

## One step closer

BY LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The new lounge area, or fishbowl as most students call it, will soon be in place on the north entrance of South Foundation Hall (SFH), after a two-month-long delay because of traffic.

Rusty Postlewait, associate vice president for Facilities Management, said the project should be complete in a couple of weeks.

He said the completion was delayed because the construction company can only work during off hours, because students complained about having to walk around to the southern entrance of

SFH.

Now, the contractors can only work during nights and weekends to avoid blocking the entrance.

"It would have been done in a week and a half," said Postlewait.

He said he has not received any complaints about the delay, and the finishing touches of the canopy removal from North Foundation Hall (NFH) would be done about the same time as the new fishbowl.

"Things weren't getting done," said OU Student Congress President Jonathan Parks, junior.

Parks said OUSC has

received complaints about the unfinished SFH, but recently the project pace has picked up.

"The workers have been working around the clock," he said. "I saw them working at 10:00 at night."

He said OUSC will have Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center (OC) to speak at a future OUSC meeting.

"It's finally getting done," said Parks.

The construction on NFH and SFH is part of the \$8 million OC expansion project. The OC expansion wrapped up in September.

### Fishbowl Facts

- The new 600 square-foot area is 400 feet smaller than the previous fishbowl.
- The fishbowl cost \$350,000 and was part of the \$8 million OC expansion.



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post  
The fishbowl starts to take shape as doors, windows and lights are added.

## Students gain from shortfall

BY LIBBY BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Medical facilities across the country are feeling the pinch of a nursing shortage fueled by ever increasing career options for women and longer life expectancies for the general population.

According to Linda Thompson, dean of Nursing, American women from previous generations were limited to jobs in nursing or education. Career opportunities for today's woman now encompass fields such as business and information systems, positions once exclusively reserved for men.

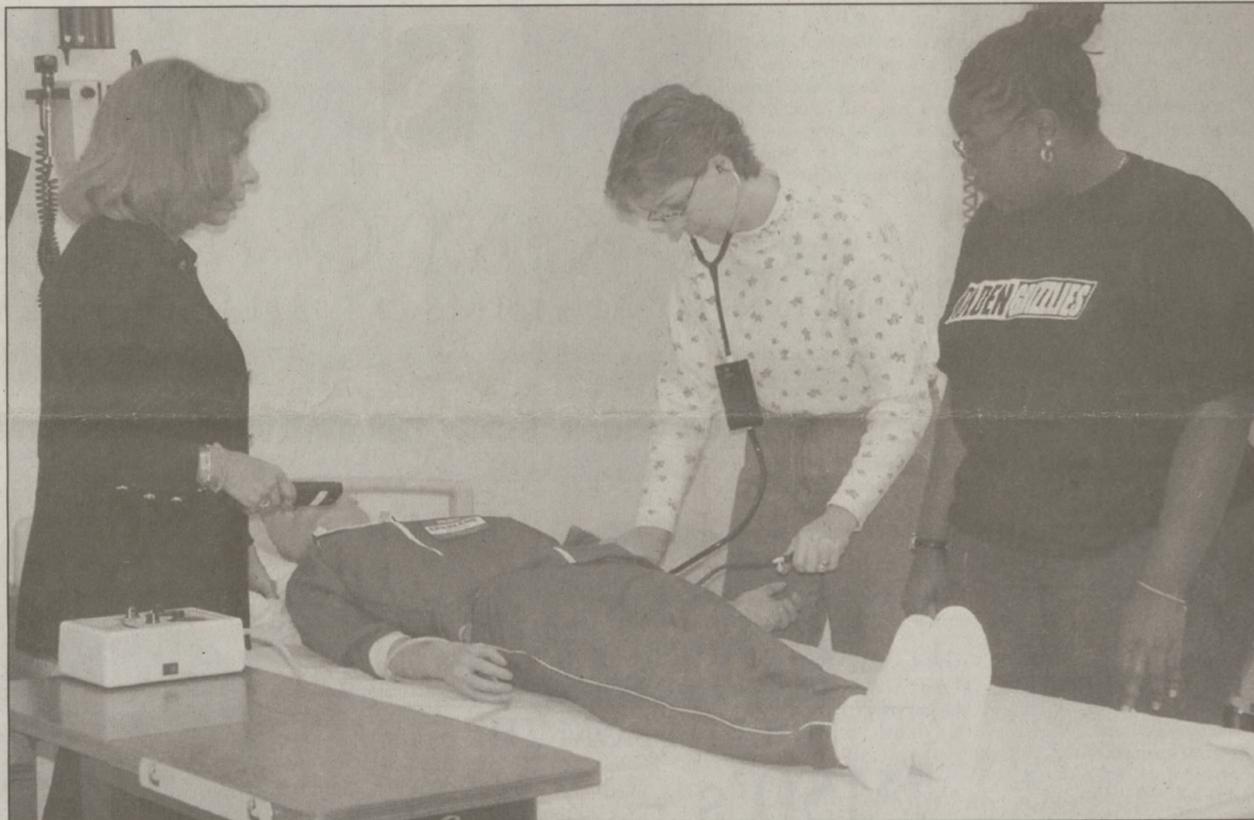
"Females have many more options in career choices today," Thompson said. "The choice has limited people deciding to go into nursing."

In the U. S., individuals can expect to live longer than ever before, but aging is usually accompanied by increasing medical conditions requiring additional care.

"The main thing that has driven a lot of the shortage issues is the population living longer and living longer with chronic and critical healthcare problems," Thompson said. "You have a larger pool of people who need those kinds of services, so there is an increase in the demand for nursing care."

The consequences of the shortage are numerous, ranging from greater demands on individual nurses to limitations in the services facilities can provide in a timely manner.

"There are longer hours and safety concerns, and elective surgeries having to be delayed or certain types of surgical proce-



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Sammy Cary, sophomore, practices measuring blood pressure on a dummy in the Nursing Lab in O'Dowd Hall as dean of Nursing Linda Thompson and freshman Caroline Street look on.

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## College fails students

BY LAURA ANGUS  
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In September, when Allison Johnson found out the German 455 class she needed for her major might not be offered anymore, she was surprised.

Now, when she still doesn't know whether this class is available, she is irritated and she and 10 other German majors are trying to do something about it.

"We've been fighting," she said.

German 455 is a translation class that is part of a three-

class program that allows students to get their translation certificates when they graduate.

Johnson, junior, was told the class might be canceled because it's extra, and not part of the major.

"That's why I'm a German major, I wanted to be a translator," she said. "I don't think anyone will hire me without it."

She said it is an elective, but she needs it to graduate.

Johnson said she was told at the beginning of the semester the fate of the class would be

announced on Nov. 1.

As of press time, she and her classmates have still not been told whether this class would be available.

One of her professors told her they might offer the translation class in place of a literature class.

She said she and 10 other German majors petitioned German professors and the chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, Barbara Mabey.

Johnson also said a typical 400-level German class might

have from eight to 12 students in it.

Mabey said the possible cancellation would be due to budget cuts, but she hasn't heard anything about the state of the class.

She said she was supposed to have heard about the class at the beginning of the month.

"We are working on trying to get it taught," she said.

No one from the College of Arts and Sciences, who will ultimately make this decision, was available at press time for comment.

## Board examines contracts

BY REBECCA WYATT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Money was the topic at last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board approved the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) contract.

AAUP had ratified the three-year contract by a vote of 222-138 Oct. 10 after reaching a tentative agreement with OU in August.

While the contract did not include pay increases for this year, employees will get a \$1,030 one-time bonus. The contract also calls for a 2.6 percent pay increase next year and a 2.8 percent pay increase in the third year of the contract. There is also a tentative .75 percent pay increase set for the third year if state funding for the university is up.

Joel Russell, professor of chemistry and president of the AAUP told The Oakland Post in October that the contract was good in light of the state's economic situation.

The professors weren't the only ones with contracts on the table.

The OU Police Officers Association of Michigan and the OU Police Officers Labor Council both got Board approval on their contracts.

The three-year contracts include a salary increase of 4 percent for all employees for

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## Future Grizzlies get first bite

BY JEAN HENGST  
THE OAKLAND POST

Prospective OU students and their parents will have the chance to learn about the university and its academic programs at Black and Gold Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

At this event, a group consisting mainly of high school seniors and their parents will see presentations about each of OU's individual colleges and they will also attend informa-

tional sessions about things from choosing a major and time management to financial aid.

After the presentations, attendees will be able to tour the campus and visit residence halls.

Melinda Booth, an OU admissions adviser who is co-chairing the organization of this event, said she expects about 300 high school students and their parents to attend.

Black and Gold Day is expected to become an annual

fall event, taking place of the spring's Go For The Gold Day.

One reason for this change is having this informational day earlier in the school year will allow students who do decide to go to OU to submit their financial aid forms by the Dec. 1 deadline.

Ashley Spires, freshman, attended Go For The Gold last year and said she found it to be helpful.

"I wasn't sure if Oakland was the place for me, but going

helped me feel confident with my decision," she said. "I would recommend this program to anyone who thinks they might be interested in going to Oakland because it's very informative and the people running it make you feel at home."

If this event does not work as well as Go For The Gold has in the past, they will most likely switch back to having it in the spring, but "we'll hopefully establish a new tradition," Booth said.

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## OUSC addresses incidents

### Faculty representative resigns

BY VIRGINIE PEROV  
THE OAKLAND POST

Since the beginning of the semester, several incidents caused by guests of OU students, have been reported on campus.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs, spoke at the OUSC meeting Monday night to spread a message of safety and responsibility.

"Students are responsible for the guests they bring on campus," Snyder said. "They have to be

careful."

She reminded the audience of the difficulty of living in a high-density location, but she said that with effort, OU can achieve the kind of community it wants.

In other business:

•Yesterday, OU's Student Congress (OUSC) faculty representative and associate professor of Political Science, Patrick Piskulich resigned from his post.

Piskulich said the executive board is working for the students. He said, however, Congress is "broken and it's up to the stu-

dents to fix it."

OUSC Vice-President Kenton Lewis said the position is always open to a faculty member.

•Congress approved James Ellout as the OUSC publicity coordinator.

"My job is to make sure Congress is something students want to be part of," Ellout said.

Some of his responsibilities will involve the attendance of Residence Hall meetings, maintenance of the OUSC Web site and the creation of a committee that will help promote OUSC.

•The Executive Board of Congress is conducting a workshop regarding the information learned at the California conference.

It will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Lake Superior A Room of the Oakland Center.

•Congress heard and discussed the issue of internet services in the dorms and apartments.

Many residents have expressed the concern of not being able to access the web and paying for something they cannot use.

•Guest speaker Felicia Bumpus, manager of the University Student Apartments, cancelled her appearance before the Congress where she was expected to discuss student concerns in the apartments.

•Congress also approved a motion to form a committee under the Legislative Affairs to look into student representation in student apartments.

## Arabic focus renewed

BY AARON WALKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Arab-American Student Organization (AASO) was formed in the fall of 2001 after September 11.

Now, after a brief lapse, the group is reforming and striving to help educate people on what being Arabic is all about.

When the group first formed, there were many mixed feelings and stereotypes that developed after terrorist attacks on America, said Monica Eraqi, the treasurer of the AASO.

One of the original goals of the organization was to teach people that Arabic culture is peaceful, and to display the culture's rich history, said Eraqi. Since then, other goals have been added.

Eraqi said the AASO remains committed to helping spread the knowledge of

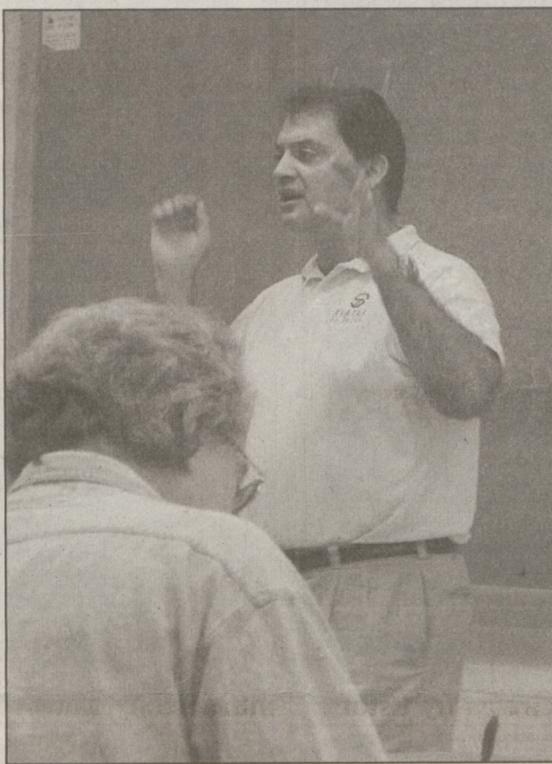
AASO meetings are held from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Lake Superior room A of the Oakland Center. Also, free Arabic tutoring is offered from 1:30 - 3 p.m. every Monday, downstairs in the OC.

the Arab culture through both Arabs and non-Arabs.

