

Oakland Center



officially



opens



doors

BY VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

After enduring the dust for almost a year the Oakland Center construction, the Oakland University community gathered last Friday to celebrate the grand opening of the recently finished expansion.

The ceremony debuted with presentations by four speakers.

Richard Fekel, director of the OC, spoke first. He described the new, 30,000 square-foot expansion as a welcoming gateway.

"This is the first impression that the visitors get," Fekel said.

He then reiterated the new OC motto: "Look at us now."

In his speech, Fekel qualified the OC as a "first class student center" with more study space, a larger dining area, the Café O'Bear's and wireless Internet connection. He hoped for it to become a favorite gathering spot for faculty and students.

"It will become a vital part of campus life, a home away from home," he said.

Henry Baskin, chair of the Board of Trustees, also emphasized.

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Wire-less

Phone, voicemail service will be unavailable on campus Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

All 3,500 phones at OU will be affected by a campus-wide phone outage this Friday through Sunday.

Phone service on campus, excluding payphones will be unavailable from noon on Friday until 1 a.m. Sunday.

The planned outage is to replace the existing phone switch with a \$388,241 Siemens Hicom phone switch approved by the Board of Trustees at the Aug. 6 meeting.

According to Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president of University Technology Services (UTS), OU's current phone switch, a Rolm 9751, has been operating at capacity for some time. When the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) building and the University Student Apartments (USA) were brought online, a new Siemens Hicom switch was purchased to support them.

The current switch, which according to Rowe dates back to 1994, couldn't handle the newer technology requirements in the SEHS building and the USA.

"The University now has two phone switches and the cost of supporting two switches are significant at \$259,753 per year. The support contract for a single switch will be \$165,524 per year," said Rowe.

The BOT questioned whether this phone switch was the most current of phone technologies, but decided it was right for OU.

"The Siemens Hicom is technically current technology with the ability to adapt as technology infrastructure changes are needed," Rowe said.

She said the decision to purchase the Siemens Hicom switch was made in May 2001, when the SEHS building and the apartments were being planned to come online. At that time the newest phone technology, voice over IP was still a new and, Rowe said, there were still some problems with it.

"Also, the University network infrastructure was not ready for the technology overhaul needed to support voice over IP," said Rowe.

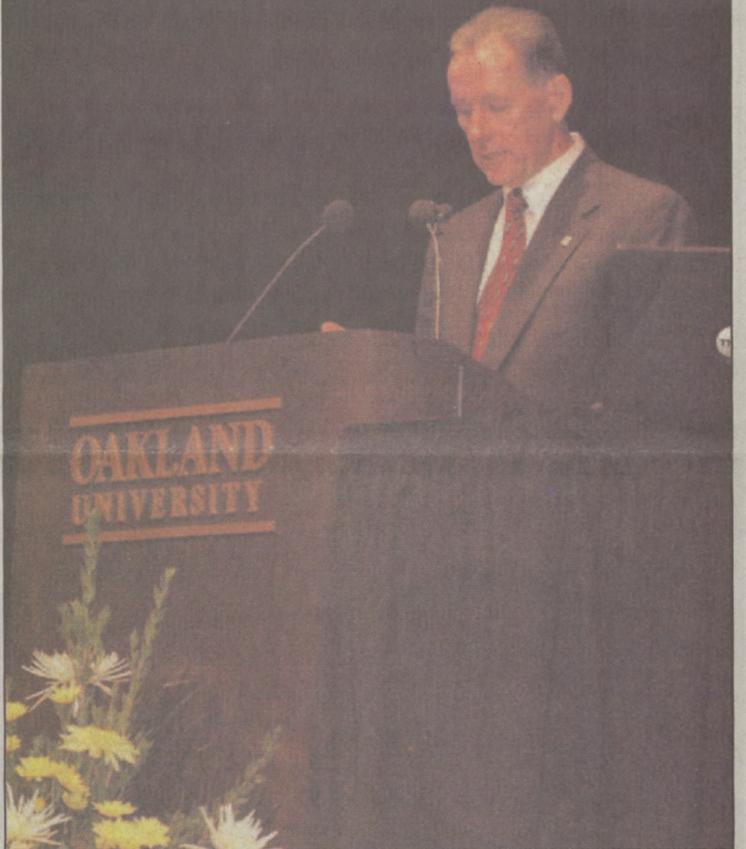
"The initial costs were very high and included changing over all phones and upgrading the network."

She said with the budget issues there is no justification for spending the money to move to a voice over IP system.

"In a few years, we expect the initial technology costs to enter into voice over IP to drop and in 7 to 10 years, we expect to review

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**Russi: State of
OU positive –
for now**



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

Russi speaks to the university community last week about the state of OU.

**Speech calls for action
as economy declines**

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU President Gary Russi was cautiously optimistic about OU's future during his State of the University address last Thursday.

"We must recognize our difficult budget days are not over," Russi said to the less than packed Meadow Brook Theatre crowd.

Russi said OU has been able to save nearly \$3.6 million through cost containment measures this year. They include no salary

increase for top administrators, changes in health care coverage, a hiring freeze and energy conservation efforts.

The university is also no longer supporting Meadow Brook Theatre because administrators said it had been struggling monetarily for years. Meadow Brook Health Enhancement closed last spring after 20 years of service, the last few of which were financially tough. Now, Russi said the university will examine Meadow Brook Hall.

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OU's student handbook hits the Net

BY ALAN BOJAKOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students can toss those bulky student handbooks into the nearest recycling bin, because the latest version is available exclusively online.

The new user-friendly online version of the handbook provides visitors with everything they need to know from the old OU handbook, and more.

Students can find out about anything from student services to university policies and procedures. The online version also provides emergency phone numbers and information about students' rights.

"I'm really excited about the addition of FERPA to the online handbook," said Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of Students.

FERPA is also known as The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and discusses the confidentiality of a student's records.

"A lot of the reason for the online book is to provide the entire campus community with helpful information," said Lloyd. "We could only print so many of the old handbooks because of the high cost."

Because of the cost, the handbook was targeted towards incoming freshman, leaving many upper classmen out in the cold.

No matter what the student's

class standing may be they can access the handbook on a computer at home or at any of the computer labs located on campus.

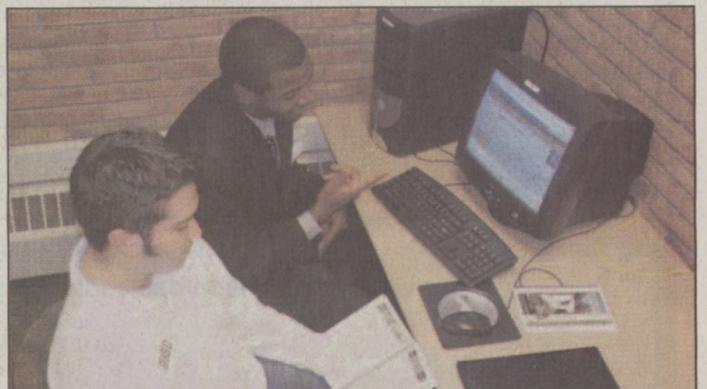
"More people are involved and updates can be made more often," said Lloyd.

Although some students may be skeptical, the fact is it is the wave of the future for OU.

"Slow computers make things hard to download," said Nathan Darter, senior.

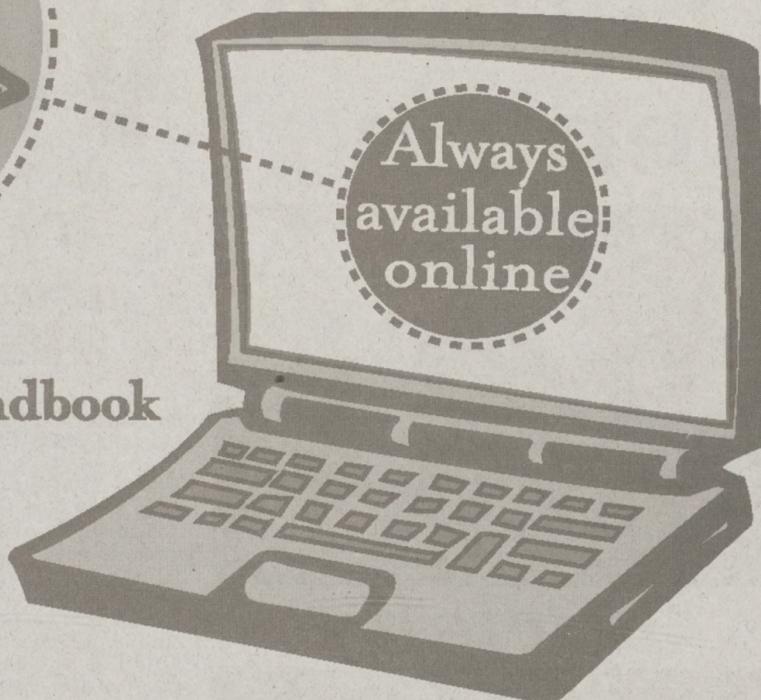
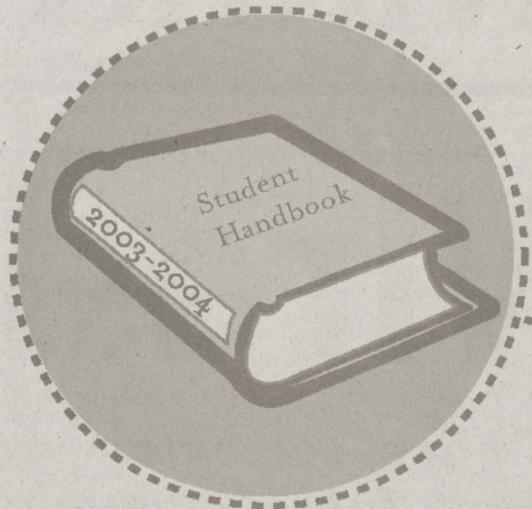
Rabesha Kelsey, junior agrees. "The book is better because it is more convenient," said Kelsey.

Students can access the online handbook at www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/handbook/index/cfm.



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post

Student Body President Johnathan Park and Vice-President Kenton Lewis demonstrate how to use the online handbook.



Oakland University's 2003-2004 Online Student Handbook

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- The university judicial process
- Code of Academic and Student Conduct
- Student services
- Student organization regulations
- University regulations
- Emergency phone numbers

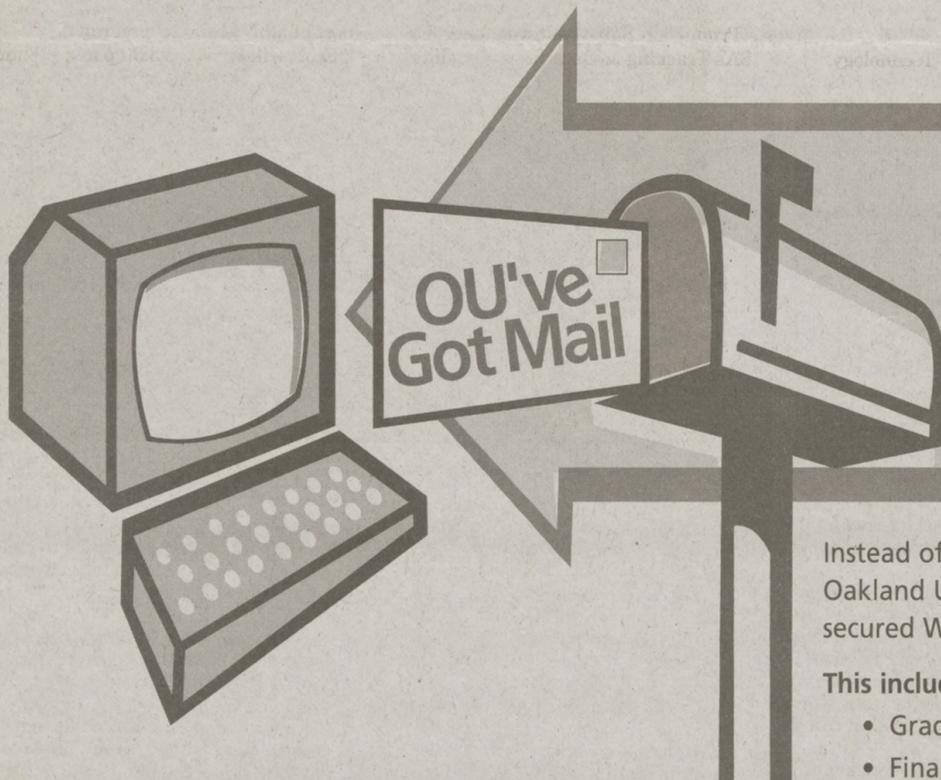
Find information on these topics and many more in Oakland University's 2003-2004 Online Student Handbook.

The handbook is a great resource for students on university services and important regulations, policies and procedures. And best of all – it's always available on the Oakland University Web site.

The online Student Handbook replaces the printed version. It is the responsibility of all university students and organizations to familiarize themselves with the conduct code and judicial system at the beginning of each school year.

