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So long Pioneer  
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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER



## Competition continues after one month suspension

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ  
Staff Writer

Forty-five of the 49 members of OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams were reinstated after being suspended from competition as a result of university violations that took place in late October.

The athletes were suspended after hosting an on-campus party in VanWagoner Hall on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Early Sunday morning, Oct. 19, a fatal car crash occurred involving four OU affiliates who had attended that party.

Four members of the men's swimming team, Kevin Bobzien, Todd Duncan, Matthew Henderson and Mark Gole, were charged with misdemeanors for serving alcohol to minors.

Christopher Knoche, OU alumnus, has been charged with operating under the influence causing death and vehicular homicide.

Knoche allegedly rear-ended a Toyota driven by Valerie Schultz, OU student, resulting in the death of Jonnathan Thomas, OU sophomore.

Athletic Director Jack Mehl announced the reinstatement of both swimming and diving teams in a press release on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"The men's and women's swimming and diving teams have long been a source of great pride and inspiration to Oakland University," said Mehl in the press release.

"In recent days they have accepted responsibility for their actions, which were inappropriate, and have re-educated themselves to the core value which are the hallmark of OU athlete participation," Mehl said.

Women's co-captain Laura Juncker, accounting senior, said, "I definitely think it was time. We all realized what happened and took responsibility for it."

"We're ready to compete. We all love to do it and that's what we're here to do," she added.

The reinstatement came after the students participated in approximately 12-15 hours of class workshops about substance abuse.

"Substance Abuse Education" workshop was pre-

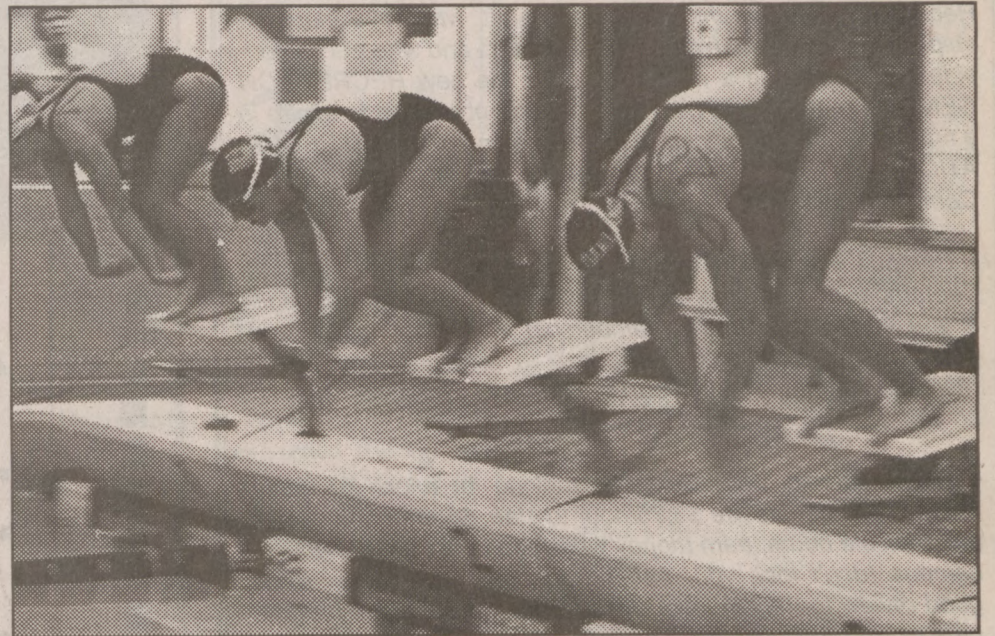
sented by Barb Talbert, clinical psychologist, and Mary Lebioda, Registered nurse from the Graham Health Center.

Other presentations were "Winners Circle: Choices and Responsibilities-- Substance Abuse" by consultant Pat Milkovich, and "Alcohol and Drugs in Society" presented by Kevin Early, OU sociology professor.

The first swim meet will be the EMU Invitational in Ypsilanti on Dec. 5-6.

The two teams, however, will not participate at the originally scheduled Hawaii winter training trip Dec. 20-Jan. 4, or the Rainbow Invitational at the University of Hawaii.

Both teams continued daily workouts during the suspension. "It was rough for a while,



Post File Photo/J. Molly Abramson

**TAKE YOUR MARK:** OU swimmers will once again be stepping up onto the starting block for competition beginning Dec. 5-6 at EMU.

but we all realized we had to do it (practice) to move on," said Juncker.

Men's Swimming Head Coach Pete Hovland said, "Under the circumstances, our swimmers' attitudes are great. We received a great deal of support from our alumnus and other universities and their coaches."

"Our athletes are looking

forward to and feeling confident in their ability to be competitive for the rest of the season," Hovland said.

Kevin, Bobzien, Todd Duncan and Matthew Anderson will return to competition subsequent to Jan. 19, 1998.

Senior Mark Gole has decided not to return to the team.

### INVESTIGATION UPDATE

## OU delivers disciplinary sanctions

By LIDIJA MILIC  
Assistant News Editor

An OU investigation of the Oct. 18 on-campus party has resulted in disciplinary action against some swim team members.

The investigation consisted of interviews with the 89 individuals identified as having been at the party.

"We have finished our investigation with regard to the swim team, and the investigation of the remaining 53 individuals continues," said David Herman, dean of students and the official in charge of the investigation.

Thirty-six of the 49 current members of the men's and women's swim teams attended the party. Only 10 were of drinking age.

Herman said that of the 26 underage swimmers at the party, 22 consumed alcohol.

"The 22 have admitted that they were drinking underage, and have accepted full responsibility for their actions," Herman said.

The underage drinkers have been charged with unlawful use of alcoholic beverages on campus.

According to the OU ordinance, listed in the

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Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

## The rock of many faces

The rocks outside the OC have worn the inscriptions, colors and mottos of many OU organizations throughout the years. Steve Roberts, left, and Wayne Beutler, right, of Theta Tau, fraternity of professional co-ed engineers, decorated the rock Monday to add yet another face.

## ARAMARK brings campus spring water

By KIM CONNELL and  
KATHY AMARO  
Staff Writer and Special Writer

Just when you thought you owned every item with OU logos, a new product is available so you can show your school spirit wherever you go.

For a mere \$1.37, you can impress your friends and relatives by owning your very own bottle of OU Natural Spring

Water.

No, it's not bottled campus water from Beer Lake or genuine "OU certified" water from a tap.

OU Natural Spring Water is actually bottled and shipped from the Aquapenn Springs in Aquapenn, Pennsylvania, and distributed on campus through ARAMARK.

ARAMARK is the contracted food service provider for OU.

The idea for OU spring

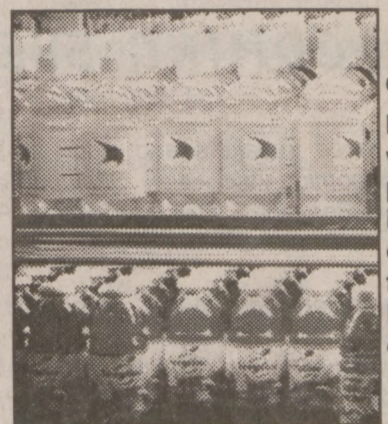
water is the brainchild of Matt Wiltron, ARAMARK retail director.

Wiltron noticed the sales of Aquafina bottled water in Pioneer Court and decided to pitch the idea of an OU brand of water to OU officials.

An informal committee was formed between Wiltron, Richard Fekel, OC director, Eleanor Reynolds, housing director, and Jack Wilson,

licensed professional counselor at the Meadow Brook Health and Enhancement center, to consider the project.

Wiltron said, after researching national bottling companies, ARAMARK narrowed the finalists down to a mere few. Aquapenn was eventually chosen



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# Student Affairs EVENTS

## UPDATING OU:

• Would you like to have some input into the new recreation center??? Do you have some questions about the construction project or planned programs??? The Department of Campus Recreation would like to hear from you. Please feel free to call 370-4732 to talk with Greg Jordan, Maura Selahowski or Marcus Jackson. If you would rather e-mail, contact Greg Jordan at jordan@oakland.edu.

• Memberships for the new RECREATION CENTER will be available in the late spring/early summer prior to the GRAND OPENING in September of 1998. The Department of Campus Recreation suggests that faculty and staff, who have memberships in the local health club/fitness centers and who will be considering purchasing a membership for the new RECREATION CENTER, may wish to plan for those memberships to expire in a timely manner to coincide with the opening of the OU RECREATION CENTER. Please feel free to call the Department of Campus Recreation, 370-4REC, for further information.

• Campus Recreation would like to remind students that in September of 1998, the fee for the recreation center will begin. If you currently maintain membership in another facility, why duplicate the expense? We'd love to have you utilizing the recreation center, and it is part of your fees. Plan your renewal so you don't pay twice for the same objective.

• The Academic Skills Center is looking for tutors for Winter 1998. The benefits are \$5.75/hour to start; \$6 after first semester. Flexible hours, earn money while you take classes, work on campus (don't lose your parking space!), make new friends, good review for higher level classes, good preparation for graduate exams and looks good on your resume. Choose from these hours to work: Monday -Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Visit NPH or call Helen Woodman at 370-4215. E-mail address is asc@oakland.edu. Visit our website at <http://mirage.otus.oakland.edu/stuff/asc/index.html>.

• Students interested in participating in the Co-op, Career-related or Internship Programs for Winter Semester 1998 should contact Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213) to become registered. There are jobs available for all majors, and all positions are paid.

• Applications being accepted for Commuter Involvement Awards for Winter Semester. Commuting students with a 2.5 or higher g.p.a., carrying at least 12 credits and who are involved in campus activities are encouraged to apply. Call the Dean of Students Office at 370-3352 for information and an application.

• What do you think Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream would be for the 21st century? Share your original written or artistic expressions that address this question by December 12, 1997. Contest entry forms available in the Student Activities Office, 49 Oakland Center. First prize \$200; four additional prizes of \$100 each. Entries may be in the form of a poem, essay, dance, letter, speech, drawing, sculpture, photograph, one-act play or musical composition.

