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Sudden resignation

By LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

After six years of service, OU's vice president for Finance and Administration, Lynne Schaefer, has stepped down to pursue other career opportunities, OU president Gary Russi said in an e-mail sent to staff.

In the e-mail, Russi said the search for her replacement is

under way.

"I have put together a search committee to begin the process of filling the vice president for finance and administration position," he said in the e-mail.

"As we narrow down the field of candidates, the campus community will have opportunities to meet the candidates. I will keep you posted as the process evolves," he said.

Ann Ruppenthal, assistant

director of media relations, said Russi will chair the committee and there has been one organizational meeting to date.

There will also be a student named to the committee, she said.

Schaefer's position is hoped to be filled by January 2005, said Ruppenthal.

Although OU is under a hiring freeze due to budget cuts, she said the hiring committee fully supported the search for a

new vice president.

Ruppenthal could not comment on personnel related issues.

The vice president for finance and administration directs the financial and business services of OU.

Besides serving as treasurer to the board of trustees, the vice president is also the chief financial officer to the Oakland University Foundation, a private, non-profit organization that pro-

vides financial support to OU.

The vice president oversees financial operations, human resources, facilities, police, purchasing and risk management, internal audit, business services and the Golf and Learning Center. This office is also responsible for Meadow Brook Hall.

Schaefer said she was not in a place to comment on her leaving OU.

BOT freeze

By ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The board of trustees approved an amendment that established a freeze on capital projects for 90 days at its formal session on Aug. 4.

Trustee Dennis Pawley proposed the freeze until the financial "crisis" is over and the "financial situation is better defined."

The state government is currently working on its budget, therefore OU's budget situation remains uncertain.

Former Chairperson Henry Baskin said that the board should only take care of emergencies.

"We don't want to do anything we don't have to do...we don't want to trigger a tuition increase," he said.

The board had discussed at its June 2 meeting a possible tuition rate increase after classes start and students have already paid their bills.

The board said it would consider billing students the difference if the state government is unable to meet its commitments to the university.

The freeze does not affect projects that were started before the amendment or projects that cost less than \$200,000 since they do not require the board's approval.

The amendment also allows spending on emergency projects as determined by OU President Gary Russi.

The budget was therefore amended eliminating renovation of the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

The board also approved projected budgets for ancillary activities for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007 for Campus Recreation, Graham Health Center, Intercollegiate Athletics, Lowry Early Childhood Center, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Meadow Brook Theatre, the Oakland Center and University Housing.

Further, Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh presented the report of the Nominating Committee that selects the chair and vice chair of the board of trustees. Former Vice Chair Penny Crissman serves as the current chair and Trustee Dennis Pawley serves as the current vice chair.

The board is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Elliot Hall Auditorium for a working session.

Grizz ID headline goes here, k

By LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

Along with finding new classes, meeting new professors and buying new books, OU students are adjusting to another addition this semester.

On Aug. 22, the new Grizzly ID was introduced to replace Social Security numbers as the primary identifier for students, faculty and staff.

The switch is in response to draft state legislation that would prohibit disclosing an individual's Social Security number to a third party without consent. The bill was introduced in October 2003.

"The new Grizzly IDs will be used to log into SAIL, WebCT and E-Bill," said Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president for University Technology Services.

"Beyond OU's secure Web sites, the new Grizzly ID will replace Social Security numbers in most uses," said Ted Montgomery, director of media relations.

Students and staff received a broadcast e-mail telling them how to obtain their new eight-digit student number.

Students can get their Grizzly ID by visiting www2.oakland.edu/grizzid or by presenting a picture ID at any student services office.

Since the change was implemented, Rowe said there has been some confusion about when to use Grizzly ID numbers and when to use OU Computing Account (OUCA) login.

"The OUCA login is used for e-mail, network access and aca-

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Photo courtesy of Marx Lane & Co.

Crowds swarm at last year's Arts, Beats and Eats festival in Pontiac. Over one million people attended last year.

Food and fun return

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Every Labor Day weekend, downtown Pontiac welcomes nearly a million people to take part in the festivities of its annual Arts, Beats and Eats festival, Michigan's largest four day outdoor event.

For the seventh straight year, visitors get a chance to

venture through art shows and exhibits from more than 200 artists, sample mouth-watering delicacies from 50 restaurants from across the Metro Detroit area and listen to live music from various artists.

Jonathan Witz, executive producer since 1998, said 'this year will be far better and much different.'

The Classical Arts

Collaboration is the newest feature, offering classical music, dancing, a glass retrospective and artist demonstrations, as well as a special exhibit from the Parade Company and a new outdoor music venue at the festival.

"The festival truly captures the interest of Metro Detroiters," Witz said.

One of the features that vis-

itors can look forward to this year are a fine arts show with art mediums including glass, photography, clothing, jewelry, painting, ceramics, mixed media, leather and wood.

The musical line-up includes headliners such as the B52's, The Calling, Sponge, Cherry Poppin

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Broncoes top Grizzlies in double overtime

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's women's soccer team could not out last Western Michigan in its season opener losing 2-1 in the final minutes of double overtime. OU had a few scoring chances in overtime but failed to capitalize on them.

"Our final pass is something we have to work on," head coach Nick O'Shea said. "We had several opportunities where we just didn't deliver quality balls."

Neither team scored in the first half, with Western out shooting OU five to three. Western struck first in the second half when Chelsea McNally netted a goal with 11 minutes left in regula-

tion. OU refused to give up and with less than three minutes left, freshman forward Courtney McCracken tied the game when she connected on a free kick.

"After they scored it was a let down because it was so late in the second half but we battled back to get that goal," freshman goal keeper Jessica Howard said. "It was a great shot by Courtney."

Neither team managed to score again before the end of regulation or in the first overtime. In double overtime it looked like the game was going to end in a tie when Western's

Sara Cultra hit the game winning goal with just 1:19 left to play.

"We played hard but things just didn't go our way," McCracken said. "We will have to go back and look at our mistakes and work on them."

The Golden Grizzlies are expected to repeat as Mid-Con Conference champions but this year's team is very young. The team has three first year starters playing mid-field and a freshman goal keeper.

"We played like a team that hasn't played together before. I

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Freshman forward Courtney McCracken scores the Grizzlies lone goal in a double overtime loss.

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-Psalm 68:19

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Smoking banned in residence halls

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Honoring requests made by students, all six residence halls are now entirely smoke free.

In 2003 a policy was adopted that banned smoking in half of the residence halls, but some residents felt the policy should be extended to include all of the halls.

"Last year a number of students had asked us to consider moving to a smoke free environment," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing and food services.

Reynolds took the request to the Housing Policy Committee, which meets each year to review its policies and procedures.

"There didn't seem to be very much resistance," she said.

After consulting with students, advisors and parents, the proposed policy was presented to OU President Gary Russi for final approval, affecting Vandenberg, Hill, and Fitzgerald halls.

Last year, residents in these halls were permitted to smoke in their rooms, but because of shared air systems throughout the building, the smell would travel throughout hallways and

even to rooms located floors away, Reynolds said.

Some smokers feel unhappy with the changed policies, in part because when they applied for housing they requested smoking rooms only to find out smoking floors and rooms have since been prohibited.

"It's kind of ridiculous. We live in the same suite, we're all smokers and we can't smoke," said Jennifer Brown, sophomore.

James Lintol, sophomore, said he wouldn't smoke in his room anyway.

"It gets rough in the winter,"

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Roqaya Ashmawey/The Oakland Post

From left to right, James Lintol, sophomore, Olta Shulaku, junior, Susan Riley, sophomore, Dustin Brown, sophomore, now take their smoke break outside their dorms.



Roqaya Ashmawey/The Oakland Post

Students who plan to live on campus were moving into Vandenberg and other residence halls over the weekend, with the help of their families and friends. The OU police department blocked off one lane of Meadow Brook Rd. about 10 feet before Vandenberg up to the George T. Matthews Court apartments.

It's time for a vaccine

BY ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Three out of 21 outbreaks occurred in colleges from 1980-1993. Four out of 26 outbreaks occurred in colleges from 1994-1996. But there have not been any known cases at OU. The disease is meningitis and according to the American College Health Association (ACHA), students who live on campus "appear to be at a higher risk...than college students overall."

Further, according to research

released by the Center for Disease Controls and Prevention, freshmen living in dorms have a six times higher risk of contracting the disease than college students overall.

Joanne Talarak, the director of the Graham Health Center, said that students who live "in close quarters" where it's overcrowded have more exposure to infections.

The reason most research has found that freshmen have a higher risk of contracting the disease, she said, is because in some uni-

versities, residence halls are not open to upperclassman.

However, this is not the case at OU. For OU students, Talarek warned that "any time you're living in close quarters with other people, you're at an increased risk for infection."

Meningococcal disease, caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*, is rare but can be fatal. It can be diagnosed as meningococcal meningitis, popularly referred to as meningitis, which is an inflammation of the membranes sur-

rounding the brain and spinal cord. It can also manifest as meningococcemia, which is the presence of the bacteria in the blood.

The disease can be transmitted through the air or direct oral contact with an infected person, such as sharing cigarettes, drinking glasses or kissing.

According to the ACHA, certain social behaviors, such as excessive alcohol consumption, bar patronage, and exposure to passive and active smoking, put students at an increased risk for

the disease.

Talarek said the reasons behind this are not clear. However, she said it is possible that because "students who go to parties and bars are in close quarters, sharing drinks and sips," they are at an increased risk.

Further, she said, that tobacco and alcohol lowers the efficiency of an individual's immune system.

Early symptoms of the disease

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OUSC gives \$\$\$ back to students

BY ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The OU Student Congress (OUSC) approved the fall and winter budget at \$155,530 funds available, \$150,970 of which are categorized and \$4,560 of which are uncategorized, after amendments to it were made.

An amendment to strike the legislator compensation of \$50 per semester from the budget

was passed by OUSC President Johnathan Parks' vote after the legislators had a tie vote of five yes, five no and five abstentions.

The amendment placed the previous legislator compensation of \$2,500 back into uncategorized funds.

"I believe in limited government," Legislator Doug Merriam said, who proposed the amendment, "I see money handled very loosely because we

have a lot of it."

"I'm not here for the money," he said, "I'm here because I have a genuine concern for student interest."

Merriam said he thinks the money can be used for something more beneficial to students.

"\$2,500 will grow over time ... I don't want more money spent on overhead costs," he said.

An amendment made by

Legislator Sumeera Younis to rename, in the budget, the public relations agent as an agent appointed by the president as opposed to a member of the executive board in order to comply with the OUSC constitution was passed.

