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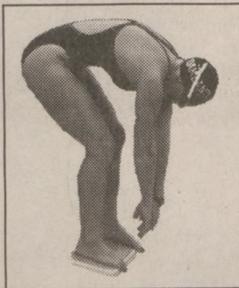
There is a new history class this semester, dude. Bell bottoms and butterfly collars are not required, though preferred. Seven American History graduate students have gotten in the way-back machine with History Professor Jack Barnard to examine the '60s.



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The Women's Swim Team has dominated Division II for years spending the past six in the first two slots.

The move to Division I-AAA will present the Pioneers with fierce competition, that will bring out even more strength in the women.



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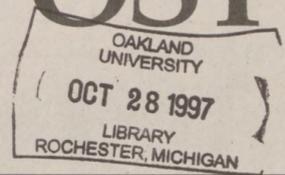
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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER



Car crash claims life of OU student

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY News Editor

OU alumnus Christopher Knoche, 23, was charged Monday on one count of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) causing death, and one count of manslaughter in the death of Jonnathan Thomas.

Thomas, 19, an OU sophomore, was pronounced dead at the scene of a three-car accident which occurred at 4 a.m. Sunday at Walton Blvd. and Snellbrook.

According to a press release issued by Lt. James Mynsberge, operations commander of Auburn Hills Police Department (AHPD), the other four individuals involved in the accident suffered injuries, but none appeared to be serious.

Knoche of Auburn Hills, the driver of a silver Dodge Stratus,

and the driver of a Toyota, a 19-year-old Rochester Hills woman, were both arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Knoche was apparently travelling east on Walton Blvd. where he came up behind the Toyota and struck it, sending it off the roadway. The Toyota proceeded to strike the curb, travel into a field, and roll over.

Thomas, the back seat passenger in the Toyota, was partially ejected through the rear window and was trapped.

According to Mynsberge, the Stratus then continued down Walton and struck a black Buick driven by an 18-year-old Pontiac man who was traveling west.

When emergency vehicles reached the accident scene, the Stratus was on fire.

Knoche was released from jail on \$50,000 personal bond,

said Lt. David Chase, of AHPD.

Detective Ron Tuski said Knoche's preliminary hearing will go before Judge James Sheehy at 1 p.m. in Rochester, on Oct. 30, at 52 District Court.

The driver of the Toyota was also released from jail.

Shannon O'Brien, assistant prosecutor, said a decision determining whether there will be charges brought against the driver of the Toyota will not be made until after Knoche's preliminary hearing.

O'Brien said the Prosecutors office is waiting for the accident's reconstruction reports from Michigan State Police.

O'Brien said if Knoche is found guilty each count is punishable for a maximum of 15 years in prison.



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INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY: Officer in charge of the investigation, Robert Kluwe, left, met with Michigan State Trooper, Sgt. Larry Richardson, to reconstruct the accident at the scene last Monday.

Remembered always
Students bid final goodbyes



Photo Courtesy/Patricia Bullock

Jonnathan Thomas
June 17, 1978 -
Oct. 19, 1997

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY News Editor

Jonnathan Thomas, 19-year-old, OU sophomore, came into the world just as he left, a fighter.

"The kid had a lot of fight in him," said his mother, Beverly Bothwell, thinking back to the day she brought him into the world.

Thomas was born two months early, which left him struggling in the hospital for approximately one month, said Bothwell. Hospitals didn't have technology for premature babies back then that they have today, she explained.



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FINAL FAREWELL: A sign dangling with a pen for friends to say goodbye to Thomas hangs at the scene of the accident, along with a hat and some flowers.

Thomas died in a car crash that took place on early Sunday morning.

"He was a good kid. He never really gave me any trouble," she said.

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Efforts to increase enrollment pay off

By LESLIE SIDDALL Special Writer

According to USA Today, there is a rise in the enrollment at Michigan's midsize public universities. Grand Valley State, Saginaw Valley State, and Oakland universities are in the lead with 70 percent enrollment growth.

According to OU's enrollment records, the increase in the number of incoming students reached a record this year.

The number of FTIAC (first time in any college) students totalled 1,556 this fall, an increase of 145 from last fall.

According to a press release, several strategies have been put to work by various OU departments in order to obtain enrollment goals.

These strategies include the admissions office's use of more aggressive recruiting tactics.

Each recruiter is assigned to a specific group of high schools, giving them the opportunity to deal with students on a more personal basis, said Robert Johnson, director of admissions.

Johnson said an important contribution to the effectiveness of the recruiting was a computer system, called Exeter Student Marketing.

"It's a database management marketing system," Johnson said.

"It enables us to process students much quicker and pro-

vides us a wealth of demographic information that we've never had on students before," he said.

However, Johnson said OU will remain personable despite the growth in enrollment.

"Our student-faculty ratio is still 19 to one," he said.

The number of new freshmen at OU has noticeably increased this year. Beth Talbert, associate director of admissions, said OU's goal for new freshmen this year was 1,500 students, and 1,548 enrolled.

Talbert also said retention efforts are improving: there are more returning students than in the past.

OU's growing visibility is another factor that can be accredited with increased enrollment.

"OU is becoming better known and we're offering more well-known programs," Talbert said.

The admissions office is also working on attractive new publications to draw students to OU, as well as on promotion through the television ads.

Along with student enrollment, the number of students living in residence halls went up this fall, from 1,000 to 1,132 this year, said Jean Ann Miller, assistant director for student development.

Miller also said recruitment of students living farther away created a greater demand for residence at the university.

Oakland County cost of living ranks ninth in US

By DIANE FRKAN Staff Writer

According to a recent survey released by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA), Oakland County ranks ninth in the nation in high cost of living.

In fact, it is 15.1 percent higher for the fourth quarter of 1996 than the cost of living elsewhere in the United States.

OU was selected as Oakland County's source for this national cost-of-living survey and it gave its results to ACCRA, the organization which collects comparable data from 311 urban cities.

Oakland County was compared to 33 cities with more than 1 million residents.

According to the survey, New York City, Washington D.C. and Boston are the most expensive places to live.

Other high-ranking cities are Philadelphia, San Diego, Los Angeles, New Haven and Hartford, Michigan.

In order to determine an area's cost of living, emphasis was placed on the cost of housing as the most important factor.

Out of the cities participating in the survey, Oakland County housing costs ranked seventh in the nation, 38.2 percent higher than the national

average. In the area surrounding OU, the average rent for a three-bedroom apartment is \$685 a month, according to the data in the Apartment Complex Listing. The data is available to students at the OU housing office.

For example, Oakland Valley Apartments on Walton Blvd. charge \$560 to \$565 for a one-bedroom and \$615-\$665 for a two-bedroom. Beacon Hill Apartments across from OU on Walton Blvd. charge \$980 for a three-bedroom.

If an OU student chooses to live off campus and not at home, the student faces high rent in surrounding apartments.

"I think living in a dorm is better because cost-wise it is more efficient," said Stephanie Morelli, elementary education junior and campus resident.

"Your utilities, rent, food and cable are included, compared to living in an apartment where everything is a separate cost," she said.

Morelli also said she chose to live on campus because she was tired of constant driving and loneliness living at home.

"I do agree that Oakland County has the highest cost of living," said Jill Holthus, junior and elementary education major.

She lives with three others splitting the rent at Beacon Hill

Apartments. "I work 30 hours a week plus go to school, and I still feel like I'm not saving any money," she said.

In Pontiac, the rent fluctuates depending on the apartment complex and the floor a person lives on. Grandville Apartments charges \$480 for one-bedroom, \$585 for a two-bedroom and \$675 for a three-bedroom.

But at Village Park Apartments, formerly known as Knob Hill, the rent is \$525-\$545 for a one-bedroom and \$615-\$630 for a two-bedroom.

Percentages of OU students

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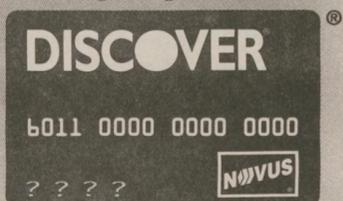
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CAMPUS NEWS

Fast Facts

• According to Kaplan Educational Centers, the GMAT and GRE, the admissions tests for business and graduate school, will soon be offered exclusively on computer.

GRE has already been offered on computer for a while, and computerized GMAT was made available Oct. 11.

So far, neither is a mandatory computer test, but students are already encouraged by Kaplan to get ready for the technological challenges of the future by taking a computer adaptive test, or CAT.

• Graham Health Center will provide immunization services to students and their family members. It will offer hepatitis B shots for \$37 and flu shots for \$8.

The immunization services will be available at the OC on Oct. 22, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 19, 25; and Dec. 2 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. and also on Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5 from 6-7 p.m.

• School of Nursing now offers a master's degree of science in nursing to prepare nurse practitioners.

The program will allow students to complete a 45-credit graduate program.

Applicants to the program should have a minimum of one-year full-time clinical experience, satisfactory GRE scores, a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and higher, and two professional references.

• Pacifica Network News (PNN) airs weekdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on WXOU, 88.3 FM. It started airing last Monday.

PNN programming has a reputation for fair, critical, original and in-depth coverage of Congressional hearings, as well as late-breaking international news.



Car Damaged

A visitor to OU campus reported Sunday that his car was damaged while in the parking lot.

The man told OU Police he parked his car in the lot across from Vandenberg Hall. Around 2 p.m. he observed a woman, his former partner, near the car.

Upon returning to the car, the man reported he saw scratches along the driver and passenger sides. He also said the rear wiper was broken off the back lift gate.

In addition, a threatening message was scratched over the passenger front door, saying "... I know where you are."

The man told police he had a child with the woman, and that she was angry with him because he did not spend Sweetest Day with her.

The cost of damage to the car is unknown.

Sprained Ankle

A woman reported she sprained her ankle on the pavement Oct. 14, walking west from the South Foundation Hall fish bowl area.

The woman told police she turned her ankle because the new and the old cement are not level with each other.

OU presents expert writers

By ERIKA MILLER
Special Writer

Nearly 300 men and women writers laid down their pens and left their computers for two days, to meet on OU's campus last week and listen to some expert advice.

