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Stolen Identities

OU students are vulnerable to crime that is steadily increasing

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students on campus are vulnerable to a serious crime. That crime is identity theft. In 2003, more than 9.9 million people were the victims of identity theft in the U.S., and according to the Office of the Inspector General's Web site, it is one of the fastest growing crimes. The Web site classifies identity theft as someone else using a victim's "personally identifying information" without the victim's knowledge or permission. This information can be used to get credit cards, cell phones, loans and even commit crimes. The victim is held responsible and it could hinder his or her ability to build credit, or even a future.

Students aren't the only targets. Tiger Woods and Oprah Winfrey have been the victims of identity theft. As high profile figures, their names have been used to obtain credit.

However, OU students are espe-

cially vulnerable.

This is because almost 98 percent of OU students continue to use their social security numbers as student identification numbers. According to Registrar Steve Shablin, only 400 students use OU's system of randomly generated student ID numbers.

This means this number is flashed around campus and other students can see it. That makes it really easy for someone to steal a student's identity.

The Oakland Post recently proved how easy this is.

An editor walked into a room where students sign out equipment using a student ID number. With this number and the student's name, the editor was able to look up the student's address on the OU Web page. The only thing missing was the birthdate. For about \$40, this information can be purchased regarding another person.

From there it would be easy for any thief to apply for a credit

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An OU Bookstore employee checks the ID of customer Kendra Saunders since she is paying by credit card. It's part of the Bookstore's way to prevent fraud.

Money woes

Nearly 100 students recently found out they still owed money to OU for this semester's tuition.

According to Ted Montgomery, director of Media Relations, the students were all registered for a variable credit course, meaning they could choose the value of the class based on the amount of time they intend to dedicate.

Due to a glitch in the billing/scheduling program, Montgomery said the students weren't billed the full amount.

Montgomery said the students received letters dated Nov. 9 that explained they owed the balance of the tuition. He said the students owed anywhere between \$100-\$1,500.

The university is taking responsibility for the error in billing and will not penalize the students for late payments.

Montgomery said students affected by the billing glitch would not be prevented from getting transcripts, registering for classes or graduating.

He said the few students having problems paying the amount are working with Student Accounts to set up payment plans.

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Legislator gets new gig

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) has a new chair.

Sophomore Michael McGuinness was selected by OU Student Congress President Jonathan Parks and Vice President Kenton Lewis to fill the position, which has been vacant since Roxanne Gibson was terminated in September.

"We're confident we selected a person who will work hard for the students," Parks said.

McGuinness is no stranger to the OUSC or on-campus organizations. Besides being an OUSC legislator, McGuinness is the President of the Gay/Straight Alliance, an AmeriCorps Oakland volunteer and is involved with the OU Leadership Program.

He said because of his involvement on campus, he knows how difficult it is for organizations to get money

fairly, as well as to organize and plan events.

McGuinness said that since there were no guidelines in place, allocations were not always fair in the past. He is working on putting together guidelines so this will no longer be a problem.

"It's important to have stability and continuity so events are better planned and run," McGuinness said. "We're working on guidelines that will be fair and equitable for all."

These guidelines will be crucial for the future of the SAFB, he said.

"They'll serve as a set policy for standard procedures," McGuinness said. "They have the potential for sticking."

McGuinness said it is important to get guidelines written and approved soon so that the SAFB can focus on other aspects of its job, such as helping organizations find contacts, as well as helping to plan and run events.



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Mike McGuinness steps in to fill role of Funding Board Chair.

McGuinness is happy with his new position and feels he is up for the challenge.

Even though McGuinness has only been the chair for a little over a week, he is already working hard.

"He seems to be handling business," Lewis said.

McGuinness said, "It's a hard job and I'm up for it."

OUSC informed of OC changes

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center, addressed the OU Student Congress (OUSC) on Nov. 24 to report on the improvements made in the past year to the OC.

Fekel reminded the audience of the many updates, including the replacement of the carpeting in the food court, the painting of the walls and the renovation of the 10,000 square foot kitchen. Also new in the OC is the 24-hour computer area located in the Café O'Bears, which is accessible by swiping a student ID card at the door.

"We are trying to get back into the routine after all these changes," Fekel said. "From what I hear, the students seem pleased."

In the past eight years, the OC has seen a great deal of additions, renovations and

expansions, and according to Fekel, it is not over yet.

"The Gold Room and other adjacent rooms are in dire need of renovation," Fekel said.

He also mentioned a potential expansion of the bookstore.

On the Fireside Lounge topic, Fekel expressed the need to hold more appropriate programs there.

"Loud events or big crowds can be disruptive," Fekel said. "Coordinators are invited to use different rooms."

He pointed out the new upstairs area of the OC and promised with the new signs, everyone will get more familiar with the space.

"As for the old furniture, it was just too old," Fekel said.

Some students have complained that these new chairs and couches are not as suitable for lying down and taking naps. But Fekel explained the

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Kresge survives 2003 without vendor

By KIMBERLY GARCIA
THE OAKLAND POST

Each year, Kresge Library stocks its shelves with between 1,500 and 2,000 journals, magazines and newspapers to aid student research.

This year, that continuous flow of periodicals was interrupted when Kresge's vendor, RoweCom, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in late January.

Mildred Merz, Collection Development coordinator for Kresge, said news of the bankruptcy reached her desk in December of 2002, just one month before the 2003 subscriptions were expected and four months after disbursing the last check. Subscriptions are renewed each year in September.

According to Merz, OU paid RoweCom a total of \$500,000 for the January to December 2003 subscrip-

tions.

In turn, RoweCom paid out approximately \$50,000 to the individual publishers, translating to a 75 percent drop in new periodicals for 2003.

Kresge was not the only library affected. Many libraries relied on RoweCom to fill all of their subscription orders, including OU. As a result, libraries across the country feared none of their orders would be filled and publishers feared they would never see their money.

OU's legal department has filed a claim in the bankruptcy and at some point may see the remainder of their money when it is settled, "but even still we expect a small amount," said Merz.

Lauren White, freshman, said she was upset by the overall situation.

"It's unfair to students, especially if teachers are

expecting you to get information," she said.

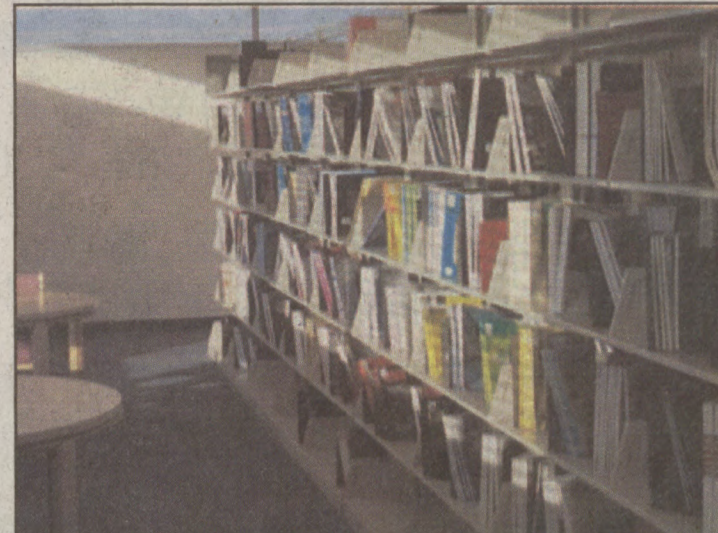
Despite the bankruptcy's far-reaching effects, Kresge has weathered a lot of the storm thanks to the goodwill of publishers and other libraries.

"Many publishers agreed to grace the libraries even though the publications were not getting paid, especially scientific journals, and many libraries that had a surplus of publications sent over their duplicates," said Merz.

The goodwill was not limited to outside sources. Many librarians and even professors took up the slack by generously donating their own publications, said Merz.

The Dean of the Library brought in her own Wall Street Journal, and Professor Robert Eberwein dropped off many of his film journals.

While there are still



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The archives are growing again after the periodical vendor declared bankruptcy, leaving the library scrambling.

many gaps in the overall supply of publications, students appear shielded from the full impact of the loss.

Rianna Amolsch, senior, said she has been lucky and experienced no gaps in any of the journals she has needed.

Jennifer Trpevski, sophomore, said she had no problems locating any of the information she needed.

Another reason students have not felt the full brunt of this shortage is that many journals are now

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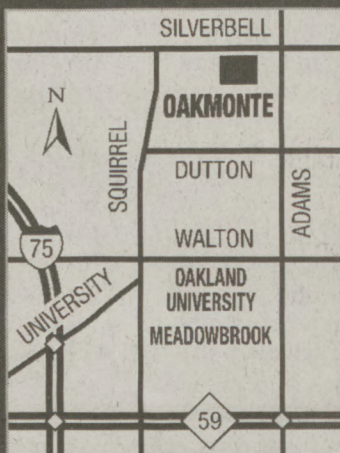
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After OU, students find careers

By CARRIE LYN BARNES
THE OAKLAND POST

Many students at OU are finding jobs after graduation.

The Placement and Career Services Department said that more than 95 percent of graduates are employed within four months of graduation.

Not only are they finding jobs, but most have respectable salaries.

In an annual employment rate and salary information survey conducted with 2001 and 2002

graduates, the average salary for undergraduate students was \$34,610.70.

But those like Maria Suarez, who graduated in 2003 with a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration degree, aren't concerned with only the money.

"I interviewed with four different companies over a couple of months. I decided on my current employer because they offered me the best salary, benefits and opportunities for advancement," said Suarez.

The average salary for gradu-

ates from the School of Engineering and Computer Science is \$46,192.

This may be a little deceiving though, only 78 percent of those students found jobs within six months of graduating. This was the lowest percentage out of all of the schools at OU that were represented in the survey.

Graduate students on average had a higher percentage of job placements within six months of graduating.

A total of 96.5 percent of graduate students found employment,

with the average salary for those students being \$57,782. This is just over \$23,000 a year more than the undergraduate average.

Preparing for the future is also on the mind of Michael Mansoor, a freshman accounting major.

"I know that I have to start preparing to find a job now," he said. "I am trying to gain a lot of experience in my field by working on any extra projects I can find. I also think it is important to keep a good relationship with my employer because they will be the ones that will give me good refer-

ences."

Mansoor said he also knows the value of networking.

"I have been trying to make as many connections as I can, so I will have options when I begin interviewing," he said.

For those who are graduating soon and have begun thinking about looking for a job, OU offers services that may help make the search a little easier.

Placement and Career Services assists students with their job search, resume, cover letter and interviewing skills.

Parking tickets increase

By KATIE STOUT
THE OAKLAND POST

As enrollment has increased over the years at OU, so have the problems with parking.

Much to the surprise of many OU students, the campus has 7,482 unrestricted parking spots, with approximately 5,550 available to students, faculty and staff, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy, of the OU Police Department (OUPD). More than 16,000 students are enrolled at OU.

Although parking may be difficult at times, it is available.

According to OUPD's Web site, it takes a "reasonably healthy" person eight to ten minutes (at the most) to walk from one of the 19 parking lots on campus to the farthest building.

Yet many students still park in prohibited areas, such as handicapped spaces, fire lanes, permit parking only areas and non-designated parking areas. Also, many let the meters expire, causing ticket violations, according to the OUPD.

The beginning of each school year

always presents parking problems, with many students parking illegally. In fact, 378 tickets were issued from Sept. 1 through Sept. 7 this year, compared to the 320 that were issued during the first week of school last year.

The tickets were issued for a variety of reasons, including illegally parking between 2-7 a.m., illegally parking between 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. and expired parking meters.

In 1997, 4,212 tickets were issued, where 4,058 have already been issued this year alone, according to documents obtained from the OUPD.

From the 1997 school year until the end of October of this year, students and faculty have paid out over \$367,000 in parking violation fees. The OUPD states that each violation costs around \$20, and the numbers of tickets are increasing with each passing year.

"The revenue from parking tickets and meters goes into the general fund of the OU Police Department. We use the money to pay the salary of one police officer

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Some of the 7,482 unrestricted parking spots on campus are in this lot, by the Oakland Center.

New registration makes it through semester

By TARA FINN
THE OAKLAND POST

With registration under way for the winter 2004 semester, students can find a computer mouse doing more of the highlighting than a marker.

Without paper copies of the Schedules of Classes sent to their homes, students must rely on the computer formats of the calendars to chart their courses that start in January.

Many students commented that they would prefer have a hard copy to hold on to.

"I'd rather get the book in the mail," said Chris Collins, sophomore.

Freshman Kevin Way, said that he preferred the printed copies because they offered the times and course numbers. He said that he would want some combination of online and paper schedules to be readily available to students.

Aamir Bhatti, freshman, said otherwise.

He said he did not mind the electronic aspect of school registration

because then there was no book to carry around. He said he already used the computer for classes with things like Web-CT and Web mail.

Students were not the only ones who were forced to master the transition to online media. Advisors also dealt with these changes, especially as they helped students decide on classes for next semester.

Carmen Etienne, academic adviser for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, had a paper copy of the Schedule of Classes to aid her when she helped students, but she used it "as a quick reference."

Etienne said she showed students tips as well as classes right from the computer instead of from the paper book when she advised them.

She indicated that students seemed to be adjusting to the transition because they realized that they would have to come to rely on the computer instead of the old way of doing things.

Students had various options available to access the Schedule of Classes this semester, according to Registrar Steve Shablin.

To register online login to
<https://sail.oakland.edu>

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Registrar's office at
(248) 370-3450

Shablin said he has talked in e-mails about this "transition and inconvenience to students."

He mentioned they try to make things easier for individuals without troubling anyone when shifts like this occur.

"I think it was (successful)," Shablin said, about the transition to online mediums.

He said that the schedule of classes' success was measured by registration and the number of students registered so far shows that.

Shablin said that at the end of the winter term, an evaluation will be done to determine how well the transition went to this new technological medium.

HC to attempt rhetoric class again in winter

By SARAH CURLEY
THE OAKLAND POST

In spite of a disappointing first time around, the Honors College will again offer it's own Rhetoric 160 class next semester.

According to the Director of the Honors College, Jude Nixon, the new Rhetoric class came about so that the students of the Honors College would have a new opportunity. He said this will allow students to take a general education class that would better prepare them for their major.

The Honors College's purpose is to place the "high achievers," in courses where they feel they can be challenged, said Nixon.

The first semester of the course, taught by professor Marshall Kitchens, was not as successful as they wanted it to be, said Nixon.

There was an incident in the registration catalog, and the class was not correctly marked as an Honors course.