The constitution allows eight executive board members including the president and vice president. The bylaws allow the president to appoint an agent and

state that "appointed agents do not count as members of either the executive branch or the legislative branch."

The OUSC passed C.B. 05-05, at its Aug. 16 meeting, which authorizes a commission to revise the Oakland University Student Constitution and bylaws.

Legislator Donald Stuckey, who proposed the bill, said that

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In Short

Welcome Week

OU invites all students, faculty and staff to participate in campus-wide events between Aug. 30 and Sept. 3 and welcomes new and returning students to the fall semester of 2005. Orientation group leaders will be available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday at Ask a Grizz information tables located between North and South Foundation Halls at the north end of the Oakland Center. Student organizations are holding events Monday through Friday. Check back next week for full coverage.

Last Day 100 Percent Tuition Refund

Tuesday Sept. 7 is the last day students can drop a class and obtain full a tuition refund for the fall semester.

Late registration will be until Sept. 14. The instructor's signature is required to register or to add a class.

Sept. 14 will also be the last day for a 70 percent tuition refund for students who wish to drop a class.

Labor Day Recess

Classes will be suspended on Monday Sept. 6 for Labor Day and will resume on Tuesday Sept. 7.

Parisian Celebrates Oakland University

Parisian in Rochester Hills and Livonia sponsored a "Celebrate OU Day" Saturday, Aug. 28.

Store patrons were able to purchase a 20 percent discount coupon to use in the stores on Saturday for \$5.

The proceeds went to the Oakland University Alumni Association's student scholarship fund. Gail Meyer, the membership coordinator for alumni relations said that the generated revenue has not been confirmed yet.

OU Students "Dance in the Street"

OU and the City of Rochester announced a formal agreement last fall to partner on various academic endeavors.

OU's dance team "Images" performed at this year's downtown Rochester Dancin' in the Street event held on Aug. 14.

"We're really excited to have OU as part of any activity in downtown Rochester," said Kristi Trevarrow, a committee volunteer for Dancin' in the Street.

The dance team "really drew the audience, they were great," she said.

The Grizz, Oakland's mascot, was expected to make an appearance and greet the crowd. However, he was not present at the festival.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Ashmawey, Campus News Editor

Police Beat

• Responding to a complaint, an officer found two students at West Vandenberg with watery and bloodshot eyes. One of the students, a male, admitted to drinking "about 5 shots" inside a dorm on campus. The other student stated that he was drinking at the apartments on campus. They were both cited for minor in possession of alcohol and then released.

• A complaint was made on Monday, July 19 by

a man who stated that he had a joking conversation with another man's son. The complainant states that the father said he was upset with what was said to his son and threatened to show up at the complainant's house if he saw him outside of Oakland University. The father states that he did approach the complainant and told him they needed to talk. The father states that the complainant walked away yelling that he wasn't listening and

then the father yelled back saying that he would get a lawyer and put the complainant in jail.

• A female student stated, on Friday, July 30, that she went to a Sprint Cell Phone store to open an account and found that there was already an account opened in her name. The account was opened on March 9, 2002 and closed on June 14, 2002 and had a past due amount of \$304.26. She stated that she knows no one who lived at the

address associated with the account and does not know who could have opened the account in her name.

• An officer responded to a medical emergency at East Vandenberg on Sunday, July 25. A boy from the soccer camp was sick and American Medical Response (AMR) was called at his request and his parents were also called. AMR treated him until his parents arrived and he was released to them.

Discount Tickets at the CSA Service Window

The Center for Student Activities is pleased to invite you to enjoy the best Detroit Theatre has to offer, at discounted prices. The program is open to all Oakland University faculty, staff, students, alumni and their guests. All tickets are subject to a \$1.00 service fee. The Student Program Board will provide a \$5.00 subsidy to the first 150 OU students who reserve a theatre ticket priced at \$15 or more, limited to one discount per student per production. A complete list of events is available at the CSA Service Window. The early fall offerings are:

Michigan Renaissance Festival

The Center for Student Activities is pleased to provide discount tickets for another of Southeast Michigan's outstanding cultural and entertainment events: **The Michigan Renaissance Festival** in Holly! Inside the turreted gates of Hollygrove you are free to roam the festive marketplace, featuring friendly village merchants lining every path. In addition to the fantastic selection of handcrafted wares, Hollygrove visitors may partake in games of skill or enjoy non-stop entertainment where belly dancers, sword swallowers, musicians, comedians and sword fighters provide merriment for all ages. The Festival is best known for its awe-inspiring, full-contact, armored jousting tournaments where gallant knights defend their honor until the last person is standing!

The Festival runs on weekends through September 28. The festival opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices at the CSA Service Window are \$12.95 for adults (reg \$15.95), \$5.50 for children 12 years and under (reg. \$6.95), and food coupons for \$5.00 (reg \$6.00).

The Music of Hollywood

performed by
the London Symphony Orchestra
at the Palace of Auburn Hills
Friday, September 17 @ 8:00 p.m.
Upper Bowl: \$29.00 (reg. \$29.00)
Close Date: Friday, September 3

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

starring John Secada
at the Masonic Temple
Thursday, October 7 @ 8:00 p.m.
Front Main Floor: \$49.50 (reg \$59.50)
Rear Main Floor: \$42.50 (reg \$52.50)
Rear Balcony: \$20.00 (reg \$25.00)

Sunday, October 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
Front Main Floor: \$52.50 (reg \$59.50)
Rear Main Floor: \$45.00 (reg \$52.50)
Rear Balcony: \$20.00 (reg \$25.00).
Close date will be Friday, September 10

Thoroughly Modern Millie

at the Fisher Theatre
Thursday, October 21 @ 8:00 p.m.
Main Floor: \$54.50 (reg \$67.60)
Loge: \$46.50 (reg \$57.50)
Rear Balcony: \$26.50 (reg \$32.50)
Close date will be Friday, September 24

Sunday, October 31 @ 7:30 p.m.
Main Floor: \$48.00 (reg \$67.60)
Loge: \$41.00 (reg \$57.50)
Rear Balcony: \$23.00 (reg \$32.50)
Close date will be Friday, October 8

Fosse

at the Fox Theatre
Tuesday, October 19 @ 7:30 p.m.
Gallery A: \$28.00 (reg. \$48.00)

Sunday, October 24 @ 7:30 p.m.
Main Floor: \$59.25 (reg \$65.50)
Gallery A: \$43.50 (reg \$48.00)
Close date will be Friday, October 8

Detroit Pistons Home Opener vs Houston Rockets

at the Palace of Auburn Hills
Tuesday, November 2, 8:00 p.m.
Home Opener including
NBA Championship Flag Raising
and Ring Ceremony!
Upper Bowl Tickets: \$50.00
A limited number of tickets will be available
starting October 4 until they are sold out.

National Ballet of Canada

at the Detroit Opera House
Friday, October 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
Mezzanine: \$30.00 (reg \$58.00)
Close date will be Friday, September 24

The Full Monty

at the Fisher Theatre
Thursday, November 4 @ 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
Main Floor: \$35.00 (reg \$65.60)
Loge: \$30.00 (reg \$55.50)
Rear Balcony: \$17.50 (reg \$33.50)
Close date will be Friday, October 8

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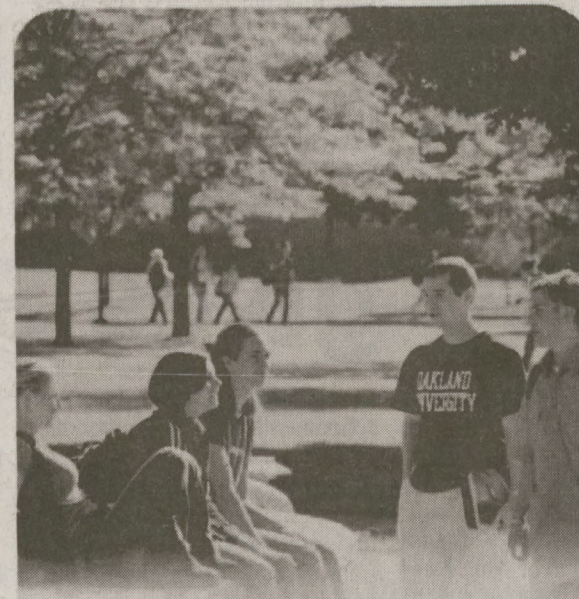
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Bush looks at local issues

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

With his suit coat off and shirt collar unbuttoned, President George W. Bush stated his case for re-election Monday in a classic blue-collar democratic stronghold as he made his seventh Michigan appearance this year.

Despite the Democratic partisanship of the area, Bush seemed confident.

"We're going to carry Michigan and this country this November," he said.

Bush applauded the auto industry, boasted about the growing economy and focused on the war on terrorism while the crowd of more than 13,000 people at Heritage Park in Taylor—the same park

Presidential hopeful John Kerry visited for a barbeque and democratic rally just one month ago—cheered "four more years."

"American automobile makers are making the cleanest cars and trucks in history," Bush told the automobile capital.

Bush's overnight stop in Michigan was part of his jaunt across the swing states that will prove to have key electoral votes in the upcoming election.

The quest for Michigan votes has both candidates battling an eco-

nomie recovery that is lagging behind the rest of the nation as well as the third highest unemployment rate in the county, at 6.8 percent.

"There's still work to be done here in Michigan," Bush announced. "And so long as anyone is looking for a job, I'll work to make sure the environment for job creation is strong."

Bush also focused on the war on terror and the improvements he has made since Sept. 11.

Bush's statements "America and the world are safer" and "I will defend America" were followed by deafening chants of "USA. USA."

We're going to carry Michigan and this country in November.

~President George W. Bush



Photo courtesy of the Republican National Committee
President George W. Bush greets supporters at Heritage Park in Taylor, Mich. yesterday evening.

Global Glance

•A video of 12 Nepalese workers pleading for their lives was shown on television last week and a video showing their execution-style murder surfaced online yesterday. Nepal's foreign minister, Prakash Sharan Mahat said officials are still checking the reports to find out if the footage is real. If the video is confirmed, it will mark the largest number of foreign hostages killed at once by insurgents in Iraq who have seized more than 100 hostages in the past 6 months.

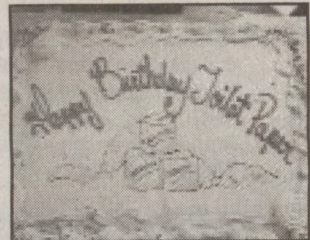
•The London-based Royal Society, a leading scientific institution, is urging countries to help with its campaign to stop a ban on stem cell research. The Royal Society is pushing the U.N. to ban the cloning of babies but to make no ruling on using the technology for medical research or therapeutic cloning. The Royal Society argues that a complete ban on human cloning would stand in the way of important stem-cell research, which could provide treatments for diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

•Mexico City's liberal mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador led more than 150,000 people in a march Sunday to protest efforts to impeach him. Lopez Obrador is a leading contender in the 2006 Mexican presidential race, but federal prosecutors have filed a case to remove his official immunity from prosecution, a move that would stop him from running in 2006, because they claim he ignored court orders in a private land deal.

