



Junior goalkeeper Jeff Weise led the Golden Grizzlies' men's soccer team to a 1-1 record last week with two consecutive shutouts.

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Retiring professor goes out with \$500,000 bang

Professor Richard Burke used his money to create the Richard Burke Visiting Scholar in Religion, Philosophy and Society Endowment of \$500,000.

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BY CRYSTAL ALLEN
THE OAKLAND POST

He taught at OU for 45 years. He's retiring in 2005. And he's leaving \$500,000 behind.

Richard Burke, professor of philosophy, created the Richard Burke Visiting Scholar in Religion, Philosophy and Society Endowment of \$500,000.

According to OU's College of Arts and Sciences publication "The College," Burke's gift will allow OU to invite a major phi-

losophy figure each year "to speak and lead seminars on a subject relevant to current issues."

Burke will be one participant on the five-member panel designated to select each year's guest speaker.

Where did he get all this money? From the savings he's built up by working at OU.

"When you don't have children," he said, "you're able to save a lot more."

And Burke wants to give back to students at a university that

has made him feel "lucky" to teach.

With this new scholarship, Burke said he hopes to make philosophy "more visible" on OU's campus and to bring in "people from the fringes of philosophy."

One piece of advice he gives students before he retires is "learn as much as you can, there is more at OU than you think."

According to the newsletter, Burke, the last active member of OU's original faculty, will retire at the end of this academic year.

Students line up to see Hammond



Students lined up outside the Oakland Center at the O' Bear's entrance Friday night more than an hour before comedian Darrell Hammond performed in the OC Banquet Rooms at 7 p.m. that night. Take a look at page B1 to see Andrea Welt's review of Hammond's performance.

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Libby Baker/The Oakland Post

A large flag was visible over the weekend on I-75 north of University Drive, in remembrance of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Students skip out on panel

BY ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The OC was packed with students last Friday at noon, some were having lunch, some were chatting with friends and others were studying.

But less than 20 people attended a panel discussion next door in OC's Fireside Lounge on the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

While some students remained for most of the panel, others stopped by for a few minutes and

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OUSC awards parking

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS & LIBBY BAKER
THE OAKLAND POST

With students filling up even the overflow lot, there is a glimmer of hope for one fortunate student each month.

The Student Services Committee of OU Student Congress (OUSC) has created the OUSC Student of the Month Parking award.

Starting in October, the committee will award what was previously the Copy Stop 30-minute parking space to a student involved in campus activities and in good academic standing.

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Teacher questions process

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

The current procedures used for evaluating OU's administration are not adequate according to Robert Goldstein, a professor of political science who hopes to initiate changes in the process.

Goldstein is single-handedly spearheading a campaign to institute an overhaul of administrative assessment.

At OU, faculty members evaluate their students, and in turn, the students evaluate their professors, who are also assessed by their peers and the administration. The administrators, according to Goldstein, solely evaluate themselves.

"The dominant power at Oakland evaluates them-

selves...people who do powerful jobs ought to be evaluated (by others)," he said.

Virinder Moudgil, OU provost and vice president for academic affairs, said that Oakland's procedure used in the evaluation of administrators is one used by most universities.

"Oakland University maintains a rigorous review process for all academic administrators as well as faculty during their reappointment, promotion and tenure process," he said.

Academic administrators are reviewed annually on their performances, and each dean is formally reviewed and faculty input is gathered during the dean review process, Moudgil said.

Further, the provost reviews each dean, the president reviews

the provost and the board of trustees reviews the president, he said.

Joel Russell, a chemistry professor, said evaluations are necessary to identify problems, and although the administration does conduct them, the procedures used need to be changed.

"You also need evaluations done by other groups," Russell said.

Russell, a member of the University Senate Steering Committee, said university administration has shifted over the past few decades from an academic model to one focused more on business. Changes in procedures, such as those used in the evaluation process, are simply to "make sure quality is maintained" and to "catch problems before they become crisis

level," he said.

Shea Howell, a professor in the department of communications, said that although she has a lot of criticism of the administration, she does not criticize them in this area.

"I don't think that the administration, in principle or in practice, evades evaluation," she said. "The fact that it doesn't occur is not because there is a philosophy or practices against it."

Goldstein said he feels faculty members are not consulted by the administration and finds it hard to get feedback from them. He said it takes "ridiculous" amounts of time to get answers.

"(The faculty's) crucial role in University life is not reflected in the way the faculty is collectively treated by the administra-

tion," he said.

Goldstein said he feels the administrators do not want the faculty to communicate amongst themselves. He said he hopes his initiative will generate interest and other faculty members will contact him.

"In general, the faculty bears a lot of responsibility for these problems. The faculty has been very, very complacent for too long," he said.

Ideally, Goldstein said he hopes that the evaluation of administrators can be a collaborative effort between faculty, administrators and even students. He said he is prepared, however, to proceed unilaterally if necessary.

Both Goldstein and Russell

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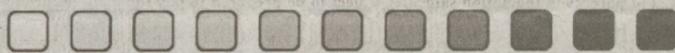
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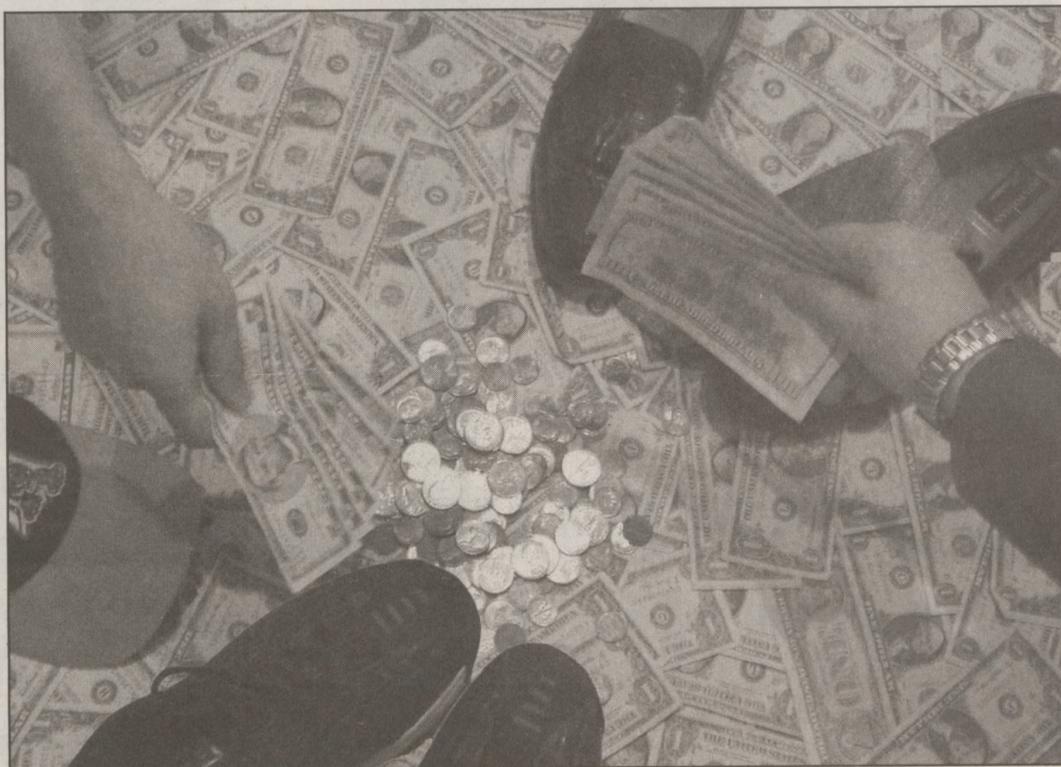
Editor's Note: This is the first story in a series about identity formation in college years.

By VERA MARZOUQ
THE OAKLAND POST

In an age where self-sufficiency is greatly emphasized among young adults, students sometimes find themselves with the responsibility of paying for their own education. But in one of the richest counties in the country, how common is that exactly, and if students don't pay for their tuition, who does?

For a majority of students at OU, paying school tuition is an unremitting issue. Be it by the ever-mounting school loans, scholarships, grants or out-of-pocket, the average full-time OU student, (or parent of said student), pays an average of \$2,600 per semester. However, this cost does not include room and board for those who live on campus. Considering room and board, the cost would nearly double.

Studies have shown that more than half of students today are paying for their own post-secondary education, which leaves the other half not paying. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported that nearly 51 percent of college undergraduates are considered financially independent from their parents.



Students' tuition is paid through different avenues. Studies show that more than half of today's college students are paying for their own education. Still, one third of parents in the nation said they expect to be prepared to pay for their children's tuition.

"I think you're lucky if you're blessed enough to have parents that can afford to pay your tuition," junior Candice Seay said. "But you shouldn't take advantage

of that by neglecting your schoolwork, but instead you should work hard and keep up your end of the bargain."

Based on studies by the College Board,

the average yearly cost of a four-year public university is nearly \$12,000; a

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Students sign up for volunteer work

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

Neighborhood House started 39 years ago with six churches. Now, it has grown to include 22 churches, Rochester schools and citizens in the area who support the program. But this volunteer organization was only one of 20 present at OU's third Volunteer Fair last Wednesday.

For the past three years, the Volunteer Fair has been coming to students right at their own university. Students get the chance to find out about volunteer opportunities and speak with representatives from organizations who look for young people willing to donate talent and time.

"Each year it's been successful in helping to prepare students with opportunities on campus and in the community," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership for the Center for Student Activities (CSA).

Among the opportunities available was the Son-Rise program of Southeast Michigan. It has been around for 25 years and is recruiting volunteers from OU. Students would work one-on-one with special needs children.

"The work is more like play," Sree Sreedhur, coordinator of the program, said. Students

Detroit Metro Heart Walk: Oct. 2, 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
OU Fall Blood Drive: Oct. 25-27
Relay for Life: Nov. 12-13
Winter Wonderland: Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students interested in volunteering at any of these events that will take place at OU can contact the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2024 or visit <http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/currentstudents/csa/volunteer.asp> for more information.

724 OU students register to vote

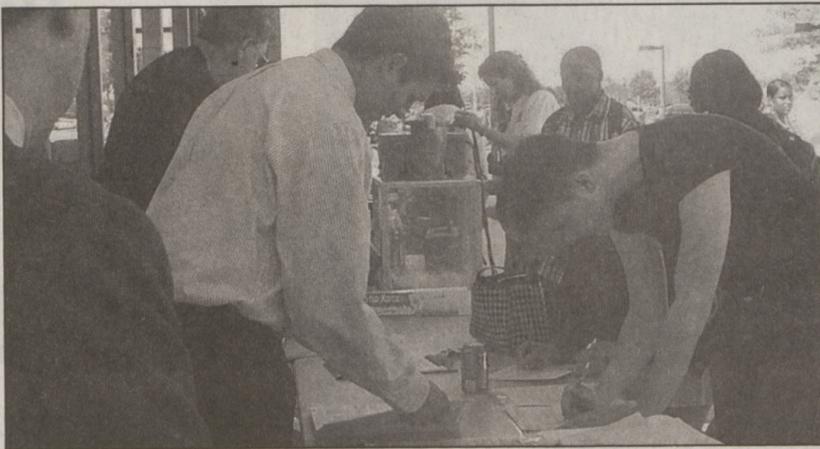
By ROQAYA ASHMAWEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Jonathan Dalton turned 18 last April and with two months until the presidential election, he still hadn't registered to vote. The freshman was walking out of his philosophy class in South Foundation Hall when he saw a table set up for students to register to vote.

Dalton was one of 724 students who stopped to register at the Voter Registration Week table that took place last week.

Politicians were at the event, greeting students, answering questions and encouraging students to register.

Thomas Werth, running for



Jonathan Dalton (second from right) registered to vote last week. Politicians were available to answer questions about the upcoming elections, candidates and the importance of voting.

