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FACTS

OU has extended the summer tuition payment date from June 10 to July 8 this year, to allow students to take advantage of the new federal tax credit. The students who qualify for the Lifetime Learning Credit can now count on this tax relief that becomes effective July 1.

OU announced new scholarships for Fall 1998 admitted transfer students.

Requirements are:

- 3.0 cumulative GPA;
- Full-time enrollment for Fall '98 and Winter '99;
- Satisfactory academic progress;
- Students must have completed at least 24 transfer credits;
- Students have applied to OU and for the scholarship by June 15, 1998.

The scholarships are \$1,000 per year and renewable up to two years. For an application, contact the Office of Admissions at (248) 370-3361, or 1-800-OAK-UNIV.

The Residence Halls assistant director position has been reposted. Former assistant director, Jean Ann Miller, is now director of the Campus Information and Program Office.

A pre-trial hearing for Christopher Knoche, the OU student charged with the vehicular manslaughter of another student last October was adjourned until June 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Due to the renovations of the OC THE OAKLAND POST will resume its publications in the fall at a different location.

Gala honors donors



By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Editor In Chief

It was a night of glitz, glamour and fine dining at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion Saturday where the major donors of OU were honored and the results of nine task forces studying OU's future were unveiled at the "Creating the Future" Gala.

President Gary Russi said the gala went well with nearly 500 people in attendance. "The gala is signaling a new era for Oakland," he said.

Two-hundred ninety four administrators, community and business representatives, alumni and a hand full of faculty members working on nine different task force committees over the last six months developed a list of recommendations and "strategic initiatives" to strengthen OU and better prepare its learners for the 21st century.

The recommendations, all developed by the individual task forces organized by areas of expertise, were published in the Creating the Future Final Report that was presented to Rex Schlaybaugh Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, by Russi at the gala.



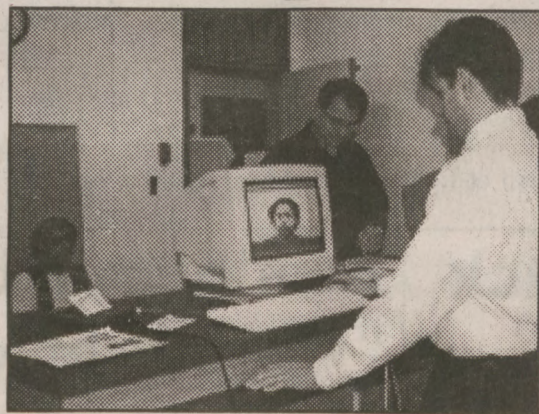
MOVING FORWARD: (top) Rex Schlaybaugh Jr. was presented with the final copy of the Creating the Future initiative. GIVING THANKS: (above) President Russi presented Dennis Pawley (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Sharf with gifts of thanks.

lished in the Creating the Future Final Report that was presented to Rex Schlaybaugh Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, by Russi at the gala.

The task forces included one for each of the schools and task forces for the College and Arts and Sciences, Trustees, by Russi at the gala.

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New Spirit on Campus, photo hype



CARD CENTER: The new ID card office, located in 112 OC, will serve the students on OU's path to cashless community.

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

No more rummaging through wallets for dollars, or digging through pockets for checkbooks and loose change. The new OU SpiritCard has arrived.

The card, which will be issued at a mass carding event the first week of school, will take only a few minutes to process, and will be distributed at the new rec center, the fireside lounge, and at a possible third location yet to be announced, said Richard Fekel, OC director.

It includes the holder's picture, digitally printed signature, and a magnetic strip on the back, like conventional credit, debit, or ATM cards, Fekel said.

The campus is being wired now to enable communication between points of service and a computer in the OC which keeps track of transactions, he said.

The card will allow OU students, faculty and staff to check out library materials, enter buildings, do their banking, and pay for items such as books and food.

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OU student to intern at prestigious marine lab

By LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor

The bio department just got a major reputation boost, thanks to the ambition of an exceptional student.

Biology senior Jennifer Rhora is one of just 13 undergraduate interns who will participate in this summer's research program at the prestigious Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

"The Marine Models and Biological Research for the undergraduates at MBL (is) research experience for undergraduate science majors," said Michael Tytell, co-director of the MBL program.

"The objective is to provide the undergraduates with exposure to a variety of techniques in research," Tytell said. Students will spend the summer working on independent projects under supervision of MBL researchers.

They will also participate in weekly group meetings with scientists doing original research at MBL, Tytell said.

"The projects will not be lab exercises. (Students) will contribute to real sci-

entific questions, and work with scientists as their mentors," Tytell added.

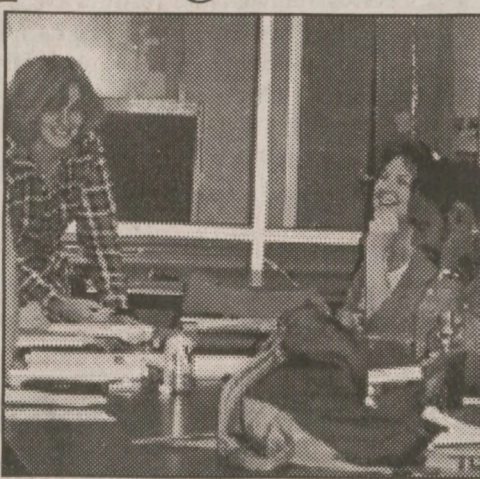
Rhora, who plans to pursue graduate education and a career in marine research, said she chose this line of work when she was 13.

"I just find it incredibly interesting," Rhora said in the press release.

"There is so little that we know about marine ecology and animals and what they do. I think it's worthwhile to find out," she added.

"(Rhora) is one of the most energetic people I've ever met," said Helen Woodman, assistant director of the Academic Skills Center, who wrote a letter of recommendation when Rhora applied for the internship in March.

Rhora spend three years at the



MBL INTERN: Jennifer Rhora (left) spent three years as a tutor at OU.

Another recommendation came from the Parkdale Pharmaceuticals in Rochester, a job Rhora got through a cooperative program between the company and OU.

She is also a student of the Honors College, has worked as a mentor for newly hired tutors at the Academic Skills

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Trustees name vice provost

New position expands Info Technology role in academic arena

By LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor

In a move to bolster OU's claim of excellence in technology, the Board of Trustees named an Indiana college administrator as the new vice provost for Information Technology.

The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Ronald Cigna at its June 4 meeting. Cigna assumes the technology portfolio William Connellan, vice provost for academic affairs, was handling.

The new position is an expanded version of what was once called director for computer and information services, according to Indra David, assistant dean of Kresge Library, who chaired the search committee.

"The new vice provost will help faculty and students see how information technology can (benefit OU),"

Indra David
Assistant Dean of Kresge Library

"With the new position, we hope the vice provost for information technology will not only manage (the information systems), but also use the technology for improved teaching and learning," David said.

"It is a shift in focus," she said. "The new vice provost will help faculty and students see how information technology can (benefit OU)," David said.

The focus on students will be made mainly in the use of distance learning and multi-media in the classroom, David said.

Dagmar Cronn, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said, "The vice provost will be responsible for all of the academic and administrative computing and technology."

Cronn said Cigna was chosen for the job for his previous experience in supervising units he will be responsible for at OU, as well as for his collaborative management skills.

Cigna comes to OU from the position of a director of computing and data processing services at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPWF), where he spent the last seven years, Cronn said.

Prior to 1991, he was assistant director of administrative information services at the University of Rochester in New York.

Cigna also oversaw the installation of a campus-wide fiber back bone and implemented the Student Information System at IPWF, Cronn said.

For several years, Cigna also worked for the Xerox Corporation.

"He has successfully worked in corporate community, which is a very important component of OU's outreach," Cronn said.

Cigna graduated in 1982 from the University of Rochester's Graduate School of Business.

Cigna will assume his OU position on July 1.

Connellan remains in the Division of Academic Affairs as Vice Provost.

He served as interim Vice President of Academic Affairs prior to Cronn's arrival on campus in June, 1997.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Sign of the times misrepresents OU community

Oakland University has been hard at work reinventing itself for the 21st century.

The signs are everywhere.

We've got a new mascot, the Golden Grizzlies, a species which has no geographic connection whatsoever to Michigan like say a wolverine, for example.

We've stepped up to Division athletics, and a spanking brand new state of the art athletic/recreation center is scheduled to open this fall to house our events.

A new building for the business school is scheduled to sprout on campus. Hard hats will be fashionable again as construction begins on what has been criticized by some for its Jackson Prison architectural similarities.