Because of this incident, the class only had three actual Honors College members in attendance, instead of the 20 or so students that are normally in a Honors College class.

The mishap didn't affect what sophomore and Student Representative of the Honors College, Fred DeNault IV thought of the course.

"I was glad they offered it," said DeNault, who had originally found out about the class from another student.

He praised the variety of projects and topics that the class had to offer.

The Honors College Rhetoric 160 class focuses on the way technology has affected the culture of people in the world.

This addition to the Honors College, is the first in a series of future Honors classes.

The Honors College Rhetoric 160 course, as with all Honors College courses, are only open to Honors College students.

To view OU class offerings

- Students can see the courses with Adobe Acrobat Reader. This version looks much like the printed format so students could select

- and print the specific pages they needed.
- There was also a dynamic schedule that appeared as a Web page and allowed student to

- see what the courses entailed by clicking on the course numbers as a link.
- A few printed copies of the schedule were

available

- There is also a schedule available when students go to add or drop a class electronically for registration.

Police Beat

- Three lockers were damaged in the men's locker room at the Rec Center Nov. 25.

Apparently someone tried to gain access to them by attempting to pry them open. No thefts were reported but the cost to repair the damaged lockers is about \$40 each.

- A female student received a threatening voicemail Nov. 21 from her roommate's friend.

The student tried to save the message as proof but accidentally erased it.

- A student fell while playing basketball in the Rec Center on Nov. 26 and

hit his head on the floor. Rec Center staff called for medical help.

The student declined transportation to the hospital, but said his friend would drive him to get checked later.

- A female student slipped on the stairs in the

OC on Nov. 22 and sprained her ankle.

She declined transportation for medical attention.

- Four resident students and two non-students were investigated Nov. 23 after a call was made about a strange odor.

OUPD searched the room

and found a plastic bag of what appeared to be marijuana in the garbage.

The substance tested positive as marijuana and all present denied ownership.

- A man taking a walk past the observatory noticed its door was open and the latch was lying on

the floor inside.

OUPD said it looked like someone forced the door open with something and kicked in the door.

No one in charge of the observatory could be reached to determine if anything was missing but the door was fixed and secured.

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Restaurant health

Area eateries speak out about codes and inspections

By CASEY CURTIS
THE OAKLAND POST

With the flu season continuing throughout the next few months, some people will begin to feel some of the common symptoms. What they might not know is these same symptoms can also be a sign of food poisoning.

The Oakland County Health Department regularly conducts inspections of local restaurants to help prevent any possible food-borne illnesses. Restaurants are given scores from zero to 100, with 100 being the best score.

Restaurants in the city of Auburn Hills, specifically Applebee's Bar and Grill, BD's Mongolian Barbeque, Romano's Macaroni Grill and T.G.I. Friday's have all had numer-

ous inspections by the Health Department. Based on the routine inspections from 2001 to present, all of these restaurants have had perfect scores of 100.

Although the restaurants' scores were 100, it doesn't necessarily mean there were no violations cited. There were numerous instances where up to five critical violations occurred. Critical and non-critical violations are up to the inspector's discretion, which is what Jason Bajaj, manager of BD's Mongolian Barbeque, has a problem with.

"Each inspector interprets the law differently," he said. "They try to send the same health inspector every time, but that doesn't usually happen."

Bajaj said the inspectors tend to be a little too picky and always have to find something wrong.

BD's Mongolian Barbeque, as well as the other restaurants, had critical violations that were mostly based on the temperature of the food that was being used, such as cheeses and meats. Other violations included the temperature of the water the dishes were being washed in and some risks of cross-contamination. Follow-up inspections occur if violations occur.

Bajaj said by training the staff properly and by keeping on top of things from the start, Mongolian Barbeque has been able to get the high scores that they did.

Shelly Carol, manager of Romano's Macaroni Grill, has found the most difficult part in keeping her restaurant clean is the language barrier between her wait staff and the cooking staff. Macaroni Grill specializes

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Hard Rock hits Detroit

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
& ADAM L. NEAL
THE OAKLAND POST

Detroit's "Motown" image has been slightly altered with a giant guitar sitting on the corner of Woodward Avenue and Monroe Street.

The Hard Rock Cafe made its first appearance in London 32 years ago, and now has reached the Motor City. Nov. 10 was the official kick-off date for the restaurant that sits on the ground floor of the Compuware headquarters building in Downtown Detroit.

The opening drew thousands of people to the Cafe. The restaurant and gift shop totaled a combined \$400,000 in sales.

"When I got there at 7 a.m., there was a line around the block," Hard Rock Cafe Detroit Manager Erin Astley said. "The line was still around the block, about a three hour wait, when I left at 7:00 that night."

The Hard Rock Cafe is 8,000 square feet and seats about 230 people. The Cafe cost \$3.5 million to build, and the center of it is a metallic garage door that marks where the stage is located.

Beginning this month, the stage hosts live music at least once a week. The stage was designed as a tribute to the return of the garage rock sound.

The Detroit restaurant comes with all of the standard Hard Rock touches including walls covered with guitars, gold records, photos and other souvenirs donated by various rock musicians.

The traditional gift shop sells Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts, caps, jackets, pins and other merchandise.

About 250 pieces of memorabilia estimated



The inside of the restaurant is decorated with material from many Detroit musicians. It also features traditional Hard Rock Cafe paraphernalia from all over the world.

at more than \$250,000 will serve as a music museum. Of the six main walls in the restaurant, three are targeted toward some of Michigan's top musicians.

"Eighty percent of the memorabilia focuses on Detroit individuals," Astley said.

Musicians such as Bob Seger, Madonna, Kid Rock and Ted Nugent will be featured. A 36-foot replica of Nugent's guitar is hanging outside the entrance of the new Hard Rock headquarters.

Other musicians such as Jimi Hendrix, Michael Jackson, Keith Richards, the Foo Fighters, B.B. King, the Goo Goo Dolls, the

Eagles and Journey are also represented throughout the restaurant.

The Hard Rock Cafe started its global expansion in 1982 after being open in London for 11 years. Today, there are more

than 100 Hard Rock Cafe's in 41 countries.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Compuware Corp. Chairman Peter Karmanos Jr. and developer Bob Schostak wore black leather Hard Rock Cafe jackets to officially open the restaurant. They simultaneously crushed three guitars against the pavement as their version of a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Cafe has been packed every day since the grand opening.

"There's been an excellent response from the city of Detroit," Astley said. "People of this city have almost come out and said 'it's about time.'"

Senior Steven Heck thinks the Cafe will be beneficial to the city. "The Hard Rock Cafe will obviously bring more attention to Detroit, which is a good thing since they are trying to rebuild the city."

The Detroit Hard Rock Cafe is expected to portray the city in a new light, partly for the 2004 Super Bowl Detroit is hosting, but also to bring a new crowd downtown. Astley said regardless of the Super Bowl, the Cafe is here to stay. "We're ready for more and we're here to make the city proud."

LEAP teaches sign language

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Hearing children are taking a LEAP with another language.

However, this second language isn't the typical Spanish or English — it is American Sign Language.

The Learning, Education and Parenting (LEAP) program teaches sign language to hearing toddlers with deaf parents and siblings to help them communicate better.

Mary Colton, director of LEAP, said eye contact and facial express are two things the program focuses on.

"The LEAP program is a rather innovative curriculum," she said. "This program allows hearing children the opportunity to participate in a playground of lingual/bi-cultural playgroup taught in

American Sign Language by a group leader and voiced into English by a profession sign language interpreter."

Groups meet in rooms at the Oakland Family Services branches throughout Oakland County. It is organized by the Deaf Community Advocacy Network.

These toddlers, up to age 3, have American Sign Language as their first language. It focuses on teaching the toddlers to interact with the hearing and deaf community and make friends with both, according to Colton.

For more information on LEAP, contact DEAF C.A.N. at (248) 332-3331 or e-mail deafcan@prodigy.net.

~ Ashley Wohlgemuth contributed to this story.

Global Glance

• The dispute about the number of U.S. and Iraqi soldiers killed in an ambush this weekend is still underway. The ambushes happened while a currency-exchange was taking place in two banks in Samarra, Iraq — about 75 miles north of Baghdad. U.S. officials are saying 46 insurgents were killed, 18 wounded and 11 taken prisoner. A coalition spokesman said those numbers were wrong and that 54 Iraqis died in the battle, which started with mostly small firearms and escalated into rocket-propelled grenade and mortar attacks. U.S. officials are speculating some of the bodies had been taken away before the official count.

• A black man who was allegedly assaulted by Cincinnati police officers was said to die from a drug overdose and not from injuries sustained during the attack, according to the Hamilton County Coroner's office Monday. The 350-pound man apparently died from an enlarged heart, which resulted from the presence of cocaine and PCP in his system, according to the coroner. The police were called to the scene after the man allegedly passed out at a White Castle early Sunday morning. When police arrived, the man attacked them making the officers use force to bring him down. A police-mounted camera in a patrol car captured the incident. The tape showed four white officers using nightsticks to control the man after he lunged at an officer and would not stop strangling the police officer. Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken defends the officers and said they were trying to control the situation and protect themselves.

• A 50-year-old man who has a criminal background was arrested on kidnapping charges Monday in the disappearance of a 22-year-old college student. Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. was released from prison on May 1, 2003 after being convicted of rape, aggravated assault and kidnapping. Dru Sjodin, a senior at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, was reported missing Nov. 22 after a manager from a second job said she didn't show up for her shift. She was last seen leaving her first job at Victoria's Secret on Saturday afternoon, and her car was found in the mall parking lot. Police will not comment on the ongoing investigation.

• Hidden wireless microphones were discovered outside of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department the day Michael Jackson was arrested for allegedly molesting a young boy. The microphones, an attempt to spy on investigators, were planted in a semi-public area where employees often go to eat or smoke. The microphones were said to disappear as quickly as they were discovered, according to police. There are no suspects.

Global

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• When people in Florida called a publicized toll-free number to report injured and dead manatees or boating violations, they were expecting a message machine or customer service representative from the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Instead, they got an offer to chat with a "fantasy girl" in exchange for a credit card number. The Commission's number changed years ago, but its old 800 number is still listed on its Web site, boater education signs and park brochures around the state. Officials said they are trying to get the old 800 number back from Intimate Encounters because it looks bad.

~ Compiled by Adam L. Neal, Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.



Service trucks like this spread the salt brine on Oakland County roads.

Roads become deiced

By TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland County Road Commission is hoping to make daily commutes safer this winter with new techniques and devices.

For the first time, the Road Commission will be spraying Oakland County roads with salt brine, which is naturally occurring salt water. This system is said to be

more efficient than traditional methods of melting ice by using rock salt because it doesn't allow ice to set.

"Basically what it does is prevents ice from forming," said Craig Bryson, a spokesperson for the Oakland County Road Commission. "The salt brine works bottom up, which is more effective than the top down treatment of the rock salt."

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card, cell phone or any number of things that would ruin a student's credit.

Students are also vulnerable because of actions or inactions of the students, according to the Office of the Inspector General's Web site. It states almost half of all college students receive credit card applications on a weekly or even daily basis and many are just thrown away.

OU Police Department Officer David Birkholz said getting a shredder is a good way to keep identity theft from happening.

Almost 1/3 of all students hardly ever review credit card statements or balance bank accounts so they wouldn't even be aware of strange activity involving their accounts, according to the Web site.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, students have a false sense of security when it comes to their identity safety.

Linda Foley, executive director of the Identity Theft Resource Center, said students don't think the people around them will steal from them.

"We've spoken with a number of students whose roommates have stolen from them," Foley said.

Foley said the Resource Center has long-term goals for dealing with identity theft.

"Our hope is that eventually colleges will stop using the social security number as a student ID number," Foley said.

According to the Inspector General's Web site, almost 50 percent of students have had grades posted by Social Security Number.

Foley said the goal is also to encourage universities to avoid posting the numbers around campus when displaying grades and other information. She said it's also important to limit who can view the students social security number. She said there are many people on campuses who have access to these numbers but don't need to see them.

"It should be limited to need-to-know personnel only," Foley said.

She encourages students to be

proactive when it comes to identity theft. She said students should check their credit reports for financial theft.

"Your credit report beings with your first application for credit," Foley said. She said if a student has not applied for any form of credit, there will be nothing on the report.

She said checking is important because some students don't find out they have been victims until they go to apply for student loans.

Foley said getting a credit report annually is free upon request.

"It's the same reason you go to the dentist every year to get your teeth checked. It's simply a detection," Foley said.

However, she cautions against using credit monitoring services and other dot-coms. Foley said while the service is free in the beginning, users have signed up for a service they will be billed for. Also, the report is not complete.

Foley said students who must carry their social security number should make a copy and cut off the last four digits of the number.

While identity theft can come from unprotected social security numbers, it can also come from drivers' license numbers, credit cards, insurance cards and hotel key-cards, which contain the purchasers credit card number.

Birkholz suggested students carry cash instead of credit cards to eliminate the risk. He also said if a student does use a credit card, it is important to monitor the bills for any strange activities.

He said students should also not use their social security numbers when filling out paper work if it's not important. He said students should just write a random number. According to Birkholz, doing this is not a crime, it's a way to protect oneself.

According to Don Ritenburg, manager of ID Card Operations, the OU ID card does not contain a students social security or student ID number. He said even if

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2104, Allen TX 75013

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Allen TX 75013

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the card was swiped on a card reader, the only information the stored on the card is a randomly generated number, the card doesn't even contain the student's name.

Students who want to change to a randomly generated student number can make the switch in the Academic Record Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall. Shablin said students should bring an OU ID, driver's license, state-issued picture ID or a passport when making the request.

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old furniture was not manufactured any more and the new furniture is more flexible and appropriate for the space.

"We wanted to fill the room up and maximize it," Fekel said. "We wanted to bring the appearance of the new building to the old one."

Fekel also received feedback from the members of the OUSC. Legislator Mike McGuinness said all these changes give the OC a sharper image that leads to more student pride.

Other business from the Nov. 24 meeting:

• Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing, addressed the Congress about student concerns regarding the apartments.

She first talked about the Internet problems and the network challenges faced in the apartments and dorms. Last August, the first of many viruses slowed down the network and some extra protection software had to be installed.

"We are past that stage now," Reynolds said. "Some new rules from the Homeland Security Department are creating new difficulties."

Following these rules, the university has to make sure the users are students, faculty or staff. According to Reynolds, the new software allowing this to happen did not have the time to be properly tested.