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Police Beat

• A female student's vehicle was hit on Tuesday, Sept. 7, while parked on campus. The student said she found her bumper was damaged when she returned to her car but found no notes.

• Two students were caught smoking marijuana in the dorms of E. Vandenberg Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Hall Director Jeff

Frankowiak informed OUPD of a strong odor. After a search of their dorm room, two small pieces of a marijuana cigarette were found and both students admitted to smoking marijuana. The two students were released and turned over to the Housing Department for the drug violation.

• A resident student said that her roommate

and friend brought a large sized container of mace to campus on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and wanted to see how far the stream of mace would travel. While the students stood next to each other in parking lot P-5, they sprayed the mace and it changed direction, causing the mace to go into one of their faces.

• OUPD arrived in parking lot P-26 to find the drivers side door of a student's pickup truck smashed out on Thursday, Sept. 9. The student claimed that he parked his truck and went to class. When he returned, he saw the damage but nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

In Short

Walking 10,000 steps

That Walking Program, sponsored by OU and Building a Better U, is a five-week commitment to walk 10,000 steps per day. Students, faculty and staff can register to join this program today or tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the wellness table in the OC.

ACS Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society held a Relay for Life kick-off on Thursday at the Recreation Center. Relay for Life is designated to raise money for research and celebrate cancer survivors. It will be held at OU for the first time and will take place Nov. 12-13.

Hispanic celebration through September

OU's celebration of the Hispanic culture started Monday with a lecture by guest speaker Maria Elena, president of Mexicantown Community Development of Detroit, at a Ceremonia de apertura (opening ceremony).

Today at noon in the Oakland Room, a panel will take place regarding Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's medical mission to Guatemala.

Thursday at noon in the Fireside Lounge, Mary Karasch, history professor, will talk about the presidential leadership in Brazil.

Events will be held through Sept. 30 for the 2004 Hispanic Celebration.

Tours for prospective students

OU is now offering tours for prospective students on Saturdays. The tours are one hour and 15 minutes long and are led by current OU students. Three tours are scheduled for the fall semester, on Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and Dec. 4 and students can register by contacting the Office of Admissions.

First-year transition Workshop

First year students met with their Orientation Group Leaders last Wednesday for an OU Grizzly Hunt. The hunt was geared towards searching for and learning about services available to students at OU. Prizes were awarded to the winning team.

Another workshop was held last Thursday. Students played card games that related to their college experiences at Vandenberg's Dining Center.

Important dates

Tuesday, Sept. 21 is the last day for students who wish to drop a class to obtain a 50 percent refund for fall semester courses. It is also the official count day.

- Compiled by Roqaya Ashmawey
Campus News Editor

Pachyderm pair's fate in limbo

Wanda and Winky are still looking for somewhere to call home.

By **BRENDAN J. STEVENS**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Detroit Zoo officials were hoping to give Winky and Wanda a comfortable environment to live out the remainder of their lives.

But a recent recommendation by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) has left the Detroit Zoo less than satisfied.

In May, the Detroit Zoo announced that it would permanently close its elephant exhibit and retire the two female elephants to a sanctuary. The Detroit Zoo is the first zoo in the country to voluntarily close its elephant exhibit for ethical reasons, and the eighth U.S. zoo to stop exhibiting elephants in recent years.

Rather than sending Winky, 51, and Wanda, 46, two Asian elephants, to a suitable sanctuary in Tennessee or California, the AZA has recommended the pair be moved to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Currently, Wanda and Winky share 1.5 acres between them at the Detroit Zoo,

while the Columbus Zoo offers two acres already inhabited by five Asian elephants.

One of the main reasons the Detroit Zoo is moving the pair is because the cold climate and unnatural surfaces make arthritis a constant and dangerous threat to the elephants.

Director of the Detroit Zoological Institute, Ron Kagan, praised the Columbus Zoo leadership and staff in a press release, but also said that while its facilities are bigger than the Detroit Zoo's, it is only a fraction of the more than 30 acres available at sanctuaries in Tennessee and California.

Kagan also said both sanctuaries would provide the elephants with large social groupings and warmer climates.

The Detroit Zoo owns Winky, while the San Antonio Zoo owns Wanda.

Since both zoos are accredited members of the AZA, they are obligated to follow the recommendations of the AZA regarding animals managed cooperatively by any Species Survival Plan.

Wanda and Winky are forced to stay indoors during the winter because of the

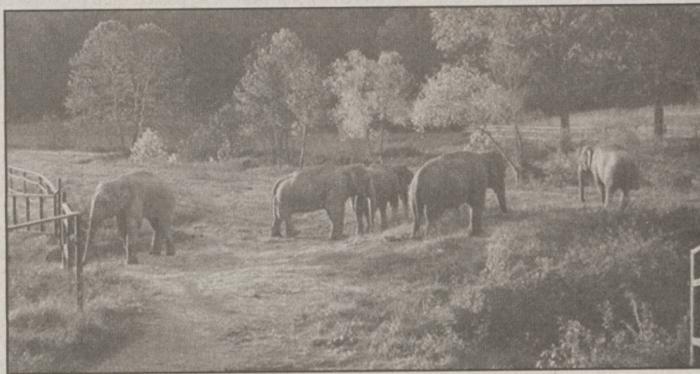


Photo Courtesy of The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

The Detroit Zoo's proposal to send the elephants to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee was blocked by the AZA.

cold climate. The Columbus Zoo has a one-acre indoor facility, which is temperature controlled.

Having been in a restricted habitat so long, Wanda and Winky have developed health care needs that the Columbus Zoo staff is prepared to meet, Jerry Borin,

director of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, said in a press release.

Both Wanda and Winky suffer from foot and arthritis problems, which has directed experts at the Columbus Zoo to plan specific programs and exercise rou-
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Owners say proposed tax is no small change

By **TRACY ESTES**
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The city of Ferndale is brainstorming ideas to generate new funds for their police department and city parking shortage.

The city plans to literally nickel and dime customers at local restaurants and bars who order alcoholic beverages if the proposal for "Dimes for Good Times" passes.

"The price of an alcoholic drink will go up five cents, which is not that much," said Tom Barwin, Ferndale city manager.

Barwin said that many cities, not just Ferndale, are growing and becoming more dining and entertainment districts, and they are required to perform certain services, such as expanded parking.

"The money will also go to fund public safety services," he said, like the police department.

Some of the cities that could use the tax are Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, Mt. Clemens and Detroit, Barwin said. "These are all nightlife cities."

"(In Ferndale,) the money would be used to compensate for the \$60,000 a year overtime the city pays police officers to patrol when the evening and weekend bar crowds let out," said Ferndale Mayor Robert Porter.

Tina Kourtesis, owner of Newway Bar in Ferndale, said her family has been in the bar business for 70 years

and has never heard of such a tax.

"I'm going to have to raise my prices to compensate for the five cents. I'm not going to let them take it out of my pocket," she said. "They may say it's not a lot of money, but it

really is when added up."

Kourtesis is not happy with the tax proposal and wonders how far it will go.

"Each year, Budweiser raises the price of beer for the cost of living, Granholm just raised the cigarette tax and now they want to add another tax?" she said. "A lot of business owners are not happy ... we could end up losing customers."

There have been many suggestions to save money and nothing is set in stone as of yet according to the mayor. "We don't want to hurt businesses," he said. "But we have to find ways to offset policing costs and future developments in parking."

Porter assures that the long-term plan is to actually bring in more business, which will help in more areas than just one. "There may be other alternatives to the five cent tax, but planning is just so early, it's hard to say," he said. "There is no structure at this time."

Tony Bielski, owner of Tony's Sports Bar, said the tax is ridiculous. Bielski is a big police supporter, but he does not believe he should be punished. "I'm not having problems and I shouldn't be penalized for police overtime, for something I'm doing myself," he

said.

"It's not fair to the smaller bars, since we don't have all the problems that these big dance bars and discos have," he said.

There are no plans to have the tax on the November ballot as of now, and Porter said this issue might not be something the public votes on. "It may just be a vote within the city council," he said.

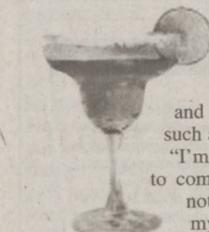
Bielski said it would be even worse if business owners and citizens didn't get a say in the matter. "Why should they figure out what will happen," he said. "I can't afford to raise my prices. It will kill me. I'm just a small sports bar trying to stay alive," Bielski said.

Ferndale is the first city to bring up this matter of generating new funds, and Bielski is afraid that if it is passed in Ferndale, "then obviously other cities will catch on and see how easy it is and follow," he said.

What would this tax mean for you?

College students consume an average of 8 alcoholic drinks per week. If the proposed tax passes, that could mean students would spend close to an extra \$20 a year on alcohol.

8 drinks* \$.05 = \$.40/wk.
4 wks. * \$.40 = \$1.60/mo.
12 mo. * \$1.60 = \$19.20/yr.



Prices fall after record highs

By **LAURA ANGUS**
THE OAKLAND POST

After a summer of near record breaking gas prices, drivers are starting to see some relief at the pumps.

Gas prices average \$1.85 a gallon now, as compared to \$2.13 in May, said AAA spokesperson Nancy Cain.

Crude oil is also going below the \$40 per barrel range that was hit in August. According to the OPEC Web site, on Monday, crude oil was \$38.82 a barrel, and has been declining in the past weeks.

Cain said the drop in gas prices has to do with the peak driving season coming to a close, and crude oil prices dropping. She said it's hard to predict where gas prices will go next.

"A lot depends on the world market," she said. "All things being equal, prices should hold steady."

The average gas prices in 2002 were \$1.39, and \$1.58 in 2003, according to AAA's Web site. To date, drivers have been paying an average of \$1.93 per gallon in 2004.

Cain said these elevated prices don't generally keep people off the roads. They still have to go to work, and many still travel.

"With the high gas prices, what you're probably going to do is spend less money somewhere else," she said.

Some OU students were feeling drained this summer after pumping much of their cash into their cars.

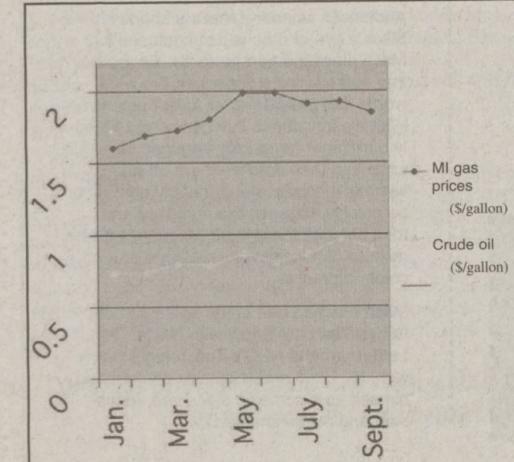
Sophomore Tina Humphrey said she was spending as much as \$50 a week just to get to and from school.

Freshman Veronica McCollum said the high cost of gas has had a big impact on her this summer.

"My parents had to give me money just so I could come to school," she said. She spends about \$20 a week on gas, she said, and since she didn't have a summer job, she doesn't have the money to cover the costs.

On the other hand, senior Aaron Rosinski, said the cost of gas really doesn't affect him.

"I have a little less money, but there's nothing I can do about it," he said. He spends about \$30 to \$40 on gas each week, and said the costs don't affect how much he drives. "I really don't pay attention to it," he said.



Global Glance

Russia funds security

Russian officials announced yesterday that Russia would be pouring \$5.4 billion into its security agencies to quickly mobilize resources for a battle against terrorism. In response to a series of terrorist attacks within the country—killing more than 400 people in three weeks—President Vladimir Putin said a central anti-terrorism agency must be created and battling terrorism is the country's top priority.

"Holy security Batman"

Protesters dressed as Batman and Robin scaled the walls of Buckingham Palace to draw attention to the rights of divorced fathers who lack visitation rights with their children. Security guards were stunned, when the masked activists unfurled a banner reading 'Super dads of fathers 4 Justice.' The culprits, Jason Hatch and David Pyke of London, said getting past the guards was surprisingly easy. Both were arrested but released on bail yesterday.

