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# State funding shrinks Russi's

By RANDY DUDEK ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In one of his last acts in public office, former governor

John Engler cut the budgets of Michigan public colleges and universities by 2 percent, forcing OU to come up with ways to account for more than \$1 million in funding.

The worst of the situation may still be forthcoming, as new governor Jennifer Granholm may have to cut the higher education budget by as much as 7.5 percent in an attempt to balance the state's upcoming fiscal year budget, projected to be running at a deficit of up to \$1.8 billion. A cut of that magnitude would mean that OU would find itself shorted more than \$3.9 million.

Already departments around campus are hurrying to make plans on dealing with the lean finances.

Pieter Frick, Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences, will propose to fund part of the department through federal grants and other contracts received to make up for the cuts.

"It takes out all of the flexibility we've got, but it's premature right now," he said.

Portions supplementing the SESC may come from two appropriations received earlier

this year

Glenn Stevens, executive director of the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan, said he feels the cuts are going to lead directly to a raise in tuition at state schools.

"It is only reasonable to figure that these costs are going to be passed along to the students," he

Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer said no plans are currently in to raise tuition, "although the economic picture suggests that this would be highly likely somewhere down the road."

Other state universities are already formulating plans to

raise tuition in the coming

"We aren't hiking anything mid-year," said Terry Denbow, vice president of University Relations at Michigan State University. "We've always hiked it at the level of inflation or lower, except for when we got less than inflation level increases from the state. This would clearly be less than inflation

level."
Granholm is not expected to announce any additional cuts until early in March, when she releases her budget for fiscal year 2003-2004.

- Adam Demeniuk contributed to this article.

# Russi's paycheck grows

By Ann Zaniewski Editor In Chief

The Board of Trustees voted Dec. 4 to give OU President Gary Russi's salary a 4 percent boost, bringing his 2002-2003 earnings to \$204,495.

The raise was accompanied by a \$5,000 deferred compensation bonus, which will give him a total bonus of \$30,000 for this school year if he remains president through June 30, 2006.

"He's done an incredible job. The things that have happened here on this campus since he's been president have been amazing to me," said OU's Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery, citing the construction of campus buildings like the University Student Apartments as an example.

Montgomery said the raise puts Russi more in line with what the presidents and chancellors of Michigan's 15 other public universities are earning. Russi is now the state's eighth highest paid university head.

Approval of the increase came the same day then governor John Engler announced a 2 percent slash in funding for state colleges and universities. OU will receive more than

receive more than \$1 million less for the 2003-2004 school year, and some

faculty

Photo courtesy of Ol Gary Russi

members and students have voiced concerns about Russi's raise in light of the budget cuts. During the open forum at the

end of the BOT meeting, recently retired Professor of Health Behavorial Sciences Phillip Singer expressed his dissatisfaction, noting that the salary increase was awarded at a time when the university is in the midst of what he called a "fiscal crisis."

"I think it is shameful to grant President Russi (a raise)," he said. "At a time when there is a budget crunch, (he) continues to get increases instead of at least Please see RUSSI on A4



Booking it

Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post

Students flood OU's bookstore early Monday to get a jump start on the book buying rush. Store manager Debbie Ogg said it was the the store's busiest day, but even at peak times the wait for a register was never longer than 20 minutes.

#### Student's notes help nab Kresge theives

By REBECCA WYATT CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In December, at least nine students studying in Kresge
Library were victims of a ring of

Books, book bags, a planner, a checkbook, a silver ring, a calculator and a Palm Pilot were taken from students.

Through one student's notes in one of the stolen books, OUPD

was able to catch the people responsible.

According to Lt. Mel Gilroy, the robberies started in early December.

"The first theft we have that we can attribute to them is Dec. 6," Gilroy said.

He said it appears the motive was financial gain, as the suspects stole mostly books.

The suspects in the case, a student and a non-student, were

caught when Thomas D'Anna, a graduate student, remembered something unique about the

book that was stolen from him.
D'Anna had made a distinguishable mark on page 279 of this Advanced Engineering
Mathematics book.

"It just so happened I was studying for finals the weekend before," D'Anna said. "I just happened to remember writing on that specific page." OU Bookstore personnel were alerted to D'Anna's book since it did have a distinguishable mark. The suspects returned it during the book buyback period. OUPD was sure it was D'Anna's book because of the marking and that lead them to the sus-

The suspects are cooperating with OUPD at this time and the case will be presented to the **Please see THEFT on A4** 

# Nominations sought for teaching awards

Nominations for the 2003 Teaching Excellence Awards sponsored by the Senate Teaching and Learning

Committee are due by Jan. 15.
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one to a tenured or tenuretrack faculty member and
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- Derrick Sobodash Assistant News Editor

### OUPD adds officers, boosts campus presence

pects.

By DAN NELDER THE OAKLAND POST

Due to the growing student population at OU, the police department is adding five patrol officers this school year.

Chief Samuel Lucido said two trainees graduated from the Oakland Community College Police Academy Dec. 6 and started active patrol duty Dec. 9. The department now has 12 police officers.

OUPD recently completed a series of interviews to fill another three positions, and extensive background checks on the selected candidates are now underway, Lucido said.

One of those positions opened up last year when a member retired.

"The university administration, in my opinion, has made some very wise and productive decisions to provide the resources necessary to meet the increasing demand for service from an increasing population," said Lucido.

The Board of Trustees approved four new positions for the 2003 fiscal year, adding more than \$200,000 in additional funds to the department, according to the 2002-2003 budget.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs, said that the university had difficul-

ties allocating funds to the police department because of financial strains caused by campus expan-

"Security is a major issue. They (the administration) were falling behind in the number of police officers, but this year they were able to build into the base budget the money to get more police officer positions and vehicles," said Snyder.

Snyder said the new money came from increases in student funding from the state and also from the added tuition dollars of new students.

Despite the steady increase of the student population, OU's crime statistic report shows there

has been no significant rise in oncampus crime from 1996 to 2001.

"Population growth does not necessarily mean an increase in crime rate, but it generally does represent an increase in demand for police services," said Lucido. The purpose of having more

The purpose of having more officers on campus is to allow the department to have a strong presence with more visible patrols and while at the same time being proactively involved with students, he said.

Heather Gruszczynski, senior, said she feels the police are reaching their goals.

"You see police around pretty regularly. You don't hear about Please see OUPD on A7



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Officer Brett Vanderford joined the department last summer.

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Information Technology officials hope a new email system will reduce network down time and, eventually, the amount of paper used on campus.

#### IN CAMPUS LIFE ...

The Association of Black students, one of OU's largest student organizations, gets ready for another eventful semester.

#### IN SPORTS ...

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams take home the Mid-Con title for the fourth straight year.

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# Campus News

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# gives more options

By REBECCA WYATT CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

A new \$626,000 email system was approved by the Board of Trustees on Dec. 4, 2002.

According to Terri Rowe, director of Information Systems, upgrades were put in place at the time but a complete overhaul of the system was needed to create a stable environment.

According to Rowe, Mirapoint, based in Sunnyvale Cal., will assist OU with the migration and provide training on how to use and maintain the system.

"The goal for the migration is to complete it in a timely manner. We are currently looking at an early winter 2003 time frame, and the months of January and February have been talked about," Rowe said.

"We anticipate that there will be a short period of downtime as we migrate data from one system to the other," Rowe said.

Rowe said the new solution "will increase the uptime availability of electronic mail services at OU for students."

She said she expects the new system to be up "99.999 percent of the time", a standard not being met by the current system.

According to Rowe, the new system will include five new pieces of hardware. Two redundant systems to provide mail

delivery, access to read mail including POP, IMAP and webmail, a data redundant disk array storage device for storing incoming mail and personal mail folders and two redundant systems to provide authentication and access to the system.

"Currently we have three major pieces of hardware: one system to provide mail delivery, access to read mail (POP,IMAP), authentication and authorization, one redundant disk storage device for storing incoming mail and one system to provide webmail access," Rowe said.

"The current environment is an antiquated architecture. While successful in the early 1990's, the increased use of email has outgrown the design of the current environment. Some parts of the environment's technology date back more than twenty years," Rowe said

"This new solution will provide a much more stable email solution. The redundant mail servers will allow not only protection against a failure or disaster, but will also allow administrators to perform upgrades without major

impact to end users," Rowe said. She said even when performing regular maintenance she expects minimal downtime.

With Mirapoint, desktop mail

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# New email system Institute takes shape

BY REBECCA WYATT CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Pawley Institute is taking shape with the naming of its executive director, Kevin Yamada.

According to Yamada, The Pawley institute

teaches lean learning. The goal of lean is the optimization of the use of resources including people, time, materials and space.

Yamada said that lean process comes from Japanese companies such as Toyota that wanted to recognize and eliminate muda, or waste. However, Yamada said a lot of the ideas the Japanese implemented in the lean process came from the

The lean concept brings more value to the customer, and Yamada said that's what it's all

"That's why the Honda's and Toyota's are kicking everybody's

butts," Yamada said Yamada compared the lean process to learning a foreign language. He said it is an entirely different way of thinking and the earlier it can be taught the easier improvements and cost reducit will be to learn.

Right now the plan is to institute a lean program in the Schools of Business Administration, Engineering and Computer Science and Education

and Human Services

Yamada has asked the deans "The lean instiof the three schools for help tute will produce in developing the lean instilean thinkers tute into what it should be. T.J. with the tools to Wharton, chair make an immeof Decision and Information diate impact on Systems in the School of our manufactur-Business Administration, ing industry." Gary Barber, chair of Gary Barber

Chairman Engineering in **Mechanical Engineering** the School of Engineering and

Monica Tracey, Assistant professor of education in the School of Education and Human Services are all involved in the decision making process.

Mechanical

Barber has his own goals for the Pawley Institute.