## THIS WEEK:

• The Department of Campus Recreation's activity schedule in the "Bubble" is changing. An updated bubble activity schedule is posted outside the Campus Recreation Office, 261 SFH. Be sure to check it out!

• Fall Semester campus recruiting continues at Placement and Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250) through Friday, Dec. 5. Employers recruiting on the final two days of campus recruiting, Dec. 4 and 5, include Cap Gemini America, Chrysler Corp. (Information Services), American Axle & Manufacturing, and Schenck Turner. Students must be registered with Professional Placement to participate.

• AmeriCorps Oakland is still recruiting qualified students. If you enjoy working with children, and would like to gain job experience and earn money for college, AmeriCorps may be for you. If you are interested, please contact Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West, for an application.

• Students with a major in Computer Science, Management Information Systems or Computer Engineering who are interested in a Summer Internship with Chrysler Corporation (for Graduate Trainee Program) should contact Experiential Education (370-3213). On-campus interviews on Dec. 4.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Lace up those sneakers and work on the J!! Intramural Basketball is coming your way!!! Signups begin Jan. 6, the first day of Winter Semester. Call the Campus Recreation Office at 370-4REC or visit 261 SFH for details.

• Winter Semester PREP Week, sponsored by Placement and Career Services, is scheduled to be held the week of January 19, 1998, with events and activities to be held Tuesday, Jan. 20 through Friday, Jan. 23. Featured event of the week will be the "Spirit of Diversity" Career Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 21 (co-sponsored with the African-American Celebration Month Committee and the Office of Disability Support Services and International Students and Scholars). Watch for more details in this column, and general campus-wide publicity in January!

## Sanctions

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Student Handbook, "A person who is less than 21 years of age shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on the campus."

The underage drinkers were issued University Disciplinary Warnings, official written warnings that will remain in their files in the Dean of Students Office, Herman said.

They are also required to attend a series of alcohol educa-

tion sessions, organized by the Athletic Department, Counseling Center, and Sociology Department.

Failure to attend the sessions will result in more severe disciplinary action, Herman said.

Four swimmers were charged with providing alcohol to minors and having kegs on campus.

"These four swimmers have had a hearing and stronger disciplinary action has been taken in their cases," Herman said.

However, Herman would not specify the extent of the sanctions.

"I really don't want to...

make the students identifiable," he said.

Herman said nobody was suspended from school, but some students were suspended for different lengths of time from representing the university in any activities, from athletic to student government.

Duration of suspensions depended on students' previous record, extent of involvement at the party, and the degree of responsibility, Herman said.

"There's been a lot of concern about this case," Herman said.

"We received a lot of calls from (students') parents... Some

parents thought we were too hard, some thought we were too lenient."

Overall, the investigated students have been very cooperative and helpful, Herman said.

"We're concerned about anything regarding health and safety of our students," Herman said. "That's why we investigated."

The off-campus party is out of OU's jurisdiction, Herman said, and no disciplinary action will be taken by OU against students who attended it.

However, Herman said OU asked the Pontiac Police Department to look into the party.

## Do you want to travel?

Here are two great travel programs for the Oakland University Community for 1998. The trips are open to all Oakland University students, employees, alumni and their guests. A minimum of 20 participants must sign up for each trip.

### Ghana

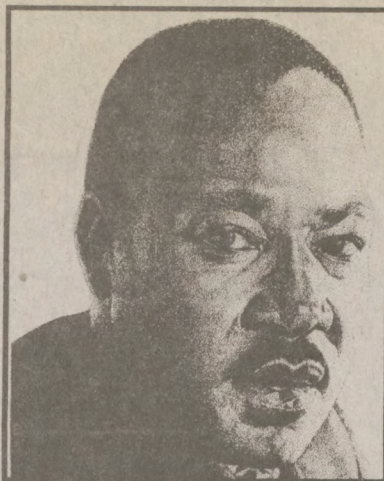
- \* Departs February 19 and returns February 25, 1998
- \* Cost: \$1,850 per person
- \* Includes: Tours of Accra; Aburi; and the Central Region
- \* Price includes round trip airfare from Detroit, lodging at first class hotels (including breakfast).

### Spain

- \* Departs May 5 and returns May 16, 1998
- \* Cost: \$1,975 per person
- \* Includes: Tours of Barcelona; Madrid; Toledo; Granada; Seville; Cordoba and more
- \* Price includes round trip airfare from Detroit, lodging at first class hotels (including breakfast).

For trip information and reservations, call Gina Onyx at DeWald Travel: (800) 228-0707. Information brochures will be available at the Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center, on December 1, 1997.

These trips have been coordinated by the Center for Student Activities in conjunction with: The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures; The Honors College; The Center for International Programs; and, The Office of Alumni Relations.



## All Campus

# CONTEST

Share your original written or artistic expressions that address the question:

"What Do You Think Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Would Be For the 21st Century?"

**Any student, staff or faculty member is encouraged to submit an entry.**

(Only enrolled students are eligible to win prizes)

Entries may be in any of the following forms:

poem  
essay  
dance  
letter  
speech  
drawing  
sculpture  
photograph  
one-act play  
musical composition

(written pieces should not exceed 1000 words)

Student winners will receive cash prizes:  
\$200 for first place winner  
\$100 for next four winners

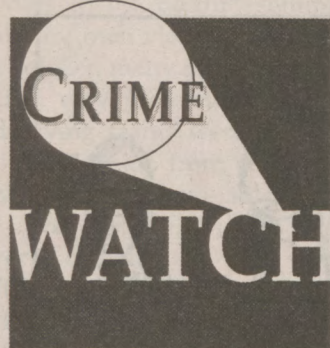
Entry forms available in 49 Oakland Center. Deadline for entries is January 6 (One entry per person)

Return entry forms to 49 Oakland Center. Forms are due January 6, 1998. If you have questions, please call (248) 370-2020.

Winners will perform at the OU MLK Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, 1998



# CAMPUS NEWS



## Sword fight in the OC

A WXOU radio station employee was arrested for felonious assault last Tuesday, Nov. 22, after reportedly attacking another station employee with a knife.

According to campus police the two were at the radio station in the OC when they got into a dispute over broadcasting a public service announcement (PSA).

The fight apparently ensued later as the two men, each with a group of friends, were leaving the station and met in the OC hallway.

According to the police report, during a pushing match one student produced a long cane-like stick. The arrested took the wooden top off the stick, revealing a 20-inch blade, which he began using to try to stab the other student.

The attacked man told police he blocked several jabs, and suffered a puncture wound on each hand from the knife blade.

One of the attacked man's friends told police he pushed the attacker into a glass display case, which shattered the glass door.

Meanwhile, he said, the attacked student ran up a flight of stairs and threw a garbage can lid at the attacker who was still in pursuit.

During this time, friends of the two men reportedly began fighting. One witness told police there were eight people engaged in the scuffle.

After throwing the garbage can lid at his opponent, the attacked man ran outside toward the parking lot and went to his friend's car, where he and his friend were stopped by a police officer.

The police officer stopped the other group and arrested the alleged attacker, who had four outstanding arrest warrants.

He told police he was the one who was attacked and the fight was self-defense. He also said he was on probation, and that he would violate it if he got involved in a fight or carried a weapon.

The police didn't find a weapon on him at the time of the arrest. On Wednesday, Nov. 23, however, a search around the OC produced a cane with a 20-inch blade fitting the witnesses' descriptions.

The attacker was transported to Oakland County Jail under charges for felonious assault.

## Theft in Vandenberg Hall

An OU employee, Jess Shelton, was arrested and charged with larceny for allegedly stealing a couch from the sixth floor lounge of West Vandenberg Hall (WVBH).

The complainant, residence assistant on the sixth floor, said that when she left her room at approximately 9 a.m., the couch was in place. Upon the complainant's return at 5 p.m., the couch was missing.

Two witnesses told police they saw the suspect with the couch at the inner two doors of WVBH.

An additional witness, a maintenance manager, said no order was given to remove the couch from the residence hall lounge.

On Nov. 25, Shelton pleaded not guilty at his arraignment and bail was set at \$10,000 personal bond.

A preliminary exam is set for 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 4.

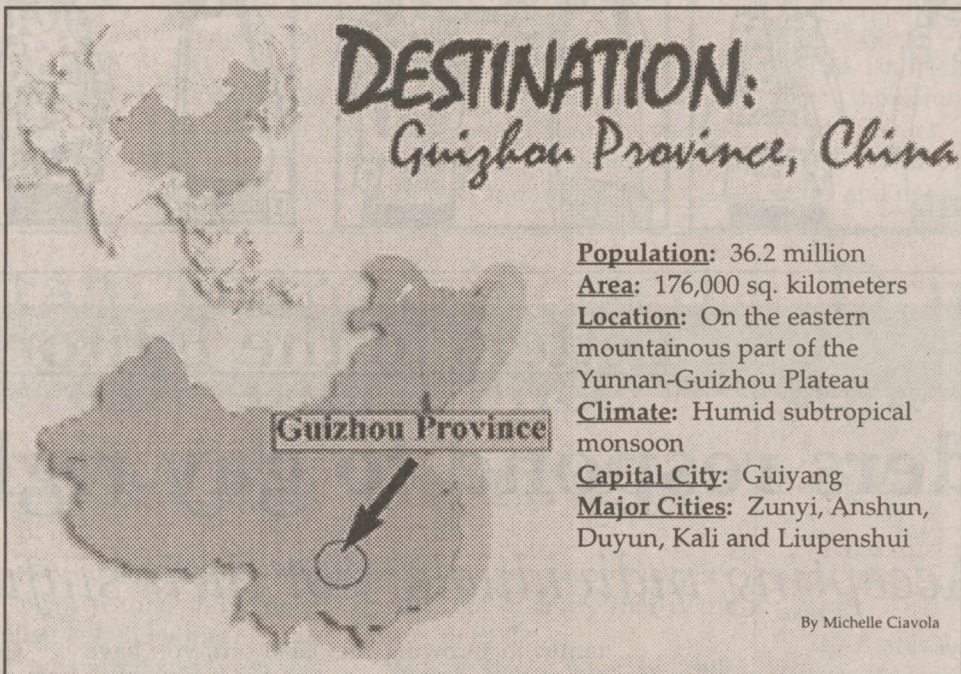
## Message from Lt. Mel Gilroy

During the holidays the number of thefts increase in the campus buildings, including the residence halls and the library.

