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## Engler to announce budget cuts

By JENNIFER J. DECKER  
& ANN ZANIEWSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

Michigan Governor John Engler will propose \$470 million in budget cuts to the state's legislative appropriations committees tomorrow, likely slashing the higher education budget by at least 1 percent.

However, when Jennifer Granholm takes over the gubernatorial seat in January, she also has to deal with the state's \$1.8 billion deficit. University department heads have been told by OU administration to outline a preliminary plan to prepare for reductions of up to 7.5 percent.

"We've heard 1 percent (in funding cuts for OU)," said Rochelle Black, Director of Government Relations. "Each institution makes decisions once they know the numbers. Revenue isn't doing as well. I would say administration is aware this has been coming. I don't know if there will be program cuts."

She said a 1 percent cut for OU is equal to \$525,000. A 5 percent slash would give OU \$2.6 million less in state appropriations, and a 7.5 percent cut equals a reduction of more than \$3.9 million.

For fiscal year 2002-2003, OU received \$52,384,700 from the state, falling in the middle tier of state appropriations compared to

\$14,268,700 for Michigan's smallest public university, Lake Superior State University, and \$363,562,700 for the largest school, U-M Ann Arbor.

The cut will affect all of Michigan's 15 public universities. What specific impact the cuts will have on OU is unclear.

Board of Trustees chair Henry Baskin said he doesn't expect a tuition increase and the Board will "do anything and everything to keep tuition at its (current) rate."

Yesterday, Black attended a weekly meeting with representatives from other public state universities. She said almost every university agreed that if the

budget cut falls between the 1 percent and 3 percent range, there would be no tuition hike. However, if the cut is above 3 percent, a tuition increase "becomes a serious point of discussion."

Black said Granholm probably won't make any final budget decisions until March, and any tuition increases won't likely take effect until fall, 2003.

Last year, the governor, the legislature and university chancellors and presidents agreed that for Michigan's universities to receive state appropriations, the schools could not increase tuition more than \$425 or 8.5 percent, whichever is greater.

Black said the tuition cap would not be valid if state appropriations are reduced, but Senator John Schwarz (R) - Battle Creek, Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee on Higher Education, disagrees.

"I believe 8.5 (percent) or 425 (dollars) is still in effect if there's a cut in appropriations," Schwarz said. "Nothing in the bill says if it's cut, that's not applicable."

He added that 1 percent is "fair," noting that Michigan's public universities have not seen an appropriations reduction in more than 20 years.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer

stressed that although each department is preparing for cuts, nothing is set in stone.

"Since the state has taken no action as yet, these ideas are strictly hypothetical, but the university is prepared should a cut come," she said.

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, said it is difficult to predict what her division will do until she knows for sure how much money will be cut. In the case of a 5 percent to 7.5 percent reduction, her contingency plan includes a cut in travel and equipment expenses and the postponement of a program promoting walking and *Please see CUTS on A7*

## Celebrating the season

By DERRICK SOBODASH  
THE OAKLAND POST

The holidays are here and the Center for Student Activities is gearing up for the season with its "December to Remember" program running Dec. 2-7.

"It brings diversity (and) makes people more aware of the different holidays," said James Ware, freshman.

Today CSA will be hosting two activities: the Art, Book and Gift Fair and a Winter Wonderland Luncheon Buffet. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC, students, faculty and staff will be able to purchase books, artwork and gifts.

During that time, Chartwells will hold a Winter Wonderland Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Gold Rooms. The luncheon costs \$7.50 per person. Groups of six or more must make reservations, and everyone else will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The festivities continue with a celebration of the spirit of Ramadan tomorrow. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, students can make holiday cards for senior citizen residents of the Waltonwood and Danish Village retirement communities in Rochester Hills. A representative from the centers will pick up the cards at 5 p.m. From 5-6:30 p.m., students can learn to write and say their name in Arabic as well as enjoy henna art and traditional foods.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, the celebration shifts to Kwanzaa. After a presentation, the Akanke African Dance Troupe will perform. More food and an announcement of the student



Jean Mick, senior, Kristen Williamson, junior, Jeremy Kopp, junior, and Andrew Baker, junior, spin dreidels yesterday in the Rec Center during a "December to Remember" event celebrating Hanukkah. Sixty-three students turned out, setting an OU record for the number of dreidels spinning simultaneously.

organization book drive winners will follow at noon.

Celebrations wind to a close on Saturday with Winter Wonderland, a free holiday fair for children of OU students, faculty, staff and the local community.

While "December to Remember" is an annual program, this year's events have a whole new twist. Only the Art, Book and Gift Fair, Winter Wonderland Luncheon Buffet,

tree lighting, and the Angel Tree were done in past semesters.

"We wanted to put a celebration together that encompasses all different cultural and religious holidays around the month of December," Sara Crampton, coordinator for student leadership development for the Center for Student Activities, said.

"The emphasis always seems to be on Christmas and this program brings light to other celebrations that students can learn

more about."

Crampton said this year's events will be more hands-on than past years in hopes to better inform students about the holidays in a fun, entertaining way.

For questions about the events and more information, students can phone the CSA office at (248) 370-2400 or visit the website at <http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/currentstudents/csa/>.

## Ex-weapons inspector visits Meadow Brook

By GAYLE ISSA  
MANAGING EDITOR

Scott Ritter, former chief U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, spoke at OU Monday and presented a more controversial, less publicized view that challenges the impending war.

In his speech to a nearly full Meadow Brook Theatre, he said war with Iraq will likely start before Christmas.

"This is a defining moment in American history. It will define how we proceed as a nation, and how we interact with the rest of the world," Ritter said.

Though never denying the potential threat Iraq poses in terms of weapons of mass destruction, he asserted one question.

"Has the Bush administration made a case for a war with Iraq that is worth one American life? We have a responsibility to our military to ensure there is worthy cause."

His speech outlined if Iraq fails to admit harboring weapons by Dec. 8, the U.S. will likely declare war.

According to Ritter a pre-emptive U.S.-led strike would "fly in the face of international law" and he linked this to the world's dislike of the U.S.

Ritter, a former Marine, worked in Iraq for seven years as an inspector completing 52 missions. Despite U.N. obstacles, Iraqi lies and being held at gunpoint, his team managed, in one instance, to account for 96 of 98 suspected weapons.

Known to be a harsh critic of both the war and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, but Ritter repeatedly defended his stance.

"War is not a Nintendo game," he said. "It's a last resort."

He cast doubt on the credibility of the politicians propagating the war such as President George W. Bush who opted out of service in Vietnam. Ritter fought in the Gulf War in 1991.

Though polls show a majority of Americans favor a war against Iraq, Ritter knows of another mindset. He said



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post  
Former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter speaks at Meadow Brook Theatre Monday.

Congressman John Carey (R)-Ohio received 1,000 calls from constituents against the war for every one in favor. Carey however, voted to give Bush unilateral military leverage in Iraq.

Associate professor of Political Science Paul Kubicek said, "I think the anti-war movement was active and that Congress was timid," and also voiced his disagreement with a war.

Ritter's expertise led him to estimate the new inspectors need at least six months to do an adequate job. They began their sixth day of work Monday. He subsequently illustrated that "King George's" goal is war, not disarmament, and drew a parallel between the current situation and the imperialism America once fought against.

He said the U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told the press about specific sites known to hold weapons but recent inspections revealed nothing.

"Politicians lie," he said and added his goal in speaking around the country and the world was to create an open forum in which the "tough questions" could be asked. "The most American thing you can do is to ask those questions."

*Please see RITTER on A7*

### Book drive benefits charities, student organizations

The Center for Student Activities is putting on its first-ever children's book drive, giving student organizations a chance to win \$100 as part of "December to Remember."

"We wanted to try something different," said Katey Gay, freshman. "It's a good way to help out the community."

Gay, who works in the CSA office, is serving as a liaison to the participating recipient organizations of the book drive.

CSA has organized various charitable events for "December to Remember" in the past, putting on a toy drive and a food drive.

"Part of the holiday is to give and encourage people to give," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs.

Student organizations on campus can also take part in the book drive with a chance to win \$100 toward their organization. All children's books collected

from the organization should be placed in an untaped box with the organization name on it and turned in at the CSA Office by 5 p.m. Dec. 5.

"I think it's a good thing. Some places you donate canned goods but they don't have the resources for the children," said Erin Jenkins, sophomore and OU AmeriCorps member.

AmeriCorps is one of the organizations collecting books for the children.

The books will be donated to Childcare Council, Lighthouse PATH and the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County.

Students, faculty and staff can drop off any children's books in the Exhibit Lounge in the OC from Dec. 2-6.

- Ann Frederick  
The Oakland Post

### Trustee resigns

The Board of Trustees office confirmed that Trustee Linda Hotchkiss resigned last week due to scheduling conflicts.

At this time it is not known if Governor John Engler or Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm will appoint a new trustee.

Linda S. Hotchkiss, M.D., is the senior vice president for Clinical and Physician Services for Trinity Health.

There are now seven trustees on the board. Hotchkiss was appointed in December, 2001 and her term was set to expire in August, 2004.

-Gayle Issa, Managing Editor

## Sharf, Katke-Cousins still not up to par

By JENNIFER J. DECKER  
& ADAM L. NEAL  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's two golf courses are continuing to fall short of expected goals in both holes played and in money returned to the university.

Bill Rogers, golf course managing director, said the economy and poor spring weather affected both OU's Sharf and Katke-Cousins golf courses, with business down 18.1 percent, but he noted both courses are still "bringing in a modest profit."

Audits in Kresge Library show the golf courses spent \$137,164 more than they

took in to close the 2000 fiscal year, which ended in June. External 2001 audit figures also show the courses in the hole, spending \$95,153 more than revenues.

For the next fiscal year, Rogers is calling for \$2,115,400 in projected revenues and \$2,080,090 of anticipated operating expenditures in the proposed budget that will be up for approval at today's Board of Trustees meeting.

Rogers' remarks were made at last month's meeting.

According to Carl Hunt, golf course business manager, the projected profit is \$13,503 for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31. This figure includes paying off the

previous years' deficits.

"We've stretched our limits on the expense side," Rogers said. "We're operating on a very tight budget."

Student Liaison Rhonda Hanna told Rogers she's heard student complaints about how high Sharf course fees are compared to Katke.

For weekend play, OU students are charged \$18 for 18 holes on Katke, compared to \$65 on Sharf.

Rogers told Hanna the student rate would be looked into.

"The students certainly utilize their Katke Golf Course," Rogers said. "It's at a very good price. I would suggest it is probably the lowest (fee) of any university property."

OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course is a bargain to play, and the Sharf course is the most expensive when compared to courses at both U-M Ann Arbor and MSU.

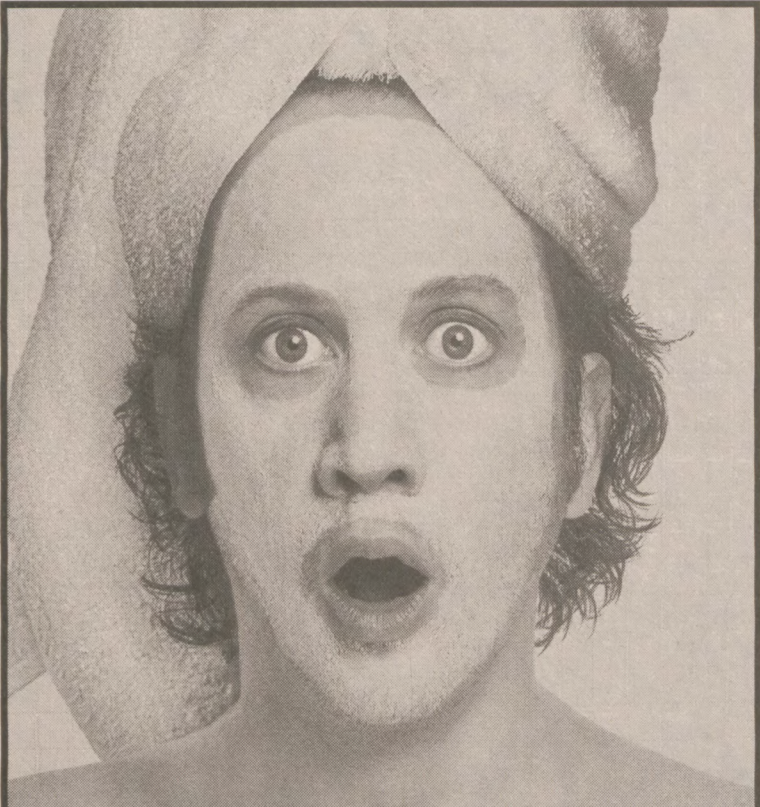
Both campuses also have two golf courses.

MSU's Forest Akers Golf Course charges slightly more than Katke. For students, there is a weekend 18 hole rate of \$28 on its east course and \$37 on its west course.

U-M's golf courses charge even more at \$49 for 18 holes.

While golf was still being played last *Please see GOLF on A7*






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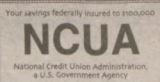
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## Fighting against hunger *MBT asks for help to fill food bank*

By BRYAN CONNOLLY  
THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Theatre and the Food Bank of Oakland County (FBOC) are teaming up to pulverize poverty with the second annual "Humbug to Hunger" food drive.

Theatre patrons can bring non perishable food items to the theatre during the 21st annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The show runs through Dec. 22.

Last year theatre patrons donated more than 1,300 pounds of food during the drive, the first partnership between the food bank and MBT. This year the goal is five tons.

"The Food Bank of Oakland County is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Meadow Brook Theatre," said Helen Kozlowski-Hicks, FBOC Executive Director. "The generosity of the theatre patrons is inspiring."

Collection boxes are located at Meadow Brook Hall and outside Meadow Brook Theatre. Food can be dropped off anytime at Wilson Hall, even if it is not show time.

"People often forget their hungry neighbors this time of year," said Melissa Bunker, Meadow Brook Theatre press representative. "Any packaged food product is welcome- cans, boxes, bagged or bottles."

For ticket information please call (248) 377-3300.