"In order for our manufacturing industries to survive they must continue to make improvements which lead to quality

tions," Barber said. "The lean institute will produce lean thinkers with the tools to make an immediate impact on our manufacturing industries. Our students with this knowledge will be highly prized by industry and will help Michigan to main-

tain and grow our industries." Yamada said the lean program will probably be an optional certificate available through a class, but long-term goals could make it

a degree program. He said the ultimate goal of the institute is to make students more marketable. The institute will give students a more rounded education and teach them what employers want.

Yamada's theory is that all business should "apply the lean thinking before spending \$1." Yamada has high expectations

for the Pawley Institute. "The University of Kentucky is known for creating lean thinkers in partnership with Toyota," Yamada said.

He wants OU to be known as the University of Kentucky of the

One of Yamada's first tasks is to survey OU students to find out what they want from the Pawley Institute.

The program will probably be available starting in the spring. There are still details that are

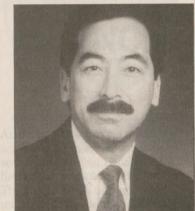


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Kevin Yamada being worked out between Yamada and Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president of Academic Affairs and provost.

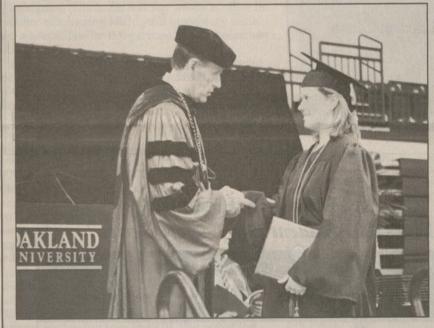
Before the program starts for students, OU administrators will get the chance to attend the lean experience at the Lean Learning Center with Yamada and then apply it to their work.

Yamada first started his lean knowledge education when working for Mich Con in the early 90s. The owner handed him a book, The Machine That Changed the World," and that's when it all

Most recently he was employed at The Lean Center in Plymouth. When the Lean Center closed,

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#### Upward and onward



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Andrea Graff, marketing, shakes the hand of OU President Gary Russi during commencement exercises Dec. 21 at the O'rena.

# Solar energy will soon power parts of campus

By JENNIFER JONES THE OAKLAND POST

OU will use the never-ending solar energy source to power some buildings on

Electricity can be generated by a number of different renewable energy technologies for residential use. The most common is photovoltaics, or using solar cells that generate electricity when exposed to the sun.

OU intends to use this method for its system named the 10-kilowatt Photovoltaic Public Demonstration Project.

This project became possible with a \$100,000 dollar grant provided by the State of Michigan Energy Office and a contribution of \$20- \$30,000 from OU.

Originally the state offered a \$200,000 grant. Jim Leidel, OU's energy manager,

responded to the advertisement with the Photovotaic Public Demonstration Project proposal. Half was awarded to OU and the other half to Michigan State University to build solar panels.

Leidel said, this project is going to be used mostly to educate the public regarding solar produced energy. He hopes the project will generate interest and possibly bring more solar studies to the area.

Leidel said the 10 kilowatts capacity photovolatic roofing shingles used are manufactured by Uni-Solar located in Auburn Hills. There will be 940 shingles

According to Leidel, these sections face south, east and west on the University Student Apartments' community center. These four sections will be used to acquire enough surface area to meet the program's 10-kilowatt minimum capacity. Uni-Solar has agreed to give OU proficient pricing for the photovoltaic materials used in the project. This will allow the project to install much larger kilowatt capacity than otherwise would be possi-

"The system will look like dark blue metal shingles on the roof of the building. They will consist of stainless steel and silicone modules with a rubber backing and a plastic, weather-tight enclosure for the wiring," Leidel said. "The system will provide whatever power is being used in the community center building (of the student apartments) at any one time and ans export power to another area in the student apartment complex.

According to Leidel, OU uses about seven megawatts of energy on a hot summer day with the air conditioning and all its other electricity. The solar panels will produce about 10,000 watts of energy. For

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# Muchmore jumps on BOT bandwagon

By Derrick Sobodash Assistant to the News

A new semester is here and with it, a new member of the OU Board of Trustees

Dennis Muchmore, 56, is the founder and partner in the lobbyist firm, Muchmore Harrington, Smalley & Associates. He was recently appointed in December to the BOT by former Governor John Engler to serve out the term of Linda Hotchkiss, who resigned.

Originally from the town of Charleston, Ill., Muchmore now lives outside LAnsing in Haslett, where MHSA is based. He earned his bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois University and his Master's in public administration from MSU.

Muchmore has served on numerous foundation boards including the Lansing Community College Foundation and the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

These boards were engaged in raising money for student scholarships and fellowships and bear some of the expenses students face today.

Currently, Muchmore works with the Mayor's Committee on Downtown Revitalization in Detroit and serves on the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Humane Society. During his term,

Muchmore hopes to bring a positive approach to long term problems.

"[Engler's] statement to me," Muchmore said, "was that he hoped I would actively participate in university affairs and encouraged me to restrain tuition increases where at all possible so that the cost of attending does not extend beyond the reach of the students at Oakland.'

As a result of his new seat on the BOT, Muchmore's position at MHSA will change this month. He will become Of Counsel at MHSA and a Senior Vice President at DHR Intl., a Chicago based executive search firm.

Muchmore's appointment comes with controversy as



**Dennis Muchmore** 

one of many late-term appointments made by Engler. The exact number of appointments is unknown as the former Appointments Office destroyed its records before leaving.

"There's between 70 and 100 appointees awaiting their paperwork and we're working to get that to them," said Mary Detloff, a spokeswoman for Governor Granholm.

## **OU enters Zone**

BY REBECCA WYATT CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In a special Board of Trustee meeting on Dec. 20, unanimously approved entering into a Smart Zone agreement with Rochester Hills and Oakland County.

Smart Zone is a program started by the governor two years ago that allows the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to create technology park communities throughout Michigan.

Smart Zone is the term used by the MEDC to identify and market certified technology parks.

Gary Russi, president of OU, explained at the BOT meeting that OU will be working with Rochester Hills, MEDC, Oakland County, the City of Southfield and Lawrence Technological University in this last available Smart Zone area.

The Rochester Hills City Council unanimously approved a certified technology park agreement on Dec. 18, 2002 and it was unanimously approved by the Local Development Finance Authority on Dec 19. The LDFA brings in businesses, which will

help the economy grow through the use of tax money technology related businesses. These decisions allowed Rochester Hills to enter into a Smart Zone agreement with

According to the MEDC, Smart Zones are used to bring technology-based businesses to areas by using "recognized clusters of new and emerging businesses, those primarily focused on commercializing ideas, patents and other opportunities surrounding university or private research institute research and development efforts."

The Smart Zones, according to the MEDC, are designed to attract high tech businesses to Michigan, offering different areas throughout the state.

The goal of the MEDC is to compete with other high-tech areas like Silicon Valley in California or the Research Triangle in North

The program enables participating communities to capture TIF (Tax Increment Funds) from high tech business," said Barbara Holder of the City of Rochester

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#### Crime Watch

 A student was arrested for possession of marijuana Dec. 6. Police were tipped off by an informant that the student was selling marijuana out of his Hamlin Hall room. Upon entering the students' room officers saw marijuana in plain view on his desk. After searching the students' room, OUPD also found marijuana in a desk drawer along with zip lock bags and a scale. The student told OUPD he stopped selling marijuana about

four weeks earlier.

•An RA on rounds in Fitzgerald House knocked on the door of a noisy room. When the resident opened the door the strong odor of intoxicants could be smelled. When the RA asked for identification of the occupants three men ran past her out of the building. The remaining three students were administered PBT test and registered a .060, .101 and a .044. All were ticketed as minors in possession.

•On Dec. 11, a man reported his cell phone missing out of his locker in the Green Room of Varner Hall. The student reported he placed his cell phone in an unlocked locker. When he returned 45 minutes later he discovered the phone missing. The case is still open.

•On Dec. 11, a female student reported \$130 missing from her room in East Vandenburg Hall. She said she left her room unlocked to visit a friend. She

claimed her suitemate was laying on the floor outside the room reading. When she returned 30 minutes later she noticed the money was missing from a clear plastic bowl in her desk. She said nothing else was missing from the room. The woman's roommate did not see anyone enter the room.

•OUPD was called to East Vandenburg when an RA reported a room door unlocked and vacant. Upon entering the room,

the officer noticed the window was open and the screen was ripped. The resident returned and explained she had gone down to do laundry and upon returning she found her room in disarray. The mattress was moved and the desk drawers were opened. She noticed her wallet missing from the desk. Her wallet contained her driver's license, three credit cards and about \$60 in cash.

• The resident of another East

Vandenburg room on the same floor also reported her room robbed. The student reported \$200 in cash stolen from her purse. After returning from the laundry room she noticed her screen torn and her room damaged. The office observed several fingerprints on the window and Oakland County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab was dispatched for print retrieval on the

#### Oakland University Student Congress



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Office.

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#### RUSSI

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taking the symbolic statement of saying 'No, thank you. Because of this budget crunch, I will not take an additional sum."

Senior TJ Tabin said that refusing the raise might have helped to not only cushion the impact the budget cuts will have on the university, but also improve Russi's reputation with students.

"He definitely shouldn't have taken it," he said. "Imagine how cool everyone would think he was if he refused the raise."

Tabin, who makes \$6.50 an hour working in OU's bookstore, added that he thinks a more than \$200,000 annual salary is hefty, even for a university president.

"My year's salary is his bonus," he said.

Russi received a two-year retroactive raise that resulted in a 12 percent pay hike last year, an increase that was announced less than a month after the Academic Affairs Review Committee presented the BOT with a report that criticized Russi's leadership and the university's financial problems.

Russi, who became president in 1996, receives a free car and housing in addition to his annual salary.

#### THEFT

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Oakland County prosecutor sometime this week.
According to Gilroy, some of the stolen items have been recovered and those complaintants will get their belongings returned to them.