U.S. skeptical of North Korea

The U.S. and South Korea are investigating the cause of a large explosion and mushroom cloud over North Korea near the Chinese border. North Korea claims that the blast was part of a civilian effort involving the demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project. Some U.S. analysts are convinced North Korea is on the brink of making several nuclear weapons, and their efforts to try to delay talks on its weapons program has the U.S. and other countries more skeptical than ever.

Baghdad attack kills 47

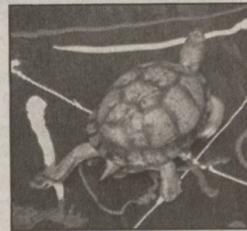
A car bomb exploded in a crowded market near the west Baghdad police headquarters yesterday, killing 47 people and injuring at least 114. This marks the deadliest single attack in the capital in the last six months. According to the Health Ministry, more than 200 people have been killed across Iraq since Sunday.

Global

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Collectors shell out cash

The abstract art duo Koopa and Kira have been amazing collectors with more than their artwork. Half of the duo, Koopa, is a gulf coast box turtle. Koopa discovered his hidden talents after Kira left a pallette and some paint on the floor. He now uses his arms, legs, head and shell to create his abstract works. Kira says his schedule is quite laid back, with him painting only once a week and no more than three paintings per session. The paintings have sold on Ebay for as much as \$100, with a portion going to a turtle rescue group. His paintings have been sold in 37 of the 50 states and his first 100 sold out.



-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.

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work with "kids that usually have a problem interacting with people and get them to socialize," she said.

Students have helped in the past with Neighborhood House, an emergency service agency which provides help to low-income families.

"Last year we had a sub-group of 15 students from a marketing class who did a marketing plan for Neighborhood House. We are implementing some parts of the plan," Susan Vindican, executive director of Neighborhood House, said. "If students need hours for community service, we would be more than happy to work with them."

However, according to Vindican, the project cannot sustain families for a

long period of time.

Other organizations included Hospice of Michigan, Baldwin Church and Center, Circle K International, Son-Rise program, Neighborhood House, Hillel of Metro Detroit/Stern Tzedek Hillel, Haven, Palace of Auburn Hills, Women's Survival Center of Oakland County, Rochester Schools and Reach.

Circle K and Reach are two groups on campus based on volunteering.

"In volunteering, you can meet new people and learn about leadership and serve the community," sophomore Sanjay Guha, vice president of Reach, said.

"Volunteering is good for a lot of reasons," Crampton said. Students "get to help others and in turn, feel better with themselves. They get opportunities to

share their talents. It shows people the struggles and challenges others have and how to make a difference."

Circle K meets on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at 125 Oakland Center. Reach's meetings have not been announced yet but students can contact Victoria Holifield at vholifield@oakland.edu for more information.

Students who are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities but missed the fair can still get involved in the community.

The posting board across the CSA office lists volunteer opportunities. They are also posted on the CSA website under "volunteers."

For more information, students may contact: CSA office: 248-370-2024, Neighborhood House: 248-651-5836, Son-Rise: son-rise.org

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rather close guesstimate to Oakland's \$10,570 yearly rate.

There is good news for students who pay their own way. OU offers scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs to help students pay for their education. Federal loans are also common among OU students.

Federal loans have been on the rise, said Sylvia Zigwire, assistant to the director of Financial Aid. "Students' loans also have increased over the years quite substantially."

A loan is a sum of money borrowed by students to help meet their educational expenses. The amount of the loan must be repaid with interest. Typically, the interest rate is very low, never exceeding nine percent, and repayment does not begin until six months after the student graduates or ceases to be enrolled.

But don't forget the parents. For some students, they are the primary source of income until the student marries or moves out and are, therefore, the means to a higher education.

One third of parents in the nation say they expect to be adequately prepared to pay for their child's education once they enter college.

For them, there is the Parent PLUS loan, a loan that parents can take out to pay the educational expenses of their dependent children. "The amount of PLUS loans seem to be increasing," Zigwire said.

Freshman Jen Chung said her parents pay for her schooling, but she has taken out some loans this year. "My parents pay for what they can afford ... now and then they take out loans on the rest so when I graduate and get a job, I will pay those off. It's sort of a deal we made," she said.

The cost of a college education will continue to climb as each year the board of trustees meets to raise tuition and fees. So will the debts that students or parents will have to pay.

But students should know that there is help out there, be it parents, or OU and the federal government by way of loans, scholarships or grants.

According to the OU Fall 2003 fact sheet, approximately 10,000 students received over \$53 million in financial aid for the 2002-03 school year.

Cindy Hermesen, director of financial aid, said that because students apply for financial aid all year long, the number of students who applied this semester will not be known until next year. The number of students who applied in the 2003-04 school year is still being processed and will be available in the annual reports in October.

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state representative, said he was present because he believes in educating young adults about politics.

"This election is the most important in the next 20 years," he said, "because the president is going to be appointing either three or four Supreme Court judges."

"The decisions made by the Supreme Court affect people's lives," he said, "so it's important for people to realize" the effects of their choice of vote.

Werth is a graduate of OU's first graduating class. "Every single vote is important," he said, "that's why I'm out here today."

Dalton said he found the event helpful. "It's good for procrastinators," he said, and "I'm a procrastinator."

Jackie Claiborne, OUSC's director of legislative affairs, said the event "went very well."

"The effect went past" getting students to register, she said. "We supplied students with information on candidates, ballots and the State of Michigan's Web site. We also provided absentee cards."

Voter Registration Week is the first of several events scheduled as part of OU's Celebrating Liberal Arts, Presidential Leadership initiative. The initiative is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, with support from the Center for Student Activities, OUSC, Student Program Board, Student Life Lecture Board, and the offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

According to the Celebrating Liberal Arts Web site, "this focus on leadership in our nation's highest office emphasizes how an OU education builds leadership skills to help graduates succeed in work and life."

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left. Those who stayed took time to listen to experts like Mike Sturm, administrator of emergency response and preparedness for Oakland County, who was there to explain the county's response to emergencies.

He said that Oakland County is in the top three percentile nationally, "in terms of preparedness, response and training" for "our first respondents," which include EMS and the police and fire departments.

"We will have another incident or incidents," he said, "not another terrorist attack, but a blackout, a tornado, an earthquake or a flooding."

It happens every few years in Oakland County, he said.

"We plan for the worst case scenario and for anything in between, and then we backwards plan," he said. "Oakland County is second to none in the state of Michigan."

Henry Guthard, founding principal of Yamasaki Inc., the design firm of the

World Trade Center, discussed what could be done architecturally to make future building designs safer.

Added features to improve future high-rise designs include new exit strategies, rapid shuttle cars for evacuation, emergency illumination systems, alternative forms of extinguishing systems and improved lobby smoke controls, he said.

Guthard also said that each person should think of what he or she can contribute to global safety. "Throughout the world of Islam, throughout the world of the Western culture, the good people all over the world, should think what can we do that can help make the world a better place."

His company, Yamasaki, is providing a hospital in Basra, Iraq. "Whether it's welcomed or seen as a foreign intrusion," he said, "those people who understand the beauties of the Islamic culture," will appreciate it.

Students cited different reasons for not attending the event. Freshmen Angela Halteman and Stephanie

Bommarito went to the OC to get lunch when they saw a banner announcing the event.

Not knowing about it until then, they hadn't made time to attend. Bommarito also said she felt it "was a waste of time."

Junior Jessica Winfrey also said she didn't have time to attend. Sophomore Curtis Skipinksi said he "just kinda forgot about it."

But sophomore Jessica Filiatrault said if there was free food, she probably would've been there. So did sophomore Rachel Wright, who said free "ice cream" would have had her at the event.

Earlier that morning, the Selfridge Air Force Base Honor Guard performed "Taps" and "America the Beautiful," on the front steps of Kresge Library at 8:46 a.m.

According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, approximately 50 students showed up at the earlier commemoration.

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The spot, located in lot P-2 between Wilson Hall and the Oakland Center (OC), became free when Copy Stop shut down its services.

Eligible and interested students must complete an application and submit a short paragraph highlighting their campus involvement along with one brief letter of recommendation.

Applications must be turned in by Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. to be considered for the October spot. The first winner will be announced at the OUSC meeting on Monday, Sept. 27 and will receive their pass on Friday, Oct. 1.

OUSC legislators and members of the executive board are not eligible to win the spot.

Applications can be picked up at the OUSC office in the basement of the OC.

For students who don't win the October

spot, they can reapply for the next month.

Student Services Director Sarah Cook said the program could expand to additional spots as well.

"If it's successful, I'll look into getting more spots across campus," Cook said.

For those looking to sneak their way into the convenient parking space, beware. Cook is working on creating an exclusive window hanger and the OU Police Department will be enforcing the spot's use.

"OUPD is working with us and they'll ticket other people," Cook said.

OUSC President Jonathan Parks said a month might be too long for the award, but also said students should appreciate the benefits more because of its length.

While very few people have applied thus far, OUSC Vice President Michael McGuinness said OUSC has blanketed the campus with

fliers and is also hopeful word will spread as time goes on.

"Hopefully, the peripheral excitement about it will spread," he said.

In other OUSC business:

- Parks and Cook will be meeting with the department heads in the Financial Aid Office to discuss different issues students are having.
- The Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB) has allocated nearly \$13,000 to student organizations thus far.
- Madalyn Miller was approved as the Visual and Performing Arts Chair on the Student Programming Board (SPB).
- Congress discussed bill 05-10, which would amend certain line items on the fall and winter budget.
- OUSC will meet again on Monday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

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Out in the Workplace Panel Discussion, Tuesday, September 28, 2004 11 AM-2PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Fall Career Fair 2-Day Event, Thursday, September 30, 2004 Engineering, Technical, Nursing, Health, and Science candidates Friday, October 1, 2004

Business and Liberal Arts Candidates both days 11 AM-3PM, Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

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Senior Job Search Seminars (9/15, 9/20)
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Interview Practice Clinic (9/16)
Career Experience Information Session (9/20)
Walt Disney Presentation (9/21)
BAP Recruiters Reception (9/21)
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Fitness/Wellness Assessments for the first 50 students to register-contact Deanna Graham at 248-370-2526! Great student rates for fitness assessments, personal training, massage acupressure, and speciality classes!

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Intramural and Club Sports-Flag Football Registration deadline is September 24 (Captain's meeting September 27 at 7 PM)

Mandatory Club Sports Officer's Training Meeting is Sunday, September 26 at 7 PM in the Rec Center (Wellness classroom). For additional information about the Recreation Center activities or hours please visit the website www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec/.

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EDITORIALS

Opening the lines of communication

Information is obviously a hot commodity in the newspaper realm.

It can be as precious as gold and as dangerous as a viper.

But more often, it's just plain difficult to get, for a lot of different reasons.

Especially at the beginning of the school year, every department, organization, office, professor, student and staff member has a ton of work to do.

When the first day of school rolls around, it's like we're all automatically stuck three weeks behind schedule.

Returning phone calls, replying to e-mails or leaving a note are dropped to the bottom of the priority list.

You know what it's about. We've all done it.

Anyone who has read this paper in the last two weeks has heard how The Post is committed to fair and accurate reporting.

We'd like to add detailed to that list because we can be fair and accurate without ever really delving into the stories.

That's why it's important that detailed be a word used to describe the kind of reporting The Post wants to work toward.

This is going to involve dedication by the staff and writers, as well as cooperation from the OU community.

In order for us to clearly present both sides of every story, timely and informative responses are necessary.

No one can be justifiably blamed for being overwhelmed as the school year begins, but there can be a commitment toward improving the lines of communication at OU.

It's difficult for The Post staff to accurately represent sources in their articles if the only way they are able to get hold of those sources is through e-mail.

It would be more educational and informative if writers were able to talk with people on the phone or even, as difficult as it can be sometimes, in person.