Food is beginning to come in as MBT and the Food Bank of Oakland County try to reach their goal of five tons before Dec. 22.

## Senate weighs OU/Cooley union

By SANDARELLA BATRES  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Senate is hoping to further the partnership between the university and Cooley Law School.

Professor of Political Science and Cooley Law School Advisory Committee member Vincent Khapoya reported on the committee's visit to Cooley Law School in Lansing Nov. 15. Because Oakland County is the third largest county in Michigan without a law school, he said Cooley would like to offer its Masters of Law program at OU.

Khapoya said the committee was impressed with the visit and looks forward to further discussing the partnership.

"Cooley is ready to be here as soon as we are ready to have them", said Linda

Hildebrand, secretary to OU Senate and coordinator of Reference Services for Kresge Library.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil said there would be academic, social and political benefits to a continued Cooley Law School partnership with the university. However, the most direct benefit is that eight percent of the gross tuition paid by students attending Cooley at OU will go to Academic Affairs.

Two senators made comments about the limited classroom space available at OU for the law classes. One asked if the joint program takes away existing classes offered at OU.

Moudgil said, "We are looking at all possible ways so that Oakland instruction is not interrupted."

Senate action approved a proposed

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. Sheryl Klemanski, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, raised the issue of funding.

She said OU recently approved three new programs amounting to \$1.2 million that are currently not base funded.

These programs are a Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Financial Information Systems and the Wellness Health Injury Prevention program.

"I am concerned that adding programs will not be successful if we don't have the funding for them," said Klemanski.

The senate announced and congratulated the School of Nursing for receiving the maximum possible accreditation for its program.

The ongoing School of Nursing dean search is progressing and there are three

finalists. The dean search committee reported any one of the three is acceptable if chosen and if they accept the offer.

Other Senate action at the Nov. 21 meeting included:

- A second reading of the revised constitution by the School of Nursing was unanimously approved.

- A deadline of March 31, 2003 was set for General Education Task Force II to come up with a plan for general education.

- Associate professor of Exercise Science Brian Goslin was appointed Chair of the Senate Planning Review Committee and Shannon McNair, associate professor of Education, replaced Senate Planning Review Committee member Frances Jackson, associate professor of Nursing.

The next OU Senate meeting is Dec. 5.

## Controversy looms around resignation

By JENNIFER J. DECKER  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former Meadow Brook Hall Executive Director Lisa Baylis Ashby skidded into an OU administrative wall of ambiguity and likely resigned from her position due to a build-up of problems associated with a car show controversy, lack of philanthropic support and budget concerns.

Ashby resigned from MBH Sept. 9.

She did not return phone calls to *The Oakland Post*.

In a recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, *The Oakland Post* asked to see Ashby's personnel file relating to her job performance from 1997 until October 2002.

*The Post* was supplied per-

sonnel file documents dated from 1997 through June 13, 2001. Included in the file were references to a 2001 controversy surrounding Concours d'Elegance, MBH's classic car show held each August, the Hall's biggest fundraiser.

Sources say some of the volunteers attempted to control the car show.

Ashby wrote in response to her evaluation that the administration was supportive of her until it decided to hold meetings with members of the car show that were attempting to control it, excluding her from the meetings. She further noted that some of the people asked for their opinions in the meetings had never met or had worked directly with her. Ashby stated the

Concours controversy affected efforts to increase monetary contributions to the Hall.

According to Vice President of University Relations Susan Davies-Goepp, Ashby's supervisor, "There have been differing views in the past as to how the event should be structured and the role of Meadow Brook Hall staff."

Goepp declined comment on Ashby's resignation and said personnel matters are private.

Don Sommer was MBH's Concours d'Elegance founder in 1979. In the dispute, Sommer and some volunteers decided to stage their own car show, the Southfield Concours d'Elegance this year. Despite alleged efforts on

the part of an MBH Concours volunteer (who also tried to garner ownership of OU's show) to block the show, it prevailed.

"We thought it was time to be community controlled," said Sommer, President of American-Arrow, Corp., an antique auto part reproduction company, about the Southfield show.

Sommer declined to comment on Ashby and also said he didn't know if the Southfield Car Show would be held again next year.

Goepp wrote in a 2001 evaluation that Ashby is "dedicated" to MBH and works hard at maintaining, preserving and sharing it with the public. Goepp noted, "She (Ashby) needs to work on making everyone

Please see ASHBY on A7

## Saying goodbye

By ADAM L. NEAL  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Sociology professor Kevin Early, is leaving OU for the end of the fall to for a faculty position at U-M Dearborn. He accepted the directorship of the criminal justice program in the fall.

He submitted his resignation Nov. 26 after being at OU for 12 years. He came to the university in 1991 as an assistant professor, earning tenure and a promotion.

"Sometimes we are presented with opportunities that are difficult, and as we get older it becomes increasingly difficult to get these types of offers. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Early said regarding his decision to switch.

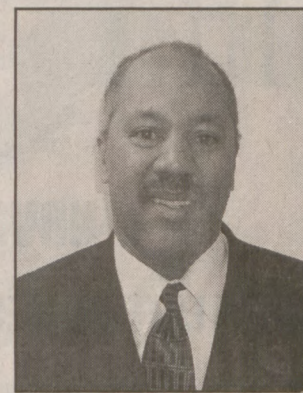
Early, with a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in sociology, started off as a therapist with the Florida Department of Corrections and worked with individuals who were incompetent to stand trial.

"It is such a loss for the university," said Jean Ann Miller, Center of Student Activities director. "It is such a gain for the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is such a quality professor and person."

The Office of Equity was the first director's position Early took at OU. He said African-American students literally marched into the president's office and demanded to speak about the then nonexistent Office of Equality. Former President Sandra Packard didn't call the police but allowed them to sit in her office and listened to them.

Early was also the faculty representative for the OU Student Congress.

"One of my greatest accomplishments was the founding of the Keeper of the Dream scholarship and banquet we have here every year," Early said. "At \$5,000 it is the highest ranking award offered to any Oakland student."



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post  
Kevin Early

"It is the one event that brings this community together every single year, and I am very happy it has taken off like it has."

"I hope to be the best teacher I possibly can be. I plan to have a strong research agenda and am applying for some research grants," he said.

"I am going to miss this place," Early said. "It has been a real privilege to be a faculty member here and serving the students and the university."

### Crime Watch

- A student reported he left his black leather bag with his Dell laptop computer in it unattended while he used the second floor Kresge Library restroom Saturday, Nov. 30. When he returned the bag and laptop computer were missing. The value of the property is \$4,500.

- An 18-year-old female report-

ed on Wednesday, Nov. 20 she noticed transactions on a credit card statement she did not make. Both transactions were for \$400 each on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 from the ATM located in front of South Foundation Hall. The woman could not find her credit card in her dorm room. Her roommate later searched their room and

found the missing credit card and \$40 cash under a bed mattress, left it there, and contacted OUPD. The case remains open.

- A 19-year-old male student allegedly threw a TV out a window onto the sidewalk near the West Vandenberg entrance Monday Nov. 25. The man told the RA the set hadn't been work-

ing for some time, and he thought it would be "humorous" to throw it out the window.

- An associate professor reported Tuesday, Nov. 26 she left her Dodge Hall office locked with her purse on the desk, but the adjoining lab door was open. She was gone for a few minutes and returned to find her purse gone.

The woman called her bank to report her credit card stolen and was told unauthorized purchases were made at an auto parts store for \$24.35 and at two gas stations for unknown amounts.

- OUPD was on foot patrol in the Magnetics Lab wooded area when they discovered a man dressed in camouflage sitting up

in a tree with a bow Sunday, Nov. 24. Police informed the man he was trespassing. The man was handcuffed and searched. His 2002 GMC Sierra pickup and hunting equipment were seized by OUPD. Police returned to the area to find the man's friend but were unable to locate him. Hunting is illegal on campus.



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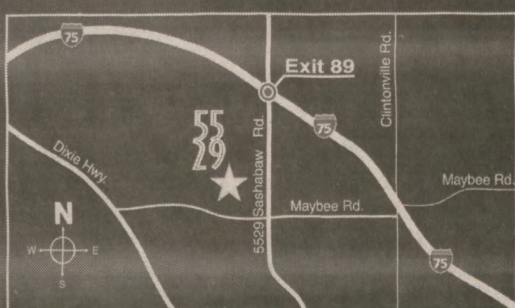
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# Log on to employment

BY ADAM DEMENIUK  
THE OAKLAND POST

Students searching for full-time jobs, internships and co-ops can now reach many prospective employers at once using the Internet. Hundreds of free websites are available to students to post resumes and search the job market.

Online career resource library America's Career Info Net, [www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org), lists several free websites to post resumes and see available positions. It also gives job seekers an outlook on different occupations' wages, job

openings and trends in a particular industry.

OU Placement and Career Services (PCS) recently launched its online resume site called eRecruiting at [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices). PCS encourages students to use the site to publish resumes, search for work and schedule interviews with employers. The service is free for students and employers.

"It's very user friendly, and all jobs, internships and co-ops are in one location," according to [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices). "It's there so we can send stu-

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dent resumes to any employer. We try to make sure all the resumes look good," said Joyce Esterberg, PCS program manager.

DaimlerChrysler, Comerica Bank, General Motors and General Dynamics are a few of the companies that have recruited on the site, according to Esterberg.

Robert Thomas, PCS director, said, "The chances of students being successful have improved because there's a direct tie to these employers." He also said 500-1,000 companies use OU's eRecruiting website.

"The most important thing is it saves time for employers who want to contact students. Students' resumes need to be good. It's a part of marketing

yourself," Esterberg said.

Amber Tweed, freshman, said it could be a useful tool for students. "It's helpful for students searching career opportunities."

Students and employers combine for thousands of hits on the site each week, according to Thomas. There are 1,660 active resumes on eRecruiting.

In addition to the website, PCS holds career fairs, professional development seminars, interview practice clinics and an electronic portfolio workshop, according to [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices). **Please see INTERNET on B2**

## New bulb, new target

Neon blue glow from Xenon light bulbs are a hot item for thieves

BY LISA BERRY  
THE OAKLAND POST

Luxury car owners in Metro Detroit could become the latest target in auto theft part trends. Thieves aren't necessarily looking to steal the cars, but to steal the headlights.

Xenon light bulbs, known for their piercing blue glow, are the new hot item for thieves. The highly noticeable blue glow is caused by high-voltage electricity that charges Xenon gas inside a sealed tube. The light bulbs used in most car headlights use a glowing filament that isn't as bright as Xenon light bulbs.

These Xenon light bulbs can be found in such vehicles as BMW, Mercedes and Acuras.

Tim Polk, service manager for Erhard BMW in Bloomfield Hills, said they have not heard of a lot of thefts with the bulbs but are very familiar with them.

"We are used to (the bulbs), but customers are only complaining about how far the beam reaches."

Sam Mallah, shop foreman for Erhard BMW, agreed with Polk about the complaints.

"People are complaining about only being able to see up to 30 yards ahead, then it turns to pitch dark," he said. "The lights are great when there are other lights around, but places like up north away from the city they do not work as good."

Mallah said the Xenon bulbs are much more expensive than regular headlight bulbs.

"Xenon lights cost \$250, the others cost about \$20," he said.

Michelle Rossi, senior, said she is not surprised it is happening.

"If it's not one thing than it's another, but I don't think it will be long before it's in our own backyard," she said.

Currently, the Xenon light theft is most noted on the east coast, mainly New York and New Jersey. In these areas youths are stealing them and installing them in their own personal vehicles.

Officer Jeremy Aguayo of the Detroit police department in the seventh precinct, said the Detroit area



Sam Mallah, shop foreman for Erhard BMW in Bloomfield Hills, demonstrates the unique neon blue glow that burns through Xenon headlight bulbs. These bulbs can be found in some new BMW, Mercedes and Acuras.

knows about the problems in the east.

"We are aware of the growing problem, however, I haven't dealt with it first hand," he said.

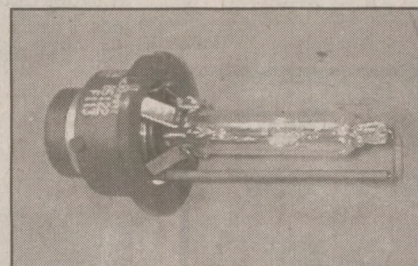
He also said the damage done to the vehicle from removing the headlights estimates between \$5,000-\$7,000, that is if the whole vehicle is not stolen and shipped overseas.

Carrie Krebs at Nationwide Insurance assures Michiganders have nothing to worry about yet.

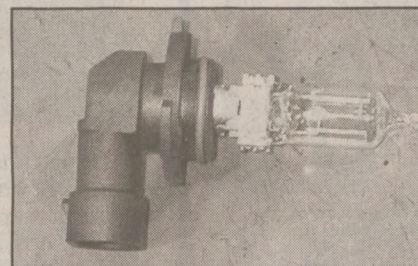
"It (Xenon bulb theft) won't affect the policy holder if they file a claim for theft. However, if the company notices a trend in these theft occurrences, then the company may adjust overall rating for comprehensive coverage."

Jim Rink at AAA of Michigan said, "We haven't had the problem here, but as with all theft part trends, such as air bags, it migrates to different areas."

As of now, reports of this type of theft in Michigan is low.



The new Xenon bulbs (left) glow brighter than traditional headlight bulbs and have a blue tint. Each bulb costs \$250. The traditional bulbs (bottom left) do not shine as bright, but shine farther ahead and cost about \$20 per bulb.



Adam L. Neal/The Oakland Post

## A safer delivery

Existing child abandonment law under reconsideration

BY CASEY CURTIS  
THE OAKLAND POST

Due to the two recent infant deaths that happened a little over a month apart in Oakland County, Michigan is now looking more closely at an existing law that allows mothers to abandon their newborns.

On June 26, 2000, legislation passed the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, where a mother can safely abandon her infant and not be prosecuted for any wrongdoing.

The law was brought about after several highly publicized incidents of teenage mothers giving birth and leaving their babies to die. However, the law is being questioned since mothers are still abandoning their children.

