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Russi warns of tight times

By ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU President Gary Russi prepared the university community for another blow to the budget at last Wednesday's BOT meeting with a foreboding warning that hinted at significant cuts in programming and all but guaranteed a steep tuition increase for the next school year.

Russi said he expects Governor Jennifer Granholm to announce an addi-

tional 1.5 percent cut in higher education funding for fiscal year 2002-2003, adding to the 2 percent funding cut that was announced during the final days of the Engler administration.

The only way to make up for the nearly \$2 million shortfall, Russi said, is for OU administration to begin cutting spending in university programs and departments.

Russi did not offer specifics as to what is slated for the chopping block, and he stressed that the first round of cuts will

be on a one-time basis.

He added, however, that OU's financial future looks bleak for the next few years, and said he expects serious budget shortfalls through 2005.

"While I am confident that we are prepared and focused ... I must emphasize that the state budget situation is extremely serious, and the effect on higher education, including Oakland University, will be painful and long lasting," he said.

The shaky future of higher education

funding has been at the forefront of administrative business for several months.

Department heads in every area of the university funded by the general fund – including Academic Affairs, Finance and Administration, Office of the President, Student Affairs and University Relations – were told last fall to develop contingency plans in case funding is reduced.

Granholm, who is faced with trying to balance the state's \$1.8 billion deficit, is

expected to announce exactly how much will be cut from the higher education budget during the first week of March.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer said tuition rates won't be determined until then, but the cuts will be widespread and felt throughout the university.

"I expect that no area of the university will be left untouched, given the magnitude of the cuts," she said.

Dancing the night away



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Akanke performs during intermission at the Association of Black Students' third annual fashion show last Friday at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Former Congressman to speak on campus

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

David Bonior, former congressman and candidate for governor, will be delivering a speech about the need for social work on Mar. 4 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

This speech will focus on social work as a career and how it helps the lives it touches. Bonior is also expected to speak on the prospect of war with Iraq in his first ever speech at OU.

"He's probably going to talk about social and economic justice," Lynetta Mosby, Associate Professor of Sociology, said.

"(OU) is a great place of higher learning," Bonior said. "I'm honored to have been asked to be a part of the (Social Work) program."

Bonior said he has a great apprecia-

tion for students who would devote themselves to a profession of helping others.

While Bonior doesn't have a degree in social work, he has done work in the field.

"I was a probation officer for delinquent boys," Bonior said. He started the job shortly after he graduated from the University of Iowa. Bonior was also an adoption caseworker.

Following that, Bonior was a representative for Macomb and St. Clair

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David Bonior

Post petition gains momentum

The Oakland Post's petition encouraging the Board of Trustees to reaffirm its commitment to openness has been signed by more than 250 students, faculty and staff, and two OU Student Congress legislators presented a resolution to OUSC Monday encouraging its official support of the petition.

The BOT held a secret meeting Jan. 15. Six trustees were present but the public was not allowed to attend, giving the meeting the appearance of an Open Meetings Act violation.

In 1993, the BOT passed a resolution promising the university community that all its business would be done in public.

"We're trying to put the 'trust' back in trustee," said senior OUSC legislator Jeff Galecki. He, along with Chair of the Research and Review Committee Zvonko Blazevski, presented the resolution to Student Congress.

Trustee Henry Baskin said the

meeting was held so the Board could be briefed on the state's higher education budget, but Blazevski argues that the issue is relevant to the entire community and students should have been able to attend.

"I feel strongly this needs to get done," he said, adding that he is very confident that Congress will pass the resolution. "The BOT plays with public money and student money. Students should have all access to all that information."

The Post staff will continue to circulate the petition around campus in the coming weeks, and a copy can be found on page A4. The signed petitions will be presented to the Board at its March 5 meeting.

Please return signed petitions to The Oakland Post office in 61 Oakland Center.

—Ann Zaniewski, Editor In Chief

SAFB funds run dry

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

The Students Activities Funding Board ran out of money Monday, leaving student organizations looking for funds during the remainder of the winter semester out of luck.

SAFB receives 33 percent of the student activity fee each semester and is then responsible for distributing the

money to subsidize organizations' event and operational costs.

SAFB started with \$95,000 at the beginning of the semester, \$7,000 of which was used immediately to cover SAFB's deficit from last fall semester.

Senior and SAFB chair Carolyn Stuehmer said this is not the first time SAFB has run out of money but added this is the first time it happened so early in the semester. The allocations will

cover events through the end of April.

Each fall and winter semester, organizations can receive up to \$3,000 if it provides a budget evidencing financial need. Some organizations recently received more than the \$3,000 because they planned to host large campus events, such as the women's lacrosse team (\$5,220) and the Association of Black

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Current events panel aims to inform students

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

The Center for Student Activities is giving students a new way to get involved with current events.

A panel will be held monthly in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center, where students are invited to join in discussing state, national and international events.

The goal of the program is to provide a forum where students can talk freely with knowledgeable people on topics revolving around the events that happened in the month preceding the meeting.

"Young people are news starved," said Peter Trumbore, assistant professor of Political Science, member of the panel and

specialist on American Foreign Policy. "This type of discussion will help the students to achieve a better understanding of the situations in Iraq or North Korea by providing them with a different level of expertise."

Don Matthews, an assistant professor of History who specializes in the Middle East, participated in the first panel held in January.

He reported that the small audience of 10-15 students seemed interested and involved.

Other members of the panel will include Rochelle Black from the office of Government Relations, as well as occasional guest speakers offering expert perspectives.

According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, this idea has been discussed for

one or two years, but the program only recently began due to scheduling issues.

"I think this panel sounds like a really good idea," said sophomore Heidi Steiner. "From the pending war to the recent Colombia tragedy, there should be a place where students and faculty alike can get together in a formal setting to let their voices be heard."

The February panel, held on Monday, originally intended to focus mainly on economic issues, but also included the situation in Iraq, the crisis in Ivory Coast and other international issues.

The choice of topics and the length of the forum will remain flexible and up to the audience.

"When you walk through the OC, you hear clusters of friends discussing the latest events,"

Franklin said. "What we would like is for these groups to interact, mix and learn from each other and from the faculty."

Franklin said that at an institution of higher education the students ought to learn how events affect them.

This panel will fulfill this need by bringing a different level to the discussion.

Exchange student Kaoru Sawada attended the Feb. 3 discussion on the war in Iraq.

"It was a very good chance to share opinion(s) and know history or politics ... from (a) professional perspective," she said. "I believe that we have to pay attention to the current events going on around the world, because we are members of this

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Political Science Professor Peter Trumbore and Director of Government Relations Rochelle Black lead a discussion on the situation with Iraq at the first current events panel discussion Monday.

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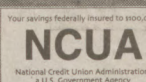
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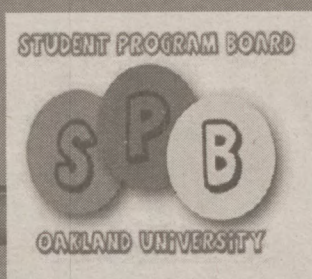
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**Student Congress
Elections are Here ...**
*Information Packets will be
available in the OUSC and
CSA offices next
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003.*

Elections will be held March 24, 25,
26.

Voting locations will be set up on campus and on-line.
Call Jenn at 4290 if you have any questions.

Courtroom becomes classroom

By TIM LAFORREST
THE OAKLAND POST

The Honorable Fred Mester uses an unconventional way to teach his political science class. He takes his students to court.

Mester, who is an Oakland County circuit court judge, holds class in his courtroom.

He believes doing this will "give students a feeling for the courtroom environment." He said the law is more than just books and cases, if students actually see the courtroom and don't just read about it "they will have a better understanding of the structure of the justice system."

The class, PS 341- The Judicial Process, meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. The courthouse is located at 1200 North Telegraph and Mester said anyone is welcome to come by to gain some insight as to how the wheels of justice turn.

By teaching a class, Mester hopes to provide students with "a theoretical as well as a practical view of the judicial process."

One might think getting the go ahead to teach a class in such an atypical location would be challenging. Mester took it

upon himself to ask OU if it would object, and he was given almost immediate approval. There are 55 students enrolled in his class.

According to Mester, the response to teaching in the courtroom has been overwhelmingly positive, and he said after almost every class he himself has learned something new.

As for future plans regarding his class, he hopes to have a defense attorney and a prosecutor make appearances. This will provide students with a "more well rounded view of our system and the various different roles that are associated with it," he said.

As long as there is a demand for knowledge and interest in the justice system, Mester said he will continue to teach.

As for any influential people in his life Mester said, "I admired Lincoln as a lawyer, even more so than as a president. Being a judge provides me with the opportunity to see all of society and make a difference in it."

Before coming to OU, Mester taught at Madonna University in Livonia and OCC. He has also served as a trial advocacy judge for Cooley Law School and has been a judge for more than 20 years.



Judge Fred Mester's Political Science class isn't held in the traditional classroom. It is held in Mester's courtroom at the Oakland County Circuit Court. The Judicial Process class meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

'Emma' gets analyzed

By KIMBERLY R. PATRICK
THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Hall was recently the setting of the day long event, "Emma on the Couch."

The event gave members of the academic and psychoanalytical communities an opportunity to put Jane Austen's literary work "Emma" on the "psychoanalytical couch" for an afternoon of Freudian and discussion.

A total of 110 guests attended the event, including 26 members from the Psychoanalytical Society joined by about 20 students and alumni, 30 members of the OU community and 40 combined OU and other academic faculty.

The event was sponsored by the Academic Council of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Society and the Association for Psychoanalytic Thought, both established in 1998.

"Emma on the Couch" was developed around a paper, by Dr. Margaret F. Hanly, Ph.D. of the University of Toronto.

Hanly supported the psychological effects of "Emma" in her lecture when she said Austen has so much going on in her thinking that "the unconscious starts to surface more and more in a conscious way." She pointed out in her lecture that although the novel was written pre-Freudian, it included elements of the Id, Ego and Super Ego.

In her response to Hanly's paper, Professor Adela Pinch, Department of English at the University of Michigan and author of a recently completed new edition of "Emma", explained that when Austen is read, "We perform acts of animation" using books based on fictional characters, not real people, as psychological effects for our own introspective psychological analysis.

Pinch explained it is illogical to use a fictional character from a novel as a role model or catalyst as a basis for our own analysis.

The lectures, academic responses and workshop discussions were followed by a visual presentation addressing literature in film, "Re-directing a Director: Emma on Film," by professor Andrea Eis, special instructor for the Department of Art and Art History.

"There are ways a film can help you appreciate the original more," Eis said, "(It) can send you back to the book with a renewed interest of what the book was about."

"It provided a really good blend of straight lecture with more of a visual focus from Professor Andrea Eis which is an interesting take on things," commented Elizabeth Pellerito, senior and member Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society.

Funding for the event was provided through a \$3,000 OU



Professor Margaret Hanly of the University Toronto speaks during the "Emma on the Couch" program at MBH last Saturday.

Meal plans spare taxes

By RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the holiday season a not-too-distant memory, Valentine's Day right around the corner and tax day all too close, OU students looking to save a little money may want to invest in the apartment meal plan and save the 6 percent Michigan sales tax on most on-campus food purchases.

According to Terry Stanton of the Michigan Department of the Treasury, the savings are legal because purchases made through the meal plans don't go through Chartwells, but are arranged through OU, which has an exemption from sales tax on prepared food.

Chartwells, being a for-profit corporation, must charge sales tax on students and staff who opt to pay using cash.

In addition to 35 and 50 meal block plans that can be used only at the Vandenberg dining hall, there are meal plans that offer \$250, \$500 and \$700 in flex dollars which may be used at any dining location on campus.

Also offered is the 'Unlimited plus 100' plan which offers unlimited meals at Vandenberg as well as an additional \$50 per semester for use anywhere else on campus.

The apartment meal plan is available to all non-dorm students. More information can be obtained by contacting the Chartwells campus office at (248) 370-3490 or by visiting the office in person at 107 Oakland Center or the Housing Office in Hamlin Hall.

Team chosen for brain battle

By TRACY ESTES
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU 2003 College Bowl on Jan. 25 proved to be a challenging competition but Matt Hudson and his team came out on top once again.

Hudson, a 21-year old junior and captain of this year's winning team placed first at the College Bowl on Jan. 25, and his team is on its way to regionals at Bowling Green State University, Feb. 22 and 23.

"I did it in high school, and I did it last year coming out fifth of eighteen others at regionals. I hope to do better this year, but I am just honored to be representing OU," said Hudson.

Hudson said it took some thinking to put together a winning team. He chose four people he knew personally but they did not know each other.

"I needed a wide variety of subjects to be covered and these people did a great job," he said.

His teammates include Jenn Evans, senior, Mobin Anandwala, sophomore, Tom Rowland, sophomore and Laura Cunniffe, senior.