Check out the 2003-2004 Online Student Handbook

Click the **Current Students** button on **OU's home page**
 Select **Student Handbook** under the **Taking Classes** heading
 Or go directly to www2.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/handbook/index.cfm



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The university will hold students accountable for the information sent via e-mail. Therefore, students should check their Oakland e-mail account regularly — at least twice each week.

Oakland's University Technology Services Web site offers tips and information about activating, accessing and forwarding your OU e-mail. You can find the Web site by clicking the **Info Tech** button on **OU's home page** or going there directly at www.oakland.edu/uts/ then clicking **E-mail Services**.

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Catering costs OU orgs

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While student organizations are in full swing and planning events for this new year, there is one thing a few of them are not doing, serving food.

"I feel as though it's just too expensive for student orgs," said Stefan Welch, senior and president of the Association of Black Students (ABS).

According to Welch, the ABS has roughly 150 members and often has regular general body meetings with more than 60 people present.

"We used to have food at all general body meetings," Welch said.

However, he said the group has other goals it wants to achieve and in order to save money for those goals it has cut back on things like food purchases.

Organizations like ABS that want to have events or even just have food must go through Chartwells, the food service vendor for the Oakland Center, if the event or meeting is in the Oakland Center or the Vandenberg Dining Center.

While Chartwells has not raised prices this year, student orgs are saying the prices are high.

Chartwells referred *The Post* to Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing and Food Service, who said student organizations do receive a discount from Chartwells when it comes to catering.

"There is a student catering guide, an on-campus client catering guide and an off-campus catering guide. The prices in the student catering guide are the least expensive and are available only to student groups," Reynolds said.

Those lower prices haven't been enough to keep organizations like the Law Council of Oakland University on campus for its events.

"Chartwells food prices are prohibiting the law council from having events on OU's campus and we've had to move them off campus," said Council representative, Brian Welch.

While organizations are suffering from sticker shock, they would have been even more upset over the price of Aramark's catering. Aramark, OU's food vendor before Chartwells served the same type of food at higher prices.

A 2-liter of a Pepsi product cost

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Students snack in room 128 in the Oakland Center for the American Marketing Association's event last night. The event was catered by OU's food service vendor, Chartwells.

Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

NASA rep to lecture on fuel cells

By DEANNA BELGER
THE OAKLAND POST

Representing the NASA Fuel Cell program, Dr. John Scott will join OU to lecture on fuel cell technology for the 16th annual Hammerle Lecture.

The series, named after William G. Hammerle, a founding professor of engineering at OU, focuses on bringing in guest speakers to OU who echo Hammerle's innovative approaches to resolving complex problems.

The 16th annual Hammerle Lecture is open to the public.

In the past this lecture series has proven popular with the students, said Dick Haskell, professor of engineering and coordinator of the event.

"We have often filled 201 Dodge Hall and once we overflowed the Meadow Brook Theatre with these lectures. This will be the first year we use the new OC Ballroom," said Haskell.

Scott will discuss "Fuel Cell Technology for NASA's Spacecraft: The Challenges and Opportunities of Commercial Development."

According to biographical data from NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston,

Scott earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University.

In 1984 he completed his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Business Administration (1986) at UCLA.

He began his career with NASA in 1986 as a Propulsion Subsystem Engineer for NASA's Tracking & Data Relay Satellite System in Redondo Beach, CA.

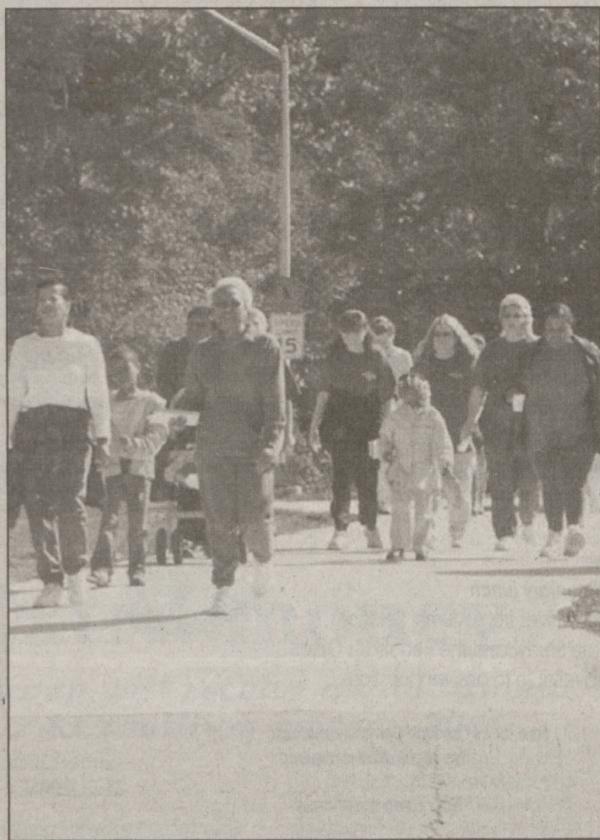
In 1988 his work brought him to the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas where he currently resides with his wife Dr. Marya S. Laupa-Scott and six-

year-old daughter Emily.

His current assignment with NASA is Deputy Chief, Power Systems Branch. He is the deputy functional supervisor for 20 plus engineers responsible for the development and certification of fuel cells, pyrotechnics, batteries and electric power distribution and control equipment in support of all NASA/JSC programs.

Scott will speak at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23 in the Banquet Rooms in the Oakland Center.

Sweatin' for a cause



Throngs of participants strolled, jogged and power-walked through campus, at the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk on Saturday.

The more than 20,000 participants in the walk raised money for the American Heart Association.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities commended the more than 100 students who volunteered their time for this event.

Laura Angus/
The Oakland Post

OUSC to update site

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU Student Congress is examining the possibility of hiring an outside company to help put in place two big components of its Web site.

According to senior Jim Gammicchia, OUSC director of financial affairs, the company, Pick-A-Prof, could put into place the course evaluations and the book trade. There, student could rate their classes based on a number of categories and sign up for an online book swap.

Shemeka Pearson, junior, OUSC director

of Student Services, said OUSC puts out a set of course evaluations for which it budgets \$5,000, this new service will cost the same amount annually. The service cost is based on the number of students at the university.

According to Gammicchia, Pick-A-Prof would create a link from the OUSC Web site to the evaluations.

"It's strictly electronic, linked to our Web site," Gammicchia said.

He said students would have to create a log in and could post evaluations and books for the book swap.

Please see OUSC on A8.

Senate discusses 'massive infection'

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Until the computers connected to OU's network are updated, a "massive infection" will continue to slow operations, said Theresa Rowe assistant vice president of University Technology Services (UTS) at Thursday's OU Senate meeting.

She said the network is the sum of individual computers on campus, and there are a lot of neglected and visiting machines connecting to the network.

She said the virus is slowing the network because it takes up all available bandwidth in the network.

Rowe said there are 5,000 computers connected to the network.

Microsoft updates should be done on all computers, they should all be up-to-date with firewalls and patches, said Rowe.

"As much as we are asking people to do it, it is not getting done," said Rowe. "Until we get all these computers updated, the network's going to be unreliable and unstable."

Other actions at the meeting:

- The faculty liaisons were discussed, but that will be addressed in the future.
- The Senate also elected its steering

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Police Beat

- OUPD was called Sept. 19 when a non-student was found in the dumpster behind the student apartments. The man was ID'd and confessed that there were three warrants out for his arrest. A check confirmed he had two warrants in Auburn Hills for marijuana possession and one in

Pontiac for disorderly conduct. The man was released and told to stay off campus and out of the dumpsters.

- A Minor in Possession was issued to a Vandenberg resident around 2:30 a.m. Saturday. A Hamlin Hall R.A. called OUPD after a

group had gathered in the hallway in front of her door drinking. OUPD identified the subjects and issued breath tests.

- An assistant professor for the engineering department was walking to his office Sept. 21 when he found a damaged chair and

walker on the sidewalk between the east and west towers of SEB. He said it also looked like the sidewalk was damaged. On the roof of Science and Engineering Building, OUPD found a chair similar to the damaged one. The damaged property was thrown away.

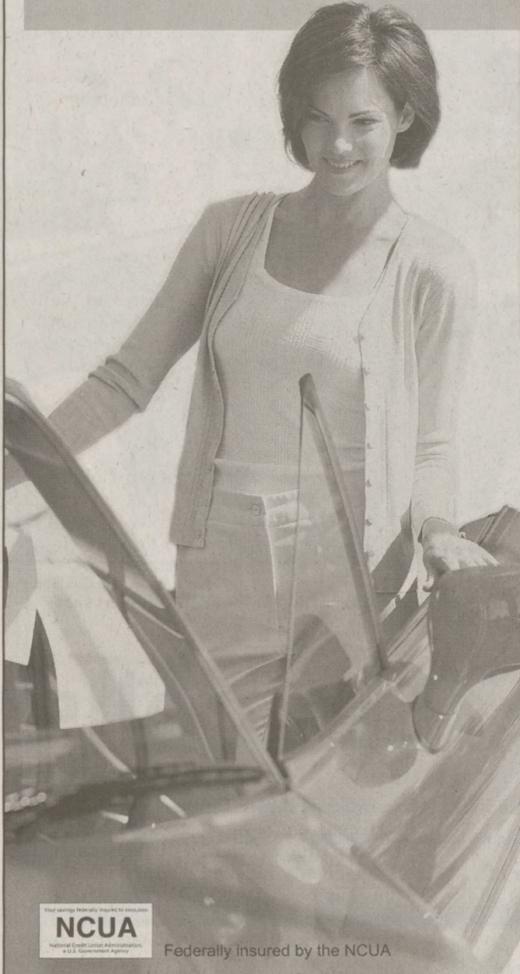
- A student returned to his on campus apartment Sept. 21 after leaving for the weekend to find his bike taken apart and his brake pads damaged. Repairs are estimated at \$30. So far there are no suspects.
- OUPD was called to

Hamlin Hall around 11 p.m. Friday night after an R.A. notified them that he had several individuals detained because he smelled alcohol on their breaths. All subjects were under 21 and all agreed to breath tests, three of the students passed and three failed.

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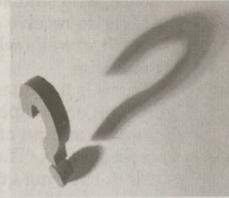
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State challenged

Spin off of "What Would Jesus Drive" campaign targets government

By Ashley Wohlgemuth
The Oakland Post

"What Should the Governor Drive?"

Following the theme of the "What would Jesus Drive" campaign, religious leaders are now asking how Michigan can help the environment and save money for the state.

Kim Winchell, coordinator of the Michigan Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign, hopes this question will prompt a statewide conversation about reducing vehicle emissions and improving the environment.

The campaign, an initiative

launched within the religious community of Michigan, is devoted to addressing issues of global warming and advocating environmental conservation.

The state would use 101,819 fewer gallons of gasoline and save more than \$100,000 a year after beginning to replace its fleet of vehicles with fuel-efficient cars, according to a report prepared by the Campaign. Altogether, Michigan would use 4.58 million fewer gallons of gas after 10 years of adopting the campaigns proposed policy.

The savings in the report are based on Michigan's fleet of 6,934 cars and light trucks,

excluding police cars. The use of fuel-efficient vehicles by the state also would cut down on greenhouse emissions.

Although this is a spin-off of the "What Would Jesus Drive" anti-sport utility vehicle campaign, the Interfaith Climate and Energy effort is not an anti-SUV campaign, according to Winchell.

"The report shows the state could cut emissions, save money and help create market for the fuel-efficient cars at the same time," Winchell said. "We are not here to be antagonistic toward the governor. This is not an anti-SUV campaign. This is just the

beginning of a conversation."

Saving money, cutting pollution and protecting the state's health and natural world is the goal of the campaign, but Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign leaders feel there is not enough initiative being taken on the federal level. They think it is time for states to move on their own.

Winchell said the Campaign has delivered a letter from religious leaders across Michigan asking Gov. Jennifer Granholm to commit to raising the overall fuel efficiency of the state's fleet of vehicles.



• The original idea for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks called for at least 10 private planes – five on each coast, according to interrogators of mastermind Al-Qaeda member Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. He told investigators Osama bin Laden planned the attacks more than seven years ago in 1996. Attacks were originally scheduled for the tallest structure in California, the U.S. Bank Tower formally known as the Liberty Tower. Mohammed also said plans were made for about 22 hijackers on each plane, with a second wave of attacks from Al-Qaeda allies from southeast Asia.

• President George W. Bush headed to the United Nations Tuesday to outline his vision for a postwar Iraq, even though a recent poll indicated the American public support is declining for him. He presented a 22-minute speech to the U.N. General Assembly that covered a number of worldly topics, not just Iraq plans. According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll released Monday, Bush is at the lowest rating of his presidency. He is currently at the same level of the five democratic candidates that will be running for the presidential spot in the 2004 election.