Effective Jan. 1, 2001, the law targets troubled parents with hopes of placing their children into a safe environment.

Maureen Sorbet, spokeswoman for the Family Independence Agency, said the law allows an anonymous surrender of an infant, up to 72 hours of age, to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP).

"An Emergency Service Provider is a uniformed or otherwise identified employee of a fire department, hospital or police station," she said.

The parent can choose to leave without giving the ESP any information, but they can sign a release of his or her parental rights. The child will then be taken to a hospital for medical examinations.

Sorbet said temporary custody is given to a private adoption agency for placement with a family. If a newborn is harmed in any way, Children's Protective Services will begin an investigation into any possible abuse or neglect.

"The plan is to make sure the baby has a good home where he or she can grow up healthy and happy," Sorbet said.

If, for any reason, the parent(s) decides they want the child back, they have 28 days to petition the court to regain custody of the baby.

Sorbet believes this new law has had a positive result.

"We have had 13 attempted surrenders under Safe Delivery," she said.

She said some of the children who were surrendered did not follow the law guidelines because of legal reasons but goes on to say seven have been successful since the law went into place.

Kim Murphy-Kovalick, junior, believes to make the number of successful surrenders grow, more needs to be done to make the **Please see LAW on B2**

## Crystal Meth drug usage skyrockets

BY SANDARELLA BATRES  
THE OAKLAND POST

The U.S. is seeing an increase in drug use and one of the new drugs at rave and college parties is methamphetamine, known more as crystal meth.

Widely used in the 1960s and early 1970s for its intense effects, it virtually disappeared in the mid-1970s.

Crystal meth, speed and crank are a few of the many street names for the drug.

According to the Do It Now Foundation website, [www.doitnow.org](http://www.doitnow.org), meth-related emergencies nearly tripled between 1991 and 2000 when it landed 29,702 users in U.S. hospital emergency rooms.

Crystal meth-related cases in Michigan have more than doubled from 252 complaints in 1997 to 594 so far this year, according to the site.

"The majority of cases involving crystal meth are from the southwestern part of Michigan," said Michigan State Police trooper Craig Macphree. The cities of Van Buren and Allegan have already had a combined total of 72 speed related cases this year, said Macphree.

From Jan. 1-Sept. 30 of this year, southeastern Michigan has only had one complaint of the

drug, which was in Wayne County, said Macphree.

A staff member at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills said there has been no increase of emergency related incidents due to crystal meth usage in the hospital over the past few years.

Meth is found in a white powder form and is odorless, resembling cocaine. However, crystal meth's effect lasts longer and it is cheaper to make and buy.

When smoked, injected or ingested, the effects of crystal meth on the brain are instantaneous according to the Spencer Recovery Centers website, [www.spencerrecovery.com](http://www.spencerrecovery.com), which specializes in drug and alcohol treatment, rapid detox, rehab and more. This powerful stimulant puts the user in an alert state.

Crystal meth users develop an instant tolerance to the drug triggering a need to take more and more of the drug affecting the mind and body, according to the website.

Any dose level can be extremely dangerous or even fatal due to the unpredictable nature of the drug. Immediate threats include a dramatic rise of body temperature, which can lead to convulsions or death, according to the website.

It also said long-term effects

include paranoia and hallucinations.

Lt. Richard Tomczak of the OUPD said there have been no incidents related to crystal meth on the OU campus over the past few years.

"Opportunity is not as great to get some, OU is more of a commuter university," said Tomczak. "Many other schools in the city, with dance places in walking distance make speed easier to get a hold of."

From nearby dance clubs in Pontiac and Royal Oak to downtown Detroit, some OU students said they have not come in contact with crystal meth.

"As a 22-year-old female, I have yet to be offered crystal meth, so, for that matter, I think officials should focus on the more predominant drugs out there," said Deborah Newton, junior. "I don't see it as something as increasing as other drugs."

Xavier Golightly, junior, has not seen speed coming back to the club dance scene. "I see ecstasy and weed as most predominant," said Golightly. Substance abuse prevention coordinator Dr. Pamela Warner at the Graham Health Center said, "I'm not saying it is not used, it's just not something you see a lot of here."



• The U.N. will receive the nuclear, biological and chemical weapons report from Iraq on Dec. 7, a day before the deadline, according to Hussam Mohammed Amin, head of the Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate. The deadline was set by U.S. President George W. Bush when he asked for a "credible and complete" list of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. U.N. weapons inspectors visited one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces early Tuesday. It was the first unannounced visit to a palace since the U.N. inspectors arrived in Iraq. No official reports have been released from the U.N. on any of its inspections.

• Last week's suicide bombing in Mombasa, Kenya is being linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist Al-Qaeda network. Websites that have displayed previous Al-Qaeda statements recently posted the message that said the network is "capable of reaching any place in the world." A U.S. official said the U.S. does not know the authenticity of the statement, but told CNN that Washington does "view it as credible. We're taking it very seriously."

• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is investigating two more outbreaks of stomach illnesses aboard cruise ships. A Norwalk virus outbreak aboard the Fascination, a Carnival Cruise Lines ship, affected 190 of 2,430 passengers and 13 of 920 crewmembers Sunday, after it made a three-day trip to the Bahamas. No one became seriously ill or had to be transported to the hospital. A smaller outbreak of possible salmonella occurred on the Seven Seas Mariner. The 10-day cruise started at the Canary Islands and docked at the Everglades. Only five of the 586 passengers and 16 of the 449 crewmembers became ill. These are the third and fourth ships in recent weeks to be contaminated with a virus.

• After the oil tanker Prestige sunk off the coast of Spain on Nov. 19, disputes between Spanish and Portuguese authorities led to the hiring of the French submarine Nautille to determine if the 20 million gallon tanker is still leaking oil. The Prestige split into two pieces when it sank, and the crew aboard the Nautille said they located the bow of the ship, but had not found any new signs of leaking oil.

• Malaysia warns Australia any first strike against terrorists on its soil would be an "act of war" on its country. Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said he will not tolerate any attempt by one country to impose its laws on another after Australian Prime Minister John Howard said pre-emptive action against terrorists or military threats in other countries can be justified.

## Global goof

• Authorities in New Marshallfield, Ohio had an easy time catching a 19-year-old man attempting to burglarize a house because he fell asleep on the job. The owner called police after he confronted a man in his home. When the sheriff's officials arrived at the home, the resident said the man went into one of the bedrooms. When the deputies entered one of the bedrooms, they found the suspect fast asleep in a bed. Deputies woke him up and charged him with burglary.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal, Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources



## Editorial

### Input needed on budget cuts

The new year will bring significant financial challenges to OU and the other 14 public universities in the state. Announcement of the first proposed budget cuts are expected this week.

The Oakland Post frequently requests public information from the university under the Freedom of Information Act. Recently, we requested information about money OU gave to Oakland University Foundation (the fundraising organization for OU).

Though we're entitled to this information without reason, the newspaper's goal was to see where OU dollars are going.

For this request, we were charged but refused to pay \$109 to view one line of information that listed minimal information.

However, the money OU pulls in from FOIA requests will not cover the minimum \$525,000 shortfall caused by the cutbacks.

Higher education expects to be hit hard - at least a 1 percent cut for OU. But officials brace for up to a 7.5 percent cut.

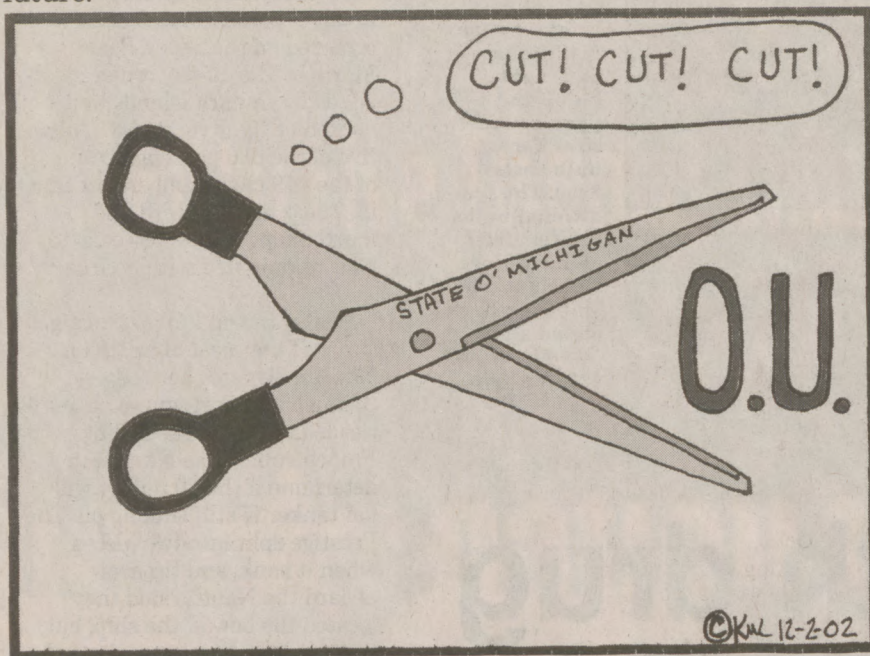
There are several things the university can do to cut costs, and the Board of Trustees should open up the process to students, faculty, staff and the entire community. Here are some Post suggestions on how to make up for the funding reduction:

- Officials should expand the availability of athletic merchandise to retail outlets around the area. This will serve OU by bringing in capital and will also serve as free advertising for OU, with the possibility of bringing in new students and therefore new revenue.

- One sure-fire way to bring in millions annually would be to sell more naming rights of campus buildings as was done with Elliott Hall. If Fresno State University can bring in \$2 million a year to call its basketball arena the Save Mart Center, why not play home games at the DaimlerChrysler Arena?

- Vice presidents and deans recently received between 4 percent and 6 percent pay increases. President Gary Russi received a 12 percent pay raise last December, boosting his annual salary to \$196,630. He will likely receive another raise this year. An upper administration salary freeze would save several thousand dollars, and the money could be put back into student programs.

Now more than ever it is imperative to know where the university money is going. As paying citizens of this public school, we have the right and need to know what is going on, especially since a tuition mark-up of 7 percent in 2003 may be in our future.



## Letters to the editor

### Registration glitch revisited

Dear Editor,

I don't believe OU when they deny there was a registration glitch. This is because I was able to register for classes two days early. Plenty of people know that there was a glitch in the system. So what is the point in denying it? Who is the school trying to protect? If anything, by denying that the glitch happened, the school looks worse than if they had just admitted it.

So what exactly is the point? It's no wonder why people hate bureaucracies.

**J. Robert Myers**  
Junior  
History

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Dear Editor,

After looking more carefully at the class list for Cinema Studies and after speaking to Katherine Rowley, registration officer, I see that the freshmen and sophomores in my Cinema Studies 150 are all in the categories identified by Mr.

Shablin, the Registrar, in your issue of Nov. 20. I erred in referring to these enrollments as a "mistake" and apologize to Mr. Shablin for using that term.

**Robert Eberwein**  
Professor  
Department of English

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Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the editorial in the Oct. 30, 2002 of *The Oakland Post*. It talks of the civic duty and responsibility of students in the voting and subsequent election process. I know that, for me personally, working full time and attending classes in the evening, it is extremely difficult to make it to the polls. In light of the points made in the article, perhaps a proposal to recess classes on Election Day would hold some merit and allow those students who otherwise could not vote to make it to the polls. I am willing to stipulate that there are those students who will not vote, recess or not.

However, those students who hold the desire to exercise their civic duty could do so much more easily. Furthermore, this would be an excellent opportunity for OU to earn some face time with the press as they promote good citizenship, which seems to be in a downward spiral.

**Mike Touchette**  
Senior  
SBA

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### Featured Columnists

## Good byes and other Grizz biz



**JENNIFER J. DECKER**

Assistant News Editor

"You can do anything you set your mind to, man."  
-Eminem, Lose Yourself

Well said, Mr. Mathers. The time here has went by faster than I can say, "yo" and in 16 days commencement will mark the graduation goal at age 36 I never thought was possible.

Yes, this is my final column and my time at OU has been pretty wild, never boring and at times daunting. None the less, I feel like a better person from the experience. I can

honestly say that I am glad I chose OU. Most importantly, I learned that by making it through the dissection of 1,300 pages of crucial First Amendment cases in Law of the Press, I really can do anything (aside from math).

I have also learned you're in big trouble on an exam if your mind goes blank on the first question.

Then again, you will be called on in class when you're unprepared, a Blue Book is not in existence when you need it most and textbooks you never cracked open that can't be sold back to either bookstore make charming Christmas gifts.

I would like to thank our faculty for sharing their knowledge. Thank you for classes that invigorated me.

Of course, I haven't always agreed with our administrator's actions, just as they haven't been thrilled with mine in what I have reported. I have learned truth prevails always, somehow, someday.

Like with anything else, you can take away from an education at OU what you will. There are many good things and wonderful people here.

Get to know your professors. Attend a Board of Trustees meeting. Ask questions. Get the cell phone out of your ear and get involved in a student group. You will find out more about yourself.

Thank you to *The Oakland Post* staff for your commitment to always striving to improve and be a better newspaper and allowing me to do what I love more than any-

thing else as a reporter.

My hope is that everyone will find their passion, whether it be in engineering, nursing, teaching, economics or philosophy. Find what you like to do and don't let anything or anyone prevent you from doing it. Don't settle for mediocrity.

Finally, to Jane Briggs-Bunting, thank you for the undeniable impact you have made on my education, life and journalism career. Thank you for always answering my questions, challenging me and reminding me that First Amendment press rights aren't to be taken for granted.

I am ready to be kicked out of the nest and fly out of here. Anything is possible. Make it happen. I did and so can anyone else.

## Turning on the charm



**BARBARA SHEA POTE**

Guest Columnist

Do you know that feeling you have when you are excited to do something but are afraid at the same time? My oldest daughter experienced this recently. She was a shy girl in her early years and has morphed into a popular but very private girl in middle school. She is a very good

gymnast and cheerleader who really doesn't like to be the center of attention. I am proud of her because she faced her fears and did something that was difficult for her and had fun doing it.

