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# Student voters assured: Your ballots will be valid

## Drive steers students in right direction

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS & LIBBY BAKER  
THE OAKLAND POST

Young people have registered in record numbers for this year's election. But to figure in the election, they've got to vote.

**THE POST FLOPPED**  
Last week's headline should have read: "Questions raised about voter registration drive." We regret the error.

OU students should have no problem doing that. Despite some confusion, it appears students who registered during the September registration drive on campus will be valid voters.

While some people may not be listed on the voter registration online database, students who properly registered during the September drive will be able to vote in the upcoming election. One way to check registration status is to visit the [www.sospublius.org](http://www.sospublius.org) Web site. You can also confirm your polling location. If your confirmation doesn't come up after entering your name and other factors to narrow down the entries, click on the "find your clerk" link, enter your address and you will be given contact information. **Please see VOTING on A4**

**HOW TO CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION:**  
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• Put in the address you registered under so the system can direct you to the proper city clerk's office.

**WARNING:** If your name does not appear in the database it does not mean you aren't registered.

# Groups show Grizzly spirit

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

As part of Week of Champions at OU (WOCOU), student organizations gathered around the circle between the OC and O'Dowd Hall to display their Grizzly spirit. Each organization decorated a banner sheet to enter into a competition.

Students paraded through the OC, starting at the entrance near Parking Lot 2 and exiting by the Cafe O'Bears.

Student Body Vice President Michael McGuinness led the parade and chants of "Go OU," while students chanted after him, blowing their kazoos.

They made a right and paraded around North Foundation Hall until they arrived at the circle outside O'Dowd Hall and the OC once again.

The Muslim Student Association's banner won first place and received \$500, Alpha Delta Pi won second and received \$250 and the Graduate Student Physical Therapy Association won third place for \$100.

"Out of my discretion," said Student Body President Jonathan Parks, the remaining eight groups also received \$100 each for participating.

"I wanted everyone to walk away with something because they definitely deserved something for their effort.

"I congratulate and applaud every group that took time to show off their pride," he said.

The winning banners were chosen based on creativity, neatness and school pride.



Roqaya Eshmawi/The Oakland Post

Above: Student organizations parade on campus, displaying their school spirit in the form of sheet banners. Far Left: The Muslim Student Association takes first place. Near left: Alpha Delta Pi's diamond ring banner takes second. Below: OU's graduate student Physical Therapy Association's banner claims third place out of 11 entries.



# Blood drive coming to OU

BY ALLISON BRUNNER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

"Every two seconds someone needs blood."

In the time it took to read that statement, two more people now need blood. Students can help save lives by donating blood Oct. 25-27 at OU's fall blood drive. Stop by the Gold Rooms of the OC on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, anytime from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Center for Student Activities (CSA), in cooperation with the American Red Cross, has set a goal to collect 270 pints.

There are two shifts per day, and if at least 45 pints are collected each shift, they should reach their goal.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, encourages everyone to donate.

"The Red Cross supplies blood to most of the hospitals in the country," he said. "When there is a need, the Red Cross ships blood to areas which are in need. Each pint of blood can save up to three lives."

Individuals are encouraged to register and make an appointment online; the OU sponsor code is oublood. It takes only a few minutes and it helps the Red Cross decide how many beds and staff to bring. Walk-ins are

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# Proposed change to OUSC bylaws fails

BY LIBBY BAKER  
MANAGING EDITOR

A bill to amend the OU Student Congress (OUSC) bylaws failed during Monday's meeting.

The proposed bill would have pre-

vented congress from taking a position on legislation or ballot proposals pertaining to social policies dealt with at the local, state, federal or international levels. It was defeated 4-13, with two abstentions.

The bill was proposed in response to a

recent resolution passed by OUSC urging students to vote 'No' on Proposal 2 in the upcoming election.

Doug Merriam, a sponsor of the proposed bill, said student congress should not be telling people how they should vote on social issues.

"We were told to vote our conscience on this issue," he said. "And we should (vote our conscience,) on Nov. 2, but not here."

Charity Jones, Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB) chair, said the issue (Proposal 2) is very divisive, and it

is unfair to tell students to vote one way or another because this isolates some students.