It can't be expected that professors, administrators or staff drop everything to meet with a

Post writer or anyone else for that matter; that's unrealistic.

And once again, the busy schedule that comes with the start of school is a valid reason for having slower lines of communication, but it's important we learn and move forward.

E-mail is a helpful tool, but not a perfect one.

It can be useful in sending out generic messages to large groups of people, but not for all types of communication.

Some things need more personal attention.

It would go a long way toward developing an open atmosphere on campus if the OU community as a whole was more willing to communicate.

It hasn't been the tradition in the past, but this year, we could truly turn OU into a community where problems are discussed openly and fairly.

This will help students learn from the OU staff at all levels, and help students take a greater role and ownership in what is truly their university.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get the troops out by October, Mr. President

To the Editor:

Idealist dreamers are determined to lead our nation into a maelstrom of isolationism by demanding withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. On the other hand, recently they clamored for immediate military action in Haiti while prattling about serious mistakes in their proactive foreign policy. How can we have confidence in their convoluted solutions?

Realists like President Bush fight wars based upon protection of our vital national interests. He has adopted a strategy of preemptive strikes by cleverly baiting terrorists to fight a war against our military on foreign soil. This irresistible trap has plucked multitudes of terrorists from other nations into Iraq where our military can eliminate them as opposed to searching for cultures among women and children.

Obviously this strategy has produced monumental successes including the capturing of Saddam, improving security and the infrastructure of Iraq, massive changes in their education and economic systems and aggressive nations such as Libya and North Korea have

been neutralized. Would effete dreamers prefer our security slip into a dangerous ailment of ancylostomiasis while our society becomes lethargic due to an infestation of android hookworms preventing bold military action during other Pearl Harbor attacks? Aggressors respect power!

Grumbling about missing weapons of mass destruction, mocking the intellect of our President, questioning our generals, lying during television hearings and talking heads scoffing at any actions taken by our President have all become pink elephants because his successes far outweigh imaginary mistakes concocted by hornswoogling critics.

Mr. President: BRING OUR TROOPS HOME BY OCTOBER!

Larry D. VanderMolen Ph.D.
Retired Political Science Prof.

Kerry, Edwards will lead

Dear Editor,

Instead of a convention in New York, George Bush had a masquerade ball - a facade put on by extremists, pushing moderates out on stage to mask the special interest agenda that's governed America. Bush has misled America for four years,

and now he's chosen to mislead us for four more nights.

President Bush stood by as college tuition has soared 35 percent. He broke his promise to increase the Pell Grant and he has cut other financial-aid programs, choosing instead to reward his wealthy friends through massive tax cuts. He inherited record surpluses, a balanced budget and steady job growth, and he squandered them away. Under President Bush, young people have the highest unemployment rate in America - 12 percent, more

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Self-awareness defines conception of diversity



GLORIA SOSA

Director, Center for Multicultural Initiatives

A wise person once asked me: If you identify it, does that mean you have defined it? This simple, yet very deep, question troubled me. In our socially constructed world, where we have all agreed on definitions of every thing to create understanding, I feel we might have lost the potential for true understanding that resides within self-awareness. If, for every occasion, interaction, idea or circumstance, we are fed the meaning rather than creating our own meaning, by asking our own questions and exploring in our own ways, have we lost who we are and who we can become by relying on others to define things for us?

Diversity. Is it a buzzword? Is it important to society? Is it important at Oakland University? The reality is, DIVERSITY IS SOCIETY. DIVERSITY IS OAKLAND UNIVERSITY. These are simply words. Words that contextually and connotatively might soon begin to lose meaning as they are used with abandon and without clarity. Most important, they lose their meaning if we do not strive to attain our own meaning from them.

Lumping non-specific people together into specific groups and making assumptions about them based on how they look or where they are from can be the most detrimental aspect of not understanding the meaning of the word "diversity." Too often, understanding diversity means understanding that differences exist from a perceived majority cultural group rather than understanding the diversity that exists beyond that scope, and within each group.

Pluralism, in Webster's dictionary, is defined as "a state of society in which members of diverse ethnic, racial, religious, or social groups maintain an autonomous participation in the development of their traditional culture or special interest within the confines of a common civilization."

Educational institutions have a responsibility to facilitate a deeper understanding of diversity and pluralism, and the benefits, including just being open to perceived differences. Institutions can foster this idea by promoting the importance of self-awareness first.

Students are required to understand diversity and to take coursework that delineates and includes "diverse aspects" of culture. I think this is a particularly difficult undertaking, considering my statement that diversity just "is." Why can't we look at the world from a non-majority perspective? Why can't we see those around us as just people, rather than a person who is from "X" place or culture? Some might say, why would we want to? I think we must incorporate our experiences into our perception and understanding of each individual that comes before us.

Oakland University has shown a commitment to diversity and pluralism by creating and strongly supporting many initiatives. The Oakland University Trustee of Academic Success (OUTAS) Program, The Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet, the Diversity Programming Fund, Cultural Heritage Awareness Celebration, Hispanic Celebration and African American Celebration, the Wade-McCree and Compact scholarships and AmeriCorps are just a few of the programs that advance Oakland University's mission to build a community strengthened by diversity. The various celebrations of culture and ethnicity make a strong statement to the community of OU's commitment to diversity. OU strives to preserve and promote this message, and has a fine record of leadership in creating new and innovative diversity programming.

I challenge the OU community to begin to look inward, at the subtleties that keep us tied to our ethnic and racial misunderstandings. I challenge those in the "majority" and in the "minority" cultures to free themselves of the idea that everything must be known about a culture and instead learn about people, beginning with yourself. Please use the newly instituted "Diversity Corner" in the Post for this purpose. I hope to hear you there!

Corrections: Penny Crissman was born in 1943, not 1963 as the info box on A8 said last week. Front page stories on Crissman and men's soccer were continued on A8; not A6 as stated.

POINT / COUNTER POINT

Did Kobe Bryant's fame get his case dropped?

YES

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Innocent or guilty, it doesn't matter. It's a proven fact that famous celebrities are treated much differently than the normal everyday "Joe Schmo." Kobe Bryant's fame was the reason the case was dropped, and it was also the reason it was even taken to court in the first place.

I'm not going to sit here and say whether I think he did or did not do it, I'm not a lawyer. But when all the facts are laid out on the table, it all boils down to his word against hers. It seems a little strange that Bryant's accuser decided that she didn't want to

testify last minute, and prosecutors dropped the case. Was there some sort of payoff given to keep her quiet?

Famous people have money, and famous people know how to use their money.

I believe that's what this boils down to. The facts of the case may lead a jury to stick another person of lesser status with a guilty charge, but when you are Kobe Bryant, or let's say O.J. Simpson, it's hard to believe that such a "hero" could commit such a heinous crime.

It's apparent that Kobe Bryant is a famous person, and we wouldn't want to ruin his reputation, now, would we?

Prosecutors have said they

had a pretty strong case against Bryant, and for some reason, the case was dropped.

Again, I'm no lawyer, but isn't dropping the federal case, but pursuing the civil lawsuit for damages, a plea for money?

It's really no skin off Bryant's back to pay a couple thousand dollars in lawyer fees when he's bringing in an eight-figure paycheck from the Los Angeles Lakers.

When you're famous, life is always better. And whether it was his money or his smooth talking lawyers, Kobe Bryant would have gotten off scott-free no matter what. It was just another day in the spotlight for another celebrity.

NO

DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

The Rocky Mountain (Colo.) News front headline read, "Stress Killed Case."

Unfortunately, no case was the real killer of the case.

Whether the accused was all-world Kobe Bryant, or any other deep pocketed individual, the lack of evidence would have prevented this case from reaching trial.

District Attorney Mark Hulbert is the only reason charges were even brought to Bryant.

Hulbert would've seen through a weak case and decided not to waste taxpayer's money if the defendant were any average Joe.

The semantics of the case became irrelevant when Hulbert found out who the defendant was. The accuser's sexual history, past drug use and openness to tell anyone who'd listen that she slept with an NBA star just weren't enough reasons for the district attorney to pass this one by.

Some of the blame can also be put on the judge.

Whether for the same reasons as the district attorney, he should have prevented a weak case from getting through the preliminary stages.

The district attorney and judge did an incredible disservice to the people of Eagle County.

According to the Denver (Colo.) Post, this case, that didn't even reach trial, will cost taxpayers over \$400,000 of their hard earned money.

The two will probably be looking for new jobs when election time rolls around.

The whole situation boils down to this.

If it would have been you or me in Bryant's position, I doubt this whole thing would have reached any further than what the evidence, or Bryant's own statements, pointed to - consensual sex.

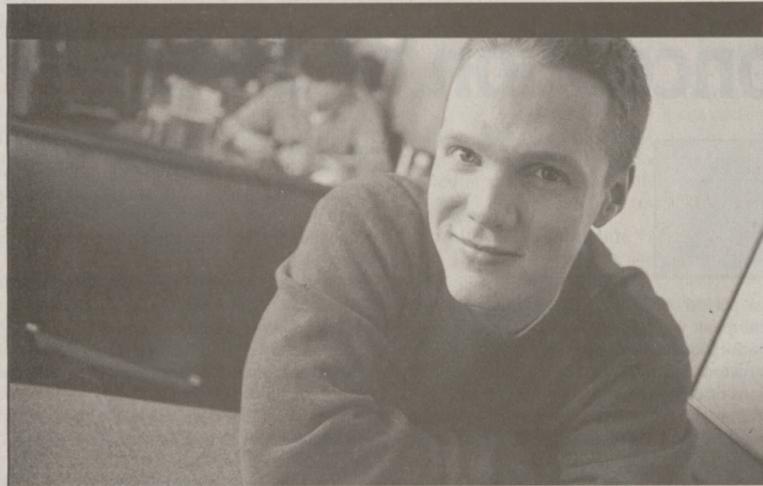
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ties to treat and address the elephants' health issues. Although Wanda and Winky are owned by two separate zoos, it was requested by the Detroit Zoo that AZA come up with a recommendation that would allow the pair to stay together and maintain the bond they have formed, which is what AZA Executive Director Sydney Butler believes has

been accomplished. "Keeping Wanda and Winky together is what the Detroit Zoo wants and requested from the SSP," Butler said in a press release. "We are confident that the SSP carefully considered all options and has made a decision that reflects what will be best for these elephants."



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said they would like to see the faculty evaluate the administrators by use of questionnaires. Results would then be tabulated and submitted to the administration for its review. Other universities around the state have recently faced similar situations. The University Senate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor proposed a resolution during its meeting on March 15,

2004 to adopt a system of periodic evaluations by the faculty of administrative officers. The resolution called for the creation of an administrative evaluation committee, which would be responsible for developing the final version of evaluation questionnaires, implementation of the evaluation process as a web-based procedure and reporting to the board of regents and the faculty the results of the

evaluations. Goldstein said he is raising these concerns in the best interest of the University and its success. "This proposal is not about tearing Oakland down," he said, "but about building it up, about making the University and its administration both more responsive and more responsible to its faculty and student constituencies."

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Thursday, September 16
Presidential Leadership in Brazil:
Lula's Brazil in 2004
Noon-1:00 PM; Fireside Lounge, OC

Friday, September 17
Spanish Loteria: Play Bingo & Learn Spanish
Noon-1:00 PM; Rooms 128-130, OC

Saturday, September 18
Road Trip to Tour Mexicantown & Cultural Museum
1:00 PM; Meet in the Fireside Lounge, OC OR
2:00 PM; Meet at Xochimilco Restaurant
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Officer Training Dates

Student Organization Officer Training
Saturday, September 18, 2004
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

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

Monday, September 20
Latin American Andean Music:
Tribute to Pablo Neruda
6:00-7:00 PM (Workshop)
7:15-9:00 PM (Performance)
Gold Rooms, OC

Tuesday, September 21
Spanish Art: Celebrating Dalí's 100th Birthday & Viewing of the Film: *Un Chien andalou* (1929)
Noon-1:00 PM; Gold Room C, OC

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

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

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

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• Carville-Matalin Lecture (Sept. 29)
• Seniors Set Your Sails (Oct. 8)
• SPB: Trip to Washington D.C. (Oct. 20-24)
• Doris Kearns Goodwin Lecture (Oct. 29)

Presidential Leadership Film Series:
State of the Union

12:00-2:30 PM
Student Lounge, Kresge Library

9:00-11:00 PM
Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

What is Spirituality?