"But it's up and running now," Reynolds said.

She said the system is still a little slow, due to the maxed bandwidth.

"We are looking at increasing it, and are now examining different propositions," Reynolds said.

Other business from the Dec. 1 meeting:

• Greg Kampe, chair of the OU Parking Commission, addressed the Congress about the parking situation at OU.

"Parking at OU is free and open," Kampe said. "We are one of the only schools in the country where it's like that."

Kampe also said because of the constant growth of the school, parking places would keep running short if nothing is done within the next two years.

The construction of the parking garage near the Rec Center has temporarily solved the issue of space, but according to Kampe, proximity parking still seems to be a problem.

The Commission is already working on the planning of a second parking garage but the problem now is to have it approved during a period of budget cuts.

"The culture at OU has to be broken," Kampe said. "Where students would rather sit in their car to park right there (near the entrance), rather than walk five minutes and save time."

• Legislator Montrell Porter was approved as a member of the disciplinary committee.

BOOKS

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available online, said Merz.

In the next few months, Kresge is planning to call attention to the journals that still have missing issues by asking students and professors to let the library know

if they notice any gaps in the journals they use.

In addition to these efforts, students should be relieved to know that next year's supply of publications will not suffer the same fate as this

year's. EBSCO, an international subscription-service and publishing company, has bought out RoweCom and the publications are setup for a safe delivery in 2004.

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Student Activities Funding Board Announcement

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Graduation column

Networking for a job starts at OU



ADAM L. NEAL
Local News Editor
and
Graduating Senior

My rein at OU is almost up. I didn't think the administration would ever let me graduate, but now I see the light at the end of the tunnel. In two weeks, I will have a degree.

So now what?

Since I decided to hang up my basketball shoes and deflate my hopes of guarding Kobe Bryant in the NBA, I am now faced with finding that first real job – in my field.

Easier said than done. With the state of the nation's economy, looking for a job in journalism is about as easy as getting hired in the NBA. As a former professor recently told me, it will take a lot of hard work and a little luck to land a good job.

But this doesn't just apply to journalism. Finding that first job with a degree and in a location better than some cornfield in Kansas will take a little work (of course this is coming from a jobless soon-to-be graduate).

I have found networking, as difficult as it may seem sometimes, is

the best way to find an in to that first job.

I recently received an e-mail from an editor I interned with over the summer in Florida.

He said even though he didn't have a job opening at this moment, he has already shipped my resume package to three other editors who are hiring. I didn't have to do anything, and already my resume is on the top of these editors' lists.

He wouldn't have done this if I hadn't kept in touch with him and expressed how badly I wanted to move back to Florida after Dec. 20.

Networking only works if each party is willing to keep in contact. This could be a simple e-mail asking how the company is doing to meeting for lunch to talk about jobs. In many job markets, executives and editors know more people than it may seem.

Which is my next bit of advice to those looking to establish themselves in the job market – never burn bridges. If any potential job client takes time out of his or her day to speak with you, always agree to meet and follow up in the next few days.

Even if the location or job isn't what you are looking for, a larger corporation owns many companies. Not meeting with someone for

whatever reason may diminish the chance of a job in another market.

And especially with OU, many students don't know what opportunity they have in their own backyard. Students need to open their eyes to what this campus has to offer. I tried to take advantage of my professors and fellow students, but I know I could have done more.

In the past few years, I met the former publisher of a major newspaper, an anchor and reporter for a large news network, an editor of another newspaper and countless reporters and contacts in the media field – and this was all in the classroom.

OU hires many professors who have worked in their respective fields, so get to know them. These professors know how to get that first job, and can know possible contacts to talk to. I am not saying you have to go to the bar with them (because college students don't drink), but know who's around and what your tuition dollars are paying for.

However, if you do decide to take my advice, remember to show up to class on time and do your work.

Professors look great as references, but this might backfire if you do not show initiative in the classroom.

Featured Columnist

Speaking out about high ed. funding



ROCHELLE BLACK
Director of
Governmental
Relations

As public universities across the state of Michigan brace for another round of budget cuts – the fourth since December 2002, we must ask ourselves whose responsibility is it to ensure that Michigan residents have access to an affordable and accessible post-secondary public education? Is it the individual or are state taxpayers obligated to ensure an educated society and workforce?

A free public higher education is not addressed in the Michigan Constitution of 1963 as it is for primary and secondary education as outlined in Article III, Section 2:

The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin.

However, the Constitution does not completely absolve state taxpayers and lawmakers from any responsibility towards funding of higher education as expressed in Article III, Section 4:

The legislature shall appropriate moneys to maintain...by whatever names such institutions may hereafter be known, and other institutions of higher education established by law.

The key word in the above section is maintain – a relatively innocuous verb except, unlike the section pertaining to primary and secondary education, it is not followed by the words "support" and "free." Herein lies the dilemma for funding of public higher education in Michigan. Obviously, the framers of the Constitution did not feel obligated or compelled to make access to post-secondary education an entitlement.

Although the desire for an affordable college education is high, a willingness to adequately fund it with taxpayers' dollars is not. Most of you are undoubtedly aware of the governor's most recent effort to educate the public on the looming budget deficit and the impact it will have on fundamental areas of state government and the people it serves. I applaud her efforts even though higher education did not rank high on the "Richter Scale" of areas essential to state government. That's unfortunate given the fact that no other area of the general fund budget (corrections, community health, revenue sharing, public assistance, etc.) will have as much

of an impact on the state's future.

It is now up to the voters and taxpayers to take the discussion or debate to the next level. Most often we send mixed-messages based on our own circumstances at any given time. Several lawmakers have stated that when they ask constituents who complain about rising tuition, license fees and other costs associated with budget cuts which of their taxes they would like to see raised to offset the difference, the answer is almost always none-of-the-above.

Those of us who recognize and support access to all levels of education must make our voices heard. To really make a difference we must be prepared to state unequivocally what we are willing to sacrifice (reduced spending elsewhere or raising taxes) to ensure that Michigan residents continue to have access to an affordable, quality post-secondary education.

Remember: The silent majority is never heard.

Note: Governor Granholm is expected to present her expenditure reduction recommendations via an Executive Order to a joint session of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Thursday, December 4, at 1 p.m. The committees have 10 days to reject or accept the order.

Editor's View

Papers missing, rights denied

The OU community is being robbed of a valuable asset. Students, faculty and staff are being denied the right to fairly covered information about news on campus.

And The Oakland Post is being denied its First Amendment right to give it to you.

Someone on campus is stealing the newspapers out of the official Oakland Post distribution bins on campus.

The papers, no matter how many we put in the bins, are missing within hours of being delivered.

The Post serves many purposes. It's a source of information for students, faculty and staff. It's the news you won't get from the OU Web site because it's multi-dimensional. The Post will cover events on campus that the Web site may not because it's not necessarily information that promotes the university.

Without The Post, the German students would not have gotten the attention they did from the university in their plea to add a class they desperately needed for graduation. Without The Post, students who can't attend the Student Congress meetings would have no idea what is going on. Most importantly, without The Post, students, faculty and staff would not have a place to share their opinions and voice their concerns.

This is information the OU community couldn't get from the university Web site or a press release. This is informa-

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The Oakland Post newspapers are disappearing from bins around campus.

Our stance: The community is being denied a legitimate form of information

tion coming from people who are living and feeling the effects of the news.

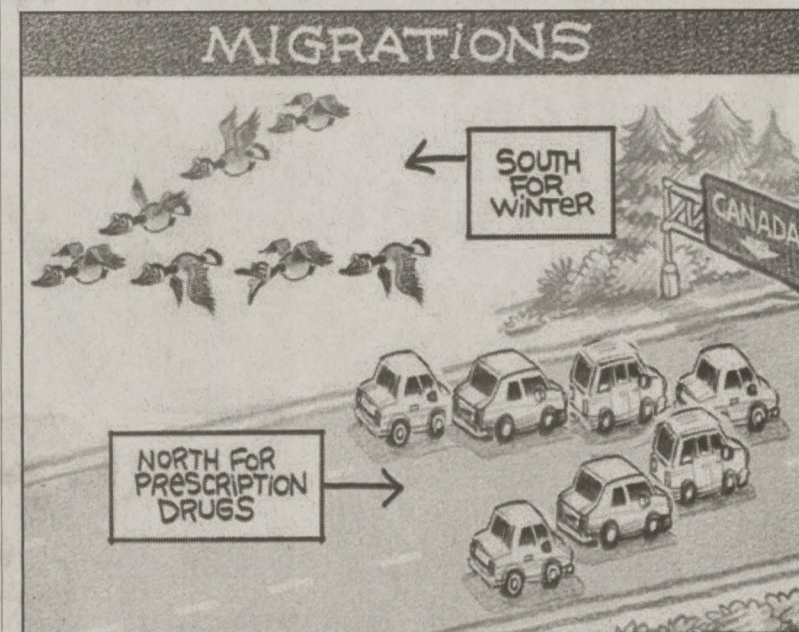
The Post comes at the news without bias or an ulterior motive. We strive to cover the things that really matter to the community, and give everyone a chance to share their thoughts and views in an open forum.

Apparently, someone is upset by our coverage, or just our existence all together, and has decided to take it upon themselves to try and slow down our readership.

But The Post has a strong promise to delivering news and will not stop no matter how many times we have to re-deliver papers every week.

However, there is one thing this person or these people should know. Stealing the papers from the official distribution bin is a crime.

The OU community needs to help preserve its news source and forum for opinions. Don't let someone else here on campus rob you of your rights.



Point / Counterpoint

Should the U.S. pull its troops out of Iraq?

YES

BY JUSTIN MULARSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

The United States needs to pull out of Iraq. This does not mean that the United States should abandon Iraq. Simply, it can't. If America is to salvage its reputation and any sense of nobility for this war, it must finish what it started. The war in Iraq is not one that should have been started at the time or for the reasons it was, but that debate is over.

What the United States can, and needs, to do, is to begin pulling out some of the 130,000 troops in Iraq. Many of these brave soldiers have been committed for far longer than they were originally led to believe, and have families at home suffering both emotionally and financially. President Bush declared major combat over in his sad, exploitative photo opportunity in May, yet November has

been the deadliest of the six ensuing months that saw over 200 flag-draped coffins arriving back in the United States.

The UN is not able to "take over" the stabilization or reconstruction of Iraq at this point. This just means it is time to work with the allies who were so alienated by the Bush administration's trademark ignorance of the international community in the lead up to war. It means that it's time to apologize for the juvenile insults and to brush up on the age-old art of diplomacy in order to get strategic and financial help from our friends around the world by convincing them they have a stake in the future of a free Iraq. In doing so, the American people can begin to be unburdened financially from a war that has already cost \$150 billion, and our soldiers can stop being targets in a terrorist garden America may have helped water.

No

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The U.S. should have never started the war in Iraq, but now that we are there, we should not just leave.

If U.S. troops leave Iraq now, the country will be left defenseless, without leadership and in a very weakened state. More likely than not, Iraq would fall to another "evil" leader—undoing any effort made to create a democracy.

A perfect example of this is the Vietnam War.

America jumped into this conflict, expecting a quick resolution to Communist leadership in South Vietnam. After many years, people came to believe that the war was pointless, and the U.S. withdrew its forces in 1973.

In 1975, South Vietnam fell to Communist rule, after the U.S. Congress refused to send aid to the country, making the loss of civilian and military lives a com-

plete waste.

The U.S. should get the rest of the world to back it in this war—even if it means President Bush has to relinquish some power. If Iraqi civilians wanted the U.S. there, many of the guerilla attacks would not be taking place.

Troops should be significantly better trained in Iraq, especially in dealing with civilians. According to the "San Francisco Chronicle" the Project on Defense Alternatives in Cambridge, Mass. estimated that about 200 civilians were killed in Iraq since the day Bush declared major combat over.

In the article, an Iraqi civilian was quoted saying he thinks much of the resistance against the U.S. is "... revenge by people who have claims against the military."

A serious effort should also be made to hasten the creation of a democracy in the country.

When Iraq becomes self ruling, then it will be safe to step down the military forces.

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PARK

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and to support other safety related systems on campus, such as the closed circuit surveillance cameras and the blue light phones," said Gilroy.

Several years ago, OU formed a parking committee to combat the current and anticipated parking issues.

Greg Kampe, who is also OU's Men's Basketball Coach, is the committee chair.

"The committee was put together quite a few years ago, when we foresaw that there were going to be issues. Our primary focus is to monitor the parking situation, meet with students, and create plans to combat the need for parking on a growing campus," said Kampe.

The committee consists of eight people, including students, faculty and staff. To join the committee, members must show an interest in the issue and are then chosen by Kampe.

In the past, the committee had considered charging an annual or biannual fee for a parking permit to help pay for existing and upcoming parking expenses. The

committee decided against it when they spoke to students and an overwhelming majority of the students wanted to keep the parking as it currently is: free for everyone.

With increasing enrollment, the parking committee would like to see other parking garages built, said Kampe.

"If enrollment reaches 20,000 students, then a plan is in place to create one to two more garages. But this plan is driven solely by enrollment," says Kampe.

Kampe would not reveal the exact site of the garages because their final locations have yet to be determined.

Students would like to see a structure put in front of North and South Foundation Halls.

"I think taking the existing lots near Foundation and Wilson Halls and building upwards of a three to four story parking deck might be a good place to start, if it's fiscally reasonable," said Bastian.

The only parking structure on campus is located across from the Education and Human Services

Building. It opened in November 2002 and has 550 spaces. Some believe it has been helpful with the congested parking situation, while others don't see much use in it.

"I don't think the parking situation has improved since the garage opened. Every time I have driven by it, it is empty while the other lots are full," said student Cory Heck.

On the other hand, Ted Montgomery, OU's director of Media Relations, said that he no longer has a problem parking by his office, which is located in Varner Hall.

"I've never had a problem getting a space near my office, even on those occasions when I've had an off-campus meeting and had to return to the office afterwards," said Montgomery.

The OUPD Web site recommends parking in low traffic lots, such as P-3 which is the overflow lot near the dorms, P-11 which is east of Central Heating, the parking garage and P-37, which is south of the Science and Engineering Building.

HEALTH

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in Italian food cooked primarily by Italian chefs.

"As far as keeping things consistent, that's the hardest," she said.

Occasionally, bad inspection scores can outweigh the good ones.

In 1999 and 2000, the Auburn Hills Applebee's received four scores under 100. Macaroni Grill and T.G.I.Friday's both had one score under 100. BD's Mongolian Barbeque had none under 100.