OUSC President Jonathan Parks said there is going to be a group of students who are for it and a group of students

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# Supplier UGS donates \$30.2 million to benefit students

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In addition to previous grants, UGS announced the giving of a new grant to OU for a total of

\$30.2 million over the last few years, last Wednesday.

UGS, a primary worldwide supplier of product lifecycle management (PLM) software and services, is providing the

grant to help expand career opportunities for OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science students.

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management tools automotive industries commonly use.

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we wanted to give the students industry leading applications to further enhance their chances at employment once they complete their studies at Oakland

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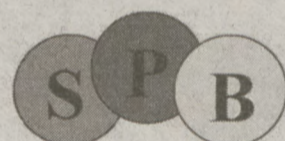
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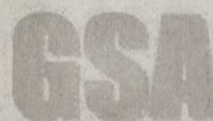
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## Academic indiscretion

### Cheating cases on rise at OU

#### COLLEGE whoas plagiarism

Editor's Note: This is the first in a continuing series on college student risk-taking behavior.

BY ANTHONY BEVEN  
THE OAKLAND POST

Across the U.S. college continuum, cheating is budding into quite a troubling trend. In hopes of landing a quality job in the real world, more and more college students, it seems, are willing to abandon work ethic to become academic con-artists.

Here at OU, documented cases of cheating include students writing test information on their clothing, arms, ankles and even water or soda bottles; in addition, cell phones, the Internet and calculators have also advanced students'

means to cheat, according to former chair of the Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) Floyd G. Willoughby.

"I think a major responsibility for preventing cheating is with the students. This is their university. They should want to protect the credibility of their degrees," he said.

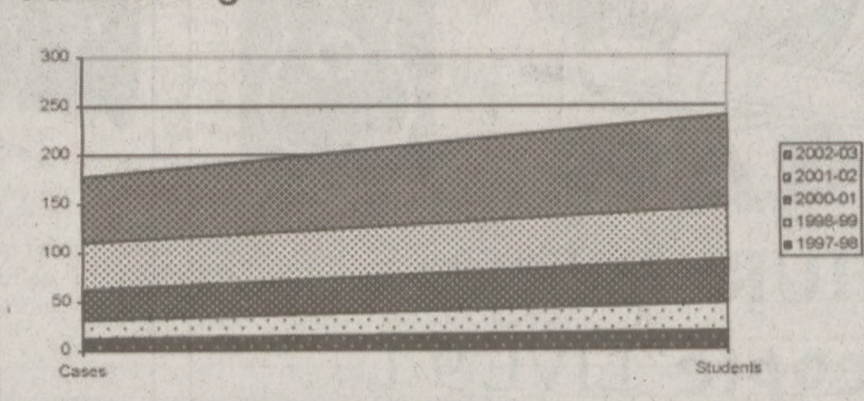
In response to this student proclivity, OU professors and instructors have had to adjust methods of testing students' knowledge of course material.

"Tests have been changed and written assignments asking for students' opinions rather than a review of the literature ... it is easier to identify material inserted from Web sources," Willoughby said.

In the 2002-2003 OU Annual Report from the ACC, there was a 38 percent "record increase" in the number of cheating cases and nearly a 75 percent marked increase in the number of students charged when compared to the previous academic year.

"Sixty six cases were submitted involving 94 students. Of those students,

#### OU Cheating Trends



Anthony Beven/The Oakland Post

64 were found guilty, five were found not guilty and 25 cases were withdrawn," the report states.

The academic area with the highest number of reported cases was English, followed by history.

The primary method of cheating was plagiarism, as it was charged in 43 cases

involving 51 students.

Ranking at the top of major disciplinary action taken was probation and suspension with only three expulsions.

In a Dec. 2, 2003 memo Willoughby sent to Virinder Moudgil, vice president

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### Several OU professors shared their experiences on students cheating in their classes.

#### Professor of English Jane Eberwein said:

"I've had to bring several cases of suspected cheating to the Senate's Academic Conduct Committee over the years.

It's very painful for us, as well as for students, but we are obligated to maintain the university's standards of academic integrity.

Situations that have arisen include copying from another student's exam (and) submitting a paper drawn from the Internet as the student's own work. I have even encountered cheating on extra credit exercises that nobody is required to do.

I've tracked down sources of plagiarized work by doing Internet searches, comparing student tests (or) looking through my own collection of scholarly books."