•Astronomers have discovered four new planets in the last week. The new planets appear to be smaller and more solid than the gaseous giants last identified. In the last week, three teams in the U.S. and Europe have been rushing to announce their discoveries of what they are calling exoplanets — planets orbiting stars other than our sun. Details of the new planets are expected to be released by NASA by the end of the week.

Global goof

•Telma Brittingham and other residents at Holiday Retirement Village in Indiana know how to party. Last week they threw a party to celebrate the 1424th birthday of toilet paper. Brittingham said she found research that showed primitive toilet paper was first used Aug. 26, 580. She says even if that's not the exact date, toilet paper is still something worth celebrating.



~Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Concert for a Cause



Photo courtesy of Vote for Change
The Vote for Change tour will feature artists such as R.E.M., Babyface and Pearl Jam as they perform more than 40 shows in 9 battleground states during its 10-day run.

The Vote for Change tour hits Michigan Oct. 3 with tickets sales benefiting America Coming Together (ACT), a group supporting Kerry.

BY NICOLE BEATTIE
THE OAKLAND POST

American citizens are on the verge of making a huge decision this fall, in what has proven to be one of the most heated and deadlocked presidential races in history.

The upcoming Vote for Change tour will attempt to spread political awareness in nine key swing states over the course of 10 days by sending the message to music fans that Democratic Sen. John Kerry deserves fans' votes.

The tour, which features a line-up of Bruce Springsteen, Pearl Jam, R.E.M. and Dave Matthews Band, will hit six Michigan venues, including the Palace of Auburn Hills on Oct. 3, and will be presented by the MoveOn Political Action Committee, with all concert pro-

ceeds going to America Coming Together (ACT), a group determined to stop the re-election of President George W. Bush.

The tour's political edge doesn't seem to be driving fans loyal to Bush away from seeing their favorite bands perform.

"I would probably go regardless of politics, because I love music," said OU junior, Corrine Gillies. "If music is playing, I would ignore the politics."

"This is really going to help give us the resources to talk to millions of voters. The artists have an ability to talk about the issues with a group of voters who don't often listen to politicians," said Ellen Malcolm, president of ACT. "I think many swing voters are going to start paying attention in a different way because artists are speaking out."

Speaking out is just what singer-songwriter Dave Matthews is doing.

"A vote for change is a vote for a stronger, safer, healthier America. A vote for Bush is a vote for a divided, unstable, paranoid America," said Matthews in a statement on moveonpac.org. "It is our duty to this beautiful land to let our voices be heard. That's the reason for the tour. That's why I'm doing it."

As Election Day draws closer, many entertainers who are voicing their opinions are being met with hostility. The Dixie Chicks, also scheduled to perform on the Vote for Change tour, criticized President Bush's plans for war in Iraq and claimed they were "ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas." These comments cost them serious airplay. Country stations across the

Please see VOTE on A8.



Photo courtesy of www.co.oakland.mi.us
Oakland County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members take part in training and learn the proper way to use equipment

founded in 2002 and is designed to help people get engaged in Homeland Security, according to Kyle Caldwell, executive director of the Michigan Community Service Commission.

In Oakland County, they hope to

train nearly 1,000 volunteers.

"It all gears around the idea that people, through volunteerism, can become involved in Homeland Security," Caldwell said.

Please see CERT on A8.

Citizens get CERT-ified

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

When disaster strikes a community, citizens rely heavily on those trained to assist and protect them. With that in mind, Oakland County officials have stepped up their efforts to ensure communities in the area are prepared should a disaster occur.

The county's division of Emergency Response and Preparedness most recently began training Civil Air Patrol members in its Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) program.

The program, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Michigan Citizen Corps

Council, focuses on areas such as terrorism awareness, basic fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search and rescue.

According to Michael Loper, emergency management specialist and coordinator for Oakland County Citizen Corps, the program focuses on preparing ordinary citizens to respond in emergency situations.

"We intend to continue developing and maintaining initiatives that help better prepare our citizens, their neighborhoods, our schools and businesses for any emergency," Loper said.

The CERT program is part of a larger, nationwide effort called Citizens Corps.

The federally funded Citizen Corps was

GRIZZ

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demic storage or Web space," said Rowe.

"People we talked to are very happy that we're no longer using their Social Security numbers," said Rowe.

"So that was positive."

Senior Alicia Feys said she has already gotten her new Grizzly ID number.

"I think it's great," she said. "I'd rather use a new number than my Social Security number."

Grad student Nick Killewald hasn't gotten his number yet, and might not get it, but thinks the switch is a good idea.

"It's better because you don't have to give your Social Security number to everyone," he said.

Jennifer Lambert, a senior, disagrees. "I think it's inconvenient," she said. "I've been here for four years, and I remember my old one. It's inconvenient to change," she added.

She said she doesn't understand the reasons for the switch. According to OU's Web site, the university will continue to collect and report Social Security numbers for purposes including financial aid, IRS, employee benefits and other data reports.

"SAIL will continue to accept Social Security numbers to login for a transition period," said Rowe.

She did not know when students should expect that to change, but encourages students to use their Grizzly IDs.

For more information, please go to www.oakland.edu/grizzid-info.

ARTS

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Daddies, The Verve Pipe and Diamond Rio to name a few. There will also be 150 local bands gracing the stages.

While the art and music may seem enough, Baja Fresh, Rainforest Cafe, Pens Thai, Hunter House, Olympian Cafe, Harbor House, Ben and Jerry's and Beans and Cornbread are just a few of the restaurants giving a taste of flavor at the festival.

"The urban backdrop of downtown Pontiac is one major

unique quality, but is truly special in both the quality and quantity of the programming," Witz said.

"While most festivals excel in one or two programs, like the Arts and Apples in Rochester, featuring art and family and the Comerica Taste Fest featuring food and music, the Art, Beats and Eats festival takes it one step up, being strong in every aspect of its presentation with art, food and music," said Witz.

"It may seem to be a lot

crammed into one weekend, but it's well worth it," he said. "It's fun, free and for all ages."

Another addition this year is the Meijer Kids Quest presented by Metro Parent Magazine. Aspiring performers ages 4 to 13 finally get the chance to take the stage and show their stuff and possibly win prizes.

Kids can also take part in building a piece of a float for the Thanksgiving Day Parade at the Parade Company tent, get an extreme temporary tattoo last-

ing as long as 10 days or take a walk in the Sponge Bob and Dora the Explorer moonwalk.

"Many businesses and corporations such as Daimler Chrysler, Meijer, Pepsi, Lifetime Fitness, Belle Tire, Avon and 101 WRIF along with others help sponsor the festival and make it possible," Witz said.

"Donations are also a big part of the festival as funds are raised for charities and major contributions go toward com-

munity organizations.

"The Arts, Beats and Eats festival is Oakland County's quality of life celebration," Witz said. "This year, 35 different charities will receive proceeds."

Although admission is free, in the past six years, there has been a significant amount donated, more than \$1.4 million.

Starting Friday, Sept. 3, doors will be open for festivities. For more information, visit the Web site at www.artsbeateats.com or call (248) 334-4600.

SOCCER

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was happy with their work rate and the way they worked together," O'Shea said. "They made some bad decisions but you can expect that with a young team. I don't think we have a leader out there who understands the flow of the game and how to organize the team."

In her first start, Howard had four saves and allowed two goals. Western out shot OU 20-9 in the game and 5-2 in overtime.

"Our defense was very strong," O'Shea said. "We gave

up two goals that's more than we want to give up but (Howard) did alright. It wasn't her best game. I'm sure she will be better as we go."

McCracken lead OU with three shots on goal. She is confident the three time defending Mid-Con champs will bounce back from the loss and will still be able to win the conference title.

"We played well as a team. We never gave up," McCracken said. "There is a bunch of stuff we have to work on but it's only the first game."

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OOSC

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some portions of the constitution are outdated and that some bylaws conflict with each other.

In other news:

- Congress appointed Krupa Ujla, a sophomore, as its administrative assistant.

- Congress elected Legislators Stefan Welch and Derrick Putansu to serve on an oversight committee for the OU police department at its Aug. 16 meeting, upon the request of Chief Samuel Lucido. Lucido said the law requires the establishment of an oversight committee to receive and address grievances about an officer's demeanor or conduct. The committee must be comprised of two students, two members of staff and two members of faculty.

- At its Aug. 16 meeting, congress discussed entering the Readership Program with USA Today in which USA Today newspaper would be available for students on campus. USA Today is offering a four week trial with no obligation. Discussion included that entering the program might help students enrolled in JRMC who are required to read USA Today.

- At its Aug. 16 meeting, congress passed C.B. 05-09, which approved the 2004-2005 Student Program Board Executive Board members. It passed C.B. 05-06, which appointed the 2004-2005 Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) members. It also passed C.B. 05-08, which amends the SAFB Guidelines naming the OU Print Shop as the only outlet for student organizations that wish to secure funding for flyers.

BAN

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he said, but right now I can deal with coming outside."

Kendal Barnett, freshman, said she thinks the new policy is a good idea because of safety and health issues arising from smoking.

"Somebody might have asthma or they could drop it (the cigarette) and start the dorm on fire so they should smoke outside," she said.

SHOT

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include severe headache, rash, fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and lethargy. It may also resemble the flu.

Because meningitis can progress in as little as 12 hours, the ACHA urges students to "seek medical care immediately if they experience two or more of these symptoms concurrently."

The ACHA, the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that college students, in particular freshman who plan to live on campus, and their parents to learn about the disease and the benefits of vaccination.

The ACHA's Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Task Force adopts the CDC recommendation that college students consider vaccination in order to lessen their risk of contracting the disease.

The majority of college aged meningitis cases are caused by strains C, Y or W-135 which are preventable by vaccination.

According to the ACHA, vaccination "has been shown to provide protection among the most common strains ... is very safe and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent." The vaccine's efficiency is approximated to last three to five years.

Former Gov. John Engler approved a bill on Nov. 7, 2001, which stated that "the department shall encourage each institution of higher education in this state to provide or make available to students enrolled in the institution ... information regarding the risks associated with meningococcal disease and other diseases about which the department may recommend immunization or immunization information."

However, Michigan has not enacted a law requiring vaccination for meningitis. Currently, 21 states have passed vaccination or response laws, including Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, which border Michigan.