The Oakland Center is slowly, but surely, becoming a place where students want to hang out. It now has what students (though not some faculty and staff) call a "real" food court. It will soon have what students can call a "real" game room, and we'll even have our own miniature Kinkos Copies.

Students can finally toss those paper ID cards out, because this year we will finally have photo ID cards.

And then there is the new sign at the corner of Adams and Walton for all see, paid for by Palace Sports and Entertainment. Perhaps more than any other change, the new marquee is a sign of the times.

If a university should be run like a business and students are the customers, then perhaps this new sign of the times can benefit OU's loyal and frequently genteely impoverished students.

Hmmm, we don't know.

Maybe the attached rotating signs that shouts Pepsi, Target and Airtouch Cellular's sponsorship will turn into an added bonus for students this year.

After all, last we heard these weren't official sponsors of OU. But since it looks that way, maybe students should expect a discount on Pepsi products. Why charge \$1.25 for a 20 ounce bottle of Pepsi, when we can get a two liter for the same price at 7-11?

Or maybe students can come to expect a free flip phone with a free 120 minutes a month. Today, it is smart to always carry a cellular phone and may help to continue the downward trend of crime on campus.

And Target, what a great choice in choosing a store that offers everything from toiletries to CD's. A 20 percent discount would be useful to all.

As OU continues its ranking as a best buy in education, perhaps we can get K-mart to run a blue light special next time tuition comes due.

So, what does this sign really mean?

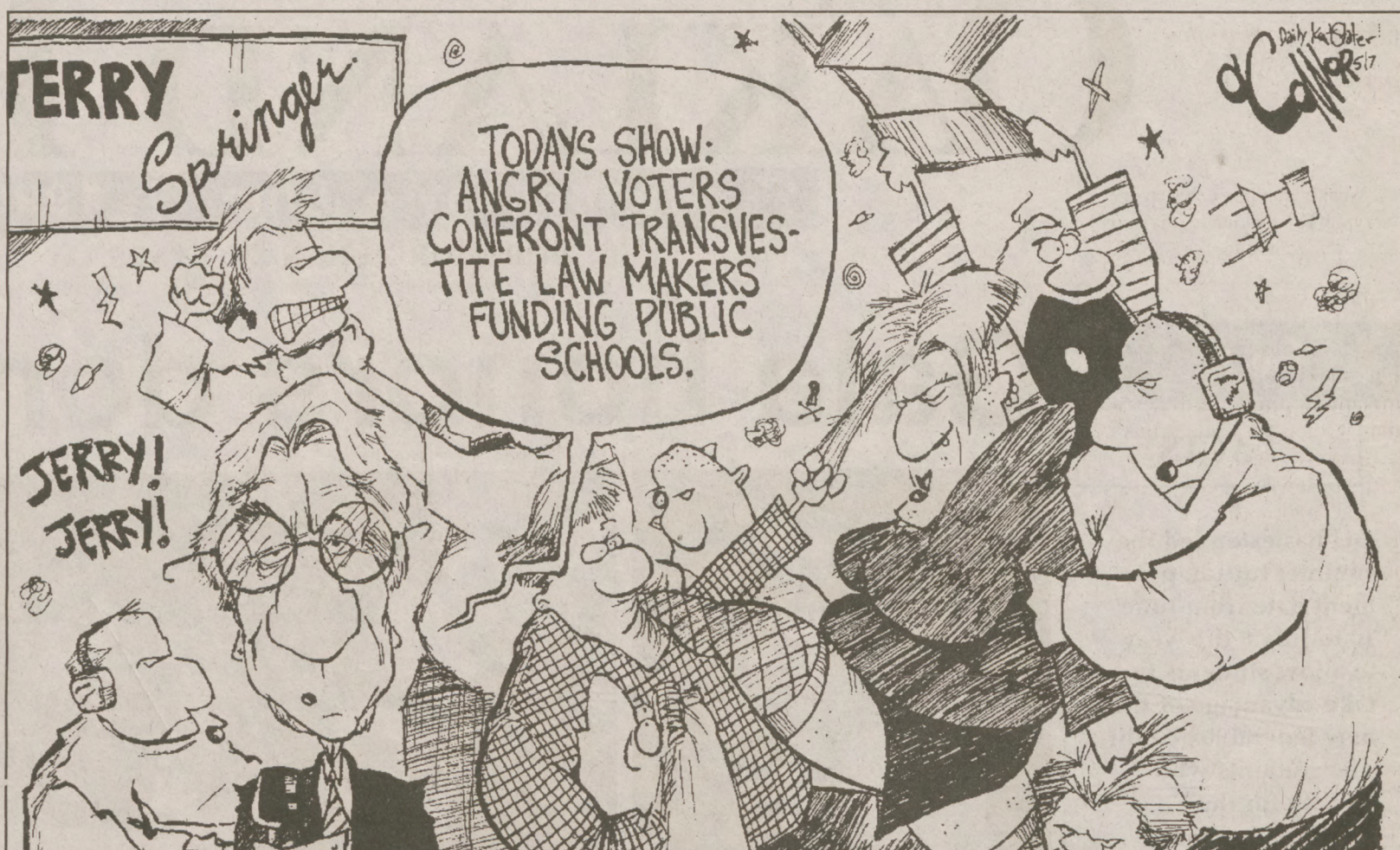
Passersby might assume that these big hitter companies are underwriting our education.

OU students know better. It's taught us something we already knew.

All that sign does is prove how commercialism can be deceiving.

JEANNEE KIRKALDY

OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor approves of editorial critique of mainstream capitalism

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed Howard Schwartz's editorial which so effectively regurgitated the stereotyped anticommunism that the "mainstream" media has programmed into so many Americans. One of his best jokes was the one about Angela Davis's support of communism being evidence that she also supported some of the atrocities committed over 60 years ago in Stalin's Soviet Union. That's about like saying that anyone who likes capitalism must also support the USA's genocide of millions of Indians, black slavery, the slaughter of over one million Filipinos in the USA's colonization of the Philippines in 1899 to 1906, the USA's frequent terrorist aerial bombardments of civilian targets around the world that has murdered millions of unarmed innocent people since World War II (and maimed millions more), and the extermination policies followed by various puppet dictators put into power by the CIA.

Actually, if the facts were known, being identified with Stalin is not really as bad as

being identified with the USA. For instance, during the 1930's Stalin is said to have committed his worst crimes, which included transferring to city jobs millions of richer farmers (many of whom had earlier cooperated with foreign invaders and starved city workers), expelling hundreds of thousands of people from the communist party (mostly for abusing their positions for personal gain), sending those who resisted to Siberia, fighting various wars against foreign invaders and armed rebels, and executing 120,000 people for suspected crimes such as murder and treason. However, because of higher and a more even distribution of income, the annual death rate of the population in the communist Soviet Union during this terrible time was actually lower than it was in peacetime in the early 1900's in capitalist Russia. On the other hand, the USA's extermination record (which included the creation of laws that provided rewards for the killing of all any Indians through the late 1800's) is virtually unparalleled in the course of history (except perhaps in comparison to Spain's extermination of Indians in Latin American

and Hitler's extermination of communists and Jews). As a recent distinguished speaker to the OU School of Business Administration, Gloria Steinem remarked, "The truth (about history) will set you free, but first it will piss you off!"

It was also interesting to read professor Schwartz's (sarcastic?) suggestion that our distinguished lecture series should be restructured so that it can be used as a means of selling ourselves into collaborative arrangements with local businesses. He seemed to imply that this would necessitate the censorship of any criticism of business so that we can show the "kind of thought we value around here" is identical to what business wants us to think. That might make the Hitlers and other fanatical anticommunists of the world happy, but I don't think such a proposal would be at all consistent with our university's mission.

Sincerely,

Austin Murphy
 Professor of Finance

Student upset with lack of mascot publicity

Dear Editor,

Well, when I found out about this new "idea" for a mascot/logo...and was asked to take a look at it on your web page...I had only one thing to say.

ARE THEY OUT OF THEIR MINDS?!

I commute back and forth to OU....and I don't always get to pick up The Post to check out school happenings.

To hear about this over the net really speaks poorly for OU's sense of "priority". Obviously, this new "look" for the mascot/logo isn't aimed at ALL STUDENTS.

Sincerely,

Bianca Gallegly
 Senior
 Marketing

Retired faculty appalled at Pepsi advertisement

Dear Editor,

I suppose there is a compelling fiscal reason that we must see the Pepsi logo emblazoned so garishly on the new Oakland University sign at the corner of Walton and Adams. Nevertheless, I am glad that I retired from the faculty before such a regrettable descent into tawdry commercialism came to pass.