"I couldn't have done it without my team. It is impossible for one person to know all the answers," said Hudson.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of

Campus Programs, said the competition was close and the outcome couldn't be determined until the end.

"I think team Hudson did a great job. Lets just wait and see how they do at regionals against 15 other teams," said Franklin.

This year, OU had six participating teams in the College Bowl. Franklin said the outcome of the last 2-3 years have been about the same, there is definitely be room for more students to come out and participate.

"It makes for a better competition," said Franklin.

The OU team will face 15 universities from the Ohio and Michigan region. If the team wins there, it will go on to nationals at the University of Pennsylvania in April, to compete against schools across the US.

Teammate Cunniffe, senior, said, "Matt has an overall wide range of knowledge and, as captain, that held us together. Hopefully, we will do just as great at regionals."

Hudson said it is not just the competition and the win that makes him motivated.

"I'm involved because I enjoy it. Winning isn't everything, but it is nice," said Hudson.

OUSC looks for candidates

Information packets now available for students wanting to be president

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

As of yesterday, candidacy information packages for the OU Student Congress 2003/2004 presidential elections were available in the OUSC and Center for Student Activities offices in the basement of the Oakland Center. No one has officially announced his or her candidacy yet.

Elections will be held March 24, 25 and 26. Any registered student may vote in person at one of the voting stations on campus, or they can vote online.

Candidates do not have to be currently involved with OUSC in order to be eligible, though they must have attended OU for one semester prior to winter 2003 and be in good academic standing.

Candidates must select a running mate (vice president) and collect 100 student signatures. By noon on Mar. 7, the signatures along with a 1000-word mission statement must be turned in at the OUSC office.

Candidates will also be required to attend a leadership orientation.

There is no limit to the number of candidates who can run,

though traditionally there are between three or four parties. The parties will battle it out during the presidential debates, which will be held at noon, on March 17 in the Fireside Lounge, in the OC.

Jenn Evans, senior, OUSC's administrative assistant who is organizing this year's election hopes to see voter turnout improve over last year's record of 1,100.

•A 27-year-old man was found in possession of marijuana at Walton and Festival at 2 a.m. on Feb. 4. OUPD officers reportedly saw the car driving 15 mph over the speed limit and confirmed it on the radar. The officers stopped the vehicle and ran a LEIN check on the driver's license to find it

was suspended. The man was placed under arrest and officers did an investigative check of his vehicle. They allegedly found a small baggie wedged between the seats containing a green substance. The front side-door ashtray also contained two joints, ashes and a package of Zig-zag

brand rolling papers. In the back they allegedly found a brown paper bag full of marijuana seeds. The driver was taken to the station, processed, ticketed and released.

•A 18-year-old woman student was ticketed for MIP in Anibal House at 3 a.m. on Feb. 6.

Officers met the RA after a call about suspected drinking. The officers reportedly found a gathering of six people with open alcohol in plain view outside of the room. After gaining permission to search the refrigerator, they found two bottles of beer. All students under 21 were offered a

PBT. One tested positive for alcohol consumption and was ticketed.

•An OUPD officer responded to a West Vandenberg report of suspected of marijuana possession at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 9. The officer reportedly smelled a strong odor of marijuana on the fifth floor.

The officer knocked to enter the room he suspected the smell to be coming from. Reportedly, he could smell the odor inside the room but saw nothing in plain sight. When the officer requested to search the student's room the student refused. No further investigation was made.

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The most fundamental principle of a university is the freedom of its students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and the members of its governing board to engage in an open exchange of ideas, to learn from and to listen to the thoughts, ideas, and opinions of each other.

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WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 2003 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2003 or have graduated in June, August or December 2002. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

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Nominees must be graduating in April 2003 or have graduated in June, August or December 2002. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

Nomination forms are available at the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, or by calling 370-3352. Deadline for both nominations is Friday, February 14, 2003.



Adam L. Neal/The Oakland Post
The Kmart in Auburn Hills will be closing in April in a result of its bankruptcy claim.

Kmart closes more stores

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The blue light at the Auburn Hills Super Kmart will be turned off in early April as the store joins 325 others preparing to close.

Kmart Corporation announced on Jan. 14 its intention to close 326 under performing stores nationwide as part of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization that was filed in January, 2001. The reported losses were more than \$300 billion.

This marks the second round of store closings in less than a year for the discount retailer.

Last March, the corporation closed 284 stores, which affected 22,000 jobs.

According to Susan Dennis, Kmart Corporation spokesperson, the current closings of the Kmart discount stores and Kmart Super center retail outlets will idle 30,000-35,000 workers.

"The Auburn Hill store, just like the other Kmart locations, is not meeting profitability," said Dennis. "We have been trying to renegotiate our leases because the stores have not been profitable within the terms of their lease agreements."

Dennis said the Auburn Hills store was renovated last year to include groceries. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago approved the store closure plan on Jan. 28th.

"That's going to be a big burden," said Felicia Shockency, junior. "I'm from that Please see **KMART** on A7

Tax filing free online

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

With tax season quickly approaching, many people are looking for fast and easy ways to file income taxes.

E-filing, or electric filing, is a method by which customers can submit tax return information directly to the IRS electronically over the Internet.

This method has been used by taxpayers since 1992, and is gaining more popularity each year.

Taxpayers planning to file online this year may be pleasantly surprised to find out there is a good chance they will be able to file online for free.

As part of an agreement between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a group of tax preparers including H&R Block, Intuit and TaxSlayer, tax software companies will offer online tax return preparation free of charge.

There are eligibility criteria that have to be met to qualify for free e-filing, which vary by company. It could benefit taxpayers to shop around to see what best meets their needs.

A number of software companies sell programs that can be used by any taxpayer to figure out and file tax returns.

The software ranges from \$10-\$40 and can be used year after year. Tax preparers, as part of the Alliance,

are also offering free online tax return preparation to those who qualify.

Intuit, maker of TurboTax, offers free service to those whose adjusted gross income for 2002 was less than \$27,000, or taxpayers that qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

FileYourTaxes provides free service to Michigan residents in hopes to build its business in the state, according to its website www.fileyourtaxes.com.

OnLine Taxes offers free tax preparation to taxpayers under the age of 20. H&R Block offers the service to taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less.

Tim Linafelt, an H&R Block spokesperson, said, "This unique partnership will benefit taxpayers, H&R Block, and the IRS. The cost barrier has been removed for taxpayers who have not experienced the benefits of e-filing. The partnership provides additional product exposure for the company, and it will help the IRS reach

its goal of having 80 percent of all returns e-filed by 2007."

For many of these services, software downloads are not required. In fact, customers do not even have to own a computer.

To use these free tax filing services, individuals should head over to the public library and go online.

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"The cost barrier has been removed for taxpayers who have not experienced the benefits of e-filing."

Tim Linafelt
Spokesperson
H&R Block

Oakland County seeking to link existing trails

BY JILLIAN QUINLAN
THE OAKLAND POST

After years of the Michigan office of Rails to Trails pushing for trails in Oakland County to be linked, it is now in the process of developing a unified trail network with the newly formed Trails Advisory Council.

The council plans to connect the seven major trails in the county.

Oakland County has had plans to create a linked system for the last 12 years, and the seven separate groups that had been working to implement the system formed the Trails Advisory Council.

Rails to Trails is a nonprofit organization that has been dedicated to converting state's abandoned railroad systems into trails used for walking and running since 1986, according to its website www.rail-trails.org.

The county is looking to fill the newly created position of Trail Coordinator who will oversee the project.

"We feel the time has come for an advisory council of this type," said Nancy Krupiarz, state director of Rails to Trails Conservancy. "It will raise visibility with the public and with the business community that these trails exist and that there is a great potential for a linked system. It will promote high quality design and suggest standard policies that will benefit all trail users at varying stages of building their trails."

She also said the momentum for making the connections between existing trails will be "increased and the collective

brainstorming that will result from this network will enhance the trails program."

Krupiarz said the committee appreciates Oakland County's leadership in taking this step for the future recreation and transportation needs of their citizens.

There are currently 41 miles of trail on the ground, the most in Southeastern Michigan, and there is the potential for up to 111 miles to be added, Krupiarz said.

The existing trails and trail projects that the council will be considering to comprise the unified network include the Polly Ann Trail, Huron Valley Trail, West Bloomfield Trail, Headwaters Trail, Woodward Corridor Trail, Clinton River Trail and the Paint Creek Trail.

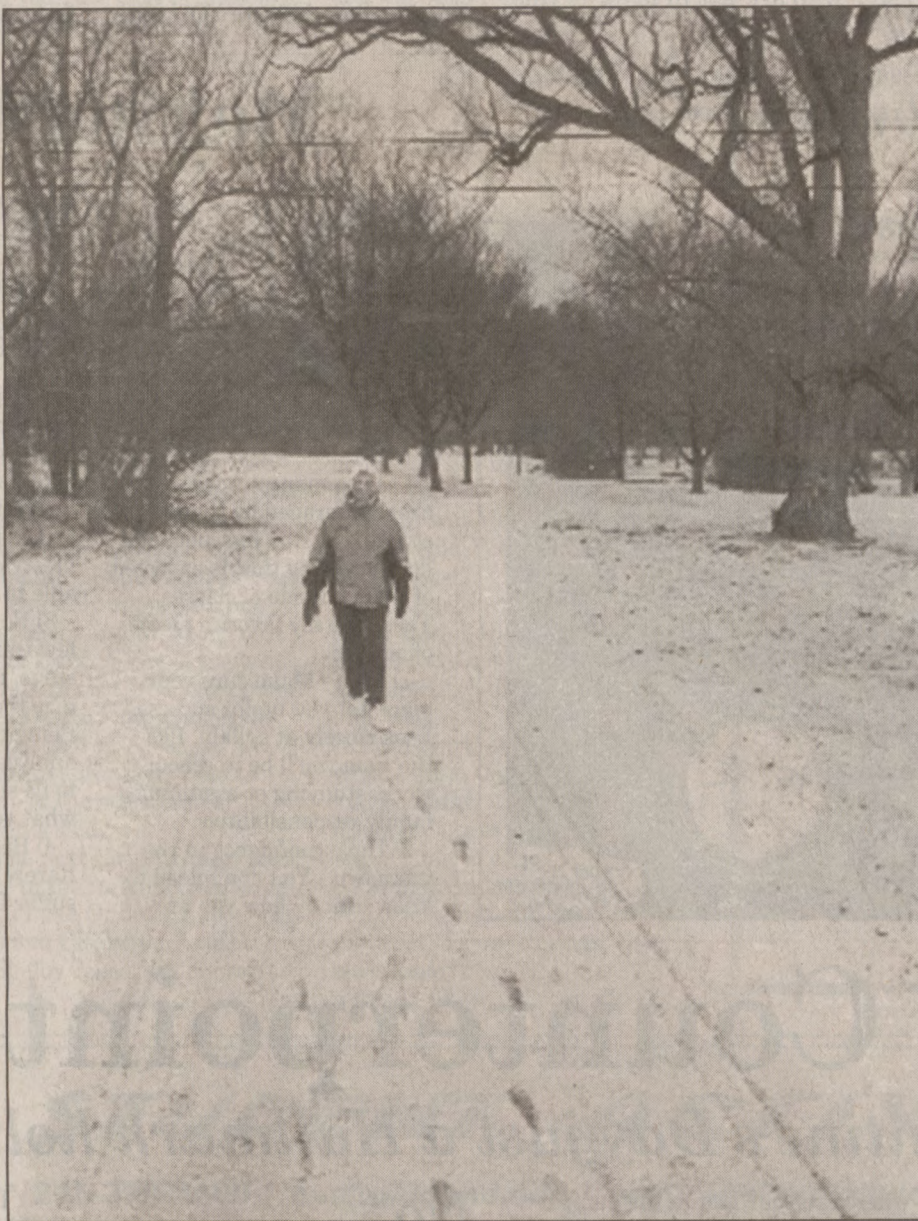
"This brings us into the 21st century of recreation," said Ralph Richard, executive officer for the Oakland County Parks. "Trail systems through out the country are becoming more and more popular as we have seen here in Oakland County."

Some students couldn't be happier about the plans.

"I think it's great," said Kelly Beacom, senior. "Actually, part of the trail is going to come right by my house. It will be somewhere nice for me to run or walk my dog."

Lindsay Russ, sophomore, also likes the trail idea.

"Making a long trail encompassing the county would be great because you don't get to experience nature much in suburban settings," she said. "It will be nice to walk on something that is not paved, with no stoplights or car pollution in your



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post
Paint Creek Trail in Rochester is one of the seven Oakland County trails being linked together by Rails to Trails and the newly formed Trails Advisory Council.

face."

Each municipality that has a trail, with the help of grants, will be asked to provide funding for its link.

It will probably take at least two years to connect all the trails, according to

Richard.

To see the development and ideas, visit www.oakpostonline.com.

Internet fraud becomes less of worry

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

With a dramatic rise in online tax filing, more people are putting personal information online.

This doesn't stop the fears and concerns some may have about having personal information sold to telemarketers or having unwanted emails.

This is not the case with e-filing online for taxes, according to Tom Linafelt, H&R Block spokesperson.

Federal law prohibits tax preparation companies from using customer information for

any unauthorized purpose. Violators could end up with large fines and even jail time.

Intuit, the maker of TurboTax, said it is dedicated to protecting the privacy of each consumer's tax return information. All tax return information is transmitted electronically and is used in accordance with applicable laws, according to its website www.intuit.com.

"The IRS and the Free File Alliance both have minimum security and privacy requirements that we meet and exceed," said Linafelt. "We use the highest level (of) encryption as possi-

ble, the same that is used in electronic financial transactions and investing."

Identity theft may seem far-fetched to some but it is can be a growing fear for others. Many taxpayers may want to be more protective of financial information. Security is an important issue and some online companies are addressing it.

Intuit also said the protection of taxpayers' returns and confidential information is of its "utmost importance."

The company uses the industry standard Secure Socket Layers protocol to shield all tax

information during transmission. Also, for security reasons, many online tax filing companies will not disclose a name or password to anyone at any time.

If a user does not remember his or her own user name or password, the tax return must be restarted, according to Intuit. Sarah Bristol, senior, said she feels confident about putting personal information on the Internet.

"I'm not worried about anyone stealing my identity," she said. "No one would want to."

A number of security features are added not only to online tax

filing sites, but also to many other sites that require personal information.

Many sites use a system of firewalls that form a barrier between the Internet and a company's internal systems. All incoming information is routed through the firewall, which verifies the source and destination of each piece of information.

Other programs also protect consumers by encrypting information.

Encryption scrambles information so it can travel privately faster from your computer to the company's network.

GLOBAL GLANCE

• A piece of the left wing of the space shuttle Columbia recovered last week may hold valuable clues as to why the shuttle disintegrated on reentry to Earth on Feb. 1. The tragedy left seven astronauts dead seconds after sensors detected heat surges in the left wing. It is unknown to the exact part of the wing recovered the piece fits into the puzzle of more than 12,000 pieces recovered. Investigators will begin to examine all the pieces this week at NASA's shuttle base in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

• After Turkey asked for emergency consultations under NATO's defense treaty Monday, U.S. President George W. Bush said he was "disappointed" when France, Germany and Belgium halted his efforts to begin NATO defense planning for Turkey. NATO delayed a special meeting yesterday to allow the allies more informal time to discuss the matter. This is believed to be the first time any NATO member has asked for immediate emergency actions. The U.S. Defense Secretary is also unhappy about the three-country decision because he said it is not allowing NATO to fulfill a fellow members request.

• Even though the U.S. Department of Homeland Security elevated the terrorist threat to an "orange," or "high" risk alert, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Americans should not quit daily activities. He said the nation should just be on a higher alert and awareness. This upgrade from the yellow "elevated" alert has been a result of a high amount of "chatter" that U.S. intelligence has intercepted from possible terrorist groups. Defense Secretary Tom Ridge is urging Americans to be aware of their surrounding and take precautions. Even though no specific dates were given, Ridge said terrorist attacks are more likely to occur around the Hajj, a Muslim holiday that has already started and lasts up to six days long.

• In a religious ritual event of the Muslim holiday Hajj, 14 pilgrims were trampled to death where crowds of people were traditionally throwing pebbles at three stone pillars said to represent the devil's temptations. The pilgrims died when they fell around the pillars and were crushed without notice. When one group was done throwing pebbles, it joined other groups in the surrounding area and created more of a crowd. The pillars have been a dangerous area in the past. Two years ago 35 people were trampled and 180 died in 1998 performing the same ritual.

Global goof

"Dude, you're getting a cell," could be Benjamin Curtis' new slogan if Curtis, known as "Steven the Dell Dude" who was featured in many commercials by the Dell Computer Corp., gets in any more trouble with the law in the next year. Curtis, 22, was arrested and held overnight Sunday for criminal possession of marijuana on Manhattan's Lower East Side, according to CNN. He was arraigned and released Monday with the case being adjourned and his record wiped clean if he stays out of trouble for the next year. The amount of marijuana he bought was a "small bag," and it was ruled he had no intention of selling it, which the court ruled out any charges of intent to distribute.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources

Editorial

Case for war still not made

War is right around the corner. President Bush has set the stage for war in his State of the Union address two weeks ago. He clearly promised the U.S. will not be held back by reluctant allies and that the government can not trust Saddam Hussein and he must be forcibly disarmed. Bush continues to deploy troops in the Middle East.

And if Bush's speech left any doubts, Secretary of State Colin Powell delivered a disturbing but effective speech to the U.N. Security Council last week. He provided what appears to be irrefutable evidence that Iraq has something to hide.

But Bush and Powell have not yet made a completely solid case for war in Iraq. Who's going to tell Americans about the flip side?

If Hussein is as armed and dangerous as the Bush administration says, what will happen when the U.S. takes him on? What will he do when his country and people are under attack? Will a war unleash the fury of neighboring Arab countries also disillusioned by U.S. foreign policy?

How will a war affect the average American? How will a war affect the average OU student graduating this semester who is starting to look for a job? Graduating seniors are unlucky people this time around. Students are opting to stay in school longer and pay tens of thousands of dollars for another degree because the economy is in a slump.

When can we expect an unbiased account of a war that isn't purely aimed at rallying support for Bush's trigger-happy plans?

Is the U.S. guaranteed to win this war? What will the cost be in American lives? In Iraqi lives? In U.S. dollars?

How will the U.S. revive a desperate nation while simultaneously recovering its own sagging economy? Recent fighting in Afghanistan prove cruel regimes are not easily replaced. Rebuilding Iraq, economically and politically, will entail enormous costs and strong international cooperation - the same international cooperation Bush doesn't have for this war in the first place. Who's footing the bill?

Is this the best way to wage the war on terror? Will al-Qaeda still pose a threat after Hussein's demise?

None of these questions have been adequately answered. Maybe when they are the millions of Americans who are not in favor of this war will be convinced. Or perhaps not.

Nevertheless, the superceding message still seems to be to prepare for war in spite of recent displays of renewed Iraqi cooperation.



Letters to the editor

Reader impressed with BOT story

Dear Editor,
Kudos to Rebecca Wyatt on last week's story about the Board of Trustees (Feb. 5 issue). Cool that she did all that legwork in the community and got politics to speak on the record. Nice to see ... excellent work and story.
J.P. Piskulich
Professor of Political Science

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Dear Editor,
I have always found it perplexing that OU never sends out press releases for academic accomplishments such as stu-

dents who make the dean's list or for other noteworthy achievements such as earned scholarships.

I graduated from OU two months ago. As a journalist I have many press releases cross my desk daily from all over the place. I never see anything from OU. I have seen quite a few newspapers in this state receive all kinds of announcements from colleges and universities, both public and private, but there's never anything from the Rochester school where I spent two years, that I know I received a dandy education from.

Is it laziness? Does OU feel it has something to hide like almost everything

else it has been notorious with declining to share when it falls within the public's concern? Or does OU just not care to share any news, even if it's good?

Jennifer J. Decker
OU alumna, former Post editor

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FEATURED COLUMNISTS

Discovering the good in others



LENNY COMPTON

AmeriCorps volunteer

During my visit to Washington D.C., I had the privilege of spending time with the hardworking individuals at the Corporation of National Service, the parent company to AmeriCorps. Although I have seen the indelible difference that volunteering can have at a local level, I was awestruck by the countless acts volunteers are doing across the U.S.

I was honored to represent both the diligent work that Carol Anne Ketelsen and the staff at AmeriCorps Oakland, as well as the entire OU community are doing. It has

always been the case that the faculty and staff have been genuinely concerned and helpful whenever I asked for their assistance. Students, we must take advantage of these indispensable resources, for many have taken a considerable pay reduction to focus on developing current and future leaders.

Interestingly, I was more proud to represent those students who have experienced academic failure. Why these students? Because I was once a student who experienced this - more than once. Too often, these students feel as if they are a failure for not exhibiting the persistent will to accomplish the challenging academic tasks that are required of us. Well, it took me a while to understand two facts: failure is not a person;

failure is an event. Also, failure is not defeat, but failure is delay. Ironically, the time that I experienced this was when I was unwilling to discuss what was going on in my life with someone who could help. I was embarrassed to even embrace the fact that after a successful high school career, I did not receive the desirable grade that I was accustomed to regardless of the circumstance.

This Washington D.C. experience verified a slogan IBM adopted two years ago - "Inspiration is the number one cause of greatness." Understand that I believe everyone has the intrinsic ability to be great, but many of us have not been inspired to know this. I see it first hand with some of the kids that I deal with in AmeriCorps. They lack self-

esteem. They call themselves failures. They feel unloved. As a result, many of them participate in destructive acts that add to the ills of their community. That is why I hope Congress can understand the critical need to pass President Bush's proposed National Service Act so that passionate and skilled individuals like you can join programs like AmeriCorps to discover the good in others, to simply get things done. We all have had someone to believe in and inspire us, and that is why many of us know that we have the ability to do great things. Now, amidst a nation that has many challenges to face, we can make it better, one person at a time. I challenge you to discover the good in others and inspire those who need it. Trust me, you'll make a dramatic difference.

Making it to the end of a degree



CHERYL SULLIVAN

Coordinator of Advising College of Arts and Sciences

I see so many students who are discouraged by their struggle to stay in school and do everything that is expected of them outside of classes. These are my favorite pieces of advice:

1) Plan - Make sure your plans set you up for success. Look closely at syllabi. Plot the time you'll be in school, work, studying or assuming family responsibilities.
2) Have confidence in the unknown - You don't need to know exactly how you are

going to resolve a situation that won't present itself for some time in the future. Many students will not consider a career path if the academic program requires them to take time off from their job such as secondary and elementary education. I recommend students choose the career in which they are truly interested and assume that, by the time they have to make lifestyle changes, they will be able to make things work.

3) Be realistic - Although few things in life are set in stone, it is important to recognize the things that are. Being realistic allows us to analyze what needs to be done to be successful, and, also, what you are willing to do.
4) Believe in yourself - Rarely do I find students who suffer from over-confidence.

At least twice each day I ask a student, "Why couldn't you do that?" In response, students usually explain an obstacle that is often self-imposed. In those situations I recommend students spend time with someone who is successful in their chosen field. My hope is they will find they possess the same qualities as successful people and that they, too, are capable of greatness.

5) Avoid perfectionism - This ties in with being realistic. If you are to accomplish a lot of things in different aspects of your life, some parts of your life may suffer, hopefully not irreparably.

6) Ask for help - You are not the first person who has overcome personal obstacles and succeeded, but few do so on their own. At OU, we have

academic advisers, counselors and faculty. Tell them about yourself. Knowing about you will enable those who are working to support you and give you ideas.

7) Don't give up - It can take awhile to achieve your educational goals, but, if you stick with it, you will. Regardless of how difficult things get, keep plugging away, even just one class at a time if necessary. Even if you have to incur loans, or if it takes longer than you hoped to graduate, persevering through your degree is worth the effort both personally and financially.

For the most part, you can make adjustments in your life or program, but whatever you do, don't quit.

Point / Counterpoint

Is Valentine's Day just a Hallmark holiday?

Yes

SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Valentine's Day is a day meant for couples to spend some quality time together. Oh, plus the dozen red roses, chocolates and those cute little teddy bears. Most women expect gifts, so men if you forget, run and hide.

The whole purpose of Valentine's Day is to express your feelings for someone. Why does one day out of the year have to be acknowledged as a day to spend some time with your significant other and possibly do something romantic and special?

Why should my special day be limited to once a year? Damn it, there are 364 more days. I would like my man to do something special for me because he wants to, not because he feels obligated or pressured because it's a tradition.

Are we so drained of love that we need a special day during the year to remind us that this world was built on love, and only through love will it continue its existence?

It's the day when everybody else around you gets a bunch of gifts from people who supposedly love them, but

where are you? Left in the dumps, because you're not with someone. If you happen to be someone who can't get a date, all the pink and red hearts and rubbish is shoved in your face as you see everybody else getting something. And then, if you do have someone to be with, you have to get him or her the right thing, or they'll freak out.

You should be nice to everyone 24/7 anyway, not just on Valentine's Day. Besides, some people don't even have a boyfriend or girlfriend. What about them?

Over in Japan the Valentine's Day tradition is for girls to give chocolates to every male they know, including their fathers and brothers. Then in May the boys give white chocolate to the girls. It's just a holiday for showing how much you appreciate people, not giving flowers and stuff.

It's an overrated holiday. I'm not knocking anyone down who does acknowledge and celebrate the day, because I have. I just don't think people should take it so seriously. Some people get depressed on the 14th, feeling like outcasts because they have no one to spend the day with. Get over it.

I don't think we should wait for special days to tell people that we care about them.

No

LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Most people think the celebration of Valentine's Day originated from St. Valentine, who was martyred on Feb. 14, 269 AD.

According to legend, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." According to encyclopedia.com, in medieval times he came to be associated with the union of lovers under conditions of duress.

St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers, and Feb. 14 became the date for exchanging love messages.

Today, the card companies reap the benefits of this day. However, this does not mean that Valentine's Day is a commercial and meaningless event.

To celebrate the day, many couples go out on dates and exchange gifts. Some people do not feel it's necessary to spend hundreds of dollars on their significant others. A lot of the best Valentine's Day dates happen at home, where couples just relax and enjoy each other's company.

I think the fact that there is that kind of flexibility shows that Valentine's Day is not completely commercialized.

Some say they don't celebrate Valentine's Day because they don't need a day to tell them to remind them to be nice to their other half, but I think we do.

Sometimes things slip in a relationship, and Valentine's Day serves as a kick in the pants. It reminds us how special the people we love are to us and gives us a good chance to tell them how special they are to us.

And Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. Many people send Valentine's Day cards to their relatives, to remind them how much they love them.

I will be spending my Valentine's Day with all of my friends, celebrating our friendship.

Some might think this gets away from the original message of Valentine's Day, but I think it more fully embraces St. Valentine's message.

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love, whether it's for a boyfriend or girlfriend, husband or wife or just a friend or family member. Although some try to exploit it, love will always be at the root of this celebration.

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BONIOR

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counties. For 10 years, he was the Democratic Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The speech is a fourth part of the Jacqueline Scherer Guest Series and sponsored by the OU Social Work Club, the Social Work Concentration and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Past speakers featured an assistant Wayne County Prosecutor who spoke on domestic violence and a speech from the former dean of social work at Wayne State.

Bonior has authored two books - "The Vietnam Veteran: a History of Neglect," dealing with the challenges Vietnam vets face such as lack of skills and unemployment, and "Walking to Mackinac," based on his and his wife's long walk across the state to Mackinac in 1997.

More recently, Bonior accepted an appointment to Professor of Labor Studies at Wayne State University.

The speech will be a free event with no reserved seating necessary. According to Mosby, there will be refreshments provided before the speech begins to give everyone a chance to talk.

The speech is expected to be brief and include a long question and answer session at the end.

FUNDING

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Students (more than \$8,000). Stuehmer emphasized that SAFB operates within OU Student Congress-approved guidelines which state that SAFB works on a first come, first served basis.

"It's our job to run out of money," she said.

On Jan. 9, Stuehmer distributed memos to all student organizations stating that SAFB meetings would be held at 5:30 p.m. each Monday and that organizations that wanted to be considered should turn in a budget by 2:30 p.m.

Another stipulation was that if an organization was requesting

more than \$500, a representative should be present at the meeting.

Stuehmer and her committee spent the last month allocating money to organizations according to the date in which the request was received.

"Organizations that turn in budgets a week before their events are problematic. They are floating in the wind. SAFB is not meant to serve all the student organizations. We bank on the 30 or 40 that are active and plan large campus events," she said. "It's not meant to cover little organizations' operational costs."

Tushar Desai, president of the Multi Disciplinary Engineering

Group, requested up to \$1,300 this semester. The MDEG was already allocated \$1,620. He planned to buy more equipment for an engineering project.

"I am a little disappointed, but I know that SAFB supports our dreams," he said.

Desai said his organization will plan better in the future. He said he was under the impression that an organization could request up to \$3,000 at any point during the semester.

Andrea Carter, president of The Catholic Community in Christ, said she turned in her allocation request before Jan. 25.

However, since the CCC

requested more than \$500 to pay for its annual retreat, she needed a representative there. By the time a representative attended a meeting the money was already running low.

Carter's organization's account is now in deficit.

Lindsay Stover, an OUSC legislator and president of the Political Union, set up an ad hoc committee to investigate SAFB's policies last week.

Some legislators are toying with the idea of dividing the money pool according to a flat rate.

There are 124 student organizations on campus as well as 34

Greek organizations. This semester if every organization received flat funding, they would have each had approximately \$600 according to Stuehmer. She said that is a possibility SAFB can look in to. She said this semester there were only five organizations that requested under \$700.

Sophomore Roxanne Gibson, the associate chair of SAFB, said perhaps in the fall precedents will go out the window and SAFB will start from scratch and implement completely new guidelines.

TAX

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Unlike software bought from a store, nothing needs to be downloaded to the computer. One can just access the programs using a standard web browser. Tax information is stored in the companies' fire-wall protected computers, where the program does all of the calculations.

With most companies, calculations are guaranteed to be accurate and security and privacy are protected.

When Sarah Bristol, senior, was asked if she would use one of the free online filing services, she said, "Yes, if it was extremely simple because I am tax illiterate."

Bristol, who doesn't do her taxes herself, said the free service attracts her because she usually hands her forms over to a tax filing company without knowing exactly what is happening.

E-filing offers many benefits such as faster prep time, faster refunds, accuracy and confirmation.

It can take as little as an hour as opposed to the up to 10-hour process of pen and paper returns.

Online filers can also get their refunds in as few as 10 days instead of the six to eight weeks paper returns take.

E-filers are also 40 times less likely to get an error notice from the IRS, said Linafelt, because if there is a mistake, the online form automatically sends the user an error message instead of waiting for the papers to come back from the IRS through regular mail.

Accuracy for e-filed returns is about 99.5 percent; paper return accuracy is about 80 percent, according to Linafelt. Online filers

also receive verification that their return has been accepted by the IRS, a service not available to mail-in filers.

Many students will qualify for free e-filing based on the adjusted gross income or age criteria, according to Linafelt. Those who do not will most likely qualify based on a different requirement or through a different company.

E-filing makes it easy to complete state and federal income tax 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer.

More information on tax preparers participating in free e-filing can be found on the Michigan Department of Treasury website, www.michigan.gov/treasury.

EMMA

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Meadow Brook Hall grant.

The conference also qualified for \$2,000 in support from Meadow Brook Hall toward facility use fees.

Additional funding was provided by: The Michigan Psychoanalytic Society, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Provost, the Department of English, the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, the Honors College and the Department of Undergraduate Education.

The event was designed to provide a forum for rich dialogue between academics and psychoanalysts.

"This psychoanalysis is something I don't hear very much of at Oakland University's English Department," said Pellerito. "Sharing in the intellectual community is always a good thing."

Psychoanalyzing The Sopranos is the next program the Academic Council will be presenting and it will include an Italian family-style meal drawn from recipes in The Sopranos Family Cookbook.

To learn more about upcoming events or to make donations, the Michigan Psychoanalytic Society can be reached at (248) 851-3380.

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PANEL

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society. The most dangerous thing is ignorance."

Forums of this type have been organized in the past, but this year, the CSA is making it a monthly commitment.

The next current event panel is scheduled for Mar. 24. Franklin said, a special panel will be organized in the event of a war with Iraq.

KMART

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area, and I shop there all the time for my household products."

According to Dennis, dedicated customers such as Shockey will be rewarded.

Dennis said Kmart would try to hang on to customers with coupons worth \$150 in savings. The coupon booklets are apart of the new "Savings Are Here to Stay" promotion and can be redeemed at the remaining 1,500 Kmart stores.

"We really appreciate our customers and we want to let them know. Some of them fail to realize that we have a lot of other Kmart locations in the Metro Detroit Area, and we want to encourage them to shop at the other stores," Dennis said.

The next closest Kmart location to the Auburn Hills store is in Lake Orion at Lapeer (M-24) and Clarkston Roads.

Shelby Jones, senior, won't

need any Kmart coupons, nor will she be visiting the Lake Orion store. In regards to the Kmart closing, Jones said she wouldn't be affected at all.

"I thought this would be coming pretty soon because people just don't shop at Kmart like they used to," Jones said. "Kmart is so much more expensive than competitors like Wal-Mart, and frankly said, Wal-Mart is a better store."

Dennis agreed with Jones in sense stating that Kmart's profits have not been as high as competitors like Wal-Mart and Meijers.

"(Wal-Mart) always has what I want, unlike Kmart, and Wal-Mart is more family oriented," Jones said. "Kmart is going out of style."

For more information on Kmart closings and the complete list of store closings, visit www.kmart.com.

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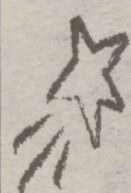
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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION 2003

"The Souls of Black Folk"

February 12

Music, Theatre and Dance: "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" 10:00 a.m. - Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall Also on February 15 and 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

February 13

Honors College: "The Roots of Rap" 4:00 p.m. - Honors College, 112 Vandenberg Hall

February 14

African-American Celebration Committee & Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: "A Taste of Africa Gala" featuring music, art and food 4:00-8:00 p.m. - Recreation and Athletics Center

February 17

Akanke' African Dancers and Drum Troupe: Drum and Dance Workshop and Crafts 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

February 18

Center for Student Activities: "That Generations Show" Noon-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

February 19

African-American Celebration Committee: The Souls of Black Folk... The Celebration Continues Noon-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

"That Generations Show"

Tuesday, February 18

Noon-1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC

Join this fascinating discussion among African-Americans of different generations reflecting on how different generations out look on life have changed throughout the years. Their views and thoughts about family life, history, culture will be explored. Algea Harrison, Vince Khapoya, and Dale Nesbury will join the discussion with three current Oakland University students.

And now for something completely fun and free!!! Love Crafts and Free Billiards

Wednesday, February 19, 8:00 p.m., Bumpers Game Room, OC

CSA Annual Leadership Retreat

The Leadership Retreat is open to all OU students - from new to seasoned leaders! This overnight experience is a FREE opportunity to connect with other OU students and enhance your leadership skills! The Leadership Retreat will take place from Friday, March 14 - Saturday, March 15 at Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI. Sign up at the CSA Ticket Window (49 OC) to reserve your spot today! Spaces are limited!

AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Reservations for:

CSA has arranged for discount tickets to be made available for the following shows and events for the entire OU Community.

- Disney on Ice- Princess Classics (March 1&2)
- Lord of the Dance (March 2)
- Annie (March 4)
- Alvin Ailey Dance Company (March 12)
- David Copperfield (March 14 & 16)
- Porgy and Bess (March 16)
- Rent (March 20)
- Bring in the Noise, Bring in the Funk (April 2 & 3)

Tickets for:

- A Taste of Africa Gala (February 14)
- Barbara Ehrenreich Lecture (March 20)

Sign-up for:

- CSA Annual Leadership Retreat (March 14-15)
- SPB Trip to Toronto (March 20-23)

The Student Life Lecture Board Presents: **Barbara Ehrenreich**

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Thursday, March 20, 2003, Noon in Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

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Romance on Valentine's Day Dates for a student budget



BY CRISTINA VENDITTELLI
THE OAKLAND POST

For many OU couples, it's time to celebrate the most romantic day of the year: Valentine's Day.

Most people know what that means. 'Ladies and Gentlemen, open your wallets.' It's time to start spending. Love doesn't come cheap, but these suggestions might ease a tight budget.

Although some people might be planning some original dates for Valentine's Day, many will probably stick with the good old stand by, dinner and a movie.

Junior Nicole Brown said she and her boyfriend seem to have that plan.

"We're going to an Arabic restaurant, Sahara I think, and then out to a movie," she said.

And some people have similar plans but won't quite make it out to a movie, like Junior Emily

Prawdzik.

"For Valentine's Day this year, my boyfriend and I are making reservations for dinner in the evening, and then will probably spend the rest of the night curled up on a couch watching a movie," she said. "It's pretty low key, but I think nights like that make for the best evenings."

Dinner and a movie can be a pretty simple and fun date idea. Depending on the budget, a couple can either go all out, or just have a fun night at home.

If students are out to impress, one option is to make reservations at The Grill at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. It was chosen by the *Detroit Free Press* as the restaurant of the year for 2003. The Grill is known for its outstanding service and incredible food, and many see it as one of the nicest restaurants in Michigan.

However, it is probably one of the most expensive, too. Appetizers

range from \$12-\$22, and entrees are from \$30-\$50.

It will be open from 6-10 p.m. on Valentine's Day for dinner. Students interested in making reservations can call (313) 441-2000.

If a student's bank account can't handle an expensive dinner, they can stay in and order a pizza.

Papa Romano's is offering a Valentine pizza combo Feb. 10-15. For \$9.99 plus tax, the offer includes a heart-shaped pizza with cheese and one item, any small salad and two 20-oz. bottles of Pepsi.

For a romantic evening at home, one option is to rent the perfect romantic comedy. Besides many classic films, new ones like "Sweet Home Alabama" are good to choose from.

"Sweet Home Alabama" was released for rent on Feb. 11. Starring Reese Witherspoon, this movie is about a small town girl having to choose between her

hometown hubby and her new big city love.

Or, if Valentine's Day plans include going out to a movie, "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" was released on Feb. 7.

The movie is about a journalist (Kate Hudson) who decides to write a column for her magazine about how to get rid of a guy in 10 days by doing everything girls do wrong in relationships.

However, the guy she chooses (Matthew McConaughey) has also made a bet with his buddies that he can make a girl fall in love with him in 10 days.

Once the dinner and the movie is planned, many people will opt for roses as a gift idea.

Roses are traditional, and proflowers.com is offering a Valentine's Day special of two dozen red roses, chocolates and a vase for \$69.98. If that's too much for a college student's budget, it also offers a bouquet of 20 sweetheart tulips

for \$39.99.

Whether planning on spending loads of money or even just a few dollars, Valentine's Day is supposed to be a day to show care for loved ones.

So no matter what the plans are, remember to spend at least part of that day with a loved one.

Lots of students have to work this Valentine's Day but should try not to lose sight of the holiday, like senior Veronica Woloshen.

"My boyfriend works at a bar, and he has to work for Valentine's Day," she said. "So first I'm going out to dinner with my single girlfriends, then later I'm going to surprise him at work with heart-shaped cookies I'll bake."

Single is fun OU remakes MTV show for pre-Valentine's Day fun

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Just one day before Valentine's Day, two lucky students will be given the opportunity to find their "perfect match" as the Residence Halls Council hosts its own version of the MTV game show "Singed Out."

The games will begin at about 10 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Vandenberg Cafeteria right after a sign-up period that starts at 9:30 p.m.

The free event is open to all students.

For those who are a little hesitant to participate, Christopher Cook, program chairman for the RHC, promised it will be nothing but fun.

"The game will run just like the show MTV used to air," Cook said. "When students sign up, they'll be given a questionnaire to fill out with about 10-15 different categories."

According to Cook, the categories will be hair color, eye color, height and others.

One man and one woman name will be picked in a drawing to be contestants. They, alone, will be "singling out" their mate.

The final contestants will be given three choices from a specific category such as eye color.

The contestant then selects one choice, and students in the pool of prospective mates who don't have that specific color circled on their sheet will be dismissed.

"It gives us (students) something to do, and the chance to meet new people."

Earnest Wilson
Junior

The game will continue to go round for round until the group is narrowed down to one person.

"It sounds like a lot of fun, and I think it will be a real nice show," David McGhee, sophomore, said. "There are so many students on campus that don't even know one another. Maybe this will help some of them get better acquainted."

McGhee said he probably won't take part in the contest since he already has a girlfriend, but Earnest Wilson, junior, said he will participate.

"I think it's a real cute idea," said Wilson. "It gives us (students) something to do, and the

chance to meet new people."

Only two couples will be selected at the end of the show with prizes to celebrate St. Valentine's Day.

The lucky couples will each take home a \$50 gift certificate to the Cooker restaurant across from OU.

They will also receive two movie passes to AMC Forum 30 located on M-59 and Mound Rd.

Although it is not an annual event, this is the second year that OU has hosted the "Singed Out" game show, and depending on how well it goes, the show may be held every year around this time.

"We were going to do it earlier, but we decided to postpone 'Singed Out' until closer to Valentine's Day to set a better mood for the show," Cook said.

The RHC also hosts other events such as Penny Wars and Prize Bingo, where winners take home brand new DVD Players, DVD's, CD's and gift cards.

"All of our games are a lot of fun," Cook said. "If I didn't have to work the set of 'Singed Out', I'd be playing that one myself."

Theatrical option for students



Photo courtesy of Music, Theatre and Dance Dept.

OU's Dept. of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" at the Varner Studio Theatre Feb. 7 - 16. The cast includes (counterclockwise from bottom row left) OU students Angela Gary, My-Ishia Cason-Brown, Sherita Humphrey, Soyini Cowan, Krysty Swann, Scheherazade Berry and Joi Olden. Call (248) 370-3013 for tickets and more information.

Venus for Valentine's

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Move over cupid, Venus is coming to town this year and OU senior Tamara Bedricky will be a part of it.

Bedricky will be performing this Valentine's Day at the first ever Venus Ball at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

She and four other Detroit based, female fronted music groups will perform at the event.

Promoter and performer in the show Emily Rogers said that the event was started because she and another performer, Diane Balsama, were sick of playing in shows with no unity and a lack of promotion.

They decided to start a show to change all of that.

Bedricky said she feels the show will be beneficial to the performers involved. They will be

able to work like a team and put their talents together for the show.

"I think it's important ... to put together everything we have," she said. "It's important to make ourselves known, there are a lot of good female musicians out there"

Bedricky was asked to be a part of the show, even though she's hasn't been in the music scene as long as many of the other performers, she said.

Rogers said the music in this show will be different from band to band.

"There's a very different range of music happening that night," she said.

Audience members are not going to feel like they are watching one band's long performance, since each act is different.

Although she admitted that she has never heard any of

Bedricky's music, Rogers said "I've heard marvelous things about her."

Bedricky described her music as "raw pop/singer-songwriter."

Bedricky is no stranger to the spotlight.

Last year she was named one of five top finalists in the second annual Pantene Pro-Voice competition. The competition features up and coming female artists from across the country.

Bedricky performed in New York's Central Park and was featured on the music television channel Much Music USA.

Doors will open for the Venus Ball at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Magic Bag.

The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Tickets are \$8. For more information, call (248) 544-3030.

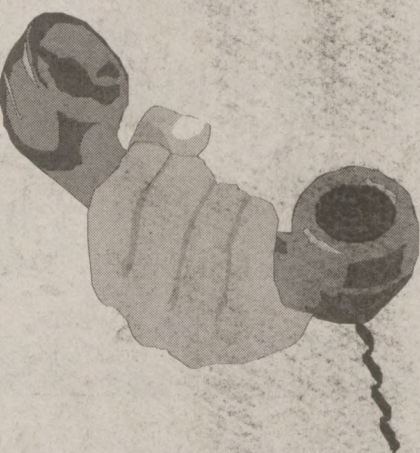
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Spring in the sun

BY KRISTIE FAVRO
& LAURA ANGUS
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

As the winter semester makes its way through February, students have one thing on their minds: getting out of the snow and cold.

Spring break for OU students is less than two

weeks away, and they are counting down the days until they can get out of Michigan, and for some, out of the country.

Many students have plans to travel to Florida, California and as far south as Mexico, one of spring break's hot spots.

Students see spring break as a chance to get a good tan, a place to meet new people and an atmosphere to have a great time.

For their week away from snow and gale force winds, OU students look forward to sun, clubs and even a little family time, instead of searching for parking spots or homework.

For some spring break will be purely fun but for others like sophomore Rachel Slone, it is more business than pleasure. Slone will be traveling for one of the

classes she is taking this semester.

"I am going to Florida for spring break to interview my grandparents for my Family History class (HST361)," said Slone, "I hope it will be fun as well as rewarding to learn more about their lives."

However, the trip's focus will not be entirely on the project.

"It's not strictly business. My cousins and I will probably go out at least one night in Orlando, and I will probably go to Disney for the evening one night," said Slone of her trip.

According to Slone, there were many places to find plane tickets but she found what she needed on the popular internet site

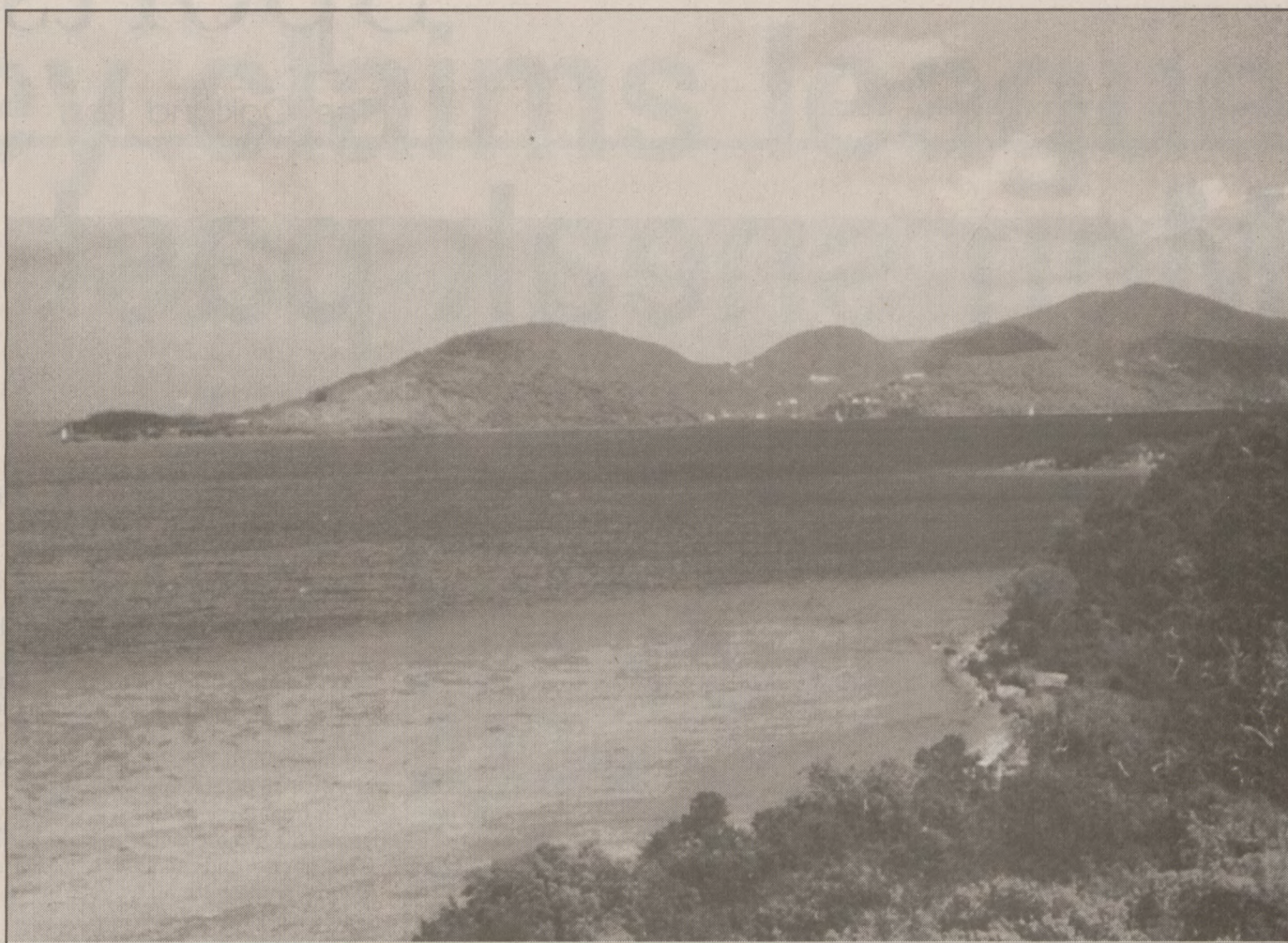
www.cheaptickets.com. "I checked many different websites and different combinations of dates, and I was very pleased with cheaptickets.com," said Slone.

Although websites may offer good deals, Tracy Brown, a travel consultant for American Express Travel Service on W. University Drive

in Rochester Hills, said travel consultants are still a good option.

She said travel consultants know where to look for discounts and deals, and they will guide students through the process. On the internet there is no personal assistance.

Sophomore Anne Swanson said that making travel plans through the internet is a bit of a gamble. She and seven of



Sunny scenes like this one await many students when spring break 2003 starts Feb. 22. Many students will travel out of state for the week long vacation from classes, and some will even travel out of the country.

her friends made break plans to Cancun, Mexico through a travel agent.

"(When you book through an agent) you know who you're talking to. Through the internet you don't," said Swanson of internet booking concerns.

"Especially going to Cancun, I wouldn't go through the internet. It's a bit of a sketchy place as it is," she said.

Brown said she thinks the most important thing students should do when planning their trips is to start as soon as possible.

Besides where to book, students need to pay attention to when they book their trips. Students should book as early as possible, according to Brown.

"That way you know you're getting the best prices and the best availability," she said.

She also suggested all-inclusive packages. Those packages pay for food and drinks, so there are no out of pocket expenses during the trip.

She also said that while travelling in smaller groups can offset costs a little, students should keep comfort in mind for their vacation.

"Putting four women in one room might not be a good idea," she said. "And guys need to remember that there will only be two beds in most hotel rooms."

The one thing to keep in mind during break is safety.

Having a good time is one thing, but getting into a bad situation or harmed is always a major concern when vacationing away from home.

Brown offered tips for students who plan to travel during their break.