• Fallen trees, carbon monoxide poisoning and drowning have accounted for most of the deaths from Hurricane Isabel. So far, 40 deaths have been attributed to Isabel's destructive path through the Carolinas and up the east coast. The most deaths have come from Virginia where at least 23 fatalities have been linked to Isabel. About 1 million people are still without power from Isabel's high winds and flooding areas. The most recent death occurred in Virginia where a depressed man committed suicide because he allegedly couldn't take the Isabel aftermath anymore.

• An 18-year-old female from suburban San Francisco died from complications after taking the controversial abortion pill two weeks ago at a Planned Parenthood clinic. Holly Marie Patterson took the pill, RU-486, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration two years ago as a way for women to end their pregnancy themselves without a doctor. Her father, Monty Patterson said he hopes his daughter's death will encourage other pregnant women to seek support in alternate ways. An autopsy has been scheduled, but Monty Patterson said he learned from an attending physician that a massive infection caused by fragments of the fetus left inside her uterus caused her to go into septic shock. A spokesperson for Danco Laboratories, which makes RU-486, estimated 200,000 women in the U.S. and more than 1 million worldwide have used it since the release in the 1980s.

Global goof

• A man in Maine got more than expected when hunting for bear. A yell from his hunting partner was the last thing Jim Osgood remembered before being rammed 20 feet in the air by a bull moose. The incident happened just two days before the official start of the two-week moose season in Maine. Osgood was left with a broken collarbone and broken cheekbone. One of his eyes was also swollen shut. Moose are unpredictable right now because they are starting their rutting season. Game Warden Chris Cloutier said Osgood probably was in the middle of a bull and a cow, and a hormonal reaction prompted the male to attack.

~ Compiled by Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Hispanic culture honored during month

By Tara Fugate
The Oakland Post

¡Deje la celebración comenzar!
Let the celebration begin during an entire month of festivities. These activities have been planned in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which began Sept. 15 and runs until Oct. 15.

OU is hosting events throughout the month to celebrate, explore and honor the culture by allowing the campus community to gain insight into the Hispanic world.

Some of these events include essay and poetry writing contests with cash prizes, a free film screening of the movie "Frida," starring Selma Hayek, and a "Fiesta Hispanica" to finish off the month.

Fatima Ferreira, OU Spanish professor, said she feels it is very positive and enriching for Americans to learn about the Hispanic culture.

"They fall in love with the dancing, the food, the art and the culture, and then want to learn the language," she said.

Ferreira also said it is as important for Hispanics to keep in touch with their roots as it is for Americans to learn and understand the culture and its differences.

Hispanic Heritage has been celebrated in the United States since 1974.

However, it was only honored for a week. In 1988, former President Ronald Reagan changed the celebration to a 31-day span.

The colorful and richly diverse culture has quickly become America's largest minority. However, only 2.4 percent of Oakland County claims Hispanic roots, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

The 2000 Census also found an estimated 25 percent of Americans will be Hispanic by 2050.

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Extra money

Group will receive an additional
\$1.2 million more in 2004

By Jim Kaiser
The Oakland Post

The Oakland County Mental Health Authority received a needed boost last week with the approval of their 2004 budget.

As a result, the Authority will receive around \$1.2 million more next year to help improve and expand their existing programs, which today, serve about 10,000 people annually.

"This is a year to highlight our program initiatives," said Jeff Brown, a deputy executive director for the Authority. "We want to increase our level of collaboration with the consumer and the community."

He said the Authority focuses mainly on three populations;

adults with severe and persistent mental illness, persons with developmental disabilities and children with serious emotional disturbances.

"We want to focus more on these populations," Brown said.

He also said next year the Authority would be working on an increased focus on the children and young adult population. According to Brown, this is the age when mental disabilities begin to form.

"One of the populations we want to make sure we are serving properly are the children and young adults," Brown said.

He said working better with the parents and schools would do this.

"We also want to increase our



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
The front entrance to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak will be the first gathering place for patrons looking to adopt pets. Adoption will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Adoption Zoo

Humane Society hosts largest event of its kind

By Dana Utz
The Oakland Post

Not all friends walk on two legs.

During the Detroit Zoo's third annual pet adoption event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, there will be plenty of potential to find a four-legged pal.

In conjunction with the Michigan Humane Society, the largest animal adoption event in the country features dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and rabbits from more than 25 organizations around Metro Detroit. These organizations, such as Feline Friends, Hands for Paws and Rescued Hearts, all contribute to making the event possible.

Adopted pets are able to go home the same day and have received age-appropriate vaccinations prior to the event. In addition, all dogs are eligible for a 20 percent discount

on training classes through the Michigan Humane Society's Pet Education Center.

"I adopted my puppy last year at the zoo when he was 8 months old," said Deanna Belger.

"And it is working out great so far. He is well adjusted and has had no problems," she said. "I advise anyone looking for a pet to pay a visit to the zoo this weekend."

"There are so many pets in need of loving homes, especially the older ones whose owners have died and need the love and care they once had," said Belger.

Adoption fees are \$105 for dogs older than 4 months, \$195 for puppies less than 4 months, \$60 for cats less than 4 months and \$65 for kittens less than 4 months.

The original adoption fair started in spring 1993, and because of the success, organizations decided to start the

fall adoption in 2000.

A predicted 8,000 animals have been adopted since the start of the event, according to Lisa Acho, manager of the Michigan Humane Societies Detroit shelter. She said last year alone 880 pets were given homes.

"Adopters come from all over Metro Detroit, and they love this event because there are literally hundreds of animals to choose from," she said.

The outdoor event is held under tents in the Zoo's front parking lot at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue.

There is no charge for admission or parking to the adoption event.

For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE during business hours or visit www.michiganhumane.org.



Courtesy of the Oakland County Mental Health Authority

From left to right: Sue Perry, John McKeivitz, Wayne Hogan, Jean Craven and Datalee Shaver were recently introduced as mystery shoppers for the Oakland County Mental Health Authority.

response for the jail diversions and hospital dispersion," Brown said.

This means when someone is picked up by the police and has a mental disability, there is an alternative to taking that person to jail.

Also, as people are discharged from the hospital, they will have some means of getting help as opposed to just going home.

Plans are also in the works to

increase staff to help with after-hours service in cases of emergency, as well as staying open on the weekends.

"We hope to provide the service and support that people need so they can have the maximum amount of independence possible," said Brown. "We have to be able to accommodate all spectrums."

"We have been looking at the
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CULTURE OC

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Due to the steady growth of the Hispanic-American culture, Louis Kincannon believes Hispanic Heritage Month is "an important event in this country."

As a result to the booming Hispanic culture in America, Spanish is quickly becoming almost a second language to the U.S. The growth of the Hispanic culture in the U.S has sparked the desire for literary publications printed in Spanish.

Publisher of the colorful tabloid "Furia Latina," Elias Gutierrez, said the Hispanic community is constantly looking for information about their culture.

"We've found that more Hispanics are looking to the Spanish-language media for their daily dose of news," she said.

Oscar De La Torre, deputy consul at the Mexican Consulate in Detroit said, "To us, the periodicals allow us to keep in touch with what is happening in Mexico, as well as things that effect our daily life in Michigan."

Keeping in touch with their heritage is very important to many minorities. Fredrick Feliciano, director of Multicultural Affairs in Detroit, expects more Spanish-speaking immigrants to make the Detroit area their home in years to come.

"We're a community that is representative of some 22 nations through Latin-America and the one common thread in that tapestry is Spanish," he said.

For a complete listing of all OU events, visit its Web site www.oakland.edu.

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sized the importance of a gathering center on campus.

"This is not part of the teaching structure, but it's a place where we learn from each other, a place where we do more than get grades," he said.

The planning process also involved a handful of students.

Senior and BOT Student Liaison Rhonda Hanna was one of them.

In her speech, Hanna affirmed the positive effects of the expansion on student life.

"(The new OC) will help students to succeed and flourish at OU," she said. "This is where they will create memories to last a lifetime."

Hanna pointed out the new OC is "the result of what can happen when administration and students work side by side."

Finally, it was OU President Gary Russi's turn to welcome everyone to this new part of the campus.

"This expansion is part of the 2010 vision plan that will make OU gain stature in Michigan and over the country," Russi said.

He then reminded the audience of six goals supported by the 2010 vision plan. Those include the increase of student housing, the promotion of student organizations and programs, the invigoration of student life on campus by

encouraging more residential and weekend activities, the support of the recreational center, the bringing of OU athletic teams to championships and at last, the expansion of the OC.

"The student center will represent the ever-increasing quality of student life at OU," Russi said. "This is a vision come true."

At this point the crowd headed to the west entrance of the OC.

There, the ribbon was cut, symbolizing the official grand opening of the OC expansion.

After the ceremony, refreshments, snacks and cake were provided to the guests, as the exotic Student Steel Pan Organization beat their steel drums in rhythm.

The band, who was hired for the occasion, is composed of 10 members and is raising money for a trip to the World Steel Pan Festival held each year in Trinidad.

"We will have a CD out by the end of the year," said President Lesley-Ann Graham. "We will be playing at different campus events in the following weeks."

Students like senior Saraj Pristol, already appreciates the new addition.

"I love this new building. You don't have to fight to get a table. I love this great coffee house feel," Pristol said.

"And in the winter, the walk from North

Foundation Hall is going to be nice," sophomore Heather Brawer said.

Most faculty are also pleased with the expansion.

"Dreams do come true," said professor Richard Stamps, associate professor of Anthropology. "The expansion is a great place to have study groups. It will facilitate out of class education."

When the party ended, the OC expansion took a life of its own with groups of students chatting with a cup of coffee in the Café O'Bear's, students studying in the lounge area and the continuous murmur of daily activities.

For more information about the Student Steel Pan Organization, contact Mark Stone at stone@oakland.edu.

A1 Photos by Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
Top picture: OC director Richard Fekel, Board of Trustee Chair Henry Baskin, BOT Student Liaison Rhonda Hanna, OU President Gary Russi, Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder and BOT Vice Chair Penny Crissman officially cut the ribbon to the OC. Middle Picture: The Student Steel Pan Organization performs in the middle of the new eating area in the OC. Bottom Picture: Richard Fekel, director of the OC, talks about the expansion.

PHONES

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the technology again," Rowe said.

She said OU only has to change phone switches again when the switch becomes old, non-functional or it's economically viable to change over.

The switch will not mean changes to desktop phones or phone numbers.

"Phone numbers will remain the same and existing phones will still be used," Rowe said. Although she said a few phones will require new faceplates.

Throughout the outage, voice-mail will not be available, it will not collect messages and callers will receive a busy signal when calling the university numbers.

Rowe said OU's Police

Department is aware of the phone outage and will be monitoring campus.

"Students should use common sense in any surrounding. We tend to believe our phones will always work, but the power outage a few weeks ago should tell us that we need to have a back-up plan," Rowe said.

She suggested students use cell phones and pay phones and also keep in touch with resident assistants.

OUPD said students with emergencies during the phone outage should call (248) 373-8546.

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BUDGET

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areas we need to do better in," he said. "We want anybody who feels they are not getting care, and we would like them to come to one of our organizations and get screened."

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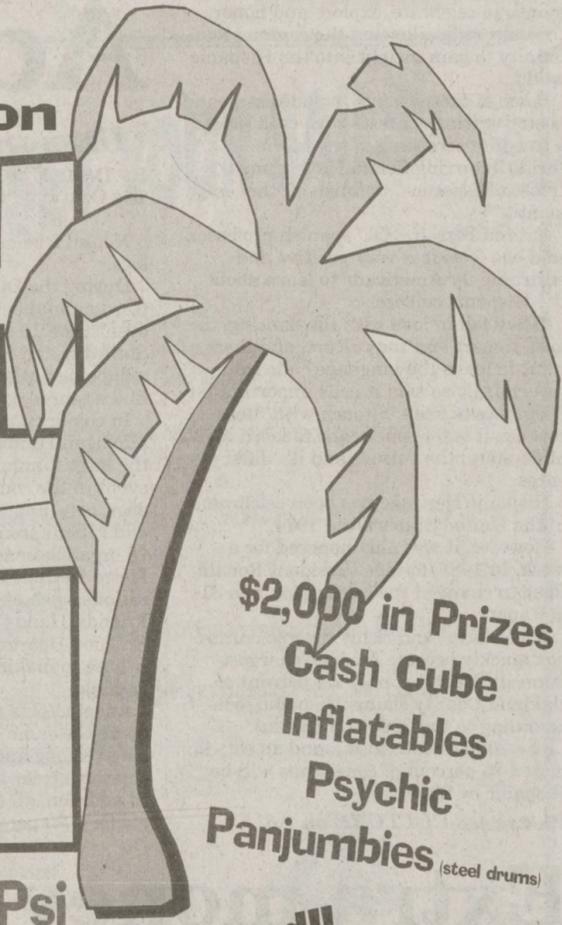
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Letters to the Editor

Editor's View

DEAR EDITOR,

The university appears to be operating on a different set of rules and standards than the students.

A student must decide upon their class selection by Sept. 9 to receive a full refund. However, several days after that date the university feels that it is justified in canceling classes, thereby leaving students without the option of taking another class in its place.