Meningococcal disease infects around 2,200 Americans every year. Approximately 100 to 125 cases occur on college campuses and the ACHA estimates that five to 15 students die as a result.

The Graham Health Center offered meningitis vaccinations Friday at Vandenberg Hall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Talarak said that approximately 10 percent of the students who went into the Vandenberg dining hall that day to register asked to receive a vaccination.

She also said that "handwashing is the single best protection against any infection."

For more information, please visit: http://www.acha.org/projects_programs/meningitis/ct_st_faqs.cfm

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We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. AND MUCH MORE!

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\$25 Gift Certificate Giveaway

Be on the lookout for the Academic Skills Center tables during Welcome Week and pick up a blank entry for a chance to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to the OU Bookstore. All entries need to be deposited at the ASC by Friday Sept. 3, 2004. Drawing will be held on Sept. 7, 2004. You need not be present to win.

Interested in an On-Campus Job?

Bring your social security card and picture ID to the Office of Student Financial Services, 120 North Foundation Hall.

Academic Skills Center

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Graham Health Center welcomes you to OU. We're here to serve your health care needs. Office hours Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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We have giveaways, contests and prizes. Call Graham Health Center at ext. 2341 or E-mail health@oakland.edu for answers to your questions or concerns, or visit our Web site at www.oakland.edu/CHC/.

Graham Counseling Center

"Missing Fido" - Animals will be available for students to pet Monday, September, 20, 6-7 PM, Hamlin Lounge.

Depression Screening Day - Tuesday, October 5 and Wednesday, October 6, 11 AM-1 PM in the Oakland Center across from the food court.

CAMPUS RECREATION FOR FALL 2004

Hurry in for the best fitness class times! Information is available at the welcome center desk for activities, special events, fall outdoor intramural sports, as well as Rec Center membership options and specialty classes, or you can call 370-4732, or visit our website at www.oakland.edu/untl/campus_rec/.

The Student Affairs staff would like to welcome back all OU students and new freshman. We hope you have a successful fall semester!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE begins the Fall 2004 semester with Buzz Sutherland Friday - September 3, 2004 at 7 p.m. Vandenberg Dining Center!

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Friday night live is free of admission and will also have refreshments free of charge.

Graham Counseling Center

Utilize Career Services for valuable job-search assistance for full-time, permanent, part-time and internship opportunities. Part-time positions are available now and on-campus recruiting for senior begins in October. To participate, you must be registered with Career Service's recruiting management system, eRecruiting@OU. For registration information, a list of senior job search seminars, and additional services visit our website. Upcoming career events scheduled during the Fall Career Prep Month are also on our website and include the Fall Career Fair on Thursday, Sept 30 and Friday, Oct. 1. Seniors: Set Your Career Sails! Workshops on Fridays, Oct. 8, and much more.

For more information, visit the Career Services Office (275 West Vandenberg Hall), website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices or call (248) 370-3250.

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EDITORIALS

Let your voice be heard on campus

As the fall semester kicks off, it's important we at The Post point out where some of the most intriguing and interesting writing will hopefully be found this year.

It's not on the front page or the sports section. In fact, journalists hardly ever submit this writing.

Instead, it's tucked somewhere in the middle of the newspaper, usually on or near the opinions page. It's the letters and comments readers send in to the editor.

Unfortunately, at The Post, this section is typically somewhat bare. That's where the readers need to step it up.

Although at The Post we try our best to be a fair and impartial source for information about Oakland University and the surrounding community, there are always going to be times when readers have something more to say.

In the past, letters to the editor usually only came when something controversial was said or people disagreed with the views expressed in the previous weeks' editions.

While that is a vital and need-

ed use of the letters section, we at The Post want to encourage students to use the opportunity to pursue issues and ideas beyond the newspaper's print.

Letters to the editor can often be a place to openly discuss anything from campus issues to world issues. Don't feel constrained.

At the same time, there's no need to shy away from openly disagreeing with a writer's article or objecting to a column's point of view. Even the layout can be critiqued.

But this isn't to say that reckless abandon can be used when submitting letters to the editor. The Post will not support baseless accusations, personal vendettas or "he said-she said" battles.

Just as we personally strive for fair and honest reporting, we will also assume that when writers submit material to The Post, they are pursuing the same goals.

While we would hope to have materials submitted to us by Friday evenings, we do understand that events take place over the weekend and also at the weekly student congress meet-

ings on Monday that may warrant a letter to the editor. So please feel free to submit a letter at anytime.

Newspapers are driven by their readers and those readers' desire to make their voices heard. We can't accurately represent every voice of the OU community if we aren't hearing from them.

We've been told in the past, and we do appreciate the feedback, that we sometimes forget some groups of students who read the newspaper. One way to help us remember is by letting us know what you think of what we're doing.

Also, it must be clarified that the opinions represented in the letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect that of The Post. The letters are a chance for students and other members of the OU community to share their views with our readers.

We hope that you can take advantage of this opportunity.

Please take time this semester to improve the quality of this newspaper and the depth of the knowledge and awareness of the OU community by sharing your voice.

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GUEST COLUMN

Student government has big year planned for you



MICHAEL MCGUINNESS

OUSC Vice President

Your Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) is working hard to represent you and provide worthwhile services.

Both your OUSC Executive Board and Legislators are ready to serve you well this year.

These outstanding individuals are committed to being your agents for change. We have spent the spring and summer months preparing for a successful year.

Student Body President Jonathan Parks and I, Vice President Michael McGuinness, have partnered in our dedication to the students. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead this year; the OUSC team is geared up and ready.

Student Program Board Chair Shaquonda Binion has an innovative programming lineup for the semester.

Student Activities Funding Board Chair Charity Jones and her board are already handling allocation requests from our many student organizations.

Student Services Director Sarah Cook and the Student Services Committee have a great number of initiatives that benefit many students.

Apart from the scantrons and blue books that are still readily available in the OUSC office, a new opportunity is OUSC Student of the Month.

A prime parking spot in the Oakland Center parking lot will be given to a deserving student each month. We encourage students to apply.

On top of that, OUSC is piloting a new Student Technology Enrichment Program (STEP).

We'll be offering laptops and other items that enable students to utilize technology for their education.

This, as well as our scholarship opportunities that will arise throughout the year, will give students assistance that wouldn't otherwise be available.

Financial Services Director Jim Gammicchia is

continually demonstrating his savvy with money matters after many years of OUSC service.

Legislative Affairs Director Jackie Claiborne has been planning the OUSC Voter Registration Drive, which runs from Sept. 7-10.

This service is extremely important; we encourage every student who has yet to register to take advantage of the drive.

Publicity Agent Duane Hurt is using his energies to find creative ways to publicize the activities of OUSC.

Look for his informational tables that are forthcoming in the OC.

The numerous legislators are poised to bring your concerns to the table and represent you well.

Utilize them as much as possible. We are all here to serve you.

Starting Sept. 13, OUSC meets every Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Our office, located at 62 OC across from WXOU and The Post, is open to meet your needs.

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All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation.

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POINT / COUNTER POINT

Should U.S. gymnast Paul Hamm give back the gold?

YES

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While the rest of the professional sports world floats amid rumors of scandal and rampant drug use, not to mention the felony charges that seem to pop up on a monthly basis, the Olympics are meant to be the beacon of purity.

At the Olympic games, athletes aren't supposed to be there for the big contracts or the personal exposure. Sure there are gold medals to be awarded, but it's primarily about representing your country, right?

I guess not. At a time when the United States is looked upon as being greedy and self-concerned, American gymnast Paul Hamm fed those stereotypes.

It's undeniable that Hamm's

comeback from a fall early in the men's all-around competition was an athletic feat. But, it's just as apparent that South Korea's Yang Tae was the winner of the competition.

Hamm "won" the event by less than a tenth of a point. Yang would have surpassed Hamm with ease had the judges correctly given him a starting score of 10.0 rather than a 9.9, the .1 difference. Making matters worse, and the main point of contention, South Korea's coaches didn't file their protest within the time allotted to them.

Case closed, Yang cheated out of his gold, Hamm standing atop the podium holding something that didn't belong to him.

Until gymnastics and other events that are decided with subjective scoring systems are

eliminated or revamped to determine objective winners, these things are going to happen.

What I don't understand is how anyone can say Hamm is the rightful winner. It's not like the judges incorrectly scored one of Yang's tumbles or twists, a subjective issue. Instead, they messed up one of the few objective measures in gymnastics.

It's Yang's gold, whether Hamm gives it back or not. He can walk around wearing Yang's medal around his neck and eternally be known as the selfish American who forgot about sportsmanship.

Or, he can break down stereotypes and give the true winner of the competition his medal.

It's not 'take what you can get'; it's receive what you've earned.

NO

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

U.S. gymnast Paul Hamm has no reason to give back his gold medal. The judges declared Hamm the gold medal winner and there are no do-overs in sports.

This is not Playstation 2 where you hit the reset button if you don't like the outcome; this is the Olympic Games.

Hamm did not whine or cry when he fell on his backside in the vault, he sucked it up, continued to compete, and won.

Now instead of being commended for one of the greatest comebacks in Olympic history, Hamm has to listen to people

tell him what he should do with his medal.

All sports have some amount of subjectivity. It is up to the athletes to rise above it and win.

South Korea's Yang Tae Young should not be asking Hamm to give his medal back, Yang should be asking himself how he let Hamm come back after Hamm nearly fell out of the arena on the vault.

The International Olympic Committee backing Yang instead of Hamm and its own judges only shows what a disaster the committee is. And the committee trying to play the sportsmanship card only makes things worse.

They are saying it would be

the ultimate show of sportsmanship for Hamm to give back his gold medal. The ultimate show of sportsmanship would be for Yang to admit he lost and congratulate Hamm.

If Hamm is forced to give back his gold medal, then what is next? Is everyone who does not win a gold medal going to whine about a bad call or that a judge made a mistake?

Is every athlete going to hire a lawyer to win them a gold medal they were supposedly cheated out of? I'm surprised Johnny Cochran is not in Athens handing out his business card.

The 2008 Olympic slogan can be "if you come up short take them to court."

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VOTE

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U.S. pulled their songs off the radio in 2003.

Some music fans feel that the tour is wrong to have a political agenda.

"People are paying to be entertained, not have political views thrown at them," said OU junior Leah Kinney.

But the statements made by artists are not affecting everyone.

"It doesn't bother me at all. Everyone has a right to their own views and opinions," Gillies said.

OU Senior, Rashad Thompson agrees.

"It would only bother me if I paid money for a concert and wasn't aware beforehand that they were going to spread their politics. But if they say something in an interview, I wouldn't care, it's their opinion."

