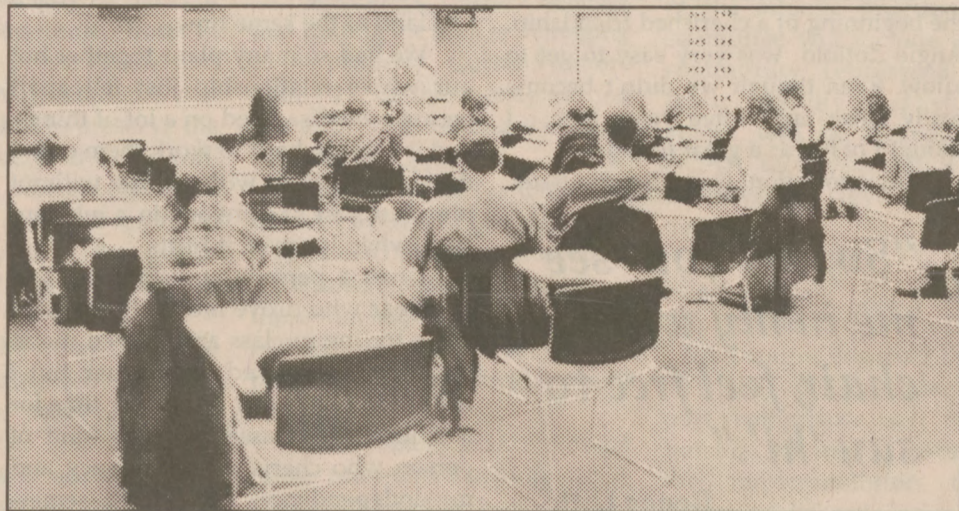
According to members of Pride Forum, OU has not exactly been sup-

portive of preventing homophobia.

"Education usually has to come from GALA," said O'Connor. "If the university tried to create educational forums, it would be much easier. It should come from both ends. It's so hard to do things on your own. The university should promote the idea that homophobia is not to be tolerated in any shape or form. That it is not accepted."

"October 12th was National Coming Out Day. There was no cele-

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RAISING AWARENESS: Statistics show that one out of every ten people have homosexual urges in their lifetime. If this is the case in any classroom around campus there could be four homosexual students. Organizations like Pride Forum are trying to break the stereotypes associated with gays.

Students break new ground showcasing choreography skills

By DIANA PLETZ
Staff Writer

As the curtain in Varner Recital Hall drew back, 21 members of the Oakland Dance Theatre (ODT) and Repertory Company did what they could to calm their pre-show jitters. Within seconds three months of intense practice would be concluded in front of an audience.

The concert performed Nov. 22 & 23, titled *Breaking New Ground* was set to music by artists such as Alanis Morissette, Peter Gabriel, Jimi Hendrix, Frederick Chopin, and others.

Including nine modern dance routines with varied intermediate to advanced dance moves, including profound messages to comic relief each dance combined themes of love and relationships, stress, womanhood, work, fairy tales or a combined set of artistic moves for pure entertainment.

Highlighting the concert were pre-

miers of new choreography by first-time student choreographers.

Jeffrey Prall, a senior and dance major, choreographed his first dance titled, *Sketches Of A Dream*. It included five dancers other than himself with music by Peter Gabriel and Deep Forest. "I gained a new respect for choreography. It's a lot of work and a lot of responsibility but I now love it like I love dancing," he said.

The biggest difference between dancing and choreographing, said Prall, is that a dance only exists while the dance is being performed but as a choreographer he feels like he still owns a piece of the show even when it's over.

Prall chose to try his hand at something new because he was curious as to what his style of dance really was and he believed he could figure that out and demonstrate it in choreographing.

Senior dance major, Jenefer Stickradt also choreographed a number

for this semester's ODT concert. Her dance, *Reflected in Another Source of Light*, featured three dancers other than herself and was put to music by Jimi Hendrix.

"I chose to choreograph that dance because it was to a song I've always liked and its message held personal meaning to me," said Stickradt. "It is neat to be able to create a dance yourself. You can choose where you want to go with it," she said.

For the faculty, like Assistant Professor for Music, Theatre and Dance, Gregory Patterson, "These concerts serve as a vehicle for me to experiment and test out new waters and new movements with students."

The performers of ODT are faculty and students that tryout for the company on a semesterly basis. To qualify, it helps to have a little bit of training and

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Photo Courtesy / Oakland Dance Theatre

DANCING IN STYLE: Heather Lobbestael, senior, dance major, performed in the *Breaking New Ground* concert on Nov. 22 & 23.

OU EVENTS

Are you one of those people with two left feet? If so join faculty from the **Arthur Murray Studio** for free dance lessons in the Gold Rooms at noon on Dec. 5, sponsored by SPB.

Owain Phye and the New World Renaissance Band will perform at the Underground Coffeehouse at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7. The chivalry music will be performed in the Abstinence in the OC.

MTD sponsors the **Meadow Brook Estate Holiday Spectacular** Dec. 5 to Dec. 8. Join the holiday festivities and check out song and dance favorites of all eras in the Varner Recital Hall.

Meadow Brook Hall's 26th annual Holiday Walk, "Dressed for the Holidays," is now open for visitors through Dec. 8. The Christmas decorations can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

To see European Paintings of the 18th and 19th century from the **Tadeusz Malinski Collection** take a stroll through Meadow Brook Art Gallery now through Jan. 2.

The classic musical **A Christmas Carol** is now running through Dec. 29 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

MUSIC

The Detroit Christmas tradition continues when the DSO hosts the **Christmas Festival** featuring the *Nutcracker* Ballet at the Detroit Opera House Dec. 6 - 23.

Kenny Rogers' 'The Gift of Christmas' will be performed Dec. 6 - 8 at various times at the Fox Theatre.

The **Holiday Hootenanny** sponsored by 96.3 FM will feature artist Sarah McLachlan, Barenaked Ladies, Dishwalla and Duncan Sheik at the Palace at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Stone Temple Pilots with special performance by **Local H** will rock the Palace at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10.

Get into the holiday spirit with **A Christmas to Remember** starring Vince Gill at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Palace.