The late cancellation of the Advanced Photojournalism class has left me with zero credits this semester, \$300 in paid fees and over a \$100 in purchased materials that can not be returned.

Another student in this class faces losing her financial aid and health insurance due to the late cancellation.

They cannot even begin to refund the 1/8 of a semester wasted in a cancelled class and time spent on assignments. They also can not replace the opportunities that were turned down because of the class (such as participating in the civic program Leadership Greater Rochester).

I understand the university is operating on a tight budget. However, that is no excuse for it not operating under the responsible and ethical management methods that it teaches.

The mismanagement has resulted in damage to the students who are the customers. This type of practice will only lead to more budget prob-

lems as students leave the university and go elsewhere.

Laurie Puscas
SECOND DEGREE STUDENT

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing in regard to the letter to the editor printed Sept. 17, 2003, and written by an "Anonymous Student."

I would like to start by thanking "Anonymous Student" for showing interest in OUSC operations. I would also like to thank "Anonymous Student" for calling on the student body to let its voice be heard. Since its conception, the OUSC has worked hard to encourage students to come and voice their opinions and concerns.

Although the claims made in the previous letter to the editor were completely fictional, it would be inappropriate to dispute them in this forum. In addition, the questions asked by "Anonymous Student" can be easily answered, but it is not within my capacity as Student Body Vice-President to answer them by this media. However, I would like to point out the fact that the recent changes to SAFB guidelines have been developed in response to a call from the student body to find a fair, equitable and less complicated process by which to subsidize on campus programs/events. The SAFB has been actively reviewing and revising the allocation process for the past eight

months, and therefore the introduction of new requirements for student organizations should not have come as a surprise.

To close, I would like to personally invite "Anonymous Student," as well as all other members of the student body, to our next OUSC meeting. Meetings are held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center, and as always, they are open for all student to come and make their voice heard. If you are unable to make it to the full body meeting, I can be reached on campus at (248) 370-4291, my e-mail is ktlewis@oakland.edu, and unless I'm in class you can find me in the OUSC office, in the basement of the Oakland Center, from about 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. every weekday. I would hope that this and every time that "Anonymous Student" or any other student has an issue that he/she feels should be addressed, that he/she would make the time to voice his/her opinion in the appropriate forum.

Kenton T. Lewis
STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT
SENIOR

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Don't give up history

Arguably, OU's reputation over the years has stemmed from five things: Meadow Brook Theatre, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Meadow Brook Hall, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute and education.

The educational aspect of the university seems to be going strong, but what about the Meadow Brooks?

Meadow Brook Music Festival, an intimate place to go for outdoor concerts, hasn't been under the control of OU for years.

Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, one of the pioneer facilities for combining health analysis with lifestyle behaviors, closed this spring after growing competition in the area defeated it.

Meadow Brook Theatre was almost sold to Joe Nederlander, the owner of the

Nederlander Group, this summer, but a group of determined individuals called the Committee to Save Meadow Brook

Theatre thwarted the plan in an effort to keep it a local theatre. The group is now attempting to do what OU couldn't do for years, make the theatre profitable and involve students in all aspects of the theatre.

After all that, we thought it might be over. But then in his speech on Thursday Russi said: "Later this month, we will be taking a look at the operation of Meadow Brook Hall, search-

ing for the right combination of operational services and historic preservation that will keep that operation viable for many years to come."

Does that mean a different future is in store for the Hall? The Hall is the basic building block of the university and a historic mark in the community.

OU has a reputation to uphold, one of history and preservation.

While nothing has been written in stone about Meadow Brook Hall, OU has a reputation for getting rid of what it sees as waste,

even if it's important to someone else, just to make a profit.

For example, a few years ago, land being used in research was reconstructed and turned into a golf course. Maybe we should ask the student

researchers if the profits of the golf course could ever equate to the knowledge that could have come out of the land.

It's important that the decision-makers examining the future of MBH think about the historic value of that home. Think of who once lived there and what they did for every student who has, is and will ever attend OU.

Economic times are tough, as Russi stated, but it's important not to do something today that we might regret tomorrow.

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: Economics are making times tough at OU.

Our stance: We can't give up the things that make OU special.

Featured columnist

E-mail policy simplifies communication



ROBERT JOHNSON
Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

The new academic year has heralded many important and exciting changes at Oakland University. One of the most important changes is the new campus-wide student e-mail policy.

The policy was designed to streamline and improve communications between Oakland students and the university, and to provide a common mode of information-sharing. Oakland University provides all of its students with e-mail services and an official university e-mail address. Beginning this semester, all official university communications will be delivered via e-mail.

Some examples of the type of information students will receive through university e-mail include messages on registration matters, billing and collection, payroll issues and other similar matters. Students will also receive information on campus news and events through a new "News @ OU" weekly e-mail newsletter. As a

result, it becomes important for students to check their university e-mail accounts a couple of times per week.

As we went around to campus groups to explain this new policy and to get input from students, we heard a common theme: Students were concerned that the new policy would open the floodgates for a spate of unsolicited e-mail messages, commonly known as spam.

We believe we have defused this possibility through careful planning and by instituting several important safeguards as we designed this policy.

For example, student e-mail lists may not be sold or given out for the purposes of solicitation or advertising. These guidelines are clearly defined in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the act that defines state and federal laws regarding this issue. We will remain vigilant on and sensitive to this issue, and will act swiftly if any violations arise.

One of the great advantages of the new policy is that the university will save significant money by reducing, or in some cases eliminating, printing and mailing costs. These savings are expected to amount to more than \$100,000 per year. Moreover, important information can be shared with

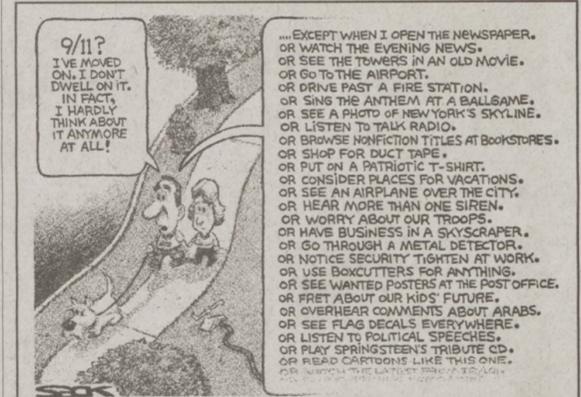
students in a much more timely manner.

If students prefer to use their personal e-mail account, they can use the Oakland system to forward their university e-mail to their preferred account. Students will be responsible for updating the forwarding address if it changes.

For those students who may not own a personal computer, a variety of computer resources are provided around the campus, making access to the university e-mail system relatively easy. The University Technology Services Web site offers tips and information about activating, accessing and forwarding your OU e-mail account.

We live in a time where instant communication is vital and even expected, and Oakland University has worked diligently to be able to offer its students the technological resources to receive information in a timely manner.

As we move further into the new school year, we're confident that the new student e-mail policy will simplify communications between the university and students, and become an important part of how the university and its students interact.



Correction:
Last week the article "Tuition lowered still up 8.5%" said "The Board of Trustees approved a proposal last Wednesday to reduce this year's 9.9 percent tuition increase to 8.8 percent effective in the winter semester." The line should have read 8.5 percent

Point / Counterpoint

Should the Recording Industry sue music downloaders?

YES

By **Brendan Stevens**
Sports Editor

Why is it our society has an obsession with getting things for free?

Gone are the days when people not only worked hard to earn rewards and reap the benefits, but also a time when people appreciated the work other people put in.

That's what downloading files off the Internet comes down to, appreciation.

Musicians spend countless hours creatively envisioning a song and spend even more time turning a dream into reality. Why should that commitment go unrecognized?

Like music, in movies, it goes beyond the high-priced directors and big-time celebrities, it takes a countless number of people to make writers' scripts into films. Like most of the working people in this world, those people are blue-collar workers who have spent years specializing those skills to earn paychecks.

It is the same in the music business, with people behind the scenes turning the gears that allow us to hear the hippest beats and most effective lyrics.

When you download music instead of buying the CD, you aren't taking away from the million-dollar performers like J-Lo and Justin, but from those people.

It's true that some smaller bands get their break from people downloading their music, and that is great. I have no problem with more people hearing music while artists try to hit the big time.

I am against, however, people who have had no part in the creation of the music or movie getting a free shot at the final production.

If an artist or moviemaker wants to make their product available for free, let them do it. Otherwise, it's a violation of copyright and is clearly piracy.

Would you want your hard work to be stolen away from you just because someone found a way to get around the technology protecting it?

NO

By **Tracy Estes**
Senior Life Writer

Before the CD burner became a household item on a personal computer, what did people do for music? I remember listening to the radio and copying songs on to cassette tapes. Although the quality was not as good, there was no one being sued for making tapes. All of a sudden CDRs replaced the cassette. Copying songs became easier, had better quality, and was illegal.

The problem is that sales went down. But honestly, why on earth would a person want to spend \$17.95 on a CD filled with 17 tracks of music they have never heard, and will never listen to? There are hundreds of albums put out each month by artists that only have one hit. We call these people one-hit-wonders. The Record Industry Association of America, or RIAA, is a billion dollar company and they actu-

ally have the nerve to sue people for downloading a simple song here or there? It's understandable if the music is being pirated, or sold, but causing an uproar over personal use and previewing, that's unbelievable.

It is understandable to sue if a person is simply pulling all the songs from the album and creating their own CDs, rather than buying them, but taking one song from an album should not be a crime.

For the Industry to make an example of people whose libraries are only 100 to 200 songs downloaded is outrageous. There are people that have over 10,000 songs and will probably not get caught and that is the mistake that the industry is making.

Why sue at all if in the millions of people who download, only a handful will be caught? What's the point? Recording music onto a cassette or burning music on to a CD is the same thing, and there was no problem then, so why now?

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FOOD

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\$3.55 through Aramark while it costs \$1.50 through Chartwells. Subs were \$10.95 a foot with a 3-foot minimum through Aramark and are \$9.95 a foot with a 3-foot minimum through Chartwells.

However, the products students order from Chartwells are often available off campus at cheaper prices. For example, Meijer has a sale this week on Aquafina drinking water, 12, .5 liter bottles for \$2.99, while Chartwells charges \$1.50 a bottle.

Meijer also has 1/4 sheet

cakes for \$8.99, plain 1/2 sheet cakes for \$22.99, novelty 1/2 sheet cakes for \$26.99, plain full sheet cakes for \$36.99 and novelty sheet cakes for \$40.99.

The sheet cakes through Chartwells are \$29.99 for a decorated 1/2 sheet cake or \$55.95 for a decorated full sheet cake.

According to Reynolds, Chartwells is not required to give any of its catering revenue to the university, however Chartwells has made contributions to the OC.

"Chartwells made a capi-

tal investment to the University of \$1.3 million which was used in the food service renovations in the food court and Vandenberg Dining Center last summer. The remainder of the money was used in the Oakland Center expansion this summer, specifically in the remodeling of the Oakland Center kitchen," Reynolds said.

While student organizations are claiming to be purchasing less food this year, Reynolds said it's too early to tell whether there will be any changes in the

catering trends this year.

There are very few things students with offices in the OC can do if they want to host an event.

"One solution is to find alternative places on campus to schedule your activity," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Leadership development.

She said places like the Rec Center, Meadow Brook Hall and certain lecture halls on campus are places events can be held that are not subject to Chartwells catering. However, she said

these places also have their own catering rules such as where food can be served and even which caterers can be used.

Miller said student orgs who choose to bring in outside food for events face losing their OC privileges.

Even other departments on campus are opting for other food sources.

Jacky Leow, assistant director to Meadow Brook Art Gallery, said the Art Gallery chooses to buy its own food.

"Due to budgetary restrictions, we choose to make

purchases for receptions and lectures on our own," Leow said.

She said MBAG isn't obligated to purchase food from Chartwells because it is outside the Oakland Center. However due to what MBAG purchases, she said it isn't necessary for it to go through Chartwells or any other catering company because it is taken care of internally.

OUSC

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Both Pearson and Gammicchia said this is not something OUSC could do internally. They said it would cost OUSC at least \$5,000 to have someone go through every entry and make sure it is legitimate before it's posted online.

Legislator Jackie Claiborne was concerned that students would not participate in the evaluations online because it's not as convenient for them as filling it out in class.

Gammicchia said it is up to OUSC to spread the word and get student feedback. He urged all student feedback to be addressed to (248) 370-4290.

Gammicchia said he hopes OUSC will run different types of incentive programs to get students to participate in the evaluations and the book swap.

OUSC will discuss the topic at the next meeting, at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

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committee for the 2003-2004 school year.

The six-member committee consists of Shannan McNair, associate professor of education, Joel Russell, professor of chemistry, Ron Tracy, associate professor of economics, Frank Lepkowski, coordinator of instruction at Kresge Library, David Maines, professor of sociology and Paul Licker, professor of management information systems.