It is a place where people from all backgrounds are welcome to discuss the latest developments in the Arab world and take part in trips to Arab centers and museums, said Eraqi.

Also, members can learn the Arabic language through tutoring sessions that are offered.

Eventually, the AASO would like to sponsor trips to the Arab world. "It (the AASO) teaches



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Benjamin Hoffiz, adviser of the AASO teaches his Arabic class. Tutoring of the Arabic language is offered by AASO.

students more about the Arabic Culture and provides tutoring for students taking Arabic classes," said Rabih Ahmad, junior. "It helps students to be aware of the culture in the Middle East."

The schedule of events for the remainder of the semester includes planning an upcoming trip to the Arab

## Group for Hindu text

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI  
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The Latter-Day Saint Student Association, Glory Phi God and the Muslim Student Association are just three of the numerous religious groups on campus, and now, OU is well on its way to adding one more.

One student is working to give the Hindu student population a name around campus.

Aaron Lamky is trying to form a Bhagavad Gita discussion group for students interested in this ancient Hindu text.

The Bhagavad Gita is one of three fundamental texts in the Hindu faith.

It focuses on the moral dilemma of Arjuna, one of the Lord Krishna's disciples, as he battles his own relatives.

The Gita is a mythical account of conversations between the Lord Krishna and his disciples.

Lamky said it is comparable to the Bible in that it is a series of stories passed down from the Lord to his subjects over time.

The group will be discussing spirituality, East

Indian philosophy and any other topics students feel are important.

The group won't be discussing the book at length, said Lamky, but instead any ideas or topics that members want to share will be open for discussion.

Lamky said groups similar to his have formed at Wayne State University and Michigan State University, among other schools.

He visited the group at MSU and wanted to bring the same type of forum to OU.

"It really does help bring students together," said Hannah Sumari, a member of the Hindu Students Association at MSU.

Aside from the discussion group, students are trying to form an organization, the Krishna-Bhakti Club, wherein students can celebrate and discuss their faith.

So far, Lamky said he has heard from about 30 interested members.

For more information on the discussion group contact Aaron Lamky at [bjkim108@aol.com](mailto:bjkim108@aol.com)

## Literature comes to life at reading

BY LAURA ANGUS  
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The Department of English and the College of Arts and Sciences are bringing Bert Hornback to OU for a reading of Charles Dickens' works.

Hornback is a professor of English at Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky and has presented his readings all over the country.

He will be reading from Dickens' works "Hard Times," "Bleak House" and "Martin Chuzzlewit."

Hornback will also take questions as Dickens after the readings.

Bruce Mann, chair of the Department of

English, said this is his department's contribution to the Dickens theme of the year.

"This is part of a celebration of Charles Dickens done by the College of Arts and Sciences," said Mann. "He is one of our greatest authors of the English language."

Mann said this event is a unique way to bring literature to life, and Hornback is "wonderful."

"It's quite entertaining," he said. Lisa D'Angelo, freshman, said she thinks the event might be interesting.

"It's nice of the university to bring something like that to campus," she said.



Courtesy of the English Department  
Bert Hornback

"Mr. Charles Dickens Reads from his Novels" 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18 in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center

## Police Beat

• A resident student's laptop was stolen out of his room in Van Wagoner House.

The student left the door unlocked while he took keys to his roommate down the hall.

His roommate apparently

never went back to lock the room and noticed the computer missing around 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The computer is valued at \$300.

• A disturbance ended a dance in the OC just after midnight Saturday.

The dance was ended without any victims or assailants and no arrests were made.

• A fight in the Student Apartments late Sunday night left two students injured and a trail of blood between the buildings.

One witness said a group jumped him when he tried to break up a fight.

Other witnesses said they saw five to eight men fighting in a hallway and throwing glass bottles.

The injured refused medical treatment and no information on the students who

started the fight is known at this time.

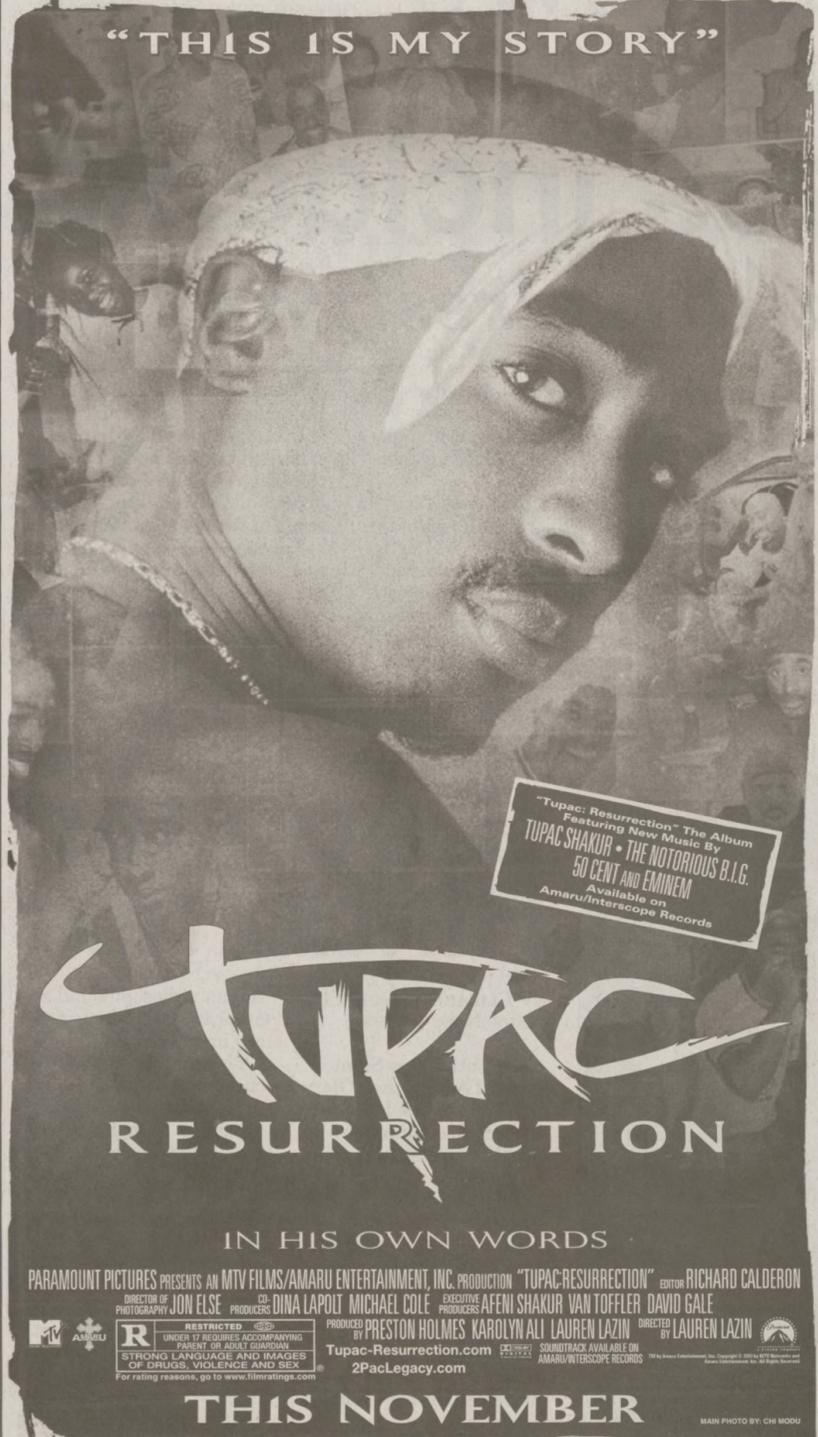
• Three minors in possession were given out Sunday after OUPD was called to Hamlin Hall.

All agreed to take the preliminary breath tests and all blew over a .05.

• An OUPD officer noticed an injured rabbit on Pioneer Drive which was unable to walk.

She was instructed to check the area to make sure it was safe and then destroy the animal.

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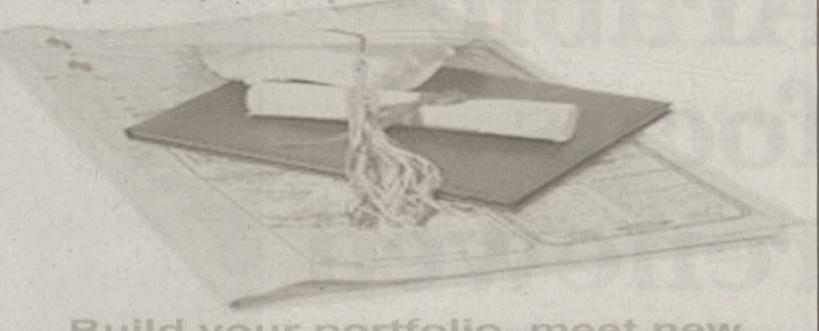
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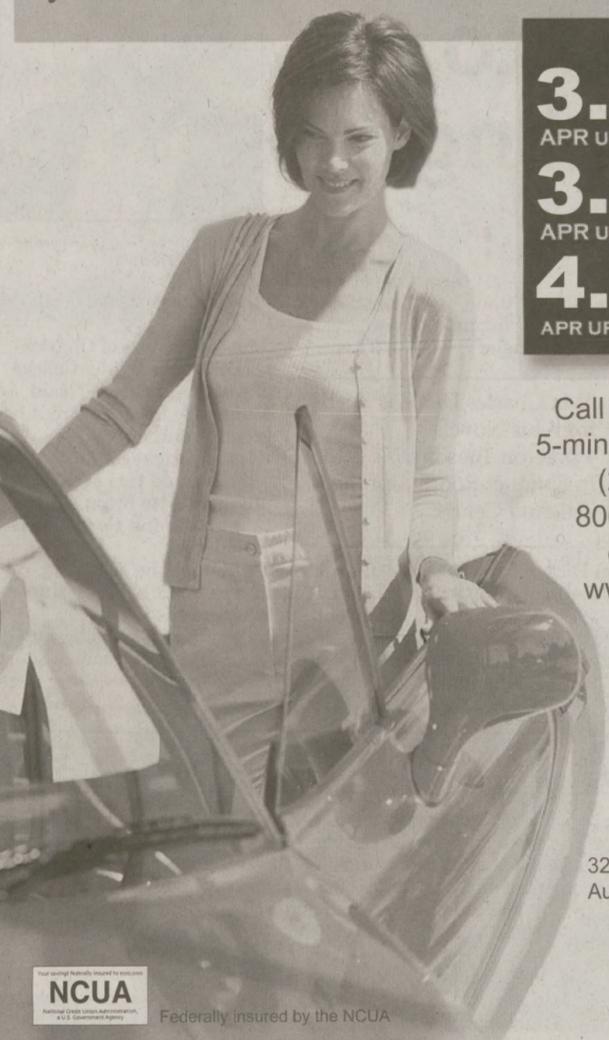
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## Medicare goes online

By TRACY ESTES  
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Consumers can now see how Medicare agencies rate quickly and easily from the comfort of their own home.

A new Web site launched by the government will allow consumers to see an online database of information instead of taking time to make individual phone calls.

Students can now help elders who may not be familiar with the Internet.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) launched its Web site,

www.medicare.gov, at the beginning of this month after it was pushed back from its original Oct. 21 premier date.

The Web site will give consumers the opportunity to find homecare agencies in their surrounding areas and rate them against the state average.

MPRO, Michigan's quality improvement organization is driving the rollout for the state.

"The program is aimed at Medicare age people 65 years or higher, but is not just for elders," said Rebecca Kolinsky, project manager for MPRO. "Homecare can be for any-

one who is unable to do their normal everyday activities.