Last Friday and Saturday the 36th Annual Writers' Conference, sponsored jointly for almost 30 years by OU and the Detroit Women Writers group, welcomed various journalists, authors and publishers.

They came from around the country, New York, Ohio, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Rochester and Detroit. They came to exchange ideas, perfect writing skills, and to meet other writers, agents and editors.

The cost varied up to \$135 for two full days of events.

Two OU students were among five student recipients of the Women Writers' Mary Kay Davis Scholarship, which provided them an all-expense-paid award to the conference. Andrea Burmann, junior English major, and Iris Lee Underwood, junior communications major and writer for the "Oxford Leader," were recognized for outstanding achievements at the noon luncheon Saturday.

Manuscript evaluations, both private and group, were offered on Friday by conference speakers and professional writers for a pre-paid fee.

On Saturday, each writer had a choice of several classes among the forty classroom-style lectures given during the day.

Classes were scattered throughout North and South Foundation Halls and the OC.

A variety of topics were presented by 33 prominent speakers including:

• "Independent Film-making," by Michael Steinberg. Steinberg was the winner of national awards and a feature columnist for the "Detroit Free Press."

• "Using Suspense in Fiction," by Sarah Wolf, acclaimed author of interna-

tional thrillers.

• "The Essentials of Preparing a Non-Fiction Book Proposal," by Dawn Davis, editor of Vintage Books.

• "Playwriting," by Suzanne Burr, resident dramatist at the Purple Rose Theatre.

• "What One Editor Looks For," by Lyn Coffin, editor of "Michigan Quarterly Review."

The featured speaker of Saturday's luncheon was Betty Prashker, the executive vice president and editor of the Crown Publishing Group. She is also a former editorial director and associate publisher for Doubleday.

Prashker spoke about the pleasures and problems of publishing today.

"Why are publishers crying the blues?" she asked. "Because they're awash in unsold books. Worthy books are sitting on shelves, while cut and paste ones about Princess Diana are selling."

Despite the unsold books, she said publishing will survive because it is adaptable.

"Books are not ornamental, but fundamental," Prashker said.

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Betty Prashker
Executive vice president
and editor of Crown
Publishing



Bryan Barnett

Plan launched to save students money

It's that time of year again--Halloween, when the most popular shouts around town will be children yelling "Trick or Treat" ("The Lions stink" is usually a close second).

This year Student Congress is getting in the act, but focusing strictly on the "treat" part.

Next, Congress is ready to unveil its next major project that will save you money.

Drum roll please. Ladies and gentlemen, this year's Congress treat--The Postcard Plan!

As you recover from the hype, let me take a minute to explain the Plan to you.

Two bills propose to eliminate the sales tax on required textbooks, 4414, in the House of Representatives, and Bill 237, in the Senate. These bills, if passed, would save students six percent on every textbook purchase.

Therefore, if student spends \$300 on textbooks for the semester, they would save approximately \$20. Multiply this by two semesters, and throughout a four-year college career you can see the savings would quickly be in the hundreds of dollars.

Considering the skyrocketing cost of textbooks, every dollar saved would be extremely beneficial to students. So where does this Congress Postcard Plan come into play? Glad you asked.

I have written a paragraph stating who we are (students at Oakland) and what we want (House Bill 4414 and Senate Bill 237 to pass) and placed it on an OU postcard.

Congress members will be manning tables in the OC asking students to sign their name and address on the postcard.

This is how it will work. You will approach a table and give your zip code. We will have the cards divided up by the specific Senator and Representative for each zip code.

The cards will already be signed and addressed to the legislator of your district--all you have to do is sign it!

Our goal is to get 1000 postcards signed and sent out during the next few weeks and we need your commitment.

The project represents hundreds of hours of planning, preparation and labor on behalf of Student Congress. All we ask for is 15 seconds of your time. We want to show our legislators that OU students are informed and in favor of these bills.

Plus, if we reach our goal, Hemant has supposedly said he will run one of our Monday meetings in a poodle skirt! If that's not motivation, I don't know what is!

Seriously, we are awaiting the return of our postcards and have a table scheduled in the OC Food Court area Monday Oct. 27 through Friday, Oct. 31, from 11-2:00p.m.

We will be in the Fishbowl on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 5-7:00 p.m. and in the Residence Hall Cafeteria on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 5:00-6:30p.m.

If you can help man a table, please call (248) 370-4292.

This is a chance for you to make a difference. Please join with us to make the Postcard Plan a huge success!

Bryan Barnett is Student Congress President.

Eye Institute welcomes new director

By LISA VALENTINE
Staff Writer

Not many students at OU know very much about the research that is done at the Eye Institute, located on the fourth floor of Dodge Hall of Engineering.

But the new Institute Director, Janet Blanks, is aiming to change that.

Blanks took over as director on Aug. 15, 1997, after former director for 22 years, Venkat Reddy, stepped down to return to a position on the faculty research team.

Blanks, who is from North Carolina, began her career in vision research after she had received her teaching certificate in biology.

"I needed a summer job," she said, "and worked as a neurochemist technician in a vision research lab in a V.A. Hospital in L.A."

Blanks said she liked the work so much that after her first year of teaching, she went to graduate school. She received her Ph.D. in anatomy from University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

She said she then took a fellowship at the Eye Institute at UCLA for a year.

From there, she went to the Planck Institute in Frankfurt, Germany, where she worked with brain research for two years.

She then spent two years in a fellowship program at Harvard Medical School.

After her fellowship at Harvard, Blanks said she went to the department of ophthalmology at USC, where she spent the past 19 years, prior to her appointment as director, doing vision research.

She said her area of expertise is inherited retinal degeneration.



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HARD AT WORK: The Eye Research Institute is under the new direction. The Institute is located on the fourth floor of Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Frank Giblin, associate director of the institute, said there were 10 applicants from such places as England, Canada and the United States. Four of these were invited to come for an interview at the institute.

"Dr. Blanks ranked very high among the four," Giblin said. "She interviewed very well and she showed a

lot of enthusiasm and charisma."

"They (physicians at Beaumont hospital) were very high on her and the work she does," Giblin said.

Giblin also stressed the fact that the new director must be involved in the community.

He said they wanted Reddy's

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Senate meeting raises campus concern

By TANIA PREPOLEC
Special Writer

Faculty and student concerns were voiced at the first University Senate meeting last Thursday, as faculty and students asked for more representation and higher involvement with OU's improvement and changes.

Michael Riley, professor at the Eye Research Institute, questioned the lack of faculty and student involvement in the Strategic Initiative plan.

The plan, called Creating the Future, consists of nine departmental task forces involving community leaders and university officials. The task forces will suggest ways to improve OU.

Regarding campus publications, Riley said, "The reporting so far gives no apparent indication that faculty or students will be involved."

Riley said this disregard for faculty and students was a sad commentary on groups' importance. "(But) I trust that sooner or later, faculty and staff will be included in this worthwhile process," he said.

Mary Otto, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, said that her school has recommended a discussion

of participation of part-time OU faculty in the task force.

"We want feedback," said Dean of Nursing Justine Speer. "If the (class teaching) changes, the research (at OU) changes... This is a team effort," she said.

Hemant Mahamwal, Congress vice president, addressed the make-up of Division I committee.

Mahamwal requested equal student and faculty representation in the student athletic committee.

This committee was formed in response to the implementation of Division I AAA athletics last February, with a purpose to advise athletic departments, Mahamwal said.

Currently the faculty to student ratio on the committee is four to two. Raising the student ratio to four would be worthwhile, "because the decision to move to Division I AAA athletics was student related," Mahamwal said.

The Senate's response was that of silence. "We are very frustrated with today's result," said Congress President Bryan Barnett. "Our plea fell on deaf ears."

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Bryan Barnett
Student Congress President

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Wrecklessness accepted, responsibility ignored

Campus parties are always an option for students looking for fun on a Friday or Saturday night. You can go into almost any residence hall and find 50 people packed into two small rooms.

There is often alcohol and drugs.

There is also a lack of responsibility.

Many times students leave the parties, having had too much to drink. With no pause to consider their physical condition, they whip the keys out of their back pocket and climb into their cars.

We all know the effects of drunken driving. We all know how drugs impair mental and physical faculties. But too many seem to have a complete disregard for safety and lives.

This past weekend, a three-car collision on Walton Boulevard involved OU students, killing one who was riding in a back seat. Police said alcohol most likely contributed to the accident.

One driver was arrested and charged. If found guilty, they could face up to 15 years in prison -- a hard lesson to learn. But still inconsequential in comparison to a lost life.

Unfortunately, drunken driving isn't the only other crime committed while under the influence.

A few weeks ago, a criminal sexual conduct was reported on campus. Both the woman and the man told police they were drinking at a party that night.

Though the man admitted to touching the woman without her consent, she still refused to prosecute.

The report didn't seem to shock campus police.

They say alcohol, age of the students and sexual curiosity almost make a prescription for CSCs.

It's as if some students feel they are super-human. Many don't think they will get caught. And if they do, alcohol becomes the excuse.

But no one forced them to drink. And they knew the consequences before they took the first sip.

Alcohol isn't a "bad" thing. But like all indulgences, it should be in moderation. And if excess drinking occurs, be intelligent enough to stay put.