The Senate's meetings have been moved to the auditorium in Elliot Hall, because of the electronic capabilities of the room.

It is hoped that the room switch will allow the Senate to keep audio and visual records of its future meetings.

The Senate meets at 3:10 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the Elliot Hall auditorium.

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Grizzlies on a roll

BY ALAN BOJAKOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's soccer team put the smack down on the Western Michigan University Wednesday afternoon by cleaning the field with the formerly undefeated Broncos in a 5-1 victory at OU soccer field.

"Let's play hard for 90 minutes," said Golden Grizzlies head coach Gary Parsons in a team huddle just before the start of the game.

Play hard is exactly what OU did for the entire duration of the game.

"We had to regroup from Saturday's disappointment. We needed to stay focused and come out flying," said sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Wiese.

Wiese made four saves in just over 56 minutes of shutout goal-minding.

The Golden Grizzlies started to put a hurting on the WMU defense when senior forward/midfielder Anders Vollen scored on a great move to catch Bronco junior goalkeeper Ian Spooner leaning for his first goal of the season.

"I faked a pass to the middle of the field and put it past the goalie with the left foot," said Vollen.

Vollen was assisted by junior midfielder Shahar Ktovim.

"It takes a lot of practice. As a mid-fielder, I need to be able to feed my forwards," said Ktovim about his team leading four assists.

The Grizzlies' second goal of the game came when junior midfielder Bret McNabb launched a missile from the top of the penalty box for his second goal of the season. McNabb's goal, which resulted in the Broncos pulling their goalkeeper, was assisted by both junior defenseman Matt Connor and Vollen.

The play that brought the estimated 105 fans to their feet was when junior midfielder and co-captain Doug Rice hit Ktovim for some fancy foot work to put the rock past Broncos new goalkeeper sophomore Brent Miller.

Ktovim's goal was his first of the season.

Goals number four and five



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior midfielder Brandon Felker moves past defenders during the OU men's soccer team's 2-1 victory over the University of Akron Zips. The Grizzlies remain undefeated with an overall record of 4-0-2.

both came from sophomore forward Chris Edwards, his fourth and fifth of the season.

"We played as a group, with speed, at a fast pace and my Mom came from Scotland to see us," said Edwards when speaking of the Grizzlies' potent offensive attack.

Edwards' first goal was assisted by senior defenseman and co-captain Jason Perry while Edwards' second was assisted by Vollen and junior midfielder/defenseman Brandon Felker.

The Broncos' lone goal came with five minutes left in the game when Bronco junior defenseman Jason Okroy put one by OU sophomore goalkeeper Josh Slaughter for his third goal of the season. Okroy was fed by fellow Bronco senior forward Giuseppe Ianni.

After the game, Parsons felt his team had played together and moved a step in the right direction.

"We were mentally into the game. This win was a collective

effort," said Parsons.

OU remained undefeated moving their record up to 3-0-2, while the Broncos fall to 6-1 overall.

The Grizzlies added another victory to the win column Sunday afternoon when they beat the No. 10 ranked University of Akron Zips 2-1 at the OU soccer field. Both defenses played with great determination, not allowing a ball to pass the goalposts until 31 minutes into the first half.

"We did a good job defensively, not allowing our goalie to be attacked," said Parsons.

The Grizzlies scoring attack started first when Rzepka blasted a header pass Zip's junior goalkeeper Justin Christafaris in the 31st minute for his second goal of the season. Edwards and Perry assisted Rzepka's goal.

"We work on plays like this in practice. Edwards headed the ball over to me off the pass and I was able to go to the left post for the header," said Rzepka.

Halftime came and went before the Zips tied up the game at one

in the 71st minute of the contest.

Junior defenseman/mid-fielder Alex Odwell snuck a shot pass Golden Grizzlies goalkeeper Jeff Wiese for his fourth goal of the season.

OU got its second and last goal needed to secure the win just after the 76 minute mark by scoring on one of the most exciting plays in soccer.

After a yellow card was pulled on Zips junior defenseman Cameron Knowles, Grizzly junior forward Philip Braathen scored on a penalty free kick for his fourth goal of the season.

"We set up plays in practice and they don't know how to defend them," said Braathen.

OU improved its record to 4-0-2 and is currently ranked 12th in the College Soccer News Poll.

Friday the Grizzlies take their aggressive attack on the road when they travel to the University of Dayton to take on the Flyers at 7:30 p.m. before hosting Michigan next Tuesday.

Losing ways ended

BY JASON SKIZYNIARZ
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's womens soccer team got back on the winning track this weekend, clobbering Eastern Michigan University 3-0 Friday afternoon and easing by Centenary University 1-0 Sunday afternoon.

The Grizzlies had lost three straight as they went to Ypsilanti to do battle with EMU. After the game was played the losing skid was snapped.

Junior Katie Arnott scored the game's first goal in the 43rd minute. It was her first goal of the year and ended up being the game-winner.

Freshmen Marianne Samdal and Lisa Marie Woods both notched their first career goals in the shutout victory.

More than 18 minutes into the second half,

Samdal put the Grizzlies up by two with her goal and less than eight minutes later Woods rounded out the team's scoring with a goal that sailed in from the left side.

Senior goalkeeper Sarah Buckland earned the shutout playing only 82 minutes of the contest. Freshman Amber Gale finished out the game for OU.

EMU outshot Oakland 10-6, but only managed 3 shots on goal. The Grizzlies made the most out of their six shots, having five shots on goal.

"Statistics are not an indicator of the game," said Coach Nick O'Shea. "Scoring chances are more important than shots."

The Eagles weren't the team's only victim this weekend as Mid-Con rookie Centenary fell to OU 1-0.

The Grizzlies dominated much of the contest, as Centenary could not get any offense

going.

They managed only three shots, all of which missed the net. Meanwhile, OU fired 17 shots with seven reaching the goalie.

Junior Shelly Piccirillo scored the lone goal with an assist from Samdal.

Piccirillo's goal came in the 64th minute and was her 4th of the season. OU almost added two more goals, but their shots hit the posts.

Buckland picked up another shutout in the game without recording a save. In the team's four wins and one tie this season, Buckland has allowed no goals.

The team has its first home game this Friday versus Southern Utah University. "We are looking forward to get some rest, and we want to get off to a good start with three upcoming conference games," said O'Shea. The Grizzlies improved their record to 4-3-1.

Three in a row for golfers

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

"I woke up this morning thinking there could be an end to all this," head OU golf coach Dave DeWulf said.

But his team didn't let him down as the Grizzly men's golf squad won its third consecutive tournament to start the 2003-2004 season, claiming the Butler Fall Invitational with a two round total of 585.

Senior Ryan Yelen led the way, tying for the individual crown with a 141 (70-71), losing in the playoff but still earning the Grizzly first-place points.

"He's solid, a very steady player," DeWulf said. "In conditions like this, your steady players will come through. With wind and soft

conditions, par is a great score. That's the kind of player he is."

Junior Brian Stuard followed four strokes back with a one-over performance of 145. Just two strokes behind Stuard was supposed fifth player, redshirt freshman Rob Reynolds.

Sophomores Rob Tate and Jonathon Pauli each shot 148 to close out the Grizzlies' lineup. As an individual, junior Matt Pullen shot two rounds of 76.

"Obviously you want to get five guys that can possibly win any tournament," DeWulf said. "I think we have seven guys who can. You shoot the kind of scores we are shooting and it doesn't matter who is low."

The men are looking to make it four straight Sunday and Monday in Pittsburgh at the

Champions Lake Invitational, hosted by Duquesne University.

"We'd love to go into Duquesne and make it four," DeWulf said. "And I think that if we keep our heads, no one can beat us. You try to shoot a low score and don't worry about winning and losing, that will take care of itself."

DeWulf said he plans on sticking with the same five golfers for the first time this season.

"It's not fair to take them out of the lineup when nobody can beat us," he said. "There's a lot more to it than hitting a golf ball, there's team chemistry."

The women were also successful at the tournament, finishing in fourth place out of 11 teams.

With a team score of 663, the Grizzlies finished just one-stroke back of Mid-Con foe Western

Illinois University.

Senior Mara Mazzoni led OU for the fourth straight tournament shooting a 163, but was followed closely by freshman Stacey Goins who shot a 144.

The rest of the squad paced each other, as redshirt freshman Leigh Gulbransen, freshman Christina Cibrario and sophomore Patricia Ellsworth finished within four shots of one another.

"These were our best five players that we played today for the first time," DeWulf said. "With the wind and the wet conditions, it makes it a lot more difficult to score."

The women will be out of action until Oct. 5-6 when the men's squad will join them in the Golden Grizzly Invitational on the squads' home course.



ADAM HITCH
Senior Sports
Writer

*Let's get what
our athletes
deserve*

Maybe I am going to be a champion of a lost cause but there is no excuse for us not having tennis courts on campus.

I realize being an optimist does apply to many college students, but I honestly believe that when Athletic Director Jack Mehl said that if the students really wanted tennis court then they would get them that he was being sincere.

I will never know though because the OU student body doesn't seem to want to support its teams.

Tennis is a perfect example.

Why aren't we demanding courts on campus? The only answer has to be that the student body doesn't seem to care either way if we have them or not.

A Division I sports program should not make its teams go off campus to play home games.

A Division I sports team should not be suffering from an identity crisis.

Yet no one at OU seems to care.

Talk to the women on the team. They are friendly people who just want to play a sport at which they excel.

Is it too much for them to ask for facilities like a majority of their competition so they don't have to change clothes in parking lots?

The fact that there have only been four requests in the past eight years for courts is staggering, especially considering the amount of students at OU. It's incredibly disappointing.

In three years here, I've learned one thing when it comes to OU athletics, as long as there is not a football team the student body will have an excuse not to care.

Soon, a Post article will discuss this issue and, to the dismay of the student population, they will no longer be able to use it as a reason for their apathy.

How can a school in southeastern Michigan have a student body that cares so little about athletics, especially when almost everyone came from a high school where sports were king?

My only guess is that once we got into college we were supposed to become uptight snobs who are too good for simple pleasures like watching a sporting match.

Sorry, but no one told me that being smart meant not allowing myself to enjoy simple pleasures.

Here is my challenge to the entire OU community. I challenge everyone to attend at least one sporting event involving an OU team this year.

I then challenge you to do something very few people do on campus, I want you to actually care about our student athletes and demand our athletic department give them the same advantages we demand from our academic departments.

Then, once you do, prove me wrong for being an optimist.

The athletic department has no reason to lie to the student population. If the students want tennis courts they will get them.

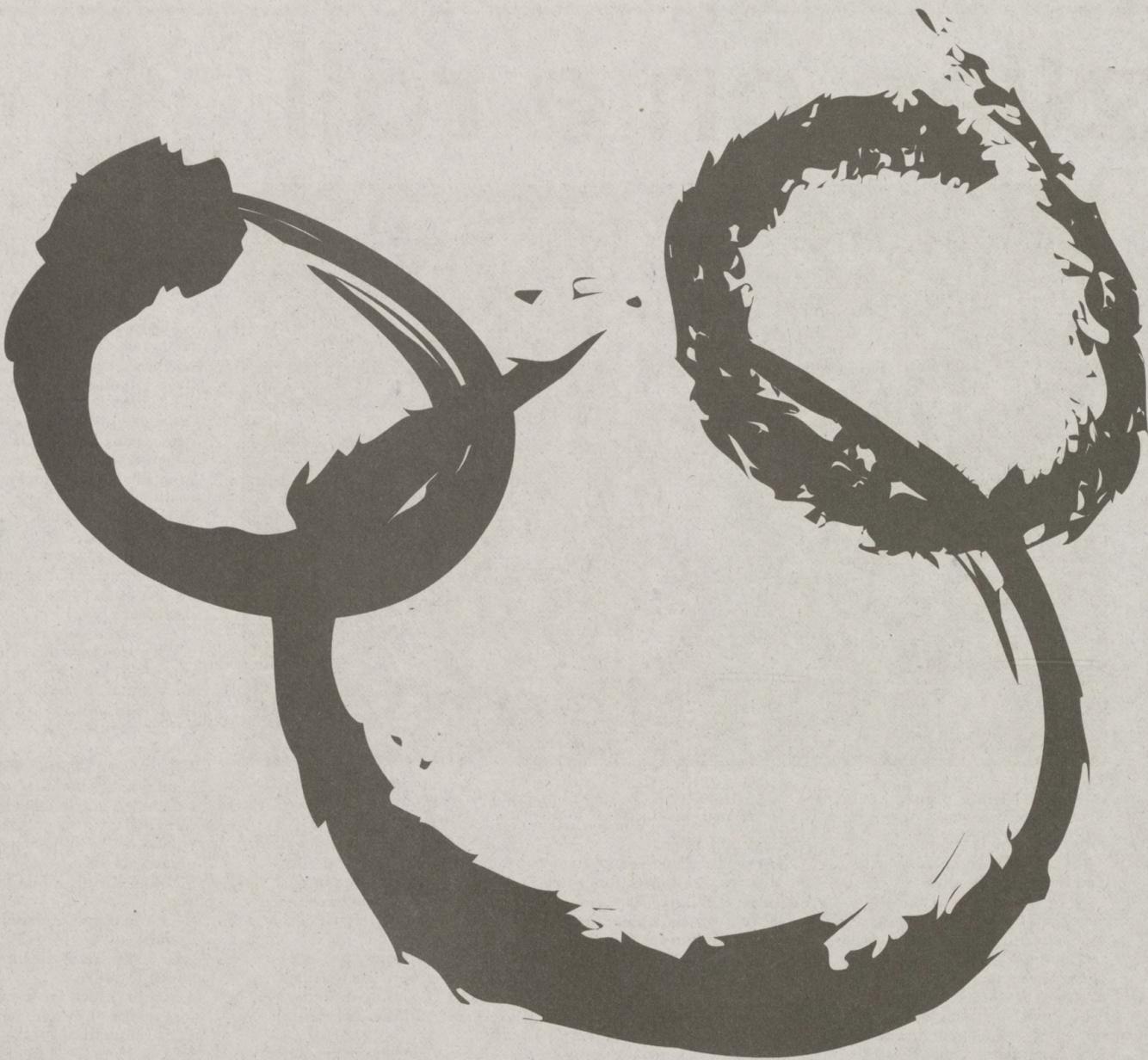
The student body has the power to create a wonderful thing, a complete Division I sports program where people actually care about their team.