"For elders, this is an option instead of a nursing home. Others who qualify for the homecare program may be recovering from surgery or have a chronic illness," she said.

Some consumers may not be as familiar with the Internet as others, and this may make using this tool difficult. However, MPRO and CMS have considered this, and Kolinsky said they are encouraging caregivers, such as friends or family members to help with the difficulties.

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## Food Bank seeks help

By TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

Traditionally, the holiday season is a time of giving.

And usually, the Food Bank of Oakland County is on both the giving and receiving end of the holiday spirit.

However, this year the Food Bank is greatly lacking in donations and funds, which are used to supply families in need with a Thanksgiving dinner.

The organization is turning to the public for help.

Helen Kozlowski-Hicks, the executive director of the Food Bank, said she believes the reason behind this is the nation's struggling economy.

She said though donations have been down for the last couple years, this year is particularly troubling.

"Some of the people who have given in the past are the people who need this year," said Kozlowski-Hicks.

Though the Food Bank welcomes any donations, this particular drive has typically been a primarily corporate drive - which is low.

"As of Nov. 6, we have \$6,700," said Kozlowski-Hicks.

Food Bank donations are smaller than they have been in previous years, she said.

The Food Bank has been advertising with local newspapers and radio stations, as well as sending out letters to their usual donors in hopes of rallying support.

So far, there hasn't been much of a response.

The food donations are also lacking for families of the Food Drive.

Last year, 15 hospitals participated in the annual food drive. This year, the number was cut to 10.

Kozlowski said hospitals have been very significant to the Food Drive in previous years.

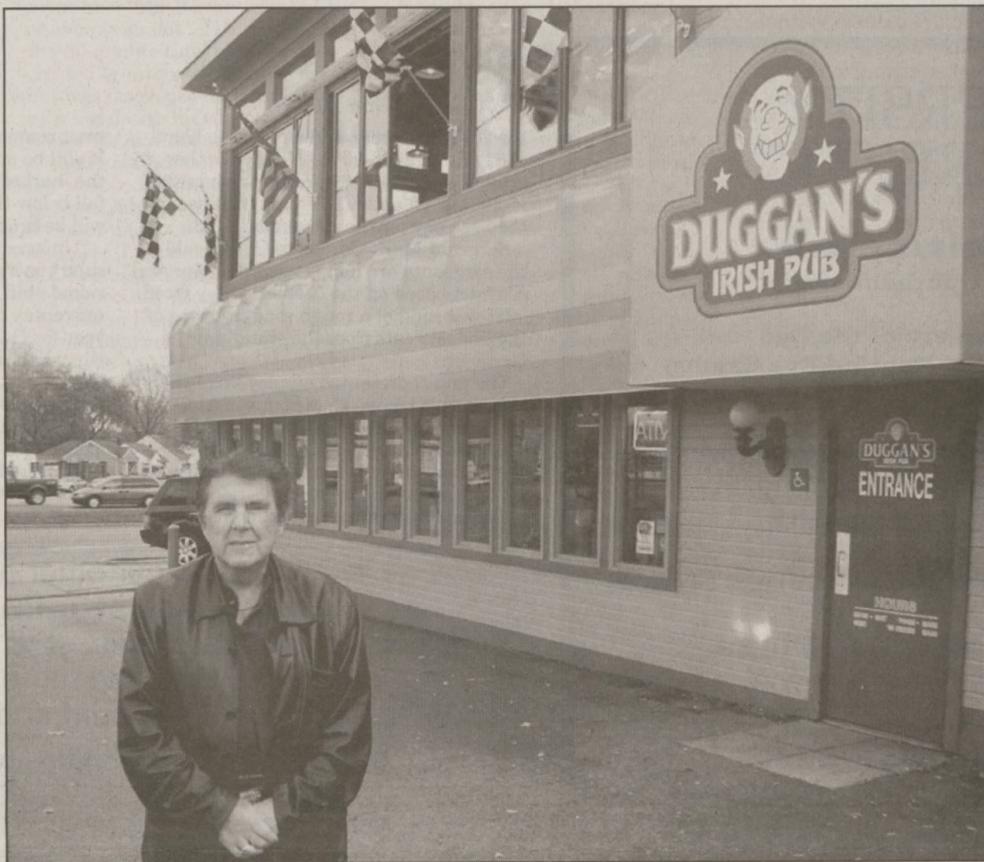
Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern are participating in the Food Drive and are having a competition to see who will raise the most food donations.

No matter what the final tally of donations is, agencies still need food to serve on the holidays and will still look to the Food Bank to supply the necessary goods. The Food Bank has an obligation to meet their needs; regardless of the amount donations they receive.

Though things appear to be grim this season, Kozlowski-Hicks said she and others are still hopeful things will turn around.

Hospitals accepting food donations include Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, St. Joseph's in Pontiac, Pontiac Osteopathic and St. John Oakland in Madison Heights.

For a complete listing and more information on donating money or food, contact the Food Bank at (248) 332-1473.



Darrel Krause, manager of both Duggan's and Woody's Diner, stands in front of his pub where he wants to make Woodward Avenue more appealing to the eye.

## Woodward looks for a new face-lift

By ELIZABETH GORECKI  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

If Broadway equals theater and the Vegas Strip equals neon lights and casinos, Woodward Avenue equals the automobile. Detroit and Woodward have put the world on wheels.

Woodward Avenue was designated Michigan's only National Scenic Byway in 2002 and with a little help, businesses are hoping to make it one of the nicest.

The Woodward Avenue Action Association (WA3) is a community organization working to, "enhance and improve the visual, economic, functional and historic character of Woodward Avenue," according to its Web site, www.woodwardavenue.org.

Woodward businesses, along

with the WA3, are raising money to help clean up and beautify one expanse along the 26-mile roadway. Cities include Royal Oak, Birmingham, West Bloomfield and others.

The intersection at Woodward and 13 Mile Road may not be one of the prettiest, lined with shopping centers, gas stations and corner stores, but some local business owners are trying to change that, said WA3 Executive Director Heather Carmona.

Larry Payne, owner of Duggan's Irish Pub in Royal Oak, heads the Greening of Woodward Campaign. He is attempting to raise \$30,000 to beautify the area along Woodward. The money will be used to plant trees and gardens along the byway.

According to city records, a similar project at Maple and Woodward cost more than \$500,000.

Payne is asking local businesses to participate and support the campaign by selling cards shaped like M1 road signs.

Customers can purchase the cards for \$1 or can make direct contributions to the WA3.

Darrel Krause, manager of both Duggan's and Woody's Diner said both of his restaurants are participating in the campaign.

"The project is beneficial to the property and businesses," Krause said. "The money will go toward maintaining the environment outside and hopefully that will draw people in."

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## Parks get repair money

By TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

A select number of Oakland County Parks will be getting a new look starting in 2004.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has approved a \$21.8 million dollar budget for improvement on 11 parks within the county.

About \$1.4 million of the funds are diverted from taxes, while \$12.7 million comes from park fees and other charges, according to Jan Pung, a spokesperson for Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Another source for funding is coming out of left-over money from the county's budget, said Pung.

Red Oaks Golf Course in Madison Heights is scheduled to re-open this spring. Red Oaks has added new bunkers, berms, three sets of tees and larger greens on its nine hole golf course. In addition, a new clubhouse will be added to the park.

Likewise, Lyon Oaks in Wixom will expand its tees, as well as become the first park to have a Cricket field. It will also have an added area for dogs, as well as a soccer field, a volleyball court and picnic areas.

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Waterford Oaks is one of the county parks receiving money to update the surrounding area.



• After 17 people were killed Monday in a car bombing in Saudi Arabia, King Fahd said he would be ready to attack terrorists with an "iron fist" to prevent further attacks. The U.S. said it is ready to back Fahd if necessary. During a meeting with the U.S., Fahd also said he wanted to make sure it was safe to travel to Mecca to celebrate the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims visit this holy city during the month. Fahd's vow to stop terrorist attacks came after word was spread about more possible attacks.

• The U.S. Supreme Court decided Monday to hear two appeal requests that hundreds of detainees may be being held unlawfully. This is the first challenge to the Bush administration's anti-terrorism policies. The Guantanamo detainees have been collectively held since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S. The court date is expected to be early next year with a decision coming sometime in June. About 660 men from more than 40 countries are said to be Al Qaeda or Taliban fighters. The dispute is whether the U.S. government is allowed to intervene with military investigations and detainees overseas.

• Jury selection has started for alleged teen sniper suspect, 18-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo. The co-defendant pled not guilty to murder and terrorism charges stemming from sniper killings last year in Washington D.C. and Virginia. More than 150 people will be questioned and picked for 12 juror spots and four alternatives. Six strike positions each will also be picked for the prosecution and defense. Malvo could face the death penalty. His attorneys said the not guilty plea is for reasons of insanity. The attorneys said co-defendant John Allen Muhammad, 42, convinced Malvo to participate.

• A U.S. military police officer was killed Sunday night after a rocket-propelled grenade struck his Black Hawk helicopter. The attack is still under investigation. The soldier was part of the 18th Military Police Brigade, and was the 38th U.S. person to die in Iraq in the month of November. The total number of U.S. soldiers killed stands at 398. There is not an exact figure of Iraqi deaths, but the Associated Press estimated 3,240 deaths from March 20 to April 20. Only one of the 38 U.S. casualties came from a non-hostile incident.

## Global goof

• Nude models say living in a mansion for free and getting paid for it is not enough for the time they spend working. At least that is what Laura Spell and Stephanie Piccolo, formally of Voyeur Dorm are saying. They are suing the Internet business asking for overtime pay for being allowed to be viewed via a Web cam 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Subscribers pay for access to the site, where they can watch the girls supposedly live the life of college students. More than a dozen models have joined the suit. Voyeur Dorm has also filed a lawsuit stating Spell and Piccolo have violated their contracts because they are working for another company.

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Local News Editor

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various news sources.

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dures needing to be delayed because they just don't have enough people to work," Thompson said.

The shortage is creating further obstacles for Thompson and her staff, including developing a curriculum that is welcoming to women returning to the field after a period of absence.

"When people have been out for five, six, seven years and they go back into the hospital, they're not comfortable initially, so we have to create more training options to bring people back," Thompson said. "It's not like you can just pick

up and learn it, the equipment is different, the medications are different and the pace is different."

In addition, the shortage has also increased the demand for sufficiently trained instructors, and Thompson is looking at different approaches to compensate for this.

"I have been working with the hospitals to have them look at helping me with joint appointments so I can place a group of people in the hospital and then they identify the people who could teach," she said. "We're looking at much more creative ways to

accommodate the interests and then find people who are qualified to teach our students."

According to Thompson, turning the crisis around begins with a change in the image of the nursing field from one dominated by women to one more inviting of men.

"We're trying to look at ways to change the image so people don't see it as primarily a female-dominated profession," she said. "People need to understand that the work is good work, that the pay is very good and that there are many, many options if they go into

nursing."

For OU nursing students, the crisis in the field has actually benefited them. Many have received scholarship money and are fortunate to have current jobs and hands-on training already within their line of work.

In addition, some are able to have full-time positions arranged prior to graduation.

"I think it's a win for them (the students), they're able to do much more negotiating, they're able to get financial support to go to college and people really want them to work for

them," Thompson said.

"They have no problems getting a job; most have job offers before they graduate."

Jeri Buckley, a senior in the Nursing School, agrees that students graduating from the Nursing School are benefiting.

"We realize we have opportunities because of the shortage that might not always be there," she said.

Buckley says the image of nursing needs to be changed from one solely involved in bedside care to a field with a plethora of options. From forensic nursing to a political lobbyist,

the options are endless, she said.

"People think nurses are strictly in hospitals, but we are everywhere!" she said.

"There are so many options, pick an area that excites you and run with it."

She said every nurse can play a part in turning the shortage around.

"It's everybody's responsibility to get nurses into the field," said Buckley.



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the 2002-2003 year and a one-time bonus of \$1,030 in 2003-2004. Next year, the groups will get a 2.6 percent pay increase in 2004-2005 and a 1 percent increase in the base pay for the retirement plan.

Sergeant Mark Gordon of OUPD said the sergeants are happy with the approved contract based on the obstacles they faced.

"It was kind of a rough road in terms of the budgets cuts from the state," said Gordon.

