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They stare at you while
you're going to class.

Their stoic, penetrating
faces scare the living day-
lights out of freshmen
annually.

And they'll be the big
2-0 next Tuesday.

The marble fountain in
front of the
Kresge Library,
called
Saints
and
Sinners,
will be 20
years old
on Oct.
22.

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They don't dress like
OU students and they
don't spend their days on
campus, but the 21 gradu-
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nurse anesthetist
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The women's swim-
ming and diving team
kicked off the 1996-97 sea-
son Friday with its
Black/Gold intra-squad
meet.

The Pioneers are two
years removed from its last
national title and head into
this season with a young
but talented team.

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Student commends
OU's maturity on not
changing chalk writings
for this years coming
out day.

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SILO X draws crowds

By MICHAEL METZLER
Staff Writer

The stone floor beneath you
starts to sink. You quickly jump off,
only to be enveloped in a thick green
fog. Suddenly, a chainsaw-wielding
mutant lurches toward you!

It's just another October week-
end night at SILO X, the large haun-
ted house at the corner of Adams and
Walton roads, on OU's east campus.

The attraction, sponsored by Little
Caesar's, is scaring up good busi-
ness.

"So far, we've broken attendance
records for the month of September,"
media coordinator Maryanne
O'Donnell said. "With this good of
an opening, we may be able to
extend the days SILO X will be open
next year, making it not just a
Halloween attraction, but a fall
attraction, like the Renaissance

Festival.

The licensed haunted attraction
has nine other locations in the U. S.,
including Atlanta, Dallas and Ft.
Lauderdale. Attendance has been
roughly 40,000 per season, per loca-
tion. Michigan's attendance was pro-
jected to be a conservative 35,000.

OU Junior Todd Larsen, biology
major, was one of those attendees last
Saturday night.



Post Photo / Suzy Scholz

LONG LINES: On some weekend nights the
wait can be as long as an hour.

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Going Division I



Post Photo / Tracy Fener

SPEAKING OUT: Students leaders met with the ad hoc committee on Division I athletics to voice their opinions on the University's
look into going Division I.

Deadline nears for Division I decision

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

The ad hoc committee on
NCAA Division I athletics is feeling
the presidentially set pressure of
time as the Nov. 15 deadline closes
in. Since this is the last year educa-
tion-based universities will be able
to move up in NCAA play, OU has
to move quickly.

Adding to the pressure is inter-
est by at least some of the
University's trustees.

With three new members
recently added to the ad hoc group,
the committee still has at least four
more meetings on the calendar
before taking its report to the presi-

dent, though some are saying pri-
vately, the move is a "done deal".

While the three original com-
mittee members, Vice President of
Finance and Administration Paul
Bissonnette, NCAA faculty repre-
sentative and College of Arts and
Sciences Associate Dean William
Macauley and Athletics Director
Jack Mehl are touring the country to
visit other universities that have
Division I status, the new members
continue to review the already
gathered data.

Keith Kleckner, professor of
engineering and Chair of the Senate
Budget Review committee,
Michelle Piskulich, associate profes-
sor of psychology, and Paul
Bissonnette were in the
process of visiting NCAA

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Fact finding group goes on tour

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The three original mem-
bers of the fact-finding group
appointed by President Gary
Russi to explore the possibil-
ities of moving OU from its
current NCAA Division II
athletic status to an Division
I institution are criss-cross-
ing the country visiting other
schools which have recently
made the move.

Athletics Director Jack
Mehl said that he, NCAA
Faculty Rep William
Macauley and Vice President
for Finance and
Administration Paul
Bissonnette were in the
process of visiting NCAA

Division I AAA institutions
to compile information on
the way the athletics pro-
grams are governed, funded
and what each univer-
sity's response has
been to the transition
from Division II
programs.

Mehl said that they
hope to find out the pit-
falls that each institution encountered
in their transition and the
benefits they gained.

"We're looking at how

the athletic department is
governed. We're specifically
looking at how the programs
are funded, and where the
funds come from. We are
also trying to find what
advantages and disad-
vantages there are in a
change of division,"
Mehl said.

-Jack Mehl
Athletics Director

Macauley returned
from his fact-
finding trip to the University
of Maryland Baltimore
County last Tuesday. Mehl is

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Flu season is back

Kathy A. Gardner
Staff Writer

It's October in Michigan
and you know what that
means: Flu season has
arrived.

Influenza is a conta-
gious disease that lasts three
to seven days and targets the
respiratory tract: nose,
throat, bronchial tubes and
lungs.

College students are
more susceptible to catching

a flu bug during midterm
and final exam season
because they put in longer
hours and tend to get run
down. Individuals at great-
est risk of catching the flu
include those 65 years of age
or older, adults and children
w/long-term heart or lung
problems, nursing home res-
idents, and individuals suf-
fering from chronic diseases,
cancer or immunological
disorders.



Post Photo / Nelson May

FLU SHOTS: Political Science Senior
See FLU page 14 Nikki Williams gets her annual shot.

CT talks continue to avoid strike

By DORCAS GRAHAM
Staff Writer

UAW local 1925 held its
general membership meeting
last Thursday and most
members seem confident
that the negotiating team and
OU administration will reach
an agreement without a
strike.

District Representative
Carol Drouin said she does-

n't see why a strike would be
necessary. "The negotiating
team isn't asking the univer-
sity for anything unreason-
able, and talks are moving
forward."

The clerical technical
union, which has been with-
out a contract since June 30,
has consented to a strike vote
only several times within the

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SELF-REVELATION

JEANINE WOKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT SHE REMEMBERED GOING TO A PARTY AND GETTING SMASHED OUT OF HER MIND. THE QUESTION WAS WHO IS THIS PERSON IN HER BATHROOM?

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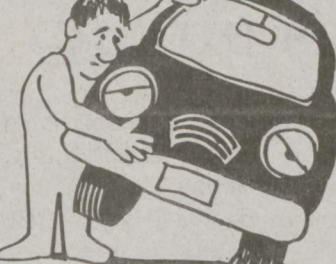
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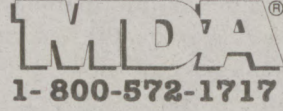
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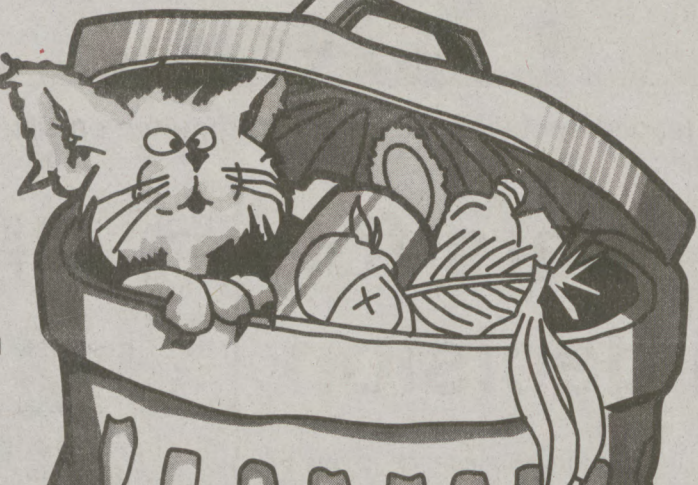
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CAMPUS NEWS

Subdivision provides perks for faculty

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

Meadow Brook subdivision, OU's faculty subdivision, was recently moved to the category of Student Affairs, though no students are allowed to own homes.

Until recently, Meadow Brook subdivision was handled by Risk Management, but was switched in July.

The departmental switch achieves many efficiencies, said Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder.

"In the residence halls we are staffed to handle major housing issues. ... It made sense to move it into Student Affairs, with the understanding it is a completely different organization," said Snyder.

"It made more sense. We're smaller and able to pay more ongoing attention to the subdivision," said Director of Residence Halls Eleanor

Reynolds.

From the time the university opened, OU has wanted an area to house faculty and staff, said Assistant Director for Finance and Administration Deborah Wade, now in charge of the subdivision.

The university constructed the Meadow Brook subdivision about 30 years ago in the mid 1960's because there weren't many housing options available in the Rochester area.

In order for OU to attract professors and administrators from other states and areas, the university had to provide them with reasonable housing choices. OU decided to designate the land off of Adams Road, just south of the OU entrance, for a faculty subdivision.

Since the 1960's, the Rochester area has built up tremendously, but for many of OU's faculty, staff and administrators, Meadow Brook subdivision still offers something many other subdivisions cannot.

Aside from the obvious perks, such as a short drive to work in the morning, the residents of Meadow Brook subdivision share a sense of community which comes from living among people who share a common interest in OU, said Wade.

"It's a very tight, small community. Faculty, staff and administration all live there, and even though they all come from different areas of the university, everyone has common (interests in OU)," said Wade. Students can also live there, but they cannot own a home.

Wade estimates the 55 homes that make up Meadow Brook subdivision are valued from \$100,000-\$175,000. These values are lower than what identical houses would be valued at in different subdivisions. Since the homeowners do not own the land the houses sit on, it is not figured into the value of the home itself.

"A lot of people have lived there forever. I think it lends to enriching their employment

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Auburn Hills Police remain in the city, more officers added

The Auburn Hills Police Department (AHPD) will continue to assist OU Police on campus, despite the city council investigation to resolve it.

City Council met Monday night voted unanimously against dissolving the AHPD and to terminate the search for alternate police services for Auburn Hills. The council also voted to add five new officers.

City officials started discussing the idea of dissolving the AHPD in July after Police Chief John Dalton retired.

City officials had hoped to save taxpayers money by dissolving the department and then contracting with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for police services. This prompted outrage for some citizens, who took action against the council to ensure the department's stay.

Ancient shroud is topic of lecture

By JENNY KIRKBRIDE
Special Writer

The annual Hammerle Lecture brought to the public an informative speech on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday.

The Shroud of Turin is a subject surrounded in mystery. It is a large cloth bearing the image of a man, believed to be Jesus, who seems to have died through a Roman crucifixion. Today, doubts about the shroud's authenticity are avidly discussed.

The lecture to support its authenticity was given by husband and wife duo John and Rebecca Johnson. Professor of Engineering and Computer Science Howard Witt, coordinator of the lectures, had much to say about the speakers.

"Dr. (John) Jackson has been involved in the study of the shroud for 25 years," said Witt.

"He became interested in high school, and for his Masters Degree at Colorado State he did a project associated with it.

He later joined the Air Force, and there had access to equipment that he didn't have before to do further investigations on his own time. He got other scientists interested in the shroud and drew together a team to examine the shroud in 1978."

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Anesthetists call Beaumont home

By KATHY GARDNER
Staff Writer



NURSES STATION: Graduate student in the nurse anesthesia program Ed Munoz practices his nursing skills on a mannequin. Decked out in his blue scrubs and stethoscope, Munoz attends classes at Royal Oak Beaumont.

They don't dress like OU students and they don't spend their days on campus, but the 21 graduate students in the certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) program at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak really are OU students.

"It's nice to come here, and everything's here," said 32-year old Livonia resident John Cirocco, RN, first year graduate student, but he joked that sometimes he feels more like "a student at Beaumont." Cirocco looked pretty comfortable with his blue "scrubs." He wore a blue hat on his head that looked like a shower cap, like the ones that ER's actors wear, and he had thin footies over his shoes. A mask and a stethoscope hung loosely around his neck.