The DSO presents four American pop singers for the **Colors of Christmas** celebration at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 & 14 featuring Roberta Flack, Peabo Bryson, Aaron Neville and Melissa Manchester.

Ted Nugent will tear up Joe Louis Arena New Year's Eve with the annual **Whiplash Bash** starting at 9 p.m.

THEATRE

The ghost of Christmas Past, Present and Future will grace the stage of Bonstelle Theatre when **A Christmas Carol** comes to life on Dec. 6 - 15.

The longest running Broadway production in history **A Chorus Line** will be performed at the Detroit Opera House Dec. 23 - Jan. 5.

MOVIES

Beavis and Butt-Head are moving up in the world. On Dec. 20 the obnoxious duo will hit the big screens in **Beavis and Butt-Head Do America**.

The touching conclusion to **Terms of Endearment**, *The Evening Star* comes to life after 13 long years including much of the original cast opening Dec. 25.

OTHER

Looking for interesting gifts? Stop by L'Anse Creuse High School for the **11th annual Crafty Christmas Arts and Crafts Show** at 10 a.m. on Dec. 7.

The **45th annual Rochester Christmas Parade** will delight audiences of all ages at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 on Main St. in Downtown Rochester.



Ian Houston

Boy, did I pick the wrong week to quit smoking

When I found out a week ago that I would be leaving OU a semester early to pursue a career opportunity I couldn't turn down, I was beside myself.

I got a job that many people wishing to go into my field hope to be able to find when they graduate. The only bad part, I have to start about six months before I had planned to go to work.

In other words, next Monday morning.

First thing I did when I found out was call my girlfriend at work. Next I came straight to OU to share the news with my friends and later the same day I shared the news with my family over dinner.

It was an incredible feeling. The burden of wondering where I was going to go after college was over, and now all I had to do was plan on taking a few night courses to finish my degree.

Then the reality of life in the real world began to sink in.

Even with good money, great benefits and the opportunity to launch my career, taking the job hasn't been an easy decision to make.

First, it means I will be moving to Ann Arbor—both a thrilling and scary proposition. Ann Arbor isn't a world away, but it will still be a big transition.

Next thing that occurred to me was that my friends and loved ones won't be right with me on a daily basis like they have been these last two years. My girlfriend, Christie, would still be here, working towards her graduation a couple of years behind me. My close friends would still be here, struggling to put out a paper every week. And my family would be a little further than a few miles away.

To say there will be a transition period is an understatement. To say I'm scared and a little sad is definitely true. A lot has already changed since the great news.

Already THE POST is preparing to deal with my loss, and I find myself wondering where the time went and extremely envious of the people who will replace me. But, on the other hand, my friends are wonderful people who can't wait to exploit my new location for opportunities at U-M.

My parents are very excited and supportive of me as they have always been. I just don't dare ask them why they're already helping me pack even though I don't move until January.

On Friday, Christie and I broke up. This is becoming my biggest hurdle. After a weekend of soul searching and talking I now find that we are in the position of being more than just friends but a little less than attached.

This brings me to the realization that even though everyone is very supportive (and I love them all dearly for that support), this is something I am going to have to do alone.

But the one thing I have learned is that I will never truly be alone.

The strengths of my friendships have never been so clear, and I now know that there are a few people that I will know for the rest of my life.

As always, my parents are more than willing to help me through whatever perils lie ahead.

And Christie's support and care has been great even though we are taking some time apart. Even though I am terrified that we won't find each other again I know that a piece of my heart will always be hers no matter where I go.

So with this I say thanks to Jane, Heidi, Sue, Jaime, Nelson, Patty, Suzy, Jeanne, Chris, Don and everyone else who has helped to make my experiences here at THE POST memories I will cherish forever.

Farewell, but not goodbye.

CIPO THIS WEEK

CIPO Programs

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

December to Remember! December 2-6, 1996	
Thursday, December 5 Womens BB @ 530 p.m. Mens BB @ 7:30 p.m. in the Bubble!	Friday, December 6 Holiday Music Noon in the Fireside Lounge
What is Kwanzaa? 9:15 p.m. in 401 Hamlin	Wassail Reception at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge

Annual Leadership Retreat
The 4th annual all campus/off campus leadership retreat will take place January 10, 11 & 12, 1997. If you are involved in a student Organization or just interested in improving leadership skills, plan on attending. Outstanding presenters from both on and off campus will be giving sessions helpful to aspiring leaders, leaders and organizations. Each student organization can sign up two members at no cost. Sign up will continue until all available spots are filled up.

Winter Blood Drive
OU's Winter Blood Drive will be held January 15 & 16. You can call 2020 to make an appointment. Help avoid long waits by signing up others. Help spread the word around and get others to give also. Every pint counts.

Leisure Classes
Get your Dancing Shoes ready! CIPO will be offering leisure classes beginning January 18. Classes will include: Country and Western Dancing, Line Dancing, and Ballroom Dancing. Classes will run for five consecutive Saturdays and will be \$30 per person for each set of classes taken.

London and Paris
Oakland University will explore London and Paris. The annual international trip will depart Oakland University May 5 and return May 14. Oakland students, employees, alumni and their guests will be able to sign up. The cost is only \$1445 and includes: roundtrip airfare, lodging for nine nights, daily continental breakfasts, several tours, and much more.
Look for information at the CIPO Service Window or call Dewald Travel @ (810) 528-9900. Information brochures are now available at the CIPO Service Window.

Cross Country Ski Rental
As the snow begins to fall, it is time to inform or remind students and employees that CIPO rents XC skis. The cost is \$5 for a day; \$10 for a weekend and \$20 for the semester break.

**The Fall Leadership Series -
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This is your last opportunity to attend the Fall Leadership Series. The last topic will Delegation taught by Felecia Bumpus. This session will take place on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room.
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Coming next semester will be the Winter Leadership Series. Experience Leadership at its best! Look for our advertisement for further information.

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Quote of the Week
"It's a mistake not to give people a chance to learn to depend on themselves while they are young."
Walt Disney

Phobia

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bration. Nothing was said. As with any minority group in a dominating culture, it does not get acknowledged," said Howell.