The non-represented employees of OU also received a one-time bonus of \$1,030 for this year. These employees include academic administrators, administrative professionals, non-represented clerical-technical employees and others.

The administrative professionals con-

tract compensations structure will change. It will be adjusted by 2.5 percent to reflect the market adjustments. Employees who fall below the new minimum salary bar will be brought up to the minimum.

"University leadership did not feel a base salary increase for administrative professional staff was in the best interest of the university during this challenging budget year for Oakland and Michigan higher education in general," said OU President Gary Russi.

He said even with the tough budget times the university still wanted to express its appreciation to the employees and he said he hopes this \$1,030 bonus represents this.

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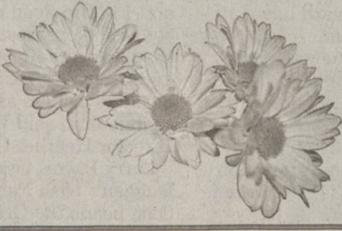


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## Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

This is in regards to last week's letter written by Chris Brewer. Obviously, Mr. Brewer is confused about some facts.

A.) Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca and Attorney General Mike Cox did not find OU had not violated the Open Meetings Act. Instead, both declined to investigate the case.

B.) Ms. "Briggs"-Bunting has not been the one leading this case, it's been the Oakland Sail Board and staff of the The Oakland Post. Additionally, Jane Briggs-Bunting has since left OU and is leading Michigan State University's Journalism program. For further clarification, this is not a proverbial "dead horse." Every decision made can be appealed, that's the right of every citizen. What's the harm in going ahead? No student money will be spent. This is to guarantee that students, and members of the OU community, are kept in the loop about what their tuition dollars are being spent on. Students should have the chance to know how their money is being spent. In a scandal-ridden era where Enron, KMart and Oakland Intermediate School District executives have been exposed for lavish spending practices, trust doesn't go very far anymore. Budget business, and all other university-related business, should be conducted in the public eye so we can assure our money is being spent properly.

MIKE HOSKINS  
FORMER OAKLAND POST STAFF  
MEMBER AND OU ALUMNUS, 2001

DEAR EDITOR,

A few points about Mr. Karrantja's letter to the editor regarding the 60-minute rule for

the meetings of the Student Congress needs to be made known and clarified. Firstly, the 60-minute rule was reviewed and found by the Congress to be an inadequate means of serving the students and was repealed in the first subsequent meeting following its passage. Secondly, the repeal of the 60-minute rule occurred before Jonathan Parks was able to properly review the benefits and consequences of the legislation, and either sign the bill into execution or veto it. Thirdly, I find it to be a wholly uniformed opinion that Mr. Karrantja would make a statement like, "Mr. B's can wait but the students can not." The initiative for the 60-minute time limit was not created or promoted by Mr. Parks, but was developed and introduced by a legislative member of Congress. Additionally, the works of the Parks Administration have far exceeded the works of the two previous administrations put together and its term is only half complete. I applaud and encourage Mr. Karrantja's participation in the democratic process by writing the Editor. However, I find it necessary to inform his opinion and ask him to be knowledgeable about the facts first, then express his opinion. Otherwise, he jeopardizes his credibility and the credibility of the critical-thinking skills he received at this great institution.

BRIAN WELCH  
JUNIOR  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEAR EDITOR,

You (OU administration) folks "found" a way to raise the funds for a new sports complex. Why can't you "find" the funds to give us the proper counseling. This problem is

absolutely absurd. It is integral to the educational process to have proper guidance. We are also being charged for a service that is hugely lacking. As I said before, this is a blatant institutional failure. I mean, how can you deny your students proper counseling, two for 4,400 students? It is ludicrous and like I have said, something needs to be done; it cannot be ignored. You people are the ones to do something about it, you raise our tuition, your enrollment goes up and integral student services are completely lacking. This is a problem that should not be ignored. Stop talking to me about bonds and other semantics. The point is if you want something badly enough, you will find a way to get it. I appreciate the thought of furthering the university, it just seems that in that pursuit for the university, you are forgetting the needs of the individual student.

If you charge someone for a service, you had better come through with that service. You have failed your students miserably when it comes to counselor availability (the counselors themselves are fantastic) you owe us that service, it is time that you came through.

DAVID GULLEN  
SOPHOMORE  
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## Editor's View

### Valuable lessons come from others

College coincides with the age when people are trying to figure out who they are and what they want.

It's during this time that students pick a major, which, more or less, determines the path of the rest of their lives. Some are trying to find a soul mate and others struggle with sexual identity issues. There are also family issues like moving out, or perhaps back in.

For many, there's also the pressure of dealing with the bills that have piled up during college. The pay scale of many entry jobs doesn't always alleviate this pain.

While our college education teaches us how to be something, it doesn't teach us how to handle real life.

The Post recently took a trip to Dallas to meet with other student newspapers and get advice from professionals on ways to make our paper better and become better journalists.

We learned so much from others. We learned about our paper, our futures and a lot about ourselves.

A student paper at one east coast school has had to learn quickly how to deal with death. Students on its campus have been killing themselves in very graphic, very public ways. As students, they are shocked but they gave great insight on how to cover it with compassion.

While not everyone will get to have these momentous experiences, meeting with thousands of other students to talk about issues they face in life, epiphanies can take place

### Editorial at a glance

The Issue: Most people think education means book-learning.

Our stance: People around us teach us the things that matter most.

in the everyday world around you.

We have commuters, residents, international students, as well as various religious, ethnic and political backgrounds. We have shy students and outgoing students. Through these diversities, we can explore new perspectives we might never discover alone.

Through student organizations, classmates, people you meet in the Oakland Center during lunch or professors, a plethora of opportunities to expand your horizons are out there.

Listening to other people with different backgrounds may open your eyes to something you've never even thought about.

But students don't have to go to the ends of the earth to experience the benefits of opening their hearts and minds. Here on campus, there are many organizations that will help you look behind the classroom and truly experience life.

Classes teach you how to do a job, while the knowledge of other students can help you understand the world in a much broader spectrum.

### Featured columnist

#### Experience counts in tough job market



ROBERT THOMAS  
Director  
Career Services

As the job market continues to be very competitive, the one factor separating entry-level job seekers from success and failure is career-related experience. Without it, the new job seeker is at a distinct disadvantage. Employers no longer see experience as a preferred qualification. It is a requirement for the vast majority of employers. So how do you get experience in a weak economy? Here are some time-honored and proven ways to get a jump on your job search.

Prior to graduation, seek assistance from the department of your major and the Career Services

Department to help you find a pre-graduation job related to your major. There are cooperative education, paid and non-paid internships and summer employment opportunities to be had.

Take leadership roles with student organizations. They can give you opportunities to develop your organizational, communication and program planning skills.

Take part in community service projects conducted by well-known service providers. This can also hone your problem-solving and interpersonal skills, and help with your resume enhancement, along with being very fulfilling.

Volunteer to work for an employer without pay in career areas in which you have interest. This also helps develop your resume, opens up new professional networks and could eventually lead to a job.

Consider multiple types of

employment by broadening your employment objective. You may take a job that doesn't match up with your background directly, but will teach you something new, and potentially valuable, to your career. You also can take two part-time jobs or a temporary job through a contract company. This type of employment is more readily available and can be developed on your own with persistence and strong networking.

Getting some experience is more than half the battle, whether you are a student or you have graduated and are seeking your first full-time professional position. You will develop a list of references, build your skills, foster confidence and be successful. This is the ammunition you need for successful behavioral employment interviewing that will advance your early career. Just get started.

## Point / Counterpoint

### Should Michigan's 10 cents for bottle returns be expanded?

#### YES

BY JEREMY M. BEYMA  
THE OAKLAND POST

It is vital that Michigan maintain its rather high standards for environmental quality. With a vast system of parks and natural resources, including the largest source of fresh water in the world, we have much to protect here in Michigan.

The current Michigan Beverage Container Law was passed in November 1976. Since that time, there has been a barrage of alternative bottled drinks.

Water, juices and sports drinks were not in mind when the original law was passed. But really, who could have guessed, back in the 70s, that we would be paying over a dollar for a bottle of water today? Not me. The laws just can't keep up with the trends.

The fact of the matter is that having a 10 cent deposit is a good thing. Without it, people do not recycle their bottles; plain and simple.

Need proof? According to Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation, since the Michigan Beverage Container Law has been in affect, there has been an 80 percent decrease in litter. That sounds like quite a bit if you ask me.

The benefits don't stop there. Seventy-five percent of the revenue earned from unclaimed deposits goes into a Clean-up and Redevelopment Fund designed to prevent pollution and clean-up existing contamination.

What if we don't put a deposit on these popular drinks? What then? Is it really a big deal?

Landfills are saved from housing 600,000 tons of beverage containers annually under the system we have right now. Over 16 percent more could be saved if we included juice, water and sports drink bottles.

Is 10 cents really too much to pay for your future?

#### NO

BY LAURA ANGUS  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Although the positive effects of recycling are immensely important in Michigan and in the world, expanding the amount of returnable bottles is not a good idea at this time.

According to the Michigan Grocers Association Web site, this bill could be a great imposition on retailers.

Expanding the bill could require grocers to return to hand sorting because not all bottles are made of the same materials and with the same design, which would make many of the sorting machines obsolete.

This could mean an increase in costs for retailers, and an increase in costs for customers.

Another possible problem that isn't brought up could be a security risk. With America in the midst of this War on Terror, the Michigan bottle return policy allows for used containers, filled with anything, to be stored around most Michiganders' food supply.

Potential terrorists could put something like anthrax in returned pop bottles and contaminate the food in the grocery store.

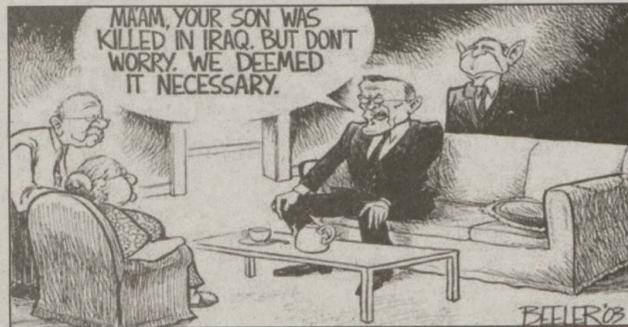
Although the bottles have been disgusting at worst to date, this should be somewhat of a concern.

And finally, the current recycling plan does not really improve Michigan's environment record. According to Michigan Recycling Partnership, we are 28th in the country for amount recycled.

Michigan only recycles 20 percent of its trash, while the national average is more than 30 percent. Nearly all pop bottles are recycled now, but that's not enough. It only makes up for 3.1 percent of municipal solid waste.

The Michigan Recycling Partnership predicts expanding the law could only increase recycling by .07 percent.

While every bit counts with recycling - some serious thought needs to be applied to this before it's enacted. It's foolish to dump lots of money and time into a program that isn't even going to increase recycling by 1 percent.



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In a September newsletter, St. Martin's said Property Management at OU "went out of their way" to provide the items to furnish a new journalism lab.

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"If that is not an option, the consumer can call (800) MEDICARE and a representative will talk them through the process," said Kolinsky. "For those that do not have access, they can call and the representative will key in what the consumer wants to know without any hassle."

Representatives from the Medicare Web site are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"The Web site is a very valuable tool," said Harvey Zuckerberg, executive director of the Michigan Home Health Association. "This Web site will

give the consumer a report card, basically showing how the agency chosen performs for the standards of quality care.

"The consumer can surely find the information out other ways, but this is the easiest and most efficient."

Oakland County has about 100 home health agencies available for consumers to choose from, according to www.medicare.gov.

"I think for elders to be able to go online and get information about the agencies is a good thing, as long as they have the guidance from the pro-

fessionals," said Lydia Ladah, junior.

The new Web site is a tool to give the consumer the most information available in making the best possible decision for homecare.

"This is another form of shopping for an agency and we encourage consumers and caregivers to call and ask as many questions for interpretations to the data available," said Zuckerman. "Quality care is important and consumers deserve the best help available."

**STREET**

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7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at Duggan's Irish Pub to help raise the rest of the money. The \$50 donation will get guests a ticket to an upscale dinner, a raffle ticket and an autographed Red Wings' col-

lectable. All donors and participating businesses will also be recognized at the dinner.

The campaign will run throughout November, but contributions to the fund are

accepted all year.