To help prevent yourself from becoming a victim, do not leave your doors unlocked, or leave your belongings unattended.

## Chinese exposure for OU

### Exchange program offered



By NATASHA VANOVER  
Staff Writer

Picture this: waking up between 7:30 and 8 a.m. each morning to finish preparing lessons for a day of class.

Then, teaching three classes a day and eating lunch at the principal's home.

At approximately 3 p.m. one of your three private professors comes to your apartment to teach you Chinese until 6 p.m. Then you walk your professor to the bus station.

As evening approaches you have to choose which invitation to accept to dine as the guest of honor at one of your teachers' homes.

After dinner you might choose to practice bamboo flute or martial arts.

Just when you might expect sleep to set in, you find the energy and dedication to study till 3 a.m. or 4 a.m.

This was one day in the life of a student, Andre Laurent, who balanced many interests because of a passion for China, its language and its culture.

For the past nine years OU has had

a close friendship with China.

China has the third largest economy in the world, which is soon to become the second, according to Professor Margaret Fine, a Chinese instructor in the Modern Languages and Literature Department.

OU formed this relationship, not on the basis of business alone, but on the intent of friendship, she said.

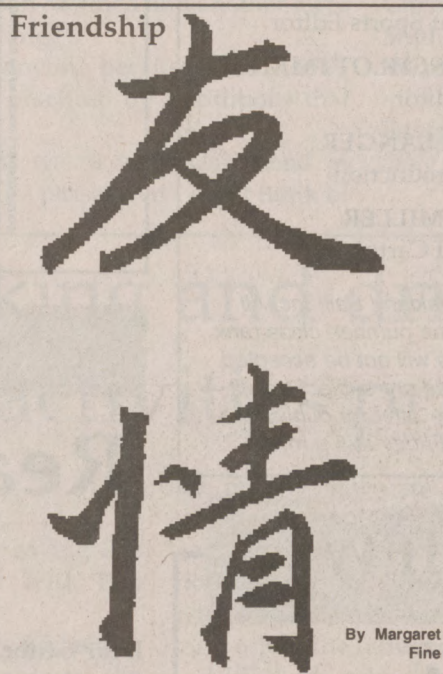
In China, business is synonymous with friendship, she said.

Less than 12 OU instructors take part in a ritual visit to Guizhou, in a southern province in China in the Summer English Institute.

Fine said the intent is to exchange knowledge between American and Chinese instructors.

OU instructors volunteer to teach English and other teaching methods to Guizhou instructors who in return share their Chinese culture.

Last August, the friendship prospered into a mutual agreement between OU and the Guizhou province to host three student exchanges from each university, for one year, in the program of



their choosing.

Dean Mary Otto of Human Education Resources signed the agreement on behalf of OU, which started in August 1996, and will last approximately three years. The only cost to students is airfare, food and medical insurance.

"This program offers an opportunity for both sides to understand more about each other," said Ledong Li, research associate and liaison to students in both programs.

"Education is especially important because we have different social systems, so we need to learn about each other in order that we don't make mistakes," Li said.

"The United States and China will be business partners in the next century. Therefore, this program has more than only a cultural and educational benefit."

"At first, I was not good at speaking Chinese when the delegation from China came to meet the candidates for the program. Yet I showed a great desire," said Laurent, senior East Asian studies.

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## Curb final exam anxieties

By LISA MUMMA  
Staff Writer

As the last week of classes comes to a close, for many that means one thing: final exams are imminent.

Clinical Director of the Graham Counseling Center, Bela Chopp, assures OU students that there are legitimate coping strategies available to relieve stress and anxiety associated with the dreaded end-of-semester tests.

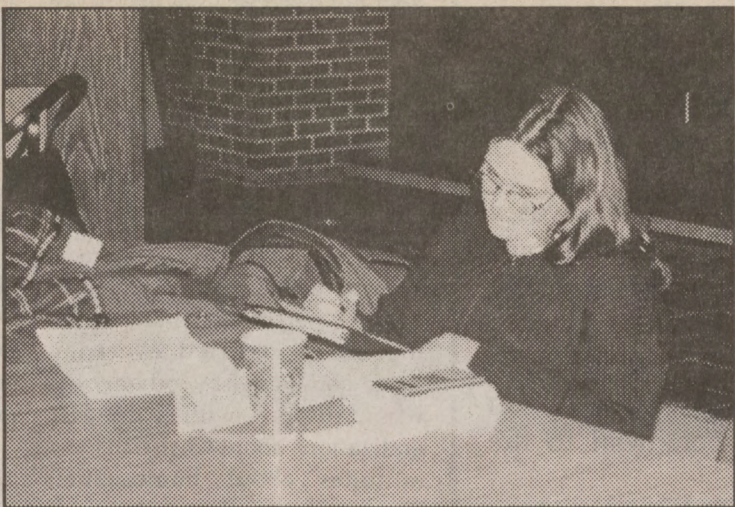
She said the most important things to remember are settling yourself into a relaxed state and maintaining a positive attitude, but "how one gets there is the trick."

Chopp affirms that doing so requires relatively simple techniques: very deep breathing, awareness of ten-

sion in the body and visualization of positive thoughts.

"Whatever scene seems relaxing and comfortable to you, as you're breathing and visualizing, it increases your state of relaxation so that you don't get panicky," she said. "A panicky feeling cannot coexist with a state of relaxation."

She also said that anxiety breeds negative thoughts which further breeds panic. Acknowledging them challenges the negative thoughts and helps one perform better.



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**STUDY BUG:** Laura Roland, medical laboratory science freshman, prepares herself for the last week of classes and final exams.

Mark Cacko, junior pre-physical therapy, employs physical activity to alleviate the mental exertion of reviewing exam notes. He and his friends go for something that gets them away from it all, like sports.

"After playing two hours of football,

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## Be prepared to return home for holiday

By LAURA VIGH  
Staff Writer

Heading home for the holidays means different things to different people. This coming holiday may be your first time back home, filling you with uncertainty.

Now that you have had a taste of independence, increased responsibility and new-found freedom, you may have certain expectations.

Maybe you think your family will respect your personal growth and allow you to come and go as you please.

Unfortunately, that idea may conflict with what they have in mind for you. They may be confused about how to deal with the grown-up version of you. The potential for miscommunication, conflict, and disappointment are great.

"I haven't seen my father in a while,

so I think it's nice to go home. My mom tries to enforce curfews, but I really don't obey them," said Tim Minowa, international business sophomore.

Jayne Humphrey, business sophomore, said, "It's great to go home to see my friends and catch up on all our crazy college stories. But it's not great when your parents still treat you like you're in high school and you have a curfew."

"Students need to prepare themselves ahead of time for the difficulties, so that they are not caught off guard," said Bela Chopp, clinical director of Graham Health Center.

"It certainly would be great if everything went smoothly, but in case it does not, then you will be prepared with some strategies," she added.

Strategies she suggests include:

- Communicate expectations in advance. Let your family know you

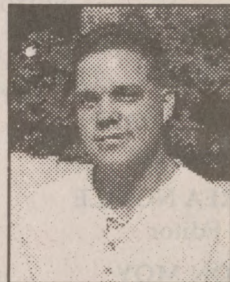
want to spend time with them, but you plan to do other things you enjoy.

- Be realistic when viewing the holidays. Don't expect that returning home will be picture perfect, especially if there has been poor communication in the past.

- If you find it hard to spend time with family during the holidays, look for others to share time with. Find friends in the same predicament, or volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

"A way to feel good at holiday time is to share yourself with others. It really feels good to volunteer and be where you are really needed," said Chopp.

If you feel apprehensive about the upcoming holidays, contact the Psychology Clinic at Graham Health center at (248) 370-3465. Appointments can be arranged until Dec. 22.



Bryan Barnett

## Book Swap to make more money

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy their Thanksgiving break as much as I did--Go Lions, right?!!

Anyway, this is typically one of the busiest times of the year for most people. With exams, shopping and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" showing every two hours on TBS, students find it difficult to find extra time in their schedules.

Student Congress is no different. This year, however, we are attempting to undertake a huge student project and need to ask for your help.

We are planning to offer the students an alternative this semester to selling their books back to a bookstore.

We want to create a win-win situation for everyone involved, and we think we have one with our Student Congress Book Swap.

Remember that sick feeling you had when that \$80 textbook, just three months old, was suddenly valued at just \$24.60.

Then, miraculously, that same book is suddenly worth \$68 the following semester.

Amazing, right?

Well, not if you're constantly on the short end of the stick. Personally, after four years, I am ready for something new.

But this semester, I am bringing all of my books to the Student Congress Book Swap and selling them there. Why? Because I can set my own price! Here is how it works. You bring all of the textbooks you wish to sell to the Fireside Lounge on Dec. 10, the first day of exams.

You will fill out a sheet to put your name, address and price you are asking for the book. Now, if you know your \$80 book is going to fetch roughly \$30 elsewhere, you could choose to set the price around \$50.

Students who need the textbook next semester would jump at that price, compared to the \$68 price tag. Everyone saves money! Everyone is happy! It's Christmas!

Now obviously, it is not quite that simple. There are a couple issues to be understood.

First, we need books to sell to make this work, so please consider using the Congress Book Swap this semester.

Second, we will only be able to pull this off if we have lots of help. Student Congress members have picked up quite a few hours, but not nearly enough to maintain our scheduled hours.

Please consider volunteering a couple hours to help make this happen. We will have music, food and prizes (gift certificates) for those who help.

Finally, you, the student, are responsible for finding out what books you need and what textbooks your professors will be using.

All sales at the Book Swap are final.

When your books do sell, you will receive a university check for the total amount in January. Any book that does not sell will be held in the Congress office until Jan. 15.

You will be sent a postcard if you have books to pick up.

Student Congress is excited about this project, and we hope it will be a huge success.

The Book Swap will be in the Fireside Lounge Dec. 10 to Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please take advantage of this money-saving opportunity.

Merry Christmas, and we will see you at the Book Swap!

Bryan Barnett is Student Congress President.