"We told the Board of Trustees of the frequent comments said to the organization and the disturbing writing on the bathroom walls degrading homosexual students. The atmosphere is less than affirmative toward gay and lesbian students," she said.

In fact, in an incident two years ago, OU staff scrubbers repeatedly washed away GALA chalk writings on the sidewalk during a week long period. The first time the writings were washed away GALA had drawn in areas not designated for chalking. However, chalking in the designated areas was washed, as well. They chalked all over again, and the next day GALA was prepared to resist another possible washing.

"This time, I got up at six in the morning and sat down where the chalk was," said O'Connor. "Sure enough, [the scrubbers] came to wash it away. I told them we had the right to chalk, and they better not wash the stuff off. Public Safety came, the

truck with the lights on it came. I said 'Go ahead and wash it off, but I'll get the press, the newspapers, everyone here.' But they did wash it off. Later we were told some thought the chalk was 'gay-bashing'.

"After all this happened I had a spring and summer class. I saw student organizations chalking beyond the bridge area [considered non-designated]. I went to CIPO and complained. It was never washed. Other organizations can do it, but we can't do it. I believe we were also fined."

Junior Matt Tapson agrees with the group's protest actions.

"I think GALA is the most active group on campus- when the chalk was removed two years ago, I didn't blame them for getting outraged. They do better chalking than any other organization, anyway."

Not everyone agrees, however.

"I think GALA, at times, seems to be advertising for their own group rather than focusing on issues," said junior Matt Snyder. "By emphasizing their homosexuality, instead of achieving equality, they set themselves apart."

"We did not segregate ourselves. Heterosexuals segregated us. I wish there did not need to be GALA. I wish we didn't need 'Queer Liberation'. One

person recently asked me 'Why should gays get an hour long news show?' Because we need one," said O'Connor.

"If all someone wants to see is us splattering our name everywhere, that's all they'll see. But they should come down and talk to us, find out what we really do," said Kosofsky.

And someone has taken his advice. Junior Michelle Neuman, president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, has been open-minded to homosexuals despite her religious beliefs.

"I believe in a God who created men and women and intended on us to be together in a sexual and intimate relationship. I don't think God accepts or condones homosexuality. It is quoted several times in the Bible. It is the act itself that is wrong, not the person. I am friends with Sean [Kosofsky]. We talk often. He tells me what's new with his organization and vice versa. As the saying goes, hate the sin and love the sinner."

Junior Louis Comisso, president of Chi Alpha, feels comfortable being around homosexuals as well as heterosexuals. However, he still feels as though it is not morally right.

"Some people are born more susceptible to alcoholism, it has been scientifically proven. That does not excuse alcoholism or

make it right. There perhaps are some people who are born being more susceptible to homosexual feelings. That does not make it right."

Snyder has a more liberal viewpoint.

"I think everyone should have life the way they want, not what society wants them too."

Unfortunately, according to Howell, it is not as easy as that.

"It's something for people to understand. The fact is there is no protection based on sexual discrimination in Michigan. If you are public with your sexual orientation, you can lose your job, your house, lose your children. There is no recourse."

"The Elliot Larson Act prevents discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, but does not provide protection based on sexual orientation. That's why it was important to establish protection here at OU," said Howell.

And GALA has been lobbying hard at the board level to expand OU's affirmative action policy to include sexual orientation discrimination. However, this is not enough, said Howell.

"But the minute you step off campus, if someone in Rochester does not want to serve you because you are holding hands with your significant other, there is nothing you can do about it," said Howell.

Dance

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experience because students have a short time to pick-up a lot of new moves, said Patterson.

Performers of the ODT Repertory Theatre also try-out but are at a higher skill level and perform in off-campus dance concerts with local dance ensembles, as well.

Dancing for ODT provides students with an opportunity to show off their work and get used to the performing part of dancing. "They gain a certain level of professionalism and grow as a dancer," said Patterson.

Support

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Since May, 1994, McGill has educated the campus about the accommodations needed by students with disabilities.

On her first day as director of Handicapped & International Student Services, she received numerous complaints about the name by students.

She requested to change the name to Office of Disability Support Service & Office of

International Students & Scholars in December 1995. Approval was given in January 1996. The two offices are in the same place. McGill hopes the two offices will be separated one day.

Approximately 140 students use DSS. Most of the students who use DSS are learning disabled. Some students who use DSS have diseases including diabetes, Crohn's Disease and Lyme's Disease. Other students have mobility, visual and hearing impairments.

McGill said she did not plan to be working with disabled

students as a career. She worked in the mental health field for eight years and planned to work as a counselor.

My goal is to have the persons advocate for themselves especially when they enter the job market, said McGill. Students believe in being independent and I like being a part of that process. She also stressed the importance for students with disabilities to learn as many skills as possible so they can be active members of society.

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Freedom

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to know me and my strengths. Law of the Press class was the most challenging. The teacher expected the most out of his students and for them to know details about law in the journalism business. The required course pack cost \$65 and was barely readable.

I had a hard time talking in class because he felt it would take too much time understanding me, and I believe he didn't want to give me a chance.

The class had a take home mid-term. We tried to get together as a class to try and understand it, but we didn't get very far. My classmates thought he was difficult and wanted us to figure out things on our own.

When we got our mid-terms back, I flunked mine. He wanted to talk to my personal assistant before class started. He told her

that he thought the class was too hard for me, and it would be best if I dropped it.

I was very upset with him. I told him, "You should have talked to me instead of my personal assistant. I am the student."

"I'm sorry," he said. "I didn't want to upset you."

At this point, I decided to drop the class since he was not going to help me.

I called the Office of Handicapped Student Services (now known as Disability Support Services) and they thought I had evidence to file a complaint against the professor. I met with the chairperson of the department, and we worked out the problem.

I wanted to take Law of the Press, but decided I shouldn't the next semester because that winter, January 1996, I moved into the Residence Halls. This was a major step for me to make because I had never lived on my

own before. I had a difficult time finding a personal assistant, but I finally found one.

My personal assistant, age 22, got me dressed, helped me take a shower, and helped me at meals. She was nice but I felt she invaded some of my privacy. She wanted to know where I was all the time and what I was doing. She also tried telling me how to live my life. She wanted me to go to bed early and to use my time more wisely. (It was like having another parent!)