Tuesday, September 21
7:00-9:00 PM
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

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Dr. Terri Orbuch
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Tuesday, September 21
12:00 Noon
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

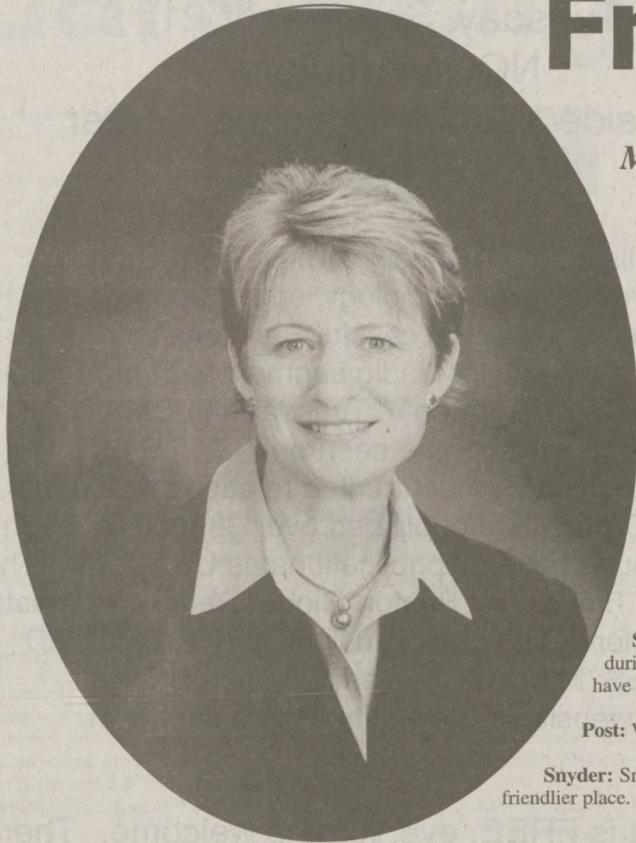
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Freshman Flashback

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs, attended Western Michigan University as an undergraduate from 1967 to 1971. She shares her memories with OU students.



Mary Beth Snyder

Photo courtesy of Oakland University

Post: What were you most anxious about as a freshman?

Snyder: My biggest worry was whether I would make friends, I never worried about making grades: it never occurred to worry about grades. It was more about social life and relationships.

My second worry was about finances. I came from a fairly large family with five brothers and I had to contribute part of the cost. During my first year, I contributed to my education with the money I made from my summer job.

Post: What mistakes did you make during your freshman year?

Snyder: My biggest mistake was not seeing the academic advisor. I also joined a sorority and dropped out of it after three months. Lastly, I did not talk to the professors on a face-to-face basis.

Post: If you could go back and change anything about your freshman year, what would you change?

Snyder: I would have been more involved in politics in my freshman year. I became interested in politics locally and nationally during college, but I should have been more involved during my first year. I would also have called home more, although we did not have phones in the dorms, and written letters to my parents.

Post: What kind of advice would you offer this year's incoming freshmen?

Snyder: Smile and say hi as you pass other students in the corridors and on campus. Your smile will make Oakland University feel like a friendlier place. Don't say there's nothing to do at OU, but show up to events. Finally, don't put off academic work to the last minute.

Interview conducted by Adesina Wheeler/The Oakland Post



'Hero' restores tradition

Opinion

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

Martial arts films have dramatically changed since the days of the "Sensei of Cinema," Akira Kurosawa, made masterpieces like "Rashomon" and "The Seven Samurai."

The films now rely on computer-aided graphics to do their story telling, often at the expense of character development and relationships.

The movie "Hero" may have reversed a 30-year trend in a mere two hours.

Director Zhang Yimou delivers an artful story of assassins trying to rid China (at the time made up of seven warring states) of a king who is forcefully trying to unite the country.

The film stars Jet Li and is easily his best work.

His character, Nameless, has a meeting with the king and explains how he defeated the assassins trying to ruin the king's plans.

From here, the movie plays backwards with the king trying to uncover the true intentions of Nameless.

Maggie Cheung (Flying Snow) and Tony

Leung (Broken Sword) play two of the assassins, who at times overshadow Li's performance with their Han/Leia romance.

Donnie Yen (Long Sky) is the third assassin. Although not a large part of the film, his battle with Li to start the movie is one the best in recent cinema.

The fighting between Yen and Li goes beyond the physical and is partly played in the minds of the two combatants.

Other fight scenes in the movie are played out in the character's hearts and allow for the unworldly.

It's easy to compare "Hero" to Ang Lee's best, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." The two movies represent mythical figures defending what they represent.

"Hero," however, doesn't just rely on wire-fu fighting. Yimou uses earthly elements to add art to his cinematography - the scenery of sand, water and leaves all make a good film great.

"Hero" is paced by its fighting, but never at the expense of its characters.

It is a terrific film that should be the front-runner for the Academy's Best Foreign Film award.



Photos courtesy of Miramax

Top: Jet Li provides a beautiful performance in Hero. Middle: Maggie Cheung plays an assassin. Bottom: The director uses natural elements to add to the cinematography.



Photo courtesy of NBC

Darrell Hammond performed Friday in the OC.

OU howls with clever Hammond

By ANDREA WELT
THE OAKLAND POST

Opinion

Darrell Hammond of "Saturday Night Live" performed Friday in the OC Banquet room for a full house, getting laughter and cooperation from the audience members.

Judging by the reaction of the crowd, Hammond's appearance seemed successful.

The comedian was able to communicate and relate with the audience by asking several students what their majors were, others if they were in relationships and asking the audience as a whole questions about partying.

This provided a transition into his next topic, which was spring break.

"I used to drink at this huge bar called...Mexico," Hammond said.

This of course got a huge response from the crowd. His classic impressions of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney provided Hammond with enough material to make the audience laugh for the whole length of the performance.

However, there appeared to be a less favorable George W. Bush crowd in the audience so he did more impressions of him than anyone else.

Bill Clinton was also a crowd favorite simply because of the scandals and because some of the ladies in the audience thought that he was attractive.

"This guy was in trouble for eight years. It was like a drinking game. Another indictment, everybody drinks," Hammond said.

One of the funniest moments was when he did his impression of Sean Connery from the Jeopardy skit he did on Saturday Night Live.

This is Hammond's only performance at OU.

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Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

-Psalm 68:19

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Student Program Board

Tuesday, September 21
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Come listen to OU's very own Dr. Terri Orbuch, Professor of Sociology, speak about "Secrets to a Successful Relationship." She has a "Love Doctor" radio segment with the WMGC "Magic Morning Show" Tuesday's in Detroit. She will soon be seen on FOX TV.

"One of Michigan's most trusted relationship experts, Dr. Terri Orbuch has published over 38 articles; been quoted in such national publications as USA Today, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Reader's Digest; and authored five books, including THrice Told Tales: Married Couples Tell Their Stories." Her website is www.detroitlovedoctor.com.

The event is FREE, everyone is welcome. There will be cookies and refreshments.

Her book, Love Lesson # 1: Relationship Realities, will be for sale for \$8.95. There will be an autograph session after the presentation.

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'Bo's' food bars delight

By ANDREA MCNINCH
THE OAKLAND POST

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In the mix of culinary greatness lies a realm of guilty pleasures called bar food.

Whether you begin your college night out on the town with a burger and fries or end the night funneling water, scarfing down pizza and a bratwurst, our inherent desire for perfected greasy fried food cannot be ignored.

In such a quest for inexpensive food, drinks and fun, one might run across Bo's Brewery & Bistro in downtown Pontiac.

Bo's offers an extensive menu that is surprisingly available until last call. The overflowing mugs of beer, appearing next to a menu item, mean that somewhere in the cooking process, their own brew was added.

The cheddar ale soup is one of these items (every brewery seems to conjure up some sort of beer style soup.)

The soup was radiantly hot but unfortunately reminiscent of melted Velveeta cheese slightly thinned out with beer, providing the diner with a processed nacho cheese taste.

But the true test of basic bar food is to try their pizza, fries and a 'famous' dish.

So Bo's pizza, beer battered fish & chips and famous chicken pot pie were put to the test.

Their basic pizza, cheese and pepperoni, revealed that portion control was

not taught in training, because this 'za' was smothered with mozzarella of a questionable quality, because it hardened faster than we could eat it.

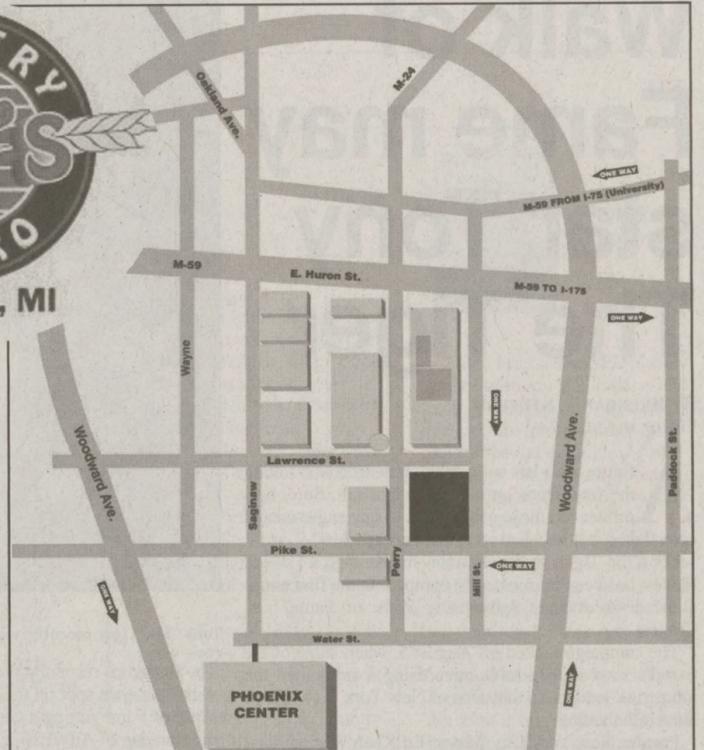
Also, more sauce was necessary, maybe because the massive cheese explosion swallowed it all. The crust was pretty good and at 1:30 a.m., their pizza would probably taste as good as filet mignon.

As far as their fish & chips, there was nothing special about it. It should have been seasoned with kosher salt before frying and then seasoned again with a fine salt and white pepper mix immediately after deep-frying. The fries were very sad as well.

Bo's famous chicken potpie was missing the chicken. Even scouring every inch of the filling, hoping to find at least some sort of sign that actual chicken existed in this dish, was unsuccessful. The "chunks of chicken breast" were on the menu, but definitely not in the pie.

There are pool tables upstairs with big screen TVs as well as a giant patio to get your 'groove on' and escape the smoke for a while, when the weather permits.

And be sure to check out Bo's web site for promotional coupons.



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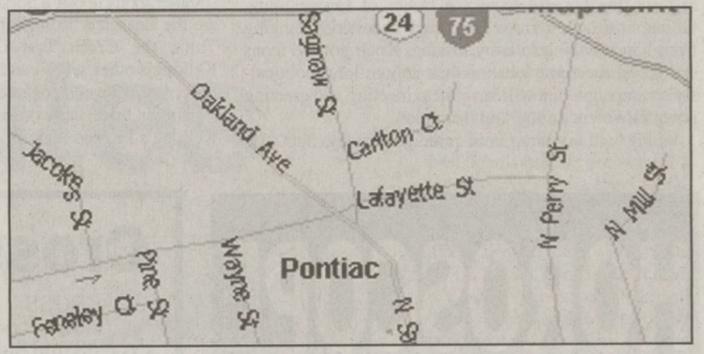
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Bo's restaurant offers good entertainment but comes short on food quality. Photo courtesy of www.bosbrewery.com



Photo courtesy of Dreamworks
Top: Cruise and Foxx are partners for a very long night.
Right: Cruise is unusually cast as a cold-blooded killer in "Collateral."