At this school, students don't check the syllabus to see what's going on next session. Instead, they check the "OR" (operating room) schedule to see what procedures they'll be doing.

When the CRNA students aren't performing anesthesia on a patient they are in one of several classrooms in the East Tower area of the hospital. The classrooms are carpeted, with comfortable chairs, video monitors, and Fred - Fred the Head, a rubber dummy used for intubation practice and airway management. Intubation requires placing a breathing tube into a patient's windpipe to maintain airways.

"What you read in the book and then practice on Fred isn't always the same as the real thing, when you're doing it to a patient. It always looks different in the book," said Cirocco.

He said he enjoys the technical and pharmacological side of anesthesia and the larger responsibility. There is

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Racist graffiti found in Vandenberg locker room

An employee in charge of cleaning the residence halls reported finding racist graffiti in Vandenberg Hall last Friday.

The worker was cleaning the men's first floor locker room Friday afternoon when he came upon racist graffiti written on the door in the last stall.

The graffiti was written in pencil and said "fuck you, all niggers are lazy".

The message was also signed.

The man cleaned up the offensive writing but stated that you could still see where the message was. He estimated that the act had taken place sometime Friday morning between 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Assault at Silo X

A Silo X actor was doing her job last Saturday night when a customer

lashed out and punched her inside the haunted house.

The actor notified OU police about 11 p.m. on Oct. 12 after the incident

incident was an accident. He said the actor had scared him and he struck out before he knew it.

Laundry Stolen from Hamlin

Clothes were stolen from a Hamlin Hall laundry room last Wednesday.

A Hamlin Hall resident called OU Police Oct. 9 to report her clothes were missing from the third floor South Tower laundry room of the residence hall.

The resident had placed two pairs of jeans and one sweatshirt in a clothes dryer and left only to return later to find her clothes missing from the laundry room.

Total value for the missing items was valued at \$90, and police have no suspects at this time.



occurred that night. A customer punched her inside the haunted house.

Police then found the customer identified by the actor and questioned him.

The customer told police that the

Food court without a name, but not without noise in OC

By LESLIE FITZ
Special Writer

Upstairs in the OC, JW's took on a new identity as the Oakland Cafe, but despite the previously expected opening of the food court in September, there is still no name but plenty of noise.

This, however, will change as a committee consisting of OU faculty, students, and staff will soon be sifting through 717 entry forms in search of the perfect name for the new court.

The "Name the Food Court" contest came to an end Sept. 30. Richard Fekel, the director of the OC, is in charge of nominating members to serve on the panel.

Either he or a member of the OC staff will chair the committee, and Fekel hopes to get a minimum of six impartial members to represent the diversity of the campus population.

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NOISE DISRUPTION: The sounds of the food court construction echo in the old Hot Shoppe area.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

If strike occurs chaos follows

Judgement day is on its way. OU's clerical technicals still do not have a contract and frustration is beginning to mount.

Despite countless hours of bargaining, no solution has been reached yet, and so the university waits hoping a strike does not occur.

If a solution to the disputes is not found CTs may feel striking is their only option. If that day arrives, it will be a difficult one here at OU.

The clerical technical union is comprised of some of the most important, 'behind the scenes people' here, and many areas of the university could not function without them.

Among the members of the union are lab technicians, secretaries and office assistants.

Most people don't understand just how important these people are.

Without the secretaries, the university would be in utter chaos with professors and administrators forced to answer phones, schedule meetings, type memos and letters and pull files.

Most people don't realize it's the secretaries who often really know what is going on in a department and what its policies are. They see and hear everything.

As far as the lab technicians go, computers and other machines in labs such as Dodge Hall could not stay up and running without their skills.

The union has said it doesn't want to strike, they've only struck once in 25 years. But what happens if it runs out of options? Members have already picketed on their own time.

The issues raised are important ones. Especially the one on job postings which stated that applicants needed to have 'the ability to...' perform tasks.

Union members were concerned that this would prevent their own members from applying because they do not yet have the skills and the job would consequently go to an outsider.

Many of the secretaries on campus have been here since long before computers became the norm, and they've made the transition just fine. Who is to say they can't learn other skills with just as much ease?

This of course is not the main crux of the negotiations. The major issues have been kept under wraps, but there are fears of union busting and rumors of a desired pay increase.

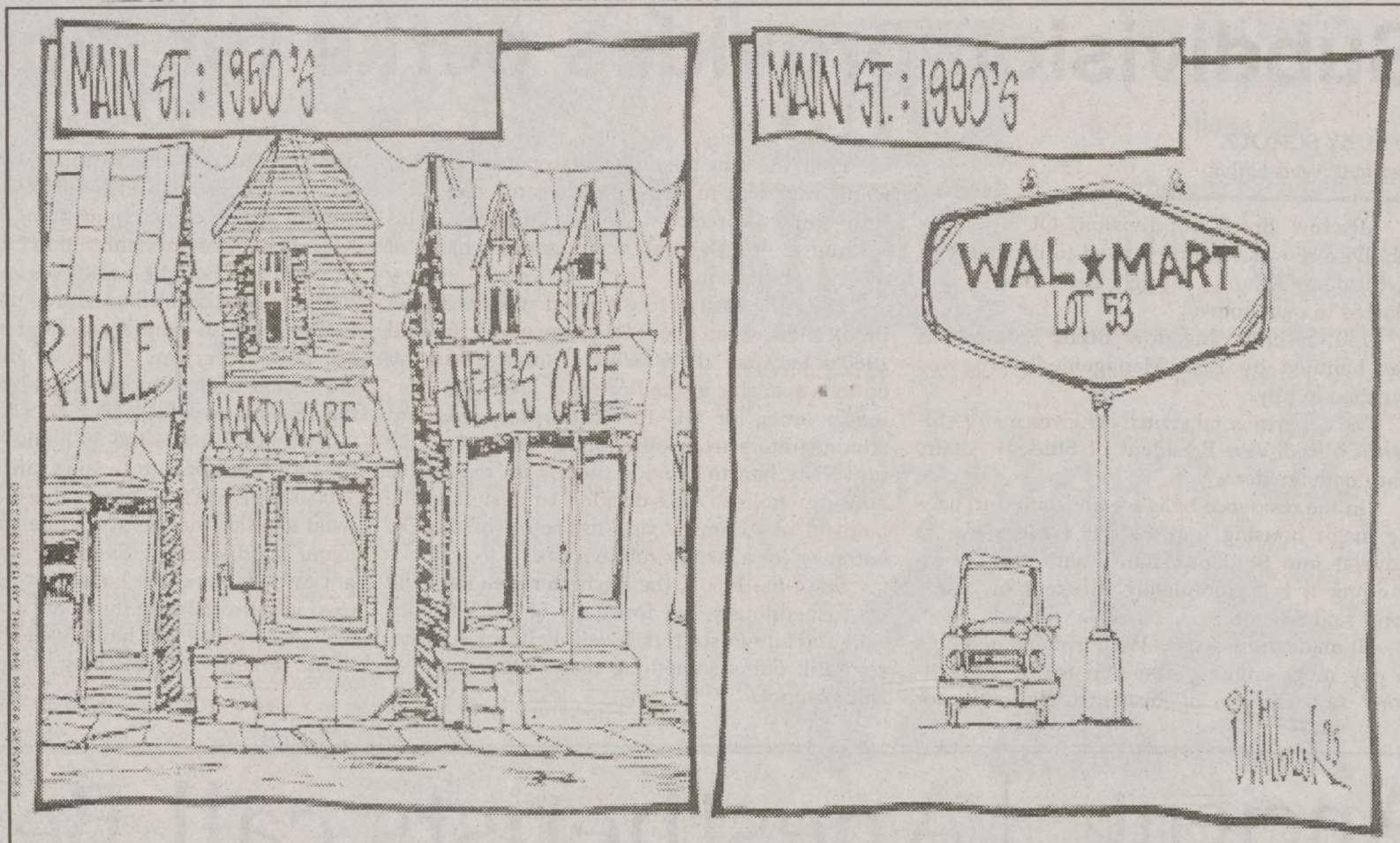
Well, the vice presidents and deans received some pretty meaty increases this year. Maybe some of those funds could have been spread out a bit.

The CTs, among the lowest paid on campus have families to feed, children to clothe, and bills to pay, too. Interestingly enough the CTs are primarily women, just like the three lowest paid vps and deans.

The CTs are just as important as any other group on campus, though they tend to be under appreciated and forgotten.

Perhaps this is why OU has forgotten that the union is holding an ace and is coming close to having to play it. If a settlement doesn't come soon then the game will be over and OU will be faced with a frightening loss. Is it really worth the gamble?

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Student pleased GALA writings still intact

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend all of OU for its growth in maturity this year.

I was pleased to see the many chalk writings around campus made by GALA in honor of National Coming Out Day. I was even more pleased to see that they are still there today and were not vandalized like last year.

Why is it that our campus in the past has felt the need to destroy the work of others and behave like bigots and bullies. It was also nice to see that freedom of expression was not thwarted by last year's trouble.

All too often when people complain about the many ludicrous acts which go on at OU we tend to say, everyone should know better because we are in college. That's no excuse.

The same things happen on campuses all over the world. We can't expect college to grant us maturity or common sense. We have to find that on our own.

Fondest congratulations to everyone who had the guts to 'come out' on National Coming Out Day.

I cannot congratulate OU for supporting it because I saw very few events honoring the day and as far as leaving the chalk writing alone, it's good to know that some people are finally growing within themselves enough to treat others as humans.

Sincerely,

Kevin Munroe
Sophomore
Undecided

Dating possibilities lacking at OU

Dear Editor:

I've recently noticed a certain something lacking here in this wonderful campus atmosphere. The curriculum is interesting and challenging, the professors are insightful and attentive (for the most part), the OC seems to be coming along steadily, the food right now isn't too bad, the landscape is beautiful with the changing colors and the deer are a nice touch- scampering across the road at midnight.

But where are the guys who are supposed to take you on walks and point out the deer tracks and find pretty leaves for you?

It seems to me that people just don't date around this place. I mean this is my third year here at Oakland; I've met a lot of people; guy friends and girl friends alike tell me I'm pretty, smart, funny and easy to get along with- they don't understand why I don't have a boyfriend.

Still I can't remember once in my college career that I have been asked out for a date- a real 'I like you, I'd like to get to know you better' date.

My story is not a unique one. Many of my friends who are just as beautiful, smart and talented as myself, complain that they have had very few dates.

So what's the problem here- do these guys not know how to ask someone out on a date? Are they too scared of rejection? Are they overwhelmed by all of the beautiful, smart and talented women that they are surrounded by (isn't the ratio of women to men something like 4 to 1 on campus)?

Anyway, I'm not asking you to print my picture, phone number and bio or anything- but could someone write a feature on dating? A little how-to guide for the less than motivated man. Maybe offer a prize of movie tickets and dinner for two in a 'best pick-up lines' contest. Something!