Jeff Corey, Public Relations director for Palace Sports & Entertainment, said it's still too early to tell what effect the politics will have on ticket sales.

"Because of the nature of the tour, the media has given it additional exposure that it wouldn't get normally," Corey said. This may lead to an increase in sales.

All six Michigan Vote for Change shows will take place on Oct. 3 and tickets are available now. No in-person sales are available for these shows, so to purchase tickets, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or go to ticketmaster.com. To view a full list of artists and venues, visit actforvictory.org.

AWARD

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to Janette Jones, Counseling Career Coordinator for Lake Orion High School.

Tracking the hours is up to the schools. "The schools are expected to devise and design their own policy for keeping track of the hours," said Stanton. The merit office has set up guidelines for community service and provides addresses of organizations students can work with.

Opinions vary on the new requirement. Parents worry about their students being pressed for time.

"I think it's going to hurt some of the students," said Dollie Horbatiuk, a parent of a Clarkston High School junior graduating in 2006.

"It's bad enough that they have so much homework and lots of kids have jobs," she said. "They shouldn't have to do community service on top of that. Besides, the busy kids that have jobs are saving for college already and really need that money."

Others feel it is a good idea. "It's the government's money to begin with. I think if you are being given that, you should give something back, too," said Jennifer Hartfield, an OU senior. "I would do it. I volunteer now and there is fun stuff, new people and new experiences that come from it."

For more information, visit www.MeritAward.state.mi.us.

CERT

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The goal is to get citizens prepared for responding to emergencies and they have focused on the CERT program in particular during the past year, he said.

The CERT training program may eventually even make its way to OU.

"We would love to work a partnership with OUPD to offer the program to OU students and faculty," Loper said.

Programs similar to CERT have been used in areas of the country prone to natural disasters for many years. These efforts have only intensified in the post-Sept. 11 era.

For more information on the Oakland County Citizen Corps and CERT training programs, visit www.co.oakland.mi.us/ems.

Have a ideas for stories?

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If you have any stories from something interesting you did this summer, know of anyone would be comfortable talking about their eating disorder or have any other idea, bring it to the Post at 61 OC!

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Retreats are more than just time away from campus and/or our cubicles at work. They are lasting experiences that help us get in deeper touch with ourselves, others and God.

Our Annual St. John Fisher Fall Hiking Retreat, in its sixth year, is one of our most popular ministry events among OU students consisting of prayer, hiking, meals and building friendships among peers that share your interests and values. Anyone age 18-35 is welcome to attend. We will be leaving Friday night, Sept. 24th at 5:00pm and will return on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26th, at approximately 2:00pm.

This year we will be camping directly on the shores of lake Huron at Camp Ozanam located about 8 miles north of Lexington, MI. It is a beautiful camp with a lakeshore that is absolutely breathtaking!

Retreat registration forms are available on our website at www.oucampusministry.com. Click on "Retreats" on the left hand tool bar, then on "Retreat Registrations." Simply print a registration form, fill it out and mail it to our parish office at 3665 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

Cost is \$80 for students and \$95 for working young adults which covers all expenses including food, transportation and a clean bunk in a nice cabin. If money is tight, we DO have scholarships available, so please don't let the cost keep you from attending! We just ask that you pay what you are able. For more information call Lisa Brown at 370-2189 (on campus x2189) or email abad@oakland.edu. God's peace to you as you begin this new academic year!

Participants at last year's Fall Hiking Retreat 2003

Due to a technical difficulty, this week's paper printed on Thursday morning. Next week, The Post will resume it's normal schedule of Wednesday morning delivery. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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August 30-September 3, 2004

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CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Michigan Renaissance Festival (Through September 28)
- Camelot (September 12)
- The Music of Hollywood (September 17)
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (October 7 & 10)
- National Ballet of Canada (October 8)
- Fosse (October 19 & 24)
- Thoroughly Modern Millie (October 21 & 31)
- Rigoletto (October 27 & 29)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Houston Rockets (November 2)
- The Full Monty (November 4 & 7)
- Faust (November 17 & 19)
- Radio City Christmas Spectacular (November 26 & December 2, 9 & 23)
- The Nutcracker by the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago (December 3)
- Too Hot To Handle (December 11)

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September 10th

Student Program Board Presents:
Darrell Hammond
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Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center
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Officer Training Dates

Greek Organization Officer Training
Sunday, September 12, 2004
1:00—5:00 p.m.
Lake Superior B, Oakland Center

Student Organization Officer Training
Saturday, September 18, 2004
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Club Sports Officer Training
Sunday, September 26, 2004
7:00 p.m.
Wellness Classroom, Recreation Center

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Freshmen Flashbacks

Virinder K. Moudgil, vice president for academic affairs and provost at OU, shares memories of his freshman year in college.

Post: What do you remember about your freshman year in college?

Moudgil: The first year in college was fall 1962. I attended government college, Ludhiana, in the northwest state of Punjab, India. It was an experience of exhilaration and uncertainty. I felt we were in the big league but did not know anybody other than our friends from high school.

Post: You attended Banaras University in India; was it very different from the American system?

Moudgil: I did my graduate work at Banaras Hindu University. All our teachers were educated in England or in the USA. It was a very different system. Unlike at OU, there were no welcome groups or activities planned to greet new students or families. Nearly 500 miles away from home, the isolation was scary. We had few options in the curriculum; all courses were required for a particular degree in a discipline. I thought that was a very hard, but rigorous training.

Post: How did you feel during your freshman year?

Moudgil: Lost, searching for a niche, but excited about numerous academic and campus life possibilities.

Post: What was the most challenging experience during that year?

Moudgil: To know personally or communicate with even one professor, something very different from being at OU.

Post: How did you face it?

Moudgil: Tried harder to identify projects of interest to seek guidance from a faculty who would listen.

Post: What kind of advice would you give the freshmen at OU?

Moudgil: Dare to be true and explore all possibilities. The years spent at OU are your investment in your future. Make OU a home to unravel your potential without the fear of failure – you will succeed in a chosen course if you have passion for it. Make friends who will last you a lifetime.

OU graduates speak to freshmen

Two OU graduates address freshmen issues and offer some tips on how to make the best out of the first college year

By PAMELA AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

When OU graduate Victoria Holifield was a freshman, she sat among perfect strangers and took the first leap into her new life. She encourages this year's freshmen class to do the same.

"Try out different organizations on campus now while you're a freshman," she said. "As the later years come, you'll have less and less time to enjoy being a part of things on campus."

Students should definitely get involved to enhance their OU experience said Jean Ann Miller, director of student activities.

"It improves social skills, allows freshmen to network with juniors and seniors as well as with OU staff. It's not the high school experience, it's the college experience. Make it feel like it," she said.

According to Miller, freshmen should get involved right away. Welcome Week, which takes place at the beginning of the fall semester, is the type of event that can help them figure out what groups are available on campus.

They can also explore different kinds of organizations such as multicultural, recreational, leadership, community service, religious and social clubs.

"It's unlimited the activities they can get involved in. It depends on what their needs and interests are, but we have something for everyone. We have 150 organizations on campus and we are hoping for more for the 2004-2005 school year," said Miller.

She added that freshmen should not feel as though they are entering tightly knit cliques.

"It's not cliquey here. Opportunities are open to everyone and freshmen are a valued part of our community," Miller said.

"I thought that fraternities were snobbish and meat-headed," said Kevin Horak, OU graduate. "However, once I met some people who were part of fraternities, I changed my mind."

Horak joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity as a junior and his only regret has been not joining sooner. His advice to incoming freshmen would be to check out as many organizations on campus as possible.

"Whether they are Greek organizations, The Oakland Post, or whatever, get involved in the one with which you can identify most," Horak said.

Freshman year requires some considerable adjustments for new college students.

"It's a discovery time for the first couple weeks," Miller said. "And freshmen need to find a balance between work, school and social obligations."

According to Glenn McIntosh, dean of student affairs, one of the challenges for freshmen is to get used to campus culture, as well as

being able to deal effectively with faculty, staff and the student body.

"They can expect to make personal and academic social adjustments," McIntosh said. "Those adjustments will require them to engage in effective time management strategies."

To help freshmen deal with such issues, a program called Freshmen Outlook was launched last fall.

McIntosh said that Freshmen Outlook is a web-based program that discusses various first year issues. Students who participate in this free service will receive weekly updates directly to their OU email account.

For freshmen who feel insecure on how to handle their academic load, free workshops are also available.

"There, they can learn to deal with the amount of homework," said Charles E. Clark, director of tutoring. "These workshops talk about the differences between high school and college, and what can be expected in their first year."

Clark said that free tutoring is also available for students encountering problems in their classes.

For more information, contact the Center for Student Activities at 370-2400, the Academic Resource Center at 370-2227 or the Advising Skills Center at 370-4215.

"It's a discovery time for the first couple weeks and freshmen need to find a balance between work, school and social obligations."

Jean Ann Miller

Welcome Week at OU



The colors of OU.
Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post

Spirit Day

OU Spirit Day was scheduled to take place this past Monday. The idea was to show your grizz pride and "Get your Black and Gold On." However, despite the Post's best efforts to find students wearing OU colors, our quest was unsuccessful. Another Spirit Day might be organized at a later date.



Students enjoyed free ice cream at the Ice Cream Social yesterday.
Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post

Ice Cream Social

As part of Welcome Week, students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to enjoy a few bowls of free ice cream during the Ice Cream Social held yesterday in front of the OC.

This event gives the OU community a chance to get together and socialize in a very casual environment.

The Ice Cream Social is held each year and usually attracts a large crowd.

For more information on upcoming Welcome Week events, log on to the Center for Student Activities at www3.oakland.edu/oakland/currentstudents/csa/



The Grizz: OU mascot.
Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post

GrizzFest

With the GrizzFest, OU is trying to launch a new tradition where students and community will join to participate in this event. Student organizations as well as local area vendors (such as Mongolian Barbecue) will be represented.

Also, three bands, playing three different types of music, and affiliated with OU will be performing at the GrizzFest. This event is a first and coordinators hope for a good turn out.

"Golf: The Musical" tees off MBT season

Opinion

With a cast straight from New York, the MBT starts the year with laughter

By VIRGINIE PEROV
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

It's a hole in one for the beginning of Golf: The Musical, the first summer show ever featured at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

With a cast freshly imported from Broadway where the show met a tremendous success, Golf: The Musical performed its premiere last Wednesday with an audience of close to 300 people.

"It's pretty good for the Meadow Brook Theatre," said John Manfredi, Meadow Brook Theatre managing director.

He said that the MBT had never done a summer show before, but this opportunity was too good to pass.