Gilroy has advice to prevent this from happening again.
He said most of these crimes occur when students walk

away from study tables and leave their possessions.

"It's a matter of not leaving property unattended," Gilroy

Gilroy also suggested putting individual notes or identifying marks in books. He said to make sure the marks aren't on the cover, but instead on an obscure inside page.

D'Anna said he has never put his name inside of a book like this before, but from now on he probably will.

Gilroy said larcenies are crimes of opportunity, and it is just a matter of not giving a criminal the chance.

#### YAMADA

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Yamada sent his clients to the Lean Institute to fulfill work. That is where Yamada heard about the OU position, which he said matches his philosophy of having a positive impact on others.

The Pawley Institute at OU was started by Board of

Trustee member Dennis Pawley.

"Pawley was instrumental in applying these lean principals

at Chrysler. He's a recognized name," Yamada said.
Pawley retired from Chrysler and has since become a partner in the Lean Learning Center in Novi.

The Pawley Institute is funded by endowment funds. Yamada said the institute must remain self-funding and the leaders must resist the temptation to make money. He said the Institute's goal is to benefit students.

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# Blood shortage looms

BY ADAM DEMENIUK THE OAKLAND POST

The holidays are over, but the American Red Cross still needs OU students to give.

Marie Mangus, spokesperson for the American Red Cross' southeastern Michigan chapter, said the holiday season has impacted blood donations negatively, causing a blood shortage.

"Everyday we need at least 800-900 people to donate in southeastern Michigan. We know people are busier around the holidays, but the demand for blood doesn't dwindle." said

According to Mangus, platelets are highly needed. Platelets are irregular shaped, colorless bodies in the blood that release substances necessary to help blood clot. However, these bodies only last five days, according to the Franklin Institute's website www. sln.fi.edu.

"The cost of providing lifesaving relief to victims of local disasters has outpaced public contributions and financial reserves have fallen to a critical low," according to a Red Cross press

Citizens are challenged to

donate 12 percent more blood this January than last January, according a Red Cross press release. This challenge kicks off January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

Students can donate blood at OU's next blood drive Jan. 28-29, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Oakland

"The blood drives at universities are good because people that wouldn't normally go out and give blood do give blood because it's convenient and easy," said James Bentley, junior.

Trying to attract more donors, the Red Cross has put up several billboards to raise awareness around southeastern Michigan. Counties most affected by the shortage are Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and St. Clair, according to Mangus.

There are a few requirements to donate blood.

"People have to be in general good health, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs," said Mangus. Anyone with a tattoo newer than 12 months old cannot donate blood.

In addition to collecting blood, the Red Cross is accepting financial donations and is collecting blankets, a way people who cannot donate blood can still help out, Mangus said.

"Currently we have a blanket drive to help the homeless. Individuals who want to help can drop blankets off at any donor center or at our mobile drives," Mangus said.

Last year, the Red Cross distributed more than 7,000 blankets to the homeless. This year's goal is 9,000 blankets, according

The Red Cross operates seven days a week. If people would like to donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.semredcross.org.

## Minimun drug sentence eliminated

By ADAM L. NEAL LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

The days of sending convicted drug criminals to a mandatory minimum sentence will be a thing of the past starting March 1.

The change is the result of former Governor. John Engler signing bills in his last few weeks in office in December eliminating Michigan's mandatory minimum sentence law for drug crimes, his spokesperson

This is in hopes to reduce taxpayers' money being used in the Michigan correction system. The legislation will now give more power to judges by letting them decide how long the convicted drug criminals will be sentenced to prison.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums was one of the leading groups to have the law passed and is

happy with the outcome. "FAMM is very grateful of Gov. John Engler and his legislation for doing this," said Director of Communications for FAMM Monica Pratt. "This has been a long, ongoing issue, and we are all glad to see it coming through."

Instead of requiring a minimum sentence for drug convictions, Michigan Acts 665, 666 and 670 allow judges to now sentence an offender for any time up to 20 years with a five-year probation period and

possible early parole. Michigan was one of the first states to approve minimum sentencing laws in 1978. The rest of the country followed around the mid-1980s and the federal government started it between 1986-1988, Pratt said.

It was first intended to catch big drug groups and convict drug kingpins.

In the mid-1990s some states found the laws were making the government spend too much tax money,

so most states eliminated it. "It costs about \$32,000 of taxpayers' money to

house an immate in jail for a year," Pratt said. "It is about \$122 million per year going towards prisons. Some \$100 million of dollars could be saved in the long run with this new law."

The Department of Corrections has already begun to look at files of prisoners that could possibly be eligible for parole with the new law.

"The parole board will start to hear cases and expect to have many released," Pratt said.

The figures are not all in, but Pratt said 3,480 years will be dismissed from 1,095 prisoners with the new law.

Pratt is expecting the same support from newly elected Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

She said Granholm is fair, but is glad the law was put into place when it did because it was an ongoing campaign and Engler really heard families' voices.



Librarians at the Auburn Hills library say they are happy the library will not be affected by budget cuts.

# Students hurt

BY ADAM L. NEAL LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

If it is hard to find someone at the local grocery store to point to the toothpaste asile when associates are all around the store, it may be even be harder to find the special edition copy of Shakespeare's play "Hamlet' throughout the thousands of books shelved in local libraries now that it may have to decrease staff due to community budge cuts.

The question of which area of the community will be effected most is looming around local libraries. The Berkley and Clawson libraries are just two of the growing list that are seeing cuts.

The Berkley library has already cut hours and is starting to lay off employees due to recent budget

Friday closings have already occurred at the Clawson library, which is also expecting more cuts later on in the year.

The library in neighboring Auburn Hills, just a five-minute walk across Squirrel Road from OU, is looking to pick up business after closing in December from a sewermain break and re-opening last

The Auburn Hills Public Library is based on a community budget from taxes, like most libraries, and does not rely on outside resources.

According to the Michigan Library Association's website, www.mla.lib.mi.us, there are more than 130 Michigan communities that have libraries supported by their own millages.

"We are very fortunate to have a good tax-paying community where we have no cuts," said Hester Hull, Auburn Hills Library director. "Some core libraries in southern Oakland County like Berkley and Clawson are having cuts, but when you get into northern Oakland

County we are a financially stable community.'

Hull credits the area to the success of local libraries.

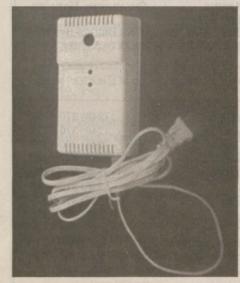
"These are the communities people are moving to, and with Auburn Hills having the industry it has in it, we are doing just fine. Places like Orion, Rochester and the surrounding communities are not affected," she said.

The Rochester Hills Public Library is not planning any hour or staff cuts for the upcoming year.

Carol Tabaka, graduate student, said she feels libraries are a necessity to learning.

"I am an English major, so I feel reading is very important. I spend a lot of time in my local library," Tabaka said. "The effect of library cuts will both come on a national level as much as a local level. Reading is education, and education is power."

# Carbon monoxide: a silent, deadly killer



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post Carbon monoxide detectors, like this one, can be purchused in many department stores for around \$20.

By ADAM L. NEAL LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Besides burglars, safety officials across the nation are warning of something else that could be sneaking into homes this winter: carbon monoxide.

"Carbon monoxide (CO) danger has been a growing concern, especially over the past 10 years," said Michael Smith, assistant chief and fire marshal for the Auburn Hills Fire Department.

"Making sure furnaces are professionally inspected and checked once a year is very important," he said. "You should try to have it done by the time it starts to get cold, around October, but around now is a good time to do it, too."

Carbon monoxide, known as the silent killer, is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that is released from incomplete buring of hydrocarbon-based fuels, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

It can interfere with the delivery of oxy-

gen in the blood to the rest of the body. Smith said anything that releases and/or burns a fuel is a possible target for around \$20. a carbon monoxide leak.

Appliances such as natural gas cooking stoves, hot water heaters and chimnies all have a possibility of leaking carbon monoxide, Smith said.

He said installing at least one carbon monoxide detector in the house is a good way to be safe.

"The carbon monoxide detectors have become much more advanced and reliable in the past few years," Smith said. "When they first came out on the market, about 10 years

ago, we got called to a lot of homes because (the detectors) were so sensitive. Now they are very good and reliable."

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased in many department stores for

Smith recommends car-

bon monoxide detectors

with the Underwriters

Laboratories Inc. (UL Inc.) symbol that sounds

Kathleen Quandt, jun-

ior, said having a carbon

monoxide detector is a

"We have one in my

house," she said. "It is a

good idea because you

hear all the time about

cases happening with

an audible alarm.

smart idea.

#### CO poisoning symptoms

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath Nausea
- Dizziness

Information provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

carbon monoxide in the news." For more information to links about the hazards of carbon monoxide and safety precautions log on to

www.oakpostonline.com.

#### according to an email allegedly sent by Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant Ayman al-Zawahiri. The email is also urging Muslim militants to discontinue attacks against Egypt. U.S. intelligence cannot confirm or deny that the email came from al-Zawahiri, however they are investigating the claim. al-Zawahiri is believed to be bin Laden's doctor and primary al-Qaeda strategist. He founded Egyptian Islamic Jihad, which merged with al-Qaeda during the late 1990s, according

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Continued attacks against

Americans could soon be coming

 Clonaid, the group claiming it cloned the first human, is under pressure from the public and former ABC journalist Michael Guillen, who has suspended his regular job to research the claim. Clonaid is a Las Vegas-based religious organization that believes space aliens came down to Earth, created human beings and began cloning. The group granted Guillen access to investigate if both babies born in an unidentified country, the first baby to a U.S. couple and the second to a lesbian couple in the Netherlands, were actually cloned or not. Guillen is suspending the investigation due to lack of access to the babies and will only continue if unbiased professionals do both the DNA testing.