Sincerely,

Janelle Koger
Junior

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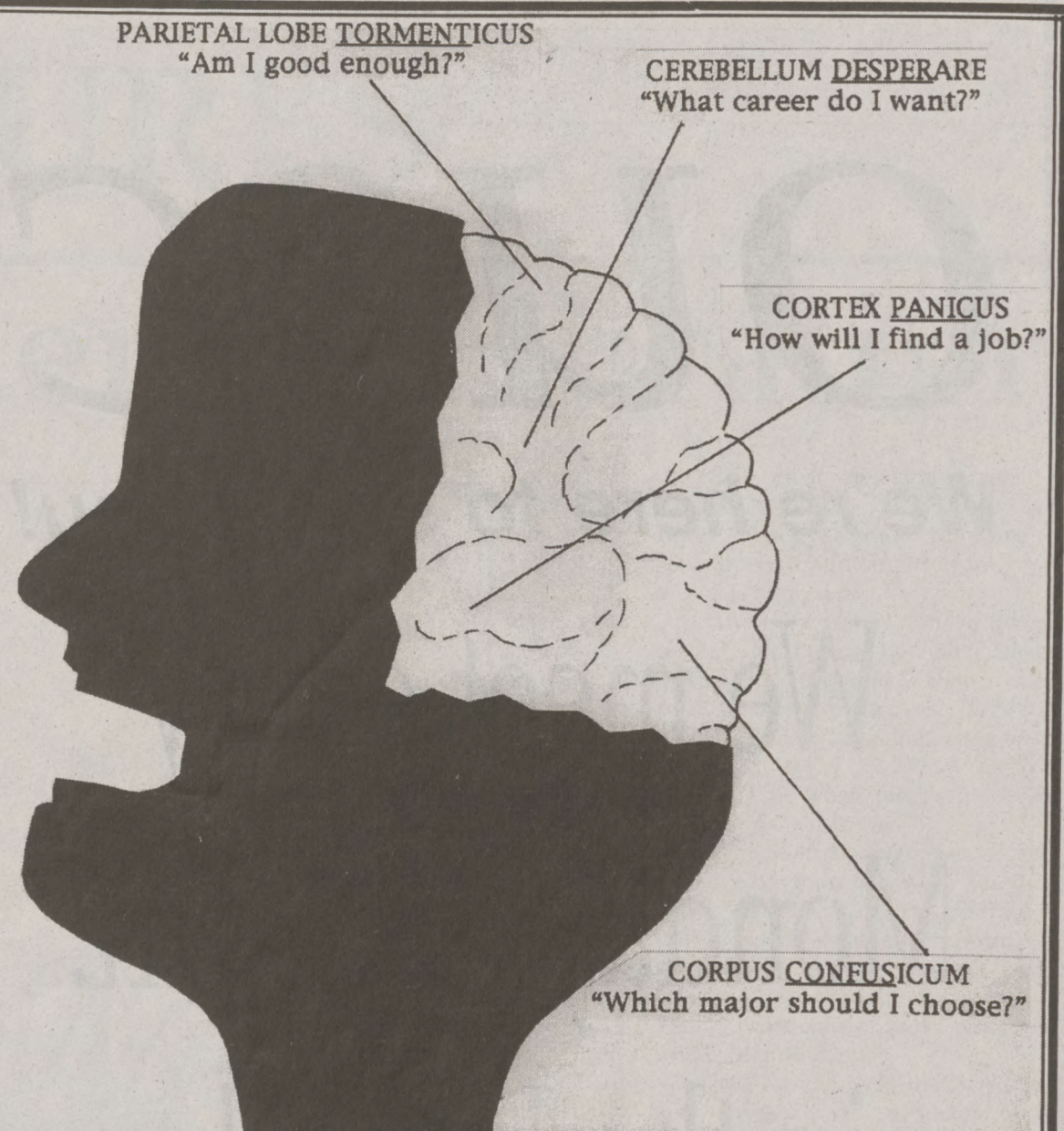
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Students, employees, and Alumni Association members with valid current OU ID will be admitted at the Showcase Theater in Auburn Hills for a discounted price of \$3.75 Sunday through Thursday.

FEATURES

Saints and Sinners celebration

Missing out on a piece of OU history

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

They stare at you while you're going to class.

Their stoic, penetrating faces scare the living daylight out of freshmen annually.

And they'll be the big 2-0 next Tuesday.

The marble fountain in the front of the Kresge Library, called Saints and Sinners, will be 20 years old on Oct. 22.

Don't feel bad if you forgot to buy a gift. OU's planning no festivities to celebrate the anniversary.

"No, I wasn't aware of the anniversary. It has been so much a part of the campus," said Vice President of Student Affairs and new Director of Graham Health Counseling Center, Jack Wilson.

The statues were created by world-renown sculptor Marshall Fredricks.

The statues were given by the Josephine E. Gordon Foundation and the actual fountain and pool setting was provided by the Irene C. Wellock Trust and the OU Foundation. The statues themselves were \$100,000 in total, and the fountain and pool (with instillation) were roughly \$100,000 also.

Fredricks said a decade ago that the seven ten-foot tall statues represent "good, evil, temptation, knowledge of good and evil, a saint of the church, a mother and child, and a warrior saint."

Scott Andrews, a political science junior, has a different idea. "I really see a philosophical statement. They are all different aspects of the inner being; for every good spirit giving us advice, there is a demon giving advice also."



SIGHT TO BEHOLD: The Saints and Sinners fountain in front of Kresge library lures curious people wanting to find out what the fountain is for. Maybe the admirers should think is it a sin to let 20 years of beauty go unnoticed.

Besides opening up our philosophical side, the marble statues also add artistically to the campus, said SPB chairperson Diana Pletz.

"I t adds beauty to the campus. When someone first pulls into OU, it is usually through the circle in the front. They see the trees, the beautiful statues and the Kresge Library behind them," she said.

"They create a visual focal point for the mall," said Wilson. "To me it's stunning. They strongly reinforce the Liberal Arts tradition of our university, which is important."

"The issue is we all have different tastes," said Eleanor Reynolds, Director of Housing. "It is hard to come to a consensus that everyone likes. But a piece like that... I think it is important to support it."

But is it when there's not even a birthday party planned?

"[The Student Program Board] didn't have anything planned. We didn't know," said Pletz. "At this point, it is a little too late, since all the events are planned the semester before. I don't think we have thought of different university structures and structuring events around them."

Pletz recommends that if students are interested in a new celebration that they talk to the SPB.

"I don't think not having a celebration is misrepresenting the statues because I haven't seen a push from the university community to celebrate. But if there are people who start believing we should do celebrations for historical things on campus it should be followed. If there is no push then I don't think it really is an issue," said Pletz.

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Techniques for juggling time, work, family

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

It's the '90's, people thrive on juggling a million things at once. Often parents work, and many times parents also attend school and raise a family.

These days, spare time is hard to come by.

It's no wonder, while driving down the freeway, a person often can be spotted either eating, applying make-up or even shaving.

The idea of being able to balance work and family has been a primary focus in both work environments and learning institutions.

A discussion on "Balancing Work and Family: An Assessment of Community Needs" will take place at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 in the OC Gold Rooms.

"It's a issue out there in the press," said Lynn Hockenberger, Director of Learning Resources. "It's a very timely issue."

The session could assist in solving many of the problems adults of the '90's face, she said.

The idea of coming up with a program at OU has been a lingering idea among many groups on campus.

"Pat (Beaver) and I had talked about the issue and a lot of other groups were interested and it all came together at once," said Hockenberger.



Photo Courtesy / Geri Larkin

MAKING LIFE EASIER: Geri Larkin will be the key speaker on how to better manage time, work and family.

"Pat has carried the ball the whole time. She was the one."

This past winter a committee was formed to coordinate the event.

June 18 marked the date for the first meeting and framework continued through the summer.

One aspect of the Strategic Plan at OU is to address and increase the need for self-assessment.

"Everyone had input through the process," said Beaver. One goal of the program is to "try to identify the needs of OU students," added Beaver.

Geri Larkin, President of Strategic Thinking and Key Note Speaker, will begin the program.

Larkin is "a very dynamic speaker," said Beaver. She has traveled all over the world working with various business corporations and nonprofit organizations developing and implementing strategic plans.

In addition, Larkin has published three books, was elected Women in Business Advocate of the Year by the State of Michigan in 1992, is Cofounder of the Michigan Women's Foundation, a graduate of the Maitreya Buddhist Seminary, and has held various board positions.

"We are really excited about Geri Larkin. She also did Balancing Work and Family at U of M," said Beaver. "She's very excited about coming to OU."

Since then, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* last week rated U-M as one of 29 colleges and universities singled out as the most "family friendly" campuses in the country.

"It will be interesting to see where OU stands in the future (on balancing work and family)," said Beaver, considering OU and U of M share the same key note speaker.

During and after lunch, informal round table discussions will be led by experts on designated topics. One person will also be assigned to record the highlights of the discussion.

"I got recommended through Union President, Susan Forgetting," said Mary Isaacs, who will be leading the discussion on The Sandwich Generation: Coping with Care of Aging Parents.

Isaacs is interested because, "I'm a part of the Sandwich Generation, and I have two parents who are getting

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Chinese exchange cultural bonanza

By LEE McPHERSON
Staff Writer

One of the best-kept secrets at OU is that the School of Education and Health Sciences (SEHS) has been importing and exporting educators to and from the Guizhou province in China in order to "build the bridge" between Eastern and Western teaching techniques and philosophies. The exchange has been thriving for 10 years.

When Mary Berger retired from teaching in the Detroit public school system in 1983 to teach English as a foreign language in China, she could not have expected to spawn such a long-lasting experience.

Berger returned to Michigan in 1985 to take a part time position in the Rhetoric program at OU. At the same time Judy Scherer began teaching at Guizhou Normal University in the Guizhou. Scherer's mother, Jacqueline, a professor of sociology at OU, and Berger made arrangements for six Guizhou scholars to come to Michigan; two, from GNU, ended up at the University of Michigan, and the other four, from Guizhou University (GU) and GNU, came to OU.

In 1986, then-SEHS Dean Gerald Pine struck a more formal exchange relationship after staying in Guiyang, a city in Guizhou, with GU president Li Xiang. This July, current Dean Mary Otto and 14 others from OU commemorated that initial trip on its 10th anniversary. According to Dean Otto's secretary, Judy Pierce, the OU delegation met with more than 20 dignitaries to renew the agreement.

The arrangement is founded on the exchange of information. Michigan teachers, including 10 from OU among 40 from Oakland County, have been traveling to Guizhou for the last ten

years to teach at summer institute programs.

In return, 11 visitors from Guizhou have come to OU to earn master's and doctoral degrees in Reading and Language Arts.

Li Ledong, an OU doctoral candidate from Guizhou, praised the summer institute seminars. "The summer institute has become very popular there. Chinese teachers come from all over the

program in Guizhou when he went back there in 1989. "It was called 'One Sentence a Day.' It was a dialogue-based program, and I had students from high schools and middle schools participate."

Now, as the elder statesman of the program, Ledong is helping to acclimate three new Guizhou visitors. Wenting Yang, 30, Jing Yang, 27, and Yuanmei

Hao, 26, faculty from GNU, are studying at OU for a year to complete their Masters of Reading and Language Arts. "They're in a joint master's program," Ledong explained. "They already studied for a year at

Like Ledong, Wenting, Jing and Yuanmei are staying on campus, and have experienced a certain degree of culture shock. Ledong stays in the George T. Matthews apartments with his wife and son. Wenting and Jing have had to leave behind their husbands

in order to study here. All three of the new visitors stay in Hamlin Hall. "They like the living environment, not the food," Ledong said. "On weekends, we have to find ways for them to cook Chinese food."

Ledong, who is working on his dissertation this term, hopes to return to Guizhou after he completes his studies, and start his own private university in Guizhou. "There are not many private universities in China," he said.