This really bugged me because I like being independent. She decided at the end of the semester she did not want to help me in Fall 1996. This was fine with me.

I joined Chi Alpha, a Christian fellowship group. When I went for the first time, I was totally amazed! People were singing at the top of their lungs, praying out loud and praising God out loud. I thought to myself, "I do not belong here."

A few minutes into the meeting, I saw Angie walk in. (she'd been the first person to help me as a personal assistant) I waved at her and she came over hugging me and crying tears of joy. From that point, our friendship turned in to something really special to me.

During the summer, she drove me home from the meetings. On the way home, I told her about how God helped me to become more independent and that I was glad that God showed me that I could be capable of leading a normal life despite my disability.

I found that I could do a lot more for myself that I had not done in the past such as getting in and out of my wheelchair, using the restroom and opening up doors.

I met someone very special. He was the first guy who wasn't really afraid to get to know me. I keep hoping something more will develop but I am just glad

that we have a great friendship.

This semester, Fall 1996, I can do more for myself. I get up and get dressed in the morning, go to meals, and get where I need to be. I am so glad that I can do so much for myself, by myself.

I don't like relying on someone all day long to care for all my needs. (I have a personal assistant come in at night and help me take a shower.) There is one drawback of managing on my own. I don't really like picking up after myself but it comes with the territory!

While living at Oakland, I discovered that I am a person with normal feelings, needs and desires. I can be silly or serious, happy or sad. I want to have normal relationships with friends and maybe, someday, with a husband.

Since the move on campus, my grades actually went up. I like studying in the library since it is so quiet.

I believe any disabled person can be independent if he or she has the right attitude and the patience.

I feel confident that I will be a success when I graduate and find a job.

Hopefully, I can live on my own also one day.

I give credit to my Mom and Dad. Without their love and support, I would not be the person I am today. I am so grateful for their understanding of who I want to be, and giving me the opportunity to be that person.

I also have an older brother and sister. They also encourage me to try different things and to be as independent as possible.

Two other joys in my life are my niece and nephew, Kara and Spencer. I hope one day I can teach them not to be afraid of people that are different and need more attention than other children.

So, if you see me in my wheelchair, feel free to say hi.

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Challenge

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ophy to heart," said Puzzuoli.

In his free time, Puzzuoli enjoys swimming, reading and bowling, he also plays the trumpet, accordion and clarinet. One of the most difficult times in his life was when he was unable to pursue his music interests in college. He learns music by ear and it takes a lot of time to learn one composition in this method. He felt it took more time than he was willing to devote.

Puzzuoli feels he has led a pretty successful life. At Western, he was active in campus politics and was elected president of hall council. He also worked as an independent computer consultant. He helped customers make purchasing decisions, such as adaptive equipment for the blind or helping to install a printer.

He has also experienced some disappointments. One of the hardest phases in his life was when his friends started driving. "It was rather depressing to see everyone so excited about receiving their cars," said Puzzuoli. "This was a hard time for me, but I was able to overcome it after a while."

Puzzuoli has several goals for the future. Currently, he desires to get his college degree. Once he graduates, he would like to get a job working with adaptive computer equipment. He may eventually decide to get a Masters degree.

Puzzuoli has a very positive attitude on life. He said that persons with disabilities should not let other people stop from trying different things. "The best advice I could give would be not to hesitate to try things," said Puzzuoli. "The biggest deterrent to accomplishing one's goals is being afraid to attempt them in the first place."

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SPORTS

Construction schedule still on time

By JAJME SHELTON
News Editor

With the official ground breaking ceremony scheduled for today, the new Recreation and Athletic Center already has much of its foundation completed, keeping the project on target for its Fall 1998 opening.

According to Project Manager Chad Harmon, about eight percent of the entire rec center should be complete by the end of the year.

"The goal is to have at least 80 percent of the foundation in the grounds by the end of the year," said Harmon. However, he said, weather has not been working to their advantage.

Areas already demolished include: the Lepley basketball arena, the athletic office lobby and the multipurpose rooms.

In addition, two-thirds of the water and sewer lines are already in place.

For the first time since the con-

struction began, the site is monitored by police, and within the next few weeks, fire alarms will be installed as well.

The support structure, which require columns to be constructed, has also been started and will continue through next year.

The contractor, Barton Malow has subcontracted out approximately one-half of the work already.

Harmon expects the job will be completely subcontracted to specialty workers, including roofers, carpenters and electricians, by the end of the year.

The majority, 98%, of the construction falls under phase one and only about 10,000 square feet of work falls under phase two.

Phase two cannot begin until a certain portion of phase one is complete. Harmon said that this will occur in Spring 1998.

At the point where construction reaches that stage, the four coaches and a trainer with offices currently

in Lepley will relocate to temporary offices already complete in the Recreation and Athletic Center.

Construction will ensue through most of the semester break, with workers receiving a half day off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and a full day off on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Until the new center is complete, all varsity sports will continue, despite intermittent shutdowns due to construction.

"Disruptions to open swim and varsity sports will just about be over in the next few weeks," said Harmon.

One of the original requirements for construction was that it would not interfere with the men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

"That was one of our challenges—to keep varsity sports and activities up ... during the duration of the construction," Harmon said. "It's a very visible project."



Chris Tait

Visions of hoops dance in heads with basketball double headers

You can thank St. Nick if you like Pioneers basketball.

The month of December brings the men's team home after starting the season with three games on the road. And it does it in style.

Thursday, the men play its home opener at "The Bubble" against last year's 10th place finisher in the GLIAC, Northwood University.

That game eases the men into Saturday's match against Lake Superior State University.

Last year the Lakers and the Pioneers both finished at 13-5 records in GLIAC competition and shared the conference title.

While some folks may be thankful enough just for the LSSU-OU matchup, the holiday spirit of giving doesn't stop with the men's team.

The Northwomen will get things cooking tomorrow at "The Bubble" when the NU women square off against the OU women.

The cellar dweller in the GLIAC last year, NU finished with a 9-17 (3-15 GLIAC) record and could very well get its own goose cooked.

This is especially true if Women's Head Basketball Coach Bob Taylor statements about the proof being in the pudding are accurate.