On a recent Sunday both my older daughters had the opportunity to participate in a fashion show. The show was sponsored by an internationally known modeling agency. The agency's ultimate goal was to get pretty young girls to convince their parents to sign them up for ten months of classes. These classes are

what I grew up calling "charm" school - how to dress, wear make-up, how to enter a room and participate in a conversation.

My girls had a great time just playing 'dress-up' and experiencing something new. They had the unique experience of being yelled at by a grown man for turning the wrong way on the runway. They gobbled on the make-up, twisted up their hair and made a few friends. Most importantly, they did something scary and did it well.

Every one of us probably

faces an inherent fear each day. For some of us it's taking that first class at OU or perhaps being the first in the family to go to college.

Every person you pass today has a personal fear they have met or are working up the courage to meet. You should respect yourself for your victories and respect others for theirs. As Gus, the father on My Big Fat Greek Wedding said "we're apples and oranges but we're all fruit".

## Point/Counterpoint

### Is Affirmative Action justified?

#### Yes

By LAURA ANGUS  
Campus Life Editor

In an age where equality is still a far cry from reality, affirmative action is one of a few ways to try to bring balance to the U.S.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 7.6 percent of Non-Hispanic white citizens live in poverty while a startling 22.9 percent of black citizens live in poverty. Families with a female head of house have a 26.4 percent poverty rate, compared to a 13.1 percent with male heads of house.

These numbers show that men and women, as well as blacks and whites, are not treated equally in the work force.

In an ideal world, the solution would be to erase these racial and gender lines and put everyone on the same level.

However, we do not live in an ideal world. White men are hired more often than many others, and most are paid higher wages than women and minorities.

Affirmative Action is one of the ways of erasing this injustice. It strives to bring equality.

Many argue that this is unfair to Caucasian men and works against Affirmative Action's goal by continuing to judge people by race.

If minorities and women are given more chances for education, then they will be more qualified for employment and will be given more job opportunities. That, in many ways, will level the playing field for minorities.

It is a common stereotype that minorities live in poverty by choice, because they are lazy or have some other character flaw.

I believe that it's a result of a lack of chances. In the past, white men were consistently chosen for jobs or admitted into colleges over minorities and women. Unfortunately, I do not believe we have completely gotten away from that. Until we live in a truly equal country, extra opportunities must be given to individuals in hopes that they will be able to meet their full potential in the work force.

Hopefully, the U.S. Supreme Court will keep in mind the benefits of Affirmative Action in the U-M case.

Maybe someday, it will be realistic to say that all people are created equal and race and gender will have no bearings on people's lives, but until then affirmative action will work to close the gap and create true equality.

#### No

By TIM LAFOREST  
The Oakland Post

I firmly believe affirmative action programs should not be used in today's world for a variety of different reasons. Many will say that by making such a statement that I am against minorities making advancements and bettering themselves. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am sure the authors of such a program had nothing but the best of intentions in mind. It just didn't work out the way they had anticipated.

Employers are caught in the middle on this issue for a couple of reasons. If they come out against Affirmative Action they are often labeled racists or bigots. If an employer favors this program, they may be accused of reverse discrimination. I feel that everyone, regardless of race or sex, should have equal access to all jobs and opportunities. This access should be granted based on qualifications, not whether or not someone is a minority. Unfortunately these programs permeate today's society.

The results are, I am sure, not what Affirmative Action advocates anti-

pated. Instead of higher standards in schools and in the workplace, test scores and productivity have plummeted. The way to make up for the inadequacies in schools and the workplace is to offer more education and training based simply on need and not skin color. Let's raise the bar instead of lowering it. I have no problem with offering minorities or anyone for that matter, more training and assistance to make them a more productive student and or worker.

The Affirmative Action program may have achieved its goal of creating a diversified classroom and workplace, but it has failed miserably at filling these places with qualified applicants. I don't care what kind of person takes a particular job or fills a spot in the classroom as long as they are qualified to do so. America is a country built on many things, hard work and sacrifice, not handouts.

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Good luck on finals and enjoy the holidays.

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## CUTS

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bike riding on campus that was scheduled to kick off next fall. She would also leave two unfilled positions in the offices of Equity and Career Services vacant.

She added that to help offset the money lost in a budget cut, Student Affairs might take a percentage of the student activity fee earmarked for the Rec Center, for a total up to \$25,000.

"I'm certainly concerned (about the cuts). I don't want to erode the high quality of student programs. I'm going to try to minimize the direct impact on students," Snyder said.

Kresge Library receives \$3.9 million from OU's general fund allocation, and a 5 percent cut would leave the library with \$64,000 less annually. Kresge Dean Elaine Didier said depending on how much is cut, the library may have to reduce the amount of supplies purchased, trim hours and reduce the number of part-time faculty shifts.

Recently, auxiliaries like Meadow Brook Theatre and Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute reported significant financial losses. Schaefer said auxiliaries are self-funded by charging for programs and services and state budget cuts would not affect their operations. Although Schaefer said auxiliaries are not vulnerable to cuts, they're likely to be carefully scrutinized.

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil said he personally doesn't feel tuition will be increased if significant budget cuts occur and stressed, "All efforts have been made so academic programs wouldn't be affected. Administration is doing all it can to keep the student agenda."

## RITTER

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He cited Bush's hard-line approach of "you're with us or against us" as not being conducive to asking the questions that may be viewed as unpatriotic. He said it was unfortunate that this wasn't a ballot issue in last month's election.

Though Ritter recently returned from testifying before the European, Italian and Danish parliaments he is no longer allowed to testify before the U.S. Congress.

He was quick to emphasize his commitment to the U.S. Constitution rather than political figures but mentioned he voted for Bush in the 2000 presidential election.

Urging his audience not to take whatever comes out of Washington D.C. as gospel he said, "The American media has shown a horrific disregard of facts about Iraq."

Ritter's speech briefly addressed another role he played in Iraq. "In Shifting Sands," his documentary, looks at the 1.5 million Iraqis who died as a result of sanctions. It was broadcast around the world but for what he referred to as "obvious reasons" has not been shown in the U.S.

Sympathetic to the Iraqi plight he said, "We're responsible for the deaths there. My heart bleeds for the Iraqi people," but emphasized that was not a reason for Americans to die.

Andrea Carter, junior and member of the Political Union, said, "The issues he raised were things that needed to be said. The U.S. is becoming increasingly democratic."

Ritter said the Iraqi people rather than the U.S. should decide Hussein's future.

Alluding to the fact that the U.N. does not allow for regime removal, he hopes Hussein would be indicted as a war criminal like Slobodan Milosevich.

## GOLF

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month at OU, 28,949 rounds of golf were projected for this year. That figure is down from 32,235 played last year, which was Sharf's first full season. OU had expected 40,000 rounds of golf to be played annually.

Last year, U-M's golf courses reported 31,000 rounds of golf played; MSU's Forest Akers had even more course action with 77,000 rounds played during the same time period.

The non-student membership cost for OU's golf courses is a \$10,000 donation which may be payable over a five year period to the university. This makes the donor part of the President's Club and allows access to both courses with an annual \$1,500 maintenance charge and additional fees for green, access and golf cart rental. Depending on if the golf benefit is used, some of the donation may be tax deductible.

In comparison, at U-M's golf courses, individuals who donate a minimum of \$15,000 are in the President's Club and are eligible to play at the alumni rate of \$42 plus golf cart rental.

There is no additional fee for President's Club members.

A donation isn't required for access to Forest Akers at MSU. The general public is charged \$39 for the east course and \$54 for the west course for 18 holes of weekend play.

"Sounds like people are getting a deal (at OU)," Dave Richards, CEO of Golf Marketing Services, a West Bloomfield organization that follows golf trends, said. "I think Sharf is a quality course."

OU's golf courses are an even better deal when compared to membership costs of other private courses.

Richards compared OU's with two private Oakland County courses.

"If we compared OU's courses to other private courses in the area, Wingate in Clarkston (which has two 18-hole courses) is a \$75,000 membership fee," Richards said. "Oakhurst in Rochester Hills (which has one 18-hole course) is \$45,000."

However, Richards also said most private courses have a refund program for the membership fee. He said when he decides to stop playing he can get his membership fee back after so many years, but not the annual fee he pays.

According to a spokesperson at Oakhurst, its fees also include a monthly \$450 golf fee.

Should a member leave after a year, the fee is 100 percent refundable with provisions. Currently, Oakhurst has 275 members, but hopes to attract additional players to bring its membership to 325 with an upcoming marketing campaign.

So far this year, 12,000 rounds of golf

were played at Oakhurst, which is low considering public golf courses routinely have 25,000 rounds of golf played annually, the spokesman said.

A spokesperson for Pine Trace Golf Course in Rochester Hills, a public course, said the number of rounds played there are about the same, but may be a little down this past year because of the road construction in the area. Last year, the course was forced to close early because South Blvd. was under construction.

The fee for Pine Trace for 18 holes on the weekend is \$40. There is no membership fee on a public course.

Indianwood Golf Course in Lake Orion is currently running a membership special of \$16,667, which started this fall and doesn't allow for a refund. The regular membership price is \$30,000 with \$5,000 of that refundable with provisions. The number of holes played last year was unavailable. In addition, Indianwood charges members \$19 in green fees for 18 holes.

Dennis McClain, OC custodian is an avid golfer. While he has played at Sharf once, he usually golfs Katke.

"Sharf is newer," he said. "Katke is being used more and takes more of a beating. Why pay \$65 (the weekend rate) for Sharf when you can pay \$25 (the weekday rate) for Katke?"

## INCREASE

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However, Grand Valley's enrollment could've been even higher this fall. Tweddale noted the number of new freshman accepted for enrollment was cut back to 2,979 by the university in an effort to stunt growth even though the cap amount was supposed to be 2,900. He said the new freshmen figure is 3.8 percent lower than 2001.

U-M Dearborn had the second highest three-year enrollment gain with 7.13 percent.

At press time, fall 2002 enrollment figures for Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti were unavailable.

Michigan's three largest schools, MSU, U-M Ann Arbor and Wayne State University, with fall enrollments of 44,937, 38,972 and 31,168, respectively, fell into the middle tier of enrollment growth. Of the three schools during the past three years, MSU has had the most increase with a 3.62 percent growth rate. Wayne State University has grown by 2.5 percent and U-M Ann Arbor's enrollment has gone up 1.89 percent.

Of the three schools in the Upper Peninsula during the last three years, Northern Michigan University in Marquette experienced no growth and Michigan Technological University in Houghton grew only .33 percent. However, Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie has had a 4.23 percent enrollment increase between 2000 and 2002.

Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, currently with 19,380 fall students, is closest to OU's total enrollment of 16,059. Central Michigan is right behind OU in terms of growth with a 4.87 percent increase.

According to Karen Hutslar, CMU's Registrar, enrollment at the school has risen steadily since 1995.

"I think there are various reasons for the increase," Hutslar said. "There is just a larger pool of high school graduates to draw on. Our admissions office does a great job with recruitment."

## ASHBY

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feel welcomed and important to the programs and activities of the Hall."

Ashby was also a special lecturer, developed curriculum and advised students in museum careers and with independent projects in the Art & Art History Department during the last few years. She currently teaches AH 380, Museum Studies in Art History, which meets on-site at MBH. Ashby also coordinated the Fred Braun Memorial Lecture and student scholarships.

Art & Art History Department Chair Susan Wood said the relationship between her department and MBH remains up in the air.

"I have a verbal assurance from Sally Victor that the Hall will continue to co-sponsor the Braun Lecture with us, but I have heard nothing about the summer research scholarships, the Museum Science course (AH 380) or any of our other joint curricular projects," Wood said.

A prior supervisor did not want Ashby teaching. Former Vice President of University Relations David Disend wrote in an evaluation of Ashby, "By and large I think Lisa does well with her judgment. Time management is an issue: given the problems Lisa is having meeting her goals, she will need to stop spending time on teaching and other non-essential activities."

Wood found such a comment to be "appalling" but not surprising and said, "Some members of the administration, however, seem to consider curriculum a very low priority. David Disend, of course, is no longer at Oakland University, but the attitude is still around."

Goepp was supportive of Ashby teaching while she formerly headed OU's most prominent auxiliary, "We have a wealth of talented employees at Oakland University who are will-

ing to share their knowledge and talents. They provide a tremendous resource to students and the community."

Disend proposed Ashby attract more corporate sponsorships and commended her for knowing the museum side of her job very well, but her "management and external relations skills needed attention" in addition to "weak" fundraising efforts. He also wrote some find Ashby's "expansive style insensitive to their needs."

In a second similar FOIA request, *The Post* asked for the missing remaining documents from June 13, 2001 to October, 2002 and obtained a copy of the Resignation Agreement between OU and Ashby. As part of the agreement, OU compensated Ashby two months pay in the amount of \$14,600 of her \$87,600 former annual salary.

As a part of the signed agreement, Ashby refused to allow the university to make public and private announcements regarding her resignation to donors.

Sources also say Ashby's resignation was due to MBH budget problems. During the 2001/2002 fiscal year, MBH ended the period \$571,095 in the red. The deficit was covered by MBH's own reserve.

Ashby came to OU in 1995. She formerly worked for the Minneapolis Museum of Art and the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Sally Victor is the current interim MBH Executive Director.

Goepp said a formal search for a permanent MBH Executive Director will begin after the holidays.

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- Angel Tree — Exhibit Lounge, OC
- Individuals interested in purchasing a gift for a participant of the Hispanic Outreach Program may pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in Exhibit Lounge, OC and return the wrapped gift and tag to the CSA Office, 49 OC, by Monday, December 9, 2002 at 5 p.m.
- Coordinated by the Department of Linguistics and the Hispanic Outreach Program

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## 'Dickens' of a performance

**Holiday show offers fun, excitement for all ages**

By LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas - especially in Meadow Brook Theatre.