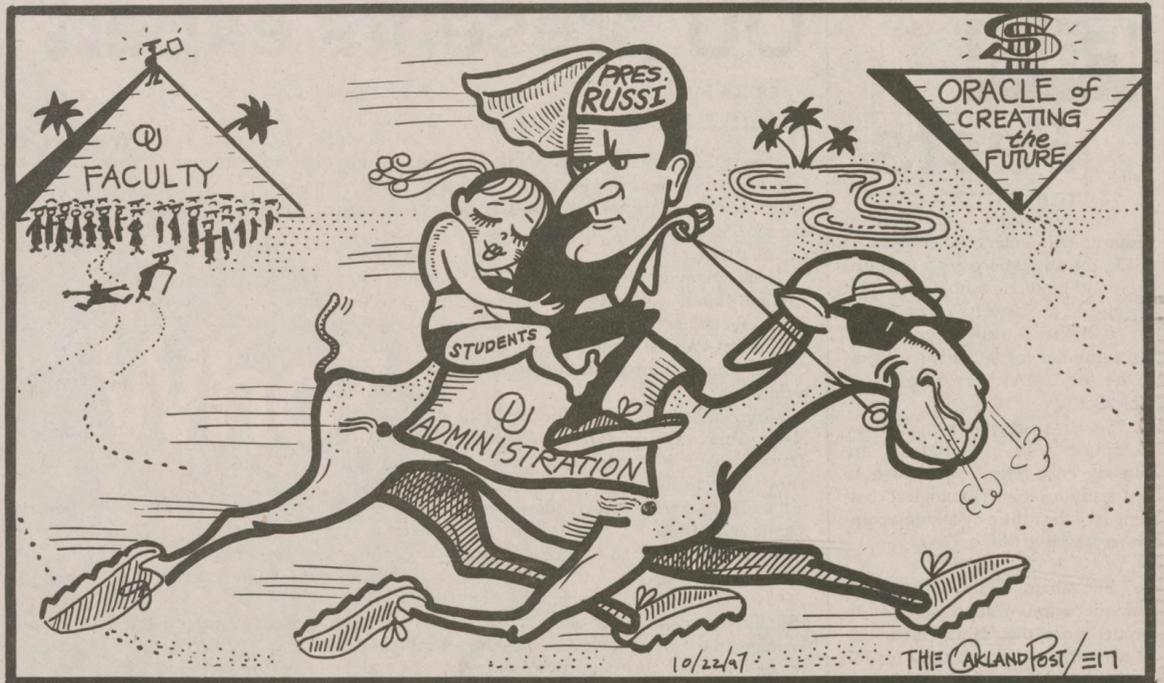
It's easy to blame others for our problems. It's easy to say "I was drunk. I didn't know what was going on."

But if you can't be aware enough of your surroundings, you have no right to take your drunkenness on the road. There is also no excuse for acting on impulses you know are wrong.

The average age of all OU college students last year was 26. But still we act like we're immature junior high students who are willing to find someone or something else to blame for our mistakes.

It's time for us to grow up.

OPINION



Drinking survey unfounded due to unfair tactics

WASHINGTON—Ask a handful of college students hanging out at the student union whether they're having fun being away from home for the first time, enjoying their first real experience of adult independence, and the answer you're likely to get is a resounding "you bet!"

But does that make these kids "party animals?" The "Princeton Review" seems to think so.

By naming a college or university "Top Party School," the New York-based company that publishes guides for college-bound high school seniors, makes an annual ritual of smearing entire student bodies based on dubious surveys of as few as 100 students.

This year's "winner" is West Virginia University, an institution already thoroughly abused because it's often perceived as being in the heart of Appalachia and a bit backwoods. The tired redneck jokes notwithstanding, West Virginia's historic Morgantown campus is hardly a den of sodden drunks or uncultured yahoos.

In fact, the school ranks sixth among all public state universities in numbers of Rhodes Scholars, and it consistently has produced some of the nation's top doctors, journalists, engineers and business leaders. West Virginia and other universities are tarred by the "party school" designation, just because of the timing of the survey and the small

number of students interviewed.

"I personally would not like to go to a job interview and have them say, 'I see your school was ranked the No. 1 party school,'" said WVU student body president Rachel Welsh, who won on an alcohol-free platform.

It's grossly unfair perhaps even bordering on libel to create such an impression as flimsy as that collected by Princeton. If the list represents the quality of the Princeton Review's other collegiate surveys, parents and students might think twice before acting on any of the company's recommendations.

Eric Peters is a Washington journalist and a 1989 graduate of George Mason University.

Letters to the Editor

Banning together for democracy

Dear Editor,

What follows is an open letter from the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), a national organization with two branches so far—the University of California—Berkeley, and the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor.

On Oct. 27, Jesse Jackson is calling a march in Sacramento, Calif., to rally forces in defense of Affirmative Action.

This march will take place at a time when the Supreme Court is deciding whether or not to rule on the constitutionality of Proposition 209 in California.

In addition, UC Berkeley students are organizing during the month of October to force the UC regents to rescind their decision

to eliminate Affirmative Action from undergraduate admissions at Berkeley.

Despite the demagoguery of the opponents of Affirmative Action, the elimination of these programs will result in a resegregation of higher education.

The elimination of Affirmative Action in graduate admissions in the UC system and in all admissions at the University of Texas has led to a dramatic drop in the numbers of black and Latino students in this year's incoming classes.

The anti-Affirmative Action forces—the wealthy, powerful right wing politicians and corporations have a two-pronged strategy.

They intend to flood courts all over the country with suits against Affirmative Action, and

at the same time they have introduced anti-Affirmative Action legislation similar to Prop 209 in more than 20 states.

They want to win swift and widespread legal and political victories, because they know that the longer the attacks on Affirmative Action are drawn out, the more likely it will be that the overwhelming majority, who are opposed to racist and sexist inequality and segregation will organize to defeat these attacks.

Affirmative Action is under attack nationally, and we must build a national movement to defend it, and to fight for real equality and democracy.

We call on you, all student organizations, high school organizations, community colleges, state universities, unions, black, Latino, and other minority orga-

nizations, anti-racist groups and activists, women's rights groups, lesbian/gay organizations and all others who are for the defense of Affirmative Action to organize marches and demonstrations as part of a national day of action.

Please contact BAMN at bamn@umich.edu or call (313) 730-3577 to coordinate our actions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Curtin
 Coalition to Defend
 Affirmative Action By Any
 Means Necessary (BAMN)
 member
 Senior
 University of Michigan

Dear Editor,

OU Last Again

I am curious. In the Oct. 11 "Detroit Free Press," there was a listing of the projects in higher education that would benefit from the raising of the state's bonding cap.

Guess what place Oakland had the distinction of having?

You got it — of the 15 public universities, Oakland was DEAD LAST.

Our cost of \$17.5 million was at the bottom of the heap.

Is this the result of all of our lobbying efforts — to come in last?

We probably could have achieved the same result by staying home.

I thought our building space per full-time equated student was one of the lowest in the state, if not the lowest.

Is this the way our needs get rewarded?

I seem to recall Oakland recently hired an individual who was supposed to be devoting a significant portion of her

time to lobbying.

Why were we not informed of the amounts that the state was apparently willing to approve?

Certainly our institutional needs could always support more classroom and office space.

If these are the results we are getting, it's a rather poor return on investment.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Horwitz
 Professor of Finance

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the Oct. 15 edition, James McKay was not a source used in the faculty contract story. The source was David Jaymes.

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STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS ARE INVITED TO:

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Completed applications are to be delivered to: 520 O'Dowd Hall by noon on Wednesday, November 19, 1997. These applications require endorsement by a full-time member of the OU faculty.

An application packet can be obtained from: The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, 520 O'Dowd Hall.

Cost

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living at these apartments were unknown, but according to the manager at Grandville, about 15 percent of residents attend OU.

Despite Oakland County's high cost, all of the apartments offered free heat, water and gas.

This is because Oakland County utilities cost less than those in other areas.

But health care is 20 percent higher and groceries cost over 10 percent more than the national average, the study concluded.

The county survey used a "market basket" of 59 goods and services. Miscellaneous items, such as restaurant bills, appli-

ance and auto repair, entertainment, clothing and beauty care were also considered.

Items like cigarettes at \$22.14 per carton compare to the national cost of \$16.70. Also, a man's haircut costs \$12.19, versus \$8.50 for the national average.

Also, the cost of \$29.95 for a women's cut with shampoo and

blow-dry compares to national \$20.43.

The goal of the survey was to give an accurate measure of a "market basket" of consumer goods and services in six categories. The goods and services were transportation, housing, utilities, health care, grocery and other miscellaneous goods and services.

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Cabinet Corner
On behalf of the Executive Cabinet we would like the Oakland University Community to know that we are a resource that can be used at **any time**. We believe that with your input and participation, we will continue to meet all of your needs.

Legislator's Landmark
We, the Oakland University Student Congress Representatives, would like to express our overall commitment to serve. We are **indeed** dedicated to fulfilling the needs of the **student** body. We wish that you continue to **have faith** in us as we move forward on your behalf.
Thank you.

Thanks

Special thanks to those who attended the OUSC Town Meeting on 10/20/97. Although it was an experimental event, the feedback we received was inspiring and useful.

We were quite pleased to receive the positive accolades. However, if there is anything that we can do to serve you better, please don't hesitate to call, drop a line, or stop by to smack some sense into us. Hope to hear from you soon.

Oakland University Student Congress

The Oakland University Student Congress strives to represent the student body and increase pride and unity on our campus. Through dynamic leadership, a commitment to diversity and an ongoing devotion to improve the quality of university life, we aim to meet the needs and concerns of our fellow students. We encourage students to voice their ideas and provide feedback to help us create the best possible "Oakland experience".

Mission Statement

Message from the Pres.
Oakland University Student Congress is proud to present our mission statement for the 1997-98 term. As you may have noticed our goal encompasses several facets of Oakland community life. As with most missions they can only be achieved through interaction. Thus, we offer a challenge to you the student body. If you feel that we are not or have not made an effort to achieve our goal, please bring it to our attention. We are always open to suggestions that will help us to improve and become the liaison that you can depend on. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,
Bryan Barnett
Student Body President

FURTHERMORE...
In addition to the introduction of our mission statement, we are also pleased to launch the campus-wide "Post Card Plan." Although we have achieved success with the tuition appropriation, we have designed a plan to save Oakland University students more money. Tune in to the article on page 3 for more information.

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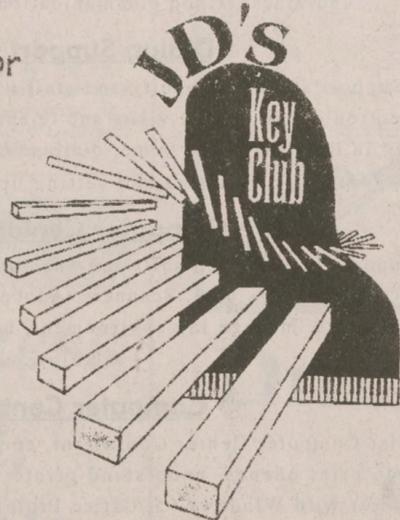
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Nominations are now being accepted for the 1997 Sidney Fink Memorial Awards. The Sidney Fink Award recognizes students who have worked to enhance and improve race relations on Oakland University's campus. A stipend of \$100 is presented to each recipient.