If students are flying, they should keep their valuables, medication, money and travel information on their person at all times.

She stressed the importance of keeping these items in carry-on luggage.

She also advised students to travel with traveler's checks.

Women in clubs anywhere, even on spring break, need to be careful about their drinks, Brown said.

Women should not accept drinks from anyone but the waiters and bartenders, and should never leave their drinks unattended.

She also said that students need to be aware of the rules and laws of the area where they are vacationing.

If they leave the country, they need to abide by the laws of that country.

Brown also said hotels are not tolerant of drugs. If anyone is caught with drugs, managers will kick him or her out.

"Be very careful," she said.

Whether it's Cancun, Florida or anywhere for that matter, it's always good to play it safe.

Doing research online about a vacation destination is one thing and students using Internet booking should just take extra caution and do their homework first.

Youth culture to be discussed

BY SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Rap is a component of the hip-hop culture that today's youth can use as a way to express themselves and communicate.

Carl Taylor, professor and director of Community and Youth Development Programs at Michigan State University, will be lecturing to OU for the first time about The Roots of Rap.

The event, sponsored by the Honors College, will be tomorrow at 4 p.m. in 112 Vandenberg Hall.

The hour-long lecture will focus on the origins of rap and its history.

The main point Jude Nixon, Honors College director, would like Taylor to address is rap's connection to violence.

He admits he listens to the music, but Nixon's personal view on the issue is

that rap is a music of rage.

Questions Nixon would like Taylor to address are whether rap sponsors, advocates or addresses violence.

Taylor's lecture will explain hip-hop's four components: graffiti, break dance, disc-jockeying and rap.

"Many adults scorn at the mention of the word," said Taylor.

He said hip-hop is a part of youth culture, and it's not going away.

He's not saying everyone must like and accept hip-hop, but people should learn to be more open-minded and respectable of it.

Taylor said there's good and bad representations of rap.

Hip-hop culture started in New York and has evolved throughout the world, Taylor said.

He has been

studying youth culture for 20 years and says he can't study youth without looking at hip-hop.

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Hip-hop has grown over the years because it's a way for today's youth to express and communicate, said Taylor.

"It's youth culture's own signature, just like rock 'n' roll was the previous generation," said Taylor.

OU students are indecisive about rap's effect on society.

Some think it advocates violence while others say not all rap has a negative message.

"It glorifies too much violence against women in society," said Stephanie Clark, senior.

She doesn't think it's okay for people to express themselves in ways that are not constructive.

Calvin Chio, sophomore, said violence isn't only seen in rap but in rock 'n' roll as well.

"It's a good voice for our generation," said Chio.

Amy Boughner, junior, said there are different types of rap, some that defames people and others that don't.

The Roots of Rap is part of a series of events sponsored by the African American Celebration Committee for Black History Month.

The first of three in the series was The Roots of Jazz that took place last month. The event featured Dr. Lars Bjorn of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He discussed the roots of jazz, and there was a demonstration of jazz music.

The second was the Voices of Black Folk expressed through poetry, essay and novel. Students, faculty and staff were all welcome to share their favorite selections of black writers.

Munch at midnight

Residents to get late night breakfast

BY KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Just when students who live on-campus thought there was nothing they could possibly do to have a little fun, the residence halls decided to throw a little something to show the students they appreciate them.

From 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Feb. 18, students living in the dorms are invited to attend the annual Midnight Breakfast in the Vandenberg Dining Hall.

It's a great way to ease those late-night munchies, see some friends, listen to some music and win some cool prizes.

"When students come in they will get a ticket and the prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening," said Janece Hayes, program director for the residence halls.

"Pepsi donates a lot of stuff for me to give away through the year. We plan on giving away an mp3 player and a mountain bike at the end of the night."

Hayes said Midnight Breakfast isn't a new thing on campus and will likely remain around for a long time to come.

"A lady in our office has been in her position for over 20 years, and she says the breakfast was being held even back then," said Hayes.

Another attraction to the breakfast is that this event is free, but it is only open to residents.

According to Marquisa Shannon, senior, she has been to the breakfast every year since she's been at OU.

"It's fun, there's music and stuff, but I probably won't go this year," said Shannon. "I dance and just visit with friends, it's cool."

According to Hayes, between 500-800 students attend throughout the evening.

This year's event has an interesting theme and students are encouraged to take part by dressing up in costumes.

"We are having a disco theme this year," said Hayes. "People can dress up if they want. They don't have to, but it makes it more fun."

Even some of OU's more prominent faces will be in attendance for the breakfast.

According to Hayes, Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, will be there to lend a hand.

Most importantly this is a way for the campus dining service to thank the students, said Hayes.

Whether students can't sleep, need a break from studying or just want to hang out with friends, the Midnight Breakfast is an event to be anticipated.

Students will have a great time, win some prizes and take advantage of their Residence Hall's Programming.

A voice through poetry



Stephanie L. Smiley senior reads "No Time for Fake Ones" by Thelma Bryant during the African American Celebration Committee's "The Voices of Black Folk Expressed Through Poetry, Essay and Novel" on Monday in the Honors College. There was an open mic session and everyone was invited to share their favorite African American works.

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The Oakland Post

Men sneak past IUPUI



Freshman guard Pierre Dukes barrels towards the basket in Saturday's one-point victory. Dukes scored nine points in the win, including the game-winning free throw.

BY ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

This was one they had to have. "Oh, yeah," said OU men's basketball coach Greg Kampe, after Saturday's 79-78 victory over visiting Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. "This was a must-win."

The victory was the Grizzlies' fourth in a row, upping their conference record to 5-3 (12-9 overall), and moving them into a tie with IUPUI for third place in the Mid-Con.

Junior guard Mike Helms led all scorers with 36 points, including four of seven from three-point range. Helms has scored 30 or more points in six of his last eight games, and remains the nation's leading scorer with an average of 28 points per game.

Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall contributed 12 points and five rebounds before fouling out with just under seven minutes remaining.

Sophomore forward Courtney Scott hit two key free throws and grabbed a big rebound down the stretch but struggled offensively, scoring just 10 points and turning the ball over five times in 39 minutes of action.

"Tonight was one of the worst offensive games of my life," Scott said. "I couldn't throw the ball in the ocean."

With Scott and Marshall frustrated by the Jaguars' defense, freshman point guard Pierre Dukes and junior forward Kelly Williams provided a timely offensive spark. Dukes scored nine points including two clutch three-pointers down the stretch, and Williams chipped in six points and five boards.

Pulling out close games hasn't been easy this season for the Grizzlies, who have, at times, lost focus down the stretch and given their opponents opportunities to come back. After Helms made a free throw to give his team an eight-point lead with 3:36 to go, the Grizzlies watched as IUPUI stormed back to within a point at the 42-second mark.

"When we lost the lead, we could have folded," said Kampe. "But we did what we had to do. We got the lead back."

Credit Scott with reclaiming those lost points. He single-handedly extended the Grizzlies' advantage to five with a tip-in and a pair of free throws on the next two possessions.

Winning a close game was just what the Grizzlies needed with the tough loss to Valparaiso still fresh in their minds.

"For a young team, this was a real big boost," said Helms. "In the beginning (of the season), we weren't able to pull out close games. (This win) was real big, because it showed that we're maturing, and we're learning."

Kampe echoed Helms' sentiments.

"We're learning how to win," he said. "Since the Valpo game, where we blew it, we've come a very long way. We're learning how to win as a new, young team. Pretty soon we'll be winning these games by 12."

"Once you learn you can make mistakes and win, then you get the feeling that you're invincible. If this team gets that feeling, we're going to be great."

It doesn't get any easier for the Grizzlies, with 2nd-place Oral Roberts visiting at 7 p.m. Thursday, followed by red-hot Missouri-Kansas City at noon Saturday for a game that will be televised on FOX SportsNet.

The Grizzlies have been on television several times in the past five years, but lately fewer of their games have been televised.

"I don't like the trend (toward less TV games)," said Kampe. "But it'll be nice to get some more exposure."

"You always want to play well on TV. You never know who's watching."

First things first, however.

"We're going to get prepared for Oral Roberts, and we're gonna go at it like it's the championship game," Kampe said. "Then we'll worry about Saturday."

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Four-game winning streak snapped on buzzer beater

Local athlete shines in homecoming with last second three-pointer

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off two small margin victories last week, the OU women's basketball team felt the sting of losing a close game in a 70-68 loss to Indiana University - Purdue University in Indianapolis Saturday afternoon.

As IUPUI sophomore guard Eboni Jamssens brought the ball up the court with her team trailing by one and only seconds remaining on the clock, she could only hear one thing: her teammates, coaches and the Jaguars' fans in the stands yelling at her to hurry.

Her head coach, Kris Simpson, was actually trying to get Jamssens to pass the ball to someone else, and for good reason.

By the time Jamssens realized that there was not enough time remaining to run a set play she only had one option, attempt a desperation three pointer. That's why her coach was trying to get someone else the ball.

Before Saturday's contest, Jamssens had only made one of her 11 three-point attempts. But it was too late for any other options.

Jamssens heaved the ball toward the basket from a couple steps behind the three-point arc and everyone watched in silence, as the only sound heard was the buzzer sounding to end the game with the shot still in the air.

Almost in slow motion, Jamssens' shot swished through the hoop and the Grizzlies' four-game winning streak was

snapped in a matter of seconds.

"I thought we were doing good," senior guard Katie Wolfe said. "We were improving every game and we just beat ourselves this game. We made them look good and they're not a very good team."

Jamssens, an Oak Park native, had quite a cheering section to celebrate her performance at the expense of OU (8-12, 4-4).

Even if her teammates don't get any more excited for a game against OU than any other team, the win was very special to James.

"It felt good," she said. "I'm from here, and I know some people on the team and the coaches. But just to beat (OU) was good. Obviously, I go to school in Indiana, but just to beat (OU) is good."

Even though the game was decided on a last second shot, OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard was disappointed the contest came down to the final moments.

"We put ourselves in that position, to be decided at that point," Shea-Hilliard said. "We didn't lose the game on a last second shot, we lost the game earlier. When you leave it to a last second shot like that, anything can happen."

Shea-Hilliard said she thought the momentum really switched to IUPUI when the Jaguars ran a play that resulted in a layup as the halftime buzzer sounded.

Although the Grizzlies still led by nine going into the break, their lead only reached double figures once more before IUPUI

began slowly chipping away.

"We talked specifically about what we wanted to do and how much time we wanted on the clock when we did it," Shea-Hilliard said. "Then we came down. I felt like that was indicative of how we played all game."

Shea-Hilliard also believes her team sent the Jaguar players to the free throw line too often.

As a team, IUPUI hit 23 of its 26 free throw attempts, led by sophomore forward Jessica James who connected on all 12 of her shots from the charity stripe.

Senior guard Katie Wolfe led all scorers with 28 points, but only played 30 minutes of the game because of foul trouble.

OU's only other senior, guard Ronica Clint, fouled out with more than seven minutes to play.

Wolfe said although the less experienced players stepped up most of the game, the lack of leadership hurt the team in the second half.

"Seniors have experience with things like that," she said. "Even if it's not for scoring, just the fact that the presence of senior is important out there. It hurt that both Ro' and I were in foul trouble."

Two freshmen contributed heavily to the offensive effort, playing a high amount of minutes due to the seniors' foul trouble. Guards Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli recorded 17 and 13 points, respectively.

Sophomore Amanda Batcha kept pace with her Mid-Con leading rebounding averaging, hauling in 10 boards in the loss.



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Senior guard Katie Wolfe is tackled by two defenders during OU's devastating loss on Saturday. Wolfe scored a game-high 28 points, but foul trouble limited her to only 30 minutes.

After the heartbreaking loss, OU will find some comfort with two home games in the next week.

Due to the fact that the men's game against the University of Missouri - Kansas City is going to be televised on FOX

SportsNet at noon, the women's game against UMKC will be the second game of a doubleheader and will start at 3 p.m. Saturday.

A three-game home stand wraps up at 7 p.m. Monday night when the Grizzlies take on Oral Roberts University.



ADAM SPINDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Helms' feat still hard for many to believe

I started a new job at WDIV TV in Detroit last week. My first night, I met anchor Emery King at the drinking fountain, and we struck up some small talk. I mentioned that I covered OU basketball for the school paper, and his curiosity was piqued.

"Now, who is this Mike Helms guy?" Emery asked.

I explained that Mike Helms of the OU Grizzlies was the nation's leading scorer.

"Wow," said Emery. "I heard something about the nation's leading scorer being from Oakland, and I thought it must have been some school out in California."

Such is life for Helms and his Oakland (Michigan) teammates - but rest assured folks, the rumors are true. It is indeed fact that Helms, whose shoulder bears a tattoo of his home state with an Olde English 'D' in the Southeast corner, averages more points per game than any other Division I men's college basketball player in the United States of America.