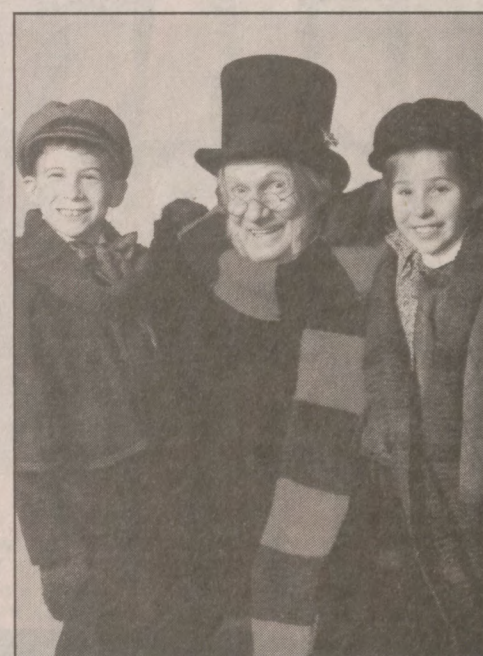
Meadow Brook's 21st season of "A Christmas Carol" opened on Nov. 29 with all of the Yuletide cheer that is expected.

Through Dec. 22, the classic Christmas tale will be performed. The well known story is based on Charles Dickens' novel about Ebenezer Scrooge, a cranky old businessman, who is visited by spirits on Christmas Eve, awakening the benevolent and cheerful man within him.

The play is suitable for people of all ages, and during this time of year the lessons are especially valuable to child and adult alike.

Christmas carolers in the lobby complimented the holiday atmosphere as patrons waited for the show to start.

The carolers then entered the theatre, performing as they descended the stairs to the stage and joined the opening scene.



Photos courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre  
(Left) The cast of "A Christmas Carol" including (Above) Joshua Romeo, Dennis Robertson and Hannah Lynn Mathers, performs this Christmas classic in Meadow Brook Theatre this holiday season.

The lead actor, Dennis Robertson, turned in an amazing performance giving Ebenezer Scrooge a character that is not the same old Scrooge. In addition to the usual miserly crankiness that is expected, Robertson's Scrooge had a touch of wit and humor as well as charm. Several times the audience laughed out loud at his humorous gestures and antics.

He did a fantastic job with this show, drawing anger at his greed, sympathy as he broke down at the view of a grim future and elation as he sets out to be the most generous and cheerful man he

can be.

The entire cast was terrific. Every actor was excellent, especially during the group scenes on the city streets and the dream scenes. There were far too many outstanding individual performances to mention.

Another high point in the show were the children, all were adorable and surprisingly talented.

Normally, children on stage are quiet and shy, but these youngsters seem to be in their own element, singing carols, dancing and playing their roles.

Finally, the stage crew put together dazzling sets and special effects. The

seamless scene changes were impressive, entire sets came and went without distracting the audience.

The effects of the show, from the exit of Jacob Marley, played by Erik Gratton, to the voices of the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Sara Catheryn Wolf), Present (Mark Hammell) and Future (Gratton) really added to the performance.

The only complaint someone might have of the show is that the show is a little slow to open and some of the enhanced voices of the ghosts are at first distracting.

This show does not offer the student rush ticket prices, so ticket prices for

adults over 12 range from \$30-\$42. Children over five are welcome to all shows.

There will be a sign language performance for the hearing impaired on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. and an audio described performance for individuals with sight problems on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available through the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office or at [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com). Box office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

## Web roommate searches

By ELISSA HUMMEL  
THE OAKLAND POST

Online services allow students to find a roommate without leaving the comfort of home.

Typically, college students cannot afford to move out of their parents' home on their own. Financial restraints force most who do not stay home to live on campus or with roommates.

There is no cheaper way of cutting down on household bills than splitting them with another person.

"Despite the economy, rental rates in major cities are higher than ever, and even if you can afford to pay a big rent all by yourself, a creative person can still think of something more interesting to do with all that money," said Robin Owsley, a representative for Roomiematch.com.

Many students who have lived in dorms are familiar with living with strangers and are accepting of online services.

"I think an online service is an excellent idea," said Michael Smith, a grad student in the MBA program. "I would prefer to live with a friend, but that isn't always an option. When I was a freshman, I lived with a stranger, and it was okay."

Though living with strangers may be uncomfortable, living with friends can be just as difficult.

"I have some friends that I just could not live with," said sophomore Katie Phelan. "It can be tough living with someone you know or someone you don't know," said Phelan, who believes she would

still first opt to live with a friend.

Unfortunately, not everyone can find a friend to room with, especially if moving to a new area. Two websites that may help are [www.roomiematch.com](http://www.roomiematch.com) and [www.roommateservice.com](http://www.roommateservice.com), founded in 1997 and 1998, respectively. They match persons looking for a roommate and rooms for rent.

The matches are based on age, gender and geographic location. According to Mike Peters, who does business development and marketing for roommateservice.com, "The site is most used by the 20 to 35 age group, however, we have every age group represented."

After entering personal information, the sites offer a brief essay portion where users can describe themselves.

Both services have free registration. Roommateservice.com allows users to access a large database of available rooms as well as people looking for a roommate. If mail is sent, the service notifies members.

There is an enrollment fee ranging from \$5.95 for three days to \$29.95 for 60 days for accessing mail. If the service is used for free, those looking for a room are at the mercy of the other party and must wait to be contacted by them.

Roomiematch.com charges a straight \$19.95 fee for a 12-month period, which allows the user to get contact info from others and makes their contact info viewable.

Roomiematch.com works differently from roommateservice.com in that users cannot view a database, they instead get regular e-mails of

matches that the service has found.

The major drawback is that only members who have chosen to pay the \$19.95 fee will be able to contact free members.

A positive aspect of online services is that they are less expensive than placing an ad in a newspaper even if users choose to become paying members. Most importantly, online services open students to an enormous amount of roommate possibilities that could not be easily accessed elsewhere. Once registered, the messages from other users can come pouring in.

After a trial test using general information and listing the OU area as a referred geographic location, 51 e-mails and a phone call were received in two days from Roomiematch.com compared with just five messages from roommateservice.com.

Roomiematch.com e-mails all matches in a metropolitan area and does not allow users to narrow the field with individual cities so the response rate is very high. roommateservice.com offers selections of individual cities, which reduces messages. If the response rate is poor there are a few things to consider.

"First impressions mean a lot to many people. To the extent that you do not make a good one, your response rate will probably suffer," is an obvious, yet helpful tip given by Roomiematch.com. Also, a broad roommate criteria and location will expand matches.

## Hungry for a cause



Students break their fast Tuesday in the Rec Center after successfully fasting for a day during the Muslim Student Association's Fast-a-thon, an event sponsored by the MSA nationwide to raise money for food banks. More than \$1,000 was raised during the event. Non-Muslim students pledged to fast from 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, and local businesses donated money to food banks for every participant.

Laura Angus/  
The Oakland Post

## Pep band to bring beats next semester

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Screaming fans, whistles and angry coaches won't be the only noises filling the O'rena during the 2002-2003 basketball season.

After a two-year break, a pep band will return to support the basketball teams and liven up the crowds at home games at OU this year.

The group will be gathered through the newly-formed class that will be offered in the upcoming Winter Semester. The class, Music Ensemble 332, is scheduled to meet from 5-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be taught by Kenneth Kroesche,

assistant professor of Music.

Every member of the group will be required to attend all 19 home games that occur during the winter semester, and there is a possibility the band will travel with the teams to the Mid-Con Conference Tournament, March 9-11 in Kansas City, Mo.

Joe Augugliaro, senior, music performance, will be a bassist for the pep band and is looking forward to supporting the basketball teams.

"It's a lot of fun," Augugliaro said. "It's a chance to see the basketball games from a different perspective because I have been to a few games. I play music all the time. It's just one of those things where you want to experience it from a

different perspective."

With the return of the pep band, athletic administrators, coaches and players are looking forward to the possibility of increased excitement in the O'rena for home games.

Previously, the pep band was formed as a club, advised by Robert Wiggins, Associate Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. Wiggins served as both advisor and director of the club before taking a sabbatical and then a fellowship.

A student then directed the group before it was dismantled.

Wiggins said that it has been in the works for the pep band to be offered as a class for a couple years, but that a facul-

ty member was not available to teach the course until this year.

"It's taken some time to have it come to fruition," Wiggins said. "The university is showing its commitment not only to the athletic program but also to the music students in the Department of Music, Theater and Dance in the form of scholarships for students who are giving a good deal of their time as performers on campus."

Wiggins also said that in most schools around the country, things like pep band are supported with a scholarship program.

He said that OU will also recognize the time commitment required by students who participate in the music

ensembles on campus.

Since he was involved with the pep band before, Wiggins acted as a liaison between the music department and the athletics department.

He put Kroesche in touch with Athletic Director Jack Mehl and Assistant Athletic Director of Marketing Mark Doman.


"That's what makes college basketball games special, is that live student band that's caught up in the spirit of things and wants to excite the crowd, get the players jacked up and create that atmosphere that is high emotion, characterizing big-time basketball," Doman said.



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“We push the website as part of the toolbox for accessing the student body. We encourage companies to come on campus and recruit,” said Thomas.

He also said there are currently 120 companies recruiting on campus.

Although posting a resume online may get students more exposure to some employers, some companies use only the corporate website to select applicants.

Ford Motor Company Corporate News Manager Anne Marie Gattari said people who seek professional positions can only apply on the Ford employment website, [www.mycareer.ford.com](http://www.mycareer.ford.com).

“Virtually all of our candidates in North America come through our online system. It has an application with a questionnaire,” she said. “We don’t do any other online searches or use resume websites.”

If a student wants to apply to a company that doesn’t recruit employees online, Esterberg recommends trying to apply on the corporate website.

To post a resume and search jobs on the eRecruiting database, students have to sign up at 275 West Vandenberg Hall.

For more information about eRecruiting or OU’s Placement and Career Services call (248) 370-3250 or go to [www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices).

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public aware of this law.

“I think as long as (mothers are) aware of it, it could benefit their babies more than it would them,” she said.

On the other hand, there has been some opposition to the law, claiming it encourages irresponsible parenting. Freshman Brad West feels this may be the case with some parents.

“I think in some circumstances it makes it seem like it’s okay. You know, they know that nothing’s going to happen to them if they do have a child, and they don’t want to take care of it,” he said.

With little opposition to the law, most believe it will benefit the society in many ways.

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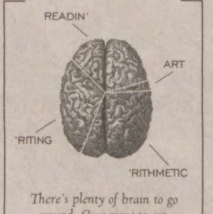
Not bad for a kid whose first experience with



the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

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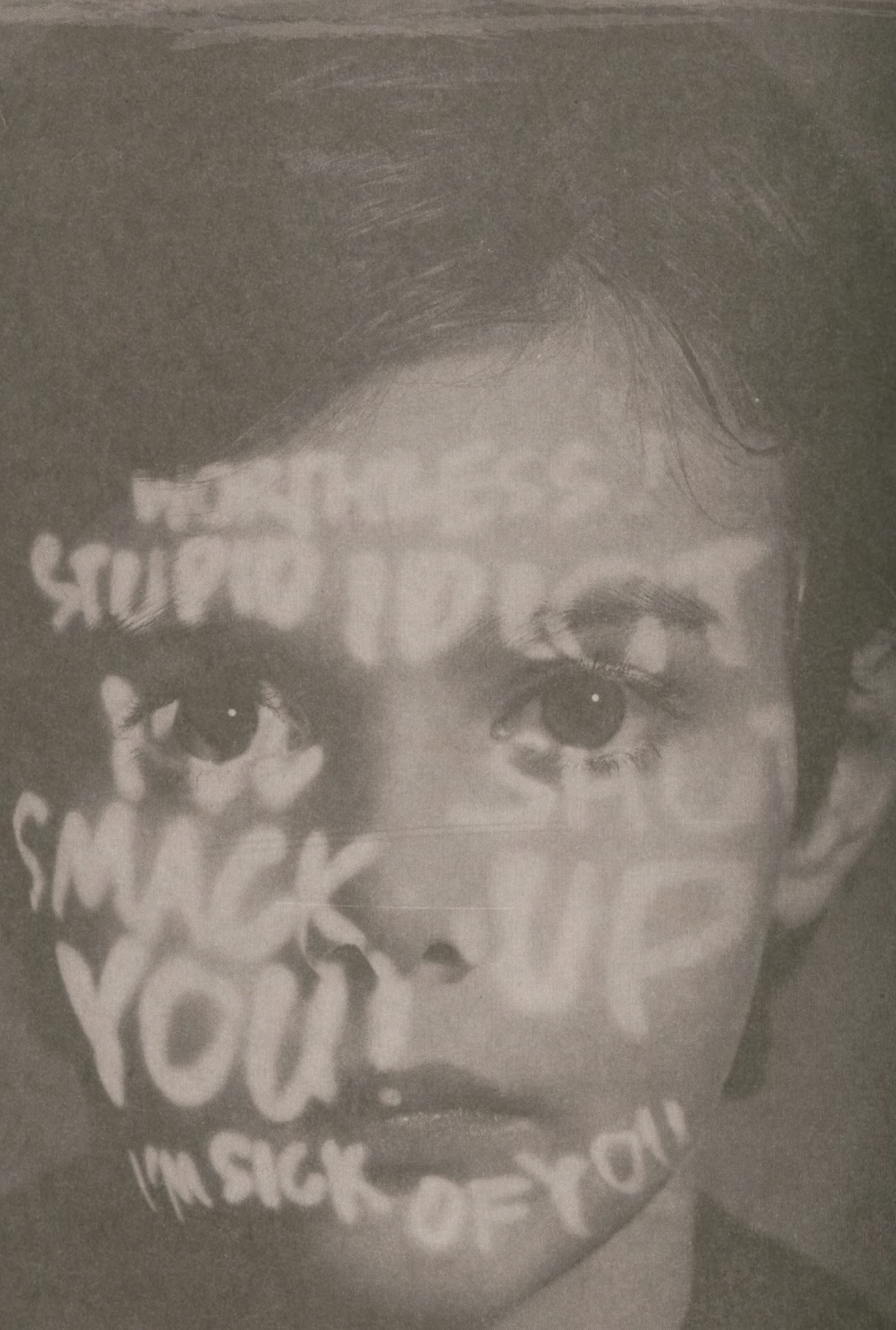
Armstrong left his footprints on the jazz world, wearing lace-up oxfords.