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## EDITOR'S VIEW

### Big pricetags don't equate to better results for Oakland

Raising tuition year after year is always a concern for students, especially when the amount of state appropriations increase.

The faculty also raises eyebrows when its union settlement is extremely modest in comparison to the amount of university funds.

But when a consulting firm is hired at \$82,300 to determine if the Pioneer image should go out the door, the entire campus community needs to be asking questions.

Wouldn't that money be better spent in another university project? If the OU community can't find a Pioneer Pete replacement, how can an outside company?

When OU considered going Division I, it was a committee comprised of representatives from various campus groups which gave a recommendation to President Gary Russi.

The original three members of the committee traveled to universities around the nation to get input on whether the athletics move was beneficial to the school or not.

All committee members spoke with their respective groups to listen to concerns and comments about the move. There was even a public forum for the entire university community to get involved.

The athletics committee spent numerous hours and tedious work to prepare a report for Russi in which all members voted in favor of the move.

For a decision as monumental as upgrading the athletics status, the committee was able to reach a unanimous decision. And it did all of this work without the help of a consulting firm.

But recently, the mascot committee recruited a consulting firm to help decide, among other things, if the Pioneer image is living up to university standards.

The group, comprised of members within the campus community and chaired by OU's public relations director, could not decide on a new mascot.

In order to make headway, it spent \$82,300 to hire a firm, which knows little about OU, to determine what is best for the university.

Many would concede the firm's marketing strategies would benefit OU's cash flow. But the firm was not hired for marketing purposes only. It was hired to assist the committee in finding a suitable mascot.

If the university is going to fork out that sum of money, it should at least put it to good use.

After all, the Board of Trustees confirmed a new classroom and office building, parts of campus are still awaiting internet access, and the OC is in need of more renovations. Wouldn't it be nice to finish these projects within budget?

# OPINION



## Letters to the Editor

### Readers respond to gay rights column Accepting individuals, not their sinful behaviors

Dear Editor,

I am both saddened and disappointed. The sadness I feel stems from the obvious hatred and violence directed towards the gay community. My disappointment stems from Mr. Kosofsky's article entitled, "Hate is growing -- let's do something about it."

Any human being who has been the target of extremely vindictive words and/or actions would naturally seek blame and likely want revenge.

However, Mr. Kosofsky, it was inappropriate to label the Christian Coalition, Focus on the Family, and the Promise Keepers organizations as hate groups for a few legitimate reasons.

First of all, to briefly label the aforementioned as hate groups without any supporting evidence is unprofessional. More impor-

tantly, in throwing this label out, you have reacted in the same spiteful way as those who cruelly oppress the gay community.

After all, "Gays have been characterized as militant extremists who demand special rights to convert and pervert children, make sexual advances on fellow military servicemen, and flaunt their lifestyle."

Furthermore, I believe you have misunderstood the difference between gay bashing and the moral disagreement with a lifestyle. While there are individuals in the evangelical community who actively denigrate and assault homosexuals, the majority merely oppose the gay lifestyle.

After all, the right to free speech still applies to every man, woman and child.

However, it is more important to keep in mind that one may accept an individual without accepting their behavior.

Certainly the moral disagreement with a lifestyle is not sufficient to identify an organization or individual as being of the same caliber as the Ku Klux Klan. Therefore, I simply challenge you to future caution when making public statements.

Understanding is a two-way street -- even in politically correct America.

Sincerely,

Angie Cinadr  
 Counseling  
 Graduate Student

Editor's note: In the Oct. 29 edition, Sean Kosofsky obtained validated information regarding the organizations listed in this letter for his column. He in no way meant to attack the Christian community.

### Catholic alumnus defends statements about church practices

Dear Editor,

As president for three years of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance on Oakland's campus, I have to, to a degree, agree with Mr. Kosofsky's argument about hate increasing in and around this country.

Living as I do in Washington DC, and reading THE POST online, it's hard for me to relate because I am not on campus.

I can say this. When I was a student at OU, threats against my life personally and against the group occurred everyday. Later comments by others who would disagree with Sean's generalizations about Christians and attitudes about homosexuals

only adds fuel to the fires.

It took four years for OU to add "sexual orientation discrimination" to its protected policy. The company I work for has had that in place since 1980. No one is asking that they readily accept homosexuality. Why do that when so many people are against it? That would be asking a little to much. God forbid we would want people to stand and express themselves.

Because I am a white male, I don't experience what African American people do, nor Jewish people, nor anyone else who might be discriminated against, other than other gays.

Brian Reindel in his repose to Sean says that Christians are not

"homophobic" but "anti-homosexual." Well, I have been Catholic my whole life, and I have never seen a more hypocritical church than us. I can say that because I'm Catholic and will die this way. Believing that no matter what, God loves me for the person I am, not for who I have my private life with.

My morals are no different than anyone else's. To raise my children in a loving, caring family, to have a good job where I can't get fired because I am gay, where I can express myself without the threat of being hurt, to have a loving home and a caring partner, much the same as my parents and sister enjoy.

We are all created in God's

image, gay and straight alike, so how can someone sit there and say God has chosen me to tell you -- you are wrong. No, I am sorry Brian, but only God has that right.

As president, I saw many students afraid to come to a meeting for fear of being ousted or labeled. Colleges and universities are hot beds for the foundations of our future. Let's look at that, shall we. Make sure you carefully weigh your options before you jump into the pool.

Sincerely,

Michael Petroni  
 1994 Alumnus

### Christians are supposed to hate the sin, not the sinner

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the article "Hate is growing - lets do something about it," written by Sean Kosofsky in the Oct. 29 issue.

I was shocked to see that Christian organizations seem to be a target of the article. The writer stated that various Christian organizations were profiting by blaming gays for America's problems. I am a Christian, and I feel that each and every person is responsible for either helping or hindering America by the choices they make in everyday life. I do not agree with the thought that homosexuality is a morally right thing to participate in, but I sympathize with gays for being sub-

jected to hate and violence.

The reason I'm writing to you is because I feel the article presents a negative, inaccurate picture of what a Christian is.

Why Christian organizations were seemingly targeted and used as examples for homosexual hatred, I'm not sure.

Any hatred a Christian is supposed to have is toward the things that are wrong, not toward the people who do wrong. There's a saying that sticks in my head: "Love the sinner; hate the sin."

On behalf of all Christians who understand this statement, according to Psalm 97:10 in the Bible, it states that if you "love the Lord, (you) hate evil!" Also, in Romans 13:9-10, it

says, "You shall love you neighbor (everyone) as yourself. Love does no harm to a neighbor."

Being a true believer in the God of the Bible is not about hating those who choose to ignore the commandments of the Bible. Being a true believer is about doing what is right in the sight of God.

Boldness against something should not be confused with hatred. I feel the article was seemingly directed toward the wrong people.

OU's Christian organizations do not go around writing hateful things on sidewalks next to writings advocating homosexuality.

So it does not make any sense for the author to begin the article explaining his thoughts on

Christian organizations when the article itself seems to be dealing with how "hate speech" has manifested itself on OU.

He is explaining his thoughts on Christian organizations when the article itself seems to be dealing with how "hate speech" has manifested itself on OU's campus. Once again, I feel that this article has thrown a false and negative shadow on Christians.

Sincerely,

Elija Kamal Sansom  
 Physical Therapy student  
 Senior

Please read the subsequent note after the top Letter to the Editor.

**THE OAKLAND SAIL, INC. is still looking for student board members. As a member, students can voice opinions about and help govern the student newspaper at Oakland University. Currently, the board meets once a month on a Monday at 12:30 p.m. Four positions are open to fill immediately. If you want to get involved on campus and help build your resume at the same time, stop by 36 OC to pick up an application and find out further details.**



Letters to the Editor

Thomas' friend reflects on the recent tragedy

Dear Editor,

In response to a recent letter published in the "Letters to the Editor" column, I would like to share my own views on the horrible tragedy that has befallen many of us here at Oakland.

It is very understandable that the swimming and diving teams were feeling a huge loss over their suspension from competition. This is what they do and, I believe, identify with.

However, their obvious pride and talent were never in question.

It is unfortunate that they were in the spotlight for throwing an illegal keg party, that inadvertently resulted in the death of Jonnathan Thomas rather than the award of another national championship.

But this isn't just about one party resulting in devastation.

The devastation that I refer to now is that of the family and friends of Jon Thomas. While it is wrong to blame the swimming and diving teams for this, I can't help but wonder why everyone always looked the other way while we partied at their parties on campus.

And not only that, I've never been to any of their alcohol-awareness sessions that were referred to by Gary Russi and Mary Beth Snyder. For most of us, they aren't really taken very seriously.

At least not until now.

Is there a way to perhaps incorporate an alcohol-awareness course into general education classes? Students are required to take a physical education class. Isn't this at least that important, if not more

so?

In junior high school, we were required to watch films and read about drugs, alcohol and sex. I think that it's safe to say, for more of us, we use drugs and alcohol and have sex in college more than we did in junior high.

And a lot of people seem to be of the opinion that nothings has been done in the past because of all of the positive attention brought to Oakland by the swimming and diving programs.

So now that a person has died and another faces trial, they say something?

This isn't fair to anyone because it only reinforces the condition practiced by institutions that boast winners.

Jon David Thomas was a very dear friend of mine, and not a minute passes that I don't think of

him.

I want to cry all the time, and it would be so easy to just blame everyone else, but I sincerely believe that he would never condone that.

Instead, I think that it would be far more befitting to Jon David's memory to try to do something positive with the situation that's been given us.

Sincerely,

Christine Libaldi  
Sophomore  
Vocal Performance

Editor's note: This letter was edited to reflect the swimming and diving team's recent reinstatement.

Student Program Board criticized for guest lecture appearance by talk show host Jerry Springer

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the SPB's current decision to bring daytime talk show host Jerry Springer to OU.

I have to ask the question, "Is this the kind of so-called entertainment that we want here at OU?"

Now I know some people like this kind of mind-numbing trash, but the last time I checked, this was an institution of higher education.

So doesn't this kind of TV sleaze go against what we are trying to achieve here?

This was suppose to be a "fun" event where students could dish up the dirt on each other and make believe they were on the "Jerry Springer Show."