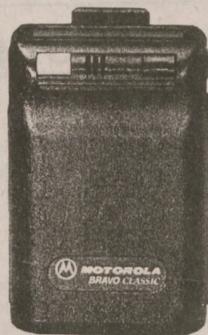
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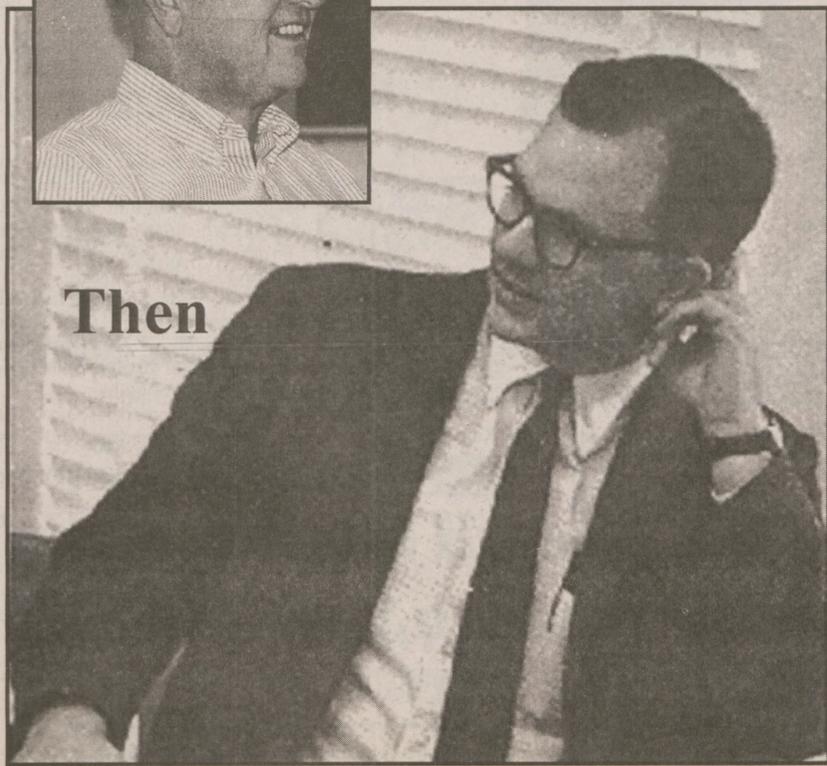


FEATURES

Now



Reliving the '60s



Then



REMINSICING: (Top Left) History professor Jack Barnard in one of his classes. He has worked at OU for 33 years. (Left) Barnard in a 1967 photo. He came to OU in 1964. (Above) Graduate students discuss topics in Barnard's HST 610 class, which examines the 1960s. HST 610 is Barnard's last class as a full-time faculty member because he plans on ending his three decades at OU in December.

Post Photo/Damon Brown (Top), Photo Courtesy/Kresge Library



Andrea Nobile

Food service needs healthier selection

As an OU residence hall student, I depend on campus facilities for my meals, and the food selections available are not meeting my needs.

During the summer, I made a lifestyle change. I vowed to eat healthier and lose weight.

But there's one problem. Out of nine food stations in the Pioneer Court, the only healthy option is DC Subs.

Some students might think Meadow Brook Farms and Center Stage are healthy choices. However, using my knowledge from a nutrition class, a book on food content, and information from Pioneer Court cooks, I found these foods to be high in fat and calories.

After weeks of monotony filled with turkey sandwiches and the occasional fruit salad, I turned to the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Monday, I have pasta marinara. Tuesday, I have pasta marinara. Wednesday, I have pasta marinara. Thursday, well, you get the idea.

Every day, all day, the vegetarian area offers rice, steamed veggies, and boiled lentils along with turkey sandwiches at the deli corner. This is the majority of the health food supplied.

After repeated complaints to ARAMARK about the limited healthy food, I realized managers care about their patrons' concerns. But their limited knowledge of health food is still present.

For example, the cafeteria recently held a special '50s night dinner, serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and watermelon. Can you guess what I had for dinner?

Watermelon as an entire meal. So, I took my complaint to ARAMARK.

An ARAMARK manager kindly told me they weren't offering healthy foods tonight.

I explained to her, there's a day to day absence of healthy options.

"Our workers are not fully informed of proper health guidelines," she said.

The manager, also, said they have hired an experienced cook to redesign health options in Vandenberg Hall.

I believed her, until she offered me a fried vegetarian burger. "The dining center doesn't have a broiler," she said.

One week later, the "health line" presented pasta marinara (wow, never tried that before), rice, lentils, and fried egg rolls. The menu outside the dining center denoted egg rolls as a "healthy option," lower in fat and calories.

Vegetarian food does not equal healthy food. (So much for redesigned nutrition.)

Wednesday was "Premium Night" at the dorms. The menu consisted of fried steak, butter-soaked shrimp, and vegetarian pasta with creamy alfredo sauce.

Again, vegetarian food does not equal healthy food.

I have given up on the campus food service. I spend \$50 weekly on groceries, because my prepaid campus meal plan doesn't satisfy my lifestyle goal.

Many foods, like broiled turkey, grilled chicken, and herb sauces, are delicious and nutritious. ARAMARK needs to take advantage of these foods to please health-conscious patrons.

I have made a lifestyle promise, ARAMARK. Please help me keep it.

Junior Andrea Nobile is a journalism major and an OAKLAND POST staff writer.

History class studies a turbulent period

Longtime professor leaving OU

By LISA MUMMA
Staff Writer

An OU professor and specialist in American labor history will soon be spending more time in the library.

Jack Barnard, professor of history, will retire at the end of this year after a 33 year tenure.

He began his teaching career at Ohio State University in 1960 and stayed four years before coming to OU's history department.

Acting History Department Chair Carl Osthaus said Barnard's contributions are many.

"He's a very well regarded historian. He's anchored (the history department) for many, many years," he said.

"He realizes what is important in the department," said Osthaus.

He was president of the faculty union from 1987 - 1989, and was history department chair for many years.

Although Barnard no longer plans to teach, he will be busy continuing his research project, a "substantial historical narrative" on the United Auto Workers.

Osthaus said Barnard will be missed.

"We have people (in the department) who will do fine, but when you lose someone who has been making contributions for over 30 years, you are bound to miss the individual," he said.

American history graduate student Sherrlene Snyder, who is taking his HST 610 class, said she will miss him.

"The institution is losing a good professor. I hope he teaches part-time after his retirement," she said.

Barnard is the author of numerous reviews, articles and books, most famously a biography on Walter Reuther.

Barnard will be the keynote speaker at the OU Department of History's Autumn Lecture on Nov. 6. The topic will be racial issues of the United Auto Workers.

By LISA MUMMA
Staff Writer

There's a new history class this semester. Can you dig it? Bell bottoms and butterfly collars are not required, though preferred.

Seven American history graduate students have gotten in the way-back machine with History Professor Jack Barnard to examine the '60s. Barnard's new class, "HST 610: 20th Century U.S. Colloquium in History," is an in-depth study of the decade of peace and war in America.

"It's a class he has always wanted to teach.

"This (class) is something I've been thinking about since the 1960s, in a way," Barnard said.

The class is organized more like a big discussion session, with the small group surrounding a table.

They talk about topics varying from aspects of the Vietnam War to Social Security.

"It's a very good class, a good group of people, and a good professor. I couldn't ask for more," Barnard said.

The class is required to do a semester project about a major event in the 1960s.

Graduate student Sherrlene Snyder said she's doing hers on McDonald's.

"It will be literally an economic history, on why McDonald's succeeded while other companies fell to the wayside," she said.

Snyder said open-mindedness can't be found with every professor.

"Things happened too rapidly in the '60s, and it was hard for Americans to absorb it all."

"Barnard has been very kind and very helpful. Not everyone would see the concept," she said.

Barnard said he found the '60s fascinating.

"I was an adult living through that era and I think I recognized immediately that this was a time of historical significance, and at some point, it would be interesting to go back," he said.

The students seem to also enjoy looking at the '60s, as all of them lived through the era.

"It's fun to go back and remember things like the '60s conventional wisdom that are now myths. They appear to be so different from what I remember," said graduate student Garry Gilbert.

The class is one of the many history department colloquiums, which features a specific era or event in history for the semester. In the past, events like the Vietnam War and the Great Depression have been covered.

Jack Barnard
History Professor

The 1960s in particular were a great time and a hard time, said Barnard.

"There was a kind of frantic pace to the events in the 1960s," he said.

"Things happened too rapidly, I think, and it was hard for Americans to absorb what was happening to be able to figure it out and make sense of it. It was confusing, almost overwhelming at times," said Barnard.

Graduate student Linda Wright said the class has helped her understand the '60s better.

"I'm fascinated by this time in history," she said. "The '60s are intimidating and fascinating at the same time. Dr. Barnard helps make sense of it all."

Faculty recalls revolutionary time

Professors see the '60s as more than just hippies and the Vietnam War.

The consciousness of the whole generation was different, particularly students, said retired "Detroit Free Press" Publisher Neal Shine, professor of journalism.

"The young people of the '60s were a lot more socially aware," said Shine.

"Students of the '90s seem more concerned with themselves than what is going on around them," he said.

Psychology Professor Harvey Burdick agrees.

"The students were much more

active. Students are very different today. Today, students are relatively passive," said Burdick.

Professor of English Brian Murphy said he saw the '60s as a society divided by a phenomenal generation gap.

As in an old western duel, it was the kids against their elders, said Murphy.

"The '60s taught us to question our government rather than accept everything they told us," said Professor of Communications Gene Fogel.

On the down side, he said the '60s were filled with much extremism.

Among the notable events in the '60s were the Vietnam War, Woodstock, and the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Kennedy's assassination disturbed Computer Science Professor Roger Mack.

"Kennedy's assassination put me in a state of dismay and disbelief. I could not believe something so terrible happened to such a great man," said Mack.

Also what disturbed people was the Vietnam War, said Biology professor George Gamboa.