 A nationwide manhunt for five men believed to be infiltrating the U.S. from Canada turned out to be a hoax. The men were allegedly planning terrorist attacks against the U.S. around the holiday season. Even though officials were skeptical about the claims, the FBI, along with 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies, made finding the men a top priority. Michael John Hamdani, a suspected terrorist who officials had in custody, told them about these men. Even after passing the polygraph test, FBI agents were not absolutely sure he was telling the truth. A man pictured as one of the five men wanted called from Pakistan saying he was innocent and has never been to America insisting it was a case of mistaken identity. The hunt has now been called off.

North Korea, who kicked out U.N. nuclear weapons inspectors last week and admitted the country had resumed a nuclear weapons program, threatened any economic sanctions against it would be considered in an act of war. This came Tuesday after the U.S., South Korea and Japan were ready for a second day of meetings to decide what to do with North Korea if it did not stop its nuclear weapons program. In previous agreements North Korea said it would halt its program. North Korean officials said if it comes down to war, they are ready.

#### Global

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• Beleaguered Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez apparently didn't have caller ID when two radio show hosts from a morning show got access to his private line and pretended to be Cuban President Fidel Castro. One of the hosts called Chavez's secretary pretending to be Castro and got access to Chavez's private line. When Chavez picked up the phone, he, along with many Miami listeners, heard a tape recording of Castro's voice. Chavez kept talking to the recording really thinking it was Castro on the other end. After a minute the hosts told Chavez it was a prank and he became silent. Looks like the joke is now on Chavez.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal, Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources

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### **Editorial**

#### Timing of raise ironic

It is ironic that while OU goes through financial upheaval, OU President Russi remains personally unaffected because of a BOT-approved salary raise he received the same day as budget cuts were officially announced.

Outgoing governor John Engler approved a higher education cut in late December that means OU receives \$1 million less (a 2 percent cut) from the state this year.

The university knew about the potential cut for several months. Academic department chairs and other divisions were asked to have plans in place in case of 5-7 percent budget cuts.

The chunk of change OU loses is cause for a concern. What programs will be cut or shrunk at the expense of Russi's raise? Tuition raises for fall 2003 seem inevitable but may occur as early as spring. Because students don't see a difference in their

bills immediately doesn't mean they won't be hit hard.
Perhaps Russi could have refused the raise and returned the money to OU and its students in order to help ease their transition through the budget cuts.

The raise, though it may have been deserved, cannot go unnoticed in light of the budget cuts.

Since OU pays for his house and insurance and DaimlerChrysler gives him a new car every year, it doesn't seem unreasonable to go without the extra money until OU's funding is back to normal.

His raise (which is equal to \$7,865) could pay for two, four-credit classes taught by OU's lowest paid part-time instructors.

Affordability of tuition is at the forefront of students' minds. Many OU students are commuters who live at home and work to pay for OU's first-rate education. Therefore keeping tuition rates low should be a huge priority for OU's administration.

What's the point of effectively soliciting millions of dollars from donors if enrollment drops because a percentage of students can no longer afford to attend classes?

If the 2010 vision is going to happen, things need to shape up. More cuts are clearly on the horizon.

Maybe some of the more obvious places to save money, such as raises, should be the first to go instead of the programs that boost the prestige of OU in the area.



### Letters to the editor

#### Student angered by president's pay increase

Dear Editor

John Cicardi had it right when he made the observation that "a university is what a college becomes when it loses interest in its students."

With the potential cut in state funding, the higher powers of OU seem to be up in arms about the money the school could be losing. As stated in a recent issue of The Post, "The new year will bring significant financial challenge to OU." How curious then that a 4 percent increase in President Russi's salary was recently approved ... OU is more of a business than an institution of higher learning.

The school claims to be one aimed at students, yet contradicts itself in its continuing interest to gain a profit. From the unnecessary second golf course that they just had to have (which happens to be losing money,) to the condescending staff in the financial aid office, OU continues to live up to the name that it's students so lovingly gave it in return, "Jokeland" University.

Melanie Flynn Sophomore English

Dear Editor,

I just had a quick comment to make about Mike Touchette's Election Day letter. He says, "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."

My comment is this: Vote absentee.

I've been doing it since I started voting. Absentee voting is made for those who cannot make it to the polls. Take advantage of what's available.

Name withheld upon request Junior Psychology

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Featured Columnists

#### King's legacy offers hope



GLORIA SOSA

Office of Equity director

On April 4, 1968, a shot was fired that was heard around the world. One of the greatest pacifists, orators and philosophers of all time was brutally murdered as he prepared to deliver a speech to striking garbage workers in Memphis, Tenn. This speech would focus the attention of the country on a nationwide campaign to help the poor. His compassion and passion knew few bounds.

Martin Luther King Jr. understood what risks he faced as he spoke clearly and adamantly about what was right for America, and about what was right for humanity. While his words were spoken to focus on freedoms that ought to be granted to Black Americans, he always framed his thoughts on freedoms that were the right of all human kind and on dreams that belonged to all of us individually and collectively.

On Jan. 20, OU will celebrate the life, legacy and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. We will hear from those whom he has touched and march together on campus to commemorate the soul of this great man. As we mark this day, and as Americans around the country bow their heads in remembrance and in hope for peace, consider thoughtfully King's words:

"Knowledge and discipline are as indispensable as courage and self-sacrifice ... the forging of priceless qualities of character must take place as a high moral ground is pursued."

It is in these words, and within ourselves, that our true freedoms ring.

In this new year, find your own dream. Fulfill your own legacy. Begin your own march. Mark this day and the theme of African American

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Celebration Month, "the Souls
of Black Folk," by looking into
your own soul, your own passions and your own calls for
freedom from what binds and
hinders you. By all means, let
your inner freedom ring. It is
in this that each one of us can
give to the greater cause.

The theme for this year's

Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet, a banquet held yearly to recognize students who have honored Dr. King's legacy, is "the Dream in You." Remember that Dr. King was

only 39 years old at the time of his death. Remember that at 35 he won the Nobel Prize for Peace. Remember that while he might have felt the risk and the possibility that his life would taken by an extremist and hateful faction of the population, he did not let those fears halt his passion or impact his goal. Let's remember these ideals and these realities as we look at ourselves and move forward, with a positive and passionfilled outlook in 2003.

### Dispatch from the 'real world'



MIKE MURPHY

I graduated from OU 18 months ago. I was 22 at the time. As I walked across the stage and grabbed that strange proxy diploma, I felt grown-up and ready for the "real world."

Now I know better.
At OU, I had an amazing time in a unique place. If you're reading this, you're lucky to be there, doing what you're doing. You're living and learning in an amazing, supportive and safe environment.

But if you think you're in college preparing to live the rest of your life, you're only seeing half of the big picture.

After 18 months in the real world, I came to the realization that it doesn't exist. Don't let the extensive student support services fool you - the real world is here and now. Look over the newspaper right now, and take it in.

I thought that once I graduated, everything would fall into place and I would just walk down the path in front of me. It's not as easy as that.

You'll see. You won't have classes and semesters to mark your time. You don't have a diploma hanging in front of your face like a carrot on a stick as a goal to work

toward.

There's no grades to show you how well you're doing. You could use your paycheck as a measure of self-worth, and a lot of people do. They're all unhappy, though, because it's never enough.

Since I graduated I've

moved three times, switched, and ended up working in the Eastern part of the U.S. I've learned a lot about myself and the world around me; I've learned how much I don't know. I'm much more humble now and more appreciative of the opportunities that have

been handed to me.
Whatever I thought I was preparing myself for, it hasn't happened yet. And those years that I thought were

formative were much more than that.

Graduation is more than a finish line; it's a milestone on a longer journey. Nothing really begins, except for a job (hopefully), and nothing really ends, except for a tuition bill.

I had a lot of misconceptions about the "real world" when I graduated, but I had one thing right. I woke up that morning in May and it felt like it was the first day of the rest of my life. It was. The thing is, we wake up every morning on the first day of the rest of our lives. Where you go from sunrise to sunset today can be a big step or a little step towards where you want to be, or where you end up. It's up to you.

# Point/Counterpoint

#### Should Bush's health care plan insure unborn children?

#### Yes

By DANIELLE KHOURI ADVERTISING MANAGER

Health insurance in the U.S. continues to be a problem, but it seems that any time President Bush takes steps toward improving the situation, he receives backlash from one organization or another.

Bush's new policy to offer insurance to unborn children would provide assistance to the 10 million impoverished, uninsured women in the U.S. The policy would help pregnant women without insurance receive prenatal care.

Many women are now offered the medical treatment and education needed to provide the best environment for their child.

Prenatal care decreases the risk of birth defects, premature births and provides earlier detection of genetic disorders.

With prenatal care, the mother is less likely to have as many complications during the pregnancy, which decreases the total cost of medical

Bush's new policy is receiving backlash from pro-choice groups across the country. They claim that this is just a ploy to create legal rights for a fetus. It is possible that at a later time it can be used to prevent abortions. But right now it is a great way to help pregnant women who are poor receive care for their children.

Last year, the country's Children's

Health Program had to give back \$3.2 billion in funds to the federal government because it was unable to spend the money. These funds could be available to help children and their mothers.

Many pro-choice activists also lobby for better rights for women. This plan is an advantage for women.

If poor women cannot be approved for health care when they are not pregnant, then it is virtually impossible for them to get approved after they are pregnant. With this new regulation, they could now obtain some medical treatment.

Why not take this as a positive stride in the right direction toward better health care? Americans complain because most health insurance companies do not cover preventive medical testing and procedures.

This is a positive step to ensure the health of millions of babies and their mothers.

#### No

By GAYLE ISSA MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

As Bush charges ahead with a collection of Republicanized proposals, one of the most significant may be under his new health plan.

Since last year, Bush pushed for a reclassification of embryos and fetuses to "unborn children" in order to give them more legal rights.