But at the cost of \$4,500 to bring Mr. Springer here, I think we could have done better for our entertainment dollar.

SPB is a university-funded organization, so we as students paid for this event even though most of us did not attend.

What did we get for our money? Well, what we got was

some 300 or so students who went away with nothing more than what Bob did while his girlfriend was pregnant with his father's child kind of dirt.

I have a hard time justifying this kind of degrading trash.

It doesn't belong at a university what so ever.

Furthermore, SPB Chairman Raymond Landsberg upholds this event as "One of our premiere events!"

Well, Mr. Landsberg, if this is one of OU's premiere events, I better not stick around for what's next.

Why would we want to lower the average intelligence on campus by bringing this kind of useless person, who makes his living off of other people's misery, to OU?

What Mr. Springer does is the TV equivalent to tabloid sensationalism. And what he does is encourage people to come on his show and argue to further boost his ratings.

He is a man who, at the end of the show, solved nothing, and made the I.Q. of his audience drop by a factor of 10!

Mr. Landsberg claims that "it's quality, not quantity that is the future for SPB."

Well if that's what he calls quality I guess he is a "quality" chairman for SPB.

However, he is not the only one to blame here.

The university funded him to bring Mr. Springer here.

So if the university allowed them to bring Mr. Springer here what does that say about Oakland?

It is an embarrassment that the university condones this kind of act to come here.

If Mr. Springer wants to come here and charge for tickets, that's fine. But don't have the school pay him to come here and then sell the tickets themselves.

I'm not against having fun at school. I think we need more of that here -- desperately. But not at the expense of the student body's intelligence.

Sincerely,

Gary Klein  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering

Drinking and driving column states activities practiced by few

Dear Editor,

I have to start by saying this letter is concerned with two issues.

The first is Jeannee Kirkaldy's article, "Alcohol impacts the lives of young adults," and the second concerns some of the letters to the editor about the tradition of the swim team. All were published in the Nov. 12, 1997 issue.

First -- the alcohol impacts article. I was quite offended by the entire article. There were some points I agreed with, but I felt much of the article was over generalized.

First, she says that the fact minors were served alcohol was irrelevant.

Yes, I know minors have easy access to alcohol, but does that make it right? This is a relevant issue.

According to her article, people of legal drinking age go out and drive drunk.

If this is true, are minors going to be responsible enough not to drink and drive? I don't think so. That's why there is a legal drinking age.

This brings me to the part in the article which offended me

the most -- when she says that the party hopping, tail-gaters and bar goers can't say they have not driven drunk or been in a car with someone else who was driving under the influence.

Well, I can proudly say that I have never driven drunk or been in a car with some who was driving under the influence. I go out every weekend, and the group of people I go out with always makes sure everyone gets home safely.

If that means a person's car spends the night at the bar, then that is what happens. It's a matter of knowing when to say when.

I found it interesting that when I talked to other students about this article and about people being guilty of drunk driving, those who were guilty were in the minority.

College students today are more responsible than most people give them credit for, and it is a real shame. It's even worse when a peer thinks that way.

Remember, you always hear about the irresponsible ones -- that's a good news story.

But what about the 90 percent of the responsible ones?

The second issue deals with

the swim teams and their "tradition" of family, closeness, and togetherness.

Devon Hawley said "the tradition is being part of a family." Andrea Gelmine said the swim team builds "lifelong friendships and closeness..." Jason Titlow said the student athletes are "characterized as being hard working, dedicated and intelligent individuals."

Well unless this family is dysfunctional and an intelligent person is not in their right mind, why would they let someone drive off from their party drunk?

Families are supposed to look out for each other, and intelligent people are somewhat responsible and hopefully know the laws associated with alcohol and the consequences of drunk driving.

I am not trying to pick on the swim team, but it is something everyone should think about when a "family" member has had a little too much to drink.

Sincerely,

Jill Baran  
Senior  
Journalism

Editorial sparks vendor's retort

Dear Editor,

This is in response to your Nov. 19 editorial "Campus gripes about eating..." I would like to speak about your vending machine comments.

I'm not sure of your source for your "every building ... headache after headache" statement, but the facts for the month of October 1997 are: 61,170 total vends with 18 technical malfunctions/service calls (99.97 percent performance).

This translates to one service call for each 3.398 vends, or 3/100 of one percent. We at Metro are quite proud of this track record, which significantly outperforms industry averages.

It's true the Dean of Students Office closes at 5 p.m. for refunds, but there are signs on

every bank of machines on the campus. Hamlin Hall makes refunds until 10 p.m., and Kresge Library until 11 p.m. Both areas have weekend hours.

Regarding the selling prices, Metro Vending replaced an 85-cent 12-ounce can of pop with a \$1.25 20-ounce bottle.

Although I'm sure you noticed a different size container (67 percent larger), you didn't factor this in.

The cost per ounce has gone down 11.7 percent with the bottle. The resealable bottle also increases the price value, as you don't have to consume the bottle all at one time, as you do with a can.

You omitted comments on all of the new products offered.

Certs, Roloids, jumbo size bag snacks and candy, specialty

drinks in South Foundation, natural teas and spring waters now grace your vending program. One hundred percent Ocean Spray juice has replaced your 10 percent juice blend canned drinks.

We at Metro are committed to making it easier for OU students to enjoy campus life, and want to be a part of the solution, not the problem.

If you would like any additional information, or have questions about the vending program, please consider me available at (810) 779-7710.

Sincerely,

Charley Marsack  
1973 Alumnus  
Vice President  
Metro Vending Services

Spanish department corrects ads

Dear Editor,

The OU community and the public may have seen the recent announcement for a proposed university-sponsored trip to Spain. Some of the cites to be visited are misspelled in both

English and Spanish.

We wish to make it clear that no members of the Spanish section of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures had anything to do with that announcement. In fact, the Spanish section has never

been involved in any aspect of planning for this trip.

Sincerely,

Members of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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China

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"People asked why I wanted to go to Guizhou, why I wanted to go to such a poor part of China," Laurent said.

"It is poor but the people are warmer, friendlier. The culture is rich in history, philosophy and art," he said.

"I experienced more culture shock coming back. Emotionally, my heart was still in China," Laurent said.

Laurent also had to write a letter to the Guizhou Education Commission as a part of the criteria for entering the program.

"While I was in China I worked full-time as a teacher while I studied," Laurent said. "I had three private teachers and taught two classes at the number one high school in Guizhou."

Fei Shu, one of the current exchange students from Guizhou Normal Teaching University said, in China students are interested in English because it is used as a bridge to communicate internation-

ally, through business, and cultural exchange.

"The Chinese prefer to do business with their friends," Otto said. "They want to work with us because we're their friends, not only because of our status as a university."

"Doing business with friends is called a 'win-win business arrangement' because both parties benefit," Shu said.

The three students from Guizhou are completing the second and final year of a joint masters program at OU.

Each student is required to take two classes per semester at OU. All students are English teachers in the Guizhou province.

"I want to combine the traditional way of Chinese teaching with new strategies that I am learning," said Shu.

"In my first semester I have been inspired by the idea of computer assisted teaching that I learned from professor Anne Porter and the 'Book Club' learning program created by professor Taffy Raphael."

Otto said, people should have exposure to other cultures by living and working with people from

those cultures rather than just reading books.

Through the agreement, the final year of study in a two-year joint masters degree program which begins in Guizhou, is offered by OU.

The Guizhou students entering OU are required to be of graduate status. Any OU student is eligible to apply to the Guizhou program regardless of major or class year, but applicants must be recommended by the university. There is no GPA requirement.

"This program offers us a chance to share our opinions of teaching with American teachers, even though we teach different subjects we can find something in common from the difference," said Shu. "Our goal is to try to find the best way to teach."

In January of 1998 three visiting scholars from the Guizhou Technology University will attend OU until June.

Students interested in either studying Chinese culture as a study abroad program or those interested in teaching English and studying Chinese language can contact Otto in education and human services office.

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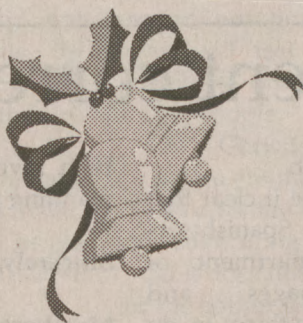
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because of its quality and value, he said.

After clearing a label design through the university's marketing department, OU agreed to the development of OU Natural Spring Water.

"After a year and half of work, it is a great relief and thrill to actually see OU water on the shelves," said Wiltron.

According to Fekel, OU has a contract with ARAMARK which states that OU receive a percentage of the gross retail sales ARAMARK accumulates through the sales of its products on campus.

Reynolds said, this works out to about 5 percent worth of commission on each item.

"Many students are carrying their drinks in plastic bottles both on and off campus. Selling OU spring water is a way to promote OU's name in the community," said Reynolds.

Though OU Natural Spring Water is currently only available in Pioneer Court, Wiltron said he hopes to have it available throughout campus as soon as ARAMARK's supply of Aquafina is exhausted.

Study

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we come inside, relax and get more studying done," he said.

Preparation is key to avoiding anxiety, Chopp said.

"Nothing is as helpful (against) anxiety as being solidly prepared," she said. "Cramming is not a good idea. Spacing out the learning over time is the best approach."

Constant review of subject material throughout the semester is the method Margaret Hoffman, management information systems junior, uses to avoid exam tension.

She also believes in putting forth her greatest academic efforts at the start of the semester rather than at the end.

"I don't stress myself out, that's for sure," she said. "It's not worth it. If I don't know it now, I'm probably not going to know it."

In addition to getting a good night's sleep, Chopp recommended eating a good breakfast on the day of the exam and arriving early to perform the relaxation exercises which can be done privately.

She, however, recommended against caffeine.

"A lot of caffeine before any test — or any performance — can really make one tense," she warned. "It counteracts the relaxation."

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AND SAFE  
HOLIDAY!



# FEATURES

## Finding Hope



LOVE QUILT: Students observed a portion of the AIDS quilt on Monday. Eight panels of the quilt were brought.

Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

### AIDS quilt comes to OU to educate

By TANIA PREPOLEC  
Staff Writer

Eight panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed Monday in Hamlin Lounge. Each was a commemorative piece of art which featured a person who died of AIDS.