"It will bring a different audience to the theatre, people with different interests, plus there is the connection with the upcoming Ryder Cup," Manfredi said.

The show is basically a spoof on golf and golfers. But there is much more to it, and after the first scene, the viewer will get to realize that golf is just an excuse to laugh at everything and make fun of everything.

Nothing and no one is spared by the derision of the text of Michael Roberts, author, composer and lyricist for the play. From the silly lyrics of "A Show About Golf" to the provocative lines of "Let's Bring Golf to the Gulf," most songs carry the promise of bringing a big smile to the viewers' face.

"This is very very funny," Manfredi said. "And if you know somebody who is passionate and dedicated to something, whether it's golfing, knitting or fishing, you'll find humor in the show."

The four-member cast is composed of Joel Blum, Neal Mayer, Christopher Sutton and Lyn Philistine. All but Philistine were part of the original New York performance, but her act is no less hilarious than the three other characters.

After the premiere, Manfredi reported that the cast had loved the audience and had asked if "it was going to be like that every night of the show." He also said that they were "pleased and encouraged" by the reaction of the audience and

that they received a standing ovation.

The musical reserves a few surprises for the audience, including an interactive up-roaring putting competition with a prize for the winner and cramps in everyone else's cheeks.

The musical is a true gift to OU's community and there is no excuse not to take advantage of it. The tickets are only \$26 and students benefit from a 20 percent discount when booking in advance. Students can also purchase rush-tickets on the same day of the show and pay only \$7.50.

The show will be playing from Aug. 25 to Sept. 19. For more information, call the box office at (248) 377-3300.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theater
Joel Blum performs the song "Big Bertha," about a very special golf club.

FNL brings the Buzz to OU

Residence Halls Programming will continue the Friday Night Live series this year and Buzz Sutherland kicks off the season

By VIRGINIE PEROV
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

One hundred percent clean and two hundred percent funny is the motto of comedian Buzz Sutherland, who will kick off this year's Friday Night Live series.

For the sixth year in a row, OU Residence Halls Programming will continue to bring a variety of comedians to entertain the OU community.

"This year we are bringing back everybody who did really well in the past," said Sarah Luczyk, program coordinator for University Housing.

Sutherland will return to OU for the third time in seven years. His performance is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. The admission is free.

"Last time he was fantastic," Luczyk said. "He always puts on a great show."

The National Association of Campus Activities has recognized Sutherland as Comedian of the Year every year between 1998 and 2002.

Also in the past four years, the readers of Campus Activities Magazine elected

Sutherland Comedian of the Year.

"It may sound like an old cliché, but Buzz is a kid at heart," said Josh Wainright, Sutherland's agent. "That's probably why he can relate to college students so well."

Sutherland was born in Georgia and grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. He later attended college at the University of Missouri, where he discovered his talent for comedy.

"It was one of these things: after seeing Jerry Seinfeld's performance on campus, he knew what he wanted to do," Wainright said.

After his decision was made, Sutherland went from singing in minor venues to performing comedy routines for college campuses.

According to Wainright, Sutherland's career took off within a few months of his first step on stage.

"Colleges are a great market and a great fit for Buzz," Wainright said.

Sutherland entertains between 130-150 schools per year and, according to the latest numbers, has performed at 2200 colleges in his career.

Sutherland's routine usually involves "funny TV things," such as voices from the King of the Hill's characters, or Donald Duck, as well as skits on experiences in college life.

"He is one hundred percent clean," Wainright said. "But he can also be a little edgier depending on the audience and the coordinators of the event."

Sutherland is married and has two children, who "contributed to make him realize the importance of a clean routine."

Wainright said that Sutherland develops the family theme mostly in his corporate show titled "All About Family."

College life is a passion for Sutherland and during the show, he unavoidably slips a few jokes about alcohol.

But he usually wraps up by recommending students take care of themselves and be reasonable when having fun.

"Family and alcohol are not what all the show is about," said Wainright. "It is all about FUN!"

"Buzz is seriously one of the funniest people to hang out with," Wainright said. "Try it! He always stays an hour after the show."

For more information on Buzz Sutherland, log on to www.buzzsutherland.com.

And for more information on Friday Night Live, contact University Housing at (248) 370-3570.

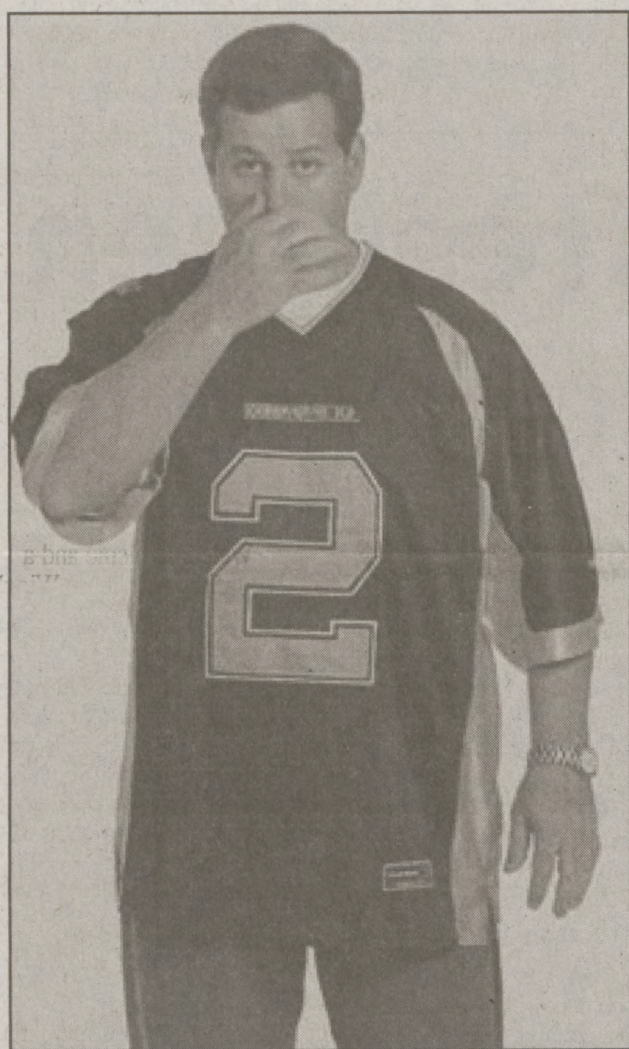


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Award-winning comedian Buzz Sutherland is coming to OU.

Greek way of life sprouts on campus

A latest look at the state of sororities and fraternities on OU campus

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

OU's best kept secret is bigger than students think.

With about 90 percent of OU students being commuters, one might think that campus life is a little dull.

But the brightly spray-painted rocks and posters are tell-tale signs that there is something brewing under the surface of the quiet commuter campus.

It's the Greek way of life. OU boasts 13 social fraternities and sororities which are organized into and governed by three councils.

"Greek life adds to campus life," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. "They form a special community with commonalities and most are focused on scholarship, service and sister- or brotherhood."

College Panhellenic is an umbrella organization for 26 national and international women's fraternities and sororities and OU's Panhellenic Council (CPH) governs and supports OU's four CPH sororities: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Sigma Sigma, along

with the local sorority Phi Alpha Epsilon.

"Every sorority on campus has its own individuality," said Julie Wojciechowski, membership recruitment chair for Phi Sigma Sigma. "I look at Phi Sigma Sigma as a non-inclusive group of women. We are accepting to everyone around us."

Wojciechowski said the group will have 32 members as fall semester starts and recruitment is held twice a year, Formal Recruitment during the fall semester and Informal recruitment during the winter.

"We are always looking for women who are looking to get involved in our organization," said Wojciechowski. "We hold sisterhood events, socials, philanthropies, fundraisers and just hang out with each other in our free time."

Phi Sigma Sigma was also the first sorority at OU to acquire a house, which is located off campus at 449 S. Adams.

Women interested in more information about Phi Sigma Sigma are encouraged to email Wojciechowski or drop by the house.

New this year, Alpha Delta Pi became the third Greek organiza-

tion to acquire a house off campus.

"This is their first year with a house off campus," said Miller. "The outgrowth started in the residence halls and they are now expanding and starting to go off campus."

The North American Interfraternity Conference is a federation of 68 national and international men's fraternities. OU's Interfraternity Council (IFC) supports and governs the campus's three IFC fraternities Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi and Theta Chi.

Theta Chi is the other Greek organization with an off campus house and according to the Theta Chi's, "The foundation of brotherhood is friendship, and there's no better place to find a bunch of friends than 87 Franklin Blvd." The 7800 square-foot mansion has 17 rooms and can accommodate up to 27 brothers.

Theta Chi boasts over 145 years of producing distinguished gentlemen and participates in annual events such as the Mud Bowl.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the governing and sounding board representing historically African-American Greek fraternities and sororities



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Fraternities and sororities are advertising in front of the OC.

and are well-known for their philanthropic activities. There are currently six NPHC groups at OU: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

In 1980, thirteen women formed a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta on the campus of OU, making it the first recognized African American Greek organization on campus.

Today, the group continues to lead the way for others at OU as they became the first black greek letter organization on campus to launch its own Web site.

There are also a number of academic and professional sororities and fraternities around OU including Alpha Kappa Psi, Beta Alpha Psi, Gamma Phi Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi, Rho Sigma Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta and Sigma Theta Tau.

Most of the academic fraternities and sororities require members to have a certain class standing, a minimum GPA, a minimum number of credits and, in some cases, major standing in the field of the organization.

From off campus houses to networking in the business world, Greek is a way of life for many at OU. And students don't need to belong to the organization to take part in the events they bring to campus.

Today is the Sorority Fallfest, where different sororities at OU will be handing out information along with free snowcones from 6-8 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls.

And the 10th Anniversary Sigma Pi Pig Roast, featuring games such as an obstacle course and gladiator joust, as well as D.J., is Friday, Sept. 10 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and all students are invited.

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OU chapter of Golden Key receives national award

By BLYTHE SIMMONS
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Scholarship. Leadership. Service. The OU chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society embodies all three of these standards and succeeds in surpassing the goals they set for themselves each year.

At their national conference held in Atlanta this past August, the OU chapter of the Golden Key was recognized for its successful completion of the "13 Golden Key Chapter Standards" and "Honorable Mention of Golden Key Chapters."

According to the official Golden Key's web site, only 30 of the more than 400 worldwide chapters were awarded these honors.

"We are really proud of our accomplishments. It's nice to be nationally recognized for being so active in our community and holding ourselves to a higher standard," said Kristyn Gardner,

president of the OU Chapter of the Golden Key.