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**PARKS**

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Addison Oaks in Rochester will be building two new six-person cabins, as well as a new picnic area.

Independence Oaks, located near Clarkston, will be constructing six new platform picnic shelters and a restroom/shower building. This will all be a part of the youth camping area. After improvements, more than 150 people will be able to travel the trails and boardwalk near the Clinton River.

A miniature golf course will be added to Groveland Oaks, and Red Oaks Waterpark will be using funding to build a shaded pavilion.

Other projects that Parks and Recs will be funding are a new play lot at Waterford Oaks and Independence Oaks will be paving its trails around Crooked Lake. In addition, Glen Oaks will be putting asphalt on their golf cart paths, while the White Lake Oaks park will be building a new clubhouse.

Entrance fees for Oakland County residents will not rise past the current \$5 per vehicle fee, but non-Oakland County residents will pay an increased rate of \$10, according to Pung.

Camping rates for Oakland County residents will be set at \$24. Likewise,

Lyon Oaks, Glen Oaks, Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks Golf Course entry fees will remain at their current price.

"The funding for these projects will be distributed over time because some of the projects, like the Red Oaks Golf Course, will take 2-3 years to fully complete," said Pung.

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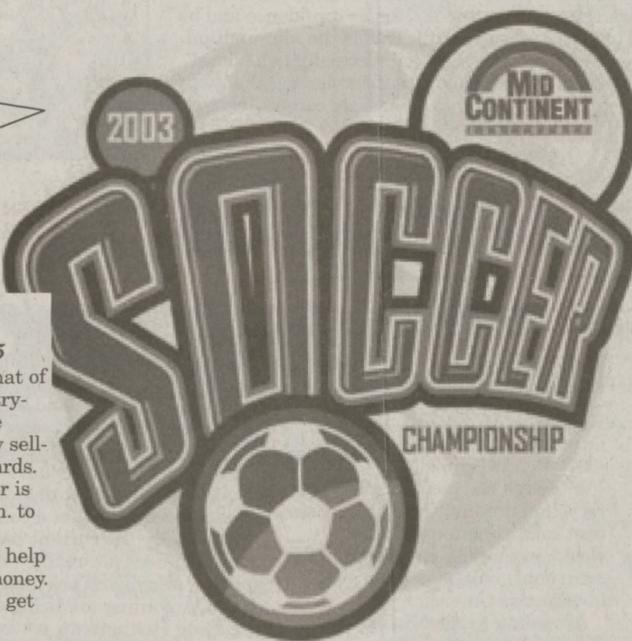
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## College Cup is next

### OU women's soccer wins Mid-Con tournament

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The music is playing for the OU women's soccer team once again.

For the fourth consecutive season, the Golden Grizzlies won the Mid-Con Conference Tournament, earning a trip to the NCAA Women's College Cup.

The team makes the trip for the third straight year.

OU defeated fourth-seeded Western Illinois University (WIU) in the semifinals, 1-0 in overtime, to advance to the tournament finals. The Grizzlies shut down second-seed and tournament host Oral Roberts University (ORU), 3-1, in the finals.

Ninety minutes of competition wasn't enough to decide OU's semifinal match against WIU, with the two teams deadlocked in a scoreless tie at the end of regulation.

"The toughest thing at that point is the frustration level," OU head coach Nick O'Shea said. "Keeping the frustration level down was the key. Encouraging them to keep going and maintain composure."

Almost as quickly as overtime began, freshman midfielder Marianne Samdal ended the extra session with a goal in the 95th minute.

"We just played a team who had a plan to try and keep us from scoring," O'Shea said. "They had a hot goaltender and kept all the players behind the ball. That's makes it tough to score."

Midfielders Kelly Rieck, junior, and Erica Demers,



Freshman midfielder Marianne Samdal shoots in a game against Oral Roberts University earlier this year. Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

senior, recorded the assists on the game-winning goal.

Senior WIU goalkeeper Somer Easterwood nearly stole the game from the top-seeded Grizzlies, making 12 saves in the overtime loss. Easterwood is a four-year WIU basketball player who joined the soccer team midway through the season, utilizing her half-semester of eligibility. Recording the shutout and making four saves for OU was senior goalkeeper Sarah Buckland.

In the championship game, with an automatic bid to the NCAA Women's College Cup at stake, the Grizzlies' offense got the ball rolling much sooner against ORU, scoring in the 24th minute.

Sophomore forward Kristi Swaving fired a shot into the goal from 20 yards out, with junior midfielder Katie Arnott recording the assist.

OU maintained its 1-0 advantage for more than 50 minutes before extending its lead to two goals when Rieck took a corner

kick from Demers in the 77th minute.

The Grizzlies went ahead 3-0 1:40 later with an unassisted goal by Samdal.

Buckland's shutout streak was ended nine seconds before the end of the match by sophomore ORU forward Jessica Kellogg, who finished off her own rebound for an unassisted goal.

Four OU competitors earned All-Tournament Team honors, including Demers who was named the tournament's most valuable player. Samdal, Swaving and junior midfielder Laura Cowham also earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

After being tagged as the team to beat in the Mid-Con by being voted to finish first in the conference in a preseason poll, the Grizzlies earned a host of league honors.

Junior forward Shelly Piccirillo (Offensive Player of the Year), senior defender Therese Bjorke

(Defensive Player of the Year), freshman midfielder Lisa Marie-Woods (Newcomer of the Year) and O'Shea (Coach of the Year) were awarded the Mid-Con four highest honors.

Earning spots on the All-Conference First Team with Piccirillo, Bjorke and Woods were Buckland, Demers and Samdal.

Arnott, freshman defender Cat Panabaker, Rieck and Swaving were named to the All-Conference Second Team.

O'Shea said even with the individual honors that were awarded, it's still been a team effort this season.

"We have a great group," he said. "They get along on and off the field. There are others that are doing just as well and contributing to the team effort."

OU will play the University of Michigan in the first round of the NCAA College Cup at 4:30 p.m. Friday on the site-host, the University of Notre Dame's home field.

### Wolverines are OU's NCAA foe

For the second straight year, the OU women's soccer team will face the University of Michigan (U-M) in the Women's College Cup.

Last season in the NCAA tournament, U-M ousted the Golden Grizzlies in the first round, 1-0.

OU had its revenge in a game between the intrastate squads earlier this season, defeating the Wolverines, 1-0.

The Grizzlies go into the game with an overall record of 15-4-1, while U-M is ranked 24th nationally with an overall record of 9-7-6.

The winner of the game will play a second round Sunday.

-BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Grizzlies clinch top seed

BY BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tied atop the Mid-Con standings with the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), the OU men's soccer team faced a must-win against Oral Roberts University (ORU) at home on Saturday.

The Golden Grizzlies responded to the pressure and extended their unbeaten streak to eight games (6-0-2), defeating the Golden Eagles, 5-1.

Sophomore forward Chris Edwards led the offense's onslaught, tallying two goals to help OU clinch a share of the Mid-Con regular season title.

Although the Grizzlies tied with UMKC for first in the league, OU will be the first seed in this weekend's Mid-Con Conference Tournament because the team defeated the Kangaroos earlier this season.

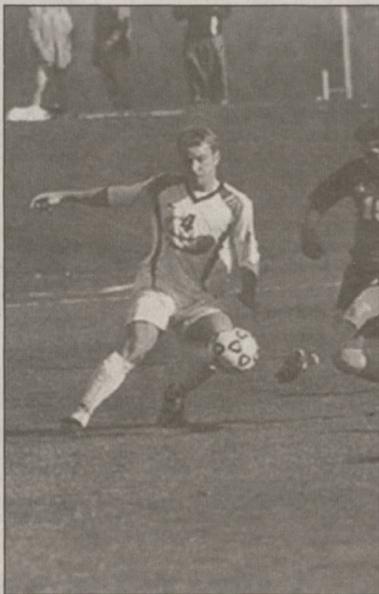
The winner of the postseason tournament will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Men's College Cup.

Edwards started off the scoring in the 20th minute, assisted by junior midfielder Shahar Ktovim and junior defenseman Ryan Rzepka.

OU extended its lead to two on junior defenseman Matt Conner's first goal of the season. ORU cut the deficit in half less than three minutes later on a goal by sophomore Jason Nussbaum.

Edwards recorded his second goal of the game, and ninth of the season, in the 51st minute after capitalizing on an ORU defensive turnover.

Less than five minutes later, OU went up 4-1 on senior midfielder Anders Vollen's second goal of the season. Junior forward Phillip Braathen and Ktovim picked up assists on the goal.



Sophomore forward Chris Edwards. Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

The scoring was wrapped up by junior midfielder Brett McNabb after he accepted a crossing pass from junior midfielder Brandon Felker and slammed his third goal of the season.

The Grizzlies are going to host the tournament after earning the honor by winning the conference title last season.

Head coach Gary Parsons realizes the advantage of playing on a home field.

"It's always intrinsic with any athlete when your playing in front of people you know that you're going to put that extra effort to get the result in front of your home crowd," Parsons said.

Tournament play will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday when third-seeded Western Illinois University and second-seeded UMKC will square off.

The top-seeded Grizzlies and fourth-seeded Eagles will follow in the second semifinal at 2:30 p.m.

The winners of the two semifinals will compete in the finals for a bid to the College Cup at 1 p.m. Sunday.

## Mid-Con holds teleconference

BY DANA UTZ  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Excitement is brewing around the Mid-Con with the nearing of the men's and women's basketball seasons.

"This should be an exciting basketball season ahead of us, (there are) a lot of good basketball players returning both in men's and women's sides," said Tony Hamilton, the Mid-Con director of media relations. "It should be an exciting season."

Last Wednesday, the Mid-Con Conference held its annual men's and women's basketball media teleconference.

The new commissioner, Ron Birtavitch, opened the conference.

"This will be an important season for us," said Birtavitch. "A lot of great players are coming back this season (and) there are a lot of things to build upon and (I am) looking forward to the challenges (of the upcoming season)."

The coaches discussed how they are better training their players this year in order to add more depth and strength to their teams.

There are many new freshmen coming into play this season and players who are coming back are looking for an even more productive season.

"This is the best group of talent I have seen in a while," said Greg Kampe, OU's men's basketball coach.

"Recruiting has been tremendous this year and this is the best freshman class I have seen so far," said Kampe.

Many of the schools also have hectic and tiresome schedules.

With games against the University of Michigan, the University of Missouri, Memphis University, Cincinnati University and Texas A&M, Kampe said that his team's schedule is "brutal."

The women's teams are getting ready to kick things into high gear.

Having a strong array of players was a key component when the coaches were discussing the talent of the teams as a whole.

"This year we have a nice combination of talented newcomers mixed in with our talented returners," said Eileen Shea-Hillard, OU's women's basketball coach. "The kids know how to win, and I am sure we will have another good year. They expect nothing but the best from themselves."

While each team has handled the preseason differently and will be using a wide array of styles, there is excitement and anticipation as another year begins.



BRENDAN STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### Mid-Con brings a lot to the table

During last Wednesday's Mid-Con basketball media day teleconference, Indiana-University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) head coach Ron Hunter displayed what should be the goal of all those involved with the schools in the Mid-Con.

Top priority should be promoting and strengthening the conference itself.

Forget about individual athletes and flamboyant coaches, it's about the continuing to help the Mid-Con reach national recognition.

Hunter himself has already done his part. His exuberant celebration after winning the conference tournament last season was showcased anytime March Madness was the theme of video segments.

It's not exactly a first-round upset of a number-one seed in the Big Dance, but when people saw it, they wanted to know where that crazy coach coached.

Surprisingly, Hunter was calm and collected when he sincerely talked about showcasing the conference this season, utilizing some of the league's best talent in years.

OU's Mike Helms became a blip on the national radar last season when he led the college in scoring average for a period of time. This year, the senior guard is looking to become much more than a simple dot on that same radar.

University of Missouri-Kansas City Michael Watson also ranked in the top five in the country in scoring average, helping to fuel an intraleague competition.

Both players have the opportunity this year to take their teams to a higher level with the nation's eye slightly more focused.

While it would be amazing to see either athlete claim the national scoring title, automatically garnering them some attention from scouts, it would be more fruitful to watch either or both team draw some attention in the Big Dance.