Imagine locations like the "Big House" at U - M, or Munn Arena at MSU, two dynamic sporting locations where visiting teams dislike playing.

OU can have the same venues for soccer, tennis and basketball. Together we can create a university that top athletes want to play at and not against.

If we want it bad enough we can make this happen. All we have to do is want it.

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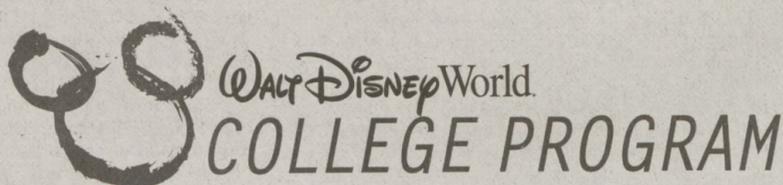
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Good week for runners

BY JASON SKIZYNIARZ
BRENDAN STEVENS
THE OAKLAND POST

It was an encouraging weekend for OU cross country runners, as a number of Golden Grizzlies runners personal records at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational.

Senior Kristie Kieffer led the record-setting performance with a 21:35.3 at the Spartan Invitational, knocking nearly a minute off her previous best 6K time, 22:39.9, at the 2001 Mid-Con Championships. The time placed Kieffer in fourth place, less than 10 seconds after the third place finisher.

Also besting her previous top time of 22:00.5 was junior Melissa Nasers, who finished the race in 21:51.7 and placed ninth.

"(Kieffer and Nasers) are really a notch above everybody else," said head OU coach Paul Rice. "The challenge we face is getting the third, fourth and fifth girls to run as a pack."

Rice said that the women have battled some injuries and are still getting into shape.

"They are healthy now, but it will still be a couple weeks," he said. "It's encouraging to see what will happen in the next couple weeks."

In her first collegiate 6K race, freshman Laura Fisher finished with OU's the third best time of 23:57.3 and

placed in 60th.

Junior Sarah Kane was two places back of Fisher with a time of 24:07.6 and sophomore Kim Schultz continued the personal-best trend by improving on her previous best of 24:44.4 with a time of 24:23.6, placing her in 82nd place.

A group of sophomores took home the Grizzlies' next four best times, three of which were personal bests. Amber Nagel (24:40.3), Marissa Montgomery (24:56.5) and Julie Austin (25:13.2) all improved on their previous best times and Sarah Drouillard's 25:01.4 put her in the middle of the pack.

Junior Kara Coraci, 25:14.6, and senior Andrea Sutter, 25:25.1, rounded out the women's squad.

On the men's side, junior Adam Frezza once again paced the Grizzlies with a new Mid-Con record for an 8K race with a time of 24:58.9, besting his own previous record of 25:08.

The effort earned Frezza his second consecutive Mid-Con Athlete of the Week award as he became the first OU runner to post a sub 25 minute time in an 8K race since joining the Mid-Con. It is his third naming this season out of four such announcements.

"He finally did it," said Rice of the sub-25 performance. "He was the first athlete I have coached to run a sub 25 time, so it was exciting for me, too."

Rice said that the competition was the difference for Frezza, who came up seconds short in a wide-margin victory last week.

"He ran with the top group the whole race," Rice said. "That's what he's got to do, and it paid off."

Two fellow juniors followed behind Frezza. Luke Williams placed 30th with a time of 25:46.7 and John Cook ran a time of 26:25.2 to finish in 55th place.

Senior Brandon Fisk was the Grizzlies' fourth finisher with a time of 26:42.2 and a 61st place finish.

Freshmen took home three of OU's final four spots. Chris Fecek, Joe Zick and Tim Copacia placed 82nd, 107th and 110th, respectively. Senior Mike Withee broke up the freshman pack with a 94th place finish.

The Grizzlies will have a break in competition until Friday, Oct. 3 when they will travel to South Bend, Indiana for the Notre Dame Invitational.

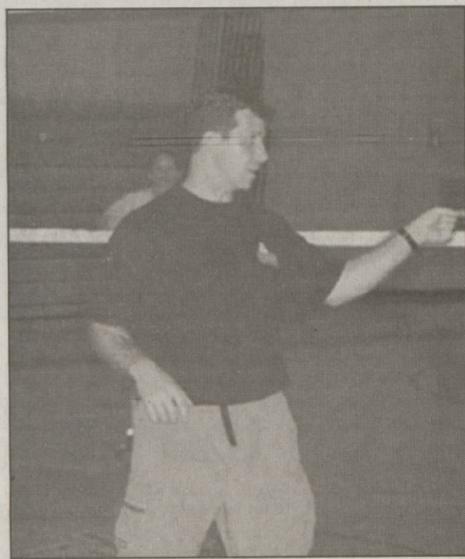
OU will take the extra time to prepare for Southern Utah University, a Mid-Con foe who will also be competing in the Notre Dame Invitational.

"From top to bottom, we're really excited about it," said Rice. "We very rarely see conference schools, let alone the top schools. Whether we beat them or not, it's a good gauge of where we stand and what we need to do prepare over the next month."

Rice also said that competition will help fuel the runners.

"From here on out, we'll have good competition," he said. "Everybody on the team will benefit greatly from the field we'll run against at Notre Dame."

"In those kind of races you get pulled along."



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Head OU Volleyball Coach Dave Schmidlin directs a practice earlier this season.

Second win is elusive

BY ADAM HITCH
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The past week came and went with the OU women's volleyball team still seeking their elusive second win of the season.

The Grizzlies played four games at the Western Michigan Invitational never capturing a set from their opponents.

OU opened the week Tuesday, dropping their match with Bowling Green 3-0. They lost the sets 30-17, 30-22, 30-22 dropping their record to 1-4.

Junior Sara Miller led OU with eight kills and eight points.

She was followed closely by Heather Lippert with four kills and six block assists for seven total points.

Friday they went to Kalamazoo where they were met with similar results losing to host Western Michigan 30-23, 30-18, and 30-19.

Sophomore Stephanie Linz led OU with 11 points on 10 kills.

Senior Courtney Varterasian was a close second with 10.5 points off of nine kills.

Central Florida was waiting for the Grizzlies on their second game of the day handing OU yet another loss, 30-22, 30-16, 30-22.

Sara Miller again led the OU attack collecting six kills with her 8.5 points.

Sophomore Amanda Fowler, who Coach Dave Schmidlin called his most effective player, was a close second, seven kills and eight points.

The losses kept coming as OU concluded the tournament Saturday versus New Orleans.

Win number two would have to wait as they dropped three straight matches 30-20, 30-15, 30-22.

Whitney Lane led the Grizzlies with seven points on seven kills.

Varterasian followed with four kills and six and half points.

The losses drop the team to 1-7 on the season. Schmidli was optimistic despite his team's results.

"The team never threw in the towel," said Schmidli.

"We fought as long as we could. I honestly believe we'll get better though, the kids are getting use to a new system and by the season's midpoint things will get better."

The team's next game is Tuesday night at home versus Central Michigan University then they travel to Oral Roberts and Centenary for the weekend.

First loss for tennis

BY MIKE LARSON
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's tennis team suffered its first setback of the season with an agonizing 7-0 defeat at the hands of the Division 2 Wayne State University Warriors.

The match, which took place Wednesday afternoon in Detroit, was the team's first loss this year, which brings their record to 1-1.

Wayne State started the match by sweeping all three doubles matches to win the doubles point.

Although they lost, the freshman pairing of Angela Trecola and Jessica Erickson put on a strong showing in the number two position, playing in OU's closest doubles match of the day, 8-6.

At the number one position, senior Britney Maxey and sophomore Lisa Pellaphone lost by the score of 8-5, and the number three pairing of freshman Stephanie Potiris and sophomore Emily Kahanak came up short by the score of 8-3.

The young Grizzlies, which included five players who are either freshmen or sophomores, never quite recovered after the doubles fiasco.

The OU team that took the court for the singles portion on Wednesday didn't resemble the team that dominated St. Francis a week before.

The Lady Grizzlies were manhandled as the Warriors won five of the six matches in

straight sets.

The only player who managed to win a set was number three Trecola, who lost her first set 6-4, came back to win the next 6-4, before falling in the final set 10-6.

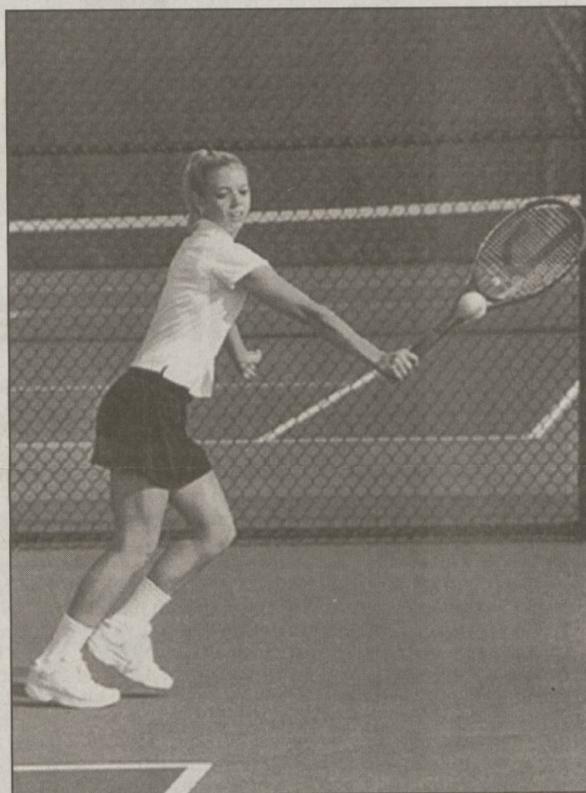
As for the rest of the singles matches, Maxey in the number one spot lost 6-3, 6-1.

Pellaphone dropped her number two match 6-0, 6-1. At number four, Erickson fell 6-2, 6-2. Potiris dropped her match at number five 6-2, 6-4. And rounding out the lineup at number six was freshman Julie DeGutis, who lost 6-1, 6-2.

The non-conference loss was a huge disappointment, but the team sees this as a just a bump in the road on their way to what could be a very successful season.

"Our coach (Heather Redshaw) has really been emphasizing the little things," said Kahanak. "Things like footwork and energy on the court. Once we master those things, and get out of the mental hole we got ourselves into with Wayne State, our team will be so much better. Our coach also has plans for us to do some very heavy conditioning and work on doubles strategy in preparation for our next match."

The Grizzly tennis squad will return to work at 4 p.m. Thursday against Mid-Con foe UMKC. This match will be the first match of the Grizzlies first home tournament of the season.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Freshman Jessica Erickson reaches for a serve in a match at Stony Creek High School in Rochester Hills earlier this year.

The tournament will be going on all weekend long at Stony Creek High School in Rochester. Other teams competing will be IUPUI and Chicago State.

Redshaw said she would like to see student support

grow for the tennis squad. "I don't think that the students realize how much of an impact they could have on this team. This is a very talented team, and they deserve to be seen by the student body," said Redshaw.

Grizzlyly Calendar

Unshaded games denote home contests.

	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28	Mon 29	Tues 30
Men's Soccer			Dayton @ 7:30 p.m.				Michigan 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer			Southern Utah 4 p.m.				
Women's Volleyball			Oral Roberts @ 8 p.m.	Centenary @ 8 p.m.			
Women's Tennis		UMKC 4 p.m.	Chicago St. 12 p.m.	IPFWI 4 p.m.			
Men's Golf					Champion Lakes Invite	Champion Lakes Invite	

Sorority and fraternity life

BY ANASTASIA STANECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Living college life as a member of a Greek organization can be a great experience.