Sincerely,

David Daniels
 Professor Emeritus of Music

Faculty member questions "WWJD" bracelets

Dear Editor,

William Blake's poem "The Everlasting Gospel" seems to me to offer an important caution to those who wear the "WWJD" bracelet:

The Vision of Christ that thou dost see Is my Visions Greatest Enemy
 Thine has a great hook nose like thine Mine has a snub nose like mine

Perhaps, in a spirit of full disclosure and honesty, the bracelets should be emended to read "WWMJD" (that is What Would My Jesus Do).

Sincerely,

Robert Anderson
 Assistant Professor of English

TRUSTEES' CORNER

At the June 4 Board of Trustees meeting the following proposals were voted upon and passed:

- A 2.9 percent increase in the general fund budget and tuition and fees for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 academic years.
- Budget adjustment for the OC renovations.
- Budget adjustment for the athletic center.
- Education Specialist Program to require 36 credits from 40.
- The exterior design of the new business building approved.
- Authorization to enter agreement with the OU Foundation for construction of Katke Cousins Golf Course.
- Recommendation to amend sanitary sewer easement with Oakland County.

CAMPUS NEWS

CRIME

WATCH

Phone Harassment

A female non-student staying at Hamlin reported May 26 that she has received several unwanted phone calls from a man with whom she attended medical training classes at a southern university.

The complainant told police she did not have a relationship with the caller, but he has made several advances toward her.

She also said the man has followed her to various locations across the United States. She said she believes he currently lives in New York or New Jersey.

The complainant did not want to file charges, but requested her OU phone number be changed.

Theft of SPB equipment

SPB chair Raymond Landsberg reported that some equipment has been stolen from their OC office between May 2 and 3.

The door to the office was found open by the OC night manager.

The missing property includes:

- One Boston Media Theater System Subwoofer;
- One Hewlett Packard Laserjet 5L printer;
- One Aiwa CD boombox CA-DW620.

The total cost of the property is \$770.

Scratched Car

An OU staff member reported May 29 that someone purposefully damaged his car.

The complainant told police he noticed a female driver who seemed upset when he took the parking space.

He said the woman then parked opposite his vehicle.

The complainant told police that, upon returning to his vehicle, he discovered a scratch made by a sharp object on the right side of his car.

The cost of damage is unknown.

Outdoor Party

The OU Police made six arrests Monday (June 7) after receiving a phone call around midnight complaining about noises coming from the Adams Field.

The field is located near Adams road and the faculty subdivision.

The complainant told police she heard loud music and what sounded like people partying.

When OU Police arrived at the field, they found six minors sitting around a camp fire with alcohol present.

The suspects, who were between 18 and 20 years old, told police that they got the alcohol at a store in Rochester.

They said they waited in front of the store until someone who was 21 came by and bought the alcohol for them.

The suspects were arrested, issued citations for illegal possession, and released at the scene.

Lengthy meeting wraps up year's efforts, successes Russi reports increase in spring enrollment

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Assistant News Editor

At the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, June 4, president Gary Russi announced a 1.5 percent increase in spring semester enrollment from last year, bringing in a total of 6,703 students.

He credited the increase to OU's commitment to providing a learner-centered education.

Of the 6,703 students, only 195 of them are guests, according to Celeste Grice, research technologist at the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

According to Grice, OU has a history of low spring and summer guest enrollment, making its numbers a truer reflection of the OU community.

Of last spring's 6,076 students, only 196 were guests, she said. Last summer's guests numbered 247.

"I think the numbers speak for themselves," said Robert Johnson, vice president of enrollment management.

"The vast majority of those enrolled are regular OU students," he said.

"The fact that we have more students this year says something about OU... that the greater community is starting to realize we provide a quality education."

The Trustees approved a reduction in credit hour requirements for the Education Specialist degree (Ed.S.) program in education and administration from 40 to 36.

The reduction eliminates one four-credit course, Supervision and Staff Development (EA 756) from the curriculum. The change was made possible because the State of Michigan no longer requires certification for school administrators.

According to a press release, the content of several other courses will be revised in order to include concepts from EA 756, such as changing one four-credit course to a two-credit format, and by adding two one-credit Mentor Practicum/Seminar courses.

In other Board action, the Trustees voted to terminate the contract with OU and Turtle Island Learning Circle charter school. Mary Otto, dean of the school of education and human services, supported the decision.

"We are terminating our contract with Turtle Island Learning Circle because they failed to provide state core curriculum requirements," said Angie Melhado, director of public school academies and urban school partnerships.

"There's a problem with implementation, not a problem with the facility or the environment," Otto said.

"We do believe that creative and innovative learning is important," she said.

"But we must also make sure that core curriculum recommendations of the state of Michigan are being fulfilled," she said.

The committee doesn't believe that they are being fulfilled even after giving

the school adequate time to cure any defects, she added.

A resolution was also approved to recognize OU seniors as recipients of various awards.

Tierra Stamps, engineering senior, was the recipient of the Matilda R. Wilson Award, while Bryan Barnett, marketing senior, received the Alfred G. Wilson Award.

The Wilson Awards are presented annually to an OU senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the OU community.

According to the Student Life office, there were nine nominees for the Matilda R. Wilson Award, six for the Alfred G. Wilson Award, and four for the Human Relations Award.

"Considering all the students who were nominated, it was a tremendous honor just to be amongst them," Barnett said.

Bridget Green, communication senior, is this year's recipient of the Human Relations Award. The award was created due to the desire to bring about interracial understanding and company, said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs.

Green helped facilitate inter-group understanding, and conflict resolution, she added.

Green was also honored as one of the student liaisons to the Board of Trustees. The other liaison was David Lingholm,

political science senior, who sat with Green on the Board this past academic year.

The role of a student liaison is to serve as a resource on student issues in open meetings of the Board, in a non-voting capacity.

"I'm very happy with my service to the board," Green said. "I've had many opportunities other students may not have had, such as visiting charter schools," she added.

The liaisons heard that the board was detached and removed from student concerns.

"We were looked at with board members waiting for a response," Green said.

A few trustees met with the liaisons individually, and talked with them, Lingholm said.

"I wish that we were better able to inform the university community about what our position can do," he said.

"We have quite a bit of influence," he added.

The trustees also approved the construction of a new 18-hole golf course with proceeds from the OU Foundation.

The trustees also affirmed their decision made last August limiting this year's tuition increase to 2.9 percent.

The board had previously approved a 3.9 percent tuition hike but rolled that back by a percent when state appropriations were increased by the legislature.

Electronic marquee sparks criticism

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Editor In Chief

A new electronic tri-vision marquee with electronic messaging erected on the northeastern corner of campus has sparked controversy with faculty, staff and students split on the appropriateness of a sign that includes three large advertisers.

"It's ugly, inappropriate and a bad omen for the future," said Robert Anderson, an assistant professor of English, in a random survey of 45 individuals on campus last week. "It's an unfortunate mixture of the university with advertising."

Kevin Early, an associate professor of sociology went even further, saying the sign was "institutional prostitution."

Early is involved in a petition effort seeking removal of the sign and was one of its earliest and most vocal opponents when the sign was erected at the corner of Walton Blvd and Adams Rd. this spring.

The new electronic marquee, which publicizes Meadow Brook Music Festival events and other on campus activities (this week one message promoted the campus radio station WXOU) replaced another sign destroyed by high winds several years ago.

The Palace Sports and Entertainment Inc., which now runs the Meadow Brook Music Festival, erected the \$250,000 sign

that was paid for by the three advertisers. OU will get no revenue from the sign other than rent since the sign sits on university property. The Palace gets revenues from the tri-vision advertisers.

"It was part of the overall negotiation between the Palace and OU when we entered into a long term agreement with them to run the Meadow Brook Music Festival," said Peggy Cooke, director of auxiliary services. The Palace is running the Festival for nine more seasons with an option for five additional years, according to Cooke.