It's true both players will be hoping to earn spots on at least a few NBA teams' draft boards this spring, but team goals should still outweigh possible individual goals. Especially, when either teams' success would only fuel attention from professional teams.

Hunter said during the teleconference that he would like to see the Mid-Con become one of the top 18 conferences in college basketball. And while maintaining that type of success would be difficult with the parody of mid-major conferences, it is a realistic goal.

With the talent of the teams within the Mid-Con this season, in combination with the rising difficulty of the non-conference schedules, there is even talk of earning an at-large bid.

Okay, so maybe not this year. But it is definitely something that is possible within the next handful of years for the conference.

Hunter also went out of his way to point out the tremendous coaches in the league.

There are experienced coaches to help guide the teams that have established themselves, and young coaches to steer rebuilding projects.

Whether it be the players, coaches or entire programs, the Mid-Con is ready to make that blip on the radar into a national disturbance.

The question is, are you ready to help that process along?

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## ON TAP @ OU

Check out the times and dates below to get a jump on what's going in OU athletics this week.

### Men's Soccer

Mid-Con Conference Tourny  
(@ OU Lower Fields)  
Friday Nov. 14  
Semifinal #1, 11:30 a.m.  
Western Ill. vs. UMKC  
Semifinal #2, 2:30 p.m.  
ORU vs. OU  
Sunday Nov. 16, 1 p.m.  
Finals  
Winner Semifinal #1 vs.  
Winner Semifinal #2

### Women's Soccer

NCAA Tournament  
(@ Notre Dame)  
Friday Nov. 14  
First Round, TBA  
OU vs. U-M  
First Round, TBA  
Loyola vs. Notre Dame  
Sunday Nov. 9, 1 p.m.  
Second Round  
OU/U-M vs. Loyola/ND

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 14-17, Various  
@ Dell BCA Classic

### Volleyball

Friday Nov. 14, 8 p.m. (CST)  
@ Valparaiso

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

Saturday Nov. 15, TBA  
@ NCAA Great Lakes  
Regional  
(@ Terre Haute, Ind.)

### Men's Club Hockey

Saturday Nov. 7, TBA  
@ Davenport College  
(@ Grand Rapids)

# OU sweeps weekend

By DANA UTZ  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

With two wins this weekend, the men's and women's swimming and diving squads started off the 2003-2004 season in full stride.

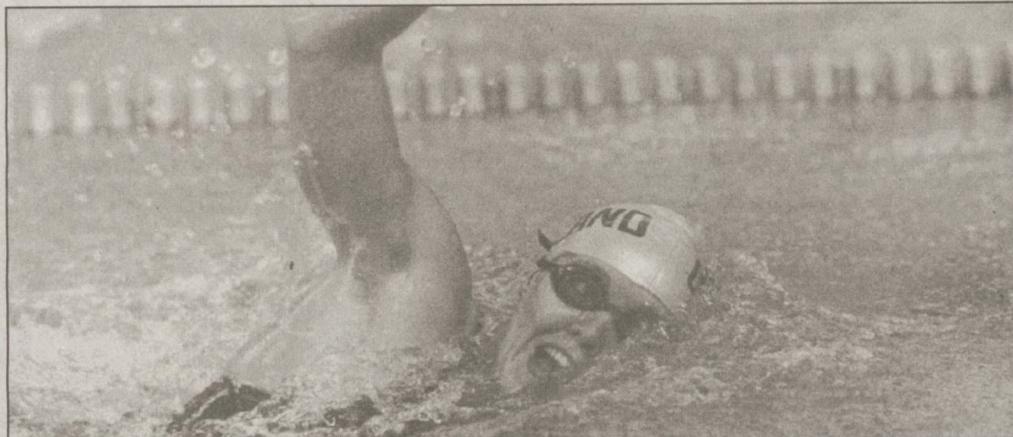
Friday, both Golden Grizzly teams defeated the Wright State University Raiders. The men beat the Raiders by a score of 126-115 and the women's team won by a score of 138-97.

With these wins, the women are still undefeated and the men's team is now 2-1.

"I knew today's meet would be close," said OU's head coach Pete Hovland. "We are starting to get in good shape now and are getting into racing mode."

Honor Ma'te', freshman, swam the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 55.27, which is now the second fastest time in the country. His time is also an NCAA B qualifying time.

Grizzly swimmers won many events over the course of the meet. Junior Chris Sullivan swam a 1:40.74 in the 200-yard freestyle



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Sophomore Line Jensen swims a freestyle event in the OU Aquatics Center during this weekend's meets.

and a 52.73 in the 100-yard backstroke.

"This was a good close meet and everyone gave 110 percent," said Sullivan.

Towards the end of the meet the men's team was ahead of Wright State by only two points, 113-111, so a win in the 200-yard freestyle relay was crucial, which OU won.

After a great win on Friday, both teams were back for more action on Saturday when they defeated the University of Cincinnati Bearcats 144-87 in the men's competition and 137-79 for the women.

Sullivan took first in the 50-yard with a time that is now the fastest time in the country.

The women's team will be host to the University of Toledo and Northern Michigan University at 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 at home, while the men's team will take a break this week until both teams take part in the Mid-Con Championship on Nov. 20.

# Hockey dominates in wins

By ANTHONY STACK  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club ice hockey team has the fire back in its belly.

Friday night at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester, the Golden Grizzlies dominated Liberty University (LU), defeating the Flames 9-2.

Freshman forward Jon-Paul Ferrari scored 2:55 into the first period to give OU the early lead.

At 14:45 of the first, senior forward Ron Kolito extended the Grizzlies' lead to two.

OU took a 3-0 lead at the 16:52 mark of the second period with a goal by freshman forward Jordan Ingram.

Two minutes and 16 seconds later, LU scored its first goal to draw within two.

At 12:41 of the second period, sophomore forward Ryan Teasdale got a short-handed goal to give the Grizzlies a 4-1 lead.

Moments later sophomore forward Will McMahon tallied.

At the 10:55 mark of the period, Singor scored his second goal of the game.

With 2:22 left in the second, McMahon

scored his second goal to give the Grizzlies a 6-2 lead.

Ferrari scored again in third period and junior defenseman Ron Teasdale gave OU a six-goal lead.

With 6:44 remaining in the game, Ferrari completed a hat trick, sealing the 9-2 victory.

"We haven't played (Liberty) before but we saw them at nationals and we thought they would be a top-notch team," sophomore goaltender Chris Ballach said. "We just kind of destroyed them."

Saturday night, Ferris State University (FSU) was ready for revenge on its home ice after losing to OU in the Onyx last Saturday. But FSU couldn't hold off the hungry Grizzlies.

"I just think that our head coach talked it up as Ferris State was two big points seeing that we could sweep them," Ballach said. "We really get up for Ferris State because it's kind of a rivalry."

With less than three minutes gone in the game, McMahon scored to give OU the first goal of the game. Less than four minutes later, FSU tied the game.

At the 7:52 mark of the first period, Ryan

Teasdale scored a power play goal to give the lead back to the Grizzlies.

FSU scored twice more before the end of the stanza, giving the Bulldogs a 3-2 lead.

Twelve seconds into the second, Ferrari tallied to tie the game.

One minute and 17 seconds later, senior defensive captain Karl Borgquist put OU up 4-3.

At 14:22, McMahon scored his second goal of the game giving the Grizzlies a 5-3 lead.

McMahon completed the hat trick at the 13:57 mark.

With 2:45 left in the second, FSU cut the lead to two. Less than 10 seconds before the second intermission was set to begin,

McMahon scored a breakaway goal to give OU a commanding 7-4 lead to take to the locker room.

With 1:11 played in the third, Borgquist recorded his second goal of the night.

Ryan Teasdale scored his second goal of the game with 12:33 left in the game to ice the 9-5 victory.

OU plays one game this weekend, facing off against Davenport College on Saturday in Grand Rapids.

# Volleyball still alive in league

By DAVID PEMBERTON  
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's volleyball team split its two matches between Mid-Con opponents this past weekend, losing to Chicago State University (CSU) on Friday and defeating Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) on Saturday.

OU put up a tough fight Friday night against CSU but were swept in three games 19-30, 26-30 and 32-34.

The Grizzlies played well in the second game, tying it on many occasions and even taking a 22-24 lead, but they couldn't hold on, losing 26-30.

In the third game of the match, CSU took an early lead but OU battled back to tie that game at 29. The two teams went back and forth until the Cougars got two consecutive kills to win the game, 34-32, and the match.

Junior Sara Miller led OU with 10 kills. Senior Cortney Varterasian added eight kills and 11 digs. Junior Katie

Lozier led the OU defense with 13 digs.

Saturday, OU upset IUPUI in five games 30-20, 24-30, 30-28, 19-30, 15-7 in its last home game of the season. In the first game, OU led 20-18 and went on a 10-2 run to win, 30-20.

Game three of the match was a back and forth battle. OU tied that game at 27 and never looked back.

In the fifth and deciding game, IUPUI took an early lead but OU was able to come back this time.

Varterasian took control of her last home match, beginning her service with an ace to break a tied match and eventually serving out the match.

Miller led OU with 17 kills, while Varterasian and sophomore Becca Moller added 10 kills each. Lozier led OU defensively with 17 digs, while senior Beth Ann Rourke had three aces and 14 digs.

With the win, the Grizzlies improved to 6-19 on the season and 5-8 in Mid-Con play, setting a new school record for conference wins since joining the Mid-Con.

OU's volleyball team still has a chance

to make the Mid-Con tournament.

Head coach Dave Schmidlin said he is happy with the team's improvement.

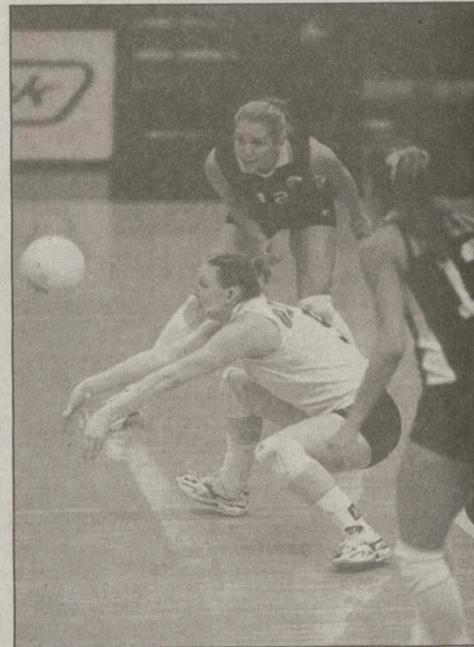
"The last three weeks we have been playing much better and we have really been more competitive," said Schmidlin. "Record-wise we could improve, but I'm happy that we are being more competitive. If we would have continued to play like we had earlier in the season I would be really disappointed."

The Golden Grizzlies have had strong senior leadership all year long.

"The seniors have done a great job this year," Schmidlin said. "They have set a good example for the rest of the team and are a strong reason we have improved over the past three weeks."

Results for Tuesday's road contest against non-conference foe Central Michigan University were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

OU will end its regular season at 7 p.m. (CST) Friday with a road game against Valparaiso University.



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Sophomore libero Katie Lozier.

# Spartans hand Grizzlies two brutal losses

By BRENDAN STEVENS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior OU women's club hockey team goaltender Jane Lemaux's opponents are beginning to recognize her ability.

After two 4-1 losses in a home-and-home series versus Michigan State University (MSU) where the Spartans outshot the Golden Grizzlies by a combined 92-20, MSU's team Web site said, "Jane Lemaux played a strong game in net for OU."

Two strong performances by Lemaux weren't enough to hold the Spartans at bay, however.

Friday night in East Lansing, MSU started off the scoring less than five minutes into the first peri-

od with a goal by sophomore forward Amanda Gallery.

Two minutes later, MSU extended its lead to two.

The Grizzlies tightened up their defense through the rest of the first period and the entire second period, holding MSU scoreless.

OU cut the deficit in half with more than two minutes remaining with an unassisted goal by senior center and team captain Kristin Czarnecki.

The Spartans would not allow the Grizzlies any closer, however, as Gallery scored her second goal to put her team up by three.

MSU's fourth and final goal was an end-to-end play that even sophomore goaltender Jen Fine got in on.

Saturday's contest at the

Onyx in Rochester saw the same score although the Spartans laid an offensive barrage on the Grizzlies.

Lemaux was the difference in keeping the score close, making more than 50 saves in the loss.