Living together in a big house can create some memorable and learning stories to share.

Phi Sigma Sigma and Theta Chi are the only OU Greek organizations with houses.

If someone is wondering what it would be like to live in a fraternity or a sorority house, here is a chance to glance through a window into Greek living.

There is rent and certain responsibilities that must be maintained by each individual. Both of the houses are alcohol-free.

Theta Chi, which has a house in downtown Pontiac, charges its members \$200, a semester, not including spring and summer.

The money helps with taxes, renovations and house projects.

It is the responsibility of the brothers to maintain the house and yard. It's Alumni Association owns the house and the mortgage was recently paid off.

There are 15 brothers liv-

ing in the 17 bedroom, four bathroom house.

Phi Sigma Sigma has a house on Adams Rd. across from John Dodge Hall.

Each sister pays \$400-\$500 which covers everything they need. Including utilities, Internet, maintenance and upkeep, furniture and cable.

The rules are the same as if living in the dorms. It has four bedrooms and three full bathrooms.

"It is a great way to develop close friendships with sisters," said Lucy VandePutte, president of Phi Sigma Sigma. "We have so much fun living together."

VandePutte also feels it has increased participation for a lot of the sisters in the organization and created a place where they can all come together.

While there is more space for each girl in the house than in the dorms, the house serves as a place to have meetings, dinners together and time and space to spend relaxing.

The house is always open to other sisters as well as other organizations.

"Other organizations are also welcome to stop by," Vandeputte said.

"I have lived in the dorm and rented an apartment, but this has been my favorite experience," said VandePutte.

Chris Robb, senior and president of Theta Chi, said he enjoys living in the house.

He said there is privacy for the brothers and there are designated times for quiet hours to help the brothers study.

Each brother must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Robb said the positive experience he has had with Theta chi helps him encourage others to get involved.

"It gives you a close group of friends and lot to do, including brotherhood," said Robb. "Having a house brings it all together, it's nice to have a house all our own."

With only two Greek organizations having a house to live in, many hope it will become a more common opportunity at OU.

"We would love to see other Greek organizations have the opportunity to experience Greek living," said VandePutte.



Photo courtesy of Phi Sigma Sigma

The Phi Sigma Sigma house is a social gathering for the sisters.

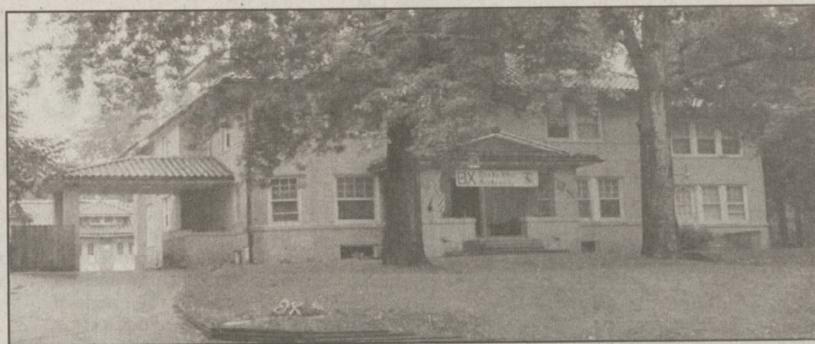


Photo courtesy of Theta Chi

15 Theta Chi brothers occupy this house in downtown Pontiac.

Healthy eating alternatives for students on the go

BY LUISE BOLLEBER
THE OAKLAND POST

Apparently, all those late night pizza parties, Big Macs and "Biggie" cokes from 7-11 add up. With hectic class schedules, part-time jobs and extra curricular activities dominating a typical day, maintaining healthy eating habits can be a challenge.

The "freshman 15" phenomenon was dubbed by college students about how freshmen can expect to gain up to 15 pounds during their first year of school.

According to a recent study conducted at Cornell University, college freshman gain an average of 4.2 pounds just during their first 12 weeks on campus.

"Significant weight gain during the first semester of college is a real phenomenon, with breakfast and lunch at all-you-can-eat dining facilities accounting for 20 percent of the weight gain," said David A. Levitsky, professor of nutritional sciences at Cornell, about his study.

Mila Padgett, assistant program director of the Department of Campus Recreation believes that a change in activity levels from high school to college accounts for weight gain in students.

"Students are fairly active in high school," said Padgett. "When they go to college, their activity level goes down but they don't adjust how much they eat."

Parking the car and walking around campus rather than driving to classes is one suggestion Padgett had for students to increase physical activity. She also recommends taking advantage of the Rec Center.

"Exercise and nutrition are equally important," said Padgett. "You need to watch what you eat as the tendency is to grab fat, fast meals."

OU freshman Sarah Moore thinks she may gain weight due to the changes in her eating habits since moving into Vandenberg Hall.

"I'm eating bacon, eggs and hash browns for breakfast,"

said Moore. "Normally, when I'm at home, I eat oatmeal for breakfast."

Not everyone in college will put on the pounds, but there are various reasons why freshmen are prone to gaining weight. Being away from home for the first time is an exciting but stressful experience.

For freshmen especially, the first year of college represents the first real taste of freedom. All this newfound freedom often results in too much drinking, staying up too late with friends and turning to junk food for comfort.

Social gatherings and late night sessions with friends frequently revolve around food.

"It could be midnight and they break out the pop and chips," said Padgett.

Late night pizzas can pack on an extra 2,000 calories in one sitting, easily leading to unwanted pounds.

Graduate student Tori Dempsey said he meets with his friends at TGIFriday. Although now 26, he said he gained weight during his undergraduate years.

"It took me awhile to get it off," he said about his weight loss efforts.

Students should be aware of all these influences and think twice before reaching for that third piece of pizza or ordering extra-large fries. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind for the next few years, guidelines that make sense for college and beyond.

When eating at Vandenberg Dining Center, Padgett suggests keeping portion sizes under control.

"Be aware of how much you're eating at each meal," she said. "Just because you can eat two servings of lasagna doesn't mean you should."

Choose vegetables, lean meats and a salad from the salad bar. Opt for vinaigrette dressings instead of creamy varieties. Don't overindulge in fried foods and limit foods made from white flour such as bread, rolls and pastas.

Enjoy fresh fruit for dessert from the salad bar instead of cake or pie.

Students with a mini-refrigerator should stock it with healthy snacks such as a bag of baby carrots, yogurt, cheese sticks, sliced deli meat, cut-up veggies from a salad bar and low fat dip, low fat cottage cheese, grapes, salsa and eggs, if they have a microwave.

Some healthy "fast" foods to keep on hand that don't need refrigeration include, pretzels, nuts, peanut butter, whole grain bread or pita bread, fresh fruit, trail mix and granola. Stay away from processed, sugary and fatty snacks.

Carry a small snack to avoid temptation between classes.

For students living off-campus or dorm students with a few small appliances, cooking is a good way to ensure ingredients are fresh and healthy.

There are numerous cookbooks geared towards college students. "Cheap Eats" by Sonneborn and Harriman features simple, fast, and healthy recipes that can be prepared in less than 20 minutes. "The College Cookbook" by Geri

"Just because you can eat two servings of lasagna, doesn't mean you should,"

Mila Padgett, assistant program director of the department of campus recreation

Harrington is another.

Padgett's advice on maintaining a healthy diet and exercise routine applies to older students as well. "Metabolism decreases as you get older and you don't need as much food," she said.

Finally, pop consumption can also be a problem, according to Padgett. With an average pop containing up to 200 calories, drinking several a day can add up. She advises drinking water instead.

These guidelines are worth keeping in mind but that doesn't mean students have to swear off hot fudge sundaes for life. Just remember that moderation is the key.

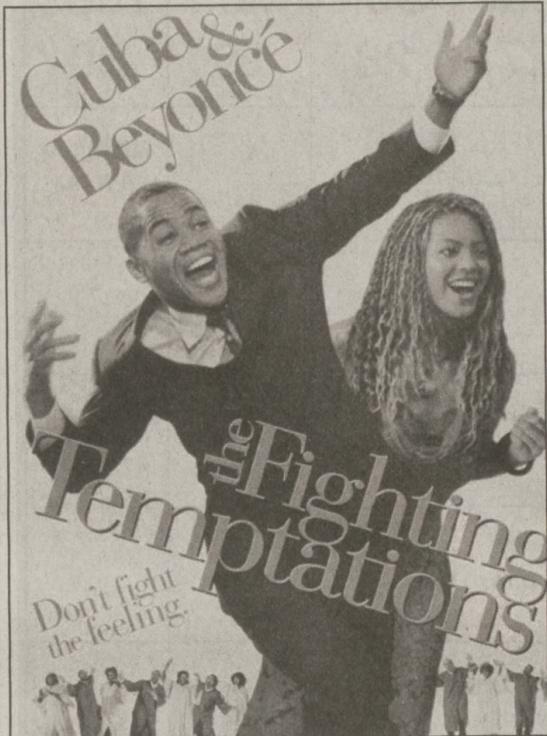


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"The Fighting Temptations" opened last weekend.

'Temptations' will have you dancing in the aisles

Film Stars Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyoncé Knowles

BY ANASTASIA STANECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

In this entertaining and humorous story, Cuba Gooding, Jr. shines as a young advertising executive named Darrin Hill living in New York City.

When his boss finds out he lied about going to Yale, he gets fired on the spot. On his way out of the building, a private investigator catches up with him to give him the news that his Aunt Sally has passed away.

So, he tries his luck at the ATM machine, cheering it on like a slot machine in a casino and to his surprise, he receives enough money to catch a plane to Montecarlo, Georgia to get to the funeral.

Darrin arrives to his hometown in the deep south to be greeted by an array of hilarious characters.

Including, the sexy nightclub singer Lilly, (Beyoncé Knowles) who has been cast aside as a sinner by the church folks.

After the funeral, during the reading of the will, Darrin is told he will inherit \$150,000 if he takes over and directs the Beaula Baptist church

choir and get them to compete in the Gospel Explosion. The only problem is there are hardly any members.

Darrin works to create a choir by recruiting a resistant Lilly as the lead singer. Before he knows it, he has a choir full of inmates from the local prison, rappers and some dedicated church members from through the years.

"The Fighting Temptations" reminds us of how important it is to

remember where you come from and to be proud of who you are.

There is great lessons in the film about telling the truth and about community while being uplifting and entertaining.

This movie captures your attention within five minutes. Its cast of talented performers, uplifting music and humor will make you leave with higher spirits and a big smile.

You may even dance your way out the door, just like the little girl in front of me did.

Once again, Cuba Gooding Jr. has accomplished a great performance and Beyoncé was right there with him. This is a great movie.

review

A Perfect Circle takes the next step

A Perfect Circle
Album: Thirteenth Step

If you like the sounds of Tool, this album is definitely not for you. A Perfect Circle has nothing to do with Tool, and the only thread they have in common is with vocalist from both bands, Maynard James Keenan. A Perfect Circle's newest album, "Thirteenth Step" which was released Sept. 16, is the bands second album following close behind "Mer de Noms," the bands first album.

First impressions of this album, include that of a completely new direction for the band. The basic sound of this album, is not that of a hard rock band. In fact, it's the complete opposite.

This album has a more artful and mature sound but also looking at the dark side of human life. The droning of the first beat on the album, "The Package," begins the experience of the many eccentric and emotional views and sounds that are brought together in this album.

Billy Howerdel's song-writing ability and production skills have increased since the release of their first album and it is evident in "Noose."

As a producer he is finding ways to play the song in silence instead of the ambient sounds and orchestration that "A Perfect Circle" had in their first album. With a long break in between albums, Howerdel had much time to improve his skills and talent.

The overall album is not of just one style. There seems to be a mellow, soft and slow tone at times, but it picks up every so often. Tracks like "The Outsider," are aimed more towards the bands signature sounds of their first album.

Although the album may seem to be less than

"Mer de Noms," this album is actually taking a different approach than the "in your face style." There is very little orchestration in this album compared to their

review

first, but that doesn't take away from the overall ability that A Perfect Circle has to create a work of art.

I'm not going to lie and say that on first listen I loved "Thirteenth Step," because in all honesty, the album seemed less than what we are use to

The down south kick of fiddles, banjos and harmonicas actually make for an interesting sound, combined with the heavy bass line heard throughout the tracks of "Deliverance."

Tracks like "Jimmy Mathis," include this heavy bass, which is the only reason for listening. Sparxxx's lyrics leave a lot to be desired. Although humorous with his crazy redneck rhymes, there really is no point to any of his songs, and they're not catchy.

Sparxxx's said in his biography at "The official web site of Bubba Sparxxx," that he wanted to use "Deliverance" to tell his story in a way he had never done before. If that were the case, just looking at the booklet of the CD would make you wonder if he had few screws loose in the head. Moonshine, shotguns and machetes don't exactly tell normal people's life stories, so you have to wonder where he grew up.

The music mixed together by Timbaland, who has produced for Missy Elliot and Aaliyah, is in fact awesome, but adding Sparxxx's vocals weakens the overall quality of the album.