Naturally, pro-choice advocates
have had a field day with that one.
As recently as last week, the Texas

As recently as last week, the Texas Supreme Court upheld a state law that MediCaid could not be used for abortions unless it was a case of rape, incest or jeopardized health.

However, it seems 21st century atti-

However, it seems 21st century attriudes to health should be different.

No one is in favor of abortions in reality. For most, it is a horrifying last resort. But what the Bush administration needs to step up and realize is that it is trying to make a political point about the morality of abortions—something that should not be within the government's arena.

With the plan that came into effect in the fall and continues to develop today, unborn children can receive prenatal care according to the National Right to Life Committee.

But abortion-rights advocates obviously see this as a dangerous impediment for women because the rights of fetuses are placed above those of the pregnant women.

This is the first time a fetus has been designated as a person for the purpose of receiving benefits. The National Abortion Rights Action League believes this undermines a woman's right to choose.

The new regulations create a conflict between the interests of the woman and the fetus. There is not sufficient focus on the woman. What if the woman has a health problem that needs attention at the expense of the child such as cancer and needs radiation treatment?

Perhaps the Bush administration could create an initiative that takes care of all pregnant women as well as their unborn children. In this way women can rest assured knowing that the state will help take care of them. In this way women will have a real choice about the future of their pregnancy. The better the health care afforded to them, the more likely abortions will decrease in number.

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#### **OUPD**

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that many crimes," said Gruszczynski.

With its new resources, the department will be able to

step up its involvement in such programs as Rape Aggression Defense and

#### SOLAR

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example, two kilowatts of energy will power a single home, this amount of energy could power four or five ideal

"This could be one of the biggest solar energy shingle projects in the Midwest," said

Leidel said costs are roughly \$10,000 per kilowatt to install. He said it is a very expensive system so it won't save OU money right away. Over the years, it will eventually pay for itself by using solar energy.

With the type of panels that OU is installing, no energy is stored up but the energy cap-

Alcohol Awareness. The programs are designed to prevent criminal offenses from occurring by educating students and involving them with local law enforcement, Lucido said.

tured will be sent to another part of the university.

Any energy not being used will be transported to the closest building that needs energy, most likely the student apartments. All energy collected will be immediately used.

The Jarecki School at

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Mich. already uses photovolactic power. It was the first facility in Michigan to utilize solar power. OU and Michigan State will follow suit and find a new efficient way to create power and educate their students.

#### **EMAIL**

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applications like Eudora, Microsoft Outlook Express, Mac OS X mail and Pine will continue to work just as they have under the old system. One of the changes with

the new system involves webmail. "New features will be available. Students, faculty and

staff will all quickly find the features and options they are looking for," Rowe said. "Things like spell check, junk mail filtering, email forwarding, and compatibility with

most browsers available will

help make the new webmail

much more friendly." According to Rowe, the money for new email system is coming from the Academic Affairs budget and the gener-

al fund. One concern from Board of Trustee member Dennis Pawley was the cost of such an upgrade in the wake of looming budget cuts.

According to Rowe, the cost of maintaining the existing

system is already high because of the number of failures and time spent supporting the system.

"Note that email supports the research and educational mission. Lost email has a cost for the institution. Every failure takes senior technical staff time to resolve, also a high cost," Rowe said.

"The university is also looking at other cost-cutting measures that reduce the amount of traditional paper mailings, which are very expensive," Rowe said. "A strong email foundation is required for the transition from high-cost paper mailing to low-cost emailing."

Another reason, beside price, OU chose Mirapoint was for the antivirus protec-

Mirapoint is used at other schools such as Wayne State University, Central Michigan University, Baker College and Virginia Tech.

#### ZONE

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According to Holder and the MEDC, all the local property taxes and up to 50 percent of the local public schools' operating taxes within the Smart Zones can be collected for up to 15 years by Rochester Hills.

This money can then be used to develop the area by building roads and telecommunications, purchasing property, and marketing and promoting the

"The advantage for Rochester Hills is that we can capture up to 50 percent of school tax money for which the schools are then reimbursed by the State,"

Russi told the BOT that locating the Smart Zone provides extra incentives to the businesses. These incentives include opportunities for students in internships, access to ideas, research and development areas, intellectual property and university faculty are all things that Russi cited as reasons for businesses to come to the Smart Zone.

"The combination makes for a very dynamic team to compete against," City of Rochester Hills Planning Director Ed Aznek said about teaming up the city and OU.

The Rochester Hills agreement says OU will have responsibilities of its own.

According to Russi's recommendation to the Board, OU will have to create programs to support student involvement in the businesses, protect intellectual property for technologies, provide non-exclusive meeting places for businesses in the incubator, provide businesses opportunities to be involved in OU's education and research, provide library access as long as it does not violate "academic use only limitations and possible faculty appointments within the businesses.

Russi told the Board that nothing in either the Rochester Hills agreement or the draft of the Smart Zone operating agreement require OU give up any land.

However building on campus is a possibility "... But Oakland University will have that option in the future, subject to Board approval," Russi said.

Holder said new business can be built along Adams and Hamlin Roads in Rochester Hills. Already existing businesses can also be part of the program. Holder does not think space for businesses will be a problem.

This plan will not cost OU any money. "No one owes anyone anything other than the pledge to support each other's mutually benefiting efforts in developing this SmartZone to compete for high tech industry on a global basis," Aznek said.

The recommendation to the BOT by Russi also said this Smart Zone agreement does not prevent OU from applying or receiving grants or any other type of funding.

The Smart Zone participation does not require any general fund money support, Russi said, though it may require additional time commitments on the part of staff. Russi pledged it would not require any new positions to be created.

Holder said there are many positives for OU under the Smart Zone agree-

"The incentive for the university under the Smart Zone designation is that they can seek grants to assist technology-based industry in getting their products to market which is the beginning of a much broader spectrum," said

According to Russi, there are educational opportunities that will come out of this Smart Zone agreement. He cited partnerships with business and government in basic and applied research, student placements with businesses in the Smart Zone, the development of degree and certificate programs with Smart Zone businesses, Smart Zone programs and research grants and other contracts and local external experts to aid in classroom learning as just a few of the bene-

He said businesses in the Smart Zone could increase fundraising, which will support academic and student programs

Russi also sees the Smart Zone as a way of attracting quality faculty, staff and students to the area.

Russi's said in his recommendation to the BOT that the Oakland County Smart Zone will have three parts including a certified tech park designation for Rochester Hills and Southfield and a Smart Zone coordinating council. The council will be established by the operating agreement so that the two tech parks, Rochester Hills and Southfield can work together to make the Smart Zone successful

Neither Russi, Holder nor the BOT could find any negatives in the Smart Zone agreement.

"At this point we have only established that this is beneficial for Rochester Hills and the University, we have created the Smart Zone district and it has been approved. The details will be forthcoming," Holder said.

Within the state, MEDC was allowed to create up to 10 Smart Zone areas by Dec. 31, 2002. Nine had been created up by Dec. 20 when Oakland County was added as the tenth.

Along with Oakland County the other Smart Zone areas in Michigan are Calhoun County's Battle Creek, the Michigan Tech Enterprise in Houghton County, the Lansing Regional in Ingham County, Mount Pleasant in Isabella County, the Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo County, the Grand Rapids in Kent County, the Muskegeon Lakeshore in Muskegon County, the Washtenaw County, the Pinnacle Smart Zone-Woodward Technology Corridor in Wayne County and the Oakland Automation Alley in Oakland County.

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Student Organizations interested in reserving a table for this event, please stop in the CSA.

OU's Campus College Bowl Championship

this year's Campus College Bowl Championship will be held on Saturday, January 25 in the Oakland Center peginning at 9:00 a.m. The entry foe is \$20 per team of four players. Sign up now at the CSA Service

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- Cats (February 16)

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# Eating green

#### From veggies to pastas, meatless options abound on campus

By KAREN TURK THE OAKLAND POST

The Vegetarian Resource Group reports that college students with "health, ecological concerns, (and) compassion for animals" are among those choosing a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. Many OU students have adopted a meatless diet.

Vegetarians eating in the Oakland Center have a variety of restaurants to choose from such as Noble Roman's Pizza, Subway, Coyote Jack's and Chic-Fil-A.

Options in the residence hall cafeteria include pasta, salad bars, pizza and on-display cooking. However, by eliminating dairy products, vegans limit their

options anywhere, including in OU.

Sarah Quagliotto, sophomore, a partial vegan, is disappointed with the selection, though.

"I've gotten stuff they said was vegetarian and found chicken in it. I feel there is really no healthy selection (for vegans) other than salad, which gets old."

According to Andrew Willows, general manager of Chartwells, there are many options in Vandenberg Cafeteria as well as in the OC, and they are always trying to accommodate student needs.

"We feel we have the right balance to meet the needs of vegetarian and non-vegetarian students," he said. He said that they make menu changes monthly when they meet

with the student body. Vegetarians don't eat poultry, meat and fish, whereas vegans

avoid using and eating anything containing animals or their byproducts, including milk, cheese and eggs. Former student, Julie Pepin, has been a vegetarian for nine

"It's better for our health not to eat meat. People who eat meat are 50 percent more likely to get cancer," Pepin said, explaining

her no-meat stance. In 1997, the American Dietetic Association released data showing links between meatless diets and lower levels of colon and

Vegetarians also have lower rates of heart disease and osteoporosis, according to VRG Online.

A common myth is vegetarians don't get enough protein. By eating foods such as soy, tofu and nuts, vegetarians' intake of

protein is comparable to that of meat eaters. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals reports that "the human body uses about 70 percent of the protein found in meat

(while it uses) 60 to 65 percent of that found in soybeans.' The proper vegetarian diet can fulfill all nutritional needs con-

sistent with the American Dietetic Association's standards. Quagliotto has been a vegetarian on and off for the last three years. Her main motivation for cutting out animal products from

her diet is to protest the inhumane treatment of animals. Vegsource.com states "the average American will eat 1,100 animals in his or her lifetime."