"If it weren't for our goalie, Jane Lemaux, stopping over 50 saves, who knows how the game would have ended up," senior winger and assistant captain Lauren Brick said.

Freshman Catherine Shaw, assisted by senior forward Andrea DeShong, scored at the 14:54 mark of the first period.

Gallery gave her team a two-goal advantage with her fifth goal of the season later in the first period, banging home a rebound of a Shaw shot.

The onslaught continued in the second period when forward Mindy McCarthy, graduate student, put the Spartans up by three.

Shaw continued to add to her team-high goal total in the third period with her second tally of the game.

Freshman OU forward Sarah Costigan kept her team from being held scoreless by converting a breakaway midway through the third period, but it would be the only time the Grizzlies would change the lights on the scoreboard.

It was a rough game for both teams with 40 combined minutes of penalties.

"Saturday got a little chippy, as it tends to whenever MSU is on the ice," Brick said. "Unfortunately, we let them get to us and

we spent most of the game on the penalty kill."

Freshman Jacqueline Galofaro suffered more than just a trip to the penalty box when two MSU skaters collided with the forward. She left the game, later finding out that she had broken her wrist in two places and will be out for at least the remainder of the semester.

"State is the number one team in the league and they definitely came fired up to play us on Saturday," head coach Shana Osler said. "It might have had something to do with some sort of injury we think was sustained by their best player - she was not in the lineup Saturday."

"Jackie is a great player, in addition to having the

second most points on the team (behind Czarnecki), and she will be missed," Osler said.

OU is now 2-6-0 overall and is placed fourth in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association.

"Looking forward, we need to regroup as a team, learn from this weekend's games, and focus on our upcoming games with (the University of) Michigan next week," Osler said.

Senior defenseman Melissa Orr is confident the team can get back on track.

"Next week against U of M we will have everything situated and have two more wins under our belts," she said. "We are a good team and just need to keep our chins up and play like the team we know we are."

# Tanning from a can

BY ADAM L. NEAL  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

As Michigan's summer months come to a close, so do most tan skins in the area.

However, OU students no longer have to pay money for artificial ultraviolet rays in tanning salons that could possibly lead to skin cancer. Get the tan without the trouble.

Sunless tanning has been sweeping the country for the past few years, but has gained most of its popularity in the past year or so, according to Braeden Willoughby, manager of Color Me Bronze spray-on tanning in Rochester.

"The process is very quick," he said. "It only takes about 60 seconds for the entire process compared to the sometimes 20 minutes it takes in a tanning bed."

He said most of his clients are in and out of the Mist-On tanning room in less than five minutes. Most of that time comes from putting on and removing clothing.

The sunless tanning solution works like most sunless tanning products that can be purchased in department stores.

The active ingredient is FDA-approved dihydroxyacetone (DHA), which,

when applied to the skin, causes a natural chemical reaction and colors the skin. A bronzer is applied with the solution to make the tan take on a deeper brown color.

"Sunless spray-on tan is significantly safer," said Lisa Meiles, dermatologist at the Rochester Medical Village. "There's no damage to the skin."

The solution can be applied in one of two ways. It can be sprayed on with an airbrush or spread evenly with a machine.

Color Me Bronze uses the Mist-On machine to apply the bronze solution. Willoughby said it is the best way to evenly distribute the formula across the body.

"It is almost like having eight (airbrush) nozzles going at once," he said.

"(The machine) rotates to make sure it is sprayed evenly everywhere."

Dr. Thomas J. Laughlin, president of Laughlin Products, Inc. and inventor of the Mist-On tanning machine, was quoted on the Color Me Bronze Web site about the safety features of sunless tanning.

"The Mist-On tan is a cosmetic. It uses the same basic sunless tanning components as the products being promoted as a smart alternative to UV-exposure," he said on the Web site [www.colormebronze.com](http://www.colormebronze.com). "The main unique feature of this tan is the way it is applied - an automated misting process."



Braeden Willoughby, manager of the Color Me Bronze spray-on tanning in Rochester stands outside the tanning room, customers walk in out of all day long.

Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

The tan lasts about a

week, depending on skin texture, according to Willoughby. He said when the solution is applied, it turns the skin a deep, golden tan color instead of having an orange tint - which some ultraviolet tanning

beds have been known to do.

The overall tan fades like a regular tan, Willoughby said.

Spray tanning from Color Me Bronze costs \$22 each visit. It offers a \$2 student-

discount for anyone with an identification card.

Color Me Bronze is located at 120 West Fourth Street in Rochester. For more information call (248) 650-0387.



Photo courtesy of [www.campfiregirlsmusic.com](http://www.campfiregirlsmusic.com)

Christian Stone, Andrew Clark, Mike Semple and Kellii Scott of the 'Campfire Girls' performed at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac last week.

## Group rocks Clutch Cargo's

### Campfire Girls performed in Pontiac last week

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The sixth stop on the Campfire Girls and Chavelle's year-long nationwide tour was held at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac last Friday.

The show featured songs off the Campfire Girls newest album, "Tell Them Hi."

The name is in reference to the lonely phone calls the band members made home.

One of the hit singles "Make It" combines a pop beat and lyrics with a rock guitar part for a smooth song.

The lyrics of this song best demonstrate the band's new sound and outlook featuring the catchy chorus claiming,

"If only/ If I could/ Find you/ No they don't write the songs the way that they used to."

The other big hit off of the CD, "Someday," slows things down a little with more mellow vocals and drum beats. The guitar parts stand out in this song giving it a classic rock background.

According to the band, many of the newer songs are about a friend who "died

much too young."

In a majority of the songs, the catchy choruses and heartfelt lyrics are a reflection of the sadness and mourning for loved ones lost along the way.

Campfire Girls is one band that definitely sounds better, live. While the CD is good, it has a smooth, mellow sound similar to a Dashboard Confessional or Cheap Trick type band.

Live, the band seems to have more of a rock feel and the sound is heavier. The crowds also like the live show.

Everyone gets into the music and sings along, said bassist Andrew Clark. The band noticed the crowd liked the rock feel of the live shows instead of the smooth tracks on the CD.

"The CD is more mellow," said Clark. "We learned after the first few shows we had to rock out on stage to fit in with the bands we tour with."

The high point of a Campfire Girls concert comes after the band is done on stage. The band took the time to do a meet-and-greet to sign shirts, CDs and talk to fans.

"Half the appeal (of a band) is the chance to talk to the person you see on stage," said drummer Kellii Scott.

### Background

The Los Angeles four-man band is made up of the sensitive but outgoing singer, Christian Stone, the reserved and quiet bassist Clark, eccentric and funny guitarist Mike Semple and the mysterious drummer, Scott.

The band, originally Stone, Clark and another drummer, got together and played shows in their backyards and local clubs.

After three weeks, Campfire Girls filled a local Hollywood bar to capacity and attracted label interest.

"We didn't want to sign with a big label. We wanted to have creative control," Stone said.

After independently releasing three singles, the band signed on with recording label Interscope Records making a deal that the label would pay them to release albums on their own label.

The joy of overnight success and the pressure of sudden fame caught up to the band

though.

After their first album, Stone and Clark turned to drugs as an escape.

They spiraled farther and farther into a "nightmarish drug world" losing their drummer, who opposed the lifestyle, on the way.

Within a year, the band had formed, signed with a record label, released an album and split up.

Stone and Clark eventually went their separate ways, but cleaned up their acts.

Stone ended up working at a Kinko's in L.A. and Clark returned to music touring with a band opening for the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Stone Temple Pilots.

The two got back together through a mutual friend and returned to the recording studio.

The Campfire Girls were given a second chance.

Interscope liked the new sound and decided to re-sign the band with the new guitarist and drummer.

"The band's sound has definitely changed a lot," Clark said. "It feels a lot more complete now."

## Getting personal with the 'Girls'

**Q: Why name a band of four guys the "Campfire Girls"?**

*Christian:* If a band named Limp Bizkit can sell 8 million records, then so can we.

**Q: Why do you like playing at the smaller venues like Clutch Cargo's?**

*Christian:* Any band that doesn't get to know its fans is shooting itself in the foot.

**Q: Has the outlook of the band changed since you've gotten back together?**

*Christian:* I, and I think the others, took away from those experiences how fallible everyone is. It inspires me to think that anyone can do it if they set their heart out on it.

*Mike:* I enjoy the dynamic of the band now. To play with these guys is great.

**Q: What musician or bands inspire you?**

*Mike:* I admire anyone who is doing it for the love of music.

*Andrew:* Eric Avery (of Jane's Addiction) inspired me to start out on my own.

**Q: Do you guys all get along?**

*Tour manager Sean Peel:* If they're not arguing about something then I know something is wrong.

**Q: How do you feel about music downloading?**

*Christian:* I don't blame anyone for doing it. I blame the industry for not foreseeing the problem. If CDs weren't so overpriced, people wouldn't resort to it. I do it too so I can't be opposed to it.

For more information about the Campfire Girls, visit [www.campfiregirlsmusic.com](http://www.campfiregirlsmusic.com)

# MTD play starts here and now

By **LUISE BOLLEBER**  
THE OAKLAND POST

"Did you see his shoulders, like a pair of boulders tapering down to his hips?" crooned soprano Crystal Webster to the attentive audience on opening night of "Starting Here, Starting Now."

Amazing talent is on display once again with the season's second production by the Department of Music, Theater and Dance.

OU's Meadow Brook Estate ensemble performs its rendition of "Starting Here, Starting Now," a musical revue by Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire.

The Meadow Brook Estate ensemble, which began 25 years ago as a show choir, once toured internationally, according to Director and Special Theatre Instructor Thomas Suda. It has since evolved into a theater ensemble, where students must audition for membership.

Fabulous singing and fun choreography set the tone in this production about the vagaries of life and love.

"The songs in this revue were taken from other musicals, and it was very successful," Suda said about the revue's history back in the 70s.

Songs in the first act reflect love's wide range of emotions, from the excitement of initial attraction to

the difficulties of communication. Each song tells its own story.

"Crossword Puzzle," exquisitely sung by junior Catherine Lutz, is a tale of passion and betrayal, a story with which everyone is familiar. Lutz wonderfully captures her dilemma with a light-hearted yet passionate flair.

"I Don't Believe It," is a song about the facade of happiness some couples display in public. It pokes fun at the likelihood that spouses and partners aren't quite as thrilled with one another as they want the world to believe. It is a funny and honest appraisal of one reality of love.

The second act focuses less on romantic love and more on individual self-reflection and simple joie de vie.

"Girl of the Minute," begins with a brazen laugh, then develops into a somber, quieter piece about one woman's plea for recognition.

The stellar and tireless piano playing of David Sherline accompanies this production. Sherline also conducts his trio, which includes Mitch Wilde on Bass and Kyle Albery on percussion.

The song "Barbara," spotlights Sherline, in a number he alone performs at the piano. He is a talented singer as well as pianist.

## Review



Performances of "Starting Here, Starting Now," will be take place in Varner Studio Theater until Sunday, Nov. 16.

"This revue was chosen because it's well suited for our students," Suda said.

"With the increasing number of musical theater majors enrolled at OU, it's important that we provide more opportunities for them to perform within the musical theater repertoire," he said. "It was a natural to weave The Meadow

Brook Estate into this mission, with its wonderful history of success."

The entire sparkling cast pulls the show off with high energy and heart-felt drama.

OU's musical theater ensemble, the Meadow Brook Estate includes students Catherine Lutz, Jason Beaubien, Mark

McCleese, Sarah Hilarides, Renee Turner and Crystal Webster.

Performances take place in Varner Studio Theater in Varner Hall.

Evening shows are at 8 p.m. Nov. 13, 14 and 15. A Sunday performance is scheduled at 2 p.m. Nov. 16.

Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$6 for stu-

dents. Tickets are available at the Varner box office, which is open from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and one hour before each performance, or by calling (248) 370-3013.

Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster outlets at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

## 'Matrix Revolutions' disappoints viewers

By **JEREMY BEYMA**  
THE OAKLAND POST

For anyone who's a fan of the first "Matrix," and just not sure what to make of the second one, "Matrix Revolutions," is disappointing.

Visually, this movie is as technically spectacular as it gets. It has everything from a speeding hovercraft to a flying fistfight. The computer generation is top notch.