He hopes this exchange will help American educators to organize their curriculum. "I think sometimes there is too much freedom in American classrooms," Ledong said. "Sometimes kids are lost."





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INDIAN SUMMER: With Fall beating down our door, a student enjoys reading a book on one of the last beautiful days before the cold strikes.

Shannon Miller life of an Olympic champion

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

Ever wonder what it is like to experience the joy and sometimes heartbreak of being an Olympic champion?

Learn first hand what it is like to be the most decorated American gymnast, male or female, in history when Shannon Miller and coach Steve Nunno visit OU's campus.

Miller and Nunno will be on campus at 8 p.m. Monday Oct. 21, in the Lepley Sports Center Bubble.

"They were invited because the Olympics only come around every four years," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of CIPO. "Specifically, she and her coach will be focusing on what makes a champion."

"It worked out because The John Hancock 1996 Tour of World Gymnastics Champions at the Palace is on the night before, so she just happened to be in town," said Brian Potter, SPB lecture and special events chairperson.

In addition to the lecture, Miller will demonstrate some of her Olympic moves.

The Gymnastic Center of Rochester will be supplying the balance beam and mats for Miller's per-



Photo Courtesy / Steve Lang

OLYMPIC GLORY: Shannon Miller, showing her trademark grace and flexibility in one of her performances.

formance.

"The Student Life Lecture Board hasn't had a lecture like this before," said Diana Pletz, SPB chairperson. "Because she will be performing on the beam, as well as, lecturing."

"We are trying to target people in the community who are involved in gymnastics and athletes from OU and locally," said Pletz.

A reception will following the performance where Miller and Nunno will be available to talk and sign autographs.

With 150 tickets already sold for the event and no advanced publicity yet, "we haven't even put up flyers and posters yet, to let people know," said Pletz, the event is well on it's way to being a success.

Tickets are available at CIPO. Prices include \$10 for the general public, \$7 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members, and \$4 for OU students.

Tickets purchased prior to Oct. 19 receive a \$2 discount.

Miller and Nunno are a part of The 1996-97 Student Life Lecture Series and are sponsored by The Student Life Lecture Board, University Student Congress, and SPB.

OU EVENTS

An abandoned missile silo run amuck with mutant workers is the theme of **SILO X**, the haunted house on the corner of University and Adams is open now until Halloween night on OU's campus.

The month of October at noon in the Fireside Lounge provides an open forum for **Political Issues** with different topics daily.

Exploring personal conviction and academic discipline is the focus of "Why I'm a professor of..." featuring Brian Connery will be held Oct. 16 in the OC.

Want to hear fellow classmates play some great music? The **University Concert Band** will be performing Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

Professor Mike Long will be teach a **Conflict Management & Negotiation** seminar on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room.

MUSIC

In full make-up and rockin' better than before **KISS** makes a final appearance at the Palace Oct. 16 at 8 p.m.

If country music is more to your liking kick up your heels with the **Double Trouble Tour** with Travis Tritt and Marty Stuart on Oct. 18 at the Palace.

The Black Crowes rock the Fox Theatre Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Neeme Jarvi and Yosif Feigelson performing works by Copeland and Dvorak Oct. 18 through Oct. 20.

Blue guitarist **Corey Stevens** will electrify audiences at the 7th House Oct. 20 at 8 p.m.

THEATRE

Apartment 3A, a comedy by Jeff Daniels tells the story of getting a new apartment, meeting new friends and falling in love at the Purple Rose Theatre running through Nov. 24.

Halloween fun for all at the marquis Theatre in Northville for the comical melodrama **Halloween Soup** starting Oct. 11 and running through Oct. 27.

Shakespeare's classic comedy **Taming of the Shrew** begins Oct. 18 at the Hilberry Theatre.

Follow the exploits of a Jewish girl trying to fool her parents in the comedy hit, **Beau Jest**, running through Oct. 27 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Six actors perform 57 different roles in the comedy **The Dining Room** at the Hilberry Theatre running through Nov. 23.

ART

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FILM

Legendary stars team up with today's hottest stars in the drama **Sleepers** opening Oct. 18.

OTHER

Feeling nostalgic for the Olympics? The **John Hancock Tour of World Gymnastics Champions** featuring Shannon Miller and Dominique Dawes will be performing at the Palace Oct. 20 at 3p.m.



Sue Yax

Being Thankful for the things I do have

Over the weekend I attended a wedding of good friends and also found out that another good friend's mother died.

It's kind of strange, that a weekend that should have been filled with only love and happiness, was marred by a death that happened too soon.

So on Monday morning, I attend the service and wondered a lot about life in general.

My friend's mother was only a couple of weeks shy of her 54th birthday and should have had many more years to see her grandchildren grow up and see her son be married someday.

It made me think.

It is a strange thing when a child has to mourn the loss of a parent, but it is seems even more cruel when a parent has to mourn the loss of a child.

Not that death is easy for anyone know matter what the circumstances.

In a sense, I guess it was easier for my friend because he knew that he was going to lose his mother as she fought a losing battle with cancer.

In a way that may make it easier than if someone you love is taken away from you suddenly.

It allows time to say the things that need to be said. Or maybe even mend broken hearts or heal family feuds.

Knowing that a loved one is dying may allow the time to let them know just what they mean to you, but that doesn't make it any easier to see someone so close to you suffer in such pain.

By contrast people find out everyday that loved ones are taken away with know warning.

Then they are left to wonder why did this have to happen?

It is cruel and strange that we must be faced with these issues.

Why though should it take a disease or someone to die to make us grateful of what we do have?

We should wake up every day and thank God that we are alive and healthy.

I think we should also take a look at our lives and think, what would I do if I woke up tomorrow and found out that someone I love was no longer with me?

I guess what I am trying to say is that if someone you loved died tomorrow would you know that they knew exactly how you felt about them or would you always regret that you left things unsaid?

My father-in-law was taken away from my husband and family suddenly and at a very young age, and even though the pain has diminished it is still very present at every wedding, holiday and time of family gatherings.

I know I am lucky, I have a great family, but at times I know I complain about them (who doesn't though right)?

At those times my husband reminds me to be thankful that they are still a part of my life.

Then I begin thinking, yeah I am lucky, I haven't had a major tragedy take place in my life and most of my family is still with me.

Death is never easy no matter what the circumstances.

But if we spend the time that we do have left here letting the people we love and even people we admire or those who have touched our lives somehow know how much they do actually mean to us, we will feel much better if something unfortunate does happen.

So next time you go home (wherever or whenever that may be), give your parents, spouse or best friend a hug and tell them that you are glad they are part of your life.

Life is much to short to regret saying the things that should have been said.

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October 23 & 24

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The Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) and CIPO, are pleased to announce that Olympic Gold Medalist in Gymnastics, SHANNON MILLER, along with her coach, Steve Nunno will be coming to Oakland University Monday night, October 21, at 8:00 p.m. The Lecture/demonstration will take place in the Lepley Sport Center Bubble.

Seating is limited and we expect a sell-out. If you want to attend, remember to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are available at the CIPO Service Window (49 OC). Ticket prices are \$4 for Oakland University Students, \$7 for Oakland University employees and Alumni Association members, and \$10 for the general public. All tickets purchased by October 18 will be discounted \$2.00 each.

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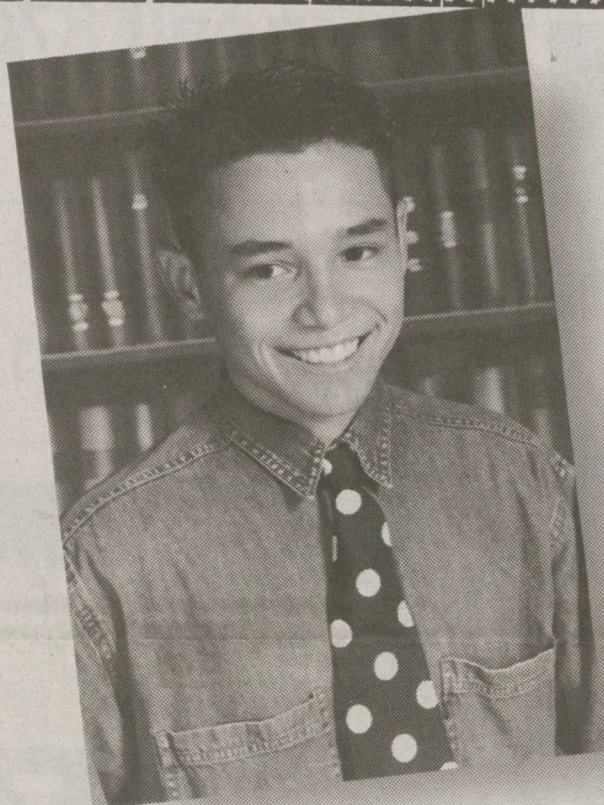
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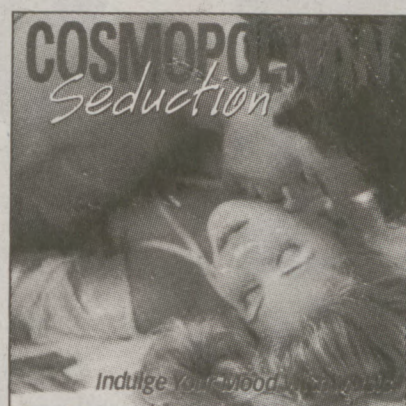
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SPORTS

Captains lead team by example

Seniors offer experience, desire to underclassman as new season begins

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

The women's swimming and diving team kicked off the 1996-97 season Friday with its Black/Gold Intrasquad meet.

The Pioneers are two years removed from its last national title and head into this season with a young, but talented team.

Friday's intrasquad meet gave Head Coach Tracy Huth an early look at how his team will respond to actual competition.

"That's the reason why we do the intrasquad, is to get them in that meet situation before they get in there against other people," Huth said. "We were pretty pleased with the way things went overall."

Although young, OU returns several experienced seniors who will be expected to lead and carry the team this year.

Senior captain Jennifer Stair returns following her gutsy performance in the Nationals last year, swimming through the pain of a knee injury which hampered her ability to walk.

"She's not afraid to step up and let people know what they need to do and how they need to do it," said Huth.

Stair underwent extensive physical therapy for her knee during the off season. Huth said it is a problem that will persist, but can be kept under control with proper training.

"A lot of people probably would have just quit by now, but she'll train, she'll persist, and get through it," Huth said.

Huth is also expecting seniors Heather Bockmann and Jessie Bailey to set the standard for the younger swimmers this year.

Bockmann, in her first year of national qualification, earned three All-American honors. She placed fourth in the 100-yard Breaststroke, seventh in the 200-yard Breaststroke, and was a member of the 400-yard Medley Relay team.

Bailey, a six-time All-American last year, had OU's best time in both backstroke events and the 200 IM.

Co-captain senior diver Becki Bach also returns with senior Colleen Murphy.

"She's experienced enough and certainly has a lot of respect of the people on the team," Huth said of Murphy.

Bach, GLIAC Champion in the three-meter event and third on the one-meter board last year, will be the only returning member of the diving unit which includes three freshman this season.

"They realize that she's probably one of the top divers in the Division II level this year," said Huth.

Huth said that the divers are responding well to the new diving coach, Don McElreath.

With 12 freshman on his squad this year, Huth realizes they have a lot to learn from the more experienced swimmers, and he expects his seniors to rise up to the challenge.

"Anytime you get a dozen or more new faces on the team ... leadership is very important," Huth said.