— In the new two post set, the women's basketball team has raced out of the blocks with a 6-0 record. This has been accomplished with gritty hustle on defense and a punishing run-and-gun offense that can now use its height to grab rebounds on the offensive glass to keep the play alive and pound the boards on defense to spark a quick fast break.

Tomorrow will be a tune up for the men and women — a chance to sharpen up for the big battle on Saturday.

Taylor's squad will look to give LSSU fits on Saturday. This matchup grew in drama value after the Pioneers defeated the Lakers in the championship game of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament last Saturday night.

In that match, junior Tamika Bates scored 19 points and sophomore Courtney Ruffing added 17 as OU won 79-54.

The win moved OU to 6-0 on the season and was achieved by that stifling defense that suffocated the Lakers attack and held it to 31% shooting from the floor.

Bates was named MVP of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament, hauling down seven rebounds in the championship game of the tournament.

After this weekend, the Pioneers hit the road for a spell. The women won't be back until next year — a Jan. 2 date with Hillsdale College slated for 5:30 p.m. at "The Bubble."

Two days after Christmas, the men invite Ferris State University, Calvin College and Michigan Christian College over to "The Bubble" for the the Blimpie Basketball Classic Dec. 27 and Dec. 28.

•Ah, but there is but one sad note to add to this holiday fun — this is my last issue as sports editor for the paper since I will graduate this semester.

I'd like to thank all of the coaches for making the last year and a half an exciting one and a special thanks to President Gary Russi for appointing the fact finding committee to inquire about the future of intercollegiate athletics — the fact finding process gave me more stories than I could manage to put in the paper.

Aideu.



Post Photo/Patty Young

ON SCHEDULE: A worker looks at where the old Lepley gymnasium once was. The new facility is expected to open for its projected Fall 1998 date.

Cinderella playoff run continues in Arizona

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The Cinderella story continues into December for the men's soccer team.

Riding a six-game winning streak into the NCAA II men's soccer playoffs, the Pioneers (15-5-2) have returned to the postseason with a vengeance after missing out last season.

So far this postseason, the men have upset No. 8 West Virginia Wesleyan by a 2-0 score in the first round and then beat No. 4 Mercyhurst College in a 1-0 overtime match.

The Pioneer's glass carriage could shatter this Friday at 1 p.m. in Phoenix, Arizona when OU faces defending national champion and No. 1 ranked Southern Connecticut State University.

Director of Coaching Gary Parsons said that OU must play a compact game against SCSU — meaning that the frontmost player and the backmost player should not be any farther than 40 yards apart.

"We need to do several things. We need to be more compact defensively. We need to pressure the ball, have our proper shape when we're defending and we need to be making the tackles when they are available to us to turn defense into offense," Parsons said.

He also explained that SCSU is very much a control-possession team that liked to switch the field and takes advantage of a team loaded with talent.

Parsons said that the team will fly out this morning and will practice in the afternoon and again tomorrow.

SCSU, the favorite to win the national title, brings a 20-0-1 record into the match and an early season win over OU. That match, played Sept. 14, finished in a 4-1 score in the first-ever matchup between the two schools.

While OU may wish it had a fairy godmother to help this weekend, it will rely on junior goaltender Amir Tal and freshman forward Paul Snape to lead the team to the championship game at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

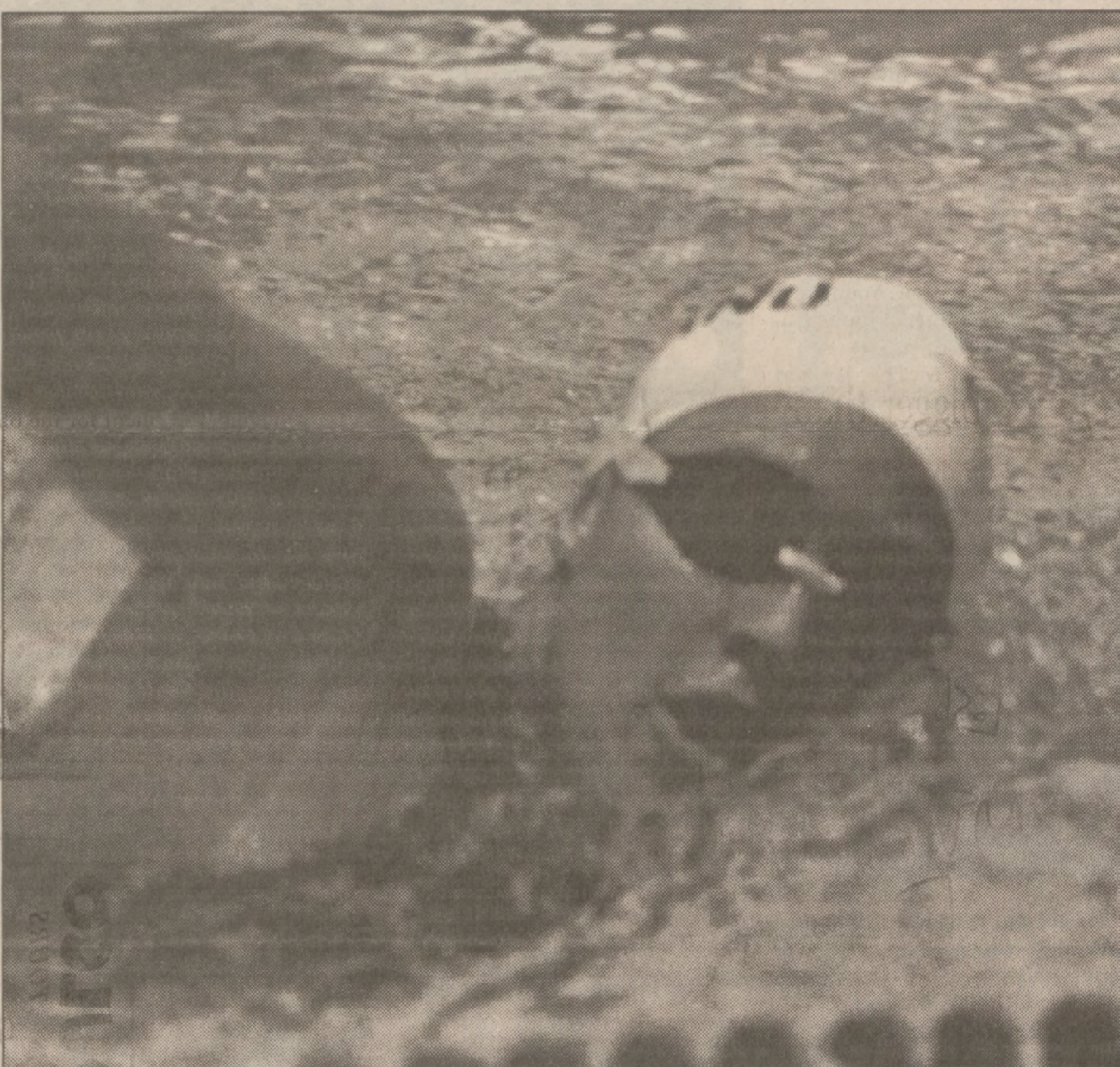
After receiving the third and final playoff birth for the Central Region, OU faced WVW on the road and avoided an early exit as Tal made 17 saves on 17 shots to give the Pioneers a chance to win the game.