#### Assistant Professor of Accounting Anthony Cataldor said:

"This is the beginning of my fourth year at OU and I have zero experiences/cases where I have identified cheating on an exam.

Of course, I don't put on my Sherlock Holmes cap and go beating the bushes and looking for it, but I also proctor my exams. I did have a case or two of plagiarism ... but suspect that it was unintentional ... guess this makes me a (relatively) happy camper..."

#### Professor of Art History Susan Wood said:

"I have prosecuted a couple of cases against students for plagiarism, with the Academic Conduct (Committee.)

In one case, the student honestly hadn't understood what she was doing. She thought ... changing one word in

each sentence was enough to make the writing her own.

In the other cases, the students had panicked at the last minute, and either copied from a textbook or downloaded material from the Web. Since the sources ... were very easy for me to find, they had obviously not thought very carefully about what they were doing.

One student pleaded guilty, and got off fairly easily. Two others gave a rather unconvincing story to the committee, and were suspended for a semester.

I have never personally been aware of cheating on exams in my classes. Once or twice I have received anonymous or unsupported accusations of cheating, but could not find evidence that they were true."

~Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi,  
Campus News Editor

## Event planner discusses trade

BY LIZABETH DUEWEKE  
THE OAKLAND POST

Carol Galle graduated from OU in 1987 with a communications major and journalism minor.

She spent several years working in the corporate industry. But one day she was home sick watching Oprah, and the show drove her to change her career to event planning.

Galle founded Special D Events, and for the past 12 years, she has been dealing with corporate event management worldwide.

Although there is not much known demand for an event planning major at OU, senior Stacey Perkowski, president of OU's American Marketing Association chapter (AMA,) invited Galle to discuss her experience in the growing profession.

An event planner is the person, or business, that sets up all of the trade shows, conferences, concerts or events that a business or non-profit association wants to hold.

He or she will coordinate these activities, taking into consideration the theme of the event, the budget, the venue and a variety of suppliers, from sponsors to caterers, valet and technicians.

Events can span from corporate retreats with just a few peo-

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Contrary to myth, classes were not held at Matilda Wilson's chicken coops (above) when OU first opened. However, placement tests were given in the coops during construction of North and South Foundation Halls.

## Truth of OU's myths revealed

BY ALLISON BRUNNER  
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Is there really a horse cemetery under the OC? Was it stated in Matilda Wilson's will there would be no football team? Did a car once drive into Beer Lake? Did students sit in chicken coops for class?

Answers to all of OU's myths and legends were revealed on Matilda Dodge Wilson's 121st birthday, last week at the OC.

Students gathered around

Fireside Lounge eating cake and ice cream as they listened to the team chosen to uncover the truth about the myths: Professor of Anthropology Richard Stamps, Lt. Mel Gilroy and Associate Curator of Meadow Brook Hall Brandy Hirschlieb.

#### A car once drove into Beer Lake. Fact.

From 1995 to 2001, a car sat at the bottom of Beer Lake. The lake level was being lowered and the car became visi-

ble. A dive team found the owner's purse in the front seat.

They located the girl and found out that she had had a fight with her boyfriend and wanted to commit suicide. But she changed her mind as she was going 75 mph over the hill near Vandenberg.

She hit the water and was thrown into the back seat from the impact.

She escaped through her back window, leaving her purse behind, then walked back into Hamlin Hall and acted like

nothing had happened.

#### Ghost-busters came to John Dodge House. Fiction.

Stories have floated around about ghost sightings in Meadow Brook and John Dodge House, but nothing has been done in terms of spectral analysis.

"There have been many inquiries from ghost-busters to camp out at the hall, but we don't allow it," Hirschlieb said.

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## Police Beat

• It's all fun and games until someone gets poked in the eye. A male student was leaving a party at the Student Apartments and was confronted by another male student who had stolen his basketball tickets in a previous confrontation. The assailant tried to start a fight by poking the other student in his right eye with his finger. OUPD arrived

and the "fight" broke up. The student's eye remained blurry for a few hours.

• A recent attempted assault occurred in Fitzgerald House. The weapon: a dry-erase board. A female student had her board ripped off her door and was then threatened to be hit with it by another female student. A heated verbal fight broke out. The

girls admitted it was because one was dating the other's ex-boyfriend. They have both been moved to new dorm rooms.