"One of the worst parts of the

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OU EVENTS

TIFFANY LECTURE AND DESSERT, 7 p.m. Friday, Meadow Brook Hall. Call (248) 370-3140.

WOMEN'S SINGLES--"PERSONALITY" AND "MY LEFT BREAST," 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

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STEVE WINWOOD, 8 p.m. Thursday, Royal Oakland Music Theatre. Call (248) 645-6666.

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"HARVEY," 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, The Bonstelle Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.

"THREE TALL WOMEN," 6 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 377-3300.

FILM

BREW & VIEW MOVIE--"IN THE COMPANY OF MEN," 9:30 p.m. today, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

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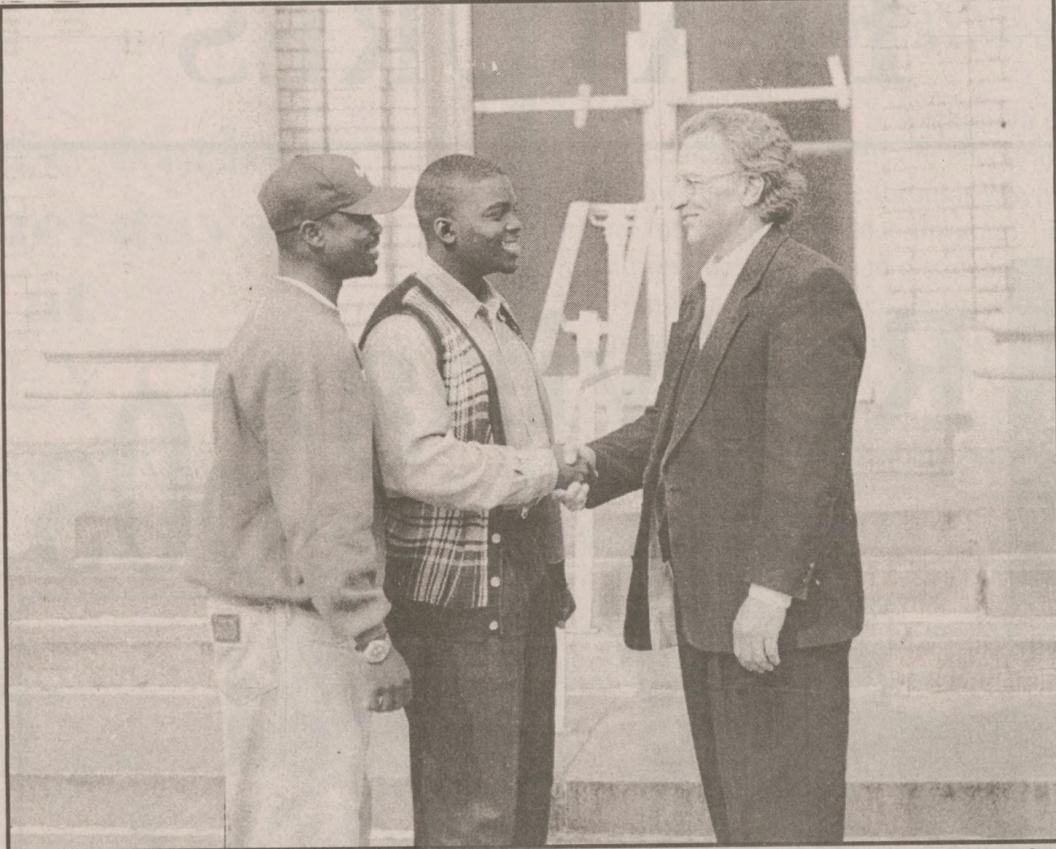
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Fraternity aids community

By LAURA SCHILDT
Assistant Feature Editor



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WORKING TOGETHER: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity member John Afful shakes hands with Pastor Kent Clark, Pontiac Rescue Mission C.E.O., as Fraternity President Greg Sharp looks on. Phi Beta Sigma raised money and clothes for the mission, which helps the homeless.

Today, many homeless children and their mothers have warm clothes covering their bodies, thanks to the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

"I think we get wrapped up in our lives, and there are people who need our help," said senior Greg Sharp Jr., president of OU's Phi Beta Sigma chapter.

In September, the fraternity collected 35 bags of clothing, four bags of food and raised \$113.53 for the Pontiac Rescue Mission, a Christian, non-profit organization helping the homeless.

Pastor Kent Clark, the Mission's chief executive officer, said the fraternity was truly involved in their plan to help others.

"It was a wonderful and great experience. The amount of clothing and money donated was a tremendous pleasure," said Clark, who has been with the Mission for seven years.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities nationwide are required to participate in their September program called "Social Action" which encourages its members to reach-out to surrounding communities and help the homeless.

Every Friday in September, the fraternity set up a table in the OC to collect donations and inform people about the Pontiac Rescue Mission, which receives no government funding.

Sharp, a human resource development and nursing major, said the seven

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Empowering women Two plays examine self-acceptance

By LISA MUMMA
Staff Writer

This weekend, the music, theatre and dance department will look at the challenges of modern womanhood.

Two plays, "My Left Breast" and "Personality," will be presented back-to-back in Varner Recital Hall Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

"My Left Breast" is an autobiographical drama of playwright Susan Miller.

The play is about Miller's struggle to accept her mastectomy, a result of breast cancer.

For the first time onstage by an actor other than Miller, associate professor of theatre Karen Sheridan will direct the play.

"My Left Breast" is an empowering play. It's going to travel with the audience," she said.

Carolyn Gillespie, University of Michigan-Flint theatre department chair, depicts Miller as she narrates

her story.

An unusual spin on things is that this performance will be a double feature with the play "Personality," in which Gillespie will direct and Sheridan will act.

"Personality," by Ellen Ratner and Gina Wendkos, is a comedy looking at a thirty-something woman's search for self-identity.

In the play, Sheridan plays a lady who searches for a self-image acceptable to herself and to her overly-intrusive Jewish mother.

"Both pieces are self-affirming, yet searching. They are also very human," said Sheridan.

October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a portion of the proceeds from the performances will benefit the Breast Care Center at William Beaumont Hospital.

"My Left Breast" and "Personality" contain adult situations and language, said Sheridan, so audiences be aware.

"My Left Breast" is an empowering play. It's going to travel with the audience."

Karen Sheridan
Director of "My Left Breast"
Actor of "Personality"

Speech studies Mary's place in Catholicism

By BERNADETTE NAJOR
Special Writer

The topic of Mary, mother of Jesus, being viewed as more of a saint and less of a human is pretty hot these days.

This topic has graced Vatican newspapers, and even was the Aug. 25 "Newsweek" cover story. The controversy comes from Mary traditionally being considered only Jesus' mother.

The OU Catholic group Marian Cenacle will examine this topic at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28, in the Oakland Room.

In their speech, "Why Mary is Coredeptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate," the group will argue that Mary should be viewed with more significance than being just Jesus' mother, said President Mark Karam.

He said Mary has not been given proper credit in Catholicism.

Father Chip Farrar of Pontiac's St. Vincent DePaul church will be speaking about the topic.

"Mary is very important to many but not everyone understands our devotion to her," he said.

He said one of the reasons Farrar was selected was because of his energy. "Father Chip (Farrar) is a young, charismatic speaker," said Karam.

Farrar was ordained as a priest in May at Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary.



Post Photo/Mary Casey

HAIL MARY: Groups like the Marian Cenacle are questioning Mary's place in Catholicism.

He said he promises to educate participants on Mary's role in the church.

Students, like Intervarsity Christian Fellowship worship leader Matt Leonard, said they did not agree with the theory, but will attend the speech.

"I want to see where they're coming from," said the communications junior.

Senior Jaime Krupsky, electrical engineering major and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship member, said she is interested in attending, too.

"I'd like to see what they based their beliefs on," she said.

THE REEL DEAL

A miracle could not save "Playing God"

By GABE GAZOUL
Staff Writer

"Playing God," the new movie featuring "X-Files" star David Duchovny, is awarded the low honor of one of the worst movies made this year, ranking with such cinematic flops as "Spawn" and "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

This is no easy feat. To find such a position, a motion picture must lack all originality, have the momentum of a snail stapled to the floor, hold absolutely no precepts of any logic, and have a plot as thin as the paper it is written on.

"Playing God" exceeds all of these. The movie's premise begins with Dr. Eugene Sands (Duchovny) as a surgeon who lost his license for being high on amphetamines during an operation. His life continues on the downward spiral until someone randomly gets shot in front of him.

He saves the man by performing surgery with a kitchen knife, a coat hanger, and a water bottle. (Really, that's all you need to fix a couple of bullets in the chest cavity.)

As reward for saving his friend,

"Playing God"

Be afraid, be very afraid

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mobster Raymond Blossom (Timothy Hutton) kidnaps Sands to be his personal doctor and cure all of his henchmen when they are similarly made into Swiss cheese with a revolver.

The rest is unoriginal: Eugene gets caught up in the "web of crime" surrounding him, faces federal agents (who show as much intelligence as garden tools), and finds his "true self."

Not only is the plot completely contrived, but the cinematography is atrocious. There are set pieces from the '90s, with clothes from the '70s, in cars from the '50s. The inconsistency is tremendous.

The editing isn't much better. In one scene when Blossom and Sands are talking, the shot of Blossom shows his cigarette half smoked. When the film cuts to Sands, and then back to Blossom (not but two seconds later), the cigarette is complete. It isn't even lit!

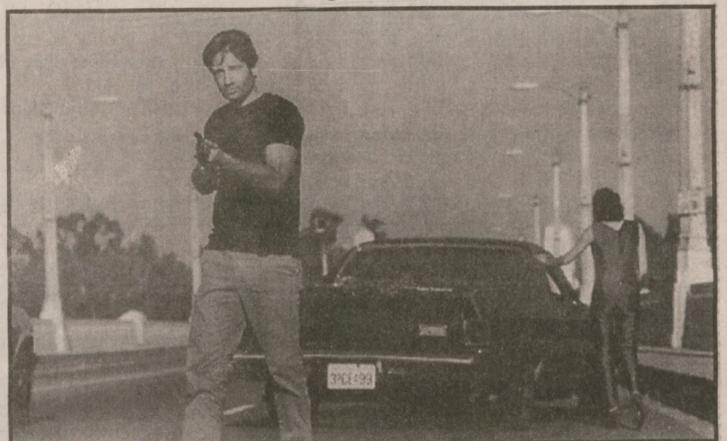


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FIGHTING THE MOB: David Duchovny and Angelina Jolie fight back against the mob in "Playing God." It is playing at theatres everywhere.