Each panel was three feet wide by six feet tall, which is the size of an average human grave. The portion displayed was 12 feet square.

The panels were brought by the Detroit chapter of the NAMES Project through Jean Ann Miller, director of student development.

"They (NAMES Detroit Chapter) were extremely helpful ... They helped set up and everything," Miller said.

"I've seen the AIDS quilt twice at Cobo Hall," Miller said. "One section is nothing compared to seeing the whole thing."

The quilt was first displayed in October 1987, in Washington D.C. It was composed of 1,920 panels. Today, ten years later, that number has increased to more than 43,000.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest on-going community arts project in the world. The NAMES Project's mission is "to

use the AIDS Memorial Quilt to help bring an end to the AIDS epidemic."

The entire quilt measures 28 acres with walkway sections, and 18 acres without. Its weight, with walkway sections, is 57 tons.

Students were impressed with even the small portion of the quilt on display at campus.

"It's really beautiful," said junior Stephanie Niemela, communications.

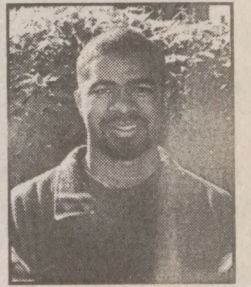
"It's pretty remarkable that someone actually took the time to put it together," said junior Jason Hammonds, nursing. "You learn a little bit about each person in each of their squares," he added.

Miller felt that the quilt yielded quite a bit of educational merit.

"We are dispelling the myth that it's just a gay disease," Miller said. "It affects everyone, including heterosexuals," she said.

"Hopefully (students) will see how they are affected in their lives ... whether through church, home or work," she said.

"They say 'it won't happen to me,' but it can."



Damon Brown

### Accept others as you would like to be accepted

I was thinking about something while I stuffed my face last Thursday. "Oh my God, this is so much better than college food!"

After I finished my third plate, I transformed back to my intellectual self and sat back in my chair, reflecting for a moment.

I looked at the Thanksgiving table at the three generations of Browns and Howards, my family.

There was my Grandmom and Granddad Howard, who are separated.

There was my older sister, who I used to get into fights with every single day.

There were my parents, with whom I was feeling growing pains as I entered adulthood.

Each and every one of us had gotten into an argument with just about everyone else.

We all had our beliefs, our negatives, our prejudices.

But there we were — eating, laughing and joking.

No one refused to eat with anyone else, or to sit at the same table.

It was peaceful.

Now don't get me wrong. My family can be like the Hatfields and McCoys.

We're all human. We're all real.

Yet, for those two hours, any differences we had as a family, and as people, were unnoticeable.

You have to look at the big picture.

Every day, each and every human faces the threat of a deadly disease — AIDS.

Daily, we could be on the verge of World War III.

Every second, more of our precious life disappears.

Why complain about small, insignificant things and argue over immaterial matters?

Though it is a goal I have been striving for my whole life, this semester I am truly learning to look at the big picture and not split hairs.

I remember refusing to talk to someone just because he had a different view of life than me. I remember thinking my beliefs were absolutely right, even though it was just my opinion.

I remember not speaking to someone for the remainder of high school for something they did to me during my sophomore year.

I said I was standing up for myself, but I was just hiding.

It was hard for me to believe that people were not up to my ideal standard, and I shut them out when they did not fit it.

People, in one way or another, hold others to some type of judgment. It may be based on an old hurt, maybe on a conflict of beliefs.

However, I ask you, even if just for the holiday season, love and appreciate everyone you know for who they are.

Have you disagreed with a relative for a long time?

Appreciate their tenacity.

Does your co-worker drive you crazy?

Find a redeemable quality in them you admire.

Respect others and, surprise, you may find that others will respect you for you.

Love and acceptance is the best gift anyone could give.

Damon Brown is the Features Editor of the OAKLAND POST.

## Students offer helping hand through class

By SANDY ISAACS  
Staff Writer

Imagine if OU offered a course that only met a few times, had no exams, a cheap text book, and you would gain more than facts.

Sounds like a dream course, doesn't it? It's more than a dream — it's a reality.

It's COM 399, Field Experience in Communication, and it's about to hit the road and travel to Traverse City.

The class just recently became part of a distance learning program with Northwestern Michigan University in Traverse City.

"COM 399 works particularly well with 'distance learning,'" said David Lau, associate professor of communications.

From this course, communication majors are expected to learn about choosing their roles as citizens in a community and creating a voice for building public relationships.

"What I like most about the course is ... the 'me' is not central anymore. We develop a different perspective. We come out with a sense of making someone else more important than ourselves," said Lau.

In addition to reading the text, the course requires students to perform 60 hours of community volunteer work during the semester.

Students are free to select the charity work of

choice, with the instructor's approval. But Lau urges students to select volunteer work that is personally rewarding.

One of Lau's goals is for students to learn, as well as gain something from their volunteer experience.

Students use their communication skills to offer various things to people in need, such as helping the blind or deaf, reading stories to young children, coaching sports for youngsters, delivering meals to the homebound and sometimes even just sharing a good conversation that these people will appreciate, he said.

Senior Keith Bullock, communications, began volunteering in September 1996 at the Salvation Army in Pontiac working with young children.

He participated in the after school program for children from kindergarten through the fifth grade. Most of the kids were from low-income, single parent homes.

Bullock tutored the students, played games, made arts and crafts, participated in gym, went on field trips, put on a Christmas play and gave holiday gifts to the children.

The class program also offered different educational seminars, including volunteer speakers from different professions.

"It's been very rewarding, very self-rewarding. You get so involved and so attached to these children," Bullock said.

### The Eyes of 2010

Helping is a service sent from above, Lending a hand, with an open heart, compassion and love.

Yet there is a stronger vision as I look into the children's eyes,

What the future holds for them, while giving guidance and knowledge from the wise.

There's a doctor, I see a lawyer and a judge on the bench, But it all began with some attention, and a hug and a kiss.

Then I wonder what will the rest of them be, That makes me work harder, praying not homeless, on the street.

Go to college, study hard, and concentrate on a career occupation, You'll need it to raise a family and maintain a solid foundation.

Through community service I've gained twenty-five new little friends,

Who'll always love and respect me until my days end.

With high aspirations and a positive message to send,

I gaze into the future, the youthful eyes of 2010.

Kevin Bullock  
Senior  
Communications

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# Sure Things

## OU EVENTS

**SET FOR THE HOLIDAYS — MEADOW BROOK HOLIDAY WALK**, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. today; 10 a.m. Thursday - Sunday, Meadow Brook Hall. Call (248) 370-3140.

**ART, BOOK AND GIFT FAIR**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. today, Room 118, Oakland Center. Call (248) 370-3245.

**THE HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**, noon today, Fireside Lounge.

**HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**, noon Thursday, Fireside Lounge.

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS — MEADOW BROOK ESTATE HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**, 10 a.m. Thursday; 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday, Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

**OU COMMUNITY CHORUS 34th ANNUAL YULETIDE CONCERT**, 8 p.m. Friday, Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE — HOLIDAY DANCE SPECTACULAR**, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 362-9329.

**THE WASSAIL RECEPTION**, noon - 2 p.m. Friday, Fireside Lounge.

## MUSIC

**THE HOWLING DIABLOS** wsg Parka Kings, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

## THEATRE

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL,"** 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. today; 8 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday; 6 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Tuesday, Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 251-5835.

**"ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT,"** 8 p.m. today, Thursday & Friday; 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Call (313) 475-7902.

## FILM

**BREW & VIEW MOVIE — "FARGO,"** 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Magic Bag Theatre. Call (248) 544-3030.

**BREW & VIEW MOVIE II — "TRUE ROMANCE,"** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Magic Bag Theatre. Call (248) 544-3030.

**BREW & VIEW MOVIE SPECIAL — "GUMMO,"** 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Magic Bag Theatre. Call (248) 544-3030.

## OTHER

**DETROIT ZOO'S WILD NIGHTS**, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Detroit Zoo. Call (248) 541-5835.

**"SPLENDORS OF ANCIENT EGYPT,"** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Friday; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Call (313) 833-2323.

# Students start SADD chapter

By NATASHA VANOVER  
Staff Writer

Everyday choices are made. No one intends to make a destructive decision.

OU's new organization, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), focuses on helping students make healthy choices.

SADD informs students about the dangers of alcohol, as well as eating disorders, rape, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, drug use, and violence.

"There are enough things we can't prevent that I don't want to lose someone close to me because they take drugs or get behind the wheel after drinking,"

said OU SADD Vice President Kristen DeRemer.

"It doesn't take millions of dollars of research to prevent this. It takes everyone's commitment to make the right decisions," said DeRemer.

SADD at OU is focused on making students aware that they have the choice to make constructive decisions, said DeRemer.

"There can be such a thick cloud of denial, that the individual doesn't realize they are being controlled by the substances," said SADD member Erica, who had an unfortunate past.

"Inside I was dying," she said. "Before joining SADD, I made the deci-

sion to take control of my life. I joined to enhance the possibility that someone could experience the life-changing direction I took."

While one member experienced a life change, others joined because some one close to them had died in an alcohol related accident.

"It took losing my friends to get involved," said OU SADD Public Relations Director Bethany Dunning.

Dunning lost two of her friends in drunk driving accidents within a ten day span.

"I want to make sure no one has to go through what I did," she said.

During October, alcohol awareness

month, SADD, in collaboration with the residence halls served mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails).

Although a majority of the focus still deals with alcohol, OU SADD Secretary Rebecca Lefterhoff believes other issues are equally important.

"Based on what I have seen from living here since the fall of 1996, I think domestic and sexual violence, along with sexual responsibility, including condom and birth control use, are important campus issues," Lefterhoff said.

In the future, tentative plans for the winter semester include an alcohol free St. Patrick's Day Sock-Hop party.

## Getting in the holiday spirit



Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

**WARM CONVERSATION:** During the cold winter season, students enjoy sitting by the fire in the OC.

## Students suggest ways to spread spirit

•**Help out the elderly** with Christmas shopping. Take along an elderly neighbor's list when you go shopping and pick some things up for them.

•**Donate a couple hours** of your time to go to the local retirement home and decorate the facility.