The Wachowski brothers offer up a series of special effects that have never been seen. That just isn't enough though.

"Matrix Revolutions" begins right after the cliffhanger in "Matrix Reloaded." Neo (Keanu Reeves) finds himself trapped somewhere between the matrix and the real world. He needs saving, and fast, because the machines are drawing ever

so close to Zion, the last human city.

Zion is doing everything it can to prepare for what seems to be a hopeless battle with the machines.

Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and Niobe (Jada Pinkett Smith) race back to Zion fearing that they are too late to help mankind in their deadly struggle.

Meanwhile, Neo heads off to the Machine City with his own efforts to stop the war.

The entire movie builds up to two scenes.

First, a massive battle between machine sentinels ("squidies") and humans (piloting their own machines), which is possibly the most awesome technical achievement of the film.

The other, a showdown slugfest between Neo and Agent Smith that could

decide the fate of the matrix.

The choreography is on par with the other Matrix titles, and is reflective of the rest of the movie.

The romantic scenes between Neo and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) are often comical at best; which is rather unfortunate because their romance must work for the plot to work.

"Revolutions" holds none of the intellectual splendor of the original. The pseudo-philosophic jargon that made "The Matrix" so popular is completely absent, and it shows.

There is so much talent at work here, and such a great base to work from.

"Revolutions" just seems like the inevitable conclusion to a series that has dwindled down from the starting gates.

## Review



Photo courtesy of Silver Pictures Productions

"Matrix Revolutions" was released in theaters last week.

## Team effort results in band's unique sound

By **LISA ZITZMAN**  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Polyphonics have survived through punk, rap, rock, ska and many other music fads since it became a band in 1996.

Now the four members are about to release their second CD and have a fairly large following.

The band's sound has a unique quality that true music fans love.

"We don't follow a fad or a sound," said Jeff Hughes, lead singer and guitar player. "The different bands that we used to play shows with their fad dies out."

Hughes is the only member of the band that attends OU.

In Dec. 2001, The Polyphonics released its first CD, with 11 original tracks. The next CD is coming out next month.

Band members, Patrick Herbst on drums, Vance Van Gogh on base, Hughes, guitar and lead vocalist and Jon Siersma, guitar and vocals, work great together as a team. They each bring something different to the group.

"We like what we like, but we all pitch in," said VanGogh. "But everyone's pulling from a different direction, so it's an inside power struggle at all times."

All of the members pitched in last year when they played live on "Untitled Radio," at WXOU.

When they arrived for their set, they found the live room's door locked. Determined to treat OU students to their music, the guys took the door frame off and played.

"We talked, and we just chimed in our opinions, but those guys got fired," Hughes said, referring to the students who ran the radio program.

The band also performed at OU last year during the Battle of the Bands, where they won second place.

Polyphonics is not a cover band. It doesn't play other people's music.

"I guess we're all a little stubborn to do that," Hughes said.

But the members do have influences from their favorite music



Photo courtesy of Polyphonics

The Polyphonics will be performing at 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14 at Pub 1281 in Mt. Clemens.

artists.

"The Beatles are in there. Weezer-old Weezer, Nirvana, Velvet Underground and Pixies," Herbst said. "Musically, we're all not great tech players. It's song writing based, not riff based."

VanGogh said "It's about the songs, but not in a hippie way."

The guys said they think their fans really understand what their music is all about. They have a

good 30 or so people who follow them from gig to gig. When their fans want to know where its playing next or want to listen to its music for free, they can just log on to the Web site www.polyphonics.net.

"We keep it up-to-date with the shows we are doing, and you can sign up for an e-mail list," Herbst said.

The Polyphonics next perform-

ance is at 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14 at Pub 1281 at 16 Mile Road and Gratiot.

Visit the Web site for more details.

"It gives me an outlet. There's nothing like performing. It's just a complete release," said Herbst, "It's a rush to be able to be part of the music."

# Many years to come

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL  
THE OAKLAND POST

**K**athryn Stout, senior, suffers from a chronic illness with no identifiable cause or cure.

After her inability to fight off the flu, Stout checked into a local hospital to be diagnosed with Crohn's Disease at the age of 19.

According to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NDDIC), Crohn's Disease is an inflammation of the digestive tract that usually occurs in the lower part of the small intestines, called the ileum, but can affect any part of the digestive tract from the mouth to the anus.

The most common symptoms are abdominal pain, often in the lower right area and diarrhea. Rectal bleeding may also occur, as well as fever and weight loss, according to the NDDIC reports.

"It is very, very painful," said Stout of the symptoms she experiences on a daily basis. "There are periods where I can't eat anything at all, or eating the smallest amount of food will cause me to have continuous bowel movements. It gets so frustrating at times, but some days are better than others."

Since being diagnosed, Stout has been hospitalized three times. The longest period extended from March 1 through April 14, of this year, causing her to miss a great deal of time in school. She had to drop the entire winter semester to have a subtotal colectomy performed. This procedure involved removing three and a half feet of her large intestines, which only contains five feet total.

"That is the sickest I've ever been," Stout said. "I couldn't eat for six weeks; nothing at all. After the surgery, I couldn't even walk. But everything has gotten a lot better and most OU staff members were



Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post  
**Kathryn Stout was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. She is holding a tape measure representing the three and a half feet of her large intestine that was removed.**

very supportive."

One of Stout's biggest supporters is Andrew Dupont, a fellow classmate and long-time friend.

During Stout's absence, Dupont was out of school as well, which was good because according to Dupont, he can't function properly

without her. "She keeps me motivated with school and my career," said Dupont. "We're like a team. When one of us is gone, the team is gone."

Stout and Dupont have been best friends since their freshman year. Dupont said that he admires Stout's strength, and she makes him appreciate life much more. On a daily basis, Stout has to consume about 20 different pills, and get up to 12 hours of sleep. Her school schedule consists of 16 credit hours and she works 30 hours per week.

This busy schedule is no stranger to Stout, she has maintained a full work load for as long as she can remember and said that not even a disease can get in her way. "I have goals, and if I want to achieve them, I have to push myself," said Stout. "I've always been a goal oriented person, with or without this disease. I won't allow it to take over my life. I'm a normal college student who just happens to have a chronic illness," she said.

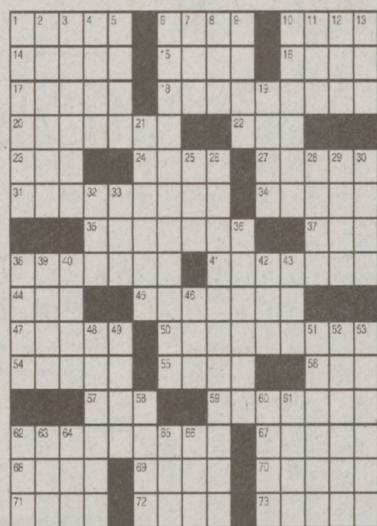
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"You have to be as supportive as you can, and be there for the good times and bad," Dupont said. Although there is no known cure for Crohn's Disease, Stout has hope and enjoys the company of her friends and family.

"Support is the best medicine," said Stout.

## Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 Overbearing  
6 Tex-Mex choice  
10 Max of "Barney Miller"  
14 Remove knots  
15 Lab medium  
16 Commute  
17 "Giant" ranch  
18 Long jump record holder 1968-91  
20 Generous  
22 Grassy ground  
23 Every last one  
24 Tim or Beryl  
27 Schon and Hefti  
31 Actress Suzanne  
34 Apia's country  
35 Tree-root parasite  
37 Lay low the lawn  
38 Cape Tainaron  
41 Infected patches of skin  
44 Pique  
45 Smiled derisively  
47 Scorches  
50 Rouses to impatience  
54 Ms. Bernhardt  
55 Back talk  
56 Back of a bus.  
57 Pinch  
59 Saki's name  
62 Type of Western or squash  
67 Cathedral instrument  
68 First-rate  
69 Tide type  
70 Feudal lord  
71 Probabilities  
72 Knight and Kennedy  
73 Sialom curves



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1 Gunnysack material  
2 "The Iceman Cometh" dramatist  
3 Maintaining equilibrium  
4 Setting  
5 Fiscal period  
6 Ping-Pong  
7 In the past  
8 Taxi  
9 Spheres  
10 Premium quality  
11 Purpose  
12 Words at the altar  
13 Ex-QB Dawson  
19 Ages and ages  
21 Sports venues  
25 "My Party"  
26 Car franchises  
28 Peas for a peashooter  
29 Birdbrain  
30 Old sayings  
32 Mineral spring  
33 Groovy  
36 the thought!  
38 Shoot wide  
39 Territory  
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51 Slight traces  
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60 Double agent  
61 Author Leon  
62 Paulo  
63 Peas' place  
64 Furthermore  
65 Golfer's gadget  
66 Smidgen

## Solutions



## THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Nov. 12

The Student Program Board is hosting Randi Driscoll to perform at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Thursday, Nov. 13

The Student Life Lecture Board is hosting speaker Soledad O'Brien at 4 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Friday, Nov. 14

Friday Night Live with Troy Thirdgill will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

The Student Program Board will be presenting the Murder Mystery at Meadow Brook Hall at 8 p.m.

Akwaaba and Pan Jumbies African and Steel Drum Ensembles will perform at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Varner Hall. Tickets are available at the Varner box office. For more information, call (248) 370-3013.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Meadow Brook Hall is hosting the Fall Ball from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The theme is "Midnight Masquerade." Tickets are sold out.

The Counseling Center for Women in downtown Rochester is hosting a free workshop on the causes, effects and coping strategies for stress. For more information, call (248) 650-3795.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

The Department of English and The Distinguished Program Fund of the College of Arts and Sciences are hosting "Charles Dickens, Reading from his works" at 4 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the OC.

Friday, Nov. 21

The OU Chapter of IEEE-EMBS is hosting a lecture on the Complexity of Respiratory Patterns During Maturation at 2 p.m. in Room 372 SEB.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

OU will be hosting the annual Art, Book and Gift Fair from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the OC. For additional information, contact Kim Carlsen at (248) 370-3245.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

The Student Program Board is hosting a concert with performer Vanessa Bell Calloway at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.

The College Republicans Fall Semester lecture at OU will be featuring special guest Gary Aldrich at 7:30 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the OC. Admission is free and the event is open to all OU students.

Friday, Dec. 5

Friday Night Live with Scott Kennedy will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

The Student Program Board is hosting the Battle of the Bands at 8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Saturday Dec. 6

Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will be hosting the 7th annual Blue and White Scholarship Ball from 7 p.m.-midnight. Food will be served at 8 p.m. and the event is free for OU students.

## Student Profile

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# Volunteering to make a difference



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post  
**Marsha Alfafara**

## Marsha Alfafara, Special Lecturer for Communication

•What is your education background?

I received my bachelor's in communications from OU, my master's in speech communication from Wayne State and I did some of my graduate work in Montreal.

•If you could choose one place to visit in the world, where would it be?

France. I like the little towns and the people there. I love to cook, to bicycle, and to eat and these are three big things you do in France.

•How do you spend your weekends outside of school?

I like to go to live productions. I like anything from opera to jazz to student performances. I also like to cook for people. I have soup night every once in a while, when people come over for some of my homemade soup.

•What are a few of your hobbies?

Cooking, gardening, reading, riding my bicycle and soup making. I also love volunteering. I feel it brings perspective to our lives and gives us meaning. I love volunteering so much, I am the faculty advisor to REACH, a student organization which coordinates volunteer events of our student body.

•Do you have any hidden talents?

I like to tap dance. I would like to think I should be on Broadway, but I really don't know what I'm doing. I guess I just smile and make a lot of noise. It's fun.

•Do you have one particular embarrassing moment that stands out in your life?

When I was younger and single, I was at a T.G.I. Fridays. There were some guys there that I was flirting with, and I decided to get up and go to the bathroom. Unfortunately, I walked into the men's bathroom, and everyone saw it. I then had to walk out and go in the women's bathrooms, with the guys I was talking to watching.

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Friday Night Live Series presents comedian **Troy Thirdgill**

Friday, November 14, Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM

Originally from Portland, Oregon, Thirdgill has appeared on A&E's "Evening at the Improv," and "Comic View" on BET. Among his other TV credits are appearances on Fox's "In Living Color" and NBC's "In the House." He also has toured all over the world performing for U.S. troops in places such as Australia, Belgium, Egypt, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan and many more.

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