Applebee's biannual scores were 67, 71, 72 and 74 respectively. Manager Andy Stevenson said things have definitely changed since then.

"You know, different managers and employees—there are always different circumstances," he said.

Stevenson said the restaurant has been clean and thorough for the past few years.

Although these restaurants try their best in preventing any sanitary issues, complaints of food poisoning do and can still

occur. Over the past four years, there have been a few customer complaints that opened an investigation at the restaurants.

Carol said when a complaint is received, they take whatever steps necessary inside the restaurant to investigate what the order was and how many were served that day.

According to the Emergency Medical Services Authority Web site, symptoms of food poisoning can occur two hours to two days after eating the tainted food. Some of the symptoms, which can be mirrored with flu symptoms, include abdominal cramps, headache, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting. In some severe cases, fever can also occur.

Over the past four years, BD's Mongolian Barbeque and T.G.I.Friday's have both had three complaints, Macaroni Grill has had one and Applebee's has had two, according to the report.

"We seem to never even get any complaints," said

Stevenson. "The last complaint we had were some comments about the green onions and so we quit using them," he said.

Chris Leece, a Holly resident, said he got food poisoning from a local restaurant.

"It just happened so suddenly and it was like the worst pain I've ever experienced in my life," he said.

Leece said he never filed a complaint because he didn't really know how to approach it. Leece encourages anyone who might be possibly experiencing food poisoning to get it checked out quick.

"You'd want to call the restaurant quick in order to prevent maybe someone else from getting sick," he said.

To file a complaint or for more information, call the Oakland County Health Department at (248) 858-1280.

ROADS

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"(Salt brine) can be put down before the snow storm, and you can't do that with the rock salt because it'll just bounce off the road or be blown away by the passing traffic."

He said if Oakland County gets a snowstorm forecast for 5 p.m., the Road Commission can send the salt brine trucks out a few hours earlier and coat the pavement. This will not only

break up any ice or snow before it sticks to the ground, but will also not slow down the daily commute.

"That way they won't get stuck in traffic," said Bryson.

However, the use of salt brine will not eliminate the rock salt system on the roads.

"It just buys time for the trucks to get out," he said.

After the salt brine has been sprayed, rock salt

will still be added on top of it.

Last winter, the county experimented with the salt brine on rural roads to make sure it would work the way they wanted it to. The salt brine system has also been used for other purposes, such as controlling dust on rural and unpaved roads.

The road commission already set aside \$7.5 million in its budget for winter maintenance.

nance of the county roads, so the salt brine won't cost any more than expected. In addition, because the salt brine is naturally occurring salt water, it is virtually costless to pump, said Bryson.

He said the Road Commission's goal is to make Oakland County's roads safer, especially in the inclement weather of the winter months.

Congratulations seniors!

Good luck in all you do

You will be missed.

The Staff of The Oakland Post

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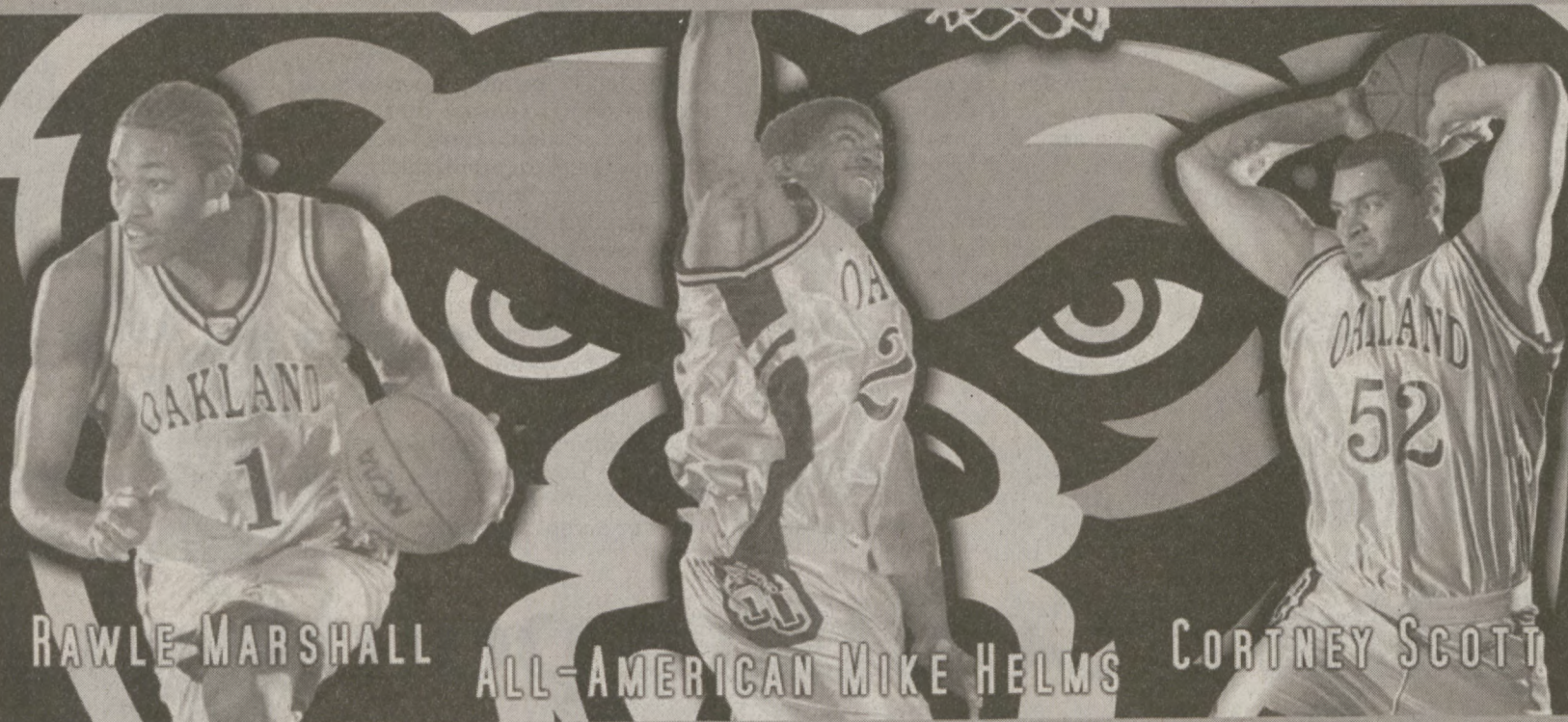
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Tigers fight for win

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

A standing-room only crowd of 4,055 wasn't enough to help lift the OU men's basketball team over the University of Missouri, ranked sixth in the ESPN/USA Today poll and fifth in the AP poll, on Saturday.

The Golden Grizzlies never trailed by more than eight points and held the lead five times, but the Tigers would not give in, winning 90-85.

"I think we played our tails off," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "I think we competed with one of the best teams in the country. I was very, very pleased and proud of the way we played and the way we competed."

Senior guard Mike Helms fouled out with 8:12 remaining in the game with 21 points and OU trailing by five. Although the Grizzlies never fell behind by more than six without Helms, the Tigers did not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the contest.

Junior guard Rawle Marshall tried to pick up the slack, scoring nine points in the last eight minutes, but it was not enough.

"When I (saw Helms) foul out, I knew I had to step my game up a little bit," Marshall said. "I know they were probably going to key in on me a bit more, but I felt I had to just help our team win."

OU struggled from the floor in the first half, shooting 35.3 percent, missing all five of its three-point attempts. Missouri took advantage to take an eight point lead into halftime.

The Grizzlies refused to lay down after the break, however, opening up the second half with a 12-2 run, taking the lead after a steal and dunk by Helms that forced the Tigers to call a 30-second timeout at the 17:04 mark.

For more than six minutes the teams traded baskets, with neither squad pulling away by more than two points.

The game remained close even

after Helms' departure but OU could not capitalize on opportunities to take the lead. After the last media timeout with 3:42 left to play, the Grizzlies went cold, going 1-5 from the field.

The Tigers hit five of six free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. For the game, they went 23-25.

"I really think the game was won at the free throw line," Kampe said. "That's why they're who they are. To be able to come in on the road their first game of the season and make 23 out of 25."

Five players were in double figures for Missouri, led by senior swingman Rickey Paulding, a Detroit native, and sophomore Jimmy McKinney, who had 21 points each.

Another Detroit native, senior Tigers' center Arthur Johnson, recorded 19 points playing against his former teammate from Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) competition, sophomore OU center Shawn Hopes.

Senior guard Josh Kroenke added 11 points and freshman forward Linas Kleiza gave Missouri 10 points off the bench.

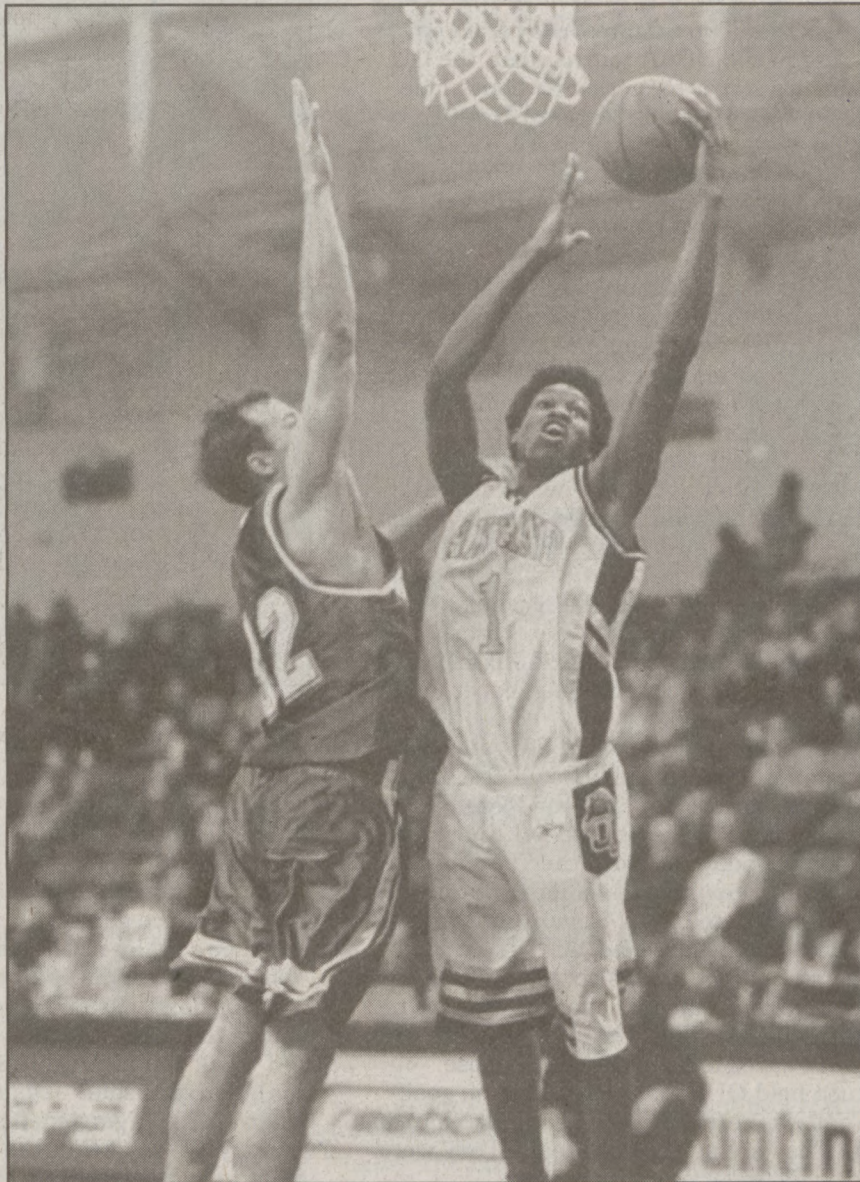
The Grizzlies had four players reach double figures, led by Marshall's game-high 27 points. Helms contributed his 21 points in 26 minutes and junior forward Cortney Scott tallied 13 points to go along with eight assists.

Hopes was held to two points in the first half, but erupted after the break to score 12 points in the second half to give him 14 points and eight rebounds for the game.

"He really didn't go at it in the first half," Kampe said. "In the second half he really went at it, and that's what we need from him."

OU used full court pressure to force the Tigers into 20 turnovers, scoring 15 points off its opponents' miscues.

"I think that we are, without a doubt, at this stage of the season, the best defensive team I've ever



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Junior guard Rawle Marshall goes in for the layup.

coached," Kampe said. "And I've coached some pretty good ones. Physically, athletically we're the best we've ever been."

Marshall, with five steals, and Helms, with four steals, led the defensive effort.

While Missouri outrebounded the Grizzlies 44-31 overall, OU held the advantage on the offensive glass, 16-14. Still, the Tigers had a 16-8 advantage in second-chance points.

Even with the close loss,

Missouri moved up one spot in both polls.

The loss was the Grizzlies' fourth straight, second consecutive to a Top 25 opponent, after starting the season with two straight wins.

OU will look to right the ship against intrastate foe the University of Detroit-Mercy at 7:05 p.m. tonight on the road.

The Grizzlies will then tip-off against Texas A&M University at 6 p.m. Saturday in the 'O'rena.

Storied career ends

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Kristie Kieffer made OU cross country history on Nov. 24 as the first OU runner to compete in the NCAA Championships since the athletics program made the jump to Division I.

She ran the race in 21:33.4 to place 150th out of 252 participants.

"It was very exciting, to be with the top teams and top runners in the country," Kieffer said. "It's definitely an honor to be there."

The trip to the NCAAAs caps not only a record-breaking season for Kieffer, but also marks the end of the career of arguably the most prolific runner in OU's history.

OU cross country coach Paul Rice said Kieffer's progress has been incredible.

"A kid that came in just as an average high school runner to turn into what she has done in her career is just an amazing accomplishment," he said.

Rice said that Kieffer did not start running cross country until her senior year of high school when her softball coach asked her to do it for conditioning.

"She was fairly new to the sport which helped her throughout her career," Rice said. "She didn't know what she capable of because she was so young and new to the sport."

Kieffer said she learned a lot during her time at OU.

"At first, I really had no clue how involved running cross country is," she said. "I've grown to know a lot about the sport and learned a lot, even this year."

Kieffer earned First Team All-Conference honors all four years she competed in the Mid-Con and was named the league's Athlete of the Year in 2000, after winning the first of her

two Mid-Con Championships.