Last year, Huth felt that OU lost at the National Championships due largely to the fact that his team was not in as good physical condition as some other teams. The teams that are successful have members who train all year round, and that is what he wanted to stress to his squad.

"The call or the charge to this team was: 'If you want to come in and you want to make any kind of challenge for the National Championship, you better come back here in pretty good shape ... You better do something in the off season,'" Huth said. "I think a lot of them answered that call."

Huth is very pleased with the way in which his team responded, and feels that everyone came back in better shape this year.

Huth is committed to developing the younger swimmers and to promoting the team concept every step of the way.

"Swimming is basically looked at as an individual sport, but I feel it's just as important to look at it from a team element," said Huth.

He has stressed to his swimmers that they will not win with individual achievement, but must rely on their depth in order to succeed. Huth feels that the women have responded well and are fully committed to swimming and academics.

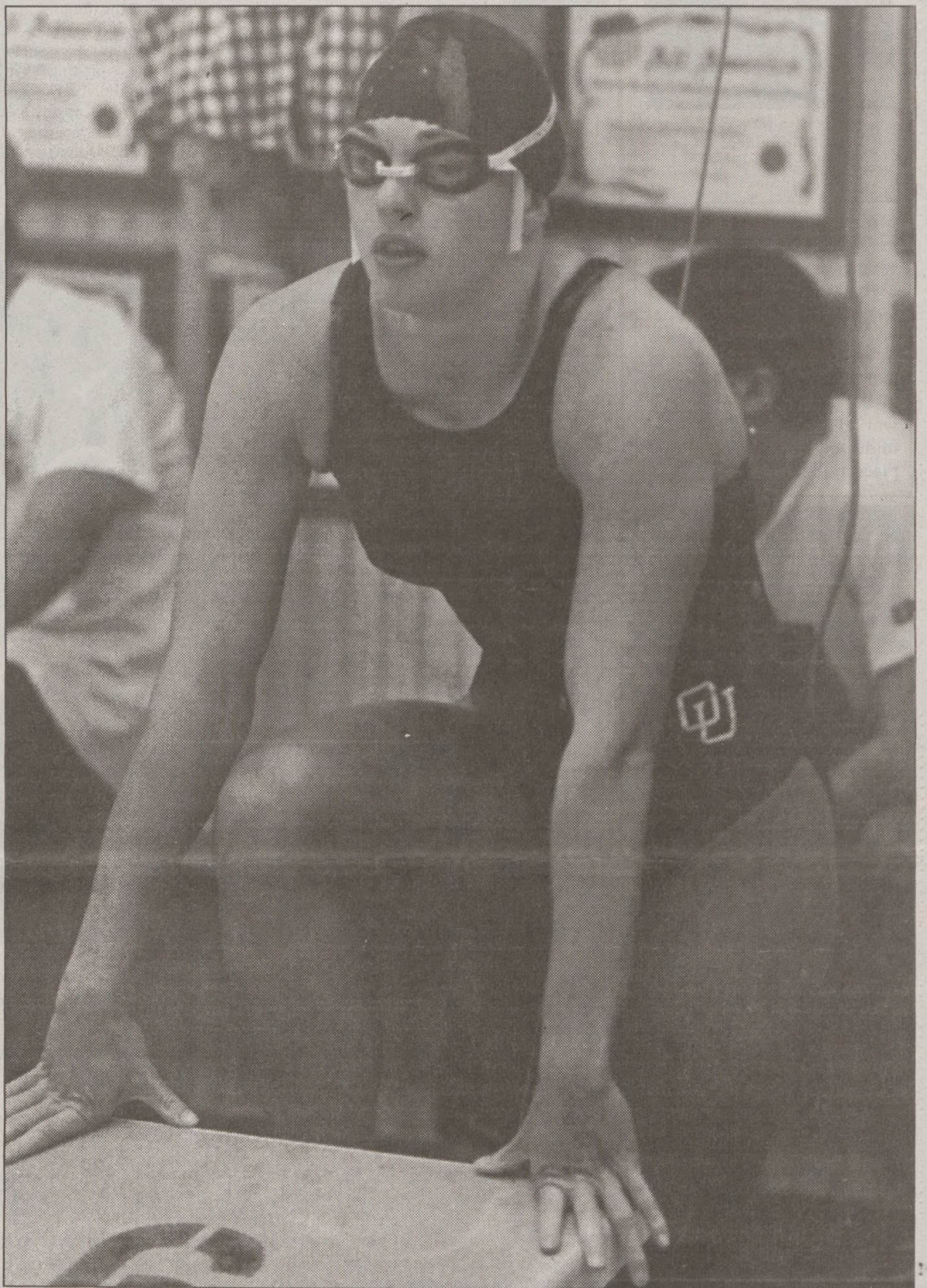
"That's the one thing about all these girls, they're dedicated to the sport and to doing well in school," Huth said.

When asked how this year's team compares to past teams, Huth said that it's too early to tell.

"All in all it's a young group, and typically when you have a young group like that, they're going to make some mistakes," Huth said. "I think we have the talent and the ability to do well ... a lot of things can happen along the way."

With defending National Champion Air Force Academy moving to Division I competition this year, the door looks to be open for the Pioneers to make a return to its glory years when it won five straight National Championships.

When asked if his team has a legitimate chance of winning the National Championship this year, Huth replied, "I'm never going to count us out ... we just don't think about it a lot right now because we're trying to shape our own team."



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TAKING THE BLOCKS: Junior Jill Mellis and the rest of the women's swim and dive team kicked off its season with Black/Gold Intrasquad meet last Friday as they attempt to climb back into the National Championship winner's circle in San Antonio, Texas this season. Returning seniors Gisa Alessandri, Becki Bach, Jessie Bailey, Heather Bockman, Colleen Murphy and Jennifer Stair will be counted on to lead the 12 incoming freshman this year.

After turning in a fifth place finish on the three-meter board and placing sixth on the one-meter, Bach will serve as one of the team captains and will join forces with OU's new diving coach, Don McElreath to help freshmen Kara Davidson, Michelle Sodee and Michelle Wallace learn the ropes of intercollegiate diving.

OU will host the Pioneer Fall Classic at 12 p.m. Saturday. Ashland University, Hope College, Wayne State University, and Waterloo College will all compete in the men's and women's swimming and diving events. This is the first meet of the season for the Pioneers.

Scoring woes continue for men's soccer team



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ON THE FIELD: Freshman Adam Heinemann has played well, but he will miss the next three matches because of suspension.

By JEFF SHELTON
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team (ranked No. 4 nationally, No. 1 regionally) squandered an opportunity to overtake unranked GLIAC co-leader Mercyhurst College last Thursday in a double overtime 0-0 tie.

A stalemate of offensive power plagued both teams throughout the game, as the outcome rested in the goalkeeping of Mercyhurst's Darren Murray who made seven quality saves.

At the 11 minute mark freshman forward Paul Snape tested Murray on a header but the Lakers netminder made a diving save to his right.

The next scoring opportunity came with a few minutes left in the first half. Senior forward Tony Jones broke into the Lakers' defensive zone, but came up short as again Murray came up with another big stop, keeping his team in the game.

OU's sophomore goalkeeper Amir Tal would not be outdone. Though Tal had to make only 3 saves, one save was crucial to avoiding defeat.

With 14 minutes left in regulation, Tal came through for the Pioneers as he denied a point blank shot to keep the score notched at 0-0.

As the two teams struggled to score, MC midfielder Barry Allen received a red card for a dangerous play away from the ball to give OU a man advantage with 6:58 remaining in the game.

However, the Pioneers could not capitalize with the extra man in regulation or in overtime.

OU Head Soccer Coach Gary Parsons said the Pioneers had control of most of the game, but when the chances came up, the ball just didn't go in.

After the MC match OU's record drops to 6-3-2 overall and 1-1-1 in the GLIAC it could take it's toll on the regional seeding.

Though the Pioneers have had a difficult schedule, a tie to unranked Mercyhurst and a missed opportunity to move into the driver's seat of the GLIAC could cost OU the top spot.

However, the Central Region standings and national rankings are more important than the conference standings in terms of OU's NCAA playoff chances.

The Pioneers received help last week as Gannon University lost twice and MC dropped a match after tying OU.

Making matters more complicated, the Pioneers hosted regional rival St. Joseph's College Tuesday afternoon.

Then, OU locks horns with another Central Region team, Lock Haven University Saturday.

Right now the Central Region is so jumbled up that any number of five teams could earn playoff bids this season.

The best option for the Pioneers is to score goals and win matches to put its fate in their own hands.

•Freshman Adam Heinemann will miss three games and freshman Ron Mashni will miss one after being suspended for violating team rules.

Pioneer of the Week



Jessica Mrozek
Midfielder
Women's soccer
Junior

Mrozek scored four goals and assisted on two others in OU's weekend sweep of Mercyhurst College and Gannon University in Erie, PA. Mrozek had a pair of goals in the 3-0 win over MC, and had two goals and two assists in the 4-0 win over GU. The wins allowed OU to take over undisputed possession of first place in the GLIAC.

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Oct. 16

•Women's Soccer Team hosts Northwood University (4 p.m.)*

Fri., Oct. 18

•Women's Tennis Team hosts Ferris State University (3 p.m.)*
•Women's Volleyball Team faces Lake Superior State University (7 p.m.)*

Sat., Oct. 19

•Women's Volleyball Team at Michigan Technological University (3 p.m.)*
•Men's Soccer Team at Lock Haven University (11 a.m.)
•Women's Soccer Team at LHU (1 p.m.)
•Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Team hosts the Pioneer Fall Classic (12 p.m.)
•Women's Tennis Team hosts Grand Valley State University (12 p.m.)*

Sun., Oct. 20

•Women's Volleyball Team at Northern Michigan University (1 p.m.)*
•Women's Soccer Team hosts Northern Michigan University (2 p.m.)*

* Denotes GLIAC game.

Pioneers hold Lakers, Lady Knights scoreless

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team sent a message to the rest of the conference last weekend by blanking the top two teams in the GLIAC.

OU 3
MC 0
OU 4
GU 0

OU downed Mercyhurst College 3-0 and Gannon University 4-0 en route to taking sole possession of first place in the GLIAC.

The right people received that message as the women jumped from No. 25 to No. 8 nationally and to No. 2 in the Northeast Region.

Junior Jessica Mrozek provided

the scoring punch with two goals against both MC and previously undefeated GU.

Against the Lakers, Mrozek converted on a pass from sophomore Brooke Kairies to open up the scoring and later finished on a feed from sophomore Jenny Grimm.

In the game, OU peppered the Lakers goaltender, Stacie Bortz, with 13 shots while OU's junior goaltender Krisiti McGough made four saves to earn the shutout.

The Pioneers had plenty of sting left in them against the Lady Knights as sophomore Cathy Miniuk banged in a pass from Mrozek early in the first half to put OU ahead to stay.