Cruise prevails in cold blood killer role

"Collateral" might bring Academy Award to Foxx

By NICOLE BEATTIE
THE OAKLAND POST

Outrageous explosions, high-speed car chases and bloody shoot-outs: these are the elements of a classic action-thriller. "Collateral" encompasses all that and much more.

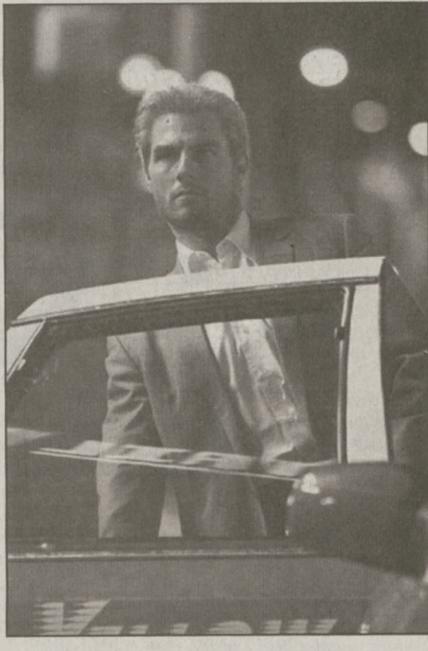
However, "Collateral" is less about the flash and more about the individual characters.

It is essentially a study of human survival on the smoggy streets of Los Angeles.

Director Michael Mann accomplishes this by using up-close, intimate camera angles and by casting both funny-man Jamie Foxx (Max) and the always likeable and attractive hero, Tom Cruise (Vincent) out of character.

Vincent is a psychopath; a heartless gray-haired hit-man who is in town to assassinate five key witnesses linked to a case against a Los Angeles crime boss.

Max is a humble, mild-mannered cab driver



with big dreams of owning a limo service one day.

The film begins as Annie, (Jada Pinkett Smith) a Federal prosecutor in the case, gets into Max's cab. They have a charming and flirtatious conversation, where they both open up, which reveals the great depth of character development in this film.

Max then picks up Vincent, who offers to pay him \$600 to drive around all evening while he meets with "friends."

Max reluctantly agrees and inadvertently becomes a hostage while Vincent embarks on a killing-spreed, with the FBI and LAPD in pursuit.

Both Cruise and Foxx illustrate their flexibility as actors and manage to inject a great amount of believability and charm into their characters.

Cruise has always been able to bring the best out in actors.

Take the Oscar-winning performance by Cuba Gooding Jr. in Jerry McGuire, for example. Foxx will likely pick up an Academy Award for his role as well.

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Scott reveals human side

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Artist's new album evokes personal memories of past relationships

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS
THE OAKLAND POST

Neo-soul superstar Jill Scott is extremely busy these days. Busy explaining to her fans why she is human, and more specifically "beautifully human."

The Grammy nominated singer released her second album Aug. 31, titled "Beautifully Human- Words and Sounds Vol. 2."

According to Nielsen Soundscan, the album entered the Top Billboard 200 at number three on the charts immediately after it came out. This new CD shows an honest look inside the mind of a down-to-earth artist.

Already known for her ability to hold her own with today's musical elite, this album is a bit more personal than the last, "Who Is Jill Scott- Words and Sounds Vol. 1" released in 2000.

Never appearing bashful, Jill Scott possesses a bold spirit, not afraid to expose truthful accounts of her life with the public.

On tracks like "The Fact Is (I Need You)," she speaks of her ability to be an independent and strong-minded woman capable of completing any task she sets her mind to. At the same time acknowledging the fact that bonding with a man (her soul mate) would help to complete her.

Scott also gives hints that for her, neither gender is in front of the other, but rather that the both of them form a complete unit; a thought that is in opposition to the more dominant

mindset of patriarchy so prevalent in contemporary society.

On other tracks like "Cross My Mind," she reminisces about an old flame, sharing personal memories with listeners on things like the scent of his cologne. It is through statements like this, so familiar with us all, that she establishes a connection with fans. People can't help but feel like they can relate to what they are hearing.

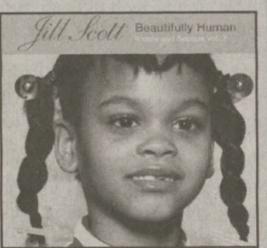
The Philadelphia artist started her career by reciting poetry, until 1999 when she was invited by the rap band "The Roots" to work on their songs.

The choice of words in Scott's songs, on any topic, seems extremely poetic, reminding the fans of the artist's background.

Jill Scott Discography

- Experience: Jill Scott 826 +
Label: Hidden Beach Records
Release: 2001

- Who Is Jill Scott? Words & Sounds Vol.1
Label: Hidden Beach Records
Release: 2000



Scott's new album was released Aug. 31. Photo courtesy of Hidden Beach Records

Walk of Fame may star Tony The Tiger

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A figure who has influenced generations is taking the final steps on his campaign trail. Sure, he's influenced those generations to buy sugar-coated corn flakes, but he's had an impact nonetheless.

Tony the Tiger, the spokesman for Kellogg's Frosted Flakes, has been nominated to compete in the first annual Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame Icon Contest.

The campaign kicked off August 5, when some of the world's most recognizable advertising icons joined the industries' leaders on the steps of New York City Hall to launch the voting.

Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch was on hand to teach the hopeful icons the basics of campaigning. Giving instruction from campaign necessities ranging from hand-shaking to baby kissing, Koch got the icons started on the right foot for their month-long political-style campaign, that will have them meeting and greeting potential voters throughout the nation.

Voting will continue until midnight Friday, Sept. 17.



Photo courtesy of Kellogg Company

Tony The Tiger recently started his campaign. He will tour the nation in hopes of being featured on the Walk of Fame.

The five icons receiving the most votes will be enshrined with their own spot on the Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame during a ceremony on Monday, Sept. 20, the first day of Advertising Week in New York City.

Other icons up for a possible spot on the Walk of Fame are the Energizer Bunny, the Kool Aid Man, Charlie the Tuna, the Crash Test Dummies and many more. Kellogg's other set of candidates are the Keebler Elves.

Tony the Tiger appeared first in 1952, and has been starring in television commercials and covering boxes of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes since.

His career was jump-started by an appearance in Life magazine in 1953, which propelled him to more appearances in several other publications and eventually television commercials.

Tony is most recognized for his signature "They're Gr-r-reat!" when explaining Frosted Flakes.

His wife, Ms. Tony, daughter, Antoinette, and son, Tony Jr., all live with him in Battle Creek.

Voters will be able to make their selection at www.promotions.yahoo.com/advertisingweek_2004. The last day to vote will be Sept. 17.

HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (Sept. 15). You push yourself hard this year, but that's because you know you can be the best. Somebody has to do it, and you'll be paid well for it, too.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - The light at the end of the tunnel should be visible by now. A friend is waiting to celebrate with you, so don't give up. Make a date for some rest and relaxation. It's important.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - More work's coming in, so it looks like your mini-vacation is over. Actually, the workload is only intense for the next couple of days. The love lasts a whole lot longer.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - All of a sudden, dreams begin to look achievable again. A project that seemed impossible is falling into place. You're building something you can relax upon, and that is a worthwhile effort.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Household responsibilities demand more of your attention. If you haven't cleaned up your place in a while, better do it before something gets you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Something new has captured your interest. It's a skill, project or game. You won't be satisfied until you know all about it, so dig in!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You've been thinking about something that you want for yourself or your home. You have enough money in your pocket, and now you also have permission.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You should have things pretty well wrapped up by now, allowing more time for significant and esoteric conversations. Make a date.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Although you're usually decisive, there are a couple of things you haven't made up your mind about. Give them a couple of days.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're almost past the most difficult part, but don't relax your guard quite yet. You're getting some reinforcements, and that will make your job easier.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Your curiosity is leading you closer to the top. Without even meaning to do it, you may be asked to assume more responsibility. It's natural.

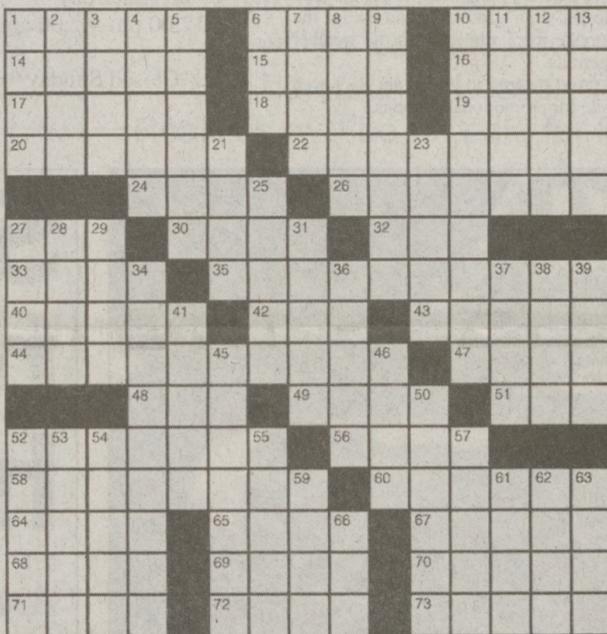
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - You'll poke your head out of the trees soon, and you'll be able to see the whole forest. You're climbing up out of your rut, you know. You're about to make great discoveries.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - It's time to invest in something that brings joy into your home. It could be flowers or a new CD of beautiful, relaxing music. It doesn't need to be costly, but, of course, it can be. A Rembrandt would be nice, too.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Tibetan monks
 - Huff and puff
 - Slope apparatus
 - Up in the rigging
 - Culture medium
 - Uncommon
 - Paris subway
 - Zany Imogene
 - Kimono sashes
 - Group of fish
 - Most forbidding
 - Narrow cut
 - Makes possible
 - UFO crew
 - Withered
 - Rock composer Brian
 - Portnoy's penner
 - Austerity
 - Conceptions
 - Cal. neighbor
 - Old photograph color
 - "Cathy" or "Peanuts"
 - Window part
 - Straw drawn
 - Luge
 - Collapsible bed
 - Landlords
 - Search out
 - Giving off
 - Extol
 - Bandleader
 - Puente
 - Iditarod terminus
 - Display
 - Bator, Mongolia
 - Metric unit
 - Mental picture
 - French father
 - Cravings
 - Highway divisions

- DOWN**
- Escapes
 - Baldwin or Guinness
 - Fluttery flier
 - Bushy hairdos
 - Bar perches
 - Pol's cash provider
 - All aflutter
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Workout leader
 - Band instruments
 - Tower of
 - Come up
 - Takes ten
 - Stretches the truth
 - Lions' locks
 - Quarterback Diifer
 - Idle or Ambler
 - Kind of list
 - Pipe part
 - Myrlie or Medgar
 - Ice pellet
 - Bad deeds
 - Heroic saga
 - Farm tower
 - Granular seasoning
 - Get a move on!
 - Wiry
 - Call from the coop
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Comfort Zone



by Shane Johnson

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Sept. 15

The Hispanic Celebration 2004 Poster Contest will be open through Sept. 24. Entries must be submitted to the CSA Office.

The CSA will hold a Humanitarian Panel to discuss the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital medical mission to Guatemala from noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

A First-Year Transition Workshop will be held from 7-8 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the OC. The theme of the workshop will be "The Magic of Leadership."