She led the Grizzlies in all sixteen of the team's meets in the 2000 and 2001 seasons, finishing 69th and 66th, respectively, in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

After being redshirted for the 2002 season, Kieffer returned in 2003 on a mission.

Kieffer won four meets this season, including the Mid-Con championship, and was the top OU finisher in all but the first meet.

At the Mid-Con championships, she blazed her competition by half a minute to take Mid-Con Athlete of the Year honors for the second time.

With hopes of qualifying for the NCAAAs, Kieffer placed 13th in the Great Lakes Regional to earn herself an at-large bid in the championships.

Kieffer holds school records at both the 5K, 17:03, and 6K, 21:10.70, distances.

Rice said that Kieffer has expressed interest in taking her abilities to the next level and testing the longer distance races.

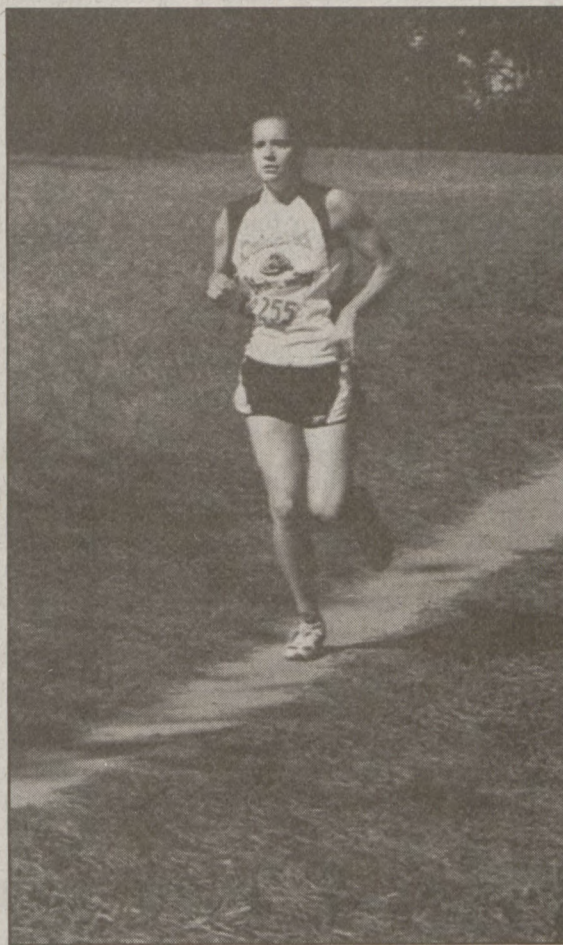
Either way, Rice said that he will miss having Kieffer around but that her success should rub off on Nasers, who will redshirt and take next season off to prepare for a senior year similar to Kieffer's.

"I think it will help Melissa a lot," Rice said. "She's actually ran faster times than Kristie did as a junior. She's finally getting some confidence that she's capable of taking the steps that Kristie did."

Kieffer said Nasers has the skill and drive to make it just as far as she did.

"She knows what she needs to do basically," Kieffer said. "I've been there and she knows me very well. She's definitely as hard a worker as I am."

Kieffer is welcome back anytime, Rice said. "Anything she could do to help us out, I



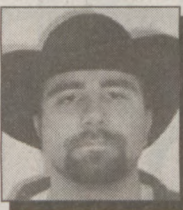
File Photo/Bob Knoska

Senior cross country runner Kristie Kieffer.

would welcome her," he said. "She'll still be around and be involved. It's nice to have the person who kind of paves the path, the legend, to come back and work with the kids."

Kieffer said she'd like to come back.

"I love this program and I'm really glad to be a part of it," she said. "I would definitely do anything I could to help it succeed."



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Everyone has a voice at The Post

"Are there any real newspapers here?"

Yes, Athletics Director Jack Mehl, there's one right here on campus.

In the spirit of the season, this column was going to be full of criticism of the growing capitalism that is overrunning the true nature of Christmas. But I can't shake Mehl's words.

Walking out of the press room in the 'O'rena before Saturday's men's basketball game against the University of Missouri, I politely said "Hello" to Mehl, addressing him as "sir." He greeted me and some of the WXOU broadcast team with a hearty "How you doing, guys?"

Once I left the room, with the door still propped open, I waited in the hall for the above-mentioned WXOU team. Waiting patiently, Mehl's demeaning question echoed through the corridor.

"Are there any real newspapers here?"

Sure, Saturday's game was a fairly big deal with Missouri, ranking fifth in the Associated Press Coach's Poll and sixth in the ESPN/USA Today poll at the time of the game, in town. Granted, more than 4,000 fans were in attendance, pushing capacity to standing room only.

Reporters from the Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, Daily Oakland Press and from papers in Missouri turned out for the game.

Three students from Missouri's student newspaper, the Columbia Missourian, and myself were also covering the game, just the same as the rest of the journalists there.

As a student at this university, my main goal is to learn the skills I need to move into the professional world. One of the unique opportunities The Oakland Post and other similar groups on campus allow is a chance to be in an environment where students don't only learn about, but also experience, the "real" world.

Like any other newspaper, The Post is dedicated to fair and accurate reporting with time and effort committed to serving the readership, the OU community.

As I would do with any reader, I challenge Mehl to offer any constructive criticism he may have for The Post to achieve that goal more fully.

With content driven towards the OU community, this sports section devotes more time and resources towards covering OU sports than any other publication.

The basketball and soccer teams are the only ones getting coverage, but this section attempts to fairly inform readers about the events and developments with all the sports OU supports.

While I realize there is necessary separation between the athletics department and academic affairs, Mehl is still an administrator on this campus and has a duty to help make all facets of its existence more appealing.

When possible incoming students click on the student newspaper link, they are sent to The Post's homepage. If current students want to catch up on the weekly events of this campus, they pick up The Post for in-depth coverage.

Students, faculty and staff alike have a voice in The Post. As this semester and many more have shown, there is a place for everyone willing to constructively criticize and offer productive suggestions.

Any more questions?

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Club hockey continues hot streak

By earning three out of four points this weekend, the OU men's club hockey team took control of the Great Midwest Hockey League (GMHL).

A tie against Indiana University, 4-4, and a win over the University of Miami (Ohio), 7-2, also extended the team's unbeaten streak to 15 games.

The Golden Grizzlies have eight

points in the GMHL with three wins and two ties.

On Friday, Nov. 20 at the ONYX Ice Arena in Rochester, Indiana took a 4-1 lead into the third period, but OU battled for the tie.

The Grizzlies turned up the offense on Nov. 21 against Miami and played solid defense to hold the Redhawks' attack at bay.

A melee broke out at the end of

the game, resulting in seven disqualifications, four for Miami and three for OU.

The Grizzlies will take their unbeaten streak on the road for two games over the break.

Saturday, OU will travel to Ann Arbor to take on the University of Michigan (U-M) in another GMHL battle.

Currently, U-M places fifth in

the league with four points.

The Grizzlies will take a week off before taking part in a non-league game against Central Michigan University on Dec. 13 in Mount Pleasant.

The team will then be on break until a Jan. 9-11 tournament.

~BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

ON TAP @ OU

Check out the times and dates below to get a jump on what's going in OU athletics this week.

Men's Basketball

Wednesday Dec. 3, 7:05 p.m.
@ Detroit
Saturday Dec. 6, 6 p.m.
vs. Texas A&M
(@ 'Orena)
Sunday Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
vs. Northern Michigan
(@ 'Orena)
Saturday Jan. 3, 6 p.m.
vs. Valparaiso
(@ 'Orena)
Monday Jan. 5, 9 p.m.
@ Western Illinois

Women's Basketball

Sunday Dec. 7, 2 p.m.
@ Detroit
Tuesday Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
vs. Florida
(@ 'Orena)
Tuesday Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
vs. Ohio University
(@ 'Orena)
Saturday Jan. 3, 7 p.m.
vs. Valparaiso
(@ 'Orena)
Monday Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
@ Western Illinois

Women's Swimming & Diving

Thursday-Saturday Dec. 4-6
@ Mid-Con Championship
(@ Indianapolis)
Friday-Saturday Dec. 5-6
@ Eastern Michigan Invite

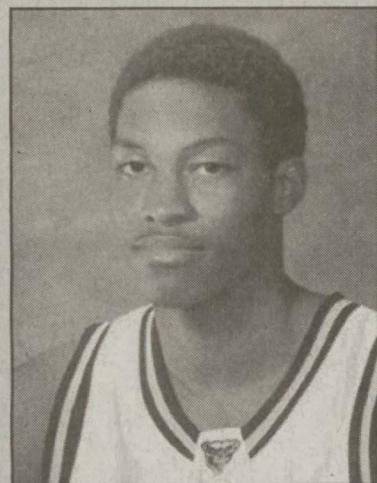
Men's Club Hockey

(DII)
Saturday Dec. 6, TBA
@ University of Michigan
Saturday Dec. 13, TBA
@ Central Michigan
(DIII)
Saturday Dec. 6, 8 p.m.
vs. Calvin College
(@ Detroit Skating Club)
Friday Dec. 12, TBA
@ Muskegon CC
Saturday Dec. 13, 9 p.m.
vs. St. Clair CC
(@ Detroit Skating Club)

Women's Club Hockey

Saturday Dec. 6, 2 p.m.
@ Univ. of Notre Dame
Sunday Dec. 7, 11 a.m..
@ Univ. of Notre Dame

Grizzly Spotlight



Rawle Marshall
Men's Basketball
Junior
Forward/Guard

Marshall shared Mid-Con Athlete of the Week honors after scoring 27 points against the University of Missouri in a 90-85 loss to the ranked opponent Saturday.

Currently, Marshall leads the team in scoring average, 21.7 points per game, steals, 15, and blocked shots, 10.

Marshall's scoring average is also leading the Mid-Con.

-BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Grizzlies lose in OT

Tulsa ousts OU in first round of College Cup

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Less than two minutes away from advancing in the NCAA tournament, the OU men's soccer team saw its hopes fade.

Ahead 2-1, sophomore forward Ryan Pore tied the game and senior forward Kris Glasser scored the game-winner in the 103rd minute to give the 24th-ranked Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa University the victory in the first round of the College Cup.

Glasser beat sophomore OU goalkeeper Jeff Wiese one-on-one from five yards out less than three minutes into the game's second overtime.

At the 88:41 mark of regulation, Wiese was beaten by a 13-yard shot by Pore, his second goal of the game.

OU head coach Gary Parsons said the ball was served into the box and was knocked down instead of being headed out and Pore shot a ball through a crowd of people that found the back of the net.

OU took the early lead against Tulsa when junior forward Phillip Braathen headed a corner kick by sophomore forward Mike Matalavy past sophomore Hurricane goalkeeper Justin Durst.

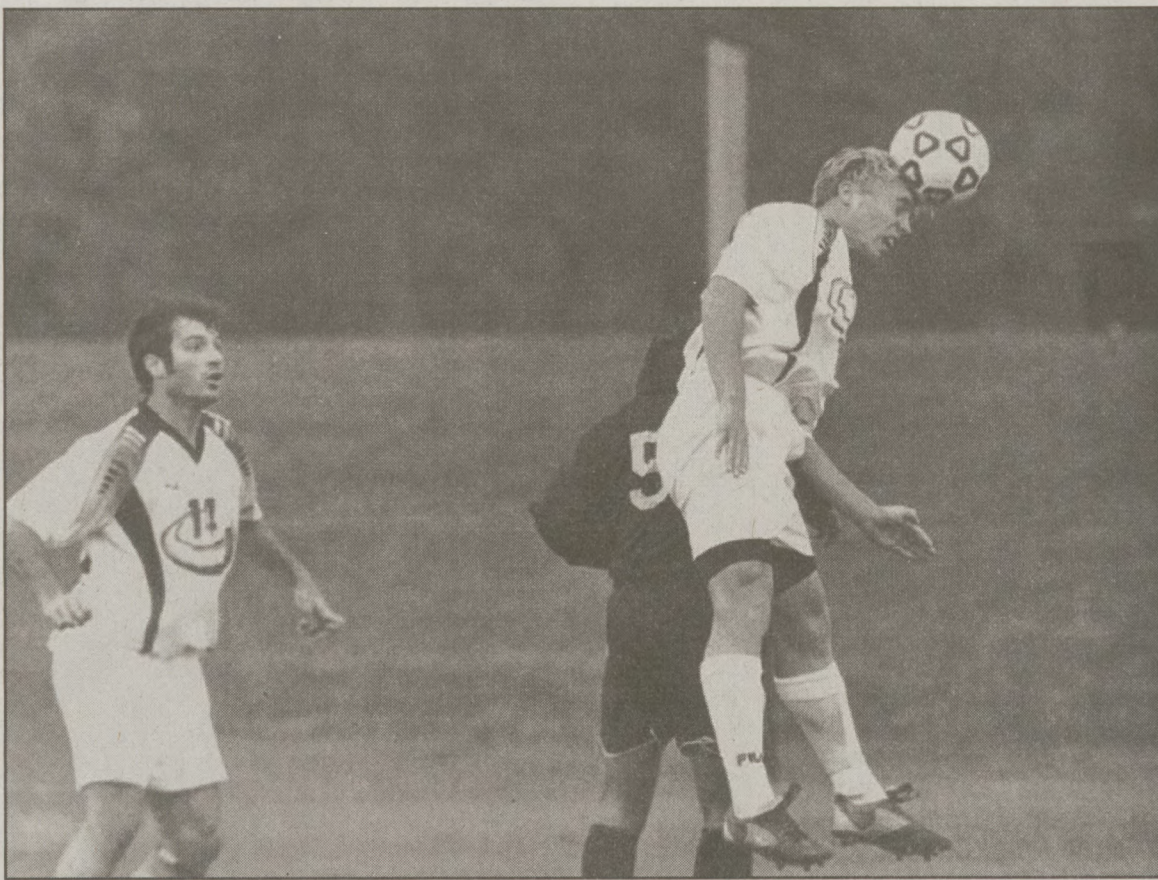
Pore tallied his first goal of the game, assisted by junior forward Kyle Brown, less than eight minutes later, to knot the score.

The teams took the tie into halftime and remained deadlocked until the 72nd minute when Braathen assisted senior forward Anders Vollen, who scored from 11 yards out to give the Grizzlies the late lead.

OU put only four shots on goal, taking eight shots total, but made its chances count. On defense, the Grizzlies were led by Wiese who made 12 saves to keep the match close.

Tulsa held OU to just four shots on goal. "That was certainly not the intent," Parsons said. "They are a very good team. They were putting us under a lot of pressure."