A large portion of animals in slaughterhouses and factory farms receive ill treatment and abuse including hormone and antibiotic injections and extreme physical restrictions on their movement. Ecology is also a contributing factor for some choosing a vegetar-

VRG's research shows that vegetarians help conserve resources such as water, land and energy and, in turn, "help the world

hunger problem." Pepin agreed.

"In the U.S., animals are fed more than 80 percents of the corn grown and more than 95 percent of the oats grown. If people stopped eating meat ... the grain could be used to feed people in starving countries that need it," she said.

For those who do not live or eat on campus, there are lots of meatless products available in many grocery stores. All Boca and Morningstar Farms products are meatless.



The Association of Black Students has been active around OU this school year, and will continue to do so through 2003. Its first meeting is

# Striving to unite

By Laura Angus CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

ince 1975, the Association of Black Students has served the African American students of OU. They offer minorities on campus a voice and support during their years at the university.

The organization was started "For the political, social and academic advancement of minorities on Oakland's campus," explained ABS president, Ashli Bobo, senior.

Organizations like this were formed around the country during the civil rights movement in the mid 1960s. There were also a lot of protests and sit-ins on OU's campus, but during these protests, there were also discussions to try to resolve the issues.

"The mid-1960s (at OU) were a reflection of what was going on in society," said Geraldine Graham, director of Upward Bound. "It was (a) social uprising because people wanted

more rights.' In its history, ABS has worked for the advancement of black students as well as other students at OU.

Bobo said ABS pushed for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at OU. It was also involved the creation of the Office of

More than 25 years later, the organization is still strong. ABS advisor and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean, Glenn representing the races and sexes.

First meeting of the winter semester

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Noon, Gold Room A, OC

McIntosh, commented on the strong leader-

ship of this year's group.

"They really step up," said McIntosh. "They are very active and visible on campus." Currently, there are 150 ABS members.

Students interested in joining simply need to pay the \$1 membership fee to any member of the executive board.

The first general meeting of the semester will be held at noon on Tuesday in Gold Room A. Regular meetings are held from 12 -1 p.m. every other Tuesday in the Oakland

On January 20, OU will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Festivities sponsored by ABS, Student Congress and CSA will take place throughout the day, with a march at 11:30 a.m., a speaker at noon in the OC food court and a vigil at 7 p.m. outside of the OC.

Another major event will take place on Feb. 7 when ABS holds its annual Fashion Show as part of African American Celebration Month. This year's theme is "Stylin' in the

Recently, ABS was awarded "Event of the Year" for its Fashion Show. The award is voted for by other student organizations through the CSA.

According to Bobo, there will be a "paradise atmosphere," and the show will strive to show diversity. The models will be diverse in

ABS is involved with more than festivities on campus. ABS is active with the Office of Equity and works to support its members.

According to former ABS president, Lenny Compton, senior, ABS is currently striving to expand the Office of Equity. They are also trying to inform minorities of scholarships on campus and increase student awareness of the Office of Equity.

"A lot of people don't know about the office,"

According to Bobo, ABS's goal for the 2002-2003 school year is "To show our members that academics is the number one reason for being at OU."

McIntosh said that the group is doing this with speakers. These speakers are faculty or staff members and their topics are often on paper writing or other study skills.

ABS has also worked with the Academic Skills Center and the study tables in the Residence Halls.

"They are really pushing the ideology that (academics) is their first priority while at OU," McIntosh said.

Bobo said another goal is to show diversity and support other multi-cultural organizations in OU.

"We're trying to bring everyone together,"

#### **Upcoming ABS Events**

Monday, Jan. 20 MLK Day Festivities March: 11:30 a.m., First Lobby, Vandenberg

Speaker: Noon, Pioneer Food Court Vigil: 7 p.m., outside of the OC

# Excellence at OU

# Student overcomes challenges, meets goals

By Laura Angus CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Taking on a full class load is a lot for many students. Add a social life and family commitments and college students are busy individ-

Senior Ashli Bobo has taken on a lot more. She was elected president of the Association of Black Students in April 2002, after being a member since her freshman

"I've been able to handle it all," said Bobo of her many responsibilities, "but I've been real-

Bobo joined ABS after seeing how beneficial the organization was for black students in OU's community.

"I saw that they were a very active organization," she said. "I liked how they reached out to minorities.'

Prior to her election as president, Bobo was involved in many of the organization's committees.

Of everything Bobo has been a part of and done during her time as president, she said getting to know the other members of the organization and networking with faculty and staff are her favorite parts of the posi-

The biggest challenge of her position is try-

ing to achieve all of the goals she has set for herself as president.

Bobo is active in other facets of OU. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She is also an Orientation Group Leader and a peer mentor in the Office of Equity.

Bobo is majoring in journalism, and has been very successful in this field. She has already had an internship with Channel 2.

"It helped me to see that's a field I want to pursue," said Bobo of the internship. Recently, Bobo had to turn down an intern-

ship in New York. The broadcasting station CBS offered her an opportunity to work for five weeks, from early December to mid January, but she had to decline because it was during finals.

Bobo chose journalism as her major because she likes to write and communicate

"I have an interest in what's going on in the local community, the nation and the world,"

Bobo's biggest struggle in life is trying to meet others' expectations, as well as her own expectations for herself.

"People always expect something of you," In spite of this struggle, Bobo has had no problem with excelling in everything she

She has received several honors during her college years. She is an OU Trustee Academic Scholar and received the Keeper of the Dream award last year.

In addition to the honor of the award, the Keeper of the Dream award includes a \$5,000 scholarship.

Bobo says that award is her greatest achievement, and she is proudest of that accomplishment.

because it shows what I've done at Oakland," she said. "I've tried to be a voice in the uni-Inspiring her in this is Karen Lloyd, the

"Not because of the monetary award, but

assistant dean of students and Bobo's biggest influence at OU.

"She's someone I've looked up to since I've been at OU," said Bobo. "She always (keeps) her door open, which is something all staff

Bobo's two older brothers also inspire her because they show her she can overcome her

Bobo plans on graduating at the end of this winter semester. She is considering studying public health in graduate school at Ohio State University or finding a job in the journalism field.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Pos

Senior Ashli Bobo works hard to live up to her goals and expectations as the president of the Association of Black Students. She is also an OU Trustee Academic Scholar and last year's recipient of the Keeper of the Dream Award. Bobo will graduate at the end of this semester with a degree in journalism.

# Club's popularity soars

### Hip-hop dance club to perform at games

By SANDARELLA BATRES ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

'ntrigue hip-hop dance club could be performing at OU men and women basketball games this semester.

Impressed with what a big hit Intrigue was at Midnight Madness last fall, Assistant Athletic Director of Marketing Mark Doman approached Shaquonda Binion, junior and president of Intrigue, about performing at games.

"Fans will love them," he said. Intrigue hasn't performed yet but could be at the next men's home basketball game on Jan.

When Intrigue performs, it will be in addition to the show, along with the Images dance team and the Pep Band.

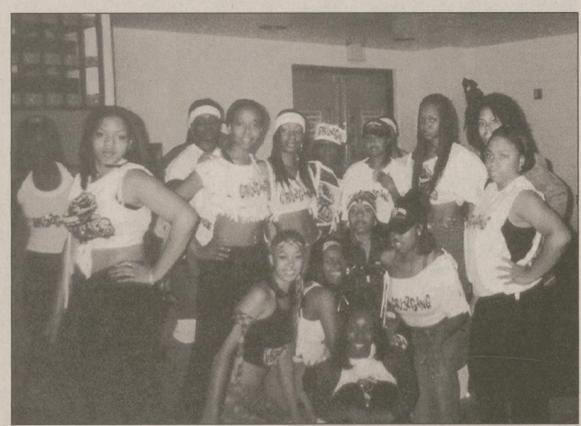
"(We) couldn't make it happen with the students away on break," said Doman.

The dance club started with four women, three years ago. "We are here to expose the campus to the hip hop culture of

dance," said Binion. Intrigue is serious and it plans on being on campus for a long

"Every year we grow and get better," said Binion.

Intrigue has also danced for the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) scholarship pageant last fall. Binion said the group draws large crowds whenever it per-



Hip-hop dance team Intrigue is known for its attitude, style and talent at its performance during Midnight Madness. Watch for future performances at men's and women's basketball games

Intrigue practices three times a week, two to four hours a day. Members are friends outside of

"Being part of Intrigue gives members a comfort zone," said

She also said that the group is very home orientated.

"I've seen a shy girl go to outgoing," said Binion. "It's a way for girls to show their skills and have a great time.'

Some are dance majors for whom dancing is their life goal, others joined just for fun. Intrigue Vice President Dara Turmer is a three-year charter

member of the club. "To the team as a whole, our focus is unity through diversity," said Turner.

With the team growing every

year, Intrigue members said they feel more people are keeping an eye on them.

"The growth of the group has brought us more attention," said

Intrigue's main goal is to entertain the audience. It dances to music artists ranging from Justin Timberlake to Jay Z.

"We always pick music to cater to the crowd we are performing for," said Binion. "We cater to the date, whatever is hot on the radio, you can expect us to dance

Students don't need to be a dance major or have any background in dance to become a member.

"You have to have the attitude," said Binion. She has been dancing her whole life. She's a communication major and plans to have dance in her future.

"I will always continue to teach dance," said Binion.

Hip-hop is spreading throughout OU. The department of campus recreation offered Binion a position to teach a hip-hop aerobics class in the Rec Center start-

Intrigue will be performing on Jan. 17 during the AKA hair

Also, look for Intrigue's annual Hip Hop Phenomenon show at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Varner recital

#### Wednesday, Jan. 8

• The College Bowl demonstration will be held at noon in the Fireside Lounge of the

#### Friday, Jan. 10

- The Residence Halls Programming is holding Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg
- A presentation called Shaw: Our Contemporary will be at 12-1 p.m. at 112 East Vanderberg Hall.