Advancing to the regional finals against defending Central Region Champion, MC, the Pioneers welcomed the return of senior midfielder Tony Jones who returned from a one-game suspension for receiving his fifth yellow card of the season.

Although it took 113:41, Jones rifled a shot past MC goaltender Darren Murray for the winning goal.

The other semifinal match will pit host Grand Canyon (West Region Champion) against Florida's Lynn University (South Region Champion) at 3:30 p.m. this Friday.

Teams head to Eastern Invitationals



Post Photo/Bob Knoeska

QUALIFYING TIME: Senior Gisa Alessandri and the men's and women's swimming and diving teams head to the Eastern Michigan Invitational this weekend in an attempt to qualify for the nationals.

Pioneers drop Crusaders

By DAVID CAMERON
Staff Writer

Winning ways continued for OU against Madonna University, improving to 2-1 with a 86-71 win Nov. 26.

OU lost on the road to Eastern Michigan University Nov. 23, 94-76.

Against the Crusaders, OU struggled against MU's offense.

With 11:38 to play in the first-half, MU forward Paul Whiting made a cut under the basket, collecting a pass and layed it in for a 17-15 MU lead.

Seconds later, OU senior shooting guard Kevin Kovach hit a three-pointer to give his club a lead it kept the rest of the game.

For the next 4:33, OU went on a 15-6 run, taking a ten point lead. Senior Dan Buza scored inside to score and before that, senior Craig Frohock snapped twine — knocking down one of his team-leading five three-pointers.

The five three's more than doubled Frohock's 1995-96 output,

when he shot just 2-17 from long range.

OU junior point guard Denny Amrhein gave OU a 76-49 advantage after he went the entire length of the court, through MU defenders for a layup with just over ten minutes to go.

Amrhein led OU with 19 points and six assists. Kovach and sophomore Matt McClellan each scored 18. Frohock had 17 points, his most since scoring 18 against Hillsdale during the 1994-95 season.

MU guard Christian Emert led the Crusaders with 17 points.

Amrhein said offensively, OU has work to do.

"We need better execution. We have some new plays in our offense."

"This shows us the things we have to work on."

Against EMU, OU battled the bigger Eagles in the teams' first meeting since 1987-88.

The defending GLIAC champs hung tough and held a two point lead at 17-15 with 13:50 to play in the first-half.

At the break, OU trailed by only six, 44-38, against a club that defeated Duke University in the NCAA tournament Southeast Regional last spring.

However, the game would unravel for OU after junior Kris Matuszewski knocked down back-to-back three-point shots to get the team within eight (55-47) with 16:02 to play.

From there, EMU went on a 21-9 run that quelled any hopes of an OU comeback.

Kovach led OU with 19 points, 13 in the second half, Buza had 17, Amrhein 14, McClellan 14 points to go with 13 rebounds. Matuszewski finished with six.

Point guard Earl Boykins tallied a career-high 29 points and Derrick Dial chipped in 25 for EMU.

OU Men's Coach Greg Kampe was upset with the result.

"I'm very disappointed that we didn't win. When we were up 20-19, we took a couple of bad shots," Kampe said. "The second half we started with mistakes. We came here to win."

Pioneer of the Week



Tamika Bates
Forward
Women's Basketball
5-11, junior

Bates was named the MVP of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament, scoring 19 points and hauling down seven rebounds in the championship game of the tournament — a 79-54 victory over GLIAC rival Lake Superior State University. In OU's last three games, Bates scored 44 points, shot 57.1 percent from the floor and grabbed 23 rebounds.

The Pioneer sports month

Thu., Dec. 5

- Women's Basketball Team hosts Northwood University (5:30 p.m.)
- Men's Basketball Team hosts NU (7:30 p.m.)

Fri., Dec. 6

- Men's Soccer Team at NCAA II Tournament Final Four in Phoenix, AZ, against Southern Connecticut State University (1 p.m.)
- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving at Eastern Michigan Invitational

Sat., Dec. 7

- Women's Basketball Team hosts Lake Superior State University (1 p.m.)
- Men's Basketball Team hosts LSSU (3 p.m.)
- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving at Eastern Michigan Invitational

Sun., Dec. 8

- Men's Soccer NCAA II Soccer Tournament Championship game in Phoenix, AZ. (3:30 p.m.)

Tue., Dec. 10

- Men's Basketball Team at U-M Dearborn (7:30 p.m.)

Sat., Dec. 14

- Women's Basketball Team at Saginaw Valley State University (1 p.m.)
- Men's Basketball Team at SVSU (3 p.m.)

Wed., Dec. 18

- Men's Basketball Team at High Desert Classic in Las Vegas against Washburn

Thu., Dec. 19

- Men's Basketball Team at High Desert Classic in Las Vegas against California at Riverside

Fri., Dec. 20

- Women's Basketball at Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis (7 p.m.)

Sat., Dec. 22

- Women's Basketball at St. Joseph's (IN) (3 p.m.)