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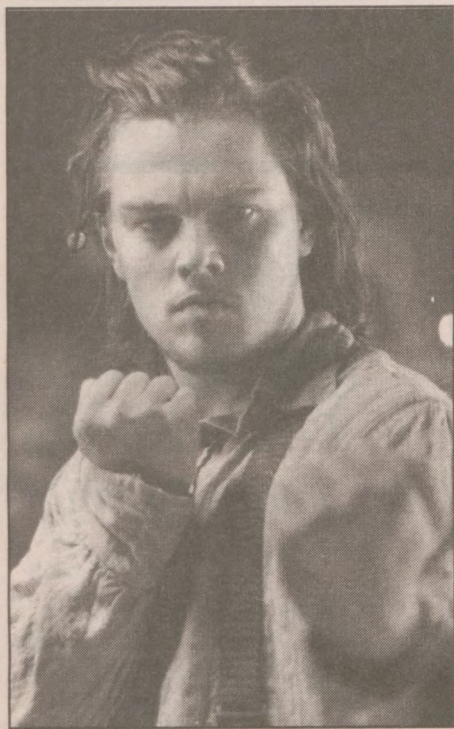


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Leonardo DiCaprio stars in "Gangs of New York" opening Dec. 25.



# Sneak peek

## 2002 holiday movie preview

BY BRIAN URRETA  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Oh, tis the season to be jolly. Hollywood is pumped, and there's a sweet smell of success in the air as holiday films are rolled into theaters over the next couple of weeks.

This season's films are not just the typical big budget duds that usually come around this time of year. Many of these films have potential and high expectations to deliver quality to audiences. A couple of old faces are back after a long hiatus, and a couple of familiar faces return to their "precious."

So sit back, relax and enjoy this installment of *The Oakland Post's* 2002 Holiday Movie Preview.

**1. "About Schmidt."** In 1999, director Alexander Payne earned rave critical reviews with his wonderful story of high school democracy in "Election." Payne hopes to continue his streak of success in the dark comedy/drama.

Veteran actor, and Hollywood icon, Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a retired businessman who's not quite secure with his lot in life. Upon hearing of his daughter's marriage to a man he doesn't care for, Schmidt travels across the country in hopes of talking her out of it.

It should be interesting to see how audiences react to "About Schmidt." Dark comedies are unpredictable in the box office, they are either loved or loathed. At the same time, people really like Jack Nicholson, his name alone will draw revenue.

If "About Schmidt" is anything like "Election," then audiences should be in for a real treat.

**2. "Adaptation."** In the long anticipated follow-up to his 1999 film "Being John Malkovich," director Spike Jonze returns, promising to confuse audiences even more with his sophomore effort.

Nicholas Cage stars as Charlie Kaufman, a Hollywood screenwriter, who has great difficulty in adapting a Susan Orlean (Meryl Streep) novel, "The Orchid Thief." The film can almost be played as a true story, since the real Charlie Kaufman is an actual screenwriter for "Adaptation." As with "Being John Malkovich," expect to be confused from this movie.

As with all of his work, Jonze explores a delightfully unique vision that transcends the boundaries of reality, making him one of the more promising directors of the future.

**3. "Antwone Fisher."** Denzel Washington, still riding high off the success of his Oscar for Best Actor, returns this holiday season, this time as both actor and director, in this true story.

Newcomer Derek Luke plays Fisher, a young sailor who's sent to naval psychiatrist Jerome Davenport (Washington), after frequent violent outbursts.

At first, Davenport struggles at breaking down the walls to get to the heart of Fisher. With the help of one another, both doctor and patient eventually learn more about life.

Washington seems to be on pace for

yet another Oscar nomination. The question is, will it be as actor or as director?

"Antwone Fisher" has all the right ingredients for a powerful drama that's bound to touch hearts and draw tears.

**4. "Catch Me If You Can."** Oscar winners Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks team up on the big screen for the first time since "Saving Private Ryan" in their new film "Catch Me If You Can."

In spite of the Hollywood powerhouses, all eyes are on star Leonardo DiCaprio, who makes his return to film after an absence of almost three years. Based on the book of the same name, "Catch Me If You Can" follows Frank Abagnale, Jr. (DiCaprio), a successful con-artist who eluded the FBI from 1964 to 1966.

During this time, Abagnale cashed in nearly \$2.5 million in fraudulent checks while passing himself off as a university professor, an airline pilot and a doctor.

Let's hope that Spielberg can fare better with audiences after his first attempt, "Minority Report," was unsuccessful.

**5. "Chicago."** After the success of "Moulin Rouge," it was only a matter of time before another musical made its way onto the big screen.

The Roaring Twenties come to life in the Windy City as two individuals strive for success by any means necessary. Renee Zellweger plays Roxie Hart, a chorus member who dreams for the Vaudeville spotlight, much like her idol, singer Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones).

Hart's wishes are granted as she takes the spotlight after killing a man in a jealous bit of rage, similar to the story of Kelly. What follows is a glitzy battle for center stage between two women beneath the hail of bullets and bright lights of Chicago's seedy nightlife.

Of all the holiday films this season, "Chicago" seems to be the film that teeters on the edge. If done correctly, this film could be a hit, audiences love being whisked into a world of song and dance. On the other hand, this film could prove to be a total disaster. Generally musicals aren't too lucrative at the box office. Like frill dresses and the Charleston, they are a thing of the past.

**6. "Gangs of New York."** In what is the most anticipated film this holiday season, acclaimed director Martin Scorsese makes his Hollywood comeback in grand fashion in this epic that has all the makings of a masterpiece. Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, Liam Neeson and the magnificent Daniel Day-Lewis round out the impressive all-star cast of "Gangs of New York."

The film revolves around the conflicts between the Italian and Irish immigrants over control of New York's governmental power during the mid 1800s.

Scorsese, one of the best directors of this generation, has had the idea for "Gangs in New York" for nearly a quarter century. The movie, which was filmed



Above photo courtesy of Miramax Publicity  
above right photo courtesy of Allied Advertising  
(Above) Catherine Zeta Jones plays singer Velma Kelly in the musical "Chicago" opening Dec. 27.  
(Above left) Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio play cat and mouse in "Catch Me if You Can" which opens Dec. 25.

a couple of years ago, is finally seeing the light of day after the director's meticulous tweaking of the film's final cut.

With an out of this world budget, "Gangs of New York," could be a real bust at the box office. But there is an air around this film that screams Oscar, and Scorsese is long overdue.

**7. "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."** It's only been a year since "The Fellowship of the Ring" was released, but fans have held their breath since then with the anticipation of the next installment of the "Lord of the Rings" saga.

Picking up where the first chapter in the trilogy left off, "The Two Towers" follows Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) and company, to Mordor where they plan to destroy the Ring before letting it fall into the hands of evil.

Not much else can be said of "The Two Towers." In Hollywood's history, few sequels can outdo their predecessors. "The Two Towers," however, it isn't as much a sequel as the next chapter of an epic tale.

Expect a dazzling adventure filled with lavish landscapes, mystical effects and battles that are sure to keep one on the edge of their seat. Move over "Star Wars," there's a new "Ring" in town.

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## Finals time

### Ideal study havens abound on campus

BY KATIE STOUT  
THE OAKLAND POST

With the end of the semester coming to a close, it's time to start preparing for finals.

When asked where are the best places to study, students' most common answer is the library. For finals, the library is extending its evening hours until midnight on the weekdays, beginning Dec. 10.

"I like to study in the library. I just sit in a cubby that faces the wall so I don't have any distractions," said Rachel Bilski, an Elementary Education major, "At home, I can watch TV, talk on the phone or go online."

Brad Whitmer, junior, also prefers the library.

"I like to go up to the third floor because it's the quiet floor. I can hide away in a study room and not be disturbed."

Other than the library, coffee shops are also a favorite spot to study and socialize.

"I will often go to a coffee house to study because I don't feel like I have to be quiet. At the library, I feel so out of place when I'm studying and I need to ask someone a question. I don't want to interrupt anyone," said Marc McClintock, a MIS major.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Press  
Junior Kristy Williams studies for Nuclear Medicine. Many students around campus are now preparing for finals which begin next week.

Andrew DuPont, senior said, he prefers to study at his on-campus apartment.

"I don't go to the library unless I have to. I can just as easily study at home. Now that I have my own apartment instead of living in the dorms, I don't have nearly as many distractions as before," said Andrew.

Whether it's at home, at a coffee shop or at the library, everyone will soon be searching for their own best place to study because the fall semester ends this week.

## Insight to an icon

BY JIM KAISER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Offering merely a glimpse into a mind that few understood, "Kurt Cobain Journals" is a must read for any true Nirvana fan.

It contains pieces of writing that come from the journals Cobain kept during his struggle to become famous and when his name was legendary.

The book is very interesting, although it is sometimes hard

to read. This is because the pages are photocopies of his original writings, and sometimes his handwriting is difficult to decipher, or his grammar is unclear.

The photocopied pages, smudged with dirt and stained by beverages, add a feeling of authenticity to the entries, helping readers not only get a glimpse into his mind but actually witness his uncensored writing and artwork firsthand.

The book puts it all on display, including several comic strips he wrote, drawings, original song lyrics and video concepts. Readers can even see where he made mistakes, crossing out words and entire paragraphs as he rephrased and edited his writing.

Although the book is good overall, it is not without its flaws.

Some of the entries are entirely illegible, wreaking havoc on readers' eyes. This is remedied in the notes section at the end, offering a typed version of the entries which can not be read.

Also, many of the entries are incomplete, ending at the bottom of the page but not continued on the next.

This is a bit frustrating because Cobain usually gets to the point at the end of the entry.

The most disappointing part of the book is its misleading title.

Although it is considered a collection of writing from his journal, they do not read like a traditional journal.

A traditional journal would consist of entries in chronological order telling the events of the person's day or week.

Entries in "Kurt Cobain Journals" are in chronological order but do not really

contain the daily events or happenings.

They consist mainly of letters to friends and family and Cobain ranting about sociological ideas and norms. These do offer a look at his beliefs and hint at what he thinks, but readers looking for a day to day account of the events of his life will be disappointed.

Cobain describes the ranting and stating of his beliefs as his own form of poetry. He even sometimes claims that what he says in the journals, or in his songs, doesn't necessarily illustrate his true beliefs or opinions.

More than anything, however, the flaws of the book truly make it authentic, demonstrating that the journals were meant only for his eyes.

If it appears that the entries were not supposed to be part of something bigger, or explain him to readers, that's because they weren't.

They are a mirror reflecting him at that time and moment, and if they are incomplete, it's probably because he wanted it that way.

He does not have to explain himself or why he wrote what he did because he knows what he was thinking, making explanation unnecessary.

One of the more interesting aspects of the book is the artwork. He draws some vivid, provocative art that really catches readers' attention.

He also does a number of comic strips. They are well drawn, but sometimes make little sense.

Also making an appearance in the journals are some of Cobain's songs. He has very early versions of the lyrics of almost all of his major hits, all at several stages leading up to completion.

The book is an interesting look at Cobain, and hints at what made him tick, although it does not offer any concrete explanations.

Readers interested in his life and work would definitely find the book a good read, but those who do not know much about him might come away confused, disturbed or both.

## Winter alumni festivities

BY JENNIFER FREDERICK  
THE OAKLAND POST

For the first time ever the OU Alumni Association is holding a dessert reception followed by the Meadow Brook Theater production of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol."

Festivities are to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The ticket cost and dessert reception is \$25 per person, and the alumni may bring up to three guests. One alumnus must be present per group to attend.

According to Carol Carpenter, program and event specialist for the Association, all alumni are welcome to attend any of the events that the group presents.

This event is specifically designed for the more recent graduates, mainly during the past ten years. Currently, there are 2,500 members of the OUAA.

"We're trying to help them stay connected," said Carpenter. "People in that age bracket are often times balancing a career and children but would like some activities to participate in. We'd like to let them know that we're here for them, and also inspire them to support the OUAA through their participation."

"Alumni are often looking for the opportunity to network with others who share a common interest and we offer programs and events designed to do just that. Many alumni who get involved with us go on to support the various schools within Oakland University as mentors, advocates and donors," Carpenter said.

The Alumni Association is collaborating with the Athletics Department for this event so a varied assembly of people will come.

There are also numerous upcoming events that are open to alumni.

From Dec. 7-9 a group of alumni will

be taking a train trip to Chicago for the "Windy City Weekend." Visitors will be able to catch up on their Christmas shopping as well as catch a performance of "Stomp" at Shubert Theater.

The OUAA is offering an Alumni Day at the Annual Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk.

OUAA members may show their ID cards to obtain a reduced price of \$8 per person on Dec. 14 to get an inside look of Meadow Brook Hall. Alumni may bring up to five people to take the one-hour tour available from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Also, the Alumni Association will be hosting a pre-game reception in connection with the OU vs. U-M basketball game on Dec. 10.

All of the alumni's upcoming events can be located on the OU calendar online or by visiting the alumni page at [www.oualumni.com](http://www.oualumni.com).



# OU basketball begins



Junior guard with the two-handed flush in Saturday's 88-84 loss to Akron in the O'rena. Helms led all scorers with 27 points in the Grizzlies' loss to the Zips.

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

High-flying dunks and three-point bombs have led the OU men's basketball team to a 2-2 record to open the 2002-2003 season.

The Grizzlies began with two straight victories over SAC and IPFW (Ind.), but the streak was snapped prematurely with a close loss to Akron (Ohio). The men dropped another close game to Texas A&M (Tex.) to start a losing skid.

OU opened its season against state foe Spring Arbor on Saturday, Nov. 23, defeating the Cougars 107-72.

The Grizzlies tipped off with high intensity on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, shooting 55 percent from the field and forcing SAC into 30 turnovers.