Sophomore Erin Gallagher setup

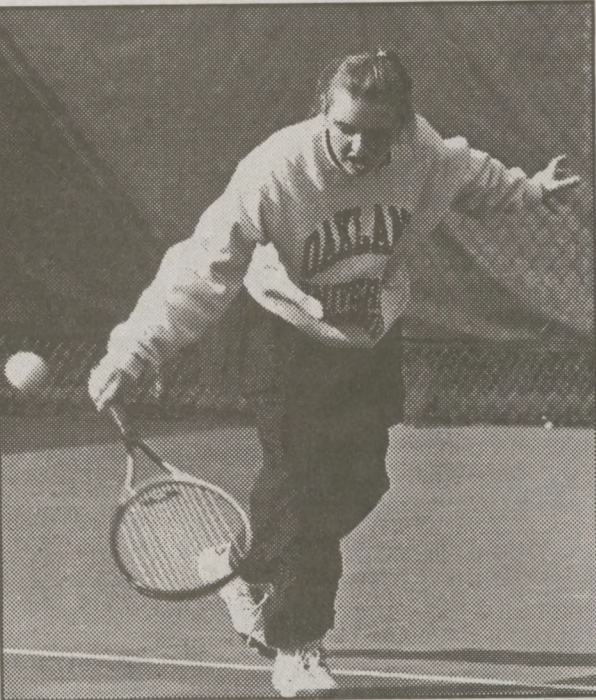
Mrozek for her first of a two-goal effort to finish the first half scoring.

The Pioneers finished the game with a 16-8 shooting advantage. McGough turned away all eight shots to record another shutout.

The strong OU sophomore class continued to shine as Stephanie Lusiner tallied the final goal of the game. Mrozek and Miniuk drew assists on the score.

The Pioneers host Northwood University today and then play a tough regional road game against Lock Haven University Saturday in a quest to earn a playoff birth.

The women could clinch the GLIAC Title Sunday at home if the Pioneers defeat NU and Northern Michigan University.



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WINNING FORM: Sophomore Anna Walawender is 7-1 at No. 5 singles and 1-0 at No. 6 singles for the Pioneers this season. Against GU, she won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles as OU won, 9-0.

Tennis team wins a pair against two league rivals

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Heading into last weekend's home matches against Mercyhurst College and Gannon University, OU felt confident about the outcome.

Women's Tennis Coach Kris Jeffery felt that her players didn't allow the weaker competition to distract OU's concentration.

OU 8
MC 1
OU 9
GU 0

OU defeated MC, 8-1 on Friday and dropped GU, 9-0 on Saturday. "Everybody played well," Jeffery said.

Freshman Jayne Humphrey remained a perfect 9-0 at No. 4 singles after her wins last weekend as OU dropped only one match.

Jeffery said that she knew that Humphrey was a good player before she ever stepped onto the court for the Pioneers.

"She has a style that messes up her opponents. She gets a lot of balls back in play and she's more of a finesse player than a power player. She has the ability to hit the ball hard, but her style makes her more of a finesse player," Jeffery explained.

With the Pioneers slated to play undefeated Ferris State University Friday and Grand Valley State University Saturday, last weekend's matches couldn't have come at a better time.

Jeffery explained that she had her players work on improving the weaker parts of their games against MC and GU.

"Some of the girls worked on their slice and others worked on serving and volleying," Jeffery said.

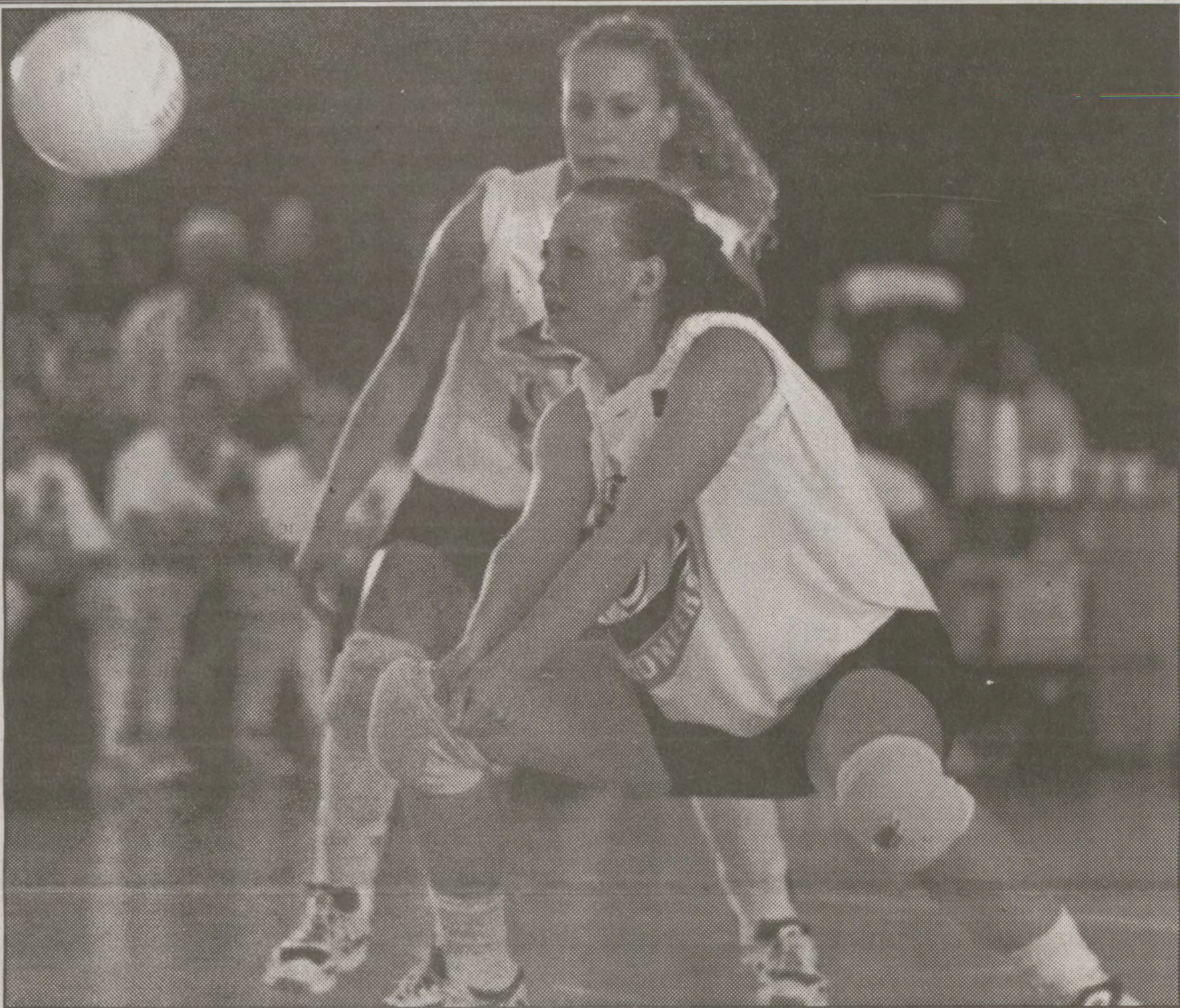
The Pioneers wrap up the regular season this week with GVSU at home and then move onto the GLIAC Tournament at Midland the following week.

FSU is definitely the favored team this weekend, but Jeffery feels that her team will make take some matches.

"I think that we can take some matches. I think the girls' thinking is that there isn't anyone they can't beat. It's just a question of whether they do it or not," Jeffery said.

Although there is an NCAA playoffs, the GLIAC is overshadowed nationally by some stronger conferences to the south. One of Jeffery's goals this season is to get her team recognized.

"My goal is to get a midwestern ranking for the team and ultimately a national ranking," Jeffery said.



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MAKING THE PLAY: Senior captain Stephanie Sasek recorded 10 kills and 12 digs against Mercyhurst College and added 13 kills and 11 digs against Gannon University last weekend at "The Bubble."

Volleyball team rolls

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

It was home sweet dome last week as OU dropped Mercyhurst College, 3-0 and Gannon University, 3-1 to remain undefeated in the GLIAC this season.

OU 3
MC 0
OU 3
GU 1

Senior captain Stephanie Sasek and sophomore Renee Williams paced the Pioneers in both matches. Sasek recorded 10 kills and 12 digs against MC. Sasek added 13 kills and 11 digs against GU while Williams repeated her 13-kill performance and added six digs.

Against the Lakers, the Pioneers cruised to a 15-12, 15-12, 15-6 straight-sets win and allowed

Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte to rest his starting lineup and play some of the younger players on the squad.

That rest turned into rust against the Lady Knights as it charged out of the gate and stole the first game, 15-10. In the first game OU appeared to be confused and didn't communicate well. That, combined with GU's solid front court play and accurate hitting, gave the Lady Knights momentum heading into game two.

"We were a little sluggish out of the blocks on our blocks. The timing was off and we started reaching," Schulte explained.

However, after dropping the first few points OU played itself back into winning form as the front court stabilized and the Pioneers started finishing long rallies. OU turned the tide in the second game and GU started to feel the pressure.

The Lady Knights let the momentum swing totally to the Pioneer's favor with poor serves in the third game. Picking up steam, the Pioneers rattled off 12 straight points to open up the fourth game and cruise to victory.

After last week's wins the Pioneers (16-6, 6-0 GLIAC) stood atop the GLIAC's Southern Division ahead of Wayne State University. The Pioneers battled the Tartars for the top spot Tuesday night but game results were unavailable when this issue went to print.

The WSU game is a big game for OU as it attempts to earn a Regional playoff spot.

"All of our losses except for one are against regionally ranked teams. We've got to win the ones that we're supposed to and a couple of the others (to qualify)," Schulte explained.

Pioneer weekly sports standings

Men's Soccer

School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Gannon University	2	0	0	9	2	1
Mercyhurst College	2	0	1	7	3	1
Oakland University	1	1	1	6	3	2
Ashland University	0	2	0	2	7	1
Saginaw Valley State	0	2	0	1	6	2

Women's Soccer

School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Oakland University	5	0	0	11	2	0
Gannon University	5	1	0	9	6	0
Mercyhurst College	4	2	0	7	5	0
Ashland University	3	2	0	5	9	0
Northwood	2	3	0	7	6	1
Grand Valley State	2	4	0	5	7	0
Northern Michigan	1	4	0	2	7	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	6	0	1	12	0

Volleyball

Southern Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Oakland University	6	0	16	6
Wayne State University	5	1	12	7
Hillsdale College	2	4	6	14
Gannon University	1	6	7	13
Ashland University	0	6	7	16
Mercyhurst University	0	7	4	16
Northern Division				
Michigan Technological	3	0	16	5
Northern Michigan	7	0	16	3
Ferris State University	5	2	12	8
Northwood College	4	2	17	3
Grand Valley State	4	3	13	8
Saginaw Valley	2	5	8	11
Lake Superior State	1	7	5	18

Sports in brief

Women's Tennis Standings

Northwood	9-6	9-0
Ferris State	7-0	8-0
Hillsdale	7-2	9-2
Oakland	7-2	7-2
Wayne State	6-3	6-3
Grand Valley	5-3	6-3
Saginaw Valley	4-5	5-5
Michigan Tech	3-6	3-6
Northern	2-7	3-7
Mercyhurst	1-6	6-2
Gannon	0-8	1-10
Lake Superior	0-8	0-9

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Saints

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"To have an annual Saints and Sinners celebration would be a good tradition to begin," says Wilson.

"It doesn't matter too much," said Andrews. "There is so much art work and buildings on campus, celebrating them all can't be practical. Student or state money should not be used for a celebration.

"The exception would be if the fountain was used for lots of current events or annually we all held hands around it and sang 'Give Peace A Chance,' then it would be worth it."

Though students have yet to

sing that particular song, the statues have been the butt of numerous pranks.