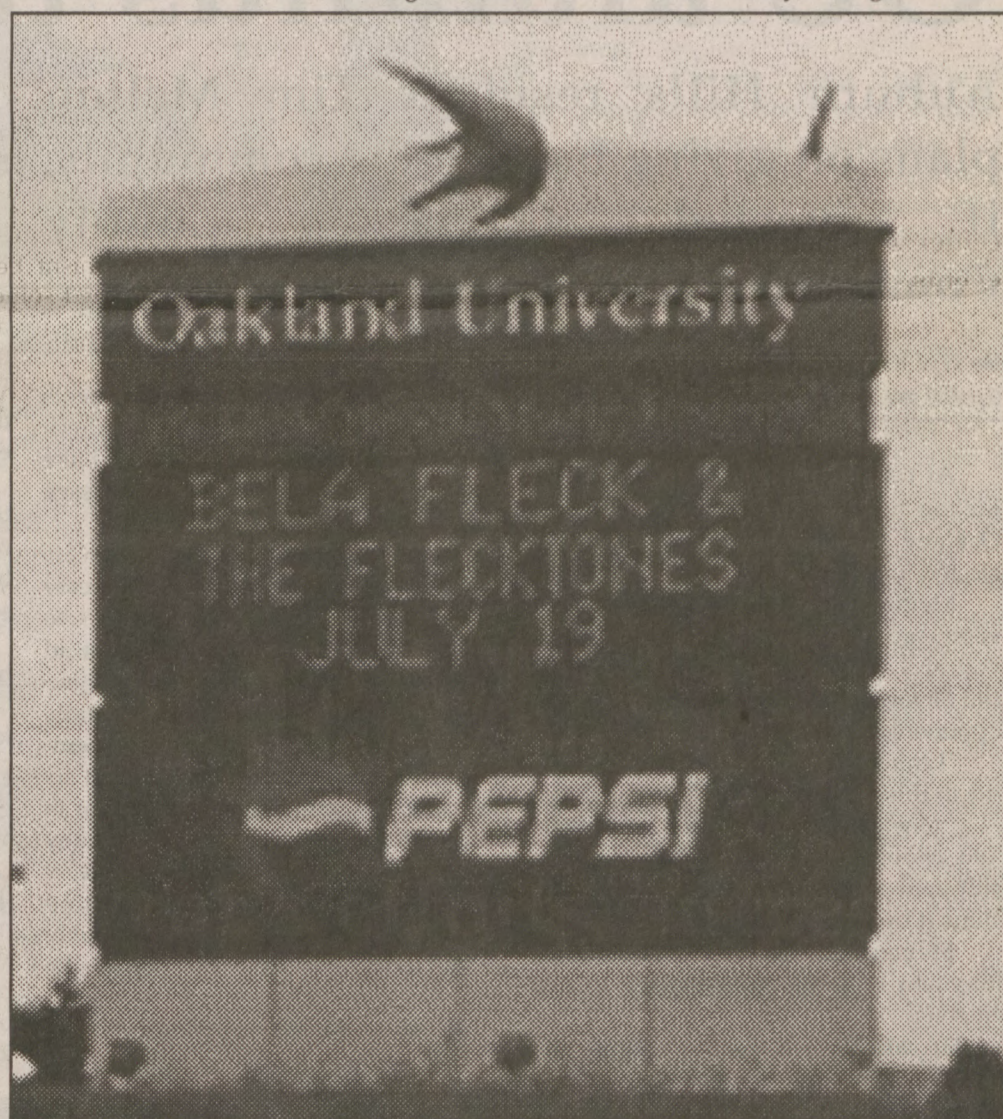
The University Senate's Campus Development and Environment committee approved the concept and design of the marquee, according to Cooke.

Its critics complain that the size and prominence of the new marquee's three corporate advertisers, Pepsi, Air Touch Cellular and Target, make OU seem more like a shopping mall than a public institution of higher learning.

"I don't object to the sign. I do dislike the fact that the advertising takes precedence over the university. Is it Pepsi University," said Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, an assistant professor of art and art history.

"I don't think the corporations' advertising should be bigger than the university sign," said William McGrath of Campus Facilities and Operations.

"The signs should advertise Oakland,



Post Photo/Jenn Madjareo

Critics take aim at the new electronic marquee at Walton Blvd. and Adams Road

not other companies. It's okay if they're giving us money. Why aren't we advertising and sponsoring our teams on the signs," said junior Janessa Wilson.

Others disagree. Athletics director Jack Mehl thinks the signs is "terrific...the best thing that has happened to the uni-

versity. It gives us great visibility."

"The sign will bring in over \$1 million in the next few years. Students should like the sign. It helps with their tuition," said Greg Kampe, men's basketball coach.

(Additional reporting by Journalism 200 students).

Oakland Center renovations on hold until July

By LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor

It's a dead summer at the lower level of the OC, a true rarity for the campus area which houses numerous student organizations.

The offices, stripped of equipment, are still awaiting the start of a major facelift that should have begun with this year's spring session.

However, according to Richard Fekel, the OC director, the renovation will not begin until the end of July.

The main reason for the delay is an added project of replacing the air conditioning, heating and cooling system, Fekel said.

During the first stage of tearing down the structure, the architect located a problem with the mechanical systems, said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs and a member of the advisory committee for the OC renovation.

"The OC was built in three phases over the years, and the air conditioning systems weren't connected well," said David Herman, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

After the evaluation of the existing structure, the advisory board decided to replace the air conditioning system, Snyder said. The cost of the project will raise the overall cost of the OC reconstruction, from the original \$1.9 to \$2.2 million.

The new budget was approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 4 meeting.

The budget comes from the internal university loan, which OC will be paying back for 13 years, instead of 10, as was originally planned, Snyder said.

The updated air conditioning system will be able to control the amount of released air based on demand.

In other words, with heavy occupancy, the system will supply more air, Fekel said.

Snyder said the other reason for the delay is the

process of prequalifying contractors for the renovation.

"We're narrowing down the pool (of contractors) before opening the bids," Snyder said.

First, the contractors will need to respond to a letter inquiring about their interests, approaches, and previous experience with similar projects, Snyder said.

Then, a smaller group will go on to bid for the contract, she said.

The duration of the project will depend on the company that will be hired to perform it, but Fekel said he is looking for the most cost-effective time.

"The tentative (completion of reconstruction) will be in February or March of 1999," Fekel said.

The offices that have been moved for the Fall semester, due to the reconstruction, will remain at the same temporary locations in Winter, until the work in the OC is done, Fekel said.

Local News

Construction causes grief for motorists

By KIM CONNELL
Local News Editor

The sight of orange and white construction barriers lining area roads is nothing new to Michiganders.

It usually means closures, delays, and added aggravation, especially when lanes are closed and no workers are to be seen.

But know that road work in the campus vicinity is being completed, with the results to be seen before the fall of 1998 when the growing OU student body swarms back for the fall semester.

One patch of road construction near the campus should be of little worry for returning students and staff, according to Rochester City Information Coordinator Alisa Healy.

The one-mile stretch of Hamlin road between Crooks and Adams roads, torn up for about 1 1/2 years, is expected to be completed in early July, said Healy.

The road work, handled by the city of Rochester, includes Hamlin road expansion to a four lane boulevard and a brand new interchange at Adams

road.

A name for the new interchange has not been decided upon as of yet, Healy said.

Eventually the city plans to take Adams road further south over M-59 to the railroad tracks, joining the southern half of Adams road.

Construction has been going smoothly so far, Healy says, but there have been a few setbacks.

"The project has been in the making for about 10 years," she said. "Our biggest problem was acquisition of the easement (along Hamlin and Adams roads)."

And then of course, there is concern for the environmental impact that the construction and new road would affect.

"We tried to keep as many trees as

possible and tried to preserve the big wetland area to the east (of the construction)," said Healy.

Besides these obstacles, cost played an important role in the project.

Construction costs total around 13 million dollars, with state and federal dollars taken from the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TED) paying for the majority of the project.

Federal money was granted to support the project due to growing economic development in the area.

According to Healy, the city contributed about 4 million dollars, or a little less than 1/3 to the cost.

And this project isn't the last which the city has planned for the area.

Eventually, an interchange at Squirrel road will be planned and worked upon in the near future.

"We tried to keep as many trees as possible and tried to preserve the big wetland area to the east (of the construction)."

Alisa Healy,
Rochester City
Information Coordinator



Post Photo/ Jenn Madjarev

A SEA OF ORANGE: Orange construction barriers and rerouted traffic at Hamlin and Adams roads are a headache for OU students and staff.

Other area construction hot spots that may currently pose a problem for students include:

- Eastbound M-59 reduced to one lane between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Opdyke in Pontiac,
- Ramp from Martin Luther King Blvd. to eastbound M-59 closed,
- Westbound M-59 closed at Martin Luther King Blvd. in Pontiac.
- University Drive connector closed from eastbound M-59.

• Eastbound and westbound M-59 between I-94 and Romeo Plank Road and between Ryan and Van Dyke road: lane shifts and closures.

• M-59: reconstruction of 2.13 miles of blvd. west of Ryan to the east of Van Dyke (M-53). Maintaining two lanes of traffic in each direction until October 1998.

- Information courtesy of MDOT

OU alumnus turns political wheels

Auburn Hills resident Tim Melton plans on giving back to the community, if elected Oakland County Commissioner in August.

By NICK MITCHELL
Special Writer

At the age of 27, OU graduate Tim Melton hopes to become the youngest Oakland County Commissioner to be elected in recent history.