Active student members of the Golden Key are highly motivated and highly regarded around campus. According to Gardner, the organization drew more than 300 OU student members during the 2003/2004 school year.

This November, the group plans to induct several new members and encourages more of their actual members to become involved in community service and social activities.

"When students see 'Honour Society' they seem to get very intimidated," Gardner said. "We're not all about perfect GPA's. We're more about having

fun and helping people at the same time."

The Golden Key is an internationally recognized honor society that annually invites the top 15 percent of all juniors and seniors by GPA to join as members. This year at Oakland, the cut was made at a 3.62 GPA.

Inducted members are required to pay a small, one-time-only membership fee and member status is never revoked due to grades or switching of schools.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Golden Key Chapter Advisor, said that participation in Golden Key activities is purely on a voluntary basis and members are encouraged to devote some time each month to a com-

munity service activity.

"The great thing about the Golden Key is that students who aren't yet members can participate in our activities now and when they're members, they can receive credit for all of their prior community service work," Miller said.

Members of the Golden Key enjoy international recognition of their academic achievement and earn access to over 15 scholarships totaling \$500,000 each year. They also receive membership in special corporate discount programs.

Other benefits of membership include added strength given to student resumes and exclusive internship and employment opportunities with major corporations, including Ford Motor Company, General Mills, Motorola and The New York Times.

Lifetime and honorary members of the Golden Key include highly regarded figures like Elizabeth Dole, John Grisham, General Colin Powell, Bill Cosby, John Glen and Bill Clinton.

The Golden Key holds its meetings once a month in the Oakland Center. There are two meetings on that day, one at 12 p.m. and the other at 5:15 p.m. in order to accommodate as many students' schedules as possible.

"We're open to everyone. Members, and even students who aren't members, are welcome to attend our meetings and our activities. It's a good time to meet new people because we draw students from many different majors, with very diverse interests," Gardner said.

For more information on Golden Key International Honour Society, log on to www.goldenkey.org

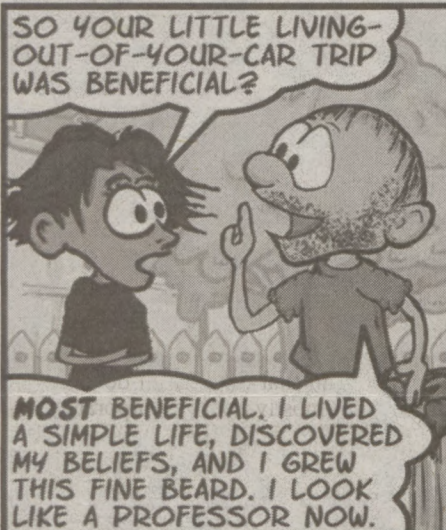
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Today's Birthday (Aug. 31). You're good at managing money, and you'll get even better this year. One of your keys to success is your ability to keep secrets, er, maintain a professional level of confidentiality. Nothing crooked, just good business.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 7 _ You're good at serving others once you get with the program. Do that now, and take every detail into consideration. You'll make bonus points.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 7 _ The challenge now is to gain the experience to do what's required. An overload situation is building, and your help will be valuable.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 7 _ It might be a little easier to come up with a budget now. It could almost be enjoyable if you all choose a juicy goal. Working toward something specific makes doing without lots more fun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 7 _ It's a good time to apply for a promotion or a better job. Even though you're a little shy, it looks like more money comes in.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ You should be able to make some time later today or tomorrow to get out for some exercise with a dear friend. Just do it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is an 8 _ The work you've done for others reflects well back onto you. Stand up proudly, in the spotlight, and accept the admiration.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ Relax, and let somebody else make decisions for a while. You need a rest, and dinner out would also be nice. Go to a beautiful place.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is an 8 _ Your workload will be building up over the next few days. If you want to run and play, you'd better do it early.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ Everything doesn't have to go according to the plan. As you well know, the love of family's the important thing, and that looks strong.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ This phase has a happy ending as you find what you need for your home without having to go far into debt. Knock again on a door that was closed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 7 _ If you're facing a breakdown, go back to the rules that are already established. Amazingly, they'll work well and could even save the day.

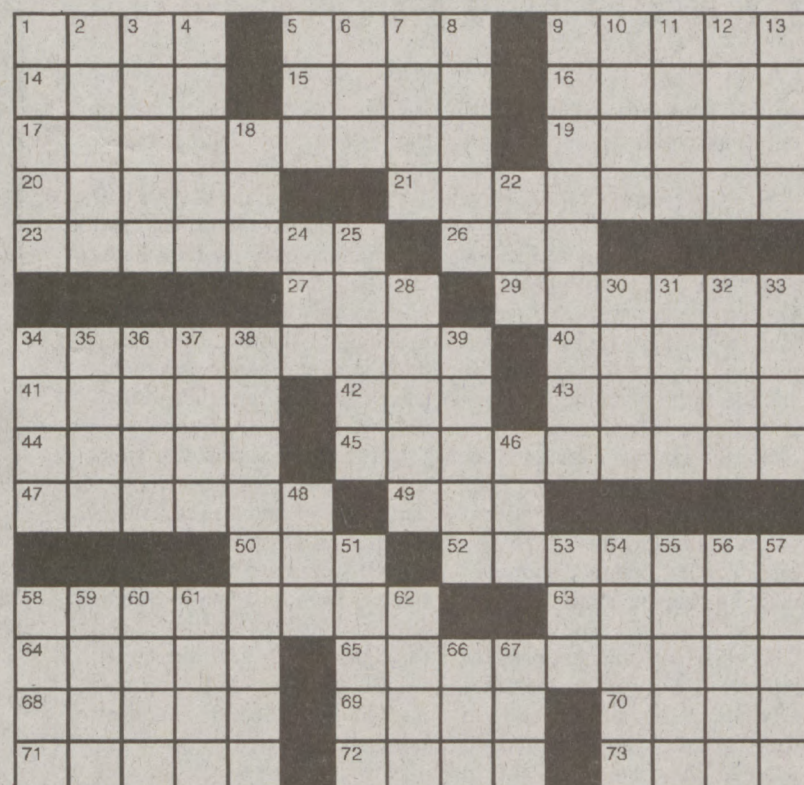
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 7 _ A loved one can help you find a partner to work with on your goals. Your objective may be daunting to you, but to this other person, it's just a job.

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- ACROSS
- As well
 - Follow closely
 - Dot lead-in
 - Decelerate
 - "Lohengrin" lady
 - Looks _ everything
 - Wallpaper to wallpaper
 - "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
 - Lacking sense
 - Soprano from New Zealand
 - Napoleon's birthplace
 - Outer edge
 - Quine and Johnson
 - Constrict
 - Heavy plaid jackets
 - Selassie of Ethiopia
 - Collector's book
 - Ely or Howard
 - Set sights
 - Back of the ship
 - Wet quality
 - Elephant of Dr. Seuss
 - Utmost degree
 - Arctic sea bird
 - Tape, glue, etc.
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 - Part of DVD
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 - Cyclades setting
 - From then until now
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 - Complacent
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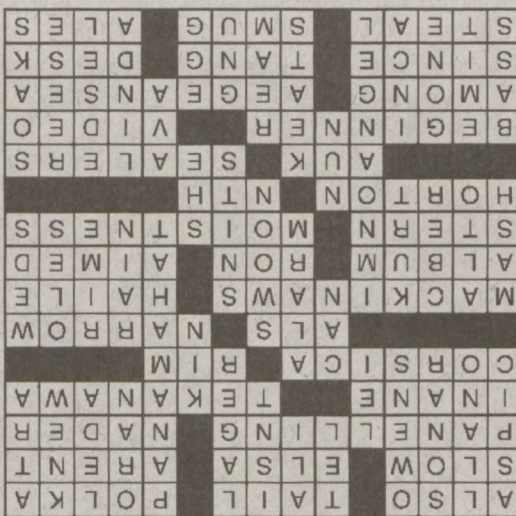
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 - U-boat detector
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THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Sept. 1

GRIZZFEST will be celebrated from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls. OU student organizations and local vendors will be providing free Grizz snacks.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will be hosting a Welcome Picnic from 4 -6:30 p.m. between the OC and O'Dowd Hall.

The Sorority Fallfest will take place from 6 -8 p.m. between North & South Foundation Halls. Snow cones will be provided as refreshment.

OU Volleyball vs. Eastern Michigan will be played at 7 p.m. in the Athletics Center 'O'rena. There is no admission charge.

Thursday, Sept. 2

'Golf: The Musical' will be presented at 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theater. Tickets are \$26. OUAA members receive 2 for 1 tickets. Rush-tickets are \$7 for students.

OU E-mail Help Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Kresge Library.

Theta Tau, the Interfraternity Council, and Alpha Delta Pi will co-host a Welcome picnic and a "King of the (Chicken) Wing" Eating Contest from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between Kresge Library, Dodge Hall and Hannah Hall. The eating contest will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Athletics Department will host a Meet the Coaches and Athletes FunFest from 4-6 p.m. in the Hamlin Courtyard.

Friday, Sept. 3

An OC Patio Concert featuring "From Within" will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the OC Patio.

Comedian Buzz Sutherland will be featured in OU's Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

The Student Program Board will host a movie trivia contest and outdoor movie from 8-11 p.m. on the north side of O'Dowd Hall. The featured movie is "The Day After Tomorrow."

The Association of Black Students will host an Icebreaker Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms. Admission is \$5 for OU students and \$10 for non-OU students.

Sunday, Sept. 5

OU Women's Soccer vs. Marquette will be played at 2 p.m. on the OU Soccer Field.

St. John Fisher Chapel will host a Sunday Evening Young Adult Fusion Mass at 7 p.m. at its chapel across from OU. Everyone aged 18-35 is invited.

Monday, Sept. 6

Classes not in session due to Labor Day Recess

Out to prove themselves

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's volleyball team will be playing with a bit of a chip on its shoulder this year. In a poll by the Mid-Con coaches, OU was predicted to finish seventh out of eight teams.

"We know that we are much better than that," junior Heather Lippert said. "There is no way we're going to finish there this year."

"It motivates us to work harder because we've got nothing to lose."

Senior outside hitter Sara Miller is also confident in the team.

"We have an underdog role. That could benefit us because people won't think we are as tough as we are," Miller said. "We will go in there and show them what we've got."

Although they do not have a gamestopper the Golden Grizzlies do have talent all across the board.

"We don't have the one dominate player who can carry us, but we're pretty even across the board," head coach Dave Schmidlin said. "I think that will help us in the long run because we

don't rely on that one person."

One of the key players returning is Lippert. She led the team last year with 21 blocks and 63 block assists. Lippert was also fourth on the team with 160 kills.