Oh, I forgot the love interest. Angelina Jolie, who plays the mobster's girlfriend, falls in love with (surprise!) Sands. Jolie serves no other purpose but to pout her lips, act sassy, and have at least one bra shot.

If this is the film marking

Duchovny's return to motion pictures, then I fear for the future of his career in the movies.

Even God couldn't play that game and win.

Fraternity

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fraternity members worked hard to help.

Sharp got the idea by looking at the fraternity's records.

In 1991-92, the fraternity had a party to raise funds for the Rescue Mission. There is no record of the funds, however.

This year's donation went to

renovating an old Pontiac church, recently bought by the Rescue Mission to shelter homeless mothers and their children.

The Pontiac Rescue Mission is the oldest and largest mission in Oakland County. It serves 100,000 meals annually. Its 150 beds are filled almost every night.

The fraternity will continue to accept donations for the Mission throughout the year.

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- October 22- Student Organization Advisor Workshop 3p.m. in the Faculty Lounge
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• Fall semester campus recruiting continues at Placement and Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250). Employers recruiting during the week of October 27 include: Chrysler (Human Resources), Premier Farnell, KPMG Peat Marwick, Old Kent Bank, Siemens ElectroCom, Creative Solutions, General Dynamics, CCC, D&N Bank, Republic Bancorp Mortgage, CompuServe and Consolidated Industries. Students must be registered with the Professional Placement to participate.

• SENIORS SET YOUR SAILS, a program sponsored by the Placement and Career Services office in September, involved 993 students.

"Real World" Workshops	51
Career Fair	325
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Congratulations to all those who participated in making this event a success.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Nominations/applications are being accepted for the Keeper of the Dream Award which recognizes students who have demonstrated strong citizenship and leadership in dealing with inter-racial issues. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. **The deadline for applications is Oct. 30, 1997.**

• Nominations are being accepted for the Sidney Fink Memorial Award. The award recognizes students who on an interpersonal and programmatic level have worked to promote positive race relations on campus. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. **The deadline for applications is Oct. 30, 1997.**

• The 10th annual Fall Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) will take place on Friday, Nov. 14, 1997 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at Burton Manor in Livonia. More than 165 employers are already scheduled to participate. Open to graduating students (undergraduate and graduate levels) and to alumni seeking entry-level positions. Interest in most majors, with the exception of medicine, law and education. \$10 advance registration fee (\$20 at the door). Parking is free! **Registration brochure and current list of participating employers is available at Placement and Career Services (reception desk).** This is a twice annual event (Spring 1998 MCJF will be held in March).

Faculty

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'60s was the anguish of the very divisive Vietnam War. I thought

about leaving for Canada (because) the war was a waste of people and resources," he said. English Professor Jane Eberwein said she was particularly disturbed by the violence and the drug use of the time.

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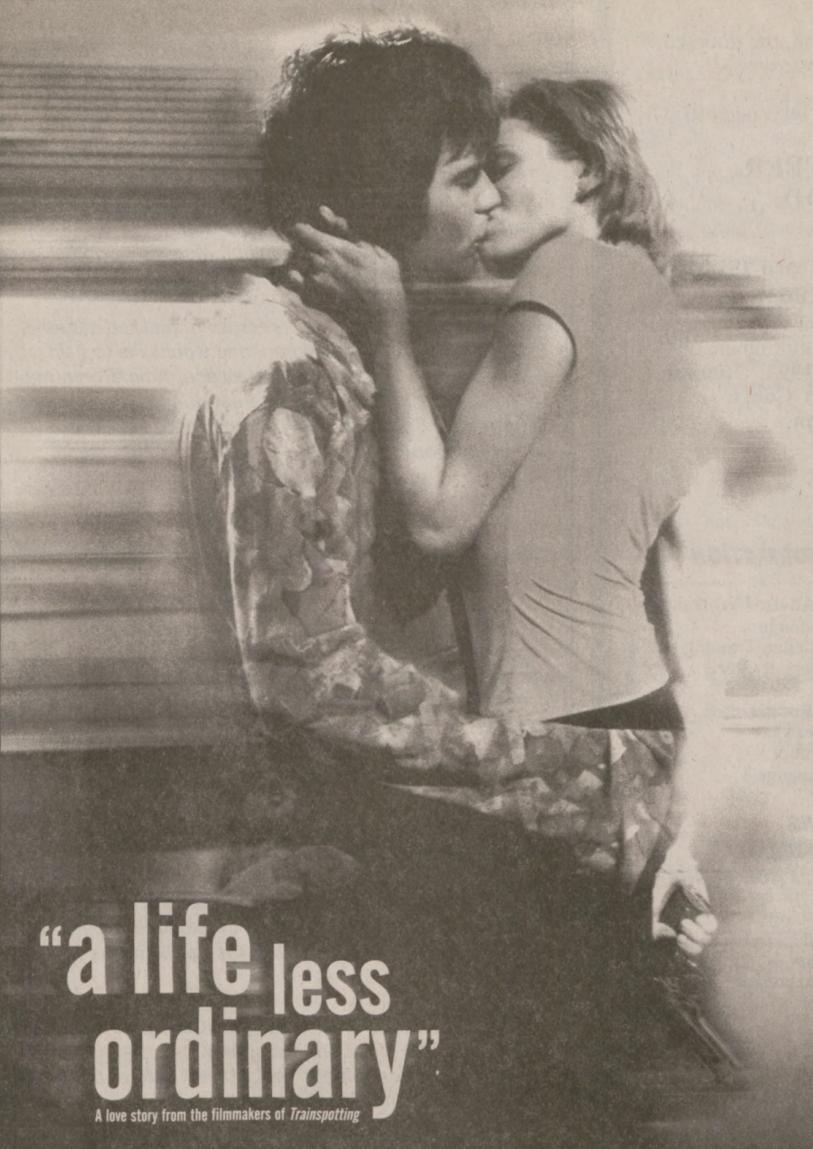
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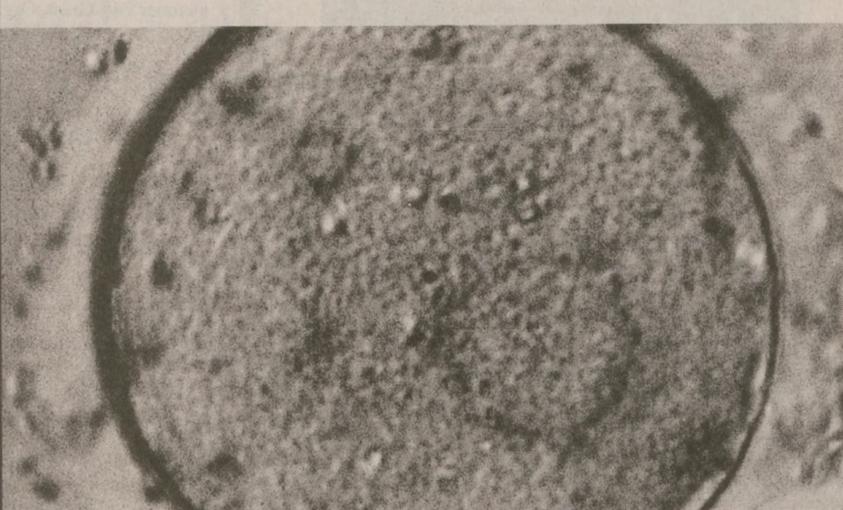
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BREAKING THROUGH: The Pioneer Men's and Women's Swim teams looks to capture OU's first Division 1-AAA championship this season in the NIC.

By **KELLI PETROVE**
Staff Writer

The Women's Swim team has dominated Division II for years spending the past six in the first two slots.

The move to Division I-AAA will present the Pioneers with fierce competition, that will bring out even more strength in the women.

While the team goals and aspirations will remain the same as they were in the past, the competition they will face on the way will be much stronger.

"The fact that we aren't competing for a Division II championship will not change our focus," said Swim Coach Tracy Huth.

"Our main goal will remain trying to reach optimal performance," he added.

Without the chance for a national championship the women have not been under as much pressure as they have in past years.

This year's main priority has been developing strength, and intense train-

ing. At this point in the season the swimmers would already be thinking about qualifying times for Nationals.

The team continues to be hard-working and occasionally practices twice a day.

The Pioneers are a very solid team with strengths distributed throughout.

However, the event that will probably stand out the most this season will be the mid-distance freestyle.

The women do not have a strong 200 IM swimmer, which may hurt the team. Currently they are trying to develop a swimmer for that position.

The women swam at the Pioneer Fall Classic on Saturday.

Although the meet

did not produce a team score, individually the women were very strong. They placed swimmers in the top five in each event.

After graduating 10 All-Americans the Men's Swim team has a lot of hard work ahead of them.

"We lost a lot of experience and leadership," Swim Coach Peter Hovland said.

"However, the team will not let this setback affect them."

This change will open up many leadership positions that will be filled by the new and

returning team members.

Because they are not able to compete for or even defend their championship, they are focusing on strength building for the National Independent Conference.

"The team is experiencing growing pains," Hovland said, "but they are training as hard as ever."

The move also damaged the team's recruiting process.

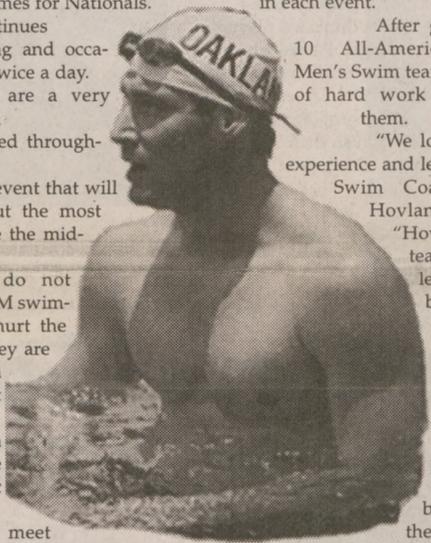
In the past, swimmers were drawn to OU because they knew that they could swim for a championship program. Now that benefit is gone.