Melton said he believes that when voters go to the polls on Aug. 4, his youthful age will prove to be the beneficial factor, helping him to knock out his opponent, Democrat Jeff Kingzett.

"I think my age has actually helped me in this campaign," Melton said.

"One gentleman told me that I was 'old enough to know what to do, but still young enough to care.' I think that sums it up best," he said.

Melton said that if he is elected, his intention is to start giving back to the citizens.

He said he feels that the county has been using excess tax revenues in the wrong places and that it is now time to

bring money back to the people.

Melton said he thinks the constituents in his district, consisting of northern Pontiac, Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus, will hear hear this message very clearly.

As in any election, incumbents are generally hard to defeat, with this case being no exception, according to Melton. He said the way to get around this obstacle is a face-to-face campaign.

From now until the day of election, Melton and a couple of his staff members will be pounding the pavement six days a week, going from door to door in an attempt to personally meet as many voters as possible before the election.

This attempt to be on a more personal level with constituents will probably be the deciding factor of the election, he said.

Melton graduated from OU in the fall of 1995 with a degree in political science.

He was a member of the Student

Congress for a year and said that his experience at OU has definitely helped him with this campaign.

"I think Oakland taught me how to think rather than what to think, and that's what has proved to be most beneficial to me," Melton said.

Melton is currently working on a Masters degree in urban planning from Wayne State University, and said he intends to continue his schooling even if elected.

When asked what his best qualification for the job was, Melton simply responded, "Common sense. Politics has got away from good common sense."

He also cited honesty as one of his best qualities, stating that he is probably "The most honest person you'll ever know."

To become more knowledgeable of the issues facing his voters, Melton has set up a 24-hour issue hotline.

He encourages any comments or questions and promises to reply to as many calls as possible.

He also cited honesty as one of his best qualities, stating that he was probably "the most honest person you'll ever know."

The issue hotline can be reached at (248) 515-0523.



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IN THE RUNNING: Tim Melton (left), 27, is running for Oakland County Commissioner with the help of campaign manager Dan (right).

Melton said he also receives suggestions via the Internet at his e-mail address, TimMelton@aol.com.

When asked of his chances in the upcoming election, Melton said,

without hesitation, that he will win. But regardless of the results on Aug. 4, Melton said he is definitely in politics for the long run.

Entertainment complex in Utica offers competition

Dave & Buster's heats up the competition in family entertainment, making rivals like C.J. Barrymore's sweat.



Post Photo/ Jeanne Kirkaldy

FOOD, FUN, AND FROLIC: The new Dave & Buster's complex gives other area entertainment complexes like C.J. Barrymore's a run for their money.

By NATASHA VANOVER
Staff Writer

If you see the initials D&B anywhere, know that it does not just stand for 'Dunn & Bradstreet' anymore. Associate it with the image of a 'Chuck E. Cheese' for adults or a midway carnival.

Filled with games galore and a tantalizing menu to match, Dave & Buster's (D&B) offers the cutting edge in video games, mock gambling, and authentic reproductions of early 1900 billiard tables. But these are only a sampling of what the 5,500 square feet entertainment facility has to offer.

M-59 (Hall Road) at M-53 (Van Dyke Expressway) in Utica is the only site in Michigan to contain one of the 12 nationwide and international D&B establishments.

"The Michigan grand opening was May 7, and now over 300 employees staff the building," said Scott Schaeffer, manager.

"It is a great place for people over

21," said visitor Jeff Francisco.

"The food is great and so is the environment," he added.

D&B is open seven days a week, 365 days a year, from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. But expect a line out the door and a crowded parking area, especially on the weekend.

Upon entering the premises, you are greeted by two guards dressed in sports jackets and ties who stand behind a person who opens the door for patrons.

Once inside, red bow-tied waiters dressed in classic black and white serve casually dressed patrons both young and old.

"The setting is upscale along with casual dining," said Schaeffer.

The D&B chain just celebrated its 15 year anniversary which started as the brainchild of two friends in opposite ends of the service business, mainly catering to adults.

Dave ran "Slick Willy's World of Entertainment", right next to "Buster's" eclectic eatery. Now combined as D&B, the adult focus is more open to families

Name: Dave & Busters (D & B)
Address: 45511 Park Dr. Utica
Telephone: (810) 930-1515
Environment: Fun and excitement offering games galore, dining and drinks
Hours: Open 365 days a year, Monday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 1

with some guidelines.

All guests under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a person 25 or older. Guests under 21 must leave by 11 p.m.

"There's something for everyone," said Schaeffer.

Those who have experienced D&B seem to approve. OU student Janeece Hayes said, "It's really neat because everyone wins something," as she collected tickets from a game machine.

"I love it here," said OU student Hope Wickham. "It's addicting, kind of like a casino."

CAMPUS LIFE

CURRENT

EVENTS

THEATRE

• **"Little Red Riding Hood,"** Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. June 24-July 14, 10 a.m. July 11, no show July 3, Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University. Call (313) 577-2972.

• **"Odd Jobs,"** 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit Repertory Theatre. Call (313) 868-1347.

EXHIBITS

• **Beauties From the Basement: Paintings From the European Collection,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

• **A Celebration of Lithography: Twentieth-Century Expansion and Exploration,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

MUSIC

• **Teen Idols,** with Peter Noone, Davy Jones and Bobby Sherman, 8 p.m., June 19, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call (248) 377-0100

• **Phil Collins Big Band Tour,** 8 p.m., June 23, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call (248) 377-0100.

• **Page & Plant wsg Lili Haydn,** 8 p.m. June 26-27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 377-0100.

• **Sister Soleil,** 6:30 p.m. July 4, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call (248) 377-0100.

Lazy Daze

The spring semester is a great time to relax and enjoy OU's beauty

By PAM HENDRIX
Staff Writer

The warm fingers of the sun stretch down to touch the upturned faces of two OU students, as they watch kites soaring through the sky.

Spring has come to OU. Pink, red and white flowers entice all to take the time to "rejuvenate, clear your mind and prepare for the rigors of fall semester," said Alexandra Demopoulos, sophomore, nursing.

"Flowers were planted over a two-week period by a group of approximately five people beginning June 1," said Randy Drewry, OU grounds supervisor.

According to Drewry, the flowers are ordered each fall and grown specifically for OU, then planted in about 30 different places around campus.

They were grown at Meadow Brook Greenhouse, the original greenhouse of the Dodge family.

A stroll on OU's campus finds more than flowers though.

A couple holding hands with heads close to one another sit on the banks of the pond tossing bread to honking geese.

Inline skaters pass by as their muscles strain on the incline approaching Hamlin Hall.

Inside the OC, there are several programs for everyone that on-campus groups like ARAMARK, Graham Health Center, and the Center for Student Activities, are sponsoring.