Three yellow cards were handed out in the contest, two to OU and one to Tulsa. Juniors



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Junior forward Phillip Braathen goes up for the header in a game earlier this season.

Brett McNabb, midfielder, and Matt Connor, defenseman, received the Grizzlies' and Tulsa junior defenseman Scott Kincaid was given the Hurricanes'.

Parsons said he didn't say anything to the team after the game.

"There's really not much to say," he said.

"Obviously everyone was disappointed."

As for next season, Parsons said this has shown the team what the next level looks like.

"I think you take quite a bit (into next season)," Parsons said. "It's just another situation when we're playing against a top team in the country. We saw what the next level is and what to look forward to. Now we know the bar is raised."

Off the field, senior defenseman Ryan

Rzepka was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American Men's Soccer Second Team.

One of the team captains, Rzepka earned First Team All-Conference honors after starting in all 22 games for the Grizzlies this season. He helped lead the team's strong defense, which allowed 19 goals in 22 games.

While finishing fourth on the team with four goals and 13 points, along with five assists, Rzepka holds a 3.9 GPA in Finance.

He was one of four players from District IV and one of three from the Mid-Con to earn Academic All-American Team honors.

"It's a tremendous honor for Ryan," Parsons said. "The whole team is proud of him."

Women still searching

BY BRENDAN STEVENS &
MIKE LARSON
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's basketball team needed a team effort to defeat Columbia University Sunday, 64-59.

In the consolation game of the Dead River Company Classic, the Golden Grizzlies had six players score eight or more points to defeated the Lions of Columbia.

OU lost to Marquette University in Saturday's opening round, placing them in the consolation game. Columbia was defeated by tournament host the University of Maine.

Marquette defeated Maine in the championship, 57-49.

The Grizzlies were led by junior transfer forward Petra Manakova, who scored 10 points in just her second start of the season.

Head coach Shea-Hilliard said she didn't have a timetable when the junior transfer would start.

"She was out most of the preseason," she said. "She had to earn a (starting) spot and I thought she had done that."

Sophomore guards Anne Hafeli and Jayme Wilson had nine points each, while senior forward Amanda Batcha, freshman forward Nicole Piggott and senior

guard Nicole Randolph contributed eight points apiece.

After a 73-49 loss to Marquette the day before, the Grizzlies came out of the gate storming gaining an 11-0 advantage more than six minutes into Sunday's contest.

The Lions clawed back to within three points, but OU fought them off to take a 10-point lead into halftime.

The tides changed frequently after the break, with Columbia pulling within four early in the second half and the Grizzlies extending the margin to 12 with less than 10 minutes left in the game.

But the Lions continued to chip away at the lead, bringing the game within one with more than three minutes to play.

A clutch jumper extended OU's lead back to three but Columbia brought the game back within two with a free throw. Two free throws by Hafeli pushed the lead to four, but the Lions responded with a pair from the charity stripe to cut the margin in half.

But that would be as close as Columbia would come after a steal by Batcha that would force the Lions to send Hafeli to the charity stripe, where she hit both shots.

Batcha sealed the five-point victory with six seconds left by hitting a free throw.

ing a free throw.

In Sunday's game against Marquette, the Grizzlies got a taste of their own medicine as the Golden Eagles held them to 27 percent shooting from the field.

Manakova was OU's leader on the court in the loss, racking up more minutes, points, rebounds, assists and blocks than any of her teammates.

Going 4-10 from the field, Manakova hit six of seven free throws to record 14 points while hauling in nine rebounds, dishing out four assists and rejecting three shots in 31 minutes.

Piggott contributed nine points while Hafeli and Randolph added eight each.

Shea-Hilliard said Randolph has accepted the role as the team's "Energizer Bunny."

"She's a kid that always going to play hard and wants to make something happen," Shea-Hilliard said. "As a senior she is still kind of a newcomer and she is still finding her role. She's trying to keep everybody together, as well."

Shea-Hilliard said the team as a whole is still searching for its identity.

"We're trying to figure out who's going to play well in the system," she said. "We're still going through the 'getting to know

everybody' phase."

In their home opener on Nov. 25, the Grizzlies overcame a slight halftime deficit to defeat Central Michigan University, 69-57.

In the second half, OU used its full court press to push the Chippewas turnover total to 28 for the game.

Piggott had a breakout game for the Grizzlies, scoring a game-high 17 points.

Shea-Hilliard said she was happy, but not surprised by Piggott's performance.

"We knew that she was a good player," Shea-Hilliard said. "We were kind of just waiting for her coming out part. And she sure came out and played tonight."

Wilson contributed 15 points and Manakova had 12 points and seven rebounds off the bench. Hafeli added nine points.

The Grizzlies will take their 2-2 record downstate to square off against the University of Detroit at 2 p.m. Sunday in Calihan Hall. The Titans lead the all-time series, 5-9.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, the "Young Guns" will bring the show back home to take on the University of Florida in the 'Orena. OU lost to Florida in the teams' only meeting during the 2001-02 season in Gainesville.

Mid-Con up next for OU

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's women's swimming and diving team remains undefeated after another win, this time in a tri-meet against the University of Toledo and Northern Michigan University (NMU). The meet was held on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the OU Aquatic Center.

Against Toledo the final score was 178-118 and against NMU the final score was 199-77. The victory brings OU's season record to 7-0.

The Golden Grizzlies started the meet with freshman Jenna DeJonge, senior Shelley Aurit, senior Tanya Korniyenko and senior Oksana Strelets

taking first in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:48.10.

OU took 1-2-3 in the 200-yard freestyle with sophomore Line Jensen taking first with a time of 1:54.47. Junior Karoline Freytag came in second with a time of 1:56.39 and junior Holly Miller took third with a time of 1:57.21.

Sophomore Maria Musialczyk touched out Aurit in the 100-yard breaststroke by less than a second with a time of 1:06.47 and Aurit finished in 1:07.29. DeJonge touched out Strelets by seven tenths of a second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.48 and 24.55.

OU's divers helped boost



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Sophomore Maria Musialczyk jumps off the starting block at the Nov. 20 meet.

the score of the team with freshman Liz Herrington taking first in the one-meter board with a score of 275.55 which is a season best. Sophomore Linda Keskey finished second with a score of 260.20 and sophomore Andrea Endres finished fourth with 230.20 points.

Endres took the three-meter board competition with a score of 254.30.

Herrington and Keskey both made the NCAA

Diving Zone meet. The qualifying standard is 255 points. Since both divers met that minimum they qualify to dive on all the platforms at the meet.

The next challenge that OU will face is the Mid-Con Championship in Indianapolis.

The three-day event will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday with preliminary races and wrap up on Saturday at 6 p.m. with finals and diving competition.

Both the men's and women's teams have dominated Mid-Con competition since becoming eligible for conference competition in 1999.

The men have won four straight league titles as have the women.

OU swimmers have won Swimmer of the Year honors for four consecutive years.

Expectations are high for both teams once again this season.

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Christmas gifts under \$25

BY RAQUEL DIONES
THE OAKLAND POST

Christmas is fast approaching and trying to find the perfect gift for friends and family members can become stressful and expensive.

Some students are limiting themselves to spending no more than \$30 a person this holiday season.

"I plan spending \$20-25 for each person this year," said Karen Tyrer, junior. "I'll probably be buying CDs and DVDs."

Tyrer, like other OU students, is trying to budget herself.

Here are some gift ideas under \$25. Any of these items can be found at stores in the Village of Rochester Hills, downtown Rochester, Somerset Collection and various other department stores.

- Charm bracelets
- Ties
- Knitted hats
- Knitted scarves
- Printed tees
- Leather journals
- Trucker hats
- Chocolates
- Bath and body gift baskets
- Used video games
- CDs
- Gift cards

Change cell-phone numbers without switching carriers

BY DAVID KILKENNY
THE OAKLAND POST

Local Number Portability (LPN) now gives people the ability to change cell-phone carriers and still maintain the same phone number.

Without the need to tell everyone in the world you have a new number, cell-phone companies are expecting a barrage of new and changing business.

The Federal Communications Commission pushed the law through primarily to keep businesses from having their hands tied to one company that could increase rates without fear of losing the account.

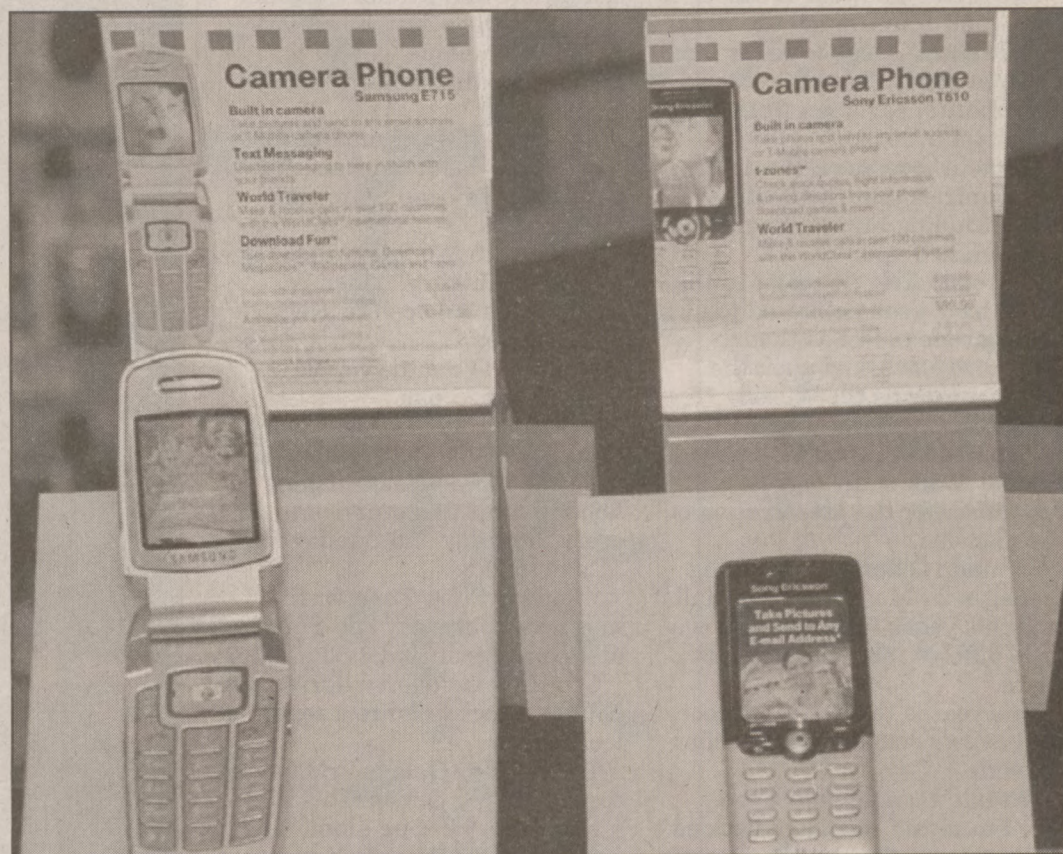
Now businesses can change carriers and keep possibly hundreds of numbers from changing, but individuals will benefit as well.

Instead of "renting" a phone number from a company, now a subscriber "owns" it, and it can go from carrier to carrier.

"It won't affect business as far as financially," said Dan Mark, assistant manager of AT&T's Auburn Hills store. "To be honest I think it will balance out."

But Brent Nealis, manager of T-Mobile's Auburn Hills store said, "We'll see a mass exodus from the older companies to the newer ones."

Verizon Wireless and Cingular Wireless have



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post
T-Mobile and AT&T Wireless services are offering a variety of new features including camera phones and Internet services.

been around since 1984 and people want a change, said Nealis. He feels people will migrate to companies offering the newer features.

When taking in a phone to change carriers, the change over can take anywhere from two to 24 hours, as long as no problems arise.

And it's not just a cell-

phone number; current home phone landline service can have that number assigned to a cell-phone now as well.

This change, according to Nealis, can take up to four days to complete.

Also, with T-Mobile and other companies, people can now switch carriers to add themselves into an existing "friends and fami-

ly" plan. This may be worth the change for some.

Marketing teams at the cell-phone companies are ready to let people know this option now exists and they are hoping they'll take advantage of it.

LPN went into effect Nov. 24, just in time for the holidays.

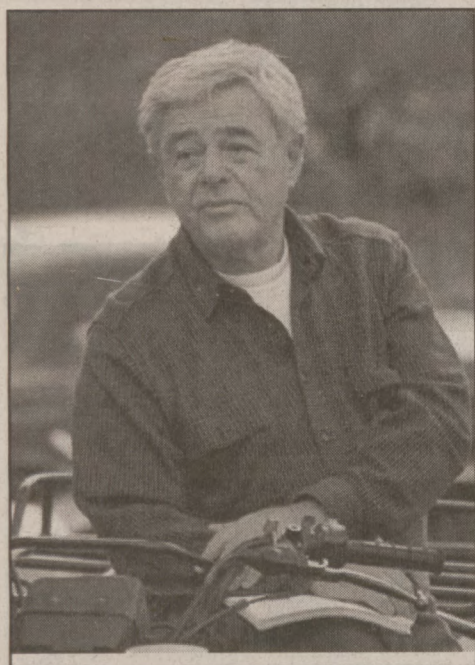
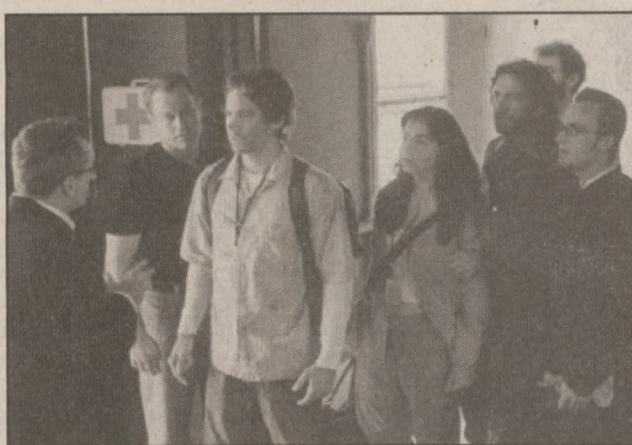


Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures
Frances O' Connor, Gerarrd Butler, Matt Craven, David Thewlis and Paul Walker star in "Timeline."

'Timeline' lacks plot/acting talent

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

tions never get answered because they are never asked.

The movie, which could have been interesting, is merely a

character and his father, the lost teacher, is also lukewarm.

The performances are well done, but the actors just don't seem to mesh well.

Gerald Butler gives the best performance of the film. His character, Merak, is a main player in the action and swordplay as well as keeping the plot moving.

What the movie lacks in depth is made up with medieval battles and realistic sword fights.

The visual effects and carefully choreographed battle scenes make the audience bite their nails with anticipation and sit back in awe.

What could have been a great action-adventure movie is reduced to an almost plotless film with mediocre acting and a few special effects.

Review

Time travel has taken us "Back to the Future" in the Dolorian and into a phone booth with Bill and Ted. Now it is transporting us back to the middle ages in a 3-D fax machine.

In "Timeline," an on screen adaptation of the Michael Crichton novel, a group of archeology students travel back to 14th century warring France to rescue their teacher trapped there.

The problem with this movie is all the questions that come to mind that are never addressed.

Will going back in time change history? Will interfering with the war change the outcome? These ques-

film about students going back in time and what they do when they get there.

The film, while easy to follow and a little humorous, lacks character and plot development as well as on screen chemistry between the actors.

The dialogue is also weak and doesn't help to move the story along at all.

The cliché romance between Kate (Frances O'Connor) and Chris (Paul Walker) seems like a last-minute subplot added to make the film more appealing.

The relationship between Walker's

Republican Gary Aldrich to speak about free speech

BY CLAIRE RYMILL
THE OAKLAND POST

The College Republicans debuts its lecture series with Republican Gary Aldrich at 7:30 p.m. today in the Oakland Center Banquet Room A.

Aldrich, a columnist for Worldnetdaily.com and Townhall.com, is a former FBI agent who specialized in political corruption and worked with the Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton White Houses. He is also the founder of the Patrick Henry Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-

profit group dedicated to the Constitution and Bill of Rights and promotes the memory of Patrick Henry.

The College Republicans are bringing Aldrich to OU to speak about free speech on campus. He will also be signing and selling copies of his new book, "Thunder on the Left: An Insider's Report on the Hijacking of the Democratic Party."

The group chose to bring Aldrich because he is just starting his tour circuit for the book and he fit the price range of the new organization, said President of the College Republicans, David Lauber, junior.

The members of the group are also fans of Aldrich and when they had the opportunity they decided to take it, he said.

"Students should go to the lecture mainly because it promotes political diversity," said Lauber.

Senior Tom Isaacs said holding a lecture with Aldrich is important because there needs to be a conservative voice on campus.

"The campus sees and hears a lot of one-sided material and I think it is important to change that," said Isaacs. "We are bringing in Gary Aldrich, there-

fore, to provide an alternative opinion which will be contrary to the liberal status quo on campus and hopefully indicative of the feelings of a lot of underrepresented students at OU."

The College Republicans is a new organization this semester. Its main goals are to promote political diversity and be the conservative political group on campus.

The group provides students with the opportunity to get involved in local and school politics. They provide all these opportunities in a group structure.

"I think that it is important that people our age get

involved in the political process. Participation is key to the success of our political system," said Doug Merriam, junior.

"Involvement in college politics allows someone to fully learn and develop an educated opinion on the important social issues of the times and, in the process, to hopefully make some sort of a difference," said Isaacs.

The group's social for the winter semester is tentatively scheduled for President's Day, Feb. 16, 2004.

The date is so far off that they are not sure if it will

take place then, said Lauber.

They do plan to bring some bigger names like Walter Williams to campus for their lecture series in the future.

In order to join the College Republicans, an applicant must meet three pieces of criteria.

Applicants must be students, faculty members or associates of the university, in good academic standing of a 2.0 GPA or higher, and support the ideals and beliefs of the Republican Party.

Tour helps preserve MBH

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Holiday festivities have begun at OU with the grand opening of Meadow Brook Hall's annual Holiday Walk which runs through Dec. 23.

The theme this year is based on the Grand Tour around the world that Frances Dodge took her family on in 1935, after she received her inheritance money from her father John Dodge.

The tour focuses on the different countries that the family visited, including France, England, India and Greece.

Approximately 24 rooms in the house have been decorated to allow guests to feel as though they have embarked upon the same journey as the Wilson-Dodge family 68 years ago.

The Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk is the biggest fundraiser for the preservation of the mansion.

Shannon O'Berski, marketing manager for Meadow Brook Hall said this year's Holiday Walk is a little different than in previous years.

This year is the first time people have given money to benefit the hall.

"People have actually sponsored a certain room and decided what country they want to recreate as part of the grand tour," said O'Berski.

The Holiday Walk is one of many events that Meadow Brook Hall is offering for the holidays.

The Grand Tour is one that allows people to walk through the home at their own pace and take in all the color and beauty that the decorated mansion has to

offer.

"You can look at the rooms longer without someone rushing you and you can skip over the things that you do not want to see," said Karen Kiyak, senior. "I would love to take the tour because I haven't seen the mansion before and I think the different decorations for the holidays would be a unique view of the home other than what is normally shown."

The Grand Tour runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (last admittance at 4 p.m.) everyday and tours begin upon arrival.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12.50 for children under 12.

All events are open to everyone and include:

- Letters to Santa everyday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.,
- Visiting Santa at the Knole Cottage during the week and at the Hall on weekends, making holiday cards and ornaments every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Holiday Story Time for the kids every Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Other events offered during the holiday season require a separate fee.

The Holiday Gala is Friday and costs \$200 per person. This is also a fundraiser offering dinner and dancing in the mansion for one spectacular evening.

- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20 at 9:30 a.m. allows families to enjoy a wonderful holiday breakfast prepared by Meadow Brook Hall's executive chef. Cost for adults is \$30 and children \$25.

- The final event is the Holiday High Tea. Tea parties were something that Matilda Wilson held

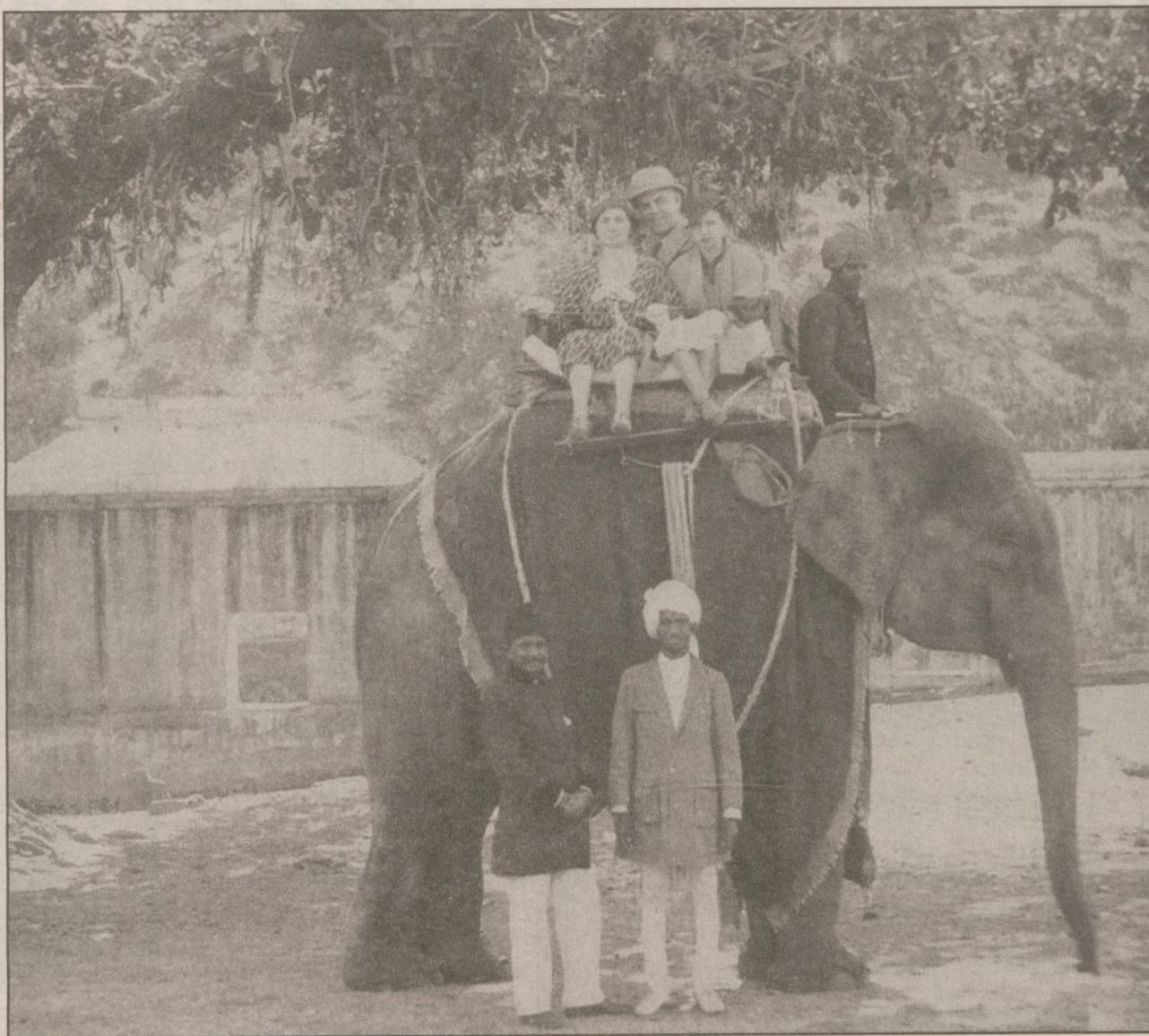


Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Hall
Matilda Dodge Wilson, Alfred Wilson and Frances Dodge atop an elephant near Jaipur, India in March 1935 during the Grand Tour in India.

quite often and this event is in honor of her renowned tea parties.

The tea party will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. and is

\$55 per person.

Reservations are required for each of the three separate events.

For more information regarding the Grand Tour and other events,

visit the Meadow Brook Hall Web site at

www.meadowbrookhall.org.



Photo courtesy of www.thecatinthecat.com

Theodore Geisel's, or Dr. Seuss, "The Cat in the Hat" stars Mike Myers as the cat, Dakota Fanning as Sally and Spencer Breslin as Conrad.

'Cat' comes alive

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

It was only a matter of time until the film industry recreated Theodore Geisel's, better known as Dr. Seuss, "The Cat in the Hat." Luckily, the producers at Universal Studios were smart enough to cast someone well-known and funny for the main character.

Mike Myers made the movie with his Austin Powers-like voices and witty one-liners that actually allowed this family/comedy film to be enjoyable for all ages.

The movie was directly based on the book, which saved the producers not only their jobs, but their faces in the industry. Of course there were a lot of additional scenes and stunts that were not in the book, but overall the movie theme followed that of the original book that was published in 1957.

The movie started out in a

town, which only Dr. Seuss himself can pronounce and spell, with young Sally (Dakota Fanning) and Conrad (Spencer Breslin) being left alone with a babysitter who does nothing but sleep.

They hear noises from an upstairs closet and find the Cat in the Hat, who is ready to teach Conrad to quit being such a rebel and Sally to loosen up from her stuck-up and always-right attitude.

The narrator often voices over the zany things the three do throughout the movie, while the children's mother, Joan (Kelly Preston), is working at a real estate agency. Her instructions to the children are to not set foot in the living room or mess up the house because she is entertaining clients that evening.

The Cat seems to always get the children into more trouble, while continually getting caught by Joan's boyfriend, Larry (Alec Baldwin). The children and Cat take Larry on a chase around

the vibrant-colored city only to end up back at home.

The movie is very funny to children because of the wacky voices Myers comes up with and the rhyming sentences throughout. Young adults can also appreciate it because most grew up on the Cat in the Hat book, but also enjoy it because of some crude humor most younger children do not get.

For example, the name of the Cat's car is the Super Luxurious Omnidirectional Whatchamajigger, or S.L.O.W. The children like the name, but then Myers follows it up with the former name of his car, which is something like the Super Hyper Intelligent Telecommunications car, or S.H.I.T.

The movie is definitely one to see on the big screen on a Sunday afternoon with the family. There aren't many films that can relate to all ages, but this is one of the very few to do it successfully.

Review

Scholarships awarded at Ball

By RAQUEL DIONES
THE OAKLAND POST

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta sorority will be awarding two scholarships at the Blue and White Ball.

The Ball will take place from 7 p.m.-12 midnight, Saturday, Dec. 6 in the Banquet Room in the Oakland Center. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The event is free and semi-formal.

One student will receive \$500 and the other \$250.

"The students had to answer a question to win the scholarship,"

said Calvin Gilbert, president of Phi Beta Sigma.

One question dealt with what OU students can do to improve diversity beyond programs that are already in existence.

The other question asked was if racism still exists in our society, how or why and what should be done about it.

"We are expecting to see around 75 to 100 people at the Blue and White Ball this year," said Sharita Storks, president of Zeta Phi Beta. "We will be giving out glasses commemorating the event."

Charter class conserves past

By LIBBY BAKER
THE OAKLAND POST

Some of OU's earliest scholars and faculty have created the Charter Challenge Endowment Fund to ensure the history of the university is preserved for the future.

Created in October, the fund will help preserve and archive items such as newspapers, photos and meeting minutes.

According to Michael Deller, a 1963 graduate, director of The Library Network in Southgate, and member of OU's charter class reunion committee, members became concerned when they began preparing for their 40-year reunion and discovered items were not being properly protected and preserved.

Eventually items will begin to disintegrate, and Deller said this process has already begun to take place with some of them.

"Time is slipping away," he said. "Preservation can only work if you have something to preserve."

According to Julie Vulaj, director of Annual Giving, the fund contains more than \$10,000 but needs to reach \$20,000 to be considered an official endowment by the university.

"People don't have to give a lot," she said. "Every little bit helps."

Once established as an official endowment, the principal balance

will remain and money generated as yearly interest will go towards the preservation and archiving of items and the purchase of proper technology to conduct this work. Eventually, a full time archivist may be hired, a first for OU.

The fund could ultimately provide important opportunities for OU students needing hands-on experiences in preserving and archiving items by establishing internships to help with the process of archiving the materials.

Deller said this project is important to generations of students and faculty, not just the charter class.

"This is important to students on campus today, because in 40 years when they return for their 40-year reunion they will want to see evidence that they were there and made a difference," he said.

Elizabeth Evola, senior, said this project shows students that their work on campus is appreciated and worthwhile.

"It shows that your time was well spent and that you were important to the university," she said.

To make a monetary donation to the Charter Challenge Endowment Fund, go to the OU Web site at www.oakland.edu and click on "Give to OU" or mail a donation to the Charter Challenge Endowment Fund, John Dodge House, Rochester, MI 48309-4401.

Shock makes mark with art

Students art stands out at OU

By Tracy Estes
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

The new Studio Art major is growing and new artists are emerging.

David Shock, senior, has taken full advantage of the new program and the OU community can view his work on campus.

Shock has known since he was 5-years-old that he wanted to be an artist. Starting out with painting, he put his talents to the test, creating abstracts and figurative art to begin developing his skills.

Shock then began experimenting in film, photography and sculptures before discovering installation art. Shock said that this is a temporary form of art and cannot be hung on a wall.

"Installation art is something that people of today can connect with. It is using the art of the media," said Shock.

Shock has many pieces displayed in various places on campus. There is a bower in the woods between Parking Lot 3 and the Graham Health Center that Shock built. On the fifth floor of Wilson Hall, Shock made a monument for the war in Iraq.

All of his pieces are built on the same theme, "to take people out of their element," said Shock. "People do the same things everyday, and for them

to see something new and interesting is the purpose of my art."

Each one of his pieces has a different purpose and meaning. Shock said his last piece, the monument, had a political theme.

"They are all different, and my thinking is all over, not just one specific genre," he said.

Shock said that it is not about the shock value in his artwork, but to reiterate



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

David Shock is an aspiring artist in the studio art field. He known for his different art pieces that have decorated the campus.

ate the feeling of seeing something that would normally be seen in a gallery environment.

Shock is one of the first to be graduating at OU with a degree in Studio Art. He has had six pieces displayed on campus and plans to do more.

"The kind of art that David is doing now

changed people's perceptions on current issues in the

world," said Andrea Eis, coordinator of the Studio Art program at OU. She said that he takes the things that people ignore and turns them into something to be noticed.

Eis said Shock doesn't look at any of his art as assignments.

"I think David's approach to art, is that he would make art no matter what, school or not. His dream is

to be an artist," said Eis. Along with his installation art, Shock has also made short films and his own newspaper.

For many of his pieces, he used natural or found objects and most of his work can be put together rather quickly in a matter of hours, after months of preparation.

Shock said that his goal is to inspire people. He said that he has had many jobs in his life, yet he keeps coming back to the arts.

"It just may be my calling," he said.

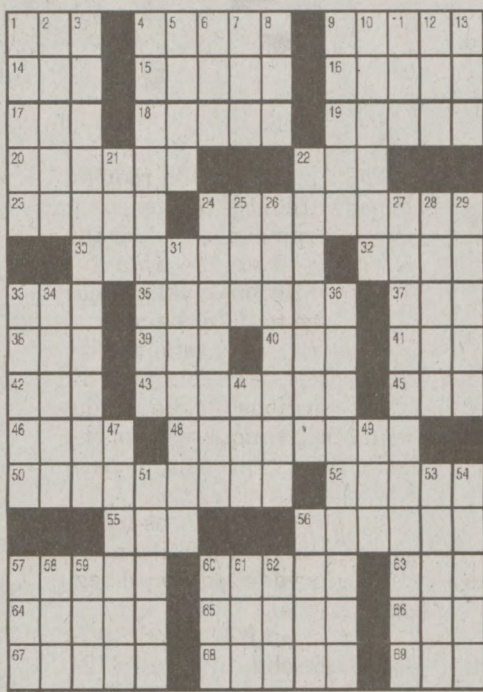
Although he is unsure of what he would like to do with his future degree, Shock said art will definitely be part of it.

"I'm not sure what my art will be like in the future, but I want it to effect people, to elevate the experience," he said.

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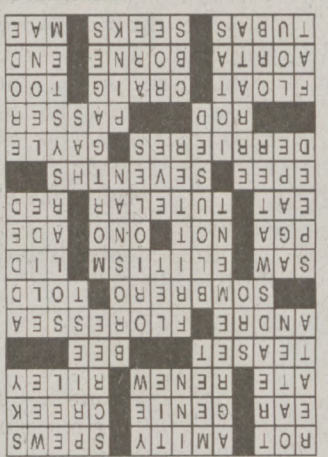
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- 14 Sympathetic attention
- 15 Lamp resident?
- 16 Small stream
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- 19 Basketball coach Pat
- 20 Silver server
- 22 Buzzing insect
- 23 Agassi or Citroen
- 24 Waters off Bali
- 30 Mexican hat
- 32 Informed
- 33 Adage
- 35 Snobbery
- 37 Top
- 38 Org. of Strange and Couples
- 39 on your life!
- 40 John's Yoko
- 41 Fruity concoction
- 42 Break bread
- 43 Of guardianship
- 45 Holzman or Auerbach
- 46 Dueling sword
- 48 Some musical chords
- 50 Butts
- 52 Singer Crystal
- 55 Gangster's gun
- 56 Quarterback at times
- 57 Parade component
- 60 Diet guru Jenny
- 63 Likewise
- 64 Main artery
- 65 Waited
- 66 Put a stop to
- 67 Large horns
- 68 Searches for
- 69 Sultry West



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Solutions



DOWN

- 1 Ranch name in "Giant"
- 2 Like Cheerios
- 3 Stays afloat
- 4 Pact
- 5 Run into
- 6 Lodging house
- 7 Even score
- 8 Landscaping shrub
- 9 Loose rock debris
- 10 Mass leader
- 11 Moray
- 12 Like a little Scot
- 13 Cloud cover
- 21 Letters in theater lobbies
- 22 Bond portrayer
- 24 Deep-fried cake
- 25 Countenance
- 26 Cal Ripken's team
- 27 Sol and its orbiters
- 28 Omit in pronunciation
- 29 Annexed
- 31 Hung loosely
- 33 Velocity
- 34 Wide open
- 36 Home contracts
- 44 Holiday lead-in
- 47 List of mistakes
- 49 Is down with
- 51 Jots
- 53 First name in bad hoteliers
- 54 Create a gorge
- 56 Pastel red
- 57 Love-handles content
- 58 Bud's buddy
- 59 Powerful sphere
- 60 Hwy. radios
- 61 Shad delicacy
- 62 Exist



"It's my panda-handler ...
It needs some spare change."

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Dec. 3

The Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk is open now through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children under 12-years-old.

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

The College Republicans Fall Semester lecture at OU will be featuring special guest Gary Aldrich at 7:30 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the OC. Admission is free and the event is open to all OU students.

The Social Work Club and the Sociology Club are hosting a canned food drive for the Oakland County Food Bank at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the OC through Dec. 5.

The Honors College is hosting a Poetry Jam and Holiday Party at 5 p.m. in room 112 of Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Dec. 5

Friday Night Live with Scott Kennedy will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

The Student Program Board is hosting the Battle of the Bands at 8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Meadow Brook Hall's Holiday Gala is being held at 6:30 p.m. with a champagne reception and dinner. Cost of this black tie evening is \$200 per person and all proceeds go towards the preservation of the mansion.

Saturday, Dec. 6

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will be hosting the 7th annual Blue and White Scholarship Ball from 7 p.m.-midnight. Food will be served at 8 p.m. and the event is free for OU students.

OU is hosting A Winter Wonderland, a holiday carnival for children is from 2-4 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. The event is free to everyone.

Monday, Dec. 8

The Student Program Board is hosting an art gallery from noon-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

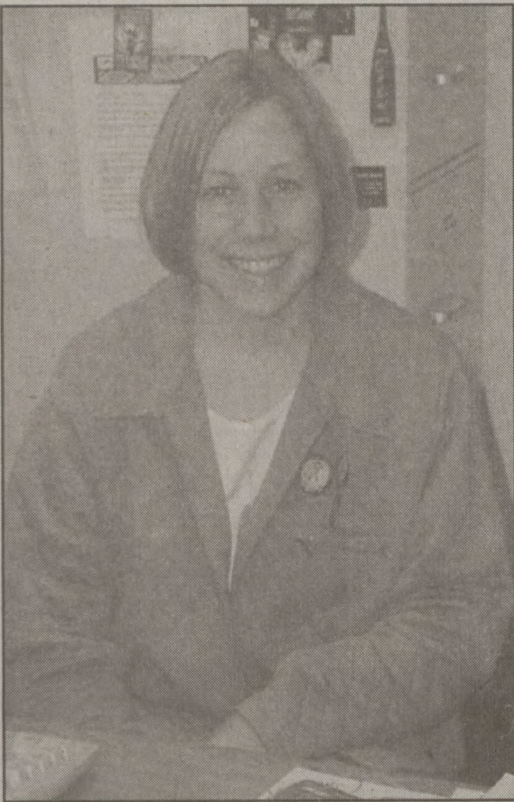
The Center for Student Activities will be hosting its current events panel from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

His House Christian Fellowship is hosting a lunch time Bible study from noon-12:45 p.m. in room 125 of the OC. The topic is "Why Did He Come?" and it is open to all OU students.

The Techies and Actors of the OU are hosting a fundraiser garage sale from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 10 from noon-5 p.m. at the Varner Studio Theatre. All proceeds go towards the students trip to the American College Theatre Festival at Illinois State University in January.

Need Advice?

E-mail questions about school, love and life to
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Sara Crampton

Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post

Sara Crampton

Coordinator of Student Leadership Development

•Where did you go to college?

I got my bachelor's of science and business administration in business management from Central Michigan University and my master's degree with an emphasis in counseling and student development.

•What are a few of your biggest accomplishments in life?

Purchasing my own home was great. It was an exciting financial accomplishment. Also, I ran a 26.2 mile marathon in Traverse City in little under four and a half hours.

•Where would you like to travel to in the United States?

I'd love to go to California because I've never seen the Pacific Ocean. I'd like to drive up and down the coast to see the whole state, because I heard that it completely changes from the top to the bottom.

Professional Profile

•Do you have any hidden talents?

I've been known to sing on occasion quite well, but I've only sang at my sisters' weddings, never in public.

•Where do you like to shop?

I like shopping at the mall. I love discount shopping and I always clip coupons. I try not to pay full price for anything.

•Do you have any hobbies?

I like running, cooking, traveling and shopping. I am also a regular watcher of the Bachelor. I watch it religiously every time it's on TV.

•What is your favorite movie?

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" is my all time favorite movie.

•What is your favorite holiday?

Personally, I like my birthday the best because it's my own holiday. But really, if I had to choose a real holiday, it would be Labor Day, because that is the one time my whole family is together.

Marathon runner at OU

Oakland University's***Student Affairs*****Weekly Column****HAPPY HOLIDAYS****From the Student Affairs Staff!****Graham Health Center**

Look for information in the Oakland Center on December 8 on prevention of and screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections. Or stop by Graham Health Center and visit our library of health information. GHC also has the vaccine available by appointment. Either way the cost is \$17. Flu season generally starts around the time of winter break and continues past spring break. Stay healthy for your vacations as well as midterms! Call Graham Health Center for more information or to make an appointment. Stay safe and protect yourself and we'll see you in the New Year.
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***Disability Support Services
Announcement***

All students who are eligible to take their final exams for fall term in the Disability Support Services Office—please schedule your appointments as soon as possible. Thank you.

New Student Programs

Orientation Group Leaders 2004 Coming Soon!
To learn more information stop by the OGL Information Tables in the Oakland Center Wednesday, December 3rd through Friday, December 5th from 12 noon-1 PM,
or contact the Office of New Student programs at (248) 370-3260 or nsp@oakland.edu.

Campus Rec Happenings

Please excuse our mess! Beginning Monday, December 8, 2003 the Rec Center will begin a new lighting project which will impact some areas. Exercise equipment will be available but some pieces may be located in the lower lounge area. The project should be completed in early winter semester. Thank you for your patience during this improvement.

Wellness Wednesday—December 10 will be the last Wellness Wednesday for the semester. The topic will be Food for the Heart Part 2. Please feel free to join us from 12-12:45 PM for some useful information. Bring your lunch and learn something new!

Wellness Programs—Watch for information on a new nutrition/exercise program which will be offered in winter semester.
Membership—Remember the great faculty/staff semester incentive being offered in December! Call 370-4792 for more information.

Break Passes—Now available. They make a great gift for the student home for the holiday!

Fitness and Wellness Center Employment Opportunity—The fitness area is interested in hiring four people for winter 2004 semester—preferably students studying exercise science or wellness, health promotion and injury prevention.

Contact Mila Padgett at 370-4792.

Rec Center Holiday Break Hours

Dec. 24-26, closed
Dec. 27-30, 12 noon-8pm
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, closed
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Jan. 5, 5:30am-11pm

Career Services***Career Service Information Sessions***

Interested in gaining valuable work experience related to your major? Attend an Information Session in the Career Service department and learn how to obtain an internship, co-op or career-related opportunity. All sessions are held in room 158 West Vandenberg Hall and are 45 minutes. Pre-registration not required. **Sessions are:** Friday, December 5, 1 PM, Monday, December 8, 10:30 AM, Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 AM and Thursday, December 18, 2:30 PM

Interview Practice Clinics

In a tight job market, strong interview skills are essential in order to stand out and ace the interview. Most interviews are now conducted utilizing behavioral based interview questions, which require advance preparation and practice. Learn how to tackle behavioral interviews and feel more confident during a job interview. **Pre-registration is required** through contacting Career Services at 248-370-3250. The following is a list of upcoming scheduled clinics:

Friday, Dec. 5th, 10 AM-12 noon,
158 West Vandenberg Hall
Thursday, Dec. 11th, 5-7 PM, Career Services Reception
Please visit www.oakland.edu/careerservices for further information.

THIS WEEK!

Friday Night Live Series wraps up Fall 2003 term with comedian Scott Kennedy

Friday, December 5,
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UPCOMING EVENTS...***Diversity Career Fair***

Thursday, January 29, 2004, 11 AM-3 PM
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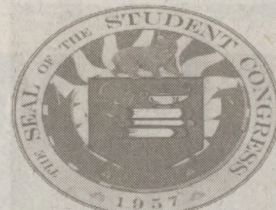
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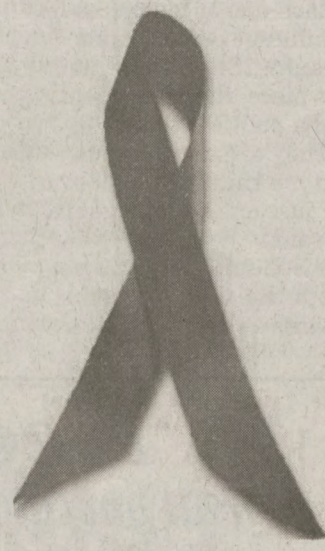
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