#### Saturday, Jan. 11

- The Pontiac Oakland Symphony will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.
- MBAG Exhibition-Russian Icon Painting will open at 4 p.m. at 209 Wilson Hall.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 15

• Shaw Film Festival: The Devil's Disciples will be be shown from 7-9 p.m. in 112 East Vandenberg

#### Friday, Jan. 17

- The SPB: Bowling Party will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Classic Lanes in Rochester
- Alpha Kappa Alpha's Hair Show will be held from 7-9 p.m. at 201 Dodge
- A video on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be shown all day in the Honor's College, Kresge Library, Oakland Center, and Recreation and Athlectics Center.

#### Saturday, Jan. 18

- OU Bumpers Games Room Championship Tournament/ACUI Qualifying Tournament will be held at a yet to be announced time in Bumpers Games Room in the basement of the
- SPB Rhythms Den: That One Guy is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Fireside Lounge in the
- The Petrella Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

#### Monday, Jan.20

 The ABS All-Campus Unity March will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the first lobby in Vandenberg Hall.

# t. A. T. u. too cool

By SANDARELLA BATRES ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Two teenage girls from Moscow known as t.A.T.u. have released a powerful, effervescent pop record. t.A.T.u.'s pop electronica has an edge that motivated producer Trevor Horn to work with t.A.T.u on English language versions of "200 Km/h in the wrong lane" released on Interscope Records.

The group's Lena Katina and Julia Volkova became the most explosive and controversial act in Eastern Europe last year with their scandalous single, "All the things she said," the story of a love affair between two young girls.

The bands bold, fearless sense of freedom has made its English album "200 Km/h in the wrong lane" soar on MTV music charts.

t.A.T.u. is trying to make a statement with this



Photo courtesy of Interscope Records Russian pop group, t. A. T. u. makes its American debut with "200 km/h in the wrong lane." It was released Dec. 10, 2002.

record. This music group is about saying what you feel, not what others expect. On www.tatugirls.com, t.A.T.u. says "be in love, be

yourself and we are." Pop bands come and go. Some can have a hard enough time getting along and staying friends without breaking up.

If t.A.T.u can keep an intimate relationship with one another to stay a band, it could keep its suc-

# 'Clear Body,' clear waste of time

"Clear Body, Clear Mind"

by L. Ron Hubbard

Bridge Publications, Inc.

254 pages

By RANDY DUDEK ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the recent onslaught of man-made chemicals and drugs covering the past halfcentury of human innovation, it was only a matter of time before somebody blamed progress for the physical and mental state of humanity. Enter L. Ron Hubbard and "Clear Body, Clear Mind."

The late founder of the Church of Scientology, Hubbard's 1990 book is based on research that he compiled and details a self-purification method that he developed. The book attempts to explain how toxins such as radiation and street drugs accumulate in a person's fatty tissue, as well as, offers a solution to remove them.

The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress, drugs and other biochemical substances," writes Hubbard. "These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."

The purification program Hubbard offers is a regimen combining nutrition, exercise and a sauna sweat-out that purports to dislodge the toxins from the contaminated tissues and then flush them out through the pores. Hubbard's belief is that if these toxins are permitted to remain inside the body, that the affects of them could reoccur randomly over time. An oft cited example has a person taking LSD back in the 1960s, and having a relapse in the 1980s, despite being off of the drug for a decade or

The explanation of the program is so straightforward, that the book is clearly repeating itself by the

third chapter, and the back third of the book is devoted to a glossary, testimonials and a listing of treatment centers which also double as Churches of Scientology

"Clear Body, Clear Mind" also contains a chapter of information on many different street and prescription drugs,

including explanations of what they do to the body and mind, and also how they continue to have effects in the long run. Even if the rest of the book is dismissed as hooey, the section of the book on how drugs affect learning will be of great interest to any parent or future parent.

The book bases its findings on no medical claims, and many times states that variances in the process might be necessary for individual people. In fact, after so many readings of disclaimers and 'results vary from person to person,' it occasionally sounds like Hubbard is offering a hypothesis to study, rather than a treatment plan.

However, "Clear Body, Clear Mind" also provides an appendix full of case histories and testimonials from some of the 250,000 people who have reported to be freed from the effects of drugs and toxic substances through the use of this program.

With toxins and pollutants being looked at more and more as possible links to cancer, and methods for removing them from the human body need to be explored. However, sound and scientific evidence needs to be provided before the "Clear Body, Clear Mind" method can be endorsed.

### Meadow Brook in the New Year

By Laura Angus & SANDARELLA BATRES THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Theatre and Art Gallery are kicking off 2003 with a new play and art exhibit.

The theatre is opening the romance "Candida" by Bernard Shaw today at 8 p.m. "Candida" is the story of a triangle of love and long-

Candida Morell's husband takes in a homeless young poet, who

soon declares his undying love for Candi Student rush ticket prices are available for this show. Students who present a vaild OU ID the day of the performance they wish to see, can buy up to two tickets for \$7 each.

Call the box office at 248-377-3300 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for more

Other upcoming MBT shows include "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue, which will be performed Feb. 12 - March 9, from March 19-April 13 "Wait Until Dark" by Frederick Knott will be performed and "The Show Must Go On! Oy Vey!" by Dan Goggin is onstage from

Another, more informal, artistic venue on campus is Meadow Brook Art Gallery. This month it is featuring Russian artwork, "Between Matter and Spirit: Russian Icon Painting" from the Kotlyarov collec-An opening reception and lecture is scheduled for 4 p.m. on

Saturday. The exhibit will be open Jan. 10- Feb. 9 at the gallery in Wilson Hall. Another upcoming exhibit in MBAG is "A Heritage of Teaching: The

African Art Collection of Catherine C. Blackwell" which will run from Feb. 21- March 30. The Ninth Annual Student and Faculty Collection will run from April 11- May 18 and the "Detroit Now" exhibit will be shown in the month of June.

For students resolving to take in more art this year, Meadow Brook Art Gallery and Theatre is a good place to start.

### Resolving in '03

By Laura Angus CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Whether it is to lose weight, become more organized or to be kinder to those around them, OU students are following the tradition of making and usually breaking New Year's resolutions.

James Dye, junior, said "(People want) to make a fresh start, to make life better, and the beginning of the year is the best time to do it." "It's preventing making the

same mistake this year as they did in past years," said Jillian Lada, freshman. Courtney Schellenberger, freshman, put the resolutions of the

Many resolutions have something to do with diet or exercise. Freshman Jennifer Shaba said her resolution is "not to eat as

new year simply, "New start, new

Other common resolutions are related to financial matters.

much chocolate.'

"I want to get out of debt," said Michelle Abro, junior, of her 2003 resolution.

Some students, on the other hand, resolve to meet more unusual goals.

Freshman Nicole Walawender has resolved "To rule the world." When asked how she plans to do this, she said, "small steps." TJ Tabin, junior, said his New

Year's resolution is "to give Nicole a massage everyday." Lydia Rayess, freshman has an

uncommon resolution. She said her resolution is "to gain weight." Many students neglect this tra-"It's hard to keep up," sopho-

more Yana Fedotova said. "If you

don't have addictions, there's no resolution." Freshman Cherell Moore also did not make a resolution this

"If I had a New Year's Resolution," she said, "it would probably be to work more on me and not worry what others

For students who made resolutions, tips on the best way to keep them and can be found on the internet.

Sports

# Swimmers capture Mid-Con

By DAN NELDER THE OAKLAND POST

he OU Aquatics Center was the site for a fifth straight Mid-Con Conference Championship victory by the OU men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Both dominated the three-day event, held Dec.

The home-pool advantage was more than enough to propel the two teams to their fourth consecutive Mid-Con titles.

The first day of events set the stage for what was to be a swimming and diving massacre, with both the men and women Grizzlies winning first place in all four events.

In the first event, the 1650y freestyle, freshman Angela Simetkosky shattered the previous Mid-Con record by more than 11 seconds in the women's race.

Both the men's and women's relay teams out -swam their competition in the 800y freestyle relays, placing second in both

Day two of the finals was a mixture of record breaking and 1-2-3 sweeps for OU.

Junior Tanya Korniyenko broke a 10-year-old Mid-Con record in the 200y butterfly with a time of

Senior Danielle Ward broke the Mid-Con record in the 200y

freestyle with a time of 1:53.14. On the men's side, freshman swimmer freshman Scott Dickens broke another 10-year-old Mid-Con record in the 100y breast-

stroke with a time of 55.56. Many of the day's events saw OU swimmers take 1-2-3 places.

Freshman Linda Keskey took first in the 1- and 3-meter diving events with scores of 390.40 and

The Grizzlies ended the meet with a bang on the third day, with Simetkosky, Korniyenko, and Dickens each breaking their second Mid-Con records of the championship.

Both teams showed off the amazing depth of their rosters when the women took places 1-5 in the 200y yard backstroke and the men took 1-4 in the 500y

The final event of the night, the 400y freestyle, finished much like the rest of the championship with both the men's and women's squads placing first.

The seasonal best times earned the Grizzlies a majority of the Mid-Con awards including the Newcomer of the Year and the Co-Athlete of the Year award won by Dickens for his record breaking performances during the

On the women's side, Keskey was named Mid-Con Diver of the Year after she won both the 1meter and 3-meter diving events.

"We were very pleased with her performances, she's been progressing all season long," head coach Pete Hovland said.

Korniyenko won Mid-Con Athlete of the Year for her outstanding times.