Junior guard Mike Helms showed the offensive outburst ability coaches and fans will be expecting from him this season, scoring 26 points. Helms also had six assists.

Another OU guard who gave the crowd a glimpse of what to expect this season was junior Ball State transfer Rawle Marshall, leading all scorers with 26 points. Marshall tallied a double-double by also hauling in 10 rebounds.

Freshman John Floyd started at point guard for the Grizzlies, scoring 13 points, tallying three assists and only one turnover while playing more minutes, 36, than any player on either team.

Redshirt freshman guard Pierre Dukes and true freshman forward Shawn Hopes had successful debuts in the Grizzly gold, white and black, scoring 14 and 13 points, respectively, coming off the bench.

Hopes also added seven rebounds to his scoring line and junior center Jordan Sabourin had eight, helping OU to out rebound the Cougars, 39-27.

Sabourin and senior forward Adrian Martin, who each had six points, were the only other Grizzlies to score.

For the second straight game, OU won in convincing fashion, defeating IPFW 95-68 on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The Grizzlies had success from three-point range, shooting 50 percent from behind the arc contributing to the lop-

sided victory.

"We were getting to the basket and they changed their defense and tried to stack it around the basket," head coach Greg Kampe said. "It left us wide open around the arc. Things were going good and the ball went in the basket."

Floyd led the way, hitting four of five three-pointers, but the whole team had success from long range. Dukes hit both of his attempts, Helms made three of six chances from deep and Marshall nailed two.

Helms kept OU in the game early, scoring the first nine Grizzly points before the entire team caught stride. The game was tied three times in the first six minutes, but OU took the lead for good at the 13:51 mark of the first half and never looked back.

Four Grizzlies scored in double figures, led by Helms who tallied a game-high 24 points. Marshall followed closely, recording 21 points in the team's second straight victory to start the season.

Helms and Marshall continued to show talents beyond their strong offensive ability, with Marshall hauling in nine rebounds and Helms, who fouled out, snagging six steals on defense.

Both Floyd and Hopes improved on impressive OU debuts the weekend before. Hopes recorded a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Floyd scored 20 points and dished out four assists.

In Saturday's contest against Akron, OU was unable to overcome poor shooting in a 88-84 loss to the Zips. The Grizzlies were outshot 39 to 49 percent, hitting only 12 of 32 three-point attempts.

"We don't want to be a three-point shooting team," Kampe said. "We weren't shooting the ball very well, but we continued to force the outside shot."

OU controlled most of the first half, increasing its lead to as many as 11 twice before Akron made a comeback to take the lead. The Grizzlies rebounded, however, finishing the last four minutes of the half strong by taking a five-point lead into the intermission on a jumper by Dukes as time expired.

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## Remember the Titans? Bring them on

On the Friday before turkey, the OU women's basketball team opened the 2002 regular season against the UDM Titans, in a matchup for ... nothing.

According to the Internet press release, "The Oakland women's basketball team opened their season in convincing fashion, defeating cross-town rival Detroit 65-58 Friday evening at the Athletics Center O'rena on the campus of Oakland University."

Well, with the low turnout for both squads, the locale could have just as easily been Callahan Hall on the campus of the University of Detroit, but that's a different topic for a different day. As far as cross-town, Detroit isn't even in the same county as OU, but hey, that's a little nit-picky, even for me.

The part that interests me is the whole rival issue. That sounds like something that every college should really have. Unfortunately, most media are guilty of throwing the R-word around all willy-nilly, and I'm no different. In writing hockey stories, I've given OU no fewer than six different intrastate rivals.

Most of the schools that we would like to pretend are rival-worthy are honestly leagues ahead of us. While the competition gap is closing, the in-state schools in Big Ten or the Mid-American Conference are still heads above us in most sports. Plus, all of those schools have football teams, which is where most collegiate rivalries are formed.

UDM, like OU, does not have a football team. It must be operating from the same urban legend land charter prohibiting contact sports. What the Titans do have is 10 varsity sports in common with the Golden Grizzlies. Two basketballs, two soccer, two cross country teams, baseball, softball, men's golf and women's tennis.

In an attempt to foster a more competitive atmosphere, I am suggesting a sort of yearlong decathlon between the two universities. Every one of these teams should play each other as the last game before they begin their respective conference matches.

Of course, if UDM would stop running its athletics department like The Masters and let women play golf, there would be one more sport that we share. And if our Fencing Society would step up and go varsity, there would be an even dozen sports for my little tournament. Hey, I'm just kidding guys. Put those swords down.

Where was I before I was threatened by people wearing aluminum foil? Oh yeah, the tournament. Having some sort of event like this should help draw more fans to all of OU's sporting events and, hopefully, foster more of a 'real university' atmosphere on campus.

If it were my call, I'd make this thing run over the course of a calendar year, so that right after finals, Callahan or the O'rena could be packed to the rafters for a basketball doubleheader, with the winners taking home ...

Something.

Every good rivalry needs some sort of a trophy to battle over. U-M and MSU have the Paul Bunyan, Governor of Michigan Trophy and, in Minnesota, Mankato State and St. Cloud State play for The Athletic Trainer's Kit. For this thing to work, we would need to come up with something of equal importance.

Something that has roots downtown as well as in suburbia, with ties in or near both schools. Something that everybody can get behind and cheer for.

I've got it!  
The loser has to keep the Lions.

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# Women's season under way

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Looking ahead to a tough stretch of games over the break, the OU women's basketball team has experienced its share of ups and downs en route to a 2-1 record to open the 2002-2003 season.

In its season opener, the Grizzlies defeated UDM 65-58 without returning lead scorer senior guard Katie Wolfe, who missed the game due to a suspension.

While senior guard Romica Clint led all scorers with 15 points, freshmen guards Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli con-

tributed 14 and 13 points, respectively, to pick up the slack in Wolfe's absence.

Freshman forward Amanda Batcha grabbed 13 rebounds and tallied nine points in the victory over the Titans.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26 the Grizzlies were shut down by CMU, 61-39. The Chippewas held OU to a shooting percentage of 33.3 percent for the entire game, including a six for 35 performance by the Grizzlies in the first half.

"We had the same open looks we've gotten in every other game, we just didn't knock down shots," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "You have nights

like that, we were just real cold."

Wolfe made her first appearance of the season, leading the team with 11 points as the only OU player in double figures. She also grabbed five rebounds and dished out three assists while playing all 40 minutes of the contest.

"Katie is back and that helps in the scoring department," Shea-Hilliard said. "Right now I am asking her to do more than that. She gives us a little more versatility."

Batcha hauled in a game-high 15 rebounds, scored four points and recorded two blocks. Hafeli was the team's second leading scorer, netting five points.

The Grizzlies rebounded from the loss to CMU with a 94-68 victory over Pikeville College (Ky.) on Saturday.

Batcha continued her domination on the boards by grabbing 16 rebounds, finishing in double-digits in the third-straight game.

"(Batcha) has been doing a great job," Shea-Hilliard said. "Amanda works hard, she's a great defensive player and a great rebounder."

Wolfe led all scorers with 28 points, hitting six of eight three point attempts and sinking all four of her free throws.

Four other women scored in double-figures for OU. Wilson and Clint contributed 14 and 11

points, respectively.

The Grizzlies also got production from the bench. Hafeli was second on the team with a career-high 14 points and junior forward Sarah Yaksich, who also had five rebounds, netted 11 points in the win.

In the next week, OU will be taking on more than tough exams. The Grizzlies tip-off against MSU at 7 p.m. Thursday in a home contest against the Spartans.

The women then travel to take on Georgia at 2 p.m. Sunday in Athens, Ga. Finally, the women finish off with U-M at 7 p.m. Tuesday when the Wolverines come to the O'rena.

## Soccer gets Milwaukeeed

By ZVONKO BLAZEVSKI  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's soccer team's NCAA tournament dreams ended on Nov. 23 with a 2-1 loss at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Panthers entered the game on an 18-game winning streak and were ranked 10th in the nation and first in the nation in team defense.

The Panthers got off to a quick start with a goal in the fourth minute. Khaled El-Ahmad headed a corner kick past OU freshman goalkeeper Jeff Wiese for a 1-0 lead.

The Golden Grizzlies tied the game in the 24th minute on a goal from sophomore forward Philip Braathen. Braathen found the ball off the post and slotted past Panthers goalkeeper Chris Dadaian for his eighth goal of the season.

OU was outshot 5-4 in the first half.

OU outshot the UW-M 5-4 in the second half, but it was the Panthers that scored the game winner in the 60th minute.

The winning goal was unassisted and came from a shot that beat Wiese from eight yards out.

UW-M was forced to play the final 13 minutes with only 10 players, but OU was unable to find an equalizer as the Golden Grizzlies were eliminated from their first NCAA tournament in Division I.

OU will have essentially the same team returning, as they look to improve next year.

"I think it was a very good season," said junior defender Jason Perry. "I think we accomplished all the team's goals. We won the Mid-Con conference, we hosted the Mid-Con tournament and we made it to the NCAA tournament."

# Eagles best Grizzlies

By DAN NELDER  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's swimming and diving team suffered a close loss to Eastern Michigan University last Saturday in spite of a tremendous effort by the team.

The meet ended with a score of 154-146, making it the closest dual meet OU has seen so far this season. The team's dual meet record is now 6-3.

"I think we were a little disappointed by the outcome," OU head coach Pete Hovland said. "Eastern is one of our main rivals, and we were hoping to turn the tables against them this year."

The team faced stiff competition in the diving events as well as a challenge in the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard IM.

Despite the loss, OU showed some positive signs, outswimming the EMU Eagles in all 6 freestyle events.

Senior Danielle Ward began the Grizzlies domination of the freestyle, swimming a 10:23.80 in the 1,000-yard freestyle; the fastest Mid-Con time in that event this year

by more than 11 seconds. Ward then also captured first in the 500-yard freestyle, swimming a time of 5:07.84.

In the shorter distance events, Sophomore Oksana Strelets recorded a new personal best as well as another top Mid-Con time in the 50-yard freestyle. She took first place with a time of 23.84. Strelets then went on to the 100-yard freestyle where she swam a 52.21, winning that event as well.

Karoline Freytag also recorded a new personal best in the 200-yard freestyle event, swimming a time of 1:55.59.

Sophomore Tara Berringer and Junior Shelley Aurit each won individual events.

Berringer finished first in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:08.92 along with Freshmen Erin Meredith who captured second.

Aurit won her crown in the 200-yard breaststroke, swimming a 2:25.25.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team consisting of Strelets, Freytag, Sophomore Christina Mocer and Ward also did well. They completed OU's freestyle supremacy by beating the Eagles' with a

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Freshman diver Linda Kesky executes a dive during OU's loss to EMU Nov. 23.



# All over the sports map, and beyond

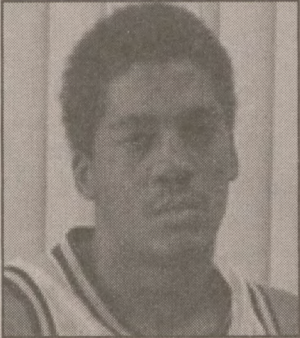
By **RANDY DUDEK**  
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• Time to do the Harrington Rag: In an interview with the Detroit News, Lions President Matt Millen said that QB Joey Harrington is "so far ahead of the curve."  
Of course, he forgot to turn at said curve and has since fallen off of the mountain.  
• The Cleveland Cavaliers have suspended leading scorer Ricky Davis for two games after Davis yelled at a teammate.  
While Tom Hanks taught us all that there is no crying in baseball, the NBA apparently still has a long way to go on the whole 'be a man' thing.  
• St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner has lost his starting job again after suffering a hairline fracture on his throwing hand.  
Well, that and the fact that he sucks. (0-6 record, 3 TDs, 11 interceptions, 21 sacks)  
• The Philadelphia Flyers are reportedly interested in trading for former Red Wing goaltender Chris Osgood, who led the Wings over the Flyers in the 1998 Stanley Cup Finals.  
If you can't beat 'em, trade for 'em, I guess.  
• The Montreal Canadiens came out on top in a bench clearing brawl that broke out after team captain Saku Koivu was tripped up on a breakaway attempt.  
Did I mention that this took place during a team practice? By default, they must have lost the fight, too.  
• After missing a shot in last weekend's Skins Game, "Tiger" Woods had his caddy take a camera, which Woods blamed for his miss, and drop it into a water hazard.  
I was wrong in the Nov. 20 issue when I said Woods needed to speak up. Eldrick should just keep his mouth shut.  
• Speaking of golf, it is not likely to be added to the roster of events at the 2002 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.  
But don't worry, with baseball, softball and the modern pentathlon still on the docket, boredom levels shall remain high.

• After wide receiver Tim Brown made his 1,000th career reception on Monday Night Football, the game came to a temporary halt as a commemorative silver ball was presented to Brown. Camera crews and his entire extended family all rushed the field for a four-minute free-for-all.  
Great. Just what my ears and brain needed. More incessant noise coming out of the mouth of John Madden.  
• A recent *USA Today* article praises Secretary of State Colin Powell for his "patient diplomacy."  
Well, until we start blowing things up in Iraq, anyway.  
• Military in the Philippines are investigating creating a U.S.-backed anti-terrorism force.  
And in 20 years, we'll be at war with our own weapons again.  
• Researchers claim to have found the oldest skull ever in North America, near Mexico City.  
With the discovery, Strom Thurmond drops down to the third oldest skull on the continent.  
• An intelligence report in Singapore alerts us that terrorists were prepared to launch an attack on the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.  
Just as a point of clarification, by virtue of plotting to kill people, the perpetrators are terrorists. There really isn't any need to bother tagging them as such, after describing their plot.  
• Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber apologized Monday for an eugenics law that forced sterilization upon hundreds of Oregonians.  
An apology? Somehow that just doesn't strike me as sufficient.  
• Yesterday afternoon I had to get something out of my car. As soon as I hit the OC parking lot, I found myself being stalked by a car looking for a parking spot. I shake my head 'no' so the driver can hit one of the three spots that they have passed in their pursuit of me.  
After I get my notebook and CDs out of my car and am halfway back into the OC, the driver rolls down his window and asks me, "Are you leaving?"  
• Best of luck for the end of the semester, happy holidays and a happy new year for everybody. Except for that guy.