The men have been training seriously for about six weeks now.

The first break in the training process came on Saturday when the men swam at the Pioneer Fall Classic.

The men had first place finishes in all but three of the races, and finished other swimmers' in the top five in every event.

The swimmers first meet will be at the Bowling Green Relays Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.



WOMEN'S SWIMMING FAST FACTS

1990	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
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1991	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
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1993	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
	1ST	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS D-II
1994	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
	1ST	NATIONAL CHAMPIONS D-II
1995	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
	2ND	NATIONAL RUNNERS UP D-II
1996	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
	2ND	NATIONAL RUNNERS UP D-II

MEN'S SWIMMING FAST FACTS

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	2ND	NATIONAL RUNNERS UP D-II
1992	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
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1993	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
		NATIONAL RUNNERS UP D-II
1994	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
		NATIONAL CHAMPIONS D-II
1995	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
		NATIONAL CHAMPIONS D-II
1996	1ST	GLIAC CHAMPIONS
		NATIONAL CHAMPIONS D-II

Soccer splits SMC, EMU

By **JEFF SHELTON**
Sports Editor

The Men's Soccer team felt the sting of losing for the first time this season against Eastern Michigan, after its dismantling of St. Mary's College.

OU kept the win streak rolling last week, when the Pioneers had no problems beating SMC 4-0.

Freshman forward John Matalavy got the Pioneers on the board first at 29:06 from sophomore forward Mike Bartles.

Less than 10 minutes later, Bartles scored an unassisted goal at 37:10, giving OU a two goal cushion heading into the half.

Junior midfielder Rob Wisser continued the OU scoring ritual, as he scored at 62:07 from junior midfielder Iain Macdonald.

OU's Bartles finished off the scoring frenzy with his second unassisted goal of the game at 66:55.

Goalkeepers, senior Amir Tal and sophomore Tony Randazzo, combined for the shutout.

The reality of playing with the big boys struck when Eastern Michigan University hosted OU last weekend.

EMU shut out the potent OU offense 3-0, in a game that showcased future D-I rivals.

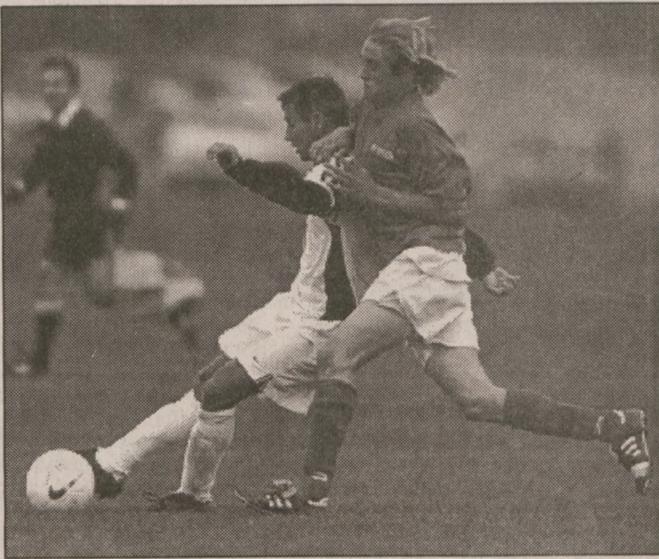
The Pioneers fell behind early in the first half, as EMU scored two goals in the first 17 minutes.

Down two goals heading into the half, the OU offense could not solve the EMU defense. EMU held OU to just nine shots on goal, but blistered 25 shots of its own against Tal.

EMU rounded out its scoring at 74:13 to seal the victory.

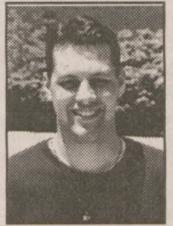
"Most of their (EMU) goals came on a few of our mistakes," said sophomore midfielder Jason Jentz.

With the split of SMC and EMU, OU's record stands at 5-1.



Post Photo / Bob Knoska

SHIELDING THE BALL: Junior midfielder Rob Wisser beats the defender to the ball over the weekend, trying to set up an OU scoring opportunity.



Jeff Shelton

Polls decide what playoffs should

The world of collegiate athletics is propelled by a list. A numerical poll that plays God with college teams in search for national championships.

Whether in Division III or at the top of the heap in Division I, polls make or break the chances for national championships in college athletics.

Polls were designed to weed out the unable and reward the proficient. But at times, the imperfectness of experts and computers fall short of their marks of crowning national champions.

College football becomes the unorthodox collegiate sport that has not developed with the times.

The sport has not set the foundations for determining a national champion, unlike basketball or baseball, where tournaments decide who should be crowned.

Media, coaches and computers have been factors in the fumbling escapades of deciding an outright No. 1.

The question always begins to be dug up when several teams have suffered through the first half of the season's games.

Now, five teams would be in the running for a national title in college football; Penn State, Florida State, Nebraska, North Carolina and Michigan.

Scenarios have been played out, since polls have been integrated, on how to distinguish between teams with the same records.

That's what it comes down to; the little number that appears in the "L" column.

Scenario: Michigan beats Penn State, goes unbeaten for the regular season and beats the PAC 10 team conference winner in the Rose Bowl.

Nebraska and North Carolina each lose one of their remaining regular season games. Florida State goes undefeated and wins its bowl game.

This would leave Michigan and Florida State as the only teams in the nation with unblemished records. Who's No. 1?

Michigan is obligated to play in the Rose Bowl, no matter the outcome of the hypothetical season, because of the PAC 10's and the BIG 10's alliance agreement, which is the only bowl game to have this.

That would mean an all out national champion could only be decided if Michigan and its PAC 10 counterpart were both undefeated. But this scenario does not allow for that to happen.

Michigan could not play Florida State for the national championship. So, who's No. 1?

The little things that don't appear on any stat sheets; the blocking schemes offensive lines are able to execute with perfection, or the pass coverage defensive secondary's blanket receivers. These are important issues that would not be considered.

There are three major polls used for rankings: coaches poll, media poll and a computer poll.

A tournament format, a playoff season, should be implemented. Not for the sake of ridding the athletic world of polls, but to once and for all have an out-right national champion with no questions.

There should be no more bowl games, but a series of bowl games to lay waste to the average, and crown the victor through a series of playoffs.

With this, teams would not be picked by the bowl sponsors or representatives through invitations to big name teams, but would bring a decisive atmosphere to the world of college football unlike anything previous.

PIONEER INSIDE TRACK

Men's Golf

- OU played in the University of Dayton-Wright State University Fall Invitational last week, where the team finished No. 4 out of eight teams.
- The Pioneer team totals were 322-311 for the two day 36 hole event.
- The top individual for OU was Freshman Tim Dahlberg with rounds of 78-74 for a 154. Dahlberg finished in fifth place.
- Other Pioneer golfers included senior Dave Harris with rounds of 82-78, senior Matt Joseph scoring rounds of 80-82, sophomore Eric Gascho with rounds of 82-82 and Freshman Jason Weldy scoring 87-75 for the tournament.

Volleyball falls in tourney finals

By STEVE MEYER
Staff Writer

This past weekend the OU Women's Volleyball team packed up its bags to play in the Clarion Classic.

OU went up against Charleston, Seton Hall, Slippery Rock, Clarion and Juniata.

The Pioneers started the tournament against Charleston. The first match saw OU defeat its opponent 15-10.

Game two however, turned out to be another story, as OU fell 7-15.

The Pioneers decided to wipe Charleston from any championship hopes, when OU captured the next two games (15-12, 15-13).

Still feeling the momentum of defeating Charleston, OU walked over

Seton Hall.

Unlike Charleston, Seton Hall did not compare to OU, as the Pioneers swept Seton Hall (15-4, 15-3, 15-5).

The Pioneers continued their domination, as Slippery Rock became the next victim.

OU showed Slippery Rock the door in game one with a 15-9 win.

Slippery Rock could not hold off OU from winning 15-13.

OU gave Slippery Rock no time to think, when they flew past them in game three with a score of 15-2 to wrap things up.

Clarion entered the game against OU with upset thoughts, but much like everyone else, it just didn't have what it took.

Game one went to OU in a highly

contested 15-9 win. Clarion turned the tables on OU in game two, tying the match to a game a piece with a 5-15 thrashing of a bewildered OU team.

The Pioneers decided that the semi-finals were not good enough for them.

They buckled down and defeated Clarion on its home court.

OU prevailed in game three 15-9. In game four however, OU returned Clarion's favor of game two with a trouncing of 15-2.

Juinata became the team that stood in the Pioneers way of another tournament championship.

With both teams undefeated, it set the stage for an all out war.

The Pioneers' put up a good fight in game one, but it just wasn't enough as Juinata defeated them 13-15.

Game two was much like game one. OU already down a game, just couldn't find the niche to beat Juinata, as they fell 8-15.

Down two games, OU put up all they had left, but it just wasn't enough. The Pioneers fell again for the last time in the Clarion Classic 13-15.

"We played hard against them (Juinata). They were a good team, and the match took a long time," said sophomore middle blocker Jamie Pucket.

"Playing Juinata really psyched us for the Hillsdale (next game) game," she said.

The team goes back into action this week hosting games against Hillsdale on Tuesday, Ashland on Friday, and Findlay and IUPUI-Indianapolis on Saturday.

Soccer can't spread out goal production

By JEFF SHELTON
Sports Editor

OU 4 In a rare occurrence last weekend, the up till now solid OU offense stumbled.

AU 0 The Pioneers split consecutive games, defeating Ashland University and falling to West Virginia Wesleyan College.

OU opened its road trip at Ashland with a 4-0 victory.

The game was taken over by the Pioneers early, as sophomore forward Anna Muccino beat the AU goalkeeper four minutes in for the game winner.

Capping off the scoring of the first half were freshman midfielder Anita Rapp at 42:30, and junior midfielder Jenny Grimm at 43:00.

Junior midfielder Erin Gallagher assisted on the first two Pioneer goals.

OU made AU pay for allowing six corner kicks, when senior midfielder Jessica Mrozek set up Grimm for the third goal.