"Heather Lippert has improved tremendously," Schmidlin said. "Depending on how the rest of the team does, Heather could be an all-conference performer for us."

Miller is another key player returning for this season. Miller led OU with 211 kills last year. She was chosen as team captain largely because of her leadership qualities.

"If things aren't going great I have to get the team to relax and in the tempo we set for ourselves," Miller said. "Even if we aren't doing well, we have to make sure everyone knows that we have faith in them and make sure the team's atmosphere is always positive."

Miller has also shown dedication and hard work over the offseason.

"Sara Miller last year did not pass for us," Schmidlin said. "This year she has developed into one of our primary passers. That's a testament to her hard work."

The Grizzlies also return junior setter Becca Moller, who led the team with 818 assists last year. Coach Schmidlin said Moller has

really improved as a setter, which could help the team's offense.

"We have always been a really good defensive team, but to be a threat in the Mid-Con you have to have offensive power," Miller said.

Two key players from last year have left the team due to personal reasons. However, the team has added some new players it hopes can make an impact this season.

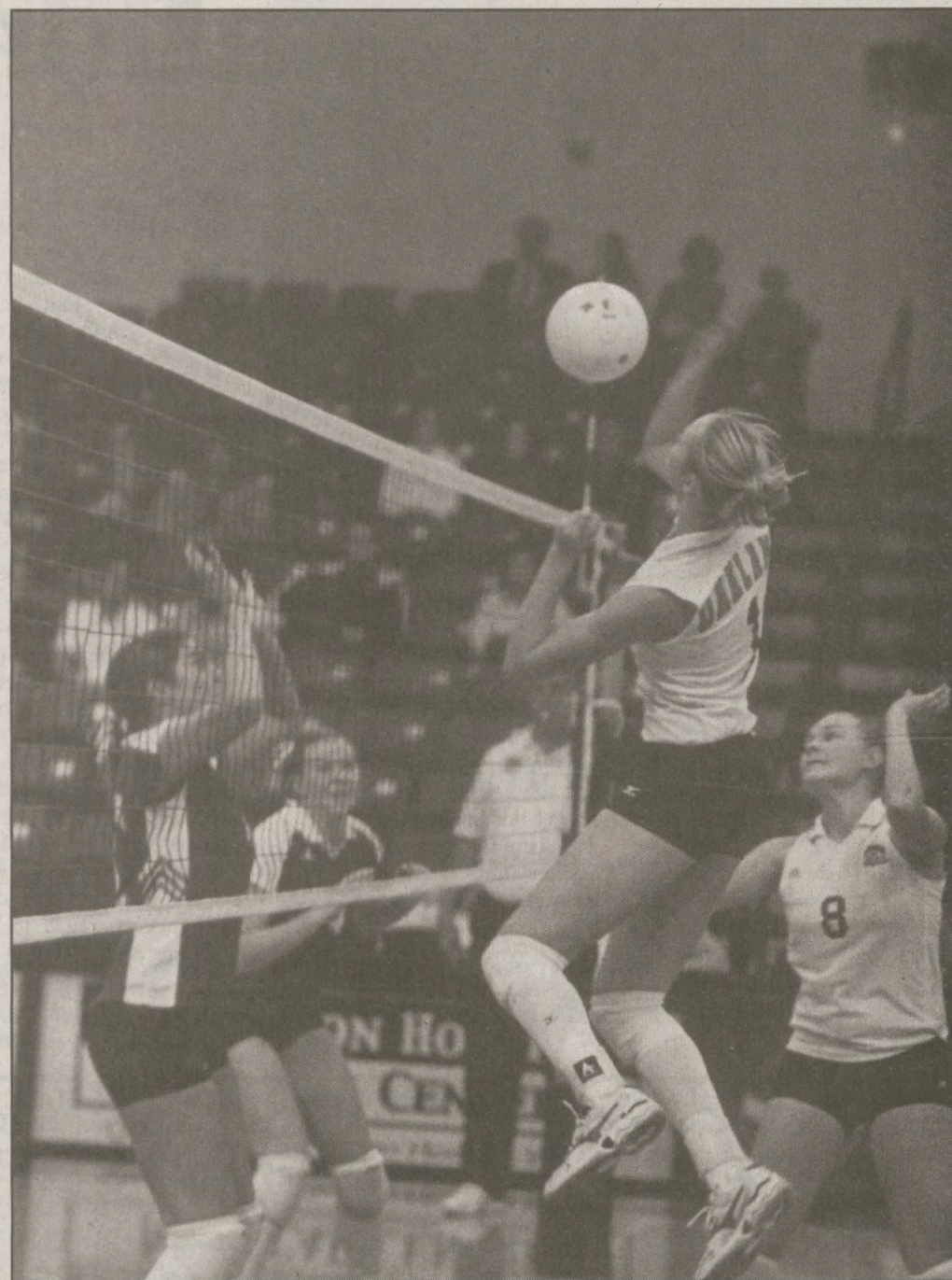
One key addition is Erin Palmer, a junior college transfer.

"Erin Palmer will fill a role as a primary passer in the middle," Schmidlin said. "She allows me some flexibility in my lineup to do some things out of the ordinary."

Every year, the goal for the team is to make the Mid-Con championship tournament. Schmidlin is confident the team is beginning to develop a winning attitude.

"The girls have done a good job continuing to buy in to what we're talking about. Being ready to go, maintaining focus and working together for a common goal," Schmidlin said. "I think as they continue to learn that, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

OU opens its season tonight at 7 p.m. against Eastern Michigan University in the O'rena.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Junior setter Becca Moller sets up Heather Lippert for a kill in a game last season.

Dream Team? Bronze more of a nightmare



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The saddest thing in life is wasted talent.

This is what Lorenzo Anello (Robert DeNiro) told his son Calogero in the movie "A Bronx Tale." Unfortunately, it seems those priceless eight words were never uttered to the U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball team.

And now while Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes proudly hang gold around their necks, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and the gang can only shamefully walk away from Athens with bronze medals in exchange for the pride the U.S. once held as THE basketball country.

Before spewing blame for this outrage in every direction imaginable, credit must be given where it is due. Since 1992, when Michael Jordan and company went to Barcelona and were a bigger hit than Elvis and the Beatles combined, the rest of the world has been practicing hard.

The original Dream Team lit an Olympic-sized flame under the behinds of Argentine, Italian and Yugoslavian ballers, and they apparently have caught up to us. So congratulations to Manu Ginobili and his teammates on winning the gold.

However, it still is unjustified that the American men did not win the gold. You may read this and think this is just an American saying, "We have to win because we're the best."

And to some extent, that is what is being said.

Players from all across the globe come to the NBA to compete at the highest level. There is no league that the top American prospects are going to instead of the NBA; it is the other way

around. America has the best talent, basketball resources and athletes.

So what went wrong? How did this happen?

For one, it was more like an American JV team played in Greece these past few weeks. Had all the original invitees manned up and sacrificed their summers, the outcome probably would have been different.

But the excuses came in at an alarming rate, ranging from family reasons, rape accusations, safety insecurities to the unthinkable "contract summer" cited by Kenyon Martin.

This is inexcusable. Thousands of athletes came to Athens to compete in the 2004 Olympics. They all had pride in their country and wanted to achieve the highest award in their sport.

They sacrificed their personal time to represent their nation.

Why is it that Michael Phelps, Paul Hamm and Justin Gatlin had no reservations about representing their country? Perhaps

it's because their sports do not mold them into being prima donnas like the NBA does.

With that said, the players that went should have won. They did not seem to even try their hardest, though. I don't know if it was a lack of motivation, poor coaching or just overconfidence that the games would win themselves, but they just didn't seem to leave it all on the floor.

It was as if everyone was waiting for the next guy to step it up, and in the meantime Lithuania's Šarūnas Jasikevičius (who needs an NBA contract now) bombed threes, Ginobili and Puerto Rico's Carlos Arroyo sliced through our D and the Greek center who looks like Razor Ramon outthrustled the American big men.

Now it's back to the drawing board for the beaten and embarrassed Olympic selection committee.

Hopefully they won't have prior engagements and can use the next four years to figure out how to stop wasting talent.



Photo courtesy of USA Basketball
USA team captain Allen Iverson drives to the hoop.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
The men's soccer team works hard in practice to be crisp for the start of its season.

Going for third straight crown

BY DANA UTZ
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Being chosen as the team to beat in the 2004 Mid-Con Conference is a title that any team would be proud to have.

This year, the OU men's soccer team is the team to beat in the Mid-Con.

In a pre-season poll by the Mid-Con coaches, OU received five first-place votes for a league-high 35 points. UMKC received two first place votes and came in second with 30 points.

The Golden Grizzlies have won two consecutive Mid-Con Tournaments and had a 12-5-5 record last season.

Last year was also the team's second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament. In the first round OU fell to the University of Tulsa in double overtime with a score of 3-2.

"We did win the Mid-Con last year so I am confident that we will do very well this year," head coach Gary Parsons said.

They have 14 returning letter winners, as well as eight starters from the 2003 team. "The many returning players this year will give us a strong team," Parsons said.

One of the key players back this year is junior forward Chris Edwards, who had nine goals, two assists and a total of 20 points. Edwards was voted second team all Mid-Con last year.

Also returning this season are team captains

senior defensemen Ryan Rzepka and Doug Rice. Both Rzepka and Rice were named First Team All Mid-Con last season. Rzepka had four goals, five assists and 13 points.

Other top players returning include senior midfielder Shahar Ktovim, who last season had three points, six assists and twelve points, and senior mid fielder Bret McNabb who had three goals and three assists last season.

OU also returns junior goalie Jeff Wiese, who had an 11-5-5 record last season.

Wiese was second Team Great Lakes Region and first team all Mid-Con last season.

On Saturday, the Grizzlies held an exhibition game against the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers.

It was a close game with no points scored in the first 45 minutes.

OU out shot Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 9-5. The Panthers had the only shot that mattered, however, when they were able to sneak one past goalie Wiese at 65:32.

The Grizzlies could not manage to even the score, losing the match 1-0.

Wiese finished the game with two saves. Rzepka, Edwards and senior mid fielder Doug Rice led OU with two shots each. Sophomore midfielder Jim Denk had OU's only shot on goal.

The team will begin its season on Friday with a non-conference game at Cal-State Fullerton against UCLA in the Soccer Town Classic.

OU will then play host Cal-State Fullerton on Sunday in its second game of the Classic.

Game Preview

Who: OU (0-0)
vs. UCLA

When: Sept. 3

Where: Cal-
State Fullerton

What: OU will
begin its season
against

tough competi-
tion in the

Soccer Town
Classic at Cal-
State Fullerton.