Fri., Dec. 27-28

- Men's Basketball Team hosts Blimpie Basketball Classic — Ferris State University, Calvin and Michigan Christian College (starting at 5:30 p.m.)

• Denotes GLIAC game.
•• Home games in bold type.

Intramural basketball offered

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

With Lepley under construction and only "The Bubble" left to accommodate intramurals, basketball will be the only intramural sport offered during the winter term.

"We went from not having anything to having a small (program)," said Steve Lyon, baseball coach and athletics facilities manager.

Lyon said that originally the department thought there wouldn't be any intramural sports for the winter because of the limited available time at "The Bubble."

However, basketball was added, and the tentative times and days will be 6-8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday in "The Bubble."

Lyon expects that there will be a maximum of eight men's teams and four women's teams. Students, staff, faculty and alumni are eligible to play and 12 members per team will be recognized on the roster.

According to Greg Jordan, campus recreation director, competition will begin the second or third week of the winter semester.

At the end of the season, the two winning teams will receive T-shirts. Registration forms will be available today in the Department of Recreation Office located in 144 OC. Forms are due by Jan. 10. Teams will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

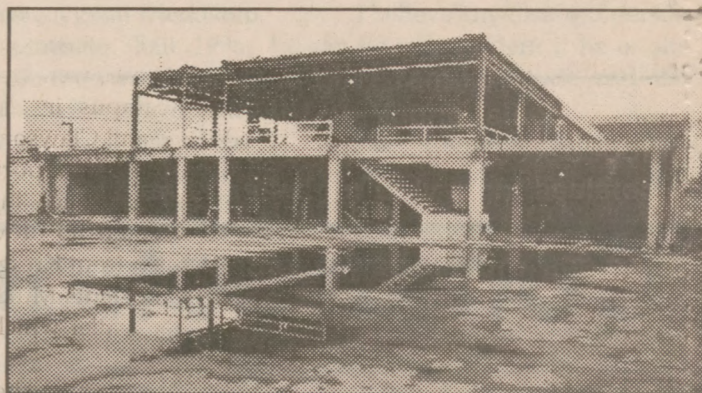
Though there will be no other intramural sports available during the winter, but in Fall 1998 when the new rec center is expected to open, other intramurals and recreational programs will be available.

"We want to expand the intramural offerings on a team and individual level. ... Everything's going to be new or expanded on current programs," said Jordan.

He said that the department is considering having volleyball, floor hockey and indoor soccer.

The pool will also be utilized more with swim classes for adults and children extended hours for swimming, water aerobics, water polo and a possible scuba program.

A fitness and wellness program could also be implemented. Weight lifting, a nutrition program, as many different



Post Photo/Patty Young

THE OLD GUARD: A pool of water sits in front of a gutted Lepley Sports Center where the gym once stood.

aerobic classes including low, high and step classes throughout the day and access to weightlifting and strength equipment.

"There are a number of steps that need to be taken before (the rec center) opens (its) doors in 1998," said Jordan.

Pioneers dash to perfect 6-0 start

By DAVID CAMERON
Staff Writer

OU defeated Cornerstone College and Lake Superior State University last weekend to take the Grand Rapids Press Tournament at the Aquinas College Field House.

In the championship game Saturday night against LSSU, junior Tamika Bates scored 19 points and sophomore Courtney Ruffing added 17 as OU won 79-54.

Improving to 6-0 this season, the Pioneers held LSSU to a paltry 31% from the field in the final game of the tournament.

Bates was named MVP of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament, scoring 19 points and hauling down seven rebounds in the championship game of the tournament.

Junior Jamie Pewinski scored nine points, senior Lori Young and freshman Sue Karber chipped in eight points apiece.

Senior Alyson McChesney and senior Kristen Grant both scored five points, freshman Teresa Tallenger scored four, freshman Becki Wheatley three and freshman Jamie Ahlgren added one for OU. Young dished out a game-high four assists.

LSSU was led by Heather Hopkins and Heather Bertram who both scored eight.

Last Friday, OU raced past CC 75-59 and won the right to advance into the title game.

Holding CC to 37% shooting, OU also out rebounded CC 45-31. Bates was the only player in double figures for OU.

Bates poured in 16 points and had eight rebounds for the Pioneers and Pewinski scored nine points. Young led the squad with six assists.

Every OU player tallied at least one point, except for junior Ulrika Nilsson against LSSU.

Women's Head Basketball Coach Bob Taylor said that balance was the key to the weekend wins.

"We had a lot of balance, lots of people stepped up this weekend."

"We got inside scoring from the post position and were able to make our outside shots. Alyson, Tamika and Lori all played very well and I thought our defense was very good. I thought we played very well," said Taylor.



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BACK IN ACTION: Senior center Kristen Grant only connected on one shot on seven attempts and was 0-1 from the free throw line. On the glass, she pulled in two offensive and three defensive rebounds in 23 minutes of action as OU beat Northern Kentucky 75-48 in the first game of the tournament for the Pioneers Nov. 22 at "The Bubble."

Pioneer notebook

Two Men and a Truck Tournament

OU won both of its games and claimed the Two Men and a Truck Tournament held at "The Bubble" Nov. 22-23 after defeating Northern Kentucky University 75-48 and St. Joseph's (Ind.) 85-73.

•OU senior forward Alyson McChesney led the Pioneers, scoring 21 points. Junior Tamika Bates had 16 and junior Lori Young tallied 12.

•SJC was held to 35% shooting and passed for only eight assisted to OU's 23.

•Bates was on fire again, hitting on 8-13 from the field. The forward, who transferred to OU from the University of Missouri last season, hit double figures in the first six and a half minutes of the first half.

•OU Women's Coach Bob Taylor was pleased with his club's effort. "We were good defensively. We have a lot of depth," Taylor said.

•Junior guard Ulrika Nilsson played six minutes and picked up two assists. Taylor was to redshirt Nilsson, but he said the two decided it would be best if she played this year.

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne

•OU gained its fourth win of the season defeating Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne 75-59 at "The Bubble" Nov. 26.

•Senior Alyson McChesney led OU with 15 points and GLIAC Women's Player of the Week, Tamika Bates scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds.