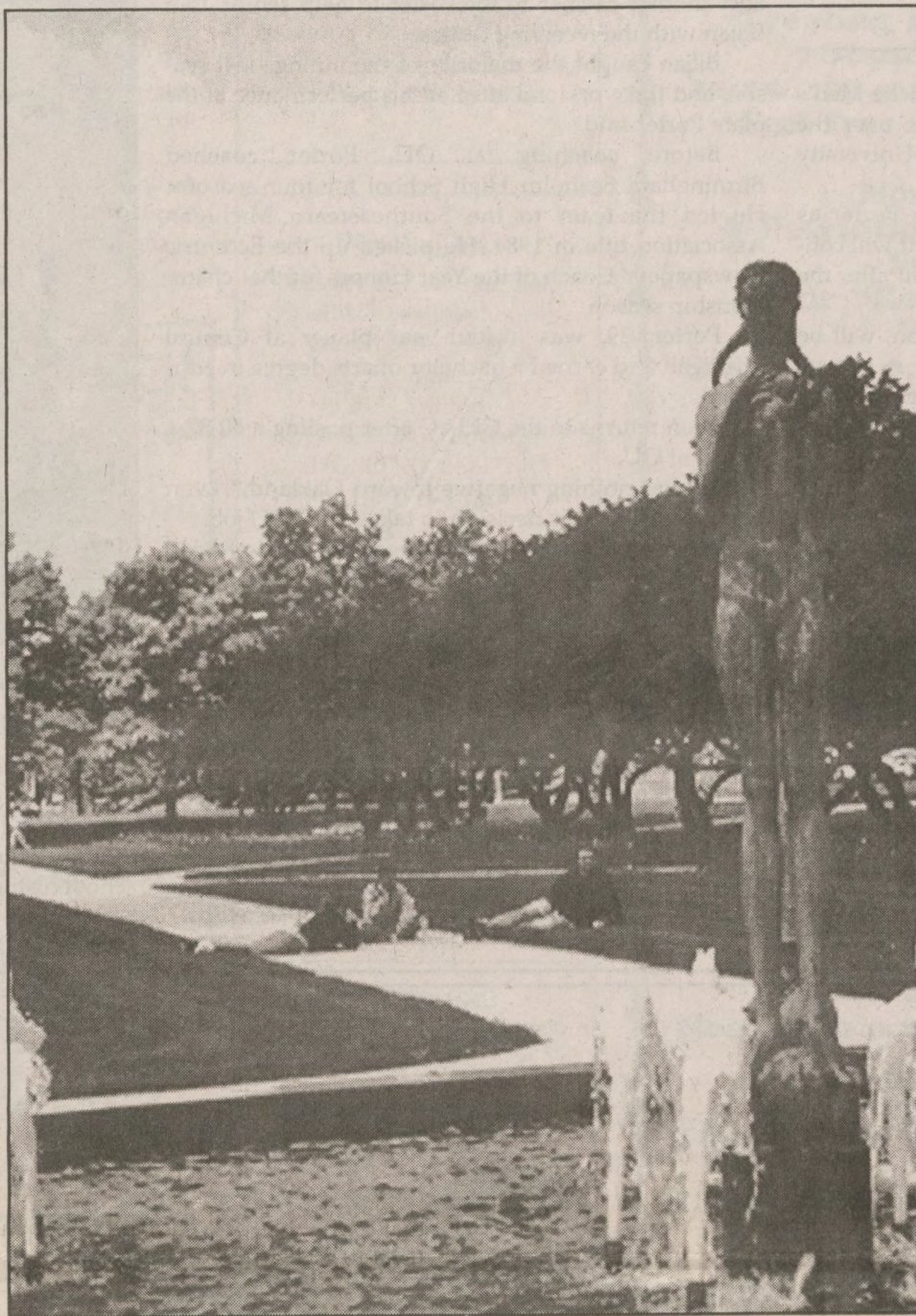
On June 15, "Women's Health Issues: Osteoporosis," took place from noon-1 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

"Treating Depression: New and Standard Therapy," is noon-1 p.m. June 24 in the Heritage Room.

There is also an indoor picnic in the food court June 29.

On July 20, you can reminisce with other baby boomers, from noon-1 in the fireside lounge.

And for those who just can't grow up, attend "Your Childhood Days: Be a Kid Again," from noon-1 p.m. July 29 in



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SUNNY RELAXATION: Students beat the blues of school in the spring by spending down time watching "Saints and Sinners" outside Kresge Library.

the Heritage Room.

Many students enjoy sitting outside Kresge Library, near Marshall Frederick's "Saints and Sinners," fountain, while taking a break from their research.

A short trip to the OC shows lots of construction taking place.

"Students are looking forward to (the) opening of the new sports center," said Rose Udicki, sophomore, nursing.

"That will provide so many more activities here on campus, like swimming, and the weight room," she said.

Away from the busy campus is the majestic Meadow Brook Hall.

The gardens at Meadow Brook are blooming, flaunting their gentle grace. Touring the gardens is free and

open anytime.

"The best time to go is after (last weekend's) Garden Show. There will be many new displays to see," said Corenn Aldrich, Meadow Brook activities leader.

A tea room inside the mansion is open Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Christopher Wren dining room.

Meadow Brook Hall Tours for the summer are great way to spend a few hours as well, anytime in the afternoon Monday-Sunday.

"(We'd) like to have students come and enjoy the hall more. We encourage and welcome all OU students," Aldrich said.

Call Meadow Brook at 370-3140 for times and other information.

Andrea Nobile



Showers of tragic clues lead to clean, new outlook

No day but today.

That's the hum-catching theme to "Rent," the hit musical about life, AIDS, and love, currently playing at the Fisher Theatre.

West Paducah, Kentucky and Springfield, Oregon.

Those are the sightings for the two fatal school shootings that have occurred within the last year.

Quadrimebral limb deficient. That's the medical term that describes an intriguing 19-year-old artist I had a conversation with last week.

Pakistan and India.

Those are the two newest countries to detonate nuclear devices.

June 7, 1997.

That was National Cancer Survivor's Day.

I know what a Broadway musical, school shootings, a conversation, foreign affairs and a day all have in common.

They're all linked. They're all telling us the same thing — a thing I hadn't been doing up until now.

They're telling the world to respect life, treasure life, because you don't own it. You're essentially renting life from whoever you believe gave it to you, and it could be due back to the store any minute now.

Treat life as a mere gift that thankfully fell in your lucky lap. If you don't, it could be gone tomorrow.

Nothing is for sure, it could be taken from you right now, even when spring is shining down on us and summer is only a few days away.

It's not that hard to take life for granted when you're working 40-plus hours a week and taking classes.

But three weeks ago, a 15-year-old boy shot into a sea of people at random, taking back their lives.

Two weeks ago, I started crying during my 25th listening of the musical "Rent." I realized the luxury of life.

You are only renting it. It's not something you own, because it can be taken from you at any moment.

Those who recognized and celebrated National Cancer Survivor's Day last Sunday (including my grandfather, most likely realize life isn't a guarantee. They are thankful they still have the ability to live their lives.

One week ago, I had a conversation with Ryan, an artist who has arms only past his elbows, and is missing most of both legs.

To him, "Life is like the greatest thing."

People get so angry over the littlest things, he told me — like spilling food all over you're new car (I did it) and getting honked at for not turning the second the light turned green (I resisted the road rage.)

But to him, none of that matters, because he's just happy to live.

He's happy to live, in a wheelchair, with no hands or feet, and I'm complaining about someone's traffic antics.

And so, maybe someone's been trying to tell me something lately.

If we stop treasuring life, life will most likely stop. Life is sad, tragic, poignant, exasperating, and brilliant. What it isn't is ours. We don't own it.

Life is like anything we might have to give back soon. So we better take care of it while we have it.

Start looking around at your life, because, you break life, you buy it.

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THE REEL DEAL

'The Truman Show' actually lives up to hype

By ANDREA NOBILE
Campus Life Editor

It's easy to get cynical about a movie that could have been too hyped for its own good. Look at what happened to Godzilla.

But Jim Carrey, the comic genius and star (and the next Tom Hanks) of "The Truman Show," lives up to the hype (he even cries.)

Yes, he's actually as good as everyone is saying he is. Although the buzz about him getting an Oscar nod still seems premature, even if he is the biggest star in the world (at least in Truman's.)

Carrey plays Truman Burbank, an innocently tragic toothy-grinned sunshine of a man who is unknowingly the star of a 24-hour international television hit.

The first person "legally adopted by a corporation," Truman, about to turn 30, has had this gut suspicion lately that something's up.

In Truman's world, what you see isn't always what you get.

First, a light falls from the sky — his

"The Truman Show" You'll like to watch

out of 4 points

for-Truman's-ears-only car radio blames it on an overhead airplane's debris.

Then, he sees his supposedly dead father on his way to work — a cast member from the past who breaks onto Truman's "world," a perfect-for-a-postcard Florida island called "Seahaven," which is actually a gigantic domed set.

What follows is the most amazingly inventive nonviolent thriller to hit the big screen.

The entire cast is deliciously superb, from the always brilliant and deeply intense Ed Harris (as godlike Truman creator Christof — get it?) to promising up-and-comer Laura Linney (as Truman's Stepfordish wife.)

Aside from some well-timed humorous antics by Carrey, the show is mostly serious.

Carrey never lets too much Ace Ventura shine through, creating a tragic

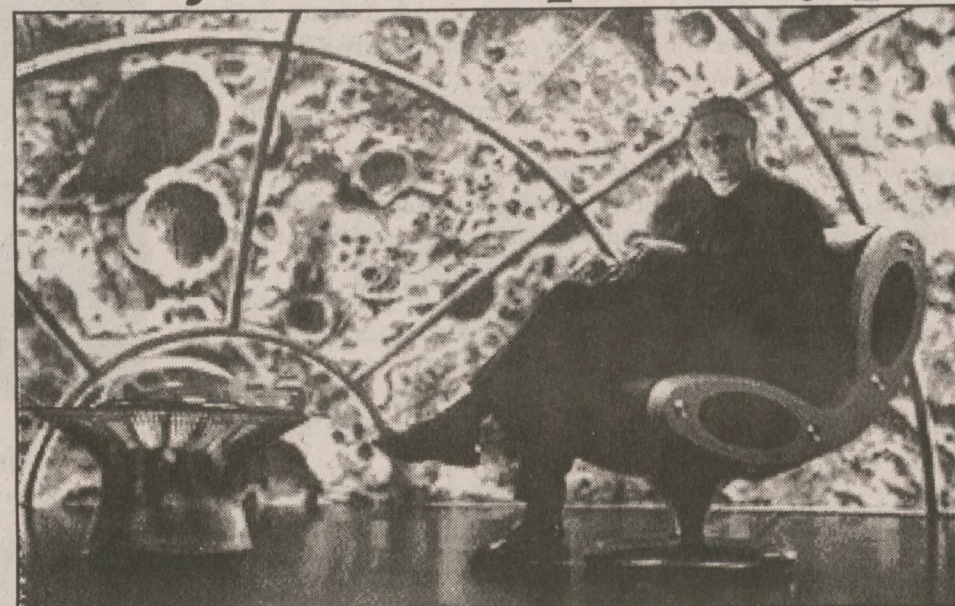


Photo Courtesy / Paramount Pictures

BIG BROTHER: Creator Christof (Ed Harris) oversees all from the Seahaven "moon" control room in "The Truman Show," playing in theatres nationwide.

and entertaining hero we truly hope for.