## Grizzly Spotlight

Mike Helms  
Junior, Guard



Helms has been the Golden Grizzlies' leading scorer in three of OU's first four basketball games of the season, leading the team to the highest offensive output in the Mid-Con.  
Helms has been the Grizzlies' team lead in points per game (27), assists per game (3.5), free throw attempts per game (7.8) and free throws made per game (6.0).  
In Monday night's game against Texas A&M, Helms led all scorers with 31 points.  
Helms's points per game average ranks him second in the conference, trailing only Michael Watson of UMKC.  
Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall (20 points per game) and freshman guard John Floyd (14.2) also rank among the top scorers in the Mid-Con.

Amanda Batcha  
Sophomore, Forward

Batcha's three straight double-digit rebounding performances have helped OU's women's basketball team open the season with a 2-1 record.  
Her 14.7 rebounds per game leads the Grizzlies, as well as the Mid-Con Conference. The Grizzlies rank fifth in the league, averaging 38.7 rebounds pre game.  
While averaging over 31 minutes a game for OU, Batcha is averaging 6.3 points, including 9 points in the season opening victory over the UDM Titans.  
Batcha and the Grizzlies next takefloor on Thursday as they take on MSU at home.  
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## BASKETBALL

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OU continued the intensity in the opening minutes of the second half, building a 10-point lead before going scoreless for nearly four minutes while the Zips went on a 13-0 run.  
Akron then began to pull away, capitalizing on 10 Grizzly fouls in the last nine minutes of the game to hold the lead the rest of the way through.  
OU was able to pull within three with just under a minute to play, but the Zips were able to run down the clock, make a layup and seal the victory with 27 seconds left to play.  
For the third consecutive game, Helms and Marshall were a dynamic scoring duo, breaking 20 points each.  
Helms led all scores with 27 points but shot only 36 percent from the floor, including a two for nine performance from the three point arc.  
Marshall made six of his 19 attempted shots enroute to 20 points.  
Floyd, who led the team in minutes for the third straight game, and Williams contributed 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Williams presence was also felt on the glass as he grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.  
Monday night, OU took on Texas A&M on the road, falling to the Aggies, 71-65. This was the Grizzlies lowest scoring game of the season, but the game was close throughout the contest.  
Poor free throw shooting down the stretch, and throughout the game, led to the defeat. As a team, OU shot 52 percent from the charity stripe, and went 2-6 from the line in the crucial last three minutes of the game.  
"It was young kids playing their first game on the road against a Big 12 team," Kampe said. "There was a lot of pressure, and we had a chance at one of the best victories in Oakland history and we had freshmen going to the line."  
Floyd and Hopes missed two free throws each in the last five minutes.  
"Those are two very good free throw shooters," Kampe said. "It was the first time in their lives they've been under that kind of pressure. Now that they've been there, they

will be able to handle it better the next time."  
Helms was the only Grizzly to have a good night from the floor, hitting 13 of his 21 shots to tally a game-leading 31 points.  
Marshall had a difficult night, recording only 10 points, but set a school record by snagging 10 steals on defense.  
At 7 p.m. tonight the Grizzlies will tip-off against in-state foe Adrian at the O'rena. The men are then off until after finals, when they return to action at 7 p.m.  
"We're playing a game, we're playing at home and we have to get a win, so we better play hard," Kampe said. "We'll play fast and do what we need to do to try and increase tempo and get the ball down the floor."  
The Grizzlies leave Thursday, Dec. 19 to take on coach Kampe's alma-mater, Bowling Green, on the road, which will be transer Cortny Scott's first game  
"Right now we're just worried about getting a win," Kampe said. "Then we will have two weeks of practice to figure out what our rotation will be the next couple games."

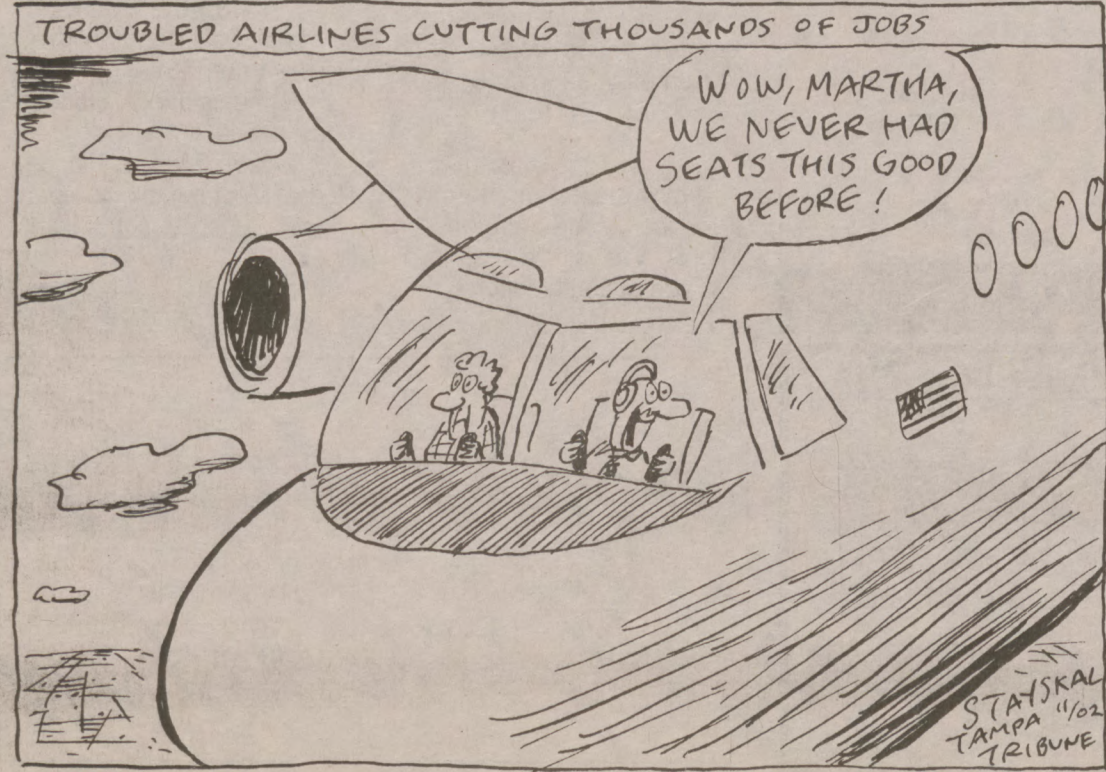
## SWIM

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The team is now preparing for the Mid-Continent Conference Championships, which will be hosted by OU from Dec. 5-7.  
"Going in we're definitely the heavy favorites this year," Hovland said. "We're feeling very confident and very comfortable with our training."  
The women's team won titles in both the

Mid-Con and the NIC Championship meets in 2001-02. They are ready to defend both of those titles this year.  
Hovland commented on the team's exceptional level of talent this year, including returning top swimmers Ward, Strelets, and junior Tanya Korniyenko, who will be vital to the team's victory this week in the championships.

All three top returning swimmers are expected to set new school records this season, some of which they themselves set last year.  
Linda Keskey, one of the 11 freshmen on the team, has also been a key asset this season. She is now filling the shoes of lost senior Devon Cunningham who was the top female diver for the past two years.

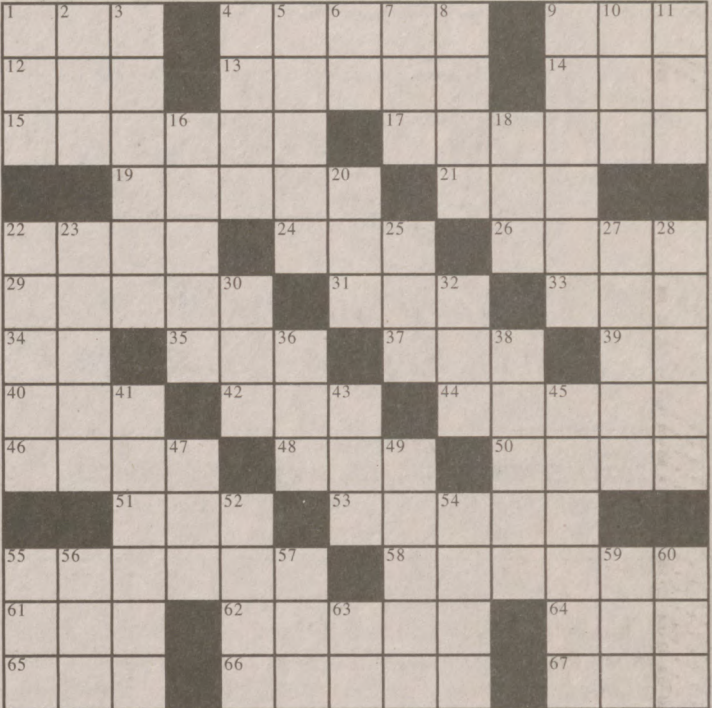


## Grizzly Sports Calendar

Underlined records denote league standings. Games shaded in gray denote home games.

	4 Wed	5 Thu	6 Fri	7 Sat	8 Sun	9 Mon	10 Tue
 2-1 No Mid-Con		6 p.m. Michigan State			6 p.m. Georgia		5:30 p.m. Michigan
 2-1 No Mid-Con		6 p.m. Adrian					
		5 p.m. Mid-Con Conference Tournament	10 a.m. Mid-Con Conference Tournament	10 a.m. Mid-Con Conference Tournament			
 10-2-1 4-0 First Place			8:30 p.m. Grand Valley State	8:30 p.m. Michigan			

# Crossword



### ACROSS

- Cereal Grain
- Pretend
- Portion of body
- Town in Oklahoma
- Crinkled fabric (var. spelling)
- Had dinner
- Comfort in sorrow
- Sunday Christian Festival
- Go in
- Came upon
- Conveyed
- No relative height
- Saucy
- Study of insects
- Road substance
- Fish eggs
- Midwestern state (abbr.)
- Negative word
- Had a seat
- Southern state (abbr.)
- Droop head
- Even
- Natives of ancient media
- Absent without leave (abbr.)
- Parents education group
- Hole in skin
- Altercation
- Once more
- Dwarfed trees
- Confer holy orders upon
- Form of be
- Rain
- Fork prong (Scot.)
- Rocks on mountain top
- Theme
- Direction (abbr.)

### DOWN

- Organization of American States
- Fuss
- Art
- Accountant (abbr.)
- Wicker basket
- Tantalum symbol (abbr.)
- Open (poetic)
- 500 sheets of paper
- Mad \_\_\_\_\_
- Inhabitant (suf.)
- Each
- Susan \_\_\_\_\_
- Month (Unofficial abbr.)
- Decompose
- Plant with compounded leaves
- Bestow upon
- No longer is
- Slang for okay
- Annoy persistently
- Witty remark
- Male sheep
- The extreme end
- Having moderate heat
- Depressant
- Seventh Greek letter
- Give
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegas
- Greek marketplace
- Tear down
- One of armed services
- Used to hit ball
- Indicates mountain
- Belonging to a thing
- 007's creator
- Born

## Answers for Nov. 20

Look for this week's solution in the January 8, 2003 edition of *The Oakland Post*.

Happy Holidays!

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# Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

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Sumeera Younis

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Monday, Dec. 9, noon-1 PM  
Tuesday, Dec. 10, noon-1 PM  
Wednesday, Dec. 11, noon-1 PM

You may also come to the Office of New Student Programs in 134 North Foundation to obtain more information.

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## FALL ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

Employers scheduled to recruit for full-time positions during the balance of the fall semester will include Applied Manufacturing Technologies, Occupational Consulting Services, ASG Renaissance, Benefit Outfitters and GMAC Financial Services. All interviews take place at Career Services in 275 West Vandenberg. Students seeking to interview with employers on campus but who have not yet registered with Career Services should do so as quickly as possible. Our eRecruiting@OU online resume and job search system is available to students free. For additional information on current and upcoming programs and services, visit our web site at [www.oakland.edu/career\\_services](http://www.oakland.edu/career_services) or call 370-3250.

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### Break Pass

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Plan on visiting a tropical place over the holiday break? Sign up for a scuba class today! The last classes for this semester meet December 8th and December 14th. The student rate is only \$469! If you are interested in visiting the class and learning more about scuba, there is a "Discover Scuba" program scheduled for December 14th. For more information contact Mike Rossi at 248-370-4534.

### Aquatic Center Closing

The aquatic center will be closed from Wednesday, December 4th through Saturday, December 7th due to a college swim meet. Call the aquatic center at 248-370-4533 for more information.

### Campus Rec Holiday Hours

Dec. 9 through Jan. 5

Mon-Thurs, 6AM-9PM

Fri, 6AM-8PM

Sat, 9AM-8PM

Sun, 12 noon-8PM

Dec. 23 and Jan. 2, noon-8PM

Closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1

## This Week

Wednesday, December 4

Wellness Wednesday, 12:05-1 PM. The topic is "Stay Healthy for the Holidays." Learn about healthy recipes for dinner party options as well as ways to cope with the holiday binge. All Wellness Wednesday programs are held in the Pioneer Room of the Recreation Center and are FREE. No advance registration is necessary. Bring your lunch and enjoy some of the healthy snacks which are provided. This session will be led by RD Antonella McGreevy.

Friday, December 6

Residence Hall's Friday Night Live wraps up the fall 2002 semester with comedian Mitch Fatel, 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria. Mitch Fatel's innocent and friendly demeanor quickly engages you and then catches you off guard with his mixture of mischievous dialog and off color comments. Mitch has been showcasing his talent to rave reviews for the past 10 years. After numerous spots on both the "Late Show with David Letterman" and the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," Mitch is quickly establishing himself as a comedic star. See for yourself why this unique act has been earning rave reviews wherever he goes. Free admission and refreshments.

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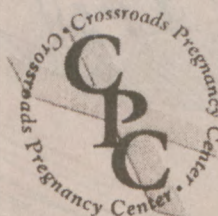
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