•**Give a lonely person** some type of pick-me-up, such as a card, a note, a small gift or a phone call.

•**Invite someone to dinner** whom you think may be feeling a little blue.

•**Listen to people** who may need to get things off their chest.

•**Use volunteer programs** designed to join a person in need of companionship with another who is willing to give it.

•**Donate canned goods or coats** and unneeded clothes. Things you may consider inconsequential may make a difference in a person's life, students said.

Compiled from JRN 200 and JRN 312D

## New gay group on campus

By KIM CONNELL  
Staff Writer

If you thought the process of growing up is hard to do, imagine how it is growing up gay in a world that seems predominantly "straight."

Imagine growing up in a world with few positive role models to look up to, and few friends who accept you for who you are. Imagine being persecuted for your feelings and afraid to speak your mind to even your closest friends.

For you, this may be a simulation. But for gay students like OU's Gay Social Group (OGSG) President, Joey Lieber, it is his everyday reality.

According to Lieber, living that reality is not always easy.

"In the real world, gay people are invisible, and they feel they are all alone. Just like straight people, they assume everyone is straight, even though that is far from true," Lieber said.

After accepting his own homosexuality, Lieber felt the need to help other gay students accept who they are and to make them feel more accepted.

Lieber decided to start OGSG so gay students who are shy or not openly homosexual could meet others like them in a relaxed, public setting.

Oakland's Gay Social Group is a new group whose intentions and organization slightly differs from OU's older and more widely known gay organization called Pride Forum, formerly known as Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

While Pride Forum is more politically active and community informational, OGSG is a support group which helps gays feel better about themselves. One purpose of the group is to help gays realize they are not alone.

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### CHANNEL SURFING

## NBC's 'Players' is a mindless good time

By JOE GRAY  
Assistant Sports Editor

"Players" is a refreshing break from the grim crime drama genre.

Where most cop shows are bogged down with stark realism and bitter characters, "Players" takes off with slick good guys and quick dialogue.

While "Players" isn't a gripping-the-edge-of-your-seat series, it is easy on the brain for a good time.

The concept is simple.

Three convicts agree to help the FBI catch crooks in exchange for their freedom. The convicts use their street smarts to nab the bad guys.

It's the characters that make "Players" fly.

The team is lead by rapper Ice-T.

Ice-T plays Ice Gregory, a street-smart hustler who is the brains of the group.

He brings some realism to this easy-going drama, but not too much. As Ice Gregory, he is a tough as nails with a soft, comedic side.

In one episode, while carting off some bad guys, he takes the time to stop and tell a group of kids to stay in school.

### "Players"

Fridays 8 p.m. NBC

Have fun

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out of 4 points

Costas Mandylor plays the "ladies man" of the group. His main purpose, it seems, is to get the female viewers to watch.

The computer geek, played by Frank John Hughes, is a neurotic, complaining electronics expert.

Finally, the sexy femme fatale is played by Mia Korf. She's an FBI officer, working with the team and helping them on their missions.

Like Korf, the character's main purpose is to look cute.

Ice-T developed the series for NBC. He brought in veteran producer Dick Wolf, of "Law and Order," to help create this fun, mindless joy ride.

"Players" is a great time, so kick back, relax and give your brain the night off.



Photo Courtesy/NBC

**TRUE PLAYERS:** Rapper Ice-T (second from right) leads a cast of convicts in the new action show "Players". "Players" is on Fridays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

**IF YOU LIKE "PLAYERS," YOU WOULD ENJOY**

•"Pacific Blue" (USA Network)

•"Baywatch"(Check Local Listings)

•"Kung Fu, The Legend Continues"(Check Local Listings)

**Nielsen Ratings Top 10 for the week of Nov. 17**

1. E.R.
2. CBS Sunday Movie
3. Seinfeld
4. Veronica's Closet
5. Friends
6. Friends Special
7. Touched by an Angel
8. 60 Minutes
9. CBS Tuesday Movie
10. NFL Monday Night Football
11. X-Files
12. Home Improvement
13. Frasier
14. Dateline NBC
15. 20/20



# SPORTS

## Pioneer Pete gets sendoff

*The search is on for a new athletic mascot*

By JOE GRAY  
Assistant Sports Editor

So long Pioneer Pete. OU wants a new mascot with more personality.

OU has hired the SME Design company to create a new mascot and nickname for OU at a cost of \$82,300.

The cost includes a mascot name and image, focus group testing, two mascot costumes, and six logos, said Geoffrey Upward, committee chair and university public relations director.

He said the creation process involves several design phases and steps reviewed by the OU Athletic Mascot Advisory Committee.

The project is scheduled to be completed by April 6, and the official presentation will be in 1998.

OU expects the new mascot to increase the university's image in the community and create new sources of revenue.

"The current name doesn't have a visual identity," Upward said. "There is great marketing and image building power in college mascots."

"We'd like to see students, faculty, staff, community members and their kids wearing Oakland shirts."

OU merchandise is currently sold only at the campus bookstore. The mascot committee hopes the new mascot merchandise will be licensed out and sold at local stores.

Greg Economou, vice president of sports marketing at SME Design, said merchandising is only a fraction of the revenue created from an athletics program image.

Fundraising, corporate sponsorship and ticket sales are also tied into image recognition.

Upward declined to comment on increased sales potential of the new merchandise because the committee is still early in the creative process.

The committee is comprised of OU alumni, coaches, students, faculty and administrators. However, more students are encouraged to get involved.

"It is important for students to have as much input as possible," said Bryan Barnett, student body president and mascot committee member.



Photo Courtesy / Oakland University  
**CHEERING ON:** Pioneer Pete is the unofficial university mascot.



Mark Krauzowicz

## Hunting is a natural part of existence

I have often been asked how a person who was an animal lover in his youth can change his lifestyle from one of helping animals to one of hunting them.

I reply it was during my youth that I was taught what nature is all about.

I lived in the city, but was fortunate enough to have three large fields to play in and explore. Here I tadpoled, caught crayfish and observed nature.

I would raise the tadpoles at home as the small ponds began to dry up and then release them back into the fields when they finally matured into toads.

If neighbors found a baby bird, they would send it over to me, and I would take care of it until it was old enough to fly. Then I would set the bird free.

This caring included animals unable to fend for themselves, including seecropia moth cocoons. I would save them and release them after hatching, to protect them from pecking birds.

But, I slowly realized as a child that the birds ate the bugs, the bugs ate other bugs, toads ate bugs, and garter snakes ate the toads.

There were hunters all around me. I began to realize that I was a hunter too.

Some may ask the reasons for hunting pheasant or deer, and most reply, "For the meat."

But, you may ask, "Why be a hunter today, when there is perfectly good meat in the grocery store?"

But is it that simple? I don't just hunt for meat. After all, it would be easier and cheaper to buy farm-raised pheasant or deer.

This eliminates the bother of training dogs, practicing with my shotgun or bow and arrow, patterning deer movements, hanging tree stands, and walking miles through the bush for a chance at pheasant or deer.

I like the meat, but it's everything else that is involved in the hunt itself that I enjoy most.

I enjoy the solitude I find in the wood, fields, and marsh. I sit in the woods, waiting for dawn to arrive as a symphony of owls hoot back and forth following their nightly hunt.

I watch a raccoon scurry by. I see a red-tail hawk swoop down and catch a fox squirrel as he returns from the cornfield with an ear of corn.

Other times I enjoy the company of other hunters as we push the grassy fields and brushy swales for pheasant.

These are men who hunt with a code of ethics.

Pheasant are not shot at on the ground. Partridges and turkeys are not shot off their roost. Squirrels are safe in their nest. Deer are never shot at on the run.

When I was a child, a farmer let me hunt on his land. I was the kid from the city, but I respected his land as mine.

I am no longer a stranger. I am truly a welcomed friend.

In the beauty of the woods, I hunt for the fresh smell of pine bough and the smell of wet decaying leaves in the fall.

I see the woods transform from its late summer foliage to its awesome array of fall colors before it slowly transforms to the drab gray of winter.

I hunt because, finally, I am not just the observer. I am a participant with intended nature. That is why I hunt.

Senior Mark Krauzowicz is a journalism major and an OAKLAND POST staff writer.

## Men's hoops burn in the Florida sun

*Lynn University storms the court in the second half; OU's heatwave comes to an end*

By CATHY MINIUK  
Staff Writer

Saturday, Nov. 29, OU Men's Basketball team traveled to Boca Raton, Fla., to play Lynn University, losing the confrontation 83-74 to one of the top schools in Division II.

The loss puts a dent in the men's record, and also makes their team goal-winning 20 games this season -- a difficult task.

The men came out in the first half ready to play. They consistently hit their shots and broke the pressure their opponents layed down.

But, they left the court at halftime with a 37-29 lead.

The second half marked OU's

**"We had our chances, but we weren't playing smart and didn't do all the little things right all the time,"**

Myke Thom  
Forward  
Men's Basketball

downfall.

Forward Myke Thom felt they played sloppy and slow.

He said the team didn't respond well when Lynn took the initiative, made their run, and took the lead.

"We had our chances, but we weren't playing smart and didn't do all the little things right all the time," he said.

Thom said the team should have beat Lynn. He said the team needs to finish off beatable teams.

Center Dan Champagne led OU's scoring with 24 points. Mike Riley followed close with 20 points.

Reynolds and Champagne had the most rebounds with five a piece.

Champagne agreed with Thom when he said the team didn't come out ready to play in the second half.

He was disappointed with the loss



**HOOP HEAT:** OU's offense proved effective in driving the lane against Madonna. They came up short against Lynn University during the Thanksgiving break.

because he felt it was a game that could have turned out differently.

Champagne said that too many turnovers within the game led to the defeat.

"We are a young team, but the coach

has been patient and is working us real hard," he said.

The loss to Lynn brings OU's overall record now to 3-4.

Despite this, Thom said, "We have made excellent progress. We know we

can play at the level of a good team."

Steve Reynolds, sophomore guard, had the most assists with seven in all, while forward Denny Amrhein contributed with six.