• A male student was eating dinner in Vandenberg cafeteria and at 6:30 p.m., when he started his meal,

he placed his phone in his right pocket. At 7:00 p.m., he reached into his pocket and couldn't find his phone. He doesn't know how or when it was taken.

• A male student parked his car at 9:30 p.m. and returned to it the following

afternoon to find it missing. He checked surrounding lots with no luck. He does not have his vin number or plate information for his missing vehicle because he kept it all in the car. OUPD is reviewing the tape of that area.

• A male student in the Student Apartments gave his girlfriend a scare when she woke up at 6:40 a.m. to find him having a seizure.

He has had no history of these, and awoke a few minutes later confused. Rochester Fire Department still transported him to Crittenton Hospital by ambulance.

• A vehicle parked in the lot behind Fitzgerald House was hit on Oct. 14. The owner did not notice the damage until she left campus. If you have any info contact OUPD.

## NEWS IN SHORT

#### New dean appointed to School of Health Sciences

Ken Hightower, interim dean for the School of Health Sciences since fall 2003, has been named dean.

Hightower, who joined OU in 1974, recently developed a new curriculum for the exercise course, Health and Disease.

He also introduced a new course, the Brain and Disease, which addresses issues related to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

#### OU alumna wins medals in Athens

OU alumna Cheryl Angelelli-Kornoelje brought two bronze medals back home to Michigan from the Paralympics in Athens, Greece.

She won a bronze in the women's 200 meter freestyle, fulfilling her goal. Her new goal is to raise awareness of the Paralympics.

More than 4,000 athletes from more than 140 countries competed in the event designed for physically disabled athletes to demonstrate their talents.

#### OU students can help make a difference

OU students will accompany children as they dress up in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat at Galloway Park in Pontiac, this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students will also clean out Baldwin Church's day care center from 9 a.m. to noon.

Both events are part of Make A Difference Day, an annual national day of helping others created by USA Weekend Magazine. It takes place every fourth day of October.

Students interested in participating can contact the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400.

#### OU commemorates Jewish life in America

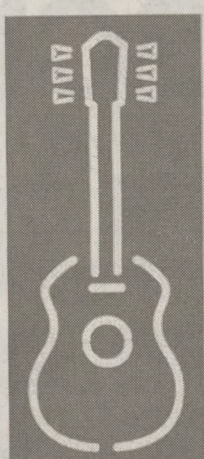
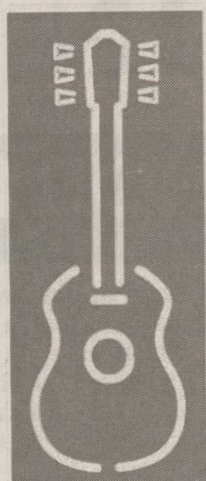
OU's College of Arts and Sciences is holding a three-part film talk series to commemorate Jewish life in America.

"The Jewish Soldier," was held on Oct. 15, and discussed how the depiction of Jewish soldiers in films has changed. "Anti-Semitism in American Films," will be held on Nov. 19 and will discuss the treatment of anti-semitism post World War II in the "Gentleman's Agreement," and "Crossfire."

On Dec. 3, how Jewishness is manifested in Woody Allen's work, will be discussed at "Expanding the Mainstream: Woody Allen's Jewishness."