Director Peter Weir (Dead Poets Society) spins the voyeuristic tale with a keen eye for detail and a tad bit of biting satire for shows like "The Real World" and "Leave it to Beaver."

But mostly, 'Truman' intrigues you.

It makes you sit in awe, with your mouth agape, letting out any cynicism you might have about it.

It taps the paranoid-hysteria feelings in all of us — you'll go home with a sneaky suspicion you're being watched.

CAMPUS SPORTS

Lyon makes Grand exit; Porter takes reins of OU baseball

By JOE GRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

After five seasons as the head coach of the Men's Baseball team, Steve Lyon left OU to take over the head coaching duties at Grand Valley State University on May 15.

OU named Lyon's top assistant, Greg Porter as interim head coach. The Athletic Department will conduct a search for the permanent replacement after the 1999 season.

Porter, a four year assistant under Lyon, will be included in the search.

"I feel good about having the opportunity to do the job for a year," Porter said.

"It was great working under Lyon," he said. "He taught me a lot and gave me the autonomy to work on my area, which was hitting."

The men finished last season with 11 victories in their last 13 games and Porter hopes that momentum will continue next season.

"We did have a strong finish and began to gel," Porter said. "We had a lot of freshmen play."

"Our young players will continue to develop," he added.

According to Porter, his goal for next season is to begin play in the Mid-Continent Conference and determine what it will take for the team to be competitive and win.

He will also handle recruiting for the Grizzlies.

According to Porter, one of his top priorities is to

add another catcher to the roster to help senior Tom Biljan with the receiving duties.

Biljan caught the majority of the innings last season, and the workload affected his performance at the plate Porter said.

Before coaching at OU, Porter coached Birmingham Seaholm High School for four seasons. He led the team to the Southeastern Michigan Association title in 1984. He picked up the Eccentric Newspapers' Coach of the Year Honors for that championship season.

Porter, 39, was a four-year player at Central Michigan and earned a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Lyon returns to the GLIAC after posting a 60-37-1 record at OU.

"It was nothing negative toward Oakland," Lyon said referring to his decision to take the GVSU job.

"Division II baseball in Michigan is a good place to be and I can concentrate more on baseball at Grand Valley," he said.

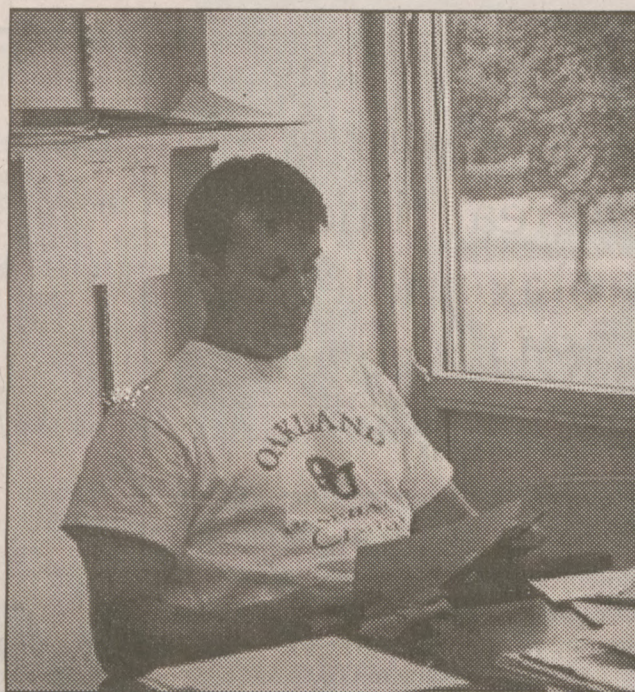
Along with his coaching duties at OU, Lyon had managed the athletic facility and had ran intramural sports in previous years.

"Baseball was not the highest priority at Oakland," Lyon said.

Before taking over the top baseball job at OU, Lyon was an assistant coach in charge of the pitching.

Under Lyon, OU pitchers set a school for total team era with a 3.32 mark in 1995.

Lyon led the men to a 14-16 record in 1997 with 17



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TAKING OVER: Interim Head Baseball Coach Greg Porter readies himself for the 1999 season.

games cancelled due to inclement weather.

Lyon's overall record at OU was 113-101. He coached the men to a GLIAC Championship in 1994 and posted a 30-21 record in 1995, third most wins in school history.

Joe Gray



Sports and Gambling; All in the family

In the family of entertainment, Sports is the child to be proud of.

Sports is smart, shining, competitive and eats its vegetables. Sports is a child any parent would love.

But, Sports has a twin-- Gambling. Gambling grew up in the shadow of Sports, but grew up very strong.

Gambling is the wild child in the family. Like Sports, Gambling is smart and competitive, but it will only eat its vegetables if it can profit from them.

Gambling is a child a parent can love, but it will test a parent's patience.

Sports brings out many feelings in people. It gives highs, lows, thrills and pain.

One minute, Sports puts your head in the clouds and then, sinks your heart into the gutter.

Playing with Sports gives you a rush. You put your body on the line. Your blood gets pumping and your endurance is pushed to the limit.

Even watching Sports is enough to raise your blood pressure 20 points.

Sports is intoxicating, but so is Gambling.

Gambling also offers euphoric highs and agonizing lows.

When you play with Gambling, your blood gets pumping, palms get sweaty and your heart beats quickly.

Put \$500 down on the fifth horse in the third race at Hazel Park Raceway and see how excited you get.

Wagering on sports is very tempting. It seems so easy. Put a few bucks down on a team and receive a quick payday.

The lure of easy money entices thousands of college students a year. Many lose their food money, book money even tuition money trying to get a fat payday.

Watch out OU, Gambling is the friend who talks you into staying out late, skipping class and not doing your homework.

Gambling may be an exciting friend, but it can get you into trouble.

If you spend too much time with Gambling, you will end up broke and Gambling will no longer be your friend.

Gambling will be moving into the neighborhood soon. (The legal variety that is).

Casinos will be in Detroit soon and there is the possibility that Auburn Hills might get one also.

Gambling near OU will scare many parents because they will not want their kids playing with a bad element.

Parents want their children playing with a nice child like Sports, because the only thing bad about Sports is the possibility of injuries.

Most parents feel Gambling will lead their children down a path of sin.

This is where Gambling gets a bad rap.

While it is true Gambling can lead to an empty wallet, Gambling is a viable form of entertainment.

With proper restraint, hanging out with Gambling can be fun.

But like the troublesome childhood friend, you have to know when to back off and not let Gambling get out of control.

Gambling is like anything else. If you let it control you, it is a problem.

A person can spend thousands of dollars a year playing or watching Sports, but there is no outcry to ban Sports or make it illegal.

Sports and Gambling are close siblings. Both can be fun friends to have around.

Junior Joe Gray is a journalism student and Assistant Sports Editor for THE OAKLAND POST.



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TAKING SHAPE

Construction on the new Student Recreation and Athletic Center continues on schedule.

"All indications are it is going to be open for the fall semester," Director of Campus Recreation Greg Jordan said.

Grand opening celebration activities are scheduled to take place from Sept. 8 - 13.

The building's dedication ceremony is planned for Sept. 9.

Tours of the complex will be offered during the week of the grand opening, Jordan said.

The first OU sports event will be Nov. 30 when the Men's Basketball Team tips off against the Michigan State Spartans.

In addition to Men's Basketball, the facility will be home to Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and the Grizzlies Swim Teams.

Trustees approve new golf course

By BILL PETRICK
Sports Editor

Duffers will delight at OU in the fall of 2000, when a new 18-hole golf course is scheduled to open.