Post Photo / Bob Knoska



PIONEER  
INSTANT  
REPLAY

- Fast Stats from Recent Basketball**
- The Pioneer men lost to Huntington 69-71 on Nov. 18.
  - The Pioneer men lost to Southern Indiana 68-92 on Nov. 21. They later defeated Lenoir-Rhyne in a consolation game on Nov. 22.
  - The Pioneer women won against Taylor University 79-44 at home on Nov. 21.
  - The Pioneer men defeated Heidelberg College 71-56 on Dec. 1.

**Swimming & Diving**

The Men's and Women's teams were reinstated on Nov. 26, ending a suspension which cost them a good chunk of their seasons.

Oct. 24's Bowling Green Relays were cancelled for both teams.

The women also missed their Oct. 31-Nov. 1 confrontation at Northern Michigan University.

Both teams were also banned by OU in meets against Wright State (Nov. 8), Toledo (Nov. 13), and Ashland (Nov. 21).

Their training trip to Hawaii Dec. 20 to Jan. 5, along with their two meets there with University of Hawaii were cancelled.

However, OU will still compete Dec. 5-6 at the EMU's invitational and host the Pioneer Diving Invitational Dec. 13.

By winter semester, their seasons should return to normal.



"The players are consistently playing hard, and they have been since Sept. 1. They haven't let up,"

Beckie Francis  
Women's Basketball Coach

CONTROLLING THE COURT (left): Women's guard and captain Ulrika Nilsson takes the ball down the court for to help bring the team's record to 4-0. STUDYING THE GAME (bottom): Women's coach Beckie Francis, though hired only this season, is keeping the team on track for another victory season.

Basketball defeats its adversaries

*The Men's and Women's Basketball teams fend off their competition despite constant travel, practice, and play*

By DAVE CAMERON  
Staff Writer

University and NCAA-II Lynn University in Florida.

The Lady Pioneers (4-0) are on a pace to match last season's 12-0 start.

They played Nov. 25, beating Indiana University at Purdue 73-55 at The Bubble.

Senior guard Ulrika Nilsson led OU with 14 points, forward senior Jaami McClellan and sophomore center Teresa Tallenger each scored 12 and freshman forward Jennifer Amy tallied up 11 points.

This week, OU traveled to St. Joseph in Indiana on Tuesday to play the Pumas, and this weekend the team heads to Lakeland, Fla., to battle Division II Florida Southern and Florida Memorial.

Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis said she's pleased with the team's work ethic.

"I'm very pleased about our play," she said. "We've executed our offense, and we're changing our defense effectively. The players are consistently playing hard, and they have been since Sept. 1. They haven't let up."

Francis said OU will have to play even harder this weekend and try to build a lead to offset any calls Florida Southern may get on their home court.

"We need to play really clean defense and stay out of foul trouble. We have to be 10 points better to take the officiating factor out," Francis said.

On the other side of the coin, Thanksgiving week was a tough one for the Men's Basketball team, as it split two games against NAIA Madonna

The men defeated Madonna 72-46, but lost to Lynn 83-74 Saturday night in Boca Raton, Fla.

When the Pioneers (3-4) faced Madonna on Nov. 25, freshman forward Dan Champagne made 4-of-7 three-pointers and scored 15 points.

Senior point guard Denny Amrhein added 13 points, while passing for six assists.

Freshman forward Pete Maienknecht and sophomore guard Mike Riley each added 12 points.

The Pioneers came out strong versus the Crusaders (2-4) and led 42-29 at halftime.

For the game, OU shot 22-of-45 from the field, but made 11 three-pointers to remain 4-0 against Madonna.

Junior guard Jeff Kennedy, a Madonna transfer to OU prior to this season, scored five points in 13 minutes off the bench.

OU was also hot from the free throw line, going 17-of-23 at the stripe. OU was second to Division II Hawaii-Hilo last season in free throw percentage.

This season has been tough because OU is in a transition while moving up to the Division I-AAA level.

The schedule has been full of peaks and valleys, with many top-ten Division II schools on it.

Nonetheless, the Pioneers have improved throughout the season, which is difficult after losing four seniors from last year's regional finalists.

"It's been a hard year," Maienknecht said. "We've been on the road a lot.



(The trip) to (Florida) was tough. But we are a young team, and the guys are getting better."

Assistant Coach Eric Stephan agreed.

"We've gotten better, but we still have to get consistency," he said. "The guys are learning. We have to string some wins together to help get (the players') confidence up."

The Pioneers have been plagued by the turnover bug this season.

Against Madonna, OU had 13 turnovers, three more than Madonna (9-20 in 1996-1997).

"One of our problems is, when we get the ball, we turn it over a little too much. We really have to get better at holding on to the ball," he said.

The hectic travel schedule has cut into important practice time.

"It's good to finally come home," Stephan said before OU went up against Heidelberg Monday. The men beat Heidelberg 71-56.

"We've been on the road so much. It was nice to go to Florida, and to go into some warm weather for a change," Stephan said.

The schedule will only get tougher next season, as the men help Ohio State open their new arena in November of 1998.

After that it's games at Northwestern University, in Cincinnati, and Division I No. 24 Illinois State University.

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**Basketball:  
Dec. 3 to Jan. 5**

- Dec. 3 -- The men host **Ferris State** at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5 -- The women at Florida Southern at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 -- The women at Florida Memorial at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9 -- The women host **Lake Superior State** at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 -- The men host **U-M Dearborn** at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 -- The woman host **Kentucky Wesleyan** at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 -- The men host **Lake Superior State** at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 -- The men at **Kentucky Wesleyan** at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21 -- The women host **Indianapolis** at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 22 and 23 -- The men play in the **Blimpie Classic** tournament at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 28 -- The women at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne at 3 p.m.
- Dec. 30 -- The women at Northern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 3 -- The men at Saginaw Valley State at 3 p.m.
- Jan. 5 -- The women at Lipscomb at 6 p.m.

**Swimming & Diving**

- Dec. 5-6 -- The men's and women's teams at the EMU invitational
  - Dec. 13 -- The men's and women's teams host an all-day **Pioneer Diving International**.
- \*All home events are in bold letters*

STUDENT REACTIONS VARY REGARDING THE SWIMMING AND DIVING

"I'm glad they are able to compete again. Most students drink on campus, so the swim team should not be the only ones punished."

"The suspension should have been the whole year or no suspension at all. What did the team learn by letting them resume the season?"

"I think the suspension was fair, but I don't think other organizations would have been suspended."

"Initially, I think it was a good penalty. I am glad they are able to continue to compete. They have learned their lesson."

Bob Reyes  
Freshman  
Education

Mark Gould  
Sophomore  
Communications

Carrie Verschaeve  
Senior  
Spanish

Brenda Escalante  
Senior  
Chiropractic Medicine



## Helping

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During the Christmas sea-

son, Bullock takes it upon himself to buy children gifts and even deliver some of them to the low-income homes.

He was so inspired by this experience that he wrote a poem,

"The Eyes of 2010," which the staff asked him to read at its Christmas party.

Lau said he hopes that the class will help students appreciate community service.

## Social

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Lieber's plans for OGSG began a year ago when he started attending OU. He was interested in joining GALA, and attended a few meetings. But after meeting with the group and leader Sean Kosofsky, Lieber decided GALA was not really for him because it is more politically based.

Upon hearing this news, a friend a Lieber's asked him if he would start a gay social group. Lieber took his advice and started a group called "Gay Rap," which met at a coffee house in a more relaxed, public setting so people could meet and chat. At first, he was hesitant to meet in public.

"Even today, some members' hearts seem to skip a beat whenever someone says the word 'gay' a little too loud. Some gay people are terrified to meet in such a public place," Lieber said.

The popularity of the group began to grow, and many gays began to turn out for the meetings.

"Doctors, engineers, business majors, care givers for the elderly, young kids, teens and many others show up at our meetings," Lieber said. "We've even had members of Pride (Forum) drop in to group meetings from time to time."

One day, associate professor of nursing, Gary Moore began attending the meetings. Lieber mentioned to Moore he wanted

to register the group, and Moore offered to be the faculty advisor.

"There are a large number of gays still in the closet," said Moore, who is openly gay.

"We needed a group with a more social agenda. And with OGSG, gay students can still be anonymous but learn to grow more comfortable with their sexual identity."

After convincing CPO that the group was not the same type of organization as Pride Forum, Lieber changed its name to Oakland's Gay Social Group and became an officially registered campus organization.

Lieber posted flyers around campus bulletin boards, as he does today, to reach out to those gay students who may want someone to confide in.

Because gays are often discriminated in our society, Lieber is trying to make many reconsider their distaste of gays.

"I try to send a positive message to gays and the general public through our posters," Lieber said. He believes there are few visible, positive gay role models present in society.

"I try to put (on the posters) a positive image of two men comforting each other, just like you would see straight people doing," he said.

"To me, it represents the gay struggle against the prejudice of society. And when gay people see this they can think, 'these gay people are good, and maybe I am good too,'" said Lieber.

OGSG not only meets at a coffee house every Friday night, but they also hold activities like

dinner out at new places, viewing gay movies, or visiting gay performances or displays at museums and events.

The group recently took a trip to Toronto by train to attend the "Toronto Gay Cultural Event."

Pride Forum will occasionally hold similar activities, but they are more into promoting gay visibility (such as with their 'chalking' of university sidewalks), gay sensitivity amongst heterosexuals, and providing HIV/AIDS education.

It might be thought that because there are two gay group on campus, there may be some competition for new members. But despite the differences between OGSG and Pride Forum, each group leader feels they are on the same side.

"Leadership really sets the tone of each group," said Kosofsky.

"Each group has a different way of approaching the topic of living gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered. There really is no competition between us," he said.

Lieber agrees.

He said both organizations try to organize their schedules so their events don't overlap.

"Although our groups have different purposes, we both want to help those who are alone and afraid, and those who want to feel good about who they are while meeting other people like themselves," he said.

"They're people just like you and me, with the same hopes and dreams," Lieber concluded.

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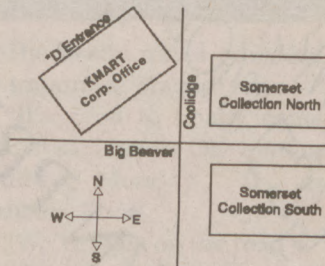
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