All lectures will be held in the OC Gold Rooms at noon. To reserve a seat, please contact Sandy Dykstra at (248) 370-2650 or e-mail her at dykstra@oakland.edu.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi  
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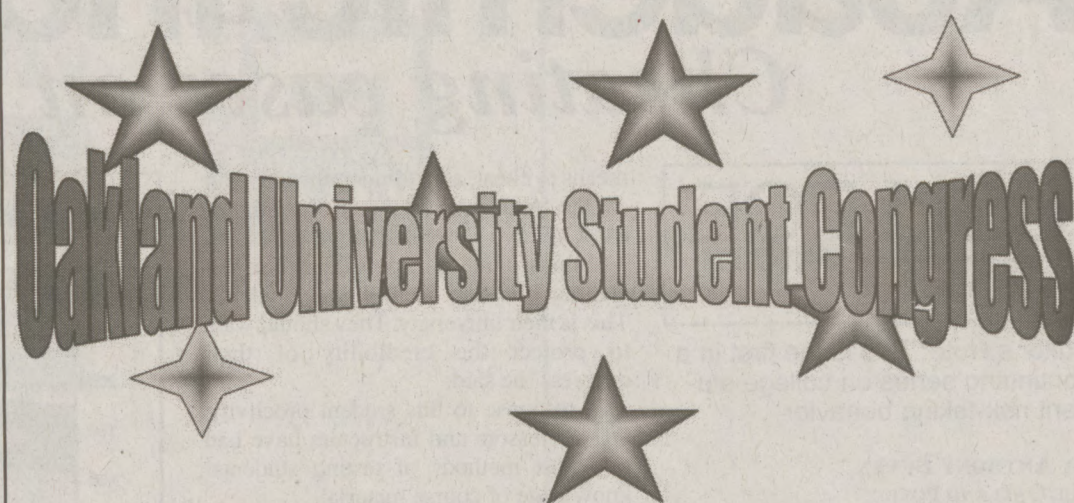
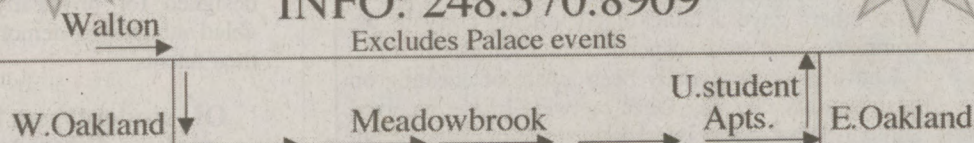
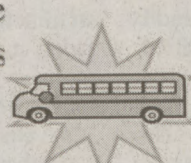
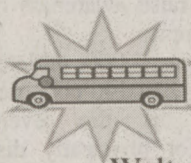
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### VOTING

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tion to check your registration status.

Deputy Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills Cherilynn Tallman said there have been problems with independent voter registration groups.

"When a group approaches us, we encourage them to give the registration applications back to those who are registering and have them be responsible for it," Tallman said.

Tallman said there have been reports of independent groups not submitting the paperwork, and urges people to check their registration status themselves.

There is still time to verify your registration by bringing in a receipt of the application.

Sara Crampton, Coordinator of Student Leadership Development, said OU Student Congress (OUCS) has copies of every student's registration form, which can be viewed at the OUCS office.

Darlene Jones, clerk assistant for the city of Pontiac, said students can vote without a registration card, but should call their city clerk to confirm their registration status.

At the polls, students can also use a driver's license to confirm their registration.

If a student's name isn't found on the list, they may file a challenge ballot. A challenge ballot allows a voter to fill out the ballot, but flags it in order to check the voter's registration status before tallying the vote.

According to Crampton, students should also be aware they were not filling out absentee ballot applications during the OU drive.

State policy mandates first-time voters must vote in person if they registered by mail, and not in person. Registering through the drive is not considered in-person registration, and therefore students who have not voted in an election before are not eligible for absentee voting.

If you do qualify to vote absentee, pick up an application at the OUCS office. Applications can also be found on the [www.sospublicus.org](http://www.sospublicus.org) Web site, using the "absentee ballot" link.

Requests to have an absentee ballot mailed to you must be submitted to your city clerk's office by 2 p.m. Oct. 30. Absentee ballots

can be mailed to any address, not just your home address.

Voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to return a completed and signed absentee ballot to the same city clerk's office that issued the ballot.

Crampton also noted the possibility of on-campus students using their campus addresses to register, which could alter their voting precinct.

Tallman said registrations that use different addresses from those stated on your driver's license would automatically change the address on the driver's license. This could have car insurance implications for those students who are under their parents' insurance.

Director of Legislative Affairs for OUCS Jacquelyn Claiborne also said there are "safeguards in place that will allow everyone to vote."

"There is no way a student shouldn't be able to vote," she said. During the OU registration drive, more than 800 students filled out registration papers, assisted by Project Vote.

Activote was not a sponsor of the drives.

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## Rocktoberfest helps Fla.

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI  
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

For \$6, you can spend your day listening to live, local bands, enter a raffle for Budweiser gear and help hurricane victims in Florida.

Rocktoberfest, a charity show benefiting Florida hurricane victims, will rock Redford with more than 40 of the area's best bands.

For four days, Oct. 21-24, The Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford will be transformