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Judge rules for OU; Post will challenge

By LAURA ANGUS
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A judge has ruled OU is not subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and The Oakland Post will appeal the decision.

After nearly seven months of waiting, Oakland County District Court Judge Richard Kuhn delivered his verdict Thursday. He ruled the formal meeting held by the BOT last January was not subject to the OMA.

The OMA states all business of public bodies must be conducted in the open.

The Oakland Post brought the lawsuit against the university after a Jan. 15 meeting in which six of the eight board members were present and reportedly discussed state budget cuts and the state of higher education.

Three Post editors attempted to enter the meeting but were refused.

"The ruling makes no sense to me. It goes against everything a university stands for: openness, debate and the free exchange of ideas," said Bruce Mann, chair of The Post's governing board, The Oakland Sail, Inc. "Secret meetings leave everyone in the dark."

OU's six attorneys made the argument in court that the OMA infringes on its constitutional right to govern the university.

The judge wrote, "the discussion of lobbying strategy in light of anticipated reductions in state funding is an internal matter and falls well within the constitutional power of general supervision. Therefore, the application of the OMA would infringe on OU's constitutional power to supervise the institution."

However, the judge also noted the board still violated the law "because it held a 'formal session' that was not open to the public." Since The Post's attorney did not make that argument, the judge did not address it.

Former editor-in-chief of The Post, Ann Zaniewski, said the ruling was disappointing, but OU should still learn a lesson.

"The trustees wouldn't let people into a budget meeting. If OU really operated in the public eye, this wouldn't have ended up in court," Zaniewski said.

Zaniewski said the decision worries her because now the university is not accountable to anyone regarding any decision it makes.

"It's like if the president of the U.S. was given free reign to do whatever he wanted and never had to tell anyone about his decisions and why he was making them," Zaniewski said. "The Board is OU's government. The whole point of a democracy is that people have a right to scrutinize the government and ask questions. That freedom has just been choked."

OU director of Communications and Marketing, Ted Montgomery said OU is happy with the verdict and hopes the university can now just move on.

"We're pleased that Judge Kuhn's decision confirmed what has been our position all along. The Oakland University Board of Trustees has always conducted the business of the university in an open forum and welcomes public input, and will continue to do so," said Montgomery.

"This decision should not stand," Mann said.

-REBECCA WYATT, EDITOR IN CHIEF,
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY.

Crime down in 2002

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The FBI has released the 2002 uniform crime statistics for most law enforcement agencies this week and it indicates OU's crime is down 2.9 percent from 2001.

Even with 2002 enrollment up 1.2 percent, crime around campus decreased in all actual offense areas, except breaking and entering, which increased from three in 2001 to nine in 2002.

Breaking and entering, or burglary, is taking something from a residence.

Lt. Mel Gilroy from OU's Police Department (OUPD) said the breaking and entering numbers were up last year because there was one person in the residence halls who was stealing from all of the rooms around her. That individual is no longer on campus.

"We've seen the incidents fall off," said Gilroy.

OU reported 91 larcenies, which are thefts from non-residences like offices or the library, one stolen auto and one arson for a total of 102 actual offenses in 2002.

Gilroy said there are three ways to help prevent crime around campus. He said the human resources aspect, like the number and visibility of the officers on campus, is one way. He said technology, like closed circuit television, the blue lights and educational programs, are used to prevent and deter crime on campus.

Gilroy said crime on campus doesn't really follow enrollment. He said sometimes there are years when a few people commit a lot of crime on campus and when they leave the crime drops off.

In 2002, the department had eight police officers and three sergeants. Currently, the department is operating with 14 police officers and four sergeants.

"We ran really short handed in 2002," Gilroy said.

"I want to give credit to the men and women that are working the streets," Gilroy said.

He said the hard work of the officers, supervisors and dispatchers is what makes the difference.

Overall, Gilroy and Police Chief



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The blue lights around campus are one tool used by OU to help students who have an emergency or need help.

Samuel Lucido are happy with the crime stats this year.

"The statistics look really good for us and confirm OU is a really safe place," said Lucido.

He said that doesn't mean OUPD is letting its guard down. He said the officers would still be vigilant and proactive.

Gilroy said the goals of the department are to maintain high visibility, follow up on offenses that occur on campus to make sure the situation is resolved and work closely with the Dean of Students Office so disciplinary action can also be taken. He said the department is also working with surrounding cities to pick up

on trends and watch for certain criminals.

Gilroy said the officers try to create an area where criminals feel unsafe and don't commit the crimes.

"The best crime statistics would be no crime," Gilroy said. "We are not going to see that."

According to Gilroy, crime can still happen here and prevention is key. He said with so many females on campus he still stresses the "buddy system" to ensure students walking to class are safe. He also suggested students don't leave property unattended that someone could steal.

Police make arrest in gun case

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A 35-year-old Westland man has been arraigned by Oakland County District Court for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit on OU's campus.

A student told the OU Police Department (OUPD) he called out to his friend from his car while parking in the lot across from Vandenberg Hall. The student then reported he was approached by a man, a non-student, who asked him if he had a problem.

The student explained he was joking with a friend. According to the student, the man said the student would soon have a problem with him and he pulled a pistol from his jacket.

After flashing the weapon the man got in his vehicle and drove away.

The police were able to track down the man based on a description and information that he had been visiting an acquaintance in the dorms.

OUPD arrested the man Friday on campus. The description of the gun given by the students matched one registered to the man. The man denies flashing the gun at the student.

A warrant was issued for carrying a concealed weapon, which is a felony.

"The subject has been barred officially from campus," said OU Police Chief Samuel Lucido.

He said if the man comes to campus again he will be arrested for trespassing.

At the arraignment a personal \$10,000 bond was set and the preliminary examination date was set for Nov. 12.

Starving for a cause

By TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

No one should ever have to wake up in the morning and wonder if they will be able to eat that day.

However, that is the case for millions worldwide.

On Nov. 13 from sunrise to sunset, the Muslim Students Association (MSA) and Honors College Students Association (HCSA) are participating in a national fast-a-thon to raise awareness about local hunger issues.

"We always imagine hunger as something that happens overseas in some faraway land, but it

happens in the United States, it happens in our own backyards," said Sumeera Younis, junior, a member of MSA.

The goal of the fast-a-thon is to raise \$2,500 for the Food Bank of Oakland County.

The money is raised through pledges and donations from local businesses, families and the OU community. These supporters can pledge anywhere from \$1 to \$100.

"Thus far, we have collected almost \$700," Younis said.

The MSA is encouraging students to get involved, not just to raise money, but to show that

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File Photo

Students enjoy a meal after breaking their sun-up to sun-down fast as part of the Muslim Student Association's 2002 program to raise hunger awareness.

Homeland Security Department honors student

By LIBBY BAKER
THE OAKLAND POST

OU senior Jennifer Froelich was recently chosen as one of 100 students to participate in the Homeland Security Scholars and Fellows Program.

The program, which offers scholarships to undergraduate students and fellowships for graduate students, is catered towards those students interested in stud-

ies that fulfill or are related to the purpose and duty of the Homeland Security Department.

Froelich, a chemistry major, has spent the past year and a half doing lab work on a biosensors project that could one day detect bioterrorism. The road to becoming a U.S. Homeland Security Scholar began earlier this year when a professor she works under informed her of the opportunity.

The application process had many requirements including submission of two essays, three letters of recommendation, her transcript and an explanation of how her future career is important to Homeland Security.

"You had to show that your career goals are related to their mission," she said.

And then the waiting began for Froelich and her family.

Months passed and Froelich thought she had missed the cut. The notification date had come and gone, but a double check of the Web site left her filled with hope.

"The Web site said they had pushed the notification date back," she said.

Froelich's notification letter arrived around the end of July.

"My mom called me and said a FedEx letter had

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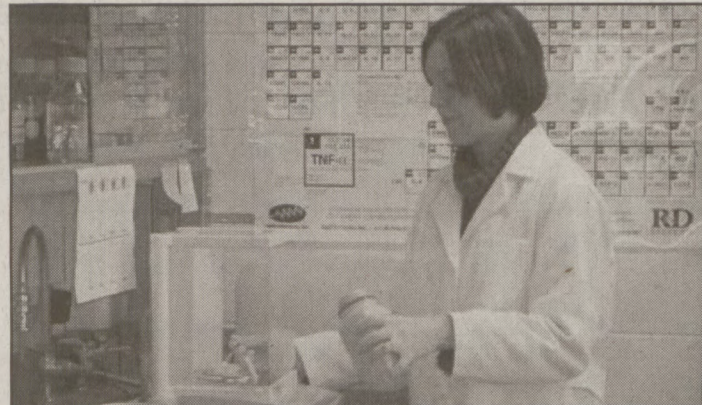
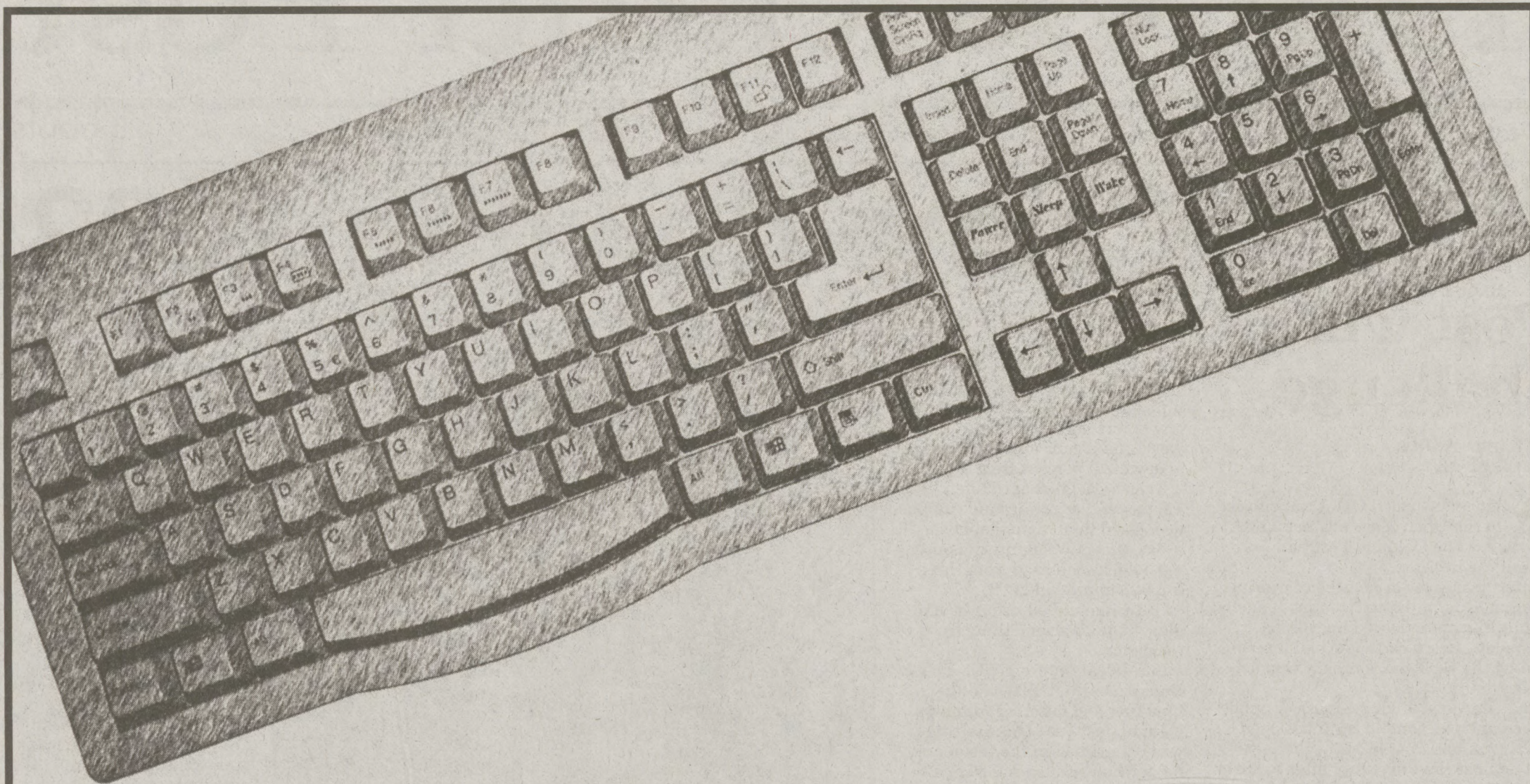


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OU senior Jennifer Froelich was recently named to the Homeland Security Scholars and Fellows Program.



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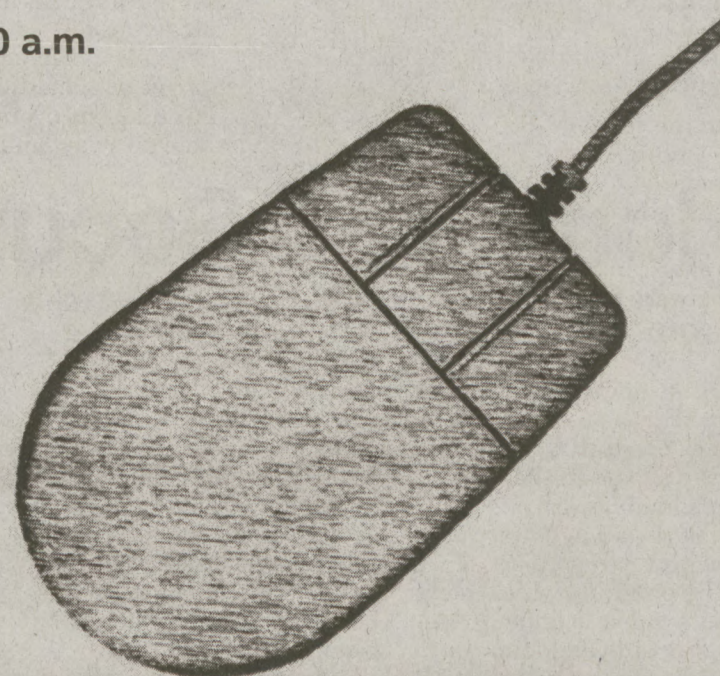
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Group offers discounts

By RAQUEL DIONES
THE OAKLAND POST

With the high cost of classes, school-books and housing, students often do not have the extra cash to pay for some of life's necessities.

Now, students may have a little more cash in their pockets thanks to the Future Alumni Network.

The Future Alumni Network created a student discount directory book that offers discounts to OU students when they show their OU identification card.

The directory features 24 businesses that give students a variety of discounts, such as a 10 percent discount at Hanson's Running

Shop in Auburn Hills, and a 15 percent discount at Max & Erma's at the Village of Rochester.

The businesses will soon have a sign showing that they are participants in the discount program.

"Our project has many advantages, one of which is to improve the community relationship with the city of Rochester and the local businesses and also to provide a discount aimed at OU students," said Genafer Hintz president of the Future Alumni Network.

During the summer the Future Alumni Network contacted businesses around OU selling advertising space and asking for discounts for OU students.

The businesses were given a reduced advertising rate in the directory and a free line listing in it if they offered the discounts to students.

"This is a great idea and this is good for businesses because OU is a large community," said Bruce Fylypiw senior. "I especially like the pizza discount."

The discount directory was first handed out during the Week of Champions of OU.

These directories can be found at the Center for Student Activities office and the Dean of Students office and they will be available at the Housing offices for students living on campus.



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Max & Erma's in Auburn Hills is one of the businesses giving discounts to OU students.

OUSC addresses funding chair void

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Fresh from its conference in California, OU Student Congress was back in action Monday.

Student Body President Jonathan Parks and Vice-President Kenton Lewis said they will be conducting interviews this week to fill the Student Activities Funding Board Chairperson roll.

Parks said he hasn't gotten as

many applicants as he had hoped for and was pushing the application deadline back, which is today, to allow more people time to apply.

"We're going to extend it for one more week," Parks said.

The position is currently filled by Jim Gammicchia, who is also the director of Financial Affairs for Congress. Gammicchia took over on Sept. 25 when Roxanne

Gibson was fired by Parks.

In other business:

- Congress also approved three new legislators. Marina Cracchiolo, sophomore, Montrell Porter, senior, and Stefanie Marshall, junior were all named as legislators.

- Congress heard remarks from students about things they would like to see improved such as parking for Fitzgerald and Anibal

Halls' residents, heating in the dorms and the inability to listen to the radio station on campus.

- The Executive Board of Congress will hold a workshop at 4 p.m., Nov. 12 revolving around the information it learned at the conference. The workshop is open to everyone.

- Congress will host guest speakers at the upcoming meetings. Felicia Bumpus, manager of

the University Student Apartments will be present next Monday to discuss issues students are having with the apartments.

- Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center will be on hand on Nov. 17 to discuss the new furniture in the lounge areas, the unfinished construction on South Foundation Hall and programming in Fireside Lounge.

SMEA raises funds

By STACEY BALAS
THE OAKLAND POST

The Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA) is wrapping up a successful fundraiser.

More than \$1,300 was raised by selling sweatshirts with a picture of the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) building on it designed by Linda Tyson, an instructor at OU.

The money will be used towards purchasing much needed supplies for the Educational Resource labs and the Teacher Development and Educational Studies labs in the SEHS, said Renee Tury, president of the SMEA-OU.

A member of the organization is going to meet with Dyanne Tracy, chair of the Department of Teacher Development and Educational



Photo courtesy of SMEA

SMEA President Renee Tury (left) and Secretary Jamie Gordon (right) help to sell OU sweatshirts for their organization to help benefit the School of Education and Human Services

Studies and SMEA-OU faculty sponsor, to decide exactly what supplies will be purchased.

"It's great to see something we worked so hard on, benefit our school," said Tury. "We also felt that this fundraiser would be a great way for SMEA-OU to build a lasting partnership with the School of Education and Human Services and its faculty."

In addition to buying sweatshirts, some students and faculty members choose instead to simply donate money to the SEHS.

Feedback was so positive from the fundraiser that they hope to have

another one next semester. The faculty was also very enthusiastic about the fundraiser, said Tracy.

The SMEA-OU also participates in community outreach programs, social activities and holds chapter meetings once a month. This gives members a chance to get to know one another and receive hands on experience with children in the community, Tury said.

As a relatively new organization on campus, the SMEA at OU is striving to produce the best leaders possible out of the university, said Tury.

This is only the second year the

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Lawsuit's decision divided

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A local judge split the verdict for a student and professor who went to court last week fighting over damages to a house the student had rented earlier this year.

The professor, Associate Professor of Engineering Keyu Li, claims the student and her roommates damaged her house in the Meadow Brook subdivision to the tune of \$3,000.

The student, Kathryn Borig, senior, said much of the damage was done before she moved in.

Li originally returned \$200 of the \$1,250 security

deposit to Borig claiming the rest would be used to cover damages. Borig said she protested the damages and Li took her to court to sue for \$3,000.

Li claims Borig and her roommates damaged many things in the house, including the front door, which she estimated would cost \$1,100 to replace. Li also alleged the hardwood floors were scratched, the bathroom and bedroom doors were broken and nail holes were put in the walls. She also said a light fixture was broken by the group and replaced with one that did not match the room.

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OU offers english as second language

By KIMBERLY GARCIA
THE OAKLAND POST

The English as a Second Language (ESL) programs at OU prepare students to deal with the growing international populations in the community.

According to Peter J. Binkert, professor and chair of the Linguistics department, and director of the Center for American English at OU, one out of every five American school age children speak another language at home.

"In the database of Troy Schools

alone, more than 100 languages are spoken by people living in Troy," said Binkert.

This creates a challenge for school systems, he said.

"As the population continues to grow, the school system is faced with a huge problem. Teachers are dealing with children having difficulties just understanding the language," said Binkert.

The Linguistics department is answering that challenge with a variety of programs to help students deal with the situation, said Binkert.

One of these is the ESL

Endorsement program.

"An endorsement is an add on to the teaching certificate. Newly trained teachers get a preliminary certificate so they can teach for five years, during which they can do two things: teach for a few years and then obtain credits in a planned program (a professional certification) or they can get an endorsement," he said.

Students do not have to be an English major in order to be in the ESL program, said Binkert.

As an alternative to the ESL Endorsement, a student can also obtain an ESL Certificate (TESL),

he said.

"Rather than doing a full 20 credit endorsement, the ESL Certificate gives students an organized curriculum of three courses to help them deal with the foreign born. This is useful if they don't need a teaching certificate, such as in private schools or teaching abroad," said Binkert.

Another program initiative that is helping students to deal with the situation is the Hispanic Outreach program in Pontiac, he said.

According to Binkert, there are about 30,000 Hispanic residents

in Oakland County. The Hispanic population in Pontiac has grown from 8 percent of the population to 13 percent in the past 10 years, he said.

The Hispanic Outreach program, which started six years ago, is a way in which students can help the Spanish speaking population in Pontiac learn English, said Binkert.

In the pursuit of their certificates, students can get four of their 12 credit requirement met by going to Pontiac and teaching

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Police Beat

- A student had her Spirit Card taken from the OC Friday, Oct. 31.

The card was then used to check out a vacuum in Vandenberg Hall.

The worker at Vandenberg noticed the picture on the card was not the same as the student and refused to return the

card. A check found \$32.70 missing from the student's Spirit account.

The suspect said she gave the card to a friend, and had no knowledge of fraud.

- The OC men's bathroom was vandalized Sunday, Nov. 2.

"TheCrucifier.com" was

painted on the bathroom sinks in red paint.

Two suspects were questioned and one admitted to the painting.

The paint was removed and no permanent damage was caused.

- A resident student claims he had more than

\$400 in video game hardware and software taken from his room between Oct. 31 and Nov. 2.

The student said the door was unlocked and the window was open when he returned.

- A fight broke out in Fitzgerald House Monday

around 2:30 a.m. between two students and a non-student.

Witnesses said chairs and scissors were thrown and students involved were hit on the head with a black unknown object.

One injured student did not want to press charges and the others involved fled

the scene before police arrived.

- An East Vandenberg resident's keys were lost or stolen after he left them in his door after returning from work. He used them to unlock the door and then went in to sleep. When he woke up, they were missing.

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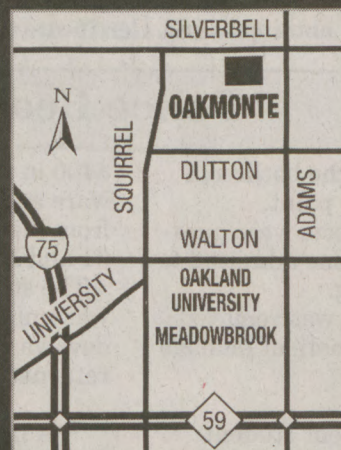
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Hazing law sought

By SANDARELLA BATRES
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Last month, a 21-year-old University of Michigan (U-M) student died from an alleged fraternity hazing, and now local law enforcement agencies are making sure it won't happen again.

While the investigation is underway by Ann Arbor Police and U-M officials, State Senator Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor) is in the process of introducing an anti-hazing bill.

Michigan is one of only seven states that does not have such a law.

"We've run into a tragic situation that we're trying to prevent

from happening again," said Brater.

Ann Arbor police can't prosecute the individuals involved because the student consented to the hazing treatment.

"Greek chapters need to be held accountable," Brater said.

It could take several months for the anti-hazing bill to be drafted because Brater has a limited staff.

Brater's bill defines any violation resulting in physical injury as hazing. The person could be imprisoned up to 93 days or fined up to \$1,000. If the violation results in serious injury, the person would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than

three years or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.

If the violation results in death, the person would be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 20 years and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

"The bill will let people know hazing is not something we're going to tolerate," she said. "It should be the last time (for hazing) to happen in Michigan."

Brater said she hopes the bill will provide additional protection for students who can't defend themselves.

Glenn McIntosh, dean of students, said the bill would send a strong message to the OU community.

"We don't condone barbaric

behavior," he said. "We strive to protect the campus community."

OU Greek organizations have been involved in hazing before. Four of the organizations have been accused in the last few years. Three out of the four incidents have been taken through the judicial process, McIntosh said. "Hazing is a not a persistent issue at OU, thank goodness."

If a group is found guilty, sanctions will be issued to the organizations and individuals.

Student organization regulations are included in the Student Organization Handbook. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation related to organization.

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Global Glance

• Bombs exploded in Iraq's capital of Baghdad and one U.S. soldier died Monday. The first alleged attack came just one day after a U.S. Army transport helicopter crashed in a suspected missile attack, where one American was killed. Three rockets or mortar bombs caused the explosions at the Karbala hotel in Iraq's highly secure "Green Zone." That area of the city is the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition. The area has been a target of many attacks in the past, according to a coalition spokesperson. Another bomb exploded Monday in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala. A number of civilian deaths were reported in that attack.

• Una James, mother of alleged teen sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, said she wouldn't fly to the U.S. from Jamaica because she is not allowed to attend the trial. The U.S. government has allowed James to enter the country on special conditions to testify in the trial. Malvo's defense attorney said James would be allowed to testify if she is willing to come to the U.S. The trial against Malvo and John Allen Muhammad is already underway.

• Yet another music swapping program was shut down this week — this time at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Two college students thought they created a software program that danced around the copyright law by using the university's cable TV access. The Library Access Music program allowed any student to listen to songs from their television and possibly connect their computer to record and copy songs played. However, the university shut the system down while the licensing agreement is being disputed. The students said this method would not be considered under the copyright law because files wouldn't be exact copies of others. MIT officials said the shutdown is temporary, but could become permanent after an investigation.

• The federal government agreed to award Linda Tripp \$595,000 Monday in a privacy settlement sparked during the Monica Lewinsky trial. The allegations said the Department of Defense released private information about Tripp while she was working at the office. The government also agreed to give Tripp three annual outstanding performance evaluations while she worked at the Department, increasing her retirement fund. The initial suit involved leaked information about Tripp's background, including the fact that she was arrested as a juvenile in a case involving drinking alcohol. She was never charged for the alleged crime. Tripp taped conversations with Lewinsky about the intern's alleged affair with former president William Clinton, which ultimately led to an impeachment.