Each song has its own style, yet the southern rapper's voice and words don't exactly fit. I would recommend this album to those who lack the ability to listen to good music.

However, for those who have taste, this album is not very flavorful.

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

from "A Perfect Circle." On the second listen, it was obvious that the sounds were meant to grow on you, and the feel of the album is something new and more true to the kind of music A Perfect Circle has the ability to put out.

Bubba has lost his spark

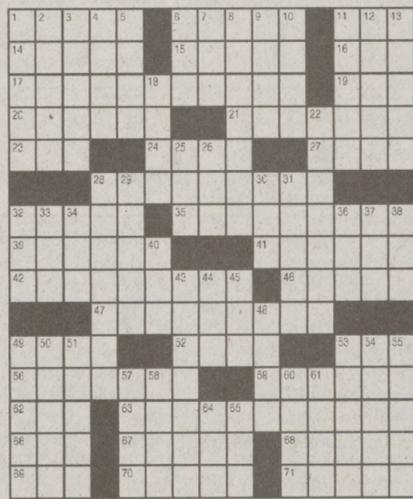
Bubba Sparxxx
Album:
Deliverance

The fire went out when Bubba Sparxxx's newest album "Deliverance" was released Sept. 16. The southern born rapper teamed up with talented producer Timbaland once again to try his unique style with yet another record.



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THE LOW DOWN

Friday, Sept. 26

The Fall Career Fair will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

St. John Fisher's Fall Hiking Retreat will start today and run through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Monday, Sept. 29

Tango Lessons will be offered from 8-10 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is hosting Jim Corcoran, the president of Vegans in Motion to speak from noon-1:30 p.m. in the OC.

Friday, Oct. 3

Friday Night Live with Alexandra McHale will begin at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Disability Awareness Days begin today and run through Oct. 9.

Friday, Oct. 10

Friday Night Live with Dale K will begin at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 11

The Alumni Awards banquet will be held in the OC.

Monday, Oct. 13

WOCOU IX kicks off with a reception and Matilda Wilson's 120th birthday celebration. It will be held in the OC Banquet Rooms from noon-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

The Student Program Board will be hosting an art gallery in Gold Room C of the OC at noon.

OU Says...

Who is your favorite band or music artist?



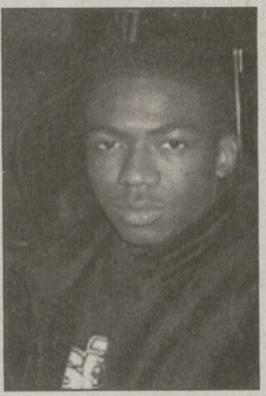
"My favorite band is Queen."
Michelle Monagin
Junior
Linguistics

"I like Genuine! He's so cute."
LaToya Hearn
Sophomore
Public Administration



"The band Brand New."
Mark Schroeder
Sophomore
Journalism

"My favorite artist is Nas."
DeMarcus Ishmeal
Junior
Communication



"My favorite is Black Sabbath! Ozzy is the coolest singer ever."
Ed Guzman
Freshman
Chemistry

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UPDATING YOU EVERY WEEK!

NOW HIRING!!!!!!

Would you like to make a difference in a child's life and the Pontiac community? Yes? Then AmeriCorps Oakland wants YOU!

AmeriCorps is hiring 900-hour yearlong positions. Members serve children in the Pontiac community through tutoring, after-school and summer programs as well as participate in numerous community service projects throughout their term of service. What's in it for you? Besides that warm fuzzy feeling, experience, networking contacts, leadership and teamwork training, members receive a living wage stipend of \$5,421 (paid bi-weekly) and at the completion of service an educational award is issued for \$2,363, which can be used towards tuition, books, student service fees, room and board.

Orientation sessions and interviews will be conducted September 30 from 12-2 PM in Gold Room C and October 1 from 5-7 PM in room 128-130 of the Oakland Center.

Candidates must attend one session for the entire 2 hours.

For more information call 370-2186 or stop by and see us at 159 W. Vandenberg Hall.

FIRST YEAR STUDENT TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Beat the Dreaded Freshman 15

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5-6 PM, Lake Superior B, OC. You have all heard about it-the Dreaded Freshman 15. Learn how to control the extra weight gain that typically accompanies the first year in college as well as keeping yourself healthy throughout the year.

CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

THE BEACH BASH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!

Friday, September 26 from 9PM-1AM Prizes, psychic, inflatable games and refreshments are just a few of the activities available for your enjoyment. Fun for all! OU students get in FREE with their Spirit ID card and guests pay a \$5 entry fee. Co-sponsored by the Rec, RHC, SPB and Alpha Kappa Psi.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, September 24 at noon in the Pioneer Room. The presentation will focus on Herbals and Homeopathy. Bring your lunch and join in the opportunity to continue a healthy lifestyle. No advance sign up necessary. Free.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

If you're not playing you should be watching! Come watch the OU intramural flag football and soccer players in some exciting games on the Upper Pioneer fields (across from the apartments). There is always something happening in intramurals.

Flag Football registration deadline is 9/26. Captain's meeting is 9/29 at 7 PM, Wellness Classroom.

All-Star Basketball registration deadline is 10/3. Captain's meeting is 10/6 at 7 PM, Wellness Classroom.

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition is 9/25, upper fields starting at 6 PM.

This Week

Wednesday, Sept. 24—Mock Behavioral Interviews
9 AM-4 PM, Oakland Room. Strengthen your behavioral interviewing skills by participating in a mock interview. Advance registration is required; schedule your interview via eRecruiting.

Wednesday, Sept. 24—Professional/Graduate School Fair
11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Hallway Tables, OC. Meet with representatives from Oakland University, University of Michigan, Spring Arbor University, Wayne State University, Marygrove, Thomas M. Cooley Law School and many more.

Thursday, Sept. 25—Walt Disney World Presentation/Interviews
8 AM-5 PM, Lake Superior A. Do you like to have fun? Are you energetic, outgoing and creative? Learn about career and job opportunities at Walt Disney World. This is a great opportunity for Liberal Arts majors.

Friday, Sept. 26—Career Services Fall Career Fair
11 AM-3 PM, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center. Get a jump-start on your career! Don't miss the chance to network with employers and learn about career and job opportunities!

Tuesday, Sept. 30—Accounting & Finance Recruiters Reception
5-7 PM, Meadow Brook Hall. An excellent opportunity for Accounting and Finance majors to network with prospective employers. Pre-registration is required.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 3—Seniors Set Your Sails!
11:30 AM-4:30 PM, Gold Rooms, OC. Learn about job market trends and employers expectations, discuss professional development and career advancement, and meet with staff, students, alumni, and employer representatives.

Friday, Oct. 3—RHC's Friday Night Live Series presents comedian Alexandra McHale. McHale has been a regular at clubs such as The Comic Strip, Catch a Rising Star and Caroline's and is a member of the prestigious Actor's Studio in New York. She's also well known in the improv circles, having performed with N20 Comedy, All Legs, No Brains, and the Bottlerockets. Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM. Free admission and refreshments.

CLASSIFIEDS

Spring Break

Spring Break 2004. Travel with STS, America's #1 Student Tour Operator to Jamaica, Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas and Florida. Now hiring campus reps. Call for group discounts. Information/Reservations 1-800-648-4849 or www.ststravel.com.

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Spring Break '04 with StudentCity.com and Maxim Magazine! Get hooked up with Free Trips, Cash and VIP Status as a Campus Rep! Choose from 15 of the hottest destinations. Book early for FREE MEALS, FREE DRINKS and 150% Lowest Price Guarantee! To reserve online or view our Photo Gallery, visit www.studentcity.com or call 1-888-SPRINGBREAK!

JOBS

TRAVEL
Reservations. Approx. 20 hrs/wk. Travel Benefits, Flexible daytime hours. Near OU campus. For interview call (248) 370-TRIP, ask for Russ Zahodnik CANAM WORLDWIDE TRAVEL

Square Lake Athletic Club HELP WANTED
The SLAC is Michigan's newest fitness, health, and racquet club. We feature 12 indoor tennis courts, state of the art fitness center, day care, cafe, and a day spa. We are looking for long term responsible customer orientated personnel. Needed are: Receptionists, Housekeeping, Cafe help, Personal Trainers and Group Exercise Instructors. Call today for an interview at (248) 332.9221.

Movie extra's/models needed! No exp. required, all looks and ages. Earn \$100-\$500 a day. 1-888-820-0167 ext. U251

Psychologist's Office at Baldwin Rd. in Clarkston needs data entry person 12-15 hours per week. Call (248) 814-0706 or (248) 909-6143.

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Interested in a paralegal or law student to work part-time. Interest in estate planning a plus. Please fax resume and cover letter to:

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ROCHESTER, Near Downtown. Large 2 Bedroom Apt., Walk-in Closet, Carport, Heat and Water included, \$675.00. Oakland University Student Special - \$300.00 Security Deposit. Parkdale Manor Apartments. Call (586) 757-6309

FOR RENT

STOP RENTING! Own your own totally updated 1328 sf condo in Rochester. 2 BR, 2.5 bath, garage, finished basement, fenced backyard, pets ok, indoor pool. \$155,900, please call (248) 505-4655.

FOR RENT - Lake Village of Auburn Hills apartment. Take over discounted lease expiring 4/30/04. Call (248) 552-4013 or (248) 758-5911 for more info.

Available Now! 359 Nelson, Pontiac, 3 bed, 1 bath, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, cable/phone all rooms, garage, close to M-59/I-75, downtown Pontiac, %850/month. + utilities. Call Ryan (248) 703-6519.

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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ATTENTION ALL STUDENT AND GREEK ORGANIZATIONS!

Registration
Register your student or Greek organization for the 2003-2004 academic year. Pick up a registration form in the CSA Office (49 OC) and return it by September 27.

Officer's Training
Saturday, September 27 9 AM - 12 PM Gold Rooms, OC
• This is a required training for organization presidents and treasurers.
• Sign-up in the CSA Office (49 OC) to attend.

GREEK WEEK 2003

- Greek Feud**
Wednesday, September 24 Gold Room C, OC, 7 PM
- Mock Rock**
Thursday, September 25 Pioneer Room, RAC, 7 PM
- Greek Pride Day**
Friday, September 26
- Greek Olympics and Awards Ceremony**
Saturday, September 27 Pioneer Upper Fields, 1 PM

Mini-Trainings
Come learn additional strategies and practices for the upcoming year! All Mini-Trainings are optional, but attendance is highly encouraged for any student organization leader.

Monday, September 29
5:30 PM: Utilizing the CSA Office
6:45 PM: Maintaining financial records and budgets
8:00 PM: Fundraising 101

Tuesday, September 30
5:30 PM: Utilizing the CSA Office
6:45 PM: SAFB
8:00 PM: Fundraising 101

Wednesday, October 1
5:30 PM: Finding a community service project
6:45 PM: Recruitment and retention
8:00 PM: Planning successful programs

Thursday, October 2
5:30 PM: Finding a community service project
6:45 PM: Recruitment and retention
8:00 PM: Planning successful programs

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

RESERVATIONS FOR: 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 (Sept. 27, & 28)
- Triple Espresso (Sept. 28, Oct. 23 & Nov. 28)
- Sound of Music (Sept. 30 & Oct. 5)
- Mama Mia (Oct. 5, 9, 26 & Nov. 13)
- Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus (Oct. 5 & 6)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers (Oct. 7)
- Opening Night of the DSO and the Max Fisher Music Center (Oct. 11)
- Smokey Robinson (Oct. 12)
- Oscar Peterson and Branford Marsalis (Oct. 15)
- The Masked Ball (Oct. 22 & 24)
- Menopause: The Musical (Oct. 26 & Nov. 2)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Boston Celtics (Nov. 5)
- Disney on Ice: 3 Jungle Adventures (Nov. 15 & 16)
- Detroit Pistons vs. New York Knicks (Nov. 21)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the "Rockettes" (Nov. 28, Dec. 4, 11, 22, & 26)
- The Producers (Dec. 2, 21, 29 & Jan. 4)
- Kathleen Battle (Dec. 4)
- Nutcracker Ballet (Dec. 12)
- Les Miserables (Dec. 14, 21 & Jan. 2)

ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN-UPS
• Seniors: Set Your Sails! (Friday, Oct. 3)

****NEW: PHOTO DROP OFF****
Drop off your film for processing at the CSA Service Window by 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and pick it up at your convenience at the CVS on the corner of Adams and Walton!

"The need for blood is ongoing. Based on current estimates, our region (SE Michigan) must collect 250,000 units of blood in the next year. That is an astounding 25% increase over current collections."

Gregory Vasse
Executive Director, American Red Cross
Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region

Fall 2003 Blood Drive
October 20-22

- To make an appointment:
- Sign-up at the Donor Sign-Up Tables
 - Call the CSA Office at (248) 370-2400
 - Log onto the CSA website at www3.oakland.edu/oakland/currentstudents/csa/ and click on "OU Fall Blood Drive Sign-Up" under Upcoming Events

Those with appointments will have priority! Sign-up today!