"We put Mr. Bubble in the fountain in front of the library. The fountain overflowed and the water spread all the way to the library," said Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Phil Vanatta, a mechanical engineering freshman. "The fellas were half drunk. Public Safety ran after them and they were finally caught on the golf course. This happened way before I joined [around '90, '91] and the story could have been stretched."

Besides Mr. Bubbles, food coloring, jello, and various other costumes have been reluctantly worn by the seven figures, according to those with long

memories.

"At one time or another different student organizations have made some type of statement with Saints and Sinners," said Wilson wryly.

"There is usually a togaing of the statues before a major party," said Reynolds.

The statues are still held in reverence, though.

"I wish them happy birthday," said Wilson. "They have been a really important part of the visual aid of the university and, in many ways, the beginning of the physical beauty of our campus."

So if you pass by any of the statues on Tuesday (even the evil-looking one) be sure to wish them another 20 years of beauty.

Time

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older and need more care."

Speaking on the Nuts and Bolts of Effective Time Management will be Kenneth York, Department Chairperson of Management and Marketing.

"Lisa McGill called and asked if I would be interested in volunteering," said York. "I'm always surprised at what people think I'm an expert at, but if you were to look at my schedule and desk you wouldn't think I was an expert at time management."

Other discussion leaders include Margaret Christensen, Nursing Instructor, speaking on Identifying and Evaluating Assisted Care Options for Aging Parents. Suzanne Frankie, Dean of the University Library, and Catherine Rush, Acting

Employment Advisor, both speaking on Flexible Scheduling. Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, speaking on the Institutional Vision for an Ideal Future.

Robert Stewart Jr., Associate Professor of Psychology, speaking on the Pitfalls and Pleasures of being a Working Parent, Jack Wilson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, speaking on Minimizing Stress: Solutions for both Men and Women, and Darrin Woods, Academic and Program Coordinator for Project Upward Bounds, speaking on Self Leadership: The Key to Balancing Your Life.

"I would love to go to every one of them. They all interest me," said Nina Googasian. "I think they all (topics) effect everyone."

Compiled notes and highlights from all the round table discussions will be organized

and a White Paper will be produced and submitted to President Russi and the members of the Cabinet.

As of Sunday, 45 students, faculty and staff had signed up for the program. "I'm hoping for at least 60, that seems like a nice number to get good information," said Beaver.

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Silo

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"It was great, they really put the other local haunted houses to shame. Everything looked more realistic, and I actually jumped a few times," Larsen said. "I'm going back next weekend and taking my girlfriend."

SILO X's premise is that a missile silo has gone awry, creating radioactive mutants that have taken control of the military base. It spans the length of 10 football fields in linear feet, including both inside structure and the surrounding area, which is being used as part of the attraction.

Each year, the mazes will be changed to keep the attraction fresh. SILO X features 35 actors plus management to both scare patrons and help lead them through the elaborate maze.

SILO X is the brainchild of Raymond Kohout from St. Louis. The 1992 premiere of the attraction was an instant success, with 45,000 attendees.

"I got tired of the same old 'Freddy Krueger' and 'Linda Blair' type haunted houses and wanted to try something different," Kohout said. "I used the theme of post-nuclear sci-fi and tried to make a great maze that would be a challenge to get through."

Some of SILO X's success may be due to the recent alien abduction films and television shows, such as Independence Day and The X-Files.

The attraction, which cost approximately \$200,000 to start up, utilizes effects and costumes from artists who have worked for Universal Studio's theme park. It takes between 30-45 minutes to get through SILO X, depending on the paths chosen. Promoters said that SILO X be attended by children 10 and older. Admission to the attraction is \$12 per person.

The money was no object to Paula Jones, Auburn Hills resident.

"Twelve dollars seemed like a lot when I first read about it,"

Jones said. "But I really got scared once or twice, especially the loud screaming and the bright lights used. I also liked how the place was a maze and we kept walking inside and outside."

Among the larger props used in the attraction are an abandoned helicopter and a jeep that becomes electrified. These, along with the rest of SILO X will be stored until next fall when the show closes November 2nd.

Brian Revelle, an OU freshman working on his computer science degree, saw this as an improvement over the typical haunted house.

"You get sick of the ghosts on strings and tape recorded music," Revelle said. "This was different than anything else I've seen and totally professional."

One OU student who didn't attend SILO X's Friday the 13th opening was Kevin Brandt, a freshman political science major.

"I didn't like all the ballyhoo. They had this huge sign set up announcing 96.3 (WHYT FM)'s involvement," Brandt said. "Also the cars were all over University Drive trying to get into the place. Besides that, this is an academic university. Aren't haunted houses for little kids?"

Saturday evenings are crowded, with an hour wait for most patrons. However, on site security was available to make sure things ran smoothly.

Competing haunted attractions in the area are bound to have noticed their new neighbor over at OU. Spooktacular Hayride on John R. Road sees no financial threat from SILO X's appearance. Laurie Smith, public relations, reveals the secret of their seven year success.

"We've had no declines in attendance this year. Mostly, I think, because we offer fresh air, a 35-40 minute ride and haunted scenes," Smith said. "Our scares are the good old-fashioned kind, with monsters jumping out and scaring kids of all ages. We don't have any of that really gruesome stuff."

Tickets for Spooktacular are \$9.75 for adults and \$7.75 for children under 13. Call (810)

778-8555 for more information.

One way that SILO X has given back to the community is through the Rochester Community Schools Foundation. Melinda Callahan, promotions for the foundation, explains why SILO X has helped area students.

"We were approached in June by SILO X to help them kick off their haunted house. In return for the promotion and ticket selling by students, we received \$2 for each ticket sold in September," Callahan said. "In addition, the school that sold the most tickets received an additional gift. It's really been a learning experience for the children."

The money received from ticket sales was split evenly, half for area language clubs and half for the foundation itself. SILO X also provided fact sheets for children on nuclear power.

Also doing good for the community are the Rochester Area Jaycees. In the past, the Jaycees have sponsored the Big Apple Circus at OU. Alex Dominique, president of the Jaycees, graduated from OU with a master's degree in science engineering. Dominique reveals the difference between their Halloween attractions and SILO X's.

"We emphasize leadership training and community awareness in all our projects," Dominique said. "All our profit goes back to the community. We are especially proud of our gathering of canned goods for the needy at our events."

The Rochester Area Jaycees' Halloween attractions are "Escape From Rochester" until October 31st for \$4 per person and "Friendly Monster Day" on October 19th for \$1 per child. For more information, call (810) 652-7777.

SILO X is open from dusk till 11 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays and dusk till midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. During Halloween week Silo X will be open every night through November 2nd. For more information, call toll-free at the SILO X-change: 1-888-222-4088.

Decision

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sor of political science and Chair of the Senate Planning committee and Garrick Landsberg, Student Congress president were recently added to give the committee a more well-rounded university representation amid criticism from some faculty and staff that the original three were inevitably biased to push the plan ahead.

All three original members already had some responsibility and commitment to athletics.

Piskulich feels that the new members were added because many people assumed Division I AAA was a done deal. This she explained is not necessarily so.

"We are including the comments from all the meetings. ... We are recording all of those things and putting them in (at the end of the report)," said Piskulich.

Landsberg said that originally the committee only had administrative members, but with the faculty and student additions, more diversity will be represented by the committee.

Previously, the committee met with deans, student affairs and student leaders which included student liaisons to the Board of Trustees and Student Congress members. The next meeting is scheduled during the University Senate meeting on Thursday.

Landsberg said that one of the most common concerns is that if OU goes Division I, academics will suffer. He said, however, that this is not true and that both athletics and academics will be an important part of OU.

"We're certainly not ready for Division I A or Division I AA, but AAA could be. ... We want to grow in sync with the campus. ... I've not been thoroughly convinced this (Division I AAA) is where we need to be. There is still research to be done," said Landsberg.

Student Liaison Angela Dodson said that she believes OU will not take from the academics to support the new athletic status.

"They're not going to rob Peter to pay Paul. ... They're not going to take from academics to enhance athletics. If we don't (move to Division I AAA), something gets left behind," said Dodson.

Piskulich said that the faculty seem to be divided on the issue, but one of the major concerns from that group is that resources will be taken away from academics and money should be going towards upgrading of classrooms and computer labs, to name a few.

"(Some believe) resources will be funneled away. They say 'Why can't we just focus on academics?'" said Piskulich.

Currently, OU athletics cost \$2.1 million for Division II. If OU does decide to go Division I, it could cost \$2.8 million, which is average for schools in this category, according to Macauley.

Macauley said that athletics are supported in two ways: internally and externally.

The general fund, which Macauley explained as state appropriated dollars and the money raised by selling of sweatshirts, hats and other extras, explained as the Y fund, work together to make up the whole athletics fund.

"The belief is that we cannot add to the Y pot of money in Division I. X will have to grow as inflation does. ... Under Division II, the Y pot would increase, ... and the X pot would decrease," said Macauley.

With increased visibility for OU, many expect that the Y will grow with money coming from, in part, television revenues.

Division I AAA hockey and football also seem to be on many minds, said Piskulich. However, these sports are not even being considered at this point in time. In fact, she said, hockey and football may not be added for 10-15 years because they are so expensive.

Not everyone supports Dodson's claim that moving ahead would better OU as a whole.

E. Haworth Hoeppner, associate professor of English, sat on a previous athletic committee as part of the Strategic Planning committee on athletics. That committee, said Hoeppner, made few recommendations and felt it needed more research and information to make a better conclusion.

"The issue got complicated. ... There was split feeling on what it (going Division I AAA) would entail. We needed more hard evidence," said Hoeppner. "I don't think it is a good choice. We need a larger residence hall

population. Attendance would be low and cost high. To have Division I and have commuter and residence support (would be difficult)," he added.

Professor of Physics Abraham Liboff felt OU could better spend funding on increasing the quality of its educational efforts rather than moving its athletics into another division.

"We can't use athletics as a crutch. Graduate work, research in all areas and better hiring are important," said Liboff.

Besides the use of funding, Liboff also wishes there were more faculty representation during the fact-finding process. He feels there is not enough attention being paid to the faculty and that the University Senate is not unique enough to just faculty members.

Students also have their concerns. Many do not want to see student fees increased to subsidize the additional cost involved with stepping up the athletic program, said Dodson.

"Most everyone, student-wise, is thrilled about the name recognition, but at what cost is the question," said Dodson.

Currently, \$11.70 of student fees goes to help pay part of the costs of the athletic program at OU. This, as Dodson was told at the student leadership meeting, is much lower in comparison to other universities.

Dodson said that Division I AAA status will only be one step up from OU's current position, but this one step will hopefully bring forth more sources of funding from ticket sales, concessions, parking, television coverage and even a possible youth camp.

It is still too soon for some to make a conclusion as to whether Division I AAA would be a good move for OU. Even the committee members have their doubts.

"I've been to one meeting. It's too early yet to say. I'm still learning all this stuff," said Kleckner.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for this Thursday with the University Senate. Next week, there is a meeting with the Residence Hall Council on Oct. 22. The AP Assembly is scheduled to give its input on Oct. 29, and a forum open to everyone is scheduled for Nov. 4.

Though many of the former meetings have been publicized little outside of the organizations, the open forum is expected

Flu

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Household members of individuals in the high risk category and health care workers should also be vaccinated, according to Mary Grace Stobierski, an infectious disease epidemiologist with the Michigan Dept. of Health.