Thursday, Sept. 16

The CSA will host a lecture on "Presidential Leadership: Lula's Brazil in 2004," from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The College Republicans will host a Freedom Fest at 6 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

Friday, Sept. 17

The CSA will host a Spanish Loteria: Play Bingo and Learn Spanish from noon-1 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC.

The Residence Halls Programming presents Mitch Patel for its Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

The department of music, theatre and dance will host a concert titled "Remembering Stanley: Celebrating a Life in Music" at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 18

The CSA will organize a road trip to tour Mexicantown and Cultural Museum. The participants will meet at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC or at 2 p.m. at Xochimilco Restaurant parking lot, 3409 Bagley Street.

The Student Organization Officer Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

Sunday, Sept. 19

William Mathis will perform a free trombone concert at 4 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, Sept. 20

A First-Year Transition Workshop will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the OC. The theme of the workshop will be "Get the Inside Scoop."

There will be a "Latin American Andean Music: Tribute to Pablo Neruda" hosted by the CSA from 6-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

The SPB and the Special Events Committee will host Dr. Terri Orbuch: "The Love Doctor" from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

A presentation by Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, associate professor of art history, will feature Spanish Arts: Celebrating Dali's 100th Birthday and Viewing of the Film: Un Chien Andalou (1929.) from noon-1 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC.

The CSA will host a dialogue on spirituality and religion from 7-9 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Grizzlies defeat Orange

BY CHRIS ARCHIBALD
THE OAKLAND POST

The Golden Grizzlies women's soccer team headed to Ann Arbor this weekend, to compete in the Michigan Classic at the University of Michigan (U-M).

On Friday, the Grizzlies lost, 3-0, to the nationally ranked Boston University Terriers. Boston is ranked 22nd in the nation and are still undefeated, 4-0.

OU struggled getting its offense started, managing five total shots and two shots on goal.

Boston's offense was sharp from the start. The Terriers had 30 shots and 17 shots on goal to go with their three goals and two assists.

Sophomore forward, Lauren Erwin, started off the scoring for the Terriers late in the first half, connecting on junior backer Susan Marschall's assist.

The Terriers continued the scoring 57 minutes into the game with a goal by junior midfielder Meghann Cook, as she slipped it past OU freshman goaltender Jessica Howard, on a rebound from junior midfielder Brook Bingham's shot.

Sophomore midfielder Paula Moniz, capped off the game with the third and final Terrier goal, scoring unassisted, 70 minutes into the game.

Both of the teams' starting goalies did not finish the game for their respective teams.

Howard played 76 minutes with three goals against and three saves. Her replacement, sophomore goalkeeper Amber Gale, had four saves and did not let in a goal in 13 minutes of play.

The Terriers started sophomore goalkeeper Stephanie Dreyer, who was taken out at halftime. Both of Boston's goalies saw equal time in the net.

Dreyer had no goals against and no saves in the first half. Freshman goalkeeper Christina Reuter, played the second half. Reuter had no goals against and made two saves.

In their second game of the tournament, the Grizzlies shut out the Syracuse University Orange to win 1-0.

The only goal of the game came 60 minutes into the game on a pass from junior forward Kristi Swaving, to sophomore forward Marianne Samdal, who found the corner of the net from just outside the box.

OU had seven shots with three shots on goal. Senior defenseman Laura Cowham led the Grizzlies with three shots and one shot on goal.

Syracuse had 13 shots with four of them on goal.

OU goalkeeper Howard, played all 90 minutes and made four saves.

Syracuse goaltender senior goalkeeper Shannon Myers let in one goal and made two saves.

The Grizzlies record is now 2-3.

OU will begin Mid-Con play when they host Centenary College at 4 p.m. on Friday at the OU soccer field.

OU will then head to Ohio to take on the University of Dayton Flyers on Sunday.

Game Preview

Who: OU (2-3) vs. Centenary
When: Sept. 17
Where: OU Soccer field
What: OU will look to begin its Mid-Con regular season with a win over the Centenary College Ladies.



DAVE PEMBERTON
Sports Editor

There is a reason NFL players make millions of dollars and college players do not. NFL players are professionals playing football at the highest level.

College players are polishing their skills and working on their NFL resumes.

College football fans, don't kid yourselves. The NCAA is nothing more than the NFL's minor league, and to say it's better than the NFL is just ridiculous.

People may like to watch college football more, but the product itself is not as good. The real football is played on Sundays.

Sports are supposed to be competitive. Every NFL team is full of athletes in top physical and mental shape. So while BCS teams are pounding on teams from the MAC, the WACK and the SHAQ to begin their season. NFL teams have to prepare for a legitimate opponent every week.

One loss can prevent an NFL team from making the playoffs. There are no sure wins in the NFL. If you don't believe me, ask the Minnesota Vikings. They were watching the playoffs from home last season because they lost to an Arizona team they did not take seriously.

While I'm on the subject of playoffs, why doesn't college football have one? Every sport imaginable has one but college football.

Intramural flag football, over-40 softball and third grade soccer all have playoffs. Meanwhile, college football has the "BCS." Or as I like to call it, Because College Stinks.

There is no way to justify a championship game being determined by voters and a computer. Championships should be decided on the field, not by any member of the press, any coach and especially not some computer.

I just cannot choose a sport over the NFL that does not have playoffs, and where guys like Eric Crouch and Jason White win the most prestigious award. The Heisman trophy voting is a joke. Has anybody seen Crouch lately?

For every great football player like Peyton Manning in the NCAA, there is a fraud like Ryan Leaf.

The NFL does not allow frauds to flourish like the NCAA. If you can't play at the NFL level, you're going to get a pink slip, along with your complimentary CFL application, very quickly.

Ron Dayne sure did look good in college when he was running over 140 pound defensive backs. Once he got to the NFL, it was a different story.

His NFL career so far has been horrible. Oh well, at least he has that Heisman trophy at home.

People complain about how the players in the NFL only think of themselves and money. However, I don't have a problem with it. Holding out for an extra two million dollars is understandable.

Yes, players may have millions in the bank, but still, it's two million dollars. A show of hands of how many of you reading this have two million dollars? Yeah, not very many.

Today's NFL with the salary cap is more entertaining. I would rather see every team go 8-8, than see the same teams dominate every year.

I'll trade player loyalty for a more competitive and balanced league. Free agency makes things more exciting.

The NFL is just flat out more entertaining than the NCAA.

The only thing Saturdays are good for is checking the NFL injury report and making last second changes to my fantasy football team.

Dave Pemberton is a junior majoring in journalism. Send comments to Dave at sports@oakpostonline.com

Wiese dominates



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Top: Mid-Con player of the week, Junior goalie Jeff Wiese, kicks the ball to mid-field.

Left: Senior mid-fielder, Shahar Ktovim, dribbles past a defender and takes the ball upfield.

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Oakland 2 Marquette 0

The Golden Grizzlies were at it again on the road this weekend.

OU defeated Marquette University on Friday night 2-0, and on Saturday they played into double overtime, finishing in a scoreless tie, against the Akron University Zips.

"During practice we worked on not letting the ball get in behind us, which I think worked well this weekend," said head coach Gary Parsons. "We were able to tighten up the defense."

Marquette's team had a 0-2 record before playing OU on Friday. Its record went down to 0-3.

The first goal of the game was scored by junior forward Chris Edwards and the second one, coming only a minute later, was scored by sophomore defenseman Brady Vance, with assists by junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese and senior mid-fielder Shahar Ktovim.

Both of the goals were made

within the first six minutes of the game.

Marquette's goalkeeper, Andy Kroll, went down with an injury shortly after the second goal.

Kroll was replaced by freshman Steven Grow, who had his first playing time with Marquette. Grow and Wiese both had four saves that game.

Sunday was not the same story for the Golden Grizzlies, as they battled it out with Akron into double overtime.

Neither team was able to score that afternoon as the match ended in a scoreless tie.

This gives OU a record of 2-1-1 and the Zips, who are ranked 22nd in the country this year, now have a 3-0-1 record.

There was not much offensive action from either side during the first half of the game.

"Since we have been on the

road for four games, the team is becoming weary and [that] is one of the reasons there were not as many shots on goal as we would have liked," said Parsons. "We will be home this weekend and the team will be well-rested for the games."

OU held a 5-4 shot advantage, three of which were shots coming on goal from senior midfielder Bret McNabb and Edwards.

The Zips had a chance to score in the first half when junior midfielder Yohann Mauger had a breakaway shot, but Wiese deflected it.

There was also another opportunity for the Zips to score in the 50th minute when senior defenseman and captain Ryan Rzepka was cautioned to the box, setting up a penalty kick for Akron's sophomore midfielder/forward Sinisa Ubiparipovic.

Wiese blocked Ubiparipovic's shot and the rebound shot from sophomore forward Brendan Murphy went high over the net

The Zips finished the game with a 16-7 advantage in shots taken and had five corner kicks. OU only had one.

"Jeff Wiese's performance stood out this weekend when he stopped the penalty goal and having two shutout games," said Parsons.

Wiese was able to make six saves, which brings his total for the season up to 18. This game was also his second straight shutout and 13th of his career.

"We are off to a good start this

Game Preview

Who: OU (2-1-1) vs. Cincinnati
When: Sept. 18
Where: OU Soccer Field
What: OU continues its tough non-conference schedule before it begins Mid-Con play next week

Mid-Con Conference News

BY DUSTIN FRUCCI
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Bracket Busters?

Oral Roberts University and Valparaiso University were selected by ESPN to take part in the third annual Bracket Buster Saturday.

ORU and Valparaiso were both pre-designated as "road teams." It marks the first time the Mid-Con is represented in the event.

The teams the two schools will face are to be, determined early this fall. Both schools games will be televised on the ESPN family of networks.

Wisniewski takes game overseas.

Former Centenary College standout, Andrew Wisniewski is in Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro, playing professional basketball for the Red Star, a European club team.

The 2003-04 recipient of the Pete

Maravich Memorial Award, the best college player in Louisiana, was told by Pat Riley that someday he would be in the NBA.

Wisniewski hopes that the 65 game season prepares him for a NBA camp next summer.

Media Relations.

The Mid-Con announced Kristina Petersen as the new Mid-Con Media Relations Director.

Mid-Con players of the week.

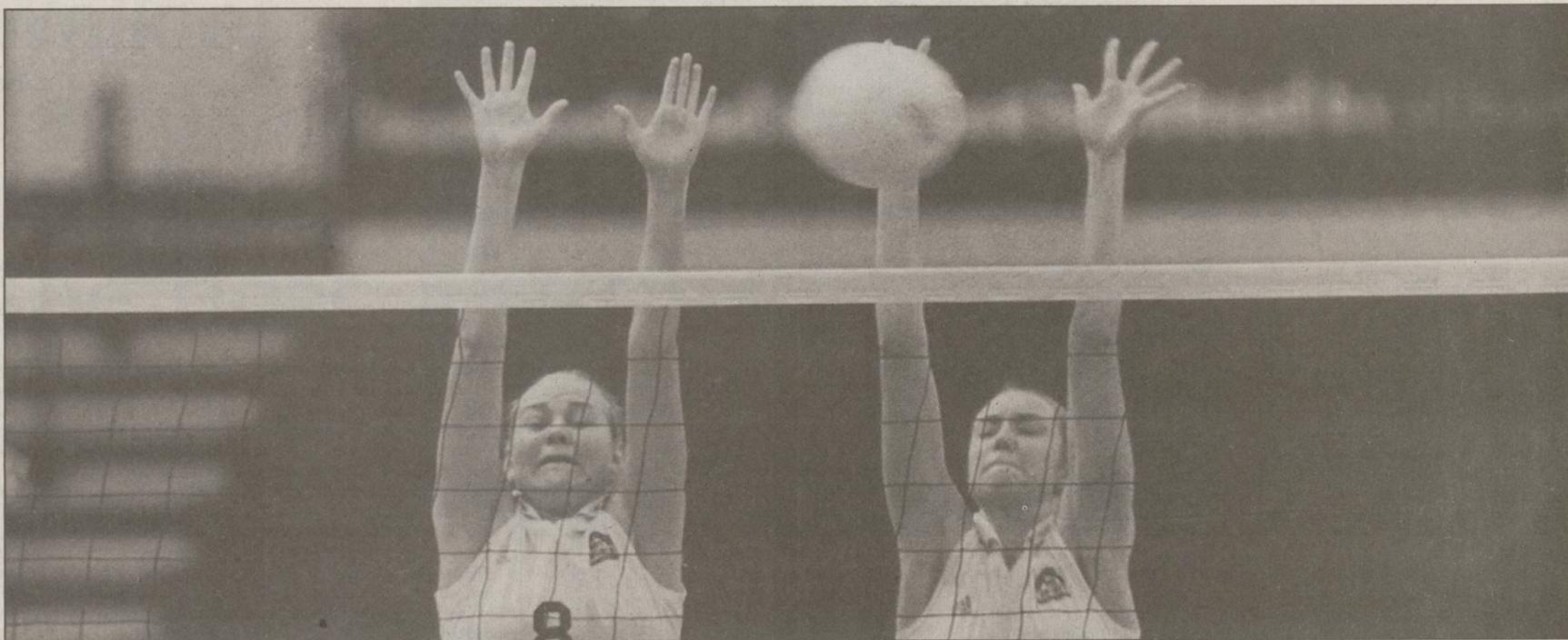
Volleyball
Offensive player- Stacy Cole of Chicago State.