The OU Board of Trustees has approved the building of the R & S Sharf Golf Course, to begin construction in the fall, said Geoff Upward, director of communications and marketing at OU.

The Oakland University Foundation will manage the financing and construction of the course, which will be built on university land, next to Katke-Cousins.

"The purpose of it is really to help our fund-raising efforts," Upward said. "The idea is to interest more people in the university through the golf course."

The estimated cost of the course is \$4.5 million. Last spring, Stephen and Rita Sharf made a \$2 million donation to help finance it.

Sharf is the retired executive vice president for manufacturing at Chrysler Corporation, and is currently an OU Foundation director.

In addition, two holes have been sponsored by local business owners at a price of \$200,000 each.

Roy Rewold and his son Frank have sponsored the first hole on the new course. Rewold owns a construction business and has built several projects at OU, Upward said.

Bert London is sponsoring the first hole on the existing course. Upward said the holes will feature plaques indicating the sponsors.

The OU Foundation is hoping to generate additional money from special one-time voluntary contributions from President's Club members.

Currently, the club's members pay an annual fee of \$1,500 to the university and gain membership to the Katke-Cousins Golf Course, said David Dewulf, the

men's and women's head golf coach.

Upward said the \$1,500 can be a restricted donation or unrestricted, depending on the preference of the contributor.

Restricted donations allow the club member to choose what program the money will fund. An unrestricted donation goes to a general university fund.

"We raise a lot of money through that golf course," Dewulf said. "It's a nice way to have a decent program."

Total annual contributions from club members are about \$1 million, but in a press release statement, Sharf indicated he hopes members will double that number.

Koble said it is important to remember that the \$1,500 that is currently donated goes directly to the university and not the golf course.

"There's no university money, it's all private," Upward said. "They'll probably finance the rest of it with loans."

The main objective is to "target corporations in the area," Koble said. By appealing to corporations such as Chrysler, OU can increase its private donations.

"For Oakland, it's kind of a no-lose deal," Koble said.

The decision to build a new course was based on several needs according to Dewulf. "It will relieve the congestion," he said. "It will be wonderful for the men's and women's golf teams."

Overcrowding is one of the major problems at Katke-Cousins, and although Dewulf maintains it is a wonderful facility, he concedes that a new course would greatly alleviate this problem.

Part of the problem of the overcrowding stems from students not knowing how to play, Dewulf said. "They get the ball stuck in the trees, and take all



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HOLE ALONE: Katke-Cousins Golf Course sees little action on a weekday afternoon.

day," he said. "Maybe they'll learn how to play."

The location of the new course will be adjacent to Katke-Cousins and will take the place of the current driving range.

"(The course) would start at the clubhouse and the bulk of the course would work along Adams road and closer to Butler road," Koble said.

Rick Smith, a golf course architect, has been hired to oversee the course's design, and Foundation Chair Francis Engelhart will supervise the entire project.

"It's a great idea, and I would like to see it," Dewulf said. "It can only make everything more valuable."

Spirit

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"Every student, faculty and staff member will have the option of opening a Spirit cash account, whereby one may place money into their individual account," Fekel said.

Individuals can obtain applications for the Spirit cash

Rhora

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Center, and has served a year in the AmeriCorps.

Rhora will spend her time at the MBL researching spider crab hormones, powerful agents that draw males to females.

The overall research will focus on a variety of areas in cell biology, including neuroscience,

Future

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and Visibility and Campus and Student Life.

Among the task forces, the Market Positioning and Visibility task force was the most specific making 16 recommendations it described as of "the highest strategic and tactical priority for the university to consider." Many of the recommendations targeted OU's need for a higher profile.

Some of these recommendations included:

- Enhancing OU's working relationships with its corporate neighbors,
- Hiring a public relations and/or advertising agency,
- Establish a public relations council,
- Focus on student retention and
- Improving the quality of its student body.

The next Step for Creating the Future is to prioritize the recommendations and implement them, said Russi.

Just who would do the prioritization was unclear and Russi did not return The Post's phone call on Monday to clarify this issue.

"From the reaction tonight, this group is ready... I'm very pleased," he said Saturday night.

Russi said Saturday's audience, made up of individuals who donate to one of OU's seven donor societies, community leaders, opinion makers, faculty and students, were very positive and impressed with the scope of the recommendations.

OU board member and Founders Society member, Dennis Pawley, thought the gala was a great way to honor those who donate to the university. (Founders Society members are donors who contribute \$1 million or more to OU.)

A 1982 graduate of OU who holds a degree in human resource development, Pawley said, "I owe the university a lot for the education I received and for my success in life."

He said that once he retires as Chrysler's Executive Vice President of Manufacturing he will continue his involvement at OU.

Rita and Stephan Sharf, Founder Society members who recently made a \$2 million donation to help finance the new golf course were also present.

Sharf, a former trustee, said his interest in OU began years ago when he was Chairman of the Meadow Brook Music Festival and Executive Vice President of Manufacturing at Chrysler.

He said that his never-ending interest in the future is what motivated him to make such a generous donation.

"The future is in good education... And I see a good future for Oakland if they become closer to automobiles," he said.

Russi concluded, "I think we are on the right track to link the business community in the service sector with the university."

account and for credit union options when they get their pictures taken at the carding event. Those who miss the event can obtain a card year round at the ID card office, 112 OC.

Holders can put money on their card by making deposits at the card office, or at a value transfer station (electronic deposit machine) in the OC. If one's ID card is lost or stolen, it

can be deactivated like a credit card.

Fekel will be managing the office, and will oversee the administration of the system, the carding process, and the installation of equipment.

Don Ritenburg, administrative assistant for the Center for Student Activities, and Cindy Foyt, OC accounting clerk, will assist him.

control of cell division, and study of immune system functions, Tytell said.

The program receives funding from the National Science Foundation for 10 students nationwide, although about 50 applied this year, Tytell said.

Two students, however, have provided their own funding, and a British student from Cambridge University received a scholarship to attend the program.

Virinder Moudgil, chair of the biological sciences at OU, said Rhora's success is another indicator that OU is a platform of excellence for students.

"The selection of Jennifer for this prestigious program is another example of how the quality of Oakland academics continues to be recognized," he said.

Moudgil added that other students should follow Rhora's lead in pursuing academic goals.

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By BRIAN REINDEL
Staff Writer

The School of Business Administration (SBA) held a fundraiser June 8, at OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

Included within the 92 golfers, were President Gary Russi, SBA Dean John Gardner, contributing business associates and Steve Sharf, who donated \$2,000,000 towards the construction of the new course.

The event was scheduled to raise scholarship funds for SBA undergraduates, and to acquire donations for the new Business Administration's building.

"The school is striving to increase its contributions towards scholarships as well as a increase in resources to provide a quality education to the students. With the new building, our ability to do so will be greatly enhanced," said Gardner.

The ground breaking for the new \$17.5 million building will be in spring, 1999, with expectations for the completion of construction by the fall, 2000.

Michigan will be allocating 75 percent of the price and the SBA will be assisting with the remainder of costs.

According to Gardner, the golf outing will have raised as much as \$18,000 to \$20,000. These donations will be added to the estimated \$14,500 in available scholarship funds outlined in the SBA Internet home page, and also any awards available to all OU undergraduates.

According to the SBA Strategic Plan for 1996-2001, the SBA has goals to reach at least \$150,000 per year from individuals, local businesses and other organizations for scholarships, awards, library materials and unrestricted uses.

"We are well over that amount. The Applied Technology Business Program alone, will be bringing in enough money to provide full scholarships for at least 36 students," said Gardner.

Volkswagen of America and the Chrysler Corporation have been contributing funds to the school each year. Donations are also collected from GM grants, and any donations made by Oakland Alumni.

Others wishing to contribute funds to programs within the SBA, can contact the School of Business Administration's Office at (248) 370-3279. Also Gardner can be reached at (248) 370-3286.

TROPHY WORKS: The winners of the golf outing June 8, will have their names, along the their finishing score attached to the official trophy. The outing had 92 participants.



Katke Cousins Golf Course welcomed participants in the Marvin L. Katke invitational Golf Outing



PUTTS AWAY: (Top left) A participant concentrates on making the perfect putt at the Marvin L. Katke Invitational Golf Outing.

DIRECTOR'S CHOICE: (Top right) Jack Mehl, sports director, was present at the outing and presented recognition gifts at the end of the reception ceremony.



GOLF CARTIN': (Above) Traveling from hole to hole, golfers at the invitational were able to use golf carts to save their energy for the green. Participants of the golf outing played 18 holes.

FAMILY GATHERING: (Left) Many members of the Katke family were participants in the invitational and were present at the reception.

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