Seriously.

It's been that way for almost three weeks. Last week the *Detroit Free Press* finally did a story on Helms. The piece made the front page of the sports section, but Helms' hometown still dismisses his achievement with a collective "nah ... couldn't be."

Maybe it's more proof of Detroit's massive inferiority complex with regard to all things not hockey-related. Maybe it's the fact that OU is still relatively new to Division I and wasn't expected to be this competitive this soon. Whatever the reason, it's time for Helms, and his team, to be acknowledged - if not recognized.

Coach Greg Kampe feels like he's wasting his breath. Kampe hasn't been shy about hyping the exploits of the best scorer he's ever coached, but even his team's conference has turned a deaf ear. The Mid-Con, which boasts not one, but two of the nation's top five scorers (UMKC's Michael Watson is fourth nationally with 25 points per game), doesn't seem to know how to handle its good fortune.

Case in point: in the week before Saturday's win, the Grizzlies won all three of their games, including two straight on the road. Helms averaged 30 points over that span. Mid-Con Player of the Week honors went to Watson, who averaged 25 points.

"It's an absolute joke that people aren't recognizing what this young man is doing," said Kampe.

It's not just what he's doing, it's how he's doing it. While players like Watson get their points on a boatload of shots, Helms has been Captain Efficiency. He's shot just a hair under 50 percent from the floor this season, a full ten percent better than Watson. And he's done it on less shots.

Helms is so good that his teammates sometimes find themselves in awe.

"Mike's got it goin' on," said teammate Courtney Scott. "A lot of times, we do have a habit of standing and watching Mike do his thing."

It's a habit they're starting to break. Both Scott and guard Rawle Marshall are averaging in double figures, and point guard Pierre Dukes is finding his groove with increased playing time. Helms' efficiency has meant more shots for his teammates, helping them mature as he attempts to make history.

Slowly but surely, the Detroit media are starting to realize that Helms is a story worth telling. Here's hoping Detroit hoops fans can suspend their disbelief long enough to appreciate that one of their hometown boys is among the class of the nation.

Better late than never.

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Club hockey claims league

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

When he took over a few games into the season, OU men's club hockey head coach Craig Furstenau aimed to achieve two things: win 20 games and finish first in the Greater Midwest Hockey League.

A 6-2 win over Indiana University on Friday gave the team both. The victory gave the Grizzlies seven wins in the GMHL, pushing them ahead of the University of Michigan for first place in the league.

OU picked up another point with a 2-2 tie against the University of Miami-Ohio on Saturday to finish with 15 points in the conference, two ahead of U-M.

Going into the third period on Friday against IU tied at two, Furstenau issued a challenge to his team.

"The third period was a whole new ball game," Furstenau said. "Going into the locker room I told the guys that we need to win this period. Let's go out there for 20 minutes and work harder than them. We're 20 minutes away from the league championship."

OU responded by scoring four unanswered goals in the final period to skate away with the win. Furstenau said he was able to play all four lines and that it became obvious that his team's style of play was beginning to wear down the Hoosiers.

Junior forward Dan Olesky sparked the Grizzlies with two goals on the same shift, giving the team a 4-2 advantage and taking the wind out of the IU sails.

OU continued to pour on the offense, and junior forward Ron Kolito capitalized on the pressure by putting a well-placed shot past the Hoosier goalie.

Another one of the team's junior forwards, Carmelo Russo, wrapped up the Grizzlies' scoring when he accepted a pass from freshman Will McMahon and fired the puck into the net.

Senior goaltender Shaun Zeldes got the start and the win, stepped up when

he was tested.

The win and first place finish is a complete turn around for OU, which finished last in the GMHL last season with a 2-6-2 record, and was against one of the league's quality teams.

"Worst to first in a season," Furstenau said. "We played great hockey for most, but not all, of the game. I was pleased with the effort from all four lines. It's nice to beat a highly skilled team like that, as we have been a little off our game lately."

IU finished the regular season third in the GMHL, tied with Miami at 11 points but winning the tie-breaker because the Hoosiers won five games and had one tie, while the Redhawks won four games and tied three.

Saturday's contest against Miami meant little to the Grizzlies in the standings, but pride was at stake. Going into this season, OU was 0-5 against the Redhawks, but a 3-2 home victory over Miami earlier this season gave the Grizzlies a chance to sweep the season series.

OU fell behind in the first period on a fluke play when a shot that was heading wide of the goal deflected off a Grizzly defenseman into the net.

Hard work by OU senior forward Scott Marlinga kept the puck in the Redhawk zone and allowed the Grizzlies to tie the game when Russo fed junior forward Nick Shenduck, who put the puck past the Miami goalie.

OU sophomore goaltender Chris Ballach recorded the win, keeping the Grizzlies in the game with crucial saves while the offense struggled.

In the third period when an OU defenseman was slashed to the point where he couldn't stand up, the Redhawks took the puck into the offensive zone and scored a power play goal to take the lead.

With 17 seconds remaining in the game, Furstenau called a timeout to rest his scorers. The ensuing face-off was deep in the Miami zone.



The OU men's club hockey team celebrates after a 13-2 win over Saginaw Valley State University on Jan. 31 at the ONYX in Rochester. All six teams in the Greater Midwest Hockey League will compete in a postseason tournament at the ONYX.

The puck squirted out in front of the net after the faceoff, and Olesky was able to slap it home to tie the game with 13 seconds remaining.

"Once again, I thought we played good defensive hockey," Furstenau said. "The intensity was up. The guys were pulling for each other, and we were able to play four lines. We need to work on playing

an entire 60 minutes, but I am pleased with this week's effort."

OU now has its sights on a GMHL tournament crown. The Grizzlies will first have a first round bye due to their first place finish for the regular season.

Friday night, IU will face Ferris State University at 8:15 p.m., and Miami will take on Michigan State University in an

8:45 p.m. game.

The winner of the IU-FSU contest will take on U-M at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, and OU will take on the victor of the Redhawks-Spartans game.

At 8:30 p.m. that same evening, the two winners of the earlier games will face off in the championship.

Lacrosse to start season

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

After taking the winter off to train, the OU men's club lacrosse team is prepared to return to action this weekend.

The team is ranked 24th in the country in the United State Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association polls after going 6-1 in the preseason last fall.

There will be little time for the Grizzlies to relax, as their first game is against seventh ranked Auburn University this Saturday in Alabama.

OU head coach Dwayne Hicks said he thinks his team is capable of knocking off the Tigers.

"We've got the team this year to do it," Hicks said. "I think we have the ability to go there and win."

The Grizzlies will continue their trip through the deep South with a game against the University of Georgia on Sunday.

Hicks believes that this year's team may be the best squad OU has ever fielded, thanks in large part to the number of seniors playing.

"We've got a lot of experience," Hicks said. "They have the desire, and they have been willing to put forth the effort. They want it more than they have in the past. This will be the year."

Senior Towbey Kassa agrees with his coach's hopes.

"This is the best talent this program has had since its conception," Kassa said. "This year it seems like we're more unified as a team. We want to prove to the Oakland community that lacrosse is serious. And with the players we have, we can do it."

OU sweeps Notre Dame

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two wins this weekend over the University of Notre Dame has pushed the OU women's club hockey team's record to .500 at 6-6-1.

The Grizzlies dominated the Fighting Irish on the road, defeating Notre Dame 6-2 on Saturday and 3-1 on Sunday.

Saturday's contest against the Irish quickly swung in favor of OU. The women scored three

goals in the first period while shutting down the Fighting Irish offense.

The line of junior center Kristin Czarnecki and forwards Laura Owczarski, senior, and Melissa Orr, junior, were responsible for all three of the Grizzlies' first period goals.

Czarnecki and Owczarski both went to Regina High School and played on the same line together last year. Orr, previously a figure skater, was added to the line this year.

"They've really come along way and really gelled together," OU head coach Shana Osler said. "Kristin and Laura are very familiar with each other and have always played well together. Orr is new to the team this year, and she's shown remarkable improvement throughout the season."

"She's picked everything up so quickly, and she's really fit in well with the other two," Osler said with a smile.

Orr opened up the scoring with a goal that was assisted by junior defenseman Erin Gleason.

The team's top line struck again when Orr tallied her second goal of the game with her two linemates picking up the assists.

Once again, the entire line created offense when Owczarski scored the Grizzlies' last goal of the period with Orr and Czarnecki recording the helpers.

OU's second line added to the offensive effort in the second period when sophomore center Amanda Peitras tallied the team's fourth unanswered goal.

Forwards junior Lauren Brick and senior Cheryl Mitchell, Peitras' line mates, were responsible for the assists on the goal.

The Grizzlies continued to build on their lead when Czarnecki picked up a goal in the second period, assisted by Orr, to give the team a 5-0 lead.

Two third period goals were enough to stop a shutout but not enough to sway the momentum.

Mitchell recorded a final goal to thwart any attempts at a comeback.

Even though junior goalie Jane Lemaux's first shutout of the season once again eluded her, Osler has said the new goalie's presence has been great for the team.

Gleason was the team's goalie last year, but Lemaux presence has allowed her to play her natural position of defense.

"Erin was great for us last year, but she had to step up and fill the void because she had never played goal before," Osler said. "It's great having a goalie with so much experience. I truly believe that Jane is the best goalie in the league. She's great,

and I hope we can get her a shutout sometime."

In Sunday's game, OU concentrated on playing better defense after being outshot, 31-27, on Saturday.

"I thought that, offensively, we played great this weekend," Osler said. "But defensively we kind of got a little lax, and it cost us a little bit."

The offense was still there for the Grizzlies though, as the team jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period.

Mitchell picked up her second goal of the weekend on a tally assisted by Brick.

Peitras recorded OU's other goal in the period, assisted by senior defenseman Laura Cunniffe.

Notre Dame brought the game within one in the second period, but could not bring the game any closer.

Owczarski may have had the most impressive goal of the game in the third period. After getting hit from behind and having her head collide with the boards, she sat out a significant portion of the game with what was later determined to be a mild concussion.

She returned in style, however, when she accepted a pass from Czarnecki and beat the Notre Dame goalie on a breakaway.

The Grizzlies will now take two weeks off before returning to action. OU will travel to Kalamazoo to take on Western Michigan University on Feb. 21 and 22.

The Grizzlies defeated the Broncos in both games between the two teams earlier this season, but Osler said her team would not look past WMU.

"They're still good this year," she said. "They're a lot better than they were last year. Western was missing their three big veteran defenseman, and they're going to be back. So they're going to be tough."

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Head coach
OU women's club hockey

Fighting Irish comeback.

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The OU women's swimming and diving squad cheers on the men's team during Saturday's two-point victory over Notre Dame. The two groups will take two weeks off before competing in the NIC.

Grizzly men edge Irish

BY DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

For the second week in a row the men's swimming and diving team kept fans on the edge of their seats last Saturday, during a 151-149 victory over the unlucky Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

The Grizzlies needed all the luck they could get, missing vital senior swimmer Bryant Steele, who took ill a few days before the meet.

"I knew we'd really have to swim well to overcome Bryant's absence," said head coach Pete Hovland. "To beat a team like Notre Dame, swimming as well as they did, meant that we really had to step up big time."

Every point counted, as the winner of the meet was decided in the last leg of the final relay.

This was the men's second straight close finish, having beaten Michigan State University 124.5-117.5 last week.

"I thought we couldn't top the

meet last week against State, but they sure raised the bar another notch against Notre Dame," said Hovland.

The first wins for OU didn't come until the third event when freshmen Scott Dickens and Andrew Coupland took first and second in the 200y freestyle. Dickens' time of 1:40.05 in that race was his personal best of this dual meet season.

Coupland also won a crown the 500y free during the last half of the meet.

Freshman Eric Lynn scored the next four points with a second place finish in the 100y backstroke, followed by senior Martin Moen in the 100y breaststroke, also with a second place victory.

It was freshman Ehud Segal who took first in the 200y butterfly and the 200y backstroke followed by freshman Nick McCollum who had a season best time in that event, capturing third place against some tough competition.

Freshman Chris Sullivan took

two events, the 50y and the 100y freestyle. His time in the 50y freestyle was his best this season.

Sullivan, Segal and Lynn took 2-3-4 in the 100y butterfly, scoring some much needed points.

Some last minute changes in the lineup by Hovland in the 400y individual medley resulted in the vital 1-2-3 sweep by Dickens, McCollum, and Coupland, putting the Grizzlies in position to win the meet in the final relay.

Both the men's and women's teams have a nice long break before the National Independent Conference Championships that will be hosted by OU from Feb. 27-Mar. 1.

The women will look to defend last year's championship, and the men hope to improve on their third place finish.

"For two and a half weeks they get to focus on one, and only one, thing and that's swimming fast at the NIC's by getting as rested as they possibly can," said Hovland.