— By David Cameron

Basketball team standings

Women's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Saginaw Valley State	0	0	5	0
Grand Valley State	0	0	3	0
Lake Superior State	0	0	3	1
Michigan Technological	0	0	3	1
Northern Michigan	0	0	3	1
Ferris State University	0	0	3	2
Northwood College	0	0	2	2
South Division				
Gannon University	0	0	6	0
Oakland University	0	0	6	0
Hillsdale College	0	0	5	0
Ashland University	0	0	4	0
Mercyhurst University	0	0	4	0
Wayne State University	0	0	2	2

Men's Basketball

	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
North Division				
Northwood College	0	0	2	0
Grand Valley State	0	0	6	1
Lake Superior State	0	0	3	1
Saginaw Valley State	0	0	2	1
Michigan Technological	0	0	3	3
Ferris State University	0	0	2	3
Northern Michigan	0	0	2	4
South Division				
Gannon University	0	0	5	0
Ashland University	0	0	4	1
Mercyhurst University	0	0	4	2
Oakland University	0	0	2	1
Hillsdale College	0	0	2	2
Wayne State University	0	0	1	3

Sports in brief

Home basketball games in December

•Thursday — Double header as the women's team hosts Northwood University at 5:30 p.m. and then the men square off at 7:30 p.m.

•Saturday — Double header as the women's team hosts Lake Superior State University at 1 p.m. and the men follow at 3 p.m.

•Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28 — The men's team hosts the two-day Blimpie Basketball Classic with Ferris State University, Calvin and Michigan Christian College. The tourney starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.

Credit

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room to see if the man was still there and she saw the credit card on the floor in the aisle way.

"As soon as I saw it on the floor I grabbed my purse and ran down to the circulation desk. I don't think I've ever ran that fast in my entire life," she said.

Mukh called OU Police, but the officers could not find the man.

"It repulsed me to think someone went through my stuff," Mukh said.

Mukh described the man to police as a medium build black male in his twenties, more than six feet tall, with a scar across the bridge of his nose.

"Students should know he's out there," said Mukh.

This wasn't the first time this has happened to Mukh. She believes another credit card was stolen from her purse in October on the fourth floor in Kresge as well. However, she has no proof.

Mukh said she was in Kresge from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 21 and left her study room a few times only momentarily throughout the day.

Mukh noticed her Mastercard was missing three days later. When she called to

cancel the account, she found that someone had charged more than \$200 on the account on Oct. 21. The purchases were made in areas near campus in Auburn Hills, Pontiac and Clawson.

Mukh did not report this incident to OU Police initially because she could not prove the card was stolen from Kresge.

In both incidents Mukh had money in her wallet which was not taken.

Mukh now says she has learned her lesson, and she is now more careful about leaving her belongings unattended.

"I used to usually leave some things for just a couple of minutes, but now I take every little scrap with me," she said.

OU Police Chief Richard Leonard said that police cannot link this incident or the description of the man to any others on campus.

"As of this time, it looks like an isolated incident," Leonard said.

OU Police Sergeant Richard Tomczak urges students and faculty to be aware that these crimes can happen on campus and make sure criminals are not given the opportunity to commit them.

According to Tomczak, three things must be present in order for a crime like this to happen—

a victim, an opportunity and a perpetrator.

"There's always going to be someone out there wanting to commit a crime. You can't do anything about that. What you can do is deny the criminal the opportunity to commit the crime," Tomczak said.

OU Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy agreed, saying, "Thefts like this are crimes of opportunity."

The key to avoiding these types of crimes, said Tomczak, is to try to think about common sense and keep your belongings either on you or safely hidden.

"As long as the person is there (with their belongings), the opportunity is not," said Tomczak. "You can stop crime by denying the criminal the opportunity to start, if you go to leave your desk for 30 seconds, take your purse with you," he added.

Additionally, Tomczak urges OU students, faculty and staff to alert OU Police if they witness anything suspicious, no matter how trivial the matter may seem.

"People shouldn't hesitate to call. We get paid to respond to these types of calls," Tomczak said. "By people getting involved and being the eyes and ears of the community. We keep crime at a minimum," he said.

Worm

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"We switched from GFS (Gordon Food Service) to Sysco (for corn). We will be very careful from now on with food from Sysco, if we continue to get it from there at all," said Bob Kelber, Assistant Board Director for Aramark. "It was at the supplier's end, not ours. Our employees are very careful. We are all very careful."

"Neatness is number one," said Aramark employee Rodger Alexander. "As far as food, we take our time preparing and cleaning."

According to Aramark, the worm was not "caught" because of its size. The amount of food cooked at one time could easily hide something small.

"When we take out the corn, it's enough for a couple hundred servings. As large as that quantity of corn was, the worm was very small. Never in a million years did we expect to see this,"

said Kleber.

Matt Bohland, Board Director of Aramark, however, said that this was not uncommon.

"It has happened before. I've worked at five different universities. It's unfortunate, but it does happen," he said.

Galen Garst, Environmental Health Supervisor for Environmental Health Services of the Oakland County Health Division, agrees.

"When picking corn, there are a certain percentage of insects collected as well. With grain and wheat, the same is true. Chemicals can be used to spray all of the corn, but then it would not be edible," he said.

Garst said that food poisoning is unlikely, however.

"Aesthetically, [the worm] looks really bad, enough to make your stomach turn. However, the worm and any bacteria in the worm was killed when it was cooked. Bacteria is [bred] by food not being cooked or held at the right temperature," he said.

According to a CDC (Center for Disease Control) study, there are three top reasons of outbreaks: food cooked at the wrong temperature, passing germs by hand and cross-contamination (when the blood of raw meat comes in contact with some other food). Garst said that's what the health department focuses on.

"We regulate by food inspections, interacting with (restaurant) managers and by, if worst comes to worst, enforcement. We try to get the most bang for our buck and concentrate on the (main causes) of people getting sick," he said.

Overall, Trupiano feels as though Aramark and Sysco handled the situation well.

"I thought Aramark was good [at handling it]. [Sysco] called me and apologized and said they were going to investigate," she said.

Trupiano does not have any hard feelings toward Aramark but has decided not to eat any more of their canned vegetables.

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