Defensive player- Liz Mikos of Valparaiso

Women's Soccer

Offensive players- Sheri Levack of IUPUI and Tara Sageser of Centenary

Defensive players- Jessie Mann of IUPUI and Gentry Detter of Oral Roberts.



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Junior setter, Becca Moller, and junior mid-blocker, Heather Lippert, team up for a block against Valparaiso in a game last season.

OU sets up for Mid-Con

By DAVE PEMBERTON
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The women's volleyball team competed in the Michigan/Pepsi Challenge, but failed to win any of its three matches.

OU lost to Florida State University, 3-0, the University of Michigan, 3-0, and to Eastern Michigan University, 3-1.

"I think the team played well considering the competition," said head coach Dave Schmidlin. "Florida State and Michigan are established programs with high level athletes. The fact we were able to improve says something about our kids, even if it doesn't show in the scores."

OU won its first game of the season against Eastern Michigan, but lost the match, 3-1 (30-25,

30-23, 30-32 and 30-11).

ESU won the first two games largely because of its offense. OU's offense took over in the third game. The Golden Grizzlies out-hit ESU .205 to .148 and fired in 14 kills to win the game.

That would be the only game OU would win. ESU's offense hit 18 kills to win the fourth game and take the match.

"I think the Eastern game was a benchmark for us," said Schmidlin. "We played them much closer than we did two weeks ago."

Senior outside-hitter Sara Miller led OU with 12 kills. Senior outside-hitter Karen Conger stepped in after Whitney Lane was hurt in the FSU game and had 10 kills.

"Karen Conger did a great job," said Schmidlin. "She didn't make a lot of errors and blocked

well."

Host Michigan went undefeated in the Challenge and defeated OU in three straight games (30-10, 30-12 and 30-18). The Wolverines hit .443 for the match and only had seven hitting errors.

Michigan's defense did not allow OU many scoring opportunities and held OU to a negative hitting mark.

Junior middle-blocker Erin Palmer played well offensively against the Wolverines, converting five kills in seven attempts.

"Erin has gotten better. She is starting to make the adjustment from community college," said Schmidlin. "The last two matches, things have started to click for her."

In OU's first match, Florida State won, 30-17, 30-21 and 30-19. OU could not get its offense

rolling against a good FSU defense. OU hit just .019 for the match. The FSU defense had 11 team blocks and 54 digs.

FSU's offense fared better than the Grizzlies. Amanda Santos and Kristen, Rust, who had nine kills apiece, led the Seminoles offense.

Miller led OU's offense with nine kills and 9.5 points. Lippert added eight points and three blocks. Moller led OU defensively with 11 digs and two blocks. Moller also had 18 assists.

The three losses at the Challenge drops OU's record to 0-5.

Results of the Central Michigan game Tuesday night were unavailable at press time.

OU will play in four games this weekend at the Clarion Hotel Westgate Rocket Classic in Toledo, Ohio.

Cline and Fecek Run-Fit at UDM

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
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The men's and women's cross country teams ran in the Running-Fit Detroit Titan Invitational this past Saturday at Cass-Benton Park in Northville.

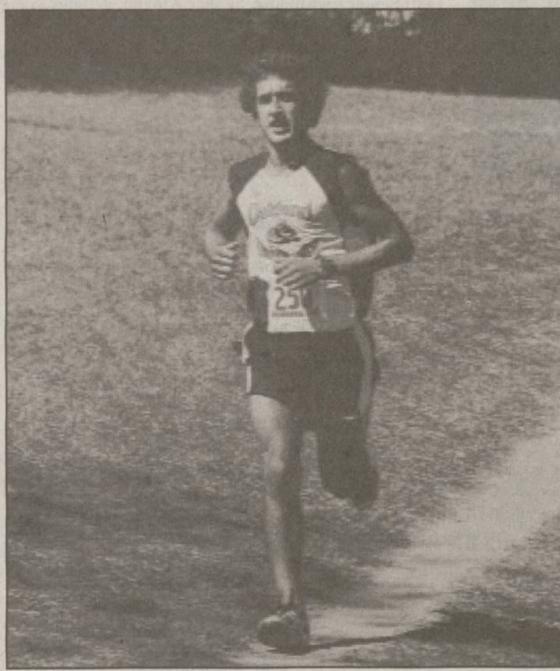
The women's team placed fourth out of a 10-team field (3rd among Division 1 schools) in its first competition of the season, finishing just five points behind third place University of Detroit Mercy in the 5K event. Defending champion Bucknell beat out Wayne State University for the top spot.

Sophomore Dayna Cline led the Golden Grizzlies with a 12th place overall finish. Her time of 19:28 was 30 seconds better than she ran at last week's event.

Amber Nagel also ran well for Oakland. The junior posted a personal best of 19:55, yet barely edged teammate Kim Shultz. Shultz finished one second behind Nagel as the two placed 21st and 22nd overall.

Not far behind the tandem was sophomore Laura Fisher. She finished 26th overall with a time of 20:07. Junior Julie Austin ran a 21:05 and was the 5th overall Grizzly to finish the race.

The men's team finished ninth out of a 10-team field (4th



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Sophomore Chris Fecek was OU's top finisher at UDM.

among five Division 1 schools) in its first team outing. Front Line Racing edged Bucknell (top Division 1 school) for first place on the four-mile course.

Sophomore Chris Fecek was

the top overall finisher for OU, running a time of 22:01 and coming in 33rd overall.

Both teams will continue competition Friday, at the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing.

Detroit Lions – Fact or Fiction

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
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With the Lions breaking their 24-game road-losing streak at Chicago in week one, Detroit fans are wondering just how good this team may be. In fact or fiction style, we break down the team and its key components.

The Lions will go .500.

Absolute fact. The Lions are 1-0 after solving their road woes against Chicago. That means seven more games to get to .500. I don't see them winning more than one more road game—either at the Giants or in the Metrodome.

They will go 7-1 at home with the loss coming to the Colts on Thanksgiving or Washington during mid-season.

The loss of Charles Rogers is going to hurt, but what resembles a running game and depth at the receiver position should offset the injury. The bigger concern is Dre Bly's health. Fernando Bryant hasn't proven he is capable of guarding the other teams number one pass catcher.

They won't make the playoffs, but the much-improved Lions should reach 8-8.

Kevin Jones will rush for 1000 yards.

Fact, but barely. The running back by committee approach will have Artose Pinner stealing many potential Jones carries.

The Lions schedule includes defenses that couldn't stop Christopher Reeves from rushing for 100 yards last year. Stats should pile up for Jones against teams like Arizona, Atlanta, Houston, Washington and Philadelphia. All five were in the last 11 in total rushing defense last year.

Jones should get 1,100 yards, assuming the offensive line stays healthy.

Joey Harrington will throw 25 touchdowns.

Fiction. With Rogers out for the year, the team's best receiver (Roy Williams) has exactly one game of experience. Az-Hakim and Tai Streets are good possession receivers, but they lack breakaway ability.

Casey Fitzsimmons and the other tight ends should catch some touchdown passes in goal line situations. Also, look for a couple touchdowns on slip screens to Pinner, Jones and Shawn Bryson out of the backfield.

Harrington will throw 21 touchdowns. Most of them should come against Houston, Arizona, Green Bay and Minnesota—four of the bottom 11 in passing defense last year.

Roy Williams will lead rookie wide receivers in receptions.

Fiction. The west coast offense will keep the talented rookie to about 60 catches.

Steve Mariucci's offense is predicated on spreading the ball around. If this were the Wayne Fontes era and the Lions still ran the run and shoot, I could see Williams leading the league—a la Herman Moore and Brett Perriman.

If Williams learns how to get off the jam quicker and go over the middle without fear, he will go far in helping himself become the best receiver in the 2004 class. Unfortunately, these are not things he will learn in a couple of games.

The best bets for leading rookie receivers are Larry Fitzgerald in Arizona, Darius Watts in Denver or Ernest Wilford in Jacksonville.

Shaun Rogers will be a pro bowl defensive tackle.

Fiction. The opportunity is there. Last year's four NFC pro bowlers at defensive tackle were La'Roi Glover, Kris

Jenkins, Corey Simon and Warren Sapp. With Sapp moving over to the AFC, a spot opens up.

For Rogers to fill the void left by Sapp, he must record double-digit sacks and team with "Big Daddy" Wilkinson to be Detroit's anchors against the run.

The knock on Rogers has always been the lack of motor on every play. In the opener against Chicago, he blocked a field goal that was returned for a touchdown. If he continues to show that type of hustle, he will garner some votes—just not enough to get to Honolulu.

Look for Chris Hovan to get back to the pro bowl with the added pass rush of Kenechi Udeze eliminating the double teams in Minnesota.

Dre' Bly will have as good a season as last year.

Fact. Assuming he returns after the Lions bye week (week four)—the NFC cornerback with the most votes for last year's pro bowl should regain his form. He will have the opportunity to show his skill against some of the best receivers in the league—Randy Moss, Laveranues Coles and Marvin Harrison.

I doubt Bly will get the most votes after getting a late start, but will surely be among the top three.

Charles Rogers would have been a top ten wide receiver.

The most concrete fact on the list. Rogers was stronger, better off the jam, fearless over the middle and freakishly fast.

Number 80 may have been the third best receiver in the NFC behind Owens and Moss.

Even though the west coast offense spreads the ball around, the Lions coaching staff knows Rogers is special and would have designed specific plays for the former Spartan.

Celebrity Golf

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Celebrities of all kind's are heading toward OU, so they can get involved in the Ryder Cup festivities.

OU's Golf and Learning Center is set to host the 2004 Ryder Cup Champions Invitational.

The Invitational is a charity event that will benefit numerous local charities including the Convent House of Michigan, the Good Sports Foundation and the Literacy Partnership of Southeast Michigan.

Over two hundred amateur golfers paid \$3,950 each to participate in the event. Four amateur

golfers will be paired with each celebrity.

The list of celebrities is jam packed with big names in sports including: Barry Sanders, Scotty Bowman, Bret Hull, Tom Izzo, Al Kaline, Lawrence Taylor, Marcus Allen, Ernie Banks, Dino Ciccarelli, Paul Hornung, Vinnie Johnson and Mike Ditka.

Only credentialed participants will be allowed on OU's Golf and Learning Center.

The Invitational was the second Ryder Cup event at OU this week.

This past Monday, golf fans got a chance to meet Tiger Woods. He was on campus hosting a golf clinic for people who bought Buick Open tickets.