They also have a higher rate for secondary complications, according to Dr. Gregory Krol, division head of the northeast region of internal medicine for Henry Ford Hospital.

The flu spreads rapidly in the close quarters of a classroom. Sneezing and coughing send the virus into the air where it can be inhaled by others.

"Don't be a hero, stay home," said Krol. "Our society is driven to work hard, to get the good grades no matter what," he said. If a student can not miss a class, Krol said the student should try to sit separate from other students.

Flu symptoms include a sore

throat, cough, fever, chills and muscle aches. To flush the virus from your body, drink lots of juices, get plenty of rest, and eat some "real" chicken soup, said Sharon Long, Nurse Practitioner of Graham Health Center.

"On average, 20,000 die in the US each year from flu or flu-related illnesses," said Lynnette Brammer, epidemiologist with the Center for Disease Control. It's too soon to tell how this year's strain compares to past years, she said. Even though the virus changes from year to year, the symptoms stay pretty much the same.

"Compared with getting a severe illness, the shot is a piece of cake," Krol said.

Contrary to popular belief, it's impossible to get the flu from the vaccine because a "killed" virus is used. The flu vaccine prevents some individuals from contracting the flu altogether, while others experience a milder case than if they hadn't been vaccinated at all, Krol said.

RN's from OU's school of nursing are giving shots from 3

to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the OC as part of their community health rotation. Cost is \$6.00.

"The flu shots allow the body to make antibodies to fight the flu off if a person is later exposed to it," said Long. Most people experience no side effects from the shots, but some people "get a little achy, a little nauseated," she said. Waiting seven to ten days before getting a shot is recommended by Long if someone currently has a cold.

Some should avoid the vaccine, however. "The biggest contraindication to flu vaccine is an allergy to eggs," said Stobierski.

However, individuals should check with their doctor before getting a flu shot if they have an allergy to thimerosal (found in contact lens solution), have had a previous reaction to flu vaccine, are on Coumadin or Heparin therapy, have ever been paralyzed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, or if they are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, she said.

internal audit. "I have confidence that everything will run smoothly for both sides." Gossett doesn't see a strike vote being necessary.

Yet others weren't so confident. "Anything's possible," said one secretary who asked not to be identified. "The meeting really wasn't very helpful. It didn't tell us anything that we didn't already know."

Although the bargaining

team is limited in what information they can reveal to its members, they know that one of the major stumbling blocks is in contract language; namely wording of job postings and filling of positions.

While a strike vote is always a possibility, the union has only gone on strike once in 25 years.

Union President Susan Forgette said that talks are continuing almost daily.

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Nurse

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"more autonomy in this role (as a CRNA) than working as a regular RN on the floor," he said.

"I like the hemodynamics: checking the heart rate, blood pressure, vital signs, and respiratory status," said Lisa Leto, RN, first year graduate student. She graduated from OU in 1993 with her bachelor's degree in nursing.

"You don't know what to expect because each patient is different, and it's exciting," Leto said, referring to her actual work with patients.

One of the first procedures she learned was induction and emergence which means that she put a patient to sleep before surgery and then woke him up afterward.

CRNAs care for patients before, during and after a surgical procedure by monitoring their vital signs and by keeping the patient asleep or pain free during the procedure. CRNAs administer more than half of the 26 million anesthetics given to patients in the US each year, according to Mary Tyner, spokesperson for American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. They are the sole source of anesthesia care in 85% of rural hospitals in the US, Tyner said.

Both OU and Beaumont developed the program because there was a tremendous shortage

of nurse anesthetists both at the hospital and in the community, according to Therese Pilchak, CRNA, assistant director of the nurse anesthesia track in the master of science in nursing program. More than 40 CRNAs have graduated since it began in the spring of 1991.

"One long-term goal was to increase the hospital's staff of nurse anesthetists," said Pilchak. Beaumont has hired 17 of the graduates. The OU/Beaumont program is the only one in Michigan that offers a masters of science in nursing (MSN) degree.

To complete the program, CRNAs must have a minimum of 800 hours of anesthesia care in a supervised environment, work more than 450 cases, and pass a national certification exam. OU graduates, however, average closer to 1,200 hours of anesthesia care and work on 500 to 700 different cases. The program incorporates 24 to 36 months of graduate coursework, classroom and clinical experience. "They are well-prepared to meet demands and are expected to function in a staff role immediately," said Pilchak.

Many of the program's students are older than most graduate students because of the prior work experience required. In one class, for example, the youngest is 25 and the oldest is 40.

CRNAs can earn an annual salary of between \$80,000 and \$90,000, according to Justine

Speer, dean of the school of nursing.

They are, nationally, one of the highest paid nursing specialties, according to Tyner. She agreed with Speer's salary assessment and said that the national average is \$86,000.

Speer said that the starting salaries may seem high to some individuals, but she pointed out that they "have people's lives in their hands. (CRNAs) work in the life and death of the operating room."

"You have to be really committed to being a nurse anesthetist," said Leto. "Most people don't understand how much work is involved." Some days she has worked ten or 12 hours as a CRNA and then studied for the next day's class. "We can't get lower than a B (3.0) in any of our classes," Leto said.

While working as an RN, she had a rotation with a nurse anesthetist and made up her mind to find out more about the nursing specialty.

Applicants to the program must have: a bachelor of science in nursing or appropriate baccalaureate degree, a minimum of one year's experience in intensive care or in an emergency room, and be a registered nurse.

The nursing profession has traditionally been dominated by women, but nearly half of the nation's 28,000 CRNAs, 42%, are men.

One of the male graduates, currently employed by

Beaumont, gave the program high marks.

"The clinical side is first class," said 36-year-old Clay Township resident Craig Huard. Because Beaumont has affiliations with other hospitals, Huard said, he gained valuable experience working in small, rural hospitals.

Huard said he enjoys the interaction with patients. "When you can make a connection with a patient in the short period of time that you have with them, that's very rewarding," he said.

In one instance, Huard prepared a little boy for an operation by explaining to him that he "was going to take a short nap." The boy did not speak any English, so the separation anxiety that children normally experience was magnified.

"You could just see in his eyes that he was pretty scared," Huard said, but he was still able to reassure the boy because he knows ("a little") French. When the boy woke up from his "nap," Huard was able to tell him that his parents would be with him in a couple of minutes.

He suggested that individuals considering the nurse anesthesia program spend a day or two in the practice to see what's involved. Even some of his nursing colleagues are unclear about what nurse anesthetists do, he said.

Shroud

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Jackson was fortunate to see and examine the shroud in person.

"The shroud is only on display once in a very great while," Witt said.

"But in 1978 he (Jackson) was able to see and study it for 120 hours. They had carefully planned exactly what they were going to study and had sophisticated equipment ready. They had to because they only had access to it for a very short while," said Witt.

As for the lecture itself, Witt said it consisted of information about the physical aspects of the shroud, and cultural aspects of Jewish society.

"Jackson is a physicist, so he discussed the more scientific aspects of the shroud, the image analysis and whether the carbon dating tests were accurate. His wife discussed Jewish culture and how the shroud fit into the society," Witt said.

Carbon dating processes have determined the shroud to be only 700 years old. However, Jackson supports its authenticity because the testing did not take into account the fact that the shroud was scorched in a 1578 fire affecting the carbon testing results.

As for the cultural aspect surrounding the controversy, Rebecca Jackson lectured that the shroud is consistent with ancient Jewish culture, and may in fact have been used as a tablecloth at the Last Supper.

Although the actual shroud was not present, the Jacksons provided slides showing the cloth. Following the lecture, there was a question and answer period.

"There were a lot of questions to keep them busy for quite a while," said Witt.

"In the morning, there was an informal seminar which twenty students attended, and that ended up being about two hours long because of all of the questions."

Witt said much of the reason so many questions were asked is that the Shroud of Turin is a subject that intrigues many people.

By Witt's standards, the lecture was successful drawing in around 300 people. The Hammerle Lectures are free, and open to the public.

The Hammerle Lectures have been running annually for the past ten years, and began after the 1986 death of William Hammerle, a founding professor of engineering at OU.

Witt has been the coordinator of the lectures since their start. He said they try to find topics that would please, and honor Hammerle.

"When professor Hammerle died, we wanted to do something to honor him, something that exemplified his spirit and his approach to solving problems," said Witt.

The lecture traditionally takes place in October or early November, a date or topic has not yet been selected for next year's lecture.

"We've been kicking around some different ideas for next year's speech, but we haven't decided on anything yet," Witt said.

Right now, the Hammerle lectures are funded by a few different sources.

"The William G. Hammerle endowment provides some of the money for the lectures," said Witt.

"The engineering alumni organization helps out. The School of Engineering and Computer Science makes up the difference. Hopefully in the future the endowment will pay for the entire event."

Noise

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The committee will meet at least two times this month and will be comprised of people who did not submit or are willing to disqualify their contest entries.

With completion scheduled for early January, the discomforts associated with construction of the OC food court continue to grow.

The noise problem was expected, but few could have predicted the false fire alarm caused by construction-related dust that disrupted classes at North and South Foundation halls.

Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder said the food court contractor, David Christopher, Inc., was asked to keep the dust and noise to a minimum.

Snyder and Student Congress share the opinion that the campus has been receptive to the construction of the food court.

However, some students disagree. Sophomore psychology major Mandy Murawski says that it is difficult to concentrate

in the Greek office located in the OC basement.

Another difficulty for campus-goers is the lack of space in the OC.

Many find that so much of the OC has been blocked off for construction that it is often find impossible to find a seat in which to study or talk with friends.

"It's an incredible annoyance not to have any place to sit down," said Sean Kosofsky, junior political science major.

Snyder did reassure that no more areas of the OC will be closed off.

The downstairs game room, which closed in August and now houses furniture from the Crockery, will be moved to the old Hot Shoppe area. A monitor will be hired to supervise the activities and equipment in the room, which will include pool tables and the video games currently located on the first floor of the OC.

Although some students are not pleased with the situation right now, most are looking forward to the food court's completion.

Sub

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experience," said Wade.

The subdivision has some nice "extras" such as a soccer and softball field for the children to play on as well as nature trails for the residents to enjoy.

Dean of Students Dave Herman has lived in the subdivision for ten years and loves the community atmosphere Meadow Brook subdivision provides.

He sees the subdivision as a chance to get to know his co-workers on a personal level.

"It's much different than a subdivision where people move in and out all the time and never get to know each other. ... Its a community where everyone knows each other," said Herman.

There are conditions to living in Meadow Brook subdivision, however. Only employees of OU are allowed to live there. If a resident left OU for any reason other than retirement they have to sell their home and leave. This is especially true if a resident were to be terminated

for any reason, said Wade.

"The university will always buy the house back from the owner if it doesn't sell," said Wade.

When a house in Meadow Brook subdivision is for sale, it is not allowed to be advertised on the open market, but can be advertised on campus.

The land on which the houses are built remains OU property even though the houses on the land are owned by the residents. Residents lease the plot of land for \$17 per month.

The money obtained from the land leases is put in an account used for maintenance around the subdivision. This includes snow removal and general upkeep of the common grounds, according to Reynolds.

"The university is not out to make a profit from the subdivision. They just make enough money to cover expenses," said Wade.

Residents are responsible for all utilities in their homes just like in any other subdivision. OU takes responsibility for problems that arise with the actual land and maintaining the common grounds.

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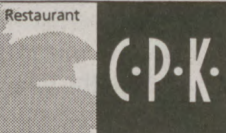
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