OU struck for its final goal at 58:53, as junior forward Cathy Minuik capital-

ized on a cross from Muccino to bury AU.

The Pioneers outshot AU 14-3. Goalkeepers, senior Kristi Mccough and sophomore Holly Runstadler, combined for the shutout.

A different scenario was played out against WVWC, as OU fell for only the second time this year.

OU 0 The Pioneers outshot WVWC 8-5, but could not solve its defense and goalkeeping.

WV 2 WVWC connected for both its goals in the second half. The second goal was scored at 89:04 on a penalty kick.

"I really don't think we played as well as we usually do. Passes which are usually good, weren't. It was a tough loss," said Minuik.

OU's overall record jumps to 10-2.

The Pioneers finish their four game road trip Oct. 22 against Western Michigan.

OU will host Grand Valley State and Lewis, before heading in the final games of November against Tiffin and St. Joseph's.



Post Photo / J. Molly Abramson

IN THE AIR: Senior midfielder Jessica Mrozek fights for control of the ball in mid air. The Pioneers could have used more control in their loss to WVWC.

S P O R T S C A L E N D E R

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- Women's Soccer vs. Western Michigan Kalamazoo (3 p.m.)
- Men's Soccer vs. Macomb Community College (4 p.m.)

Friday, Oct. 24

- Men's Swimming at Bowling Green Relays (11 a.m. / 5 p.m.)
- Women's Swimming at Bowling Green Relays (11 a.m. / 5 p.m.)
- Women's Volleyball hosts Ashland (7:30 p.m.)

- Men's Cross Country at Eastern Michigan Classic (TBA)

- Women's Cross Country at Eastern Michigan Classic (TBA)

Saturday, Oct. 25

- Women's Volleyball hosts Findlay (11 a.m.) and IUPUI-Indianapolis (5 p.m.)
- Women's Soccer hosts Grand Valley State (1 p.m.)
- Men's Soccer vs. St. Mary's (1 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 27

- Men's Soccer hosts Rochester College (3 p.m.)

Tuesday, Oct. 28

- Women's Volleyball vs. U-M Dearborn (7 p.m.)

** Home games italicized bold type

Sports Writers

- The Oakland Post is in search of sports writers for each weekly issue. Coverage includes all major men's and women's athletics: soccer, swimming, volleyball, basketball, golf, cross country, baseball, softball and club lacrosse. Special features of the sports department is "Profiling the Black, Gold and White," which is a weekly look in the lives of two OU athletes. A sign up sheet is available in the Post at 36 Oakland Center in the lower level. Journalism students may qualify for extra credit for their journalism classes if a story or profile is published. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Jeff Shelton or Sherry Kruzman at the Post or 370-4263.

Profiling the Black, Gold and White

Nicole Zimmerman Volleyball

By CARI SOBCZYNSKI
Staff Writer

After three successful years, senior Nicole Zimmerman will soon be concluding her final season of eligibility as a member of the Pioneer Volleyball team.

Zimmerman has been involved in the sport of volleyball ever since the sixth grade.

"She loved it so much. We started sending her to volleyball camps, and she has been playing ever since," said her mother Cathy Zimmerman.

Zimmerman played her high school volleyball career at Royal Oak Kimbell, before appearing in a Pioneer uniform.

Being a college athlete runs in the Zimmerman family. Her older sister Amanda is an OU alumnus.

Following in her sister's footsteps, Zimmerman played volleyball for the Pioneers, starting each year.

Her younger brother attends Albion College, where he plays football and baseball.

"We try and support our kids 100 percent. Since Nicole is a senior, she is our top priority. We just returned from their (volleyball team) Florida trip, and we are going to watch her play in Pennsylvania," said her mother.

Zimmerman plays an important role on the team.

"She is hardworking and is always the one that gets the team pumped-up for our games," said senior middle blocker Rachel Clor.

Practice and hard work have improved her over the years.

"Each time Nicole steps on the court, she is out there for one reason, and that is to win," said Head Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte.

Zimmerman's teammates are very important to her. She said that her favorite aspect of playing volleyball at OU has been "all of the people I have



met, and the great friendships that I have gained through my college experience."

Looking back on her four-year career at OU, her most exciting moment occurred just recently during the team's road trip to Florida.

"My most exciting moment would have to have been when we beat Florida Atlantic, which is a Division 1-AAA program," said Zimmerman.

As the volleyball season draws to an end, Zimmerman has only one goal left to achieve.

She wants to finish her OU career on top, hopefully winning the rest of the games on the schedule.

Outside of volleyball, one of her main concerns and objectives is finishing her senior year.

Zimmerman is an elementary education major and hopes to graduate this upcoming spring.

Zimmerman's life is not all hard work and school, though.

According to her roommate Clor, her character and personality are that of a person that is "very outgoing, goofy and friendly."

As Zimmerman finishes up her final games for the Pioneers, along with her education, she is managing to put together a major aspiration.

"After graduation I hope to get a job teaching in an elementary school," she said.

Michelle Martin Cross Country

By MARY McKAY
Special Writer

Michelle Martin she is one of 10 athletes on the Women's Cross Country team at OU.

Barely 18, she fell in love with running in the ninth grade when she ran a 3/4 mile race in gym class and she came in a close second, after tripping near the finish.

But running that far is exactly what she has been doing. She ran all three years in high school for Sterling Heights, Stevenson.

Her proudest moment came when she helped her team win the Class A 1996 Cross Country State Championship.

In a sport that can be solitary, she makes it clear that she is devoted to the team.

With a personal record of 20:04 for the 5K distance in cross country, she hopes to soon break 20:00.

Martin said, "The team has been training very hard, and I'm hoping it will pay off in the next two weeks."

This is a young woman who not only knows where she is going on the race course, but down the road as well.

Attending OU on an athletic and academic scholarship, she is majoring in biology, with her sights set on veterinary school at MSU.

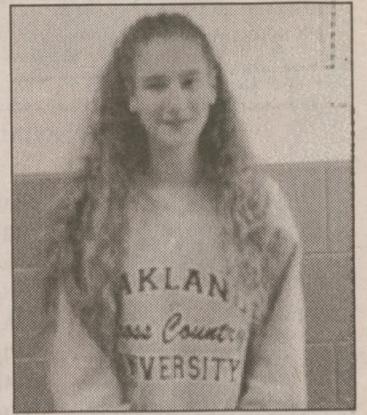
She said, "I have always loved animals." She lives with her parents and two younger sisters, Sarah and Kristin.

Kristin now runs for Stevenson High, and Sarah is also interested in running.

"In high school my grades were better when I was running." She graduated Summa Cum Laud.

Most of her friends are teammates, and they all "hang out together," going out to eat or dance.

Team captain Christina Colombe said, "Michelle is outgoing, always



works hard, and is very team oriented. She gives 110 percent at every practice."

It is a recurring theme when describing Martin. Assistant Coach Paul Rice said, "She knows what she is doing, is very focused and works really hard. She has experience, and a lot to offer. The girls have a great deal of respect for her."

Martin said, "My mom and dad are very supportive, and come to all of my races."

"I think all kids should be involved in a sport, whether it's swimming, running or something else. It is important that they have fun and learn to be part of the team," said her father.

Part of the reason that Martin chose OU, is because her high school coach Kevin Hanson went to school and ran cross country here.

According to Hanson, "She is soft-spoken, and a very good leader by example. Michelle is incredibly intelligent, which makes it easy for a coach, because you can tell a team one thing and if someone doesn't catch on, she does and carries to her teammates."

"I want to be able to run all my life, and be one of those old people you see in road races," Martin said.

Someday, she would like to participate in both a marathon, and a triathlon.

Look for her at the finish line. She'll be there.

Eye

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replacement to be someone who was doing top retinal research, could interact well with colleagues at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, and could help get more funding for the Institute.

Blanks said the majority of funding comes from the National Institute of Health (NIH), but a lot of private funding is still needed so the Institute can have state-of-the-art equipment.

"With private money, often you are massaging donors, ... telling them what you can do with the money," she said.

Blanks also said she hopes to guide the Eye Institute on a national level.

"I hope to maintain the national reputation of the Institute," she said.

Blanks is the vice president of the Association for Research and Vision Ophthalmology, the largest national vision research organization.

She said she is in the second year of a five-year term in this position and hopes to use this experience to "help faculty here (at the Institute) know what's going on (in vision research) worldwide."

Another one of Blanks' goals is to increase the visibility of the Eye Institute on campus.

"I would like to see it become more integrated with the rest of the campus," she said.

"The Eye Institute is isolated," Blanks said. "I would like to see more interaction with students."

Thomas

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Growing up, he played tee-ball and later baseball. Thomas was also a member of the Boy Scouts for a few years.

Thomas is described by both family and friends as high-spirited, fun-loving and caring.

Everyone else's worries were always his worries, they said. He wanted to help everyone, Bothwell said.

"He always gave everybody a hug and always said 'hi' to everybody," said Thomas' friend Kelly Kruse, elementary education freshman.

Bothwell said he was a volunteer at the North Oakland Medical Center where he earned various awards for the many hours he spent there. He worked really well with older patients

and enjoyed their company, she said.

Thomas is also described as having his own unique style. Bothwell said. He had his dorm room decorated so differently, people would walk by his room just to look at it.

He liked Hudson's and The Gap, but he would be just as happy shopping at the Salvation Army, she said.

"He would bring something home, and I would say 'where did you get that?' and he would tell me he found it at a garage sale," Bothwell recalled.

Bothwell said next to his family his biggest joy in life would be a neck in neck tie between his 10-year-old Labrador-Spaniel mix dog, Max, and his friends.

"It amazes me the sorts of people he was friends with, people from all walks of life," said Bothwell.

Voice performance junior and Thomas' friend, Christine Tibaldi said, "He had so many friends. He had more friends than anyone I can think of."

Bothwell said she has been bombarded with condolences by friends and parents. She said even parents she's never met say they loved him like a son.

Thomas is also survived by his father David Thomas, his sister Jennifer Thomas, and step-sisters Michelle and Carrie Bothwell, Deborah Phipps, Kim White and Jennifer Hedglen.

"We're counting on him ... to let us find the light again," Bothwell said. "He was the bright light around this place (home)," she added.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home in Waterford.

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