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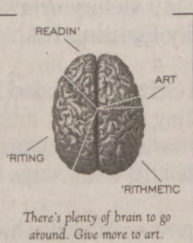
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Student Couple Spotlight

Kevin Ranalli & Lindsey Piotrowski

BY SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Kevin Ranalli, sophomore, and Lindsey Piotrowski, freshman, will be celebrating their fifth Valentine's Day together this year.

This hot inseparable item live in Troy, met at Larson Middle School, started dating at Troy Athens High and are now going to OU together.

"Kevin does something special for me everyday," said Piotrowski.

"Valentine's Day is not about what you get her. It's about what you have for her inside," said Ranalli.

He said in today's society, people are more occupied with how much is in their pockets then in their hearts. "I show her how strong my love is for her everyday," said Ranalli.

Don't underestimate the couple though, they're still planning to spend the day together.

"It's going to be a regular Friday night," said Piotrowski.

Ranalli hasn't made any definite plans for the day but said it doesn't matter where the two go or do, because he's happy just to be with her.

The two became an item during Piotrowski's freshman year at Athens. She was hesitant in the beginning to accept Ranalli's invitation to Athens homecoming dance. Despite her friend's disapproval, she accepted.

She said Ranalli treated her like a princess that night. The two shared their first kiss together homecoming night and have been a couple ever since.

Five years together has had its ups and downs. They both agreed this relationship

stands strong due to a lot of trust and communication.

Ranalli graduated from Athens a year before Piotrowski. He said he could have gone away to college but came to OU because he knew the two couldn't survive a long distance relationship. He said he was more than willing to stay home. "We have something special," said Ranalli.

A year later, she was faced with the same decision. Piotrowski was offered a soccer scholarship to Ferris State University. She didn't accept and attended OU saying Ranalli is worth it.

"She's sweet, considerate and always there for me," said Ranalli. There is nothing he would change about her. She means the world to him. When she hurts, he said he hurts twice as much.

Piotrowski said they are very emotionally attached. She said Ranalli is a thoughtful

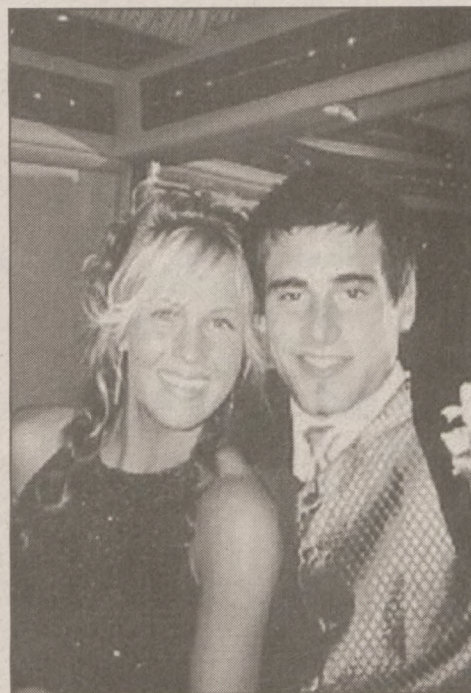


Photo courtesy of Ranalli and Piotrowski

Kevin Ranalli, sophomore, and Lindsey Piotrowski, freshman, are celebrating their fifth Valentine's Day together this year.

prince charming.

"We're best friends, that's what makes us last. They're so much love and caring for each other," she said.

The couple plans to graduate, marry and start a family.

THE LOW DOWN

Feb. 12, 15 and 16

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents, "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enough" at 8 p.m. Varner Studio Theater.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

OU Student Congress holds the second day of auditions for American Grizzly from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Heritage room, OC.

A Student Art Gallery wis on display from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Fireside lounge in the OC.

Thursday, Feb. 13

CSA presents survival tips for Spring break featuring Condom Bingo from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge.

The African American Celebration Committee and the Honors College present, "The Roots of Rap," at 4 p.m. in 112 Vandenburg Hall.

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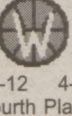

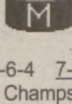
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Grizzly Sports Calendar

Games shaded in gray denote home contests. Records and standing in bold denote Mid-Con. Records and standings in *italics* denotes league.

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 8-12 4-4 Fourth Place				UMKC			
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 20-6-4 7-2-1 Champs				8:45 a.m. GMHL Tourny (Championship at 8:30 p.m. if necessary)			

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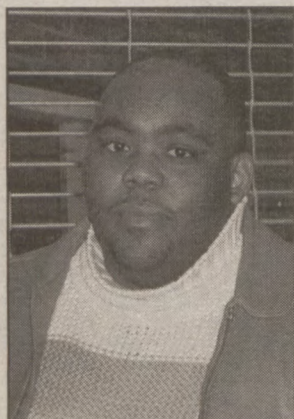
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OU says ...

What do you think about Valentine's Day?



"A day to recognize someone special to you."

Dennis O'Connor
Senior
Biology



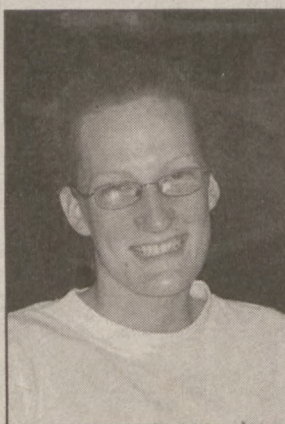
"It's a special day to share between two people."

Eric Brown
Sophomore
Science



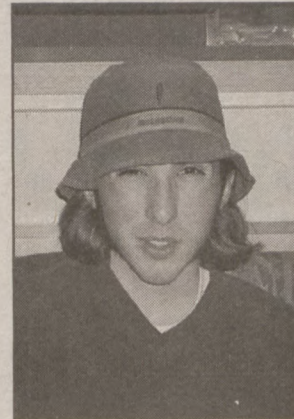
"My boyfriend lives in Oklahoma so it's kind of a pain in the butt."

Holly Miller
Sophomore
Physical Therapy



"It's just another day."

Dara Turner
Junior
Wellness Health Promotions



"It's a corporate thing."

Matt Runde
Freshman
Secondary Education

Thursday, Feb. 20

The Department of Human Resources Development and the Honors College present "The Voices of Black Folk through Poetry" from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge, OC.

Student and Greek Organizations Training will be held at 5 p.m. in Lake Michigan room, OC.

Friday, Feb. 21-March 30

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's presents exhibit "A heritage of Teaching", the African Art collection of Catherine Blackwell in Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall.

Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

2003 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards

2003 Human Relations Award

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Please see display ad elsewhere in this edition for more information. Application deadline is Friday, February 14, 2003 for both awards.

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

The National College Health Assessment survey is taking place this week. If you are one of the randomly chosen participants, this is your chance to be a part of a nationwide survey that measures health risk behaviors in the college population. Your participation will assist Oakland University and the Graham Health Center in offering health-care and health education geared specifically to your needs. Please return your anonymous survey today as directed and help OU to better health!

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Attention Oakland students! Discover your career potential! Let the professionals in the Career Resource Center help you learn more about yourself, identify a college major and explore career options within your major. You don't have to be lost. We can help you identify what careers suit you the best and help you achieve your goals. This service is FREE for all students and alumni. Visit us in 154 North Foundation Hall or call us at 370-3263.

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We offer tutoring for most 100 and 200 level courses, and our tutors are students who've taken the courses you're taking. Stop by! We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. You can check out our walk-in tutoring schedule at <https://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ASCtutor/walkin.asp>.

DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Now hiring Peer Mentors (7 positions available) and **Nightwatch Persons** (1 male, 1 female) for the KCP Extended College Day Program at OU (a residential four week summer program for high school students interested in OU). Peer mentor positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying room and board and a \$275/week stipend. Nightwatch positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying a \$225/week stipend. For both positions, must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and sophomore class standing by end of spring term. Must agree to a background check and commit to all four program weeks plus training. For applications and more information, come to 103 North Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with Candace Rogers.

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND Summer 2003 Jobs

Applications available in 261 South Foundation Hall for the following positions:

Head Resident (graduate students or degreed adults only)
Peer Mentor (6 positions available)
Tutor/Teacher Aide (6 positions available)
Nightwatch Person (1 position available)

For more information stop by or call 248-370-3218.

Campus Rec Happenings

Scuba

Next session is February 15th and 22nd (PADI certification).

Price is \$169 for OU students, \$199-\$209 all others. Contact Mike Rossi @ pooldoc@oakland.edu or 248.370.4534.

Lifeguard Training

Tuesday and Thursday now through 3/6/03, 5:30-9 PM. American Red Cross certification. Contact Mike Rossi @ pooldoc@oakland.edu or Teri Eudy @ eudytreer@oakland.edu or call 248.370.4532.

All-Star Basketball

Every Wednesday and Thursday night from 7-10 PM the all-star basketball league is playing downstairs on courts 1 & 2 in the Rec Center. The all-star basketball league is without doubt the most competitive league in intramural sports. Nine teams are fighting for the prestigious OU intramural title. Bring your friends and come watch the teams square up in the Rec Center on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Please visit the Campus Recreation website for complete information on everything the Rec Center has to offer at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 7

RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2003 Comedy Series presents comedian Megan Mooney, 7 PM Vandenberg Cafeteria. Megan's relaxed and approachable comedy style gains her instant approval with her audiences. Graduating cum laude from John Carroll University and moving to Austin, Texas, she was awarded the 1998 "Funniest Person in Austin" award. She just finished taping a Comcast Cable TV Comedy Production featuring national comics from across the country. Come join us for some free laughs and free refreshments.

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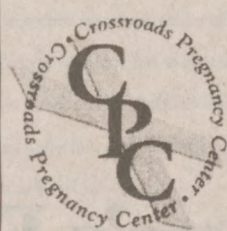
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As of September 5th, there is a **AA/Alanon meeting** every Thursday in the Graham Health Center.

Conference Room at noon. This meeting replaces the Wednesday noon meeting from last year.

Misc.

Roommates Wanted!!!

Rochester teacher looking for two female roommates to share brand new Oxford home. House faces lake and golf course. 25 min. to OU. Dogs welcome. Call Christine at (248) 236-9665.

Car for Sale

1999 Honda CR-V EX, white, 34,500 miles, excellent condition, loaded (AC, CD, alloy wheels, many extras), \$13,900, call (248) 591-7338 (Royal Oak).

Need Benefits?

Call (586) 615-8749

Jobs

Interested in Obtaining Experience in the Health Care Industry??? Excellent opportunity for Pre-Meds, Pre-Nursing, and Allied Health Students. Get paid while getting experience! For more information call (248) 968-2058 or send resumes to shaju_j@yahoo.com

Childcare Provider Needed

in our home M, T, and Th., 8:00 a.m.-5:30p.m. for one infant beginning app. Feb. 1, 2003. Call Lisa at (248) 620-9568.

Looking for Responsible Female

to watch our 3 children. Approx. 15 hours/week. Must be a non-smoker and must be able to drive. Please call Sheryl at (248) 763-1856.

Notice of Opening:

Certified Personnel. The following teaching opening exists in the District for the 2002-2003 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER.

Applicants who are interested and qualified are asked to submit a letter of application no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2003, to Kari Frank c/o Human Resources Dept., Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

Bartender Trainees

Needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. (800) 293-3985 ext. 198

Part-Time Receptionist

wanted for Farmington Hills law firm. Work in a pleasant professional atmosphere. Please fax resumes to (248) 539-5360.

Boys & Girls Club

Part-Time Instructor Position \$7-\$10 per hr. Call (586) 566-5516

Domestic Help Needed

Perfect for female student with day classes! Be a Live-in housekeepers/driver for Bloomfield Hills family with school-age children. \$300/week. Car required. Non-smokers only. (248) 931-3017

Piano Accompanist wanted

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Spring Break 2003 with STS Americas #1 Student Tour Operator. Sell Trips earn cash Travel Free.

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Student with good driving record for summer outdoor work in the Mt. Clemens area. 5-6 days a week, \$400-\$500 per week. Please call (586) 783-1577. Ask for Ryan

Child Care Center in Rochester Seeking

Creative Individuals!!! Flexible hours available now. Get experience. Ask for Todd or Mary at (248) 652-1132

Misc.

Sigma Alpha Lambda

is seeking motivated students to begin a chapter on campus. 3.0 GPA required. Contact info@salhonors.org

Office For Rent:

On Crooks Road between M-59 and Auburn Road. 525 square feet, Second floor, Private Entrance. Rest Room in Suite. Phone system with 4-Port Voicemail and DSL connection available. Utilities included. Newly remodeled-chose carpet and wall colors. \$675 per month. Telephone (248) 853-7615

Models Wanted!!!

Looking for attractive girls who smoke. Must be comfortable in casual to elegant attire. Flexible hours. Pays \$50-\$100 per hour. If interested please contact Scott at (248) 588-9019.

Car for Sale!!! Chevy

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