Global goof

• A father in Ann Arbor took the phrase "trick-or-treat" very seriously when his son was allegedly denied candy at a neighborhood home on Halloween. Police said the 43-year-old man smashed a bird feeder and threw a pumpkin through a window after the boy returned crying saying the owner wouldn't give him candy. The owner of the house said she did give the boy candy. Police arrested the father and said he confronted the woman, gave her a note with his address, told her to call the local authorities and began going on the trick-or-treat rampage.

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Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Canoeing for Rouge

Organization looking
for trail possibilities
along river

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After nearly \$1 billion was spent on its clean up, the Friends of the Rouge River organization are helping residents realize its potential.

According to Sally Petrella, public involvement coordinator for The Friends of the Rouge, the organization canoed the Southfield section of the river Saturday to explore the possibility of making it a regular canoe trail for people to enjoy.

"We're trying to raise awareness that the Rouge has come back," said Petrella.

She said this is the first of a few events to get people involved with recreation on the Rouge.

Petrella said these events are designed to show residents they don't have to go far to canoe or use the waterways, there is a healthy river right in their own backyard.

She said the canoe trip is slightly demanding with a few low spots, but people with experience can handle the river.

The Rouge River is 125 miles of water, not including its tributaries. The river's main branch starts in Rochester. It also has branches in the Farmington Hills, Canton and Hines Drive areas. The main stem of the Rouge flows out into the Detroit River. Petrella said the Rouge fell victim to environmental problems and sewage overflows, which caused it to get a bad reputation.

"Back in the late '70s and early '80s it was in bad shape," said Petrella.

Petrella said the clean-up of the river started back in 1992 and really took off when Congressman John Dingell (D - 15th District) helped secure federal funding toward the effort.

Michael Hacker, spokesperson for



Photos by Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
ABOVE: Volunteers get caught in canoeing traffic as they see if the stretch of the river is fit for public use.



BELOW: Two people paddle to keep their canoe straight heading down the Rouge River in Southfield.

Congressman Dingell, said Dingell aided the project because the river, which is in his congressional district, is one of the most polluted rivers in America.

"The Congressman is doing his best to get the Rouge River clean," said Hacker.

The Friends of the Rouge is always looking for members. The cost of join the organization is \$30.

For more information, visit the Web site www.therouge.org.

Seniors seek help

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

To most, Thanksgiving is a time to be with family and give thanks for having enough food to eat. But some people in Oakland County don't have either of those benefits.

The Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) is sponsoring an Adopt-a-Senior program for Thanksgiving to assist those who need it.

According to Jessica Mahaffy, media relations representative for OLHSA, the goal of the project is to provide food for people who don't have enough.

"Citizens adopt seniors for Thanksgiving and provide food for a holiday meal," said Joyce Allen, OLHSA coordinator.

The agency provides dinner for senior citizens who cannot afford to have a plentiful Thanksgiving without outside help. The items in highest demand are small frozen turkeys, chickens and hams, potatoes, canned goods, non-perishable goods and gift certificates to local supermarkets.

Contributions can be dropped off at the OLHSA headquarters in Pontiac. The program runs through Friday, Nov. 14.

Allen said there is a real need for participation by the community in this program.

"We haven't seen a rise in volunteers in a few years," Allen said.

Even after the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy, the number of community donors has not gone up.

"Our best year was probably about three years ago," said Allen. "We did fair last year."

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Courtesy of LIFE
Volunteers display a new sign in front of the completed athletic fields in Iraq.

Adopt Iraqi towns

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

LIFE for Relief and Development is doing more than just donating money to Iraqi towns outside of Baghdad - it is connecting North America to the rest of the world.

LIFE's Adopt-a-Town project plans to get towns and cities affected by the war in Iraq supplies each needs to continue the rebuilding project.

Dr. Ghanim Al-Jumaili, CEO of LIFE in Southfield, said he fears some of the smaller towns and cities outside of Baghdad will not get relief help in the

necessary time.

"Many of the towns have been affected by wars and neglect," he said. "We really need to revitalize the towns. Our feeling is these towns are not going to be the first to receive the help."

LIFE is a non-profit humanitarian relief organization based in Southfield. Its overall goal is to provide relief supplies and human development centers to civilian populations across the globe.

Communities can adopt a town in Iraq through LIFE to help with the rebuilding efforts.

"We present a community to those

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SCHOLAR

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come and that was it," she said. "I was really excited!"

As a Homeland Security Scholar, a scholarship covers her tuition for the year and she receives a monthly stipend for her work in the lab. In addition, she will spend eight to 10 weeks as a paid intern working in a federal lab on research for the Homeland Security Department.

"I'm not sure how much control I'll have over picking the internship, but I would like something chemistry related," she said.

OU has been involved in acknowledging the achievements of Froelich, from "publicizing information on the Web site to a press release and various newspaper articles," said Ted Montgomery, media rela-

tions director at OU.

In November, Froelich will travel to Washington D.C. to learn more about her up-coming internship.

"I'm really excited about the internship," she said.

Devoting time and energy to projects in the lab with the overall goal of achieving or discovering something new is something Froelich said she thoroughly enjoys.

"My favorite aspect of working in the lab is working towards a goal that you want to achieve," she said.

Froelich hopes her dedication and accomplishments in the lab will help her following graduation from OU. She has already applied to the Forensic School at Michigan State University, a dream she has had since middle school.

Virinder Moudgil, vice

president for Academic Affairs and provost, said the university hopes that the achievements of students, such as Froelich's, will encourage others to follow in their footsteps and strive for successes in their own academic journeys.

"Jennifer's successful attempt to win a national recognition provides another example of inspiration to our students to try for the very best," Moudgil said.

"Our hope is that more and more students will step up to the plate and participate in state and national competitions."

To learn more about the Homeland Security Scholars and Fellows Program visit the Web site at www.orau.gov.

EAT

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hunger is an issue, even in the U.S.

"The act of making a statement is priceless," Lily Sloan, president of the HCSA said. "If, by our actions, we can raise awareness about hunger, then perhaps this will turn a one-day charity event into a new perspective on life and what we truly consider 'necessity.'"

Likewise, Younis also said she believes it is important for students to get involved in order to raise awareness about hunger.

"It is a deplorable situation when Oakland County is one of the most affluent counties in the nation and we still have people going to bed hungry each night," she said. "Students need to be aware of this, and I believe fasting will help them have a better understanding of what hunger really is."

Though the overall objective of the event is to raise money, Sloan said another goal of the fast-a-thon is to educate OU students about the Islamic fasting tradition.

"Islamically, there are several reasons for fasting," said Younis. "We fast for the pleasure of God. We fast to better understand the situations of the poverty stricken, those who don't have the luxuries that we take for granted. We fast for spiritual and physical purification."

"Ramadan is the most Holy month of the year for Muslims," she said. "It is a time to become closer to God and let go of worldly things. Fasting is extremely beneficial."

Fasting also may come with physical side effects. Those participating are encouraged to read up on fasting and plight and are given instructions on how they can prepare.

Both Sloan and Younis said the symptoms in which each person feels will be different depending on one's body chemistry, endurance and the amount of physical exertion throughout the day.

It is possible that the only side effect one will experience as a result of fasting is hunger pain in the stomach.

To prepare for fasting, it is a good idea to

get a good night's sleep, wake up before sunrise and eat a small meal. Students should also read about hunger and plight so that they understand what they are doing and why.

The evening of the fast-a-thon there will be an Iftar, which is a traditional dinner in which the fast is broken.

"It will be in the form of potluck, with dishes from around the world. There will be a speaker from the National Muslim Student Association and a check will be presented to the Food Bank of Oakland County," Sloan said.

The Iftar begins at sundown on Nov. 13 and all those who participated or gave donations are invited.

The MSA is also considering setting up a volunteer group for the Food Bank of Oakland County so that they have more volunteers to help out once the fast-a-thon is over.

"I think after people have participated in the fast they will be eager to do what more they can to help. It really teaches you a lot, fasting gives you a new perspective. It helps you be more empathetic," Younis said.

The fast-a-thon, which originated at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, expanded to a national event last year. According to www.fastathon.org, making the fast-a-thon a national event was very successful.

Like other members of the MSA, Younis said she believes the event is incredibly important to

understand that hunger happens everywhere to people of all races, religions and regions.

"A majority of the population at OU has never dealt with not having enough food to eat and we hope this will make them have a better understanding of what their neighbors are going through," said Younis.

Facts about Hunger

- Hunger affects up to 24.7 million people in the U.S. alone, a high proportion of which are children

- In the U.S. nearly 8 percent of households are at risk of hunger

- A child who is hungry is not fulfilling his/her potential

- A child that is unequipped to learn because of hunger and poverty is more likely to be poor as an adult

- In 2001, the number of Americans who were food insecure, hungry or at risk of hunger was 33.6 million, a rise over 2000, when 33.2 million Americans were food insecure.

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- Information from www.fastathon.org and www.toledofoodbank.org

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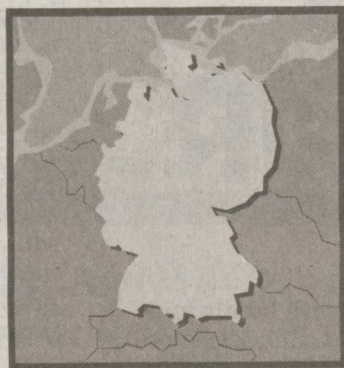
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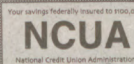
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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

As an Alumnus from this great institution, and more importantly a former OUSC Representative for over 4 years, I am disheartened by the actions of the current OUSC. I actually point the blame at the current President Jonathan Parks. When I was a Representative things got done, plain and simple. We actually listened to the students and voted on important issues that affected the student body. I was no saint and neither was the OUSC at the time. We had long meetings, we had a war of words with each other, and at times we, the Executive Board, and the Legislature hated each other. However, we had a common interest and that was to serve the students.

With a 60 minute time limit on meetings it can only hurt the student that would like to go to the meeting to discuss issues that are bothering them. What happens if there are five new

billings that are introduced and the time runs out. Are those bills then ignored? Heck, I remember the budgets and how long it took to go through them.

Jonathan, as a former rep I am asking you to reconsider the motion of a 60 minute meeting. Mr. B's can wait but the students cannot.

If you feel the meetings are not productive and a waste of time then actually do something about and have productive meetings with important legislation that will help the student body.

Do the right thing for the student body.

MATTHEW P. KARRANDJA
ALUMNUS FROM OAKLAND
UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
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DEAR EDITOR,

Now that the Honorable Judge Kuhn has joined both the Oakland County Prosecutor and

Attorney General in finding that the University did not violate the Open Meetings Act will the Oakland Post and Ms. Bunting continue to flog the proverbial dead horse?

Sincerely,
CHRIS BREWER
SENIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Editor's View

Board should promise openness to community

Now that the waters of the Open Meetings Act have been muddied, the Board of Trustees has the opportunity to take the high road.

Judge Richard Kuhn made a decision in The Oakland Post versus Oakland University lawsuit after seven long months. He ruled the Board of Trustees is not subject to the Open Meetings Act, a Michigan Law requiring that public bodies must open all meetings.

Under this decision, the Board is allowed to have closed meetings anytime it wants. In these meetings, decisions can be made

about tuition, budgets, policies and any number of things that affect students, faculty and staff. The Board could be spending our tuition and our tax dollars behind closed doors, and the OU community and taxpayers would never have a voice.

Earlier this year in The Oakland Press, Henry Baskin vowed to abide by the Open Meetings Act. "I'm shocked

anyone would think that we wouldn't," he said.

Now it's time for the rest of the Board to get in line and follow suit.

The Board should take the high road and create a resolution and pledge to conduct business openly.

The Post is urging the Board to officially commit itself to openness in the form of a written resolution.

In these times of budget cuts, tuition increases and hiring freezes students, faculty and staff don't want to feel like they are left out in the dark. The Board's reaffirmation to openness

may be just what the community needs.

The Board needs to publicly pledge that it will conduct its business in the open and be accountable not only to the community, but also to itself.

The OU community needs to realize how this impacts each of their lives. With no accountability, the Board can make decisions that affect, and cost, each of us.

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The Board of Trustees can legally hold secret meetings because a judge ruled it isn't subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Our stance: The Board needs to officially reaffirm its commitment to openness.

Correction:

Some of the information contained in the story "Bookmobile makes library comeback," printed in the Oct. 29 edition and the story "Lighthouse expands" printed in the Oct. 1 edition was not properly attributed. The information should have been attributed to The Daily Oakland Press.

Featured columnist

Green Party student responds to column of republican



ANDREA CARTER
Senior
Political Science

If one did not know better, they might be inclined to believe many mistaken ideas about the ideology and policy positions of the Green Party related in Brian Koss' featured column of October 22. The writer's submission apparently was in reaction to a presentation made to his Political Science class by a guest OU professor. As I was not a witness to the classroom proceedings that so offended the author, this letter is instead offered to address some of the substantive claims found in his letter.

I spoke to the presenting professor afterwards. He acknowledged being an active member of the Greens and affirmed promoting the party in his pre-class presentation. He also insists that he never claimed the flyer he personally cut and pasted together explained the Green's platform, the "Ten Key Values" (as listed on their Web site

www.migreens.org). Oddly enough, this was the most pertinent Web site on the flyer but the only one that was not cited in Koss' column.

I examined a copy of what the professor distributed and compared it to the quotations and statements in the column. Though attributed to the flyer, these were actually misquoted (consequensmacherei fallacy).

For example, the flyer does not say, contrary to Koss' conjecture that "the Constitution was written by stupid, dead, white men." Nor does it mention anything about Saddam (Hussein) let alone that he, as Koss implies the writer believes, "was the real victim here and our soldiers are heartless heathens." It is certainly unobjectionable to take issue with doubts about the legitimacy of the 2000 presidential election, but it is gratuitous to fabricate shock value out of a pre-Halloween rhetorical straw man.

The circular does not say that "soldiers purposely killed Iraqi civilians," though this may very well be the case. It reads: "...soldiers being ordered to fire at unarmed Iraqi women and children peacefully demonstrating..."

Neither writer offers supporting evidence, though the indiscriminate explosions of "smart" weaponry reportedly claimed thousands of civilian lives (http://www.iraqbodycount.net/editorial_aug0703.htm). Thus, it is disappointing to find such thin regard for accuracy and logic in the writing of one identified as media director of a campus organization.

More significantly, how is one to accept the author's heavy allegations that the ideas presented on the flyer are "irrational, outrageous, and immoral" when support for such assertions is never offered?

Such argumentation is antithetical to the spirit of reasoned debate expected at a University. Discourse censorious of perspectives differing from one's own enlightens only the "true believer."

Koss' column can be found online at: <http://www.oakland.edu/post/10222003/perspective.htm>.

To receive the flyer passed out or to personally respond to this column, feel free to e-mail me at amcarter1103@yahoo.com.



Point / Counterpoint

Should smoking be banned in public places and entertainment establishments?

YES

BY ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Most people like to go out to clubs and restaurants whether it's to grab a quick drink or have a nice dinner. However, most people I know - even the smokers - don't like having their clothes and hair smelling like an ash tray after leaving.

Before I go further, this is not a anti-smoking pitch. You are all big boys and girls, make your own decisions.

Living in Florida for four months during the summer, the Sunshine State passed a anti-smoking law not allowing any tobacco products to be lit up in a public facility that sells 10 percent or more of its entire profit in food.

Well, that meant all bars, clubs, bowling alleys and restaurants had to become smoke free or face hefty fines. For non-smokers, it was a dream come true.

A group of us went bowling a

few weeks after the law was in effect, and we could actually breathe and enjoy the sport without any coughing or watery eyes (to those allergic to smoke like myself).

Some restaurants even reported actually seeing an increase in customers.

If comfort isn't the only reason, a study by the American Cancer Society in October, 2002 found exposure to secondhand smoke is the cause of many health problems for non-smokers. The report said 60,000 otherwise healthy non-smokers die from second-hand smoke intake every year.

Letting numbers continue to argue my case, the result showed workers in places like bars with no smoking restrictions suffered 539 nanograms of average nicotine intake during each eight-hour shift.

Whether smoking two packs a day or never touching a cigarette, an enclosed, smoke-free environment is overall more enjoyable and healthy.

No

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Smoking is a choice, and sitting in a room with someone who smokes is also a choice. Smokers are targets for people who think nothing will harm them in life.

In reality, there are places that should be labeled as non-smoking, while there are places that should allow it. It is an unfair statement to say that smoking should be banned in public places, while giving people the freedom to get drunk is allowed. Statistically, there are more alcoholics in the world than there are smokers. Those who may not smoke, yet believe that consuming a case of beer is ok, are just plain hypocrites.

Smoking may be a bad habit, but non-smokers do not seem to see the big picture. How is it fair to take away one habit, but allow another? Drinking alcohol is just as bad a habit as smoking, and can harm people far

worse than smoking.

Do people honestly believe that banning smoking in public places will make people that much healthier? I know when I walk out of a bar or restaurant that the people smoking around me are conscious and can drive, but a person who has drank him or herself into oblivion may get behind a wheel and kill me on the spot.

People want to ban smoking because it's unhealthy and may cause cancer? It may one day, but getting hit by a drunk driver is a much quicker way to die. If they want to ban smoking, why not ban drinking? Drinking is just as unhealthy and it has a worse threat to people's lives. If we have a smoking section, why isn't there a drinking section?

Two habits that people consume in their lives each day, but only one is looked at a being a threat and should be banned. There is something wrong with a world of people that cannot see the hypocritical views that society has.

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SMEA

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SMEA has been on campus and it is the only organization for education majors at OU.

Membership has already increased from last year when there were 35 active members. This year there are currently 65 active members.

"My hope is that this year will be a year of growth and prosperity for SMEA here at OU. There are hundreds of education students on this campus and we could truly have the ability to make a voice for ourselves and be heard about issues that matter to us," said Tury.

SPLIT

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According to Borig, the dishwasher was broken, the chimney needed cleaning and a toilet was broken. Borig claims she called Li on several occasions to have the repairs made, but Li never addressed them.

The two agree there was an original walk-through done at the beginning of the lease. Borig said she filled out a two-page inspection sheet, though she said probably not as carefully as she could have.

However, upon checking out, Borig said a different list, a much longer list, was used.

Li had a friend check the students

out of the house since she was out of town. The man admitted to editing the list to make it more thorough, but Borig said the list contained things not on the check-in list, including the front door.

The lease between Li and Borig stipulates the first checklist must be identical to the outgoing checklist.

"They are almost identical," Li told the judge.

In a written decision, the judge instructed Li to return \$550 in addition to the \$200 already given back to Borig.

Borig said she was happy with the deci-

sion and had learned valuable lessons from the whole situation.

As of press time, Li was not available for comment.

According to OU records, the land in the Meadow Brook subdivision is owned by OU. The owners of the house do not own the land. OU has stipulated in the land lease agreement that only full-time employees or professors can occupy the houses in the subdivision and they can only be sublet with university permission.

Li told the judge she did not know of the stipulation and did not have permis-

ENGLISH

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English to Spanish speakers, he said.

Students in the program think it is a great help.

"I feel that the Hispanic community is benefiting greatly from the ESL program at Oakland University and the students benefit by practice teaching and gaining experience," said Luz Clarke, graduate student.

Graduate student Helen Kehr said this program will allow students to help those in need of assistance with the language.

"My main goal is to help my students to be able to communicate in English and survive in this society, to learn what is useful for them, how to go to the grocery store and ask for food and pay the cashier, how

to make a doctor's appointment, how to ask for directions if they happen to get lost," said Kehr.

In light of the increase of people who speak foreign languages at home, an overwhelming majority of Linguistics majors are now interested in ESL, said Binkert.

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IRAQ

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who want to adopt, then we present them with the needs of the town," he said. "We will help them with the work."

Different donations are needed depending on the individual town need. Food, money and educational needs are some items requested.

Edmonton, Alberta in Canada adopted the first city in Iraq. Plans for New Mishraq/Al-Mutaiha, which

is in the Basra province in Iraq, are to build different athletic fields and reconstruct damaged homes. Some buildings, including a school, are already in the construction stage.

Al-Jumaily said along with the reconstruction process, LIFE is also trying to build a relationship with schools in both North America and Iraq.

"We welcome visitation," he said. "We want to estab-

lish a relationship with the schools and exchange information."

He said on more than one occasion LIFE has connected representatives from North American and Iraqi towns together to share stories and needs.

For more information, contact LIFE at (248) 424-7493 or visit www.lifeusa.org.

SENIORS

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Last Thanksgiving, the agency was able to help about 50 people.

OLHSA tries to make the community aware of the project through local churches and newspapers.

This year, the agency is also getting support through the Comcast Cable Company.

According to the OLHSA Web site, www.olhsa.org, Comcast Cares is a nationwide program in which Comcast employees take the opportunity to give back to the community.

"We are excited to have this partnership with Comcast and know that many of our area seniors will have an enjoyable

Thanksgiving," said OLHSA spokesperson Claudia Bigelow.

Allen hopes all community members, including students, will participate in the program.

She said it's easy to take part in the organization.

"Call us so we can match you up with a senior and give someone a good Thanksgiving," she said.

For information on participating in the program or where to deliver food, contact Joyce Allen at (248) 209-2644 or visit www.olhsa.org.

HAZING

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al membership, which produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule, or any activity which threatens or endangers the life or safety of an individual. All forms of hazing are strictly prohibited at OU.

Any student organization violating the law is addressed through Center for Student Activities office, and all university ordinance violations are addressed by the Dean of Students Office.

"We fairly apply the judicial system when hazing has been involved and continue educating student leaders against hazing," said McIntosh.

Although the organizations involved were not

named, McIntosh did say there have been organizations suspended for a period of time from hazing violations. There have also been members of Greek organizations placed on probation for hazing misconduct, he said.

Some hazing activities and situations have disfigurement to include branding or self-mutilation, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, engaging in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities and verbal abuse which leads to public embarrassment or humiliation.

If members of an outside, non-OU chapter or organi-

zation initiate a hazing incident on OU campus or against an OU student or pledge, the OU organization or chapter will be held responsible and charged under the terms of the OU Code of Conduct And Judicial System.

"We need those laws to help protect students," said McIntosh.

Christina Tierman, coordinator of Student Organizations and Greek Life, said an anti-hazing law would be a great step forward.

"I don't believe hazing has any place in Greek organizations," she said. "Individuals enacting the hazing, should be prosecuted."

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Monday, November 24 - Wednesday, November 26

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Women set for tourney

Winning streak ends on road

By Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

A chance at an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament has all but slipped away from the OU women's soccer team after a 3-2 loss to Western Michigan University (WMU) Thursday snapped the Golden Grizzlies' 10-game winning streak.

OU was able to bounce back with a 3-0 victory over Indiana University (IU) Sunday, but the damage was done.

Head coach Nick O'Shea said it's difficult to believe that the lifted pressure of the snapped winning streak was a good thing.

"I don't put a lot of stock on pressure or winning streaks," O'Shea said. "It's hard for me to say losing that game was a good thing. Had we won, we would have had a chance for an at-large bid (to the NCAA tournament)."

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead against WMU when sophomore forward Kristi Swaving tallied her seventh goal of the season in the third minute. Midfielders Erica Demers, senior, and Silje Peltopera, sophomore, picked up the assist on the goal.

In the 15th minute, the Broncos knotted the game at one with a goal by senior midfielder Megan Urbats, assisted by sophomore forward Andrea Tyler and senior forward Jessica Pattison.

OU once again took the lead when Swaving notched her second goal of the game in the 28th minute. The unassisted



Above: Junior OU forward Shelly Piccirillo takes a tackle in Sunday's 3-0 victory over Indiana University on the Lovers Fields. Right: Sophomore Grizzly forward Kristi Swaving dribbles around an Indiana University defender. Swaving had a goal in the win.

tally was her eighth of the season.

Before halftime, WMU tied the score with a goal by sophomore forward Stephanie Johnson in the 39th minute, assisted by freshman defender Chantal Robinson and freshman midfielder Amy Letzgus.

The game remained deadlocked until the 81st minute on a goal by sophomore OU midfielder Katie Ruzinsky.

Robinson picked up her second assist of the season on the game-winning goal.

The Grizzlies rebounded against IU Sunday, with senior goalkeeper Sarah Buckland recording her sixth shutout of the season.

Freshman midfielder Lisa-Marie Woods opened the scoring with her sixth goal of the sea-

son, assisted by junior midfielder Kelly Rieck, in the 40th minute.

OU maintained the one goal advantage until Demers widened the margin by converting a penalty kick in the 69th minute.

Junior forward Shelly Piccirillo ended the scoring with her conference-leading 11th goal of the season. Swaving and Woods picked up assists on the goal.

O'Shea credited the team's midfield play for the success on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"We're playing well as a team right now," O'Shea said. "People talk about offense and defense, but midfield links the two. That's an area we're playing very well in and that's been a major contributor."



This weekend, the Grizzlies will take part in the Mid-Con Conference Tournament in Tulsa.

Competition will begin on Friday with the first semifinal game taking place at 4:30 p.m. and the second starting at 7 p.m. The championship game will be Sunday.

Postseason schedule announced

By Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

An automatic bid to the NCAA national tournament is on the line at this weekend's Mid-Con Conference women's soccer tournament.

Four of the league's nine teams will compete in the single-elimination tournament, with the semifinal games being played on Friday with the winners facing off in Sunday's championship.

OU will be the number-one seed, squaring off against fourth-seeded Western Illinois University (WIU) in the semifinals on Friday.

"It's got some advantages," head coach Nick O'Shea said of getting the number one seed. "You get a more favorable draw and have an earlier game on Friday. There's also an advantage in that if we win, we can scout the other game."

If the team defeats WIU, it will square off against the winner of the Oral Roberts University/Centenary College semifinal, also on Friday.

The Grizzlies' semifinal match will start at 4:30 p.m. (CST) followed by the second semifinal contest at 7 p.m. (CST). Both games will be played in Tulsa. At 1 p.m. (CST) Sunday, the two semifinal winners will square off in the championship.

By going undefeated in conference play, OU earned the regular season crowns, three outright in five years in the Mid-Conference.

Junior forward Shelly Piccirillo led the conference with 11 goals and senior goalkeeper Sarah Buckland fortified OU's defense with a league-best 0.86 goals against average.

Oral Roberts will go into the tournament with the second seed after posting a 5-1 record in the conference.

Centenary made a successful debut in the Mid-Conference, posting a 3-2 lead record to garner the third seed.

"Centenary is a pretty good team," O'Shea said. "It's not a strong women's soccer conference so teams coming in have a chance to do well."

OU has won three consecutive Mid-Conference tournaments, all of which have been played on OU's home field in Tulsa, and received an automatic bid to the NCAA championship tournament the last two seasons.

"We're trying to make it four," O'Shea said. "It would always be more of an advantage to be at home. But we'll go down there and hopefully we can do it again."

Kieffer wins league crown

By Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

The Mid-Con couldn't contain OU senior Kristie Kieffer this season.

After dominating the conference's women's cross country this season, Kieffer capped off her effort with a nearly half-minute victory over her nearest competition.

"Kristie Kieffer has always had great talent, this year she is just really grasping the true concept of mental toughness that it takes to be at the top of this sport," head OU cross country coach Paul Rice said. "Along with her mental toughness, she has become very comfortable running up front in every race. She can go out fast and still shift gears late in the race if she needs to."

Although Kieffer was able to capture the championship's individual crown with a time of 21:25.22, Southern Utah University (SUU) took the team title for the sixth consecutive year, placing all its runners in the top 10 for only 20 total points.

The SUU men followed suit by not only winning the team meet with a record-low championship total of 21 points, but also claiming the individual honors with senior Cody Moat's first-place finish.

Kieffer and Moat were named Conference Athletes of the Year for their victories.

While SUU took the men's and women's team titles, OU had strong showings in both races, with matching second-place totals in team meet.

Junior Adam Frezza led the Golden Grizzlies to the runner-up team finish in the men's 8K race by placing third individually with a time of 25:18.31.

With the exception of Chicago State University's David Comiskey, junior, only runners from SUU and OU placed in the top 13.

Senior Jason Bruscha contributed to the Grizzlies' 40 team points by finishing one place behind Frezza, running the race in 25:29.89.

"Southern Utah has an awesome team this year," Rice said. "Our guys ran an incredible race. Our top five stepped up when we needed it most. Second wasn't our goal, but the reality is that SUU was really unbeatable this year."

Juniors John Cook (25:56.51), Luke Williams (26:08.97) and senior Brandon Fisk (26:09.42) finished eighth, 12th and 13th, respectively, to round out OU's scored runners.

The Grizzlies' also took second in the women's team competition with 65 total points, the team's lowest score at the Mid-



OU senior Kristie Kieffer

Con Championships, besting third-place Valparaiso University by three points.

"The women also stepped up big time," Rice said. "No one expected us to beat Valpo for second. It was exciting to pull it out by just three points."

Along with Kieffer's individual victory, sophomore Melissa Nassers ran well, placing third overall with a 22:23.51 in the 6K race.

Junior Sarah Kane (23:34.86), sophomore Kim Schultz (23:35.75) and freshman Laura Fisher (23:49.60) rounded out the women's scoring runners with 18th, 19th and 24th place finishes, respectively.

Both squads will now prepare for the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Men can clinch share of Mid-Con

By Dana Utz
The Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzly men's soccer team captured a win against the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) this weekend by a score of 2-1, putting it in a tie with the UMKC Kangaroos for first place in the conference.

UMKC jumped ahead in the beginning of the game Saturday with a goal in the 12th minute by senior Ryan Barber, assisted by senior Geoff Miles. The goal was the fifth that OU goalkeeper, sophomore Jeff Wiese has allowed during the first half of games this season and the first goal since Oct. 15.

OU had a rough first half, recording 10 shots on goal but none were converted.

Even though the Kangaroo's goalkeeper, sophomore Todd Dohman, kept the game close by making three point-blank saves on shots by juniors Ryan Rzepka, Doug Rice and Shahar Ktovim, OU took the lead in the second half with two goals.

"It's frustrating when you aren't getting a lot of chances," head coach Tom Parsons said. "It's frustrating, certainly, when a guy makes a big save on you, but you get back in the game. You continue to plug away and hope for better results."

Sophomore Chris Edwards scored the first goal. He took a crossing pass from junior Brett McNabb and heel-kicked it to the near post.

Junior Philip Braathen gathered the ball after a defensive turnover

by the Kangaroos in the 79th minute, capitalizing on a one-on-one chance to put the Grizzlies ahead.

The goal was Braathen's third game-winning goal of the season.

OU outshot the Kangaroos 19-7 and Wiese walked away with his ninth win of the season.

"Wiese has had a terrific year," Parsons said. "He's been consistent all season long."

OU's win put the Kangaroo's seven game winning streak to an end as they fell to 7-6-2.

OU traveled to Wright State University yesterday. Results and stats were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

Parsons said the team has really put it together as of late.

"We've been playing better," he said. "We've got a run of three or four games where we've played well. We've made a system change that seems to be helping. We play well when everyone does their job."

Parsons said the team has switched from a 4-3-3 system with three midfielders and three forwards to a 4-4-2 lineup with four midfielders and two forwards.

"It's given us more strength in midfield and helped us get the ball back and attack more," Parson said.

OU has one more obstacle in front of it next week against Oral Roberts University. If the Grizzlies win the 1 p.m. Saturday home contest they will be assured at least a share of the conference regular season crown.

ON TAP @ OU

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

Men's Soccer

Saturday Nov. 8, 1 p.m.
vs. Oral Roberts
(OU Lower Fields)

Women's Soccer

Mid-Con Conference Tourny
(@ Oral Roberts)
Friday Nov. 7
Semifinal #1, 4:30 p.m.
OU vs. Western Illinois
Semifinal #2, 7 p.m.
ORU vs. Centenary
Sunday Nov. 9, 1 p.m.
Finals
Winner Semifinal #1 vs.
Winner Semifinal #2

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
@ UMKC
Sunday Nov. 2, Noon
@ Western Illinois
Tuesday Nov. 4 7 p.m.
vs. Toledo
(@ 'O'rena)

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving

Friday Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
vs. Wright State
(@ OU Aquatics Center)
Saturday Nov. 8, TBA
vs. Cincinnati
(@ OU Aquatics Center)

Men's Club Hockey

(DII)
Friday Nov. 7, 8:30 p.m.
vs. Liberty
(@ ONYX in Rochester)
Saturday Nov. 8, TBA
@ Ferris State

(DIII)
Saturday Nov. 8, 9 p.m.
@ Calvin College

Women lose two to league opponent

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's women's club hockey team kept the reigns tight on Northern Michigan University (NMU) over the weekend, but not tight enough as NMU held the Golden Grizzlies scoreless in two games.

NMU and OU shutout each other out for the first two periods of Friday's game, but the Wildcats broke the deadlock in the third period, scoring the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over the Grizzlies.

Saturday's game played out in similar fashion, with the teams playing scoreless hockey through one period, but NMU once again jumped ahead in the second period, adding an empty-net goal in the third stanza for a 2-0 win.

Head OU women's club hockey coach Shana Osler said she thought the team played well in both games.

"We outshot Northern 35 to 19 on Saturday and still don't score," Osler said. "What are the odds of that? But the team looked good."

Senior goaltender Jane Lemaux was solid in net, stopping 33 of 34 shots against on Friday and 17 of 18 on Saturday.

At 8 p.m. Friday, the Grizzlies will travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State University in Munn Ice Arena. At 10:45 p.m. Saturday, MSU will travel to the ONYX Ice Arena in Rochester.

Outside looking in

OU volleyball needs help to qualify for postseason

BY DAVID PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU women's volleyball split its two road matches over the weekend, losing to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) and defeating Western Illinois University.

Friday night, OU won the first game against UMKC 30-18 but lost the next three games 30-26, 30-23 and 30-27 to lose the match.

Sophomore Heather Lippert led OU with 13 kills and junior Sara Miller added 11 kills. The Golden Grizzlies had 11 aces in the four games, led by senior Lauren Bramos' five aces.

Junior Katie Lozier led the OU defense with 15 digs.

Sunday, OU was able to turn things around by defeating Western Illinois.

The Golden Grizzlies won the first two games 30-25 and 30-19, then lost the third game 25-30 but won the fourth game 30-24 to win the match.

OU was led by Miller with 21 kills and sophomore Stephanie Linz with 20 kills.

Lozier and Bramos one again led the defense with 16 digs each.

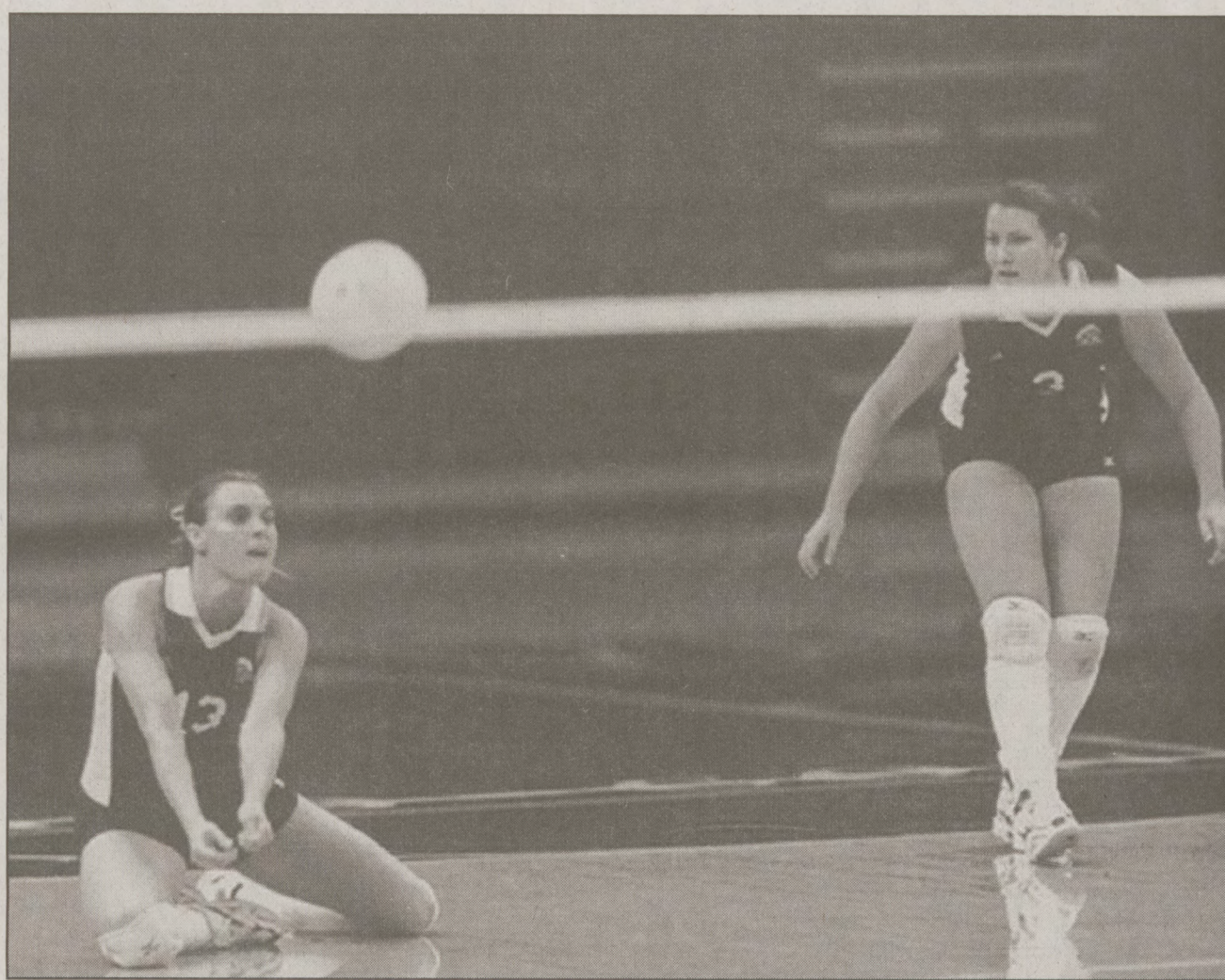
Bramos also added three aces giving her a total of eight over the weekend. Senior Patti Hunter added to the Grizzlies' good defense by providing five rejections.

With the win, OU improves its record to 5-16 overall and 4-7 in the Mid-Con.

Head coach Dave Schmidlin said he is looking forward to the next two weeks, as the Grizzlies will take on three conference opponents with hopes of qualifying for the conference postseason tournament.

"We may have turned a corner this weekend," Schmidlin said. "We need some help from the teams UMKC has left on their schedule, but we are capable of winning the next three matches."

OU will face Chicago State University (CSU), Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and



OU senior Beth Ann Rourk looks on as teammate senior Courtney Varterasian digs the ball in a game earlier this season. The Golden Grizzly volleyball team split its games this weekend.

Valparaiso University (VU) over the next two weeks.

The Grizzlies lost their matches against all three schools earlier this year, but Schmidlin said the team has responded to a challenge he presented two weeks ago.

"If you had asked me if we had a chance against these teams two weeks ago, I would have probably said no," he said. "I told the team that much two weeks ago. While I was being honest with them, I wanted to see how they responded to the challenge. They have really been a different group since then."

Schmidlin said that the team has shown improvement throughout the season and has developed a desire to win.

"At the beginning of the season, I said the biggest hurdle facing this group was overcoming the 'loser's mentality,'" he said. "We have gone from a team that was happy to keep the score close to a team that is looking to execute at a high level consistently and put

ourselves in a position to win."

Schmidlin also said he was impressed with the way the seniors on the team have dealt with the coaching change and a new system.

"They have done everything they can to make sure things went well this year," he said. "They didn't have to. At this point, all they had to do was show up. They knew they weren't going to lose their scholarships and yet they came in and worked as hard as anyone."

No matter the outcome of the remainder of the season, Schmidlin said he is proud to be a part of the program.

"I've been coaching for 13 years now, and I can't remember enjoying being with a group of players as much as I have enjoyed this group," he said. "I don't know how (the team) feels about me, I've been quite a handful at times, but I would do anything for anyone on this team, whether they know

it or not.

"Records aside, I couldn't have asked for anything more from this group. I am excited to see what the future holds. But first, that conference tournament."

The road to the postseason will begin at 7 p.m. Friday with a home contest against CSU.

IUPUI will be next on the list. The match will start at 5 p.m. Saturday with the Jaguars coming to the 'O'rena.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, the Grizzlies will hit the road for a non-conference match against Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

OU wraps up its season with a 7 p.m. (CST) Friday, Nov. 15 matchup with VU on the road.

All three of OU's remaining conference opponents are currently placed higher in the Mid-Con than the Grizzlies, including VU who is currently ranked first in the league with an undefeated record.

Fans use Internet boards, but not always on friendly terms

BY SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL
(KRT)

His e-mail box floods daily at work.

They are messages from friends who want the inside information, the scoop. They know that if any juicy news breaks about Miami football, Michael Pineiro is aware of it.

Even though he is not a reporter, Pineiro is like a CNN correspondent to his buddies.

It's because Pineiro is a frequent reader of Internet message boards, forums where fans gossip, trash-talk and reveal information from fact to ridiculous rumor. Followers such as Pineiro spend several hours a day tracking the boards, searching for tidbits. They jump on the computer after their morning coffee, between classes or during that brief break at the office, just to see what they can learn new about "their" teams.

"Obsession with (the boards) is a strong term," said Pineiro, a 23-year-old Miami native. "But I think following a sport is a hobby. This is a way to get that inside information. It's basically a community forum where you can talk and find stuff about the team."

Message boards have grown in popularity the past few years, becoming just as much a part of the game as tailgating, and arguably are one of the top sources for news-hungry fans. It is here where pictures of former Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy drinking with college students first surfaced, where rumors of fired Alabama football coach Mike Price's night at a strip club in Pensacola began.

Max Karyo of Boca Raton, Fla., said he has read several breaking stories on message-board posts at www.CaneSport.com, including the severity of wideout Roscoe Parrish's injury suffered against Florida State and backup quarterback Marc Guillon's decision to transfer.

The infinite space and freedom of the Internet creates avenues that weren't always available. Karyo, a 37-year-old lawyer, used to broadcast basketball games at Tulane during the famous point-shaving scandal in 1985. But most fans were unaware until the news hit the mainstream media.

That would never happen today, says Karyo.

"It would have been interesting had the boards been around then," he said. "Information would have been everywhere. Sometimes you get false information, but it balances out. You'll see information that appears on the board, and then you'll see it three or four days later on the nightly news. If there's information out there, it's going to show up on these boards."

The news can be inaccurate at times. For every scoop, there are dozens of cases of misinformation. Last week, Virginia Tech message boards were flooded with claims that receiver Ernest Wilford was transferring after being slapped on the helmet by coach Frank Beamer on the sideline.

"Sometimes, you get rumors and people just run with them," said Adam Miller, editor of www.hokiehaven.com. "I mean, they had Wilford already leaving."

Miller said 38,000 of the 65,000 hits the site receives are for the message board. That kind of popularity is what attracted Nick Cammarano. He moved from Coral Gables four years ago to attend Bucknell at Lewisburg, Pa. With no friends to discuss the Hurricanes, he turned to the computer. "You really get to read and see everything," said Cammarano, a 21-year-old business major. "I'm addicted because there's so much out there to talk about."

Big games, such as Saturday's between Miami and Virginia Tech, are when the boards generate the most traffic. Anonymous posters with screen names such as "OldDirtyCane" or "hokietjl" spark exchanges about whether Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. is the most annoying player in college football, or whether running back Jarrett Payton can carry the load.

Players, for the most part, say they avoid the boards, although Miami defensive end Baraka Atkins has his sister check to see if anything negative is said. The last thing an athlete wants to read is the criticism by a fan they only know as "Nolinator," who this week started a thread on www.hokiehaven.com that asked someone to hit Winslow in the head with a bottle.

"It's probably not the best of ideas for me to

go on there," Hurricanes tackle Eric Winston said. "A lot of people don't realize that these are probably just normal people who don't have any insight on football. A lot of times they have no clue what's going on."

Although posters may call them a news source, Winston said there is nothing journalistic about message boards. He calls them a good tool for fans, but said some of the comments are irresponsible. Most sites eliminate posts that feature profanity or personal attacks, but not everything is caught.

"Most of the media is relatively competent," Winston said. "They know what they're writing and they are responsible in what they write, and it's not going out on whim. I think they have some sort of basis. Some of the stuff on the Internet you can get from anywhere. They don't care what they're saying."

Reaching a player or coach is the goal of some message-board posters. It is their way of being in the game, part of the team. There are those who criticize their teams just to get the players fired up. Others will drop a negative comment on the rival message board with hopes of making the opponent overconfident. Karyo became ecstatic talking about his claim that a UM assistant coach challenged one of his posts.

The irony of the constant interaction in the message board community is that most will never meet one another. Pineiro, a Harvard graduate who works for the Florida House of Representatives, prefers to keep it that way.

"I think the only thing we have in common is that we follow the same team," he said. "I don't think we need to meet these people."

Karyo disagreed. "I think at the end of the year, they should throw a party, so everyone can see who they are," he said. "You know among the posters it would be an English professor, doctors, people with good standing in the community. I'm sure it'd be a good time."

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Trinidad is dollars away

Student Steel Pan Organization is trying to raise money for the World Pan Festival in Oct 2004.

By DAVID KILKENNEY
THE OAKLAND POST

When the Africans first arrived in Trinidad as slaves, their masters took away their drums for fear of revolt and escape. Since the drum was a form of communication, the owners denied their slaves this voice.

However, the slaves improvised with many objects, and today the steel drum, or steel pan, is the national instrument of Trinidad.

At OU, the Student Steel Pan Organization (SSPO) is returning to the roots of this music by attending the World Pan Festival in Trinidad in October 2004. As an "invite only" competition, they are honored by being the only American band competing.

This is quite an accomplishment for a band that only formally organized in 2002 and has already taken fourth place in a panorama competition that same summer in Toronto. About 12 SSPO members will make the trip to Trinidad.

"All the rhythms are rooted in African music," said Jesse Calcat, senior and SSPO secretary. Many of these same or similar rhythms are found in Jazz and Blues. The steel pan can even be found in some of the bands now, said

Calcat.

SSPO needs to raise \$25,000 for the competition. The money is to be split between entry fees, travel cases for the bands gear and travel expenses for the members. To date, funds raised have not quite reached \$5,000.

To raise this money, SSPO is releasing a CD just after the upcoming New Year as well as performing around town. The performances are free. The group asks that people donate what they can. The CD will cost \$10 when released.

More information on performance dates and the CD is available on their web site, www.81x.com/sspo.

In addition, anyone interested in booking the band for a concert should contact Crystal Evans, senior, vice president and co-founder of SSPO at clevans@oakland.edu.

SSPO members are looking to engulf themselves in the culture of Trinidad and the culture of the pan for the trip.

"It's a way to experience the music in its own culture, which we haven't done yet," said Evans who wants to bring this culture back to the students at OU and try to instill a greater appreciation for the music.

SSPO's advisor is Mark Stone of



Photo courtesy of Dennis Collins

Back row: Dave Fekel, grad. student, Crystal Evans, senior, Dan Miesel, community member, Cary Ketchman, senior, Mark Stone, advisor. Front row: Jessica Freeze, senior, Leslie-Anne Graham, senior, Jennifer Roberts, community member.

the Music, Theatre and Dance Department.

It is his class that led many of SSPO's members to fall in love with pan music and ultimately join the band.

Stone's class was "the first time

ever, as a music student, I was asked to improvise," said Cary Ketchman, senior.

It's not just a type of music, "it's an attitude," said Ketchman.

SSPO will next appear at Tiki-Bob's in Pontiac on Sunday night.

Keep an eye out on campus and around town for the band as they have many concerts planned for the upcoming holidays.

Writing reveals creative side during poetry readings

Students will have an opportunity to read their favorite poems

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

The Honors College Association (HCA) is holding a poetry reading at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 112 Vandenberg Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Students can bring their favorite poem, written themselves or read their favorite poem.

"One of the goals of the HCA is to cultivate the arts," said Sumeerra Younis, junior and coordinator of the event.

"Students are expressive through the writings and we let them express that. It's a comfortable atmosphere," she said.

Jude Nixon, professor of English and director of the Honors College, has

participated in past poetry readings. He said he does so for many reasons.

"Poetry brings one in touch with one's creative self, and causes one to see something new. As Wordsworth puts it, poetry 'removes the veil of familiarity,'" said Nixon.

Poetry readings have become successful, with both Honors College and non-Honors College students participating, as well as faculty.

Starting this year, the HCA will hold them on the first Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact the Honors College at hc@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-4450.

CNN anchor to share experiences

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

CNN broadcaster Soledad O'Brien will speak to OU students about success on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Formerly, O'Brien was the weekend anchor for NBC's "Weekend Today," and now she is the co-anchor of CNN's "American Morning."

Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs said O'Brien has covered the Columbine shooting, Taliban prisoners and the Columbia shuttle explosion.

"She was one of NBC's chief reporters for the World Trade Center aftermath," he said.

Franklin also said she was partners with David Bloom, an NBC correspondent who died of a pulmonary embolism while traveling with the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq last spring.

"We always try to bring people of note," said Franklin.

OU's Student Congress President Jonathan Parks, junior, said Congress contributes money to the Student Life Lecture Board, who organizes events like this.

He said bringing her to campus is important because she is a woman in communications, and she is near the top of her field.

"We have a lot of communication students here," he said. "(Students can) get awareness, like what did she do to get where she is now?"

Franklin also said students could learn a lot from O'Brien.

"She is certainly someone who has done a lot to be successful," he said. "She has covered some very interesting things."

Franklin said students studying communications, broadcasting, political science or history would be especially interested in this lecture.

"All students should take advantage of this," he said.



Photo courtesy of Center for Student Activities

Soledad O'Brien will be speaking at OU regarding the topic of success Nov. 13.

"It's rare that we get a broadcaster of this stature."

This free event will take place at 4 p.m. on Nov. 13

in the Oakland Center Banquet Room. Seating is open for the first 600 people.

Rapper Obie Trice debuts first album with 'Cheers'

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

If you know the right people, you'll go places in life, and in the case of the Detroit native, Obie Trice, this was exactly the situation.

With his debut album "Cheers," which was released in stores Sept. 23, Trice hit it big with a little help from Eminem.

With production by Eminem, Dr. Dre and Timbaland, Trice definitely used his fresh talent and connections to release a record that will make people notice him.

With tracks like "Got Some Teeth," Trice uses humor to tell a story about

his promiscuous nightlife and his hopes for his morning visions.

What is reminiscent of Eminem's angry about-everything lyrics, Trice is just as vulgar, and has lyrics that flow just as well with loud and non-stop beats.

The album is definitely not a piece for the younger ages, so don't let the clean

versions on the radio fool you. Like most of Eminem's tracks, Trice seems to have a strong hate for women.

Unfortunately, this may not have been a plan for the interpretations of the lyrics, but vulgarity and violence seem to be Trice's

views of certain aspects of life around him.

Like most of the newly found talent molded for his new empire at Shady Records, Eminem seems to take the spotlight on a majority of the tracks on

"Cheers," while Trice merely raps along with his plethora of guests

including Nate Dogg, Busta Rhymes and 50 Cent.

The album is a definite good start for a new artist, but the only downfall is that listening to only Trice is hard when there are many other voices in the mix.

The last track on the album, the "Outro" is a good example of too much going on.

With words flowing from Eminem and the entire gang of D-12, it is hard to pinpoint the star of the show.

To call the album simply one person's work is wrong, because there are only seven tracks that Trice can call his own. "Cheers" is a good start for Obie Trice, yet if he wants to make it big in the music industry, he needs to rely less on other people's talent and more on his own.

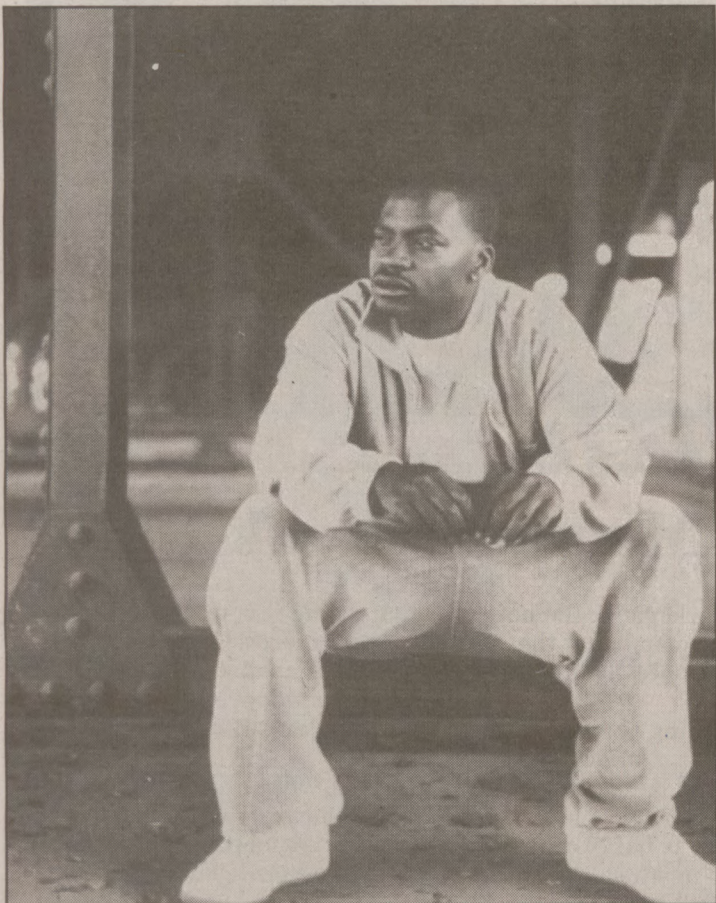


Photo courtesy of Interscope Records

Obie Trice released his debut album Sept. 23.

Mascot pumps up OU crowd

BY CANDICE SEAY
THE OAKLAND POST

Who is the Golden Grizzly mascot? If students went to Midnight Madnezz a couple of weeks ago, they saw the mascot's new vibrant uniform along with its new enthusiastic attitude.

But, have they ever stopped to think who is underneath all that fur?

The man behind the mask is Adam Panchenko, freshman majoring in communications, who graduated from Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township.

"I love OU," said Panchenko, who admitted he thought OU would be a dull school to go to since it is a predominately commuter school.

Panchenko's inspiration came from the movie "Old School," which motivated him to become OU's new mascot.

Panchenko wanted to be OU's mascot, but since he was a new student he didn't know where to turn.

He inquired about it during his freshman orientation, but no one knew how to help him.

He decided to e-mail

Mark Doman, the assistant athletic director of marketing, and Doman called him for an interview shortly after.

Even though Panchenko had no prior mascot experience, he did have some acting experience.

"I was a wolf in a play in high school," said Panchenko.

According to Panchenko when he's in the mascot outfit, he's not performing, but trying to raise some school pride. Panchenko likes to raise school pride and get people involved by dancing with the audience.

Panchenko is very well accepted by OU students and staff.

"I think it's great that a brand new student has contributed so much to the school, and I hope other students see that, because he is a great role model," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities.

"The new mascot knows how to get the crowd going and seems to have a lot of energy," said Mario Hagar, sophomore.

Panchenko's friends encourage him and find it interesting he is the mascot. They like to joke

around with him by saying things like, "You're the mascot you should know these things," said Panchenko, when inquiring about school events.

With over 2000 people in attendance at Midnight Madnezz, Panchenko was able to debut the brand new mascot outfit to a large crowd.

"I like the new outfit and it's lighter than the old one," said Panchenko.

Midnight Madnezz was Panchenko's favorite event this year.

"I thought, wow this is the big time," said Panchenko.

Panchenko is also an OU Police Department Cadet.

In his spare time he enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music and playing the guitar and saxophone.

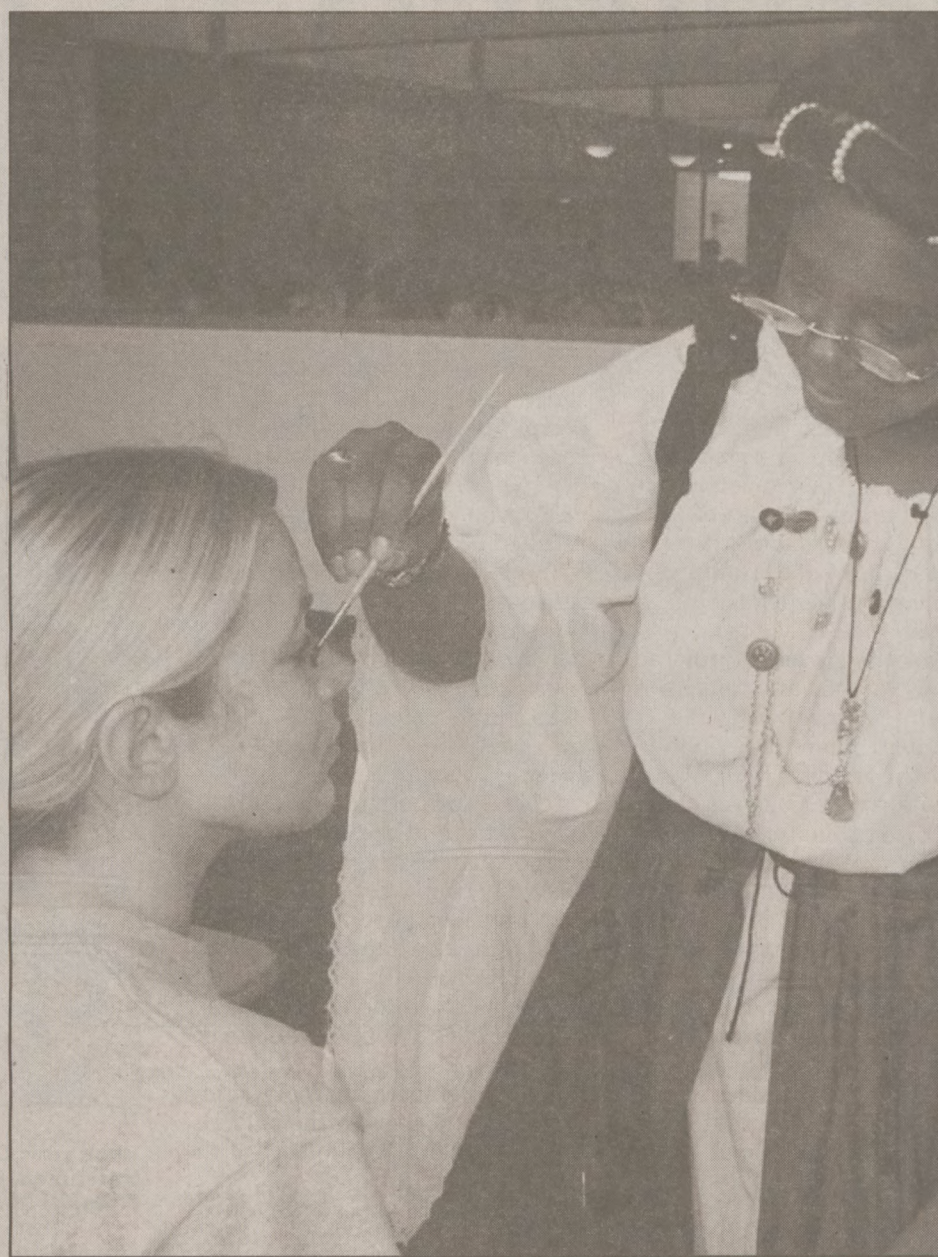
Not only does Panchenko attend all home basketball games, he also provides school spirit at numerous OU events.

Students can see Panchenko at the next home exhibition basketball game, Nov. 8.

"It's fun being the mascot, I just want people to be excited about the school," said Panchenko.



Halloween fantasies captured on campus



Student receives a face painting on Halloween in the Oakland Center. Face painting was part of many events held on campus, including a pumpkin carving contest.

Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

Veteran professor to retire

BY DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

Since 1967, many things have changed at OU. The growing population of students, the technologically advanced classroom buildings and the ever-evolving landscape has all added the own flair to OU's campus.

Yet, the one constant at OU has been a professor who, over a span of 35 years and five different decades, has continued to present his knowledge to students.

Roy Kotynek, professor of United States intellectual and cultural history, has known OU longer than anyone on campus and, next August, will retire from teaching.

"Teaching this long has taken its toll," Kotynek said.

Kotynek arrived at OU just after completing his dissertation at Northwestern University.

The choice between possibly teaching at University of California Los Angeles, and OU was easy for him.

"The small, intimate atmosphere is what drew me here," Kotynek said.

Kotynek's teaching style has not changed over the years. He still sticks with the chalkboard, he doesn't have e-mail and a typewriter is still the first printing choice.

"In the digital age, I feel like a bit of a troglodyte," Kotynek said.

According to Kotynek, the most telling change in OU over the years is the way the school is marketed.

Kotynek said in the 1960s and 1970s OU was advertised as more of an intellectual arts and science school. In the last 15 years there has been a move towards professional vocational studies.

Not everything has changed with the times. Kotynek has seen some

similar faces over the years.

One such group is the Shaughnessy family. Kotynek has had three generations of the family in class. Monnie, Maureen and Caitlin have all had Kotynek as a teacher. The grandmother, mother and daughter trio enjoy his teaching style.

"He is just so interesting, you want to hear what he has to say next," Caitlin said.

What Kotynek has to say next is goodbye to a school and its students that he has done so much for.

Fellow historian and chair of the History department, Carl Osthaus, knows how hard it will be for OU to replace a professor like Kotynek.

"How humble he is for a man with his abilities is rare," Osthaus said.

Meadow Brook Hall hosts masquerade

BY VERA MARZOUQ
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Meadow Brook Hall, a magnificent 88,000 square-foot mansion carefully preserved with original furnishings and art, will host the annual "Fall Ball" from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. The night's theme is "Midnight Masquerade."

The mansion will host various activities from face painting and tours of the mansion, to a mask making contest.

"People can come in and make their own masks and win prizes for their mask," said Jen Fox, freshman and vice-president of the Meadow Brook Ball Committee.

"It's going to be a lot of fun and overall, a very entertaining night for students. Students will have the opportunity to win

many great prizes," said Fox, who encourages ages to attend.

A caricature artist will also be on hand. Among the many activities planned for the night are food and dancing. At the

stroke of midnight, there will be drawings for various prizes that students can win.

Candice Seay, sophomore, who attended last year's Egyptian Allure themed ball said, "It was a truly memorable experience, everything from the music to the food to the tour of the mansion, helped make it a very special night."

The mansion's capacity is roughly 300 and tickets are sold out.

"When I went to school here, there used to be a lottery to go to the ball because there were so many students that

wanted to go," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities.

"People can come in and make their own masks and win prizes for their mask,"

Jen Fox, freshman and vice-president of the Meadow Brook Ball Committee

'Runaway Jury' causes uneasiness

BY LISA ZITZMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

Viewers will be hooked three minutes into John Grisham's "Runaway Jury."

Wendall Rohr (Dustin Hoffman), is an honest, southern attorney representing a young widow in a civil suit, who blames the corporate gun industry for the shooting massacre that killed her husband.

A winning verdict will set precedence and trigger many more such lawsuits all over the country, bankrupting the firearms industry.

Rankin Fitch (Gene Hackman) and

his high tech team set up in a warehouse to choose the perfect jury to rig the verdict for the defense.

The idea that a jury can be fixed plays with the viewer's sense of security in our judicial system. Each prospective member of the sacred panel is carefully researched, interviewed and chosen.

A mystery member of the jury, Nick Easter (John Cusack) is the wild card in this film. He and his

girlfriend/partner seem to be playing both sides in an amateur attempt to turn the jury their way. And it's working.

The bits and pieces of this puzzle work their way together with a satisfying outcome.

By paying attention to details, one can guess what will happen next, but when it does, it's still exciting and even funny.

A good combination of suspense, trickery, action and great detective work, "Runaway Jury" is an easy watch.

Try to stay awake during bits of the trial; the ending is worth staying for.



Photo courtesy of Allied Advertising
"Runaway Jury" is now showing in theaters.

Review

Corporate business party turns into murder at Meadow Brook Hall

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Suspensions and deceptions will pervade Meadow Brook Hall at the Student Program Board's "Murder Mystery," at 8 p.m., Nov. 14.

The theme this year is corporate business party where someone is going to die. Audience members attending the event will witness a death and a killer on

the loose. The point of the mystery is to interact with the actors, all of whom are members of SPB, and decide who is guilty.

"I'm going to be a character this year," said Shannon Nobles, sophomore and executive board member of Lectures and Special Events for the SPB. "The murder mysteries are a lot of fun for both the actors and the audience."

The actors are going to be part of a car company business party,

either playing a family member, business partner or factory worker. Right from the beginning, someone will die and it is up to audience or participants to ask as many questions as possible in order to be the first person to figure out who the murderer is and their motive. There will be a cash prize for the winner at the end of the evening.

"The mystery is impromptu acting, so there is no real script,"

said Mike Markovic, sophomore and executive member of the Concert and Dance committee for SPB.

"The best thing about it is that you get to meet a lot of people, both acting and being part of the audience," he said.

The mystery is based around three rounds in which the 15-20 person cast will each be given three specific clues. The actors are allowed to give one clue per

round, and it is up to the audience to interpret the meanings.

Tickets, available at the CSA service window, are \$10 for OU students and \$20 for non-OU students.

There will be free food available and audience members are asked to wear business casual attire to fit the corporate business theme.

Student speaks to deaf

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

Angela Powell, junior, was raised by her legally deaf parents. She uses her experience with her parents to her advantage.

Majoring in secondary education, Powell has been an interpreter for the hearing impaired since age 10. She has completed countless tasks in community service for deaf children and even acts as a mentor to high school students who were either brought up in homes with deaf parents or have a hearing impairment themselves.

Student Profile

Because of her experience dealing specifically with deaf individuals, Powell aspires to become a teacher for the deaf community.

"I have to admit, growing up with deaf parents was really hard," Powell said. "My mom and dad only have a fifth grade education. So, not only did my siblings and I have to learn through sign language, but with everything beyond elementary, we had to figure out on our own."

Powell's mother lost her hearing when she was 2 years old due to a severe ear infection, and her father was born deaf.

Some may wonder how Powell's parents were able to raise and communicate with their seven children, without any outside help. Powell said she, as well as her siblings, was taught

sign language as the primary dialect in the home.

"Learning sign language was something that came naturally," said Powell. "It's just like a child who has Hispanic parents. You learn the language your parents speak. In a sense, English is my second language."

In order to master the English language, Powell had to attend speech therapy courses during her years as a kindergartner until the end of the fourth grade. Each of her sisters did the same, and none of them have experienced serious problems with speaking.

"Everything I've had to endure inspired me to teach the deaf. It's worse for them now educationally because the programs in Michigan are horrible," Powell said.

In an effort to provide better services to the deaf and hard of hearing community, there is one program doing it's part.

DEAF CAN is a private non-profit organization located in southeastern Michigan that assists the hearing impaired in every way possible.

According to its Web site, www.deafcan.org, this association was established in 1981 when a group of concerned citizens in Northern Oakland County recognized a need for comprehensive services for deaf and hearing impaired individuals.

Previously known as Community Services for

the Hearing Impaired, the group changed its name to more accurately reflect the sentiment of the deaf community.

Located in Sylvan Lake, just west of Pontiac, DEAF CAN is the organization that assisted Powell's parents with everyday tasks until the children were old enough to help.

"I can remember being like ten or eleven years old having to call bill collectors, or talking to the family lawyer," Powell said. "I had to do it all."

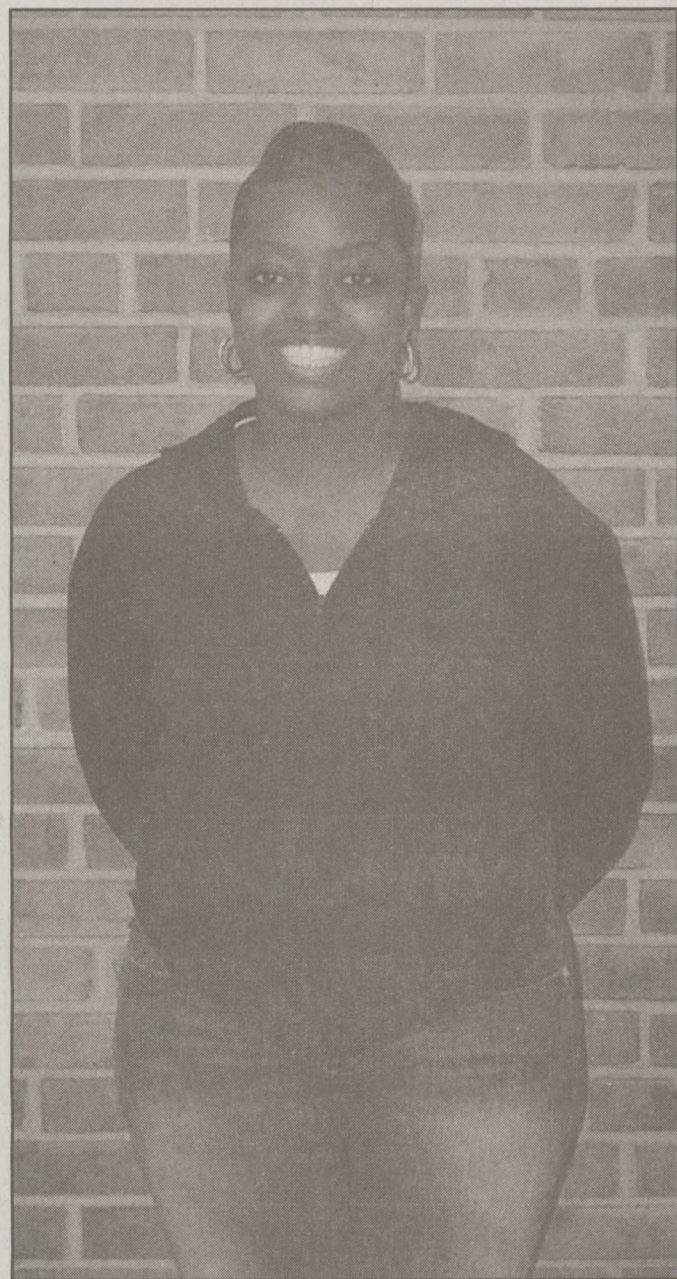
Now Powell's younger siblings take on some of her responsibilities decreasing her heavy workload.

Powell is a full-time student, works part time at Welcome Baptist Church as an office assistant, and volunteers for a variety of different organizations.

Priscilla Rice, business and technology teacher at Pontiac Northern High School, said she couldn't be more proud of her former student.

"She does so much. Everyone knows that Angie is determined and she gets things done," Rice said. "She is an excellent leader, she has great communication skills, and she's serious about everything she does. I know for a fact that she'll be a wonderful teacher some day."

Since Powell was a freshman in high school, Rice was not only one of her teachers, but also a mentor. Rice played a very special role in Powell's life, as she was the one person who helped her develop the discipline she needed for her



Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post
Angela Powell uses her interpreting skills to not only help herself communicate with her family but also to teach others.

future endeavors.

"Mrs. Rice taught me how to be a young lady, to maintain with all of my problems and to be a leader, not a follower," said Powell. "It is hard, and I

know this will be a very long journey. But through all of the stress, I will never give up and mess up the opportunity that God provided for me to change someone's life."

THE LOW DOWN

- Thursday, Nov. 6**
- The Student Program Board is hosting MUMS at 8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.
- Saturday, Nov. 8**
- The Gaming Guild of OU is hosting Starcon from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. in the OC. Admission is free and events include an Anime room, Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons and much more.
- Tuesday, Nov. 11**
- The Student Program Board is hosting an Art Gallery from noon-2 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC.
- Wednesday, Nov. 12**
- The Center for Student Activities is hosting its current events panel from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.
- Career Services is hosting the Health and Life Sciences Career Fair from 1-5 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.
- The Student Program Board is hosting Rhythms Den with Randi Driscoll at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.
- Thursday, Nov. 13**
- The Student Life Lecture Board is hosting speaker Soledad O'Brien to speak at 4 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.
- Friday, Nov. 14**
- Friday Night Live with Troy Thirdgill will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.
- The Student Program Board will be presenting the Murder Mystery at Meadow Brook Hall at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 15**
- Meadow Brook Hall is hosting the Fall Ball from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The theme is "Midnight Masquerade." Tickets are sold out.
- The Counseling Center for Women in downtown Rochester is hosting a free workshop of the causes, effects and coping strategies for stress. For more information call (248) 650-3795.
- Sunday, Nov. 23**
- The Golden Key International Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Reception will take place in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3**
- The Student Program Board is hosting a concert with performer Vanessa Bell Calloway at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.
- Friday, Dec. 5**
- Friday Night Live with Scott Kennedy will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.
- The Student Program Board is hosting the Battle of the Bands at 8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.
- Monday, Dec. 8**
- The Student Program Board is hosting an art gallery from noon-2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chowder chunk
5 Blunt
9 Temple table
14 Nimbus
15 New York canal
16 Sierra Nevada lake
17 Surrounded by
18 Locate
19 Alan Ladd classic
20 Apparent
22 Spoke cat
23 Favor
24 Gum drop?
25 Hearten
28 Work for
32 Evidenced anxiety
35 Make merry
37 Halloween cry
38 Duck
39 Pole
40 Greek letter
42 Profit figure
43 River of Cologne
45 Rabbit residence
46 Sgt. and cpl.
48 Nome resident
50 Sibilant sound
52 Consume
56 Creamy
59 Savior
61 Venomous serpent
62 the line (obeyed)
63 City on the Truckee
64 Sharon of Israel
65 Hard or soft finish
66 Formerly, formerly
67 Unkempt
68 Nose alert
69 Colorants

DOWN

1 Title holder
2 Harry Truman's birthplace
3 Type of skirt
4 Altered
5 Postpones
6 "Exodus" author
7 Dryer wrappings
8 Set the pace

9 Lost
10 City near Rawalpindi
11 Melt
12 Top-drawer
13 Marsh growth
21 Guitar brand
22 Come together
24 Exchanges
25 Dangers
27 Entertainer Massey
29 Cover for a crook
30 Campus mil. grp.
31 Ark builder
32 Actor Sean
33 With in Arles
34 Stoic philosopher
36 Natural gas constituent
41 Yearned
44 Hodgepodge
47 Beaches
49 Margot of "Superman"

51 Country on the Adriatic
53 Fine-grained corundum
54 Intuit
55 Jogs
56 Swindle

57 Oliver's request
58 Kimono sashes
59 Word with block or house
60 Younger Saarinens
62 Tango team

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Upcoming movie releases

November 12

- After the Sunset
- The Flight of the Phoenix

November 19

- The Interpreter
- The Polar Express

November 24

- National Treasure
- Surviving Christmas

November 26

- Timeline

-Courtesy of comingsoon.net

"You think YOU have it bad ... I was the first monkey in space and I can't even get a driver's license."

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Christina Tierman

Communication skills lead to personal gain

Christina Tierman, coordinator of student organizations and Greek life

•What is your greatest accomplishment in life?

My education is very important. I received my bachelor's in interpersonal and public communication and my master's in organizational communication.

•Have you traveled anywhere outside the United States?

I went to Mexico for Spring break in college and

got stranded when our airline went bankrupt. The good side was that we were able to stay longer.

•Do you have any talents?

My people skills. I'm a pretty easy going person.

•What are your favorite foods?

Pizza and Mexican food definitely.

•Where do you like to shop?

The Limited and I like outlet malls of course, because they're cheap.

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Graham Health Center

Flu shots are recommended for anyone who does not wish to be ill with the flu! If you have respiratory or other chronic illnesses it is even more important. Visiting Nurses Association will be holding flu clinics in the Oakland Center November 10, 9 AM-1 PM and November 11, 1-5 PM. GHC also has the vaccine available by appointment. Either way the cost is \$17. Flu season generally starts around the time of winter break and continues past spring break. Stay healthy for your vacations as well as midterms! Call Graham Health Center for more information or to make an appointment. GHC...The Place to be for a Healthy Me
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CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

INTRAMURAL SPORTS UPDATE...

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2003 Bench Press Competition Champions

Bronze Division

Women-**Kara Coraci** - 45 lbs.

Men-**Darius Harris** - 265 lbs.

Silver Division

Women-**Nicole Wilkins** - 135 lbs.

Men-**Sam Weatherspoon** - 265 lbs.

Gold Division

Women-**Shelly Piccirillio** - 135 lbs.

Men-**Bradford Whitner** - 355 lbs.

Platinum Division

Women-n/a

Men-**Marc Cammon** - 345 lbs.

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What's Happening at OU THIS WEEK??

FIRST YEAR STUDENT TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Got Leadership? Get Involved!

Wednesday, November 5, 12-1 PM, Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Discover your potential to be a student leader on OU's campus. One tried and true way is by getting involved...through student and Greek organizations, club sports, intramurals, student governments, OU student-run radio station, newspaper and TV, attending programs, activities and events, etc., etc., etc. Find out what, where, why and how.

The who is you attending this session!

Michigan Collegiate Job Fair

Friday, November 7, 2003, 9 AM- 3 PM, Burton Manor, Livonia

\$10 advance registration fee, sponsored by Eastern Michigan University

An excellent opportunity for graduating seniors to jump-start their careers! Come network with professionals from over 120 companies representing almost all majors, with the exception of medicine, law and education. Bring plenty of resumes! Please visit

<http://www2.oakland.edu/careerservices> for a list of registered companies.

For further information, contact Denise Mack in Career Services at 248-370-2101 or mack@oakland.edu

Upcoming Events...

HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 1-4 PM, Gold Room, Oakland Center

This is a must for health science, nursing and life sciences majors! Begin to network with employers as well as learn about full and part-time, internship and co-op employment opportunities. Currently 35 employers are attending, including hospital, physical therapy, exercise science, and Michigan biology/life sciences representatives.

RESIDENCE HALL PROGRAMMING

Friday Night Live Series presents...

comedian Troy Thirdgill

Friday, November 14, Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM

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

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The 2003-2004 Student Life Lecture Series

Soledad O'Brien

Co-Anchor of CNN's American Morning

Thursday, November 13, 2003
4:00 p.m. in the
Oakland Center Banquet Room

*This lecture is free.
No tickets are required. Seating is on
a first come basis.*