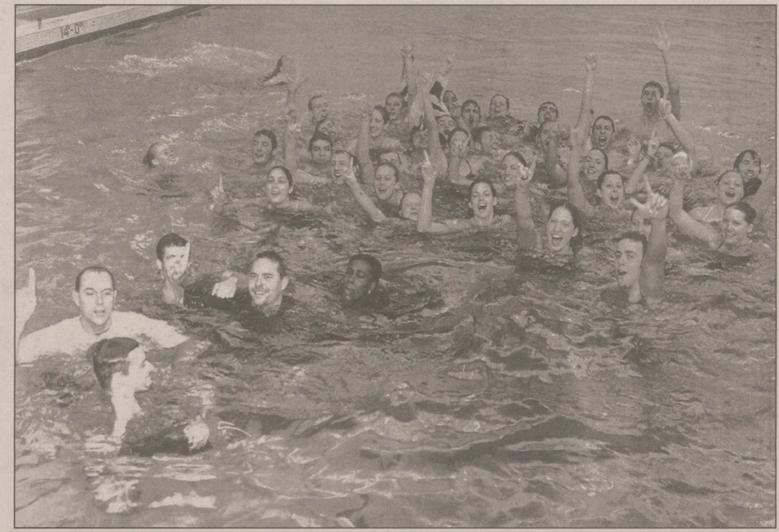
In addition to the swimmers, Hovland was named Mid-Con Men's Co-Coach of the Year, making this his third honor in four seasons on the men's side.

"When the coaches receive awards, it's more a compliment to the team," Hovland said. "I was a little disappointed that we didn't get the recognition on the women's side, simply because of the fact that I thought that was one of the most dominating performances."

The women won the championship with a final score of 1017, 395 points ahead of the runner up, Western Illinois, winning 19

of 20 events. The men also had an impressive victory winning 15 of 20 events and ending with a score of 933, 182 points ahead of Western

Sophomore Oksana Strelets won two individual crowns taking first in both the 50 and the 100 yard freestyle events.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving squads celebrate after capturing both teams' fourth consecutive Mid-Con Conference Championship. OU hosted and dominated the three-day event, utilizing the home-pool advantage of the Aquatic Center.

Freshman Shawn Broadbent won 3 individual events and anchored 4 relays getting a total of 7 first places.

Hovland has been with the OU swimming program since 1979, and in that time the Men's team has never lost a conference championship. The women's team has lost only one.

"There's a tradition of excellence and one of success here and people come from all over the world to be a part of it," Hovland

Two new foreign swimmers are

joining the program. On the men's side Mohammad Awad is arriving from Egypt.

"Muhammad is somebody we have watched for the past couple of years and he's the national champion in Egypt for the 100meter and the 200-meter breaststrokes, so we're very excited about Muhammad and his potential," Hovland said.

Also arriving on the women's side is Line Jensen from Denmark, who has times in the 200 and 400 individual medley events that are faster than OU's school records.

"We're really excited about the addition and the contribution she is going to be able to make immediately," Hovland said.

The two teams have just returned from Fort Lauderdale where they attended an intensive 12-day training camp.

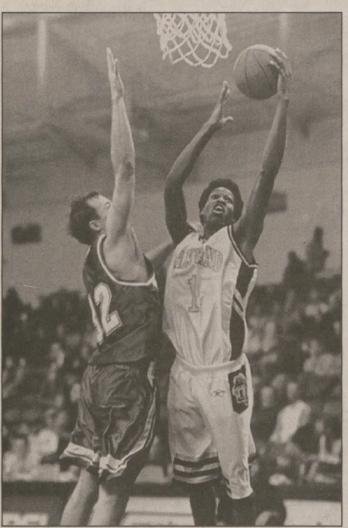
"For the most part, we feel going into the second half of the season that they're in very good shape," Hovland said.

Last Friday, both sqauds wrapped up their Christmas Training Trip with losses to the University of Washington.

The men dropped the contest 153-52 and the women fell by a score of 169-71 in the dual meets held in Boca Raton, Fla.

Both teams will face off with Kenyon College at 4 p.m. on Friday in a home meet. The women continue competition against the University of Miami at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Aquatics Center.

The two squads are progressing toward the National Independent Conference Championship in



Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall powers past a defender ear- it's time for you to step up and be the vocal leader you lier this year. Marshall ranks seventh in the nation in steals.

# METERONOMICA

#### Hoops 6-6 entering conference play

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Entering Monday night's non-conference finale against Youngstown State, OU men's basketball coach Greg Kampe had one big question on his mind:

"Is this ever gonna be over?" He was finally answered with a definitive "yes" as

his team defeated the visiting Penguins, 75-70. The win brought the Grizzlies back to the .500 mark (6-6), following Saturday's 88-53 loss at Illinois.

"This pre-season is now over, and we're a long way from where we're going to be," Kampe said. "We got a win in our final (non-conference) game that evened us up, broke that losing streak and got us out of our losing ways. I feel good about the win."

Junior guard Mike Helms led all scorers with 34 points, but the key spark was provided by sophomore forward Cortney Scott, whose 17 points and eight rebounds were underscored by his impassioned floor

At nearly every play stoppage, Scott took command, huddling up his teammates and demanding they remain focused.

"I noticed tonight that we came out really lax, and I wanted to win really bad." Scott said. "I felt that was something we needed (going into the Mid-Con sea-

"I took it upon myself, and my coach got in my face, Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post and my father and some other people told me, Hey,

The victory over Youngstown State proved to be just what the doctor ordered after a lopsided defeat at the hands of the University of Illinois three days earlier.

OU kept it close for the game's first ten minutes, but ice-cold shooting doomed their chances for an upset of the 12th-ranked Illini.

The Grizzlies shot a miserable 34 percent from the field as Illinois cruised to victory at Assembly Hall. All five Illini starters scored in double figures, led by for-

ward Brian Cook's 22 points. Sophomore swingman Rawle Marshall was the only Grizzly to shoot over 50 percent for the game, finish-

ing with 22 points and five steals. Helms contributed 16 points, but converted only six

of his 22 shot attempts. Scott also struggled offensively, scoring only eight points on 3-of-11 shooting. Coach Kampe and his charges now turn their focus

to winning the Mid-Continent Conference and its automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. "Every team plays for their league championship,"

the 19th-year coach said. "That's what your season's about. You use your games in November and December to try and get ready for that.

"I think we have some very, very good individual talent, but we haven't yet figured out how to mesh that talent. That's the coach's job, and if it doesn't get done, it's the coach's fault."

The Grizzlies begin a three-game road trip Saturday at Indiana University-Purdue University at

#### NCAA tournament coming to OU, Palace

BY BRENDAN STEVENS SPORTS EDITOR

As announced Dec. 18, OU will host first- and second-round games in the 2006 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

The games will be played at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 17 and 19.

This is the first time OU has been selected to host an NCAA tournament came since joining the Division I ranks.

Four teams from OU have qualified for NCAA postseason action.

"We are very excited to be a part of hosting an NCAA championship," Associate Athletics Director Tracy Huth said in a press release.

"It will be a great opportunity for us to work with the Palace of Auburn Hills. We are pleased that the NCAA placed enough confidence in us to host such a prestigous event."

The OU men's basketball team has only been eligible for NCAA tournament play for one season, but did not qualify last year.

### Grizzlies halt three-game losing streak at home

By Brendan Stevens SPORTS EDITOR

By holding off the University of San Diego in a 65-57 win Sunday, the OU women's basketball team ended a threegame losing streak that had extended into the new year with a heartbreaking 70-69 loss to Bowling Green State

University on Friday. The Grizzlies stayed in the game against BGSU until the final buzzer sounded by outscoring the Falcons 10-2 in the final four minutes of game. OU pulled within one with 42 seconds left to play, but two turnovers and a missed

lay-up ended the women's comeback. Freshman guard Jayme Wilson continued to show her offensive potential,

notching a career-high 25 points to lead all scorers.

"She's still a freshman," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "She's still learning things. For the most part she does a lot more good things out there than bad. We just have to work on cleaning up on a few of the not so good ones."

Seniors Katie Wolfe and Romica Clint added 13 and 11 points, respectively, in

Sophomore Amanda Batcha recorded her first career double double, grabbing 13 rebounds to go along with 11 points. Wolfe also contributed a game-high

seven assists. Although the Grizzlies shot well from the floor, compiling a field goal percentage of 49 compared to BGSU's 43 percent, free throws became the difference. Unfortunately, the high shooting per-

centage could not outweigh the advantage the Falcons had from the free-throw line. BGSU connected on 14 of its 21 attempts from the charity stripe, while OU hit three of its only four tries from

Sunday afternoon, the Grizzlies nearly forfeited a 12-point halftime lead, but held on to defeat USD

"It was a totally different type of game (than BGSU), and maybe one we're more suited to," Shea-Hilliard said.

"We talked about defending in the post and taking away their threes. I asked them to do things a little bit differently than we normally do, and I think we did that for the most part."

USD chipped away at OU's lead, shrinking it to as few as four with just under six minutes to play. The Grizzlies' cooler heads prevailed, however, as they hit all six of their free throws down the stretch to secure the eight-point victory.

Wolfe led the women, topping all scorers with 20 points, tying a game-high with five assists and contributing seven

Wilson continued to show improvement on both sides of the floor, adding 17 points and grabbing a career-high eight rebounds.

"We've got another person there who is stepping up and scoring, and she is just a freshman," Wolfe said. "I don't think we look at her as a freshman anymore. I don't think we ever really have."

No other Grizzly broke into double figures, but three contributed on offense. Freshman Anne Hafeli, junior Sarah Yaksich and Batcha each had eight

Clint had a tough offensive night, recording four points on 2-7 shooting,

but tallied four steals on defense. Last night's home contest against Niagara took place after this issue's

deadline, making results unavailable. The Grizzlies open up conference play this weekend at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, taking on Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Check www.oakpostonline.com for results and game coverage of Tuesday night's contest against Niagara and continued coverage of OU sports.

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## Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

The Student Affairs staff would like to welcome back all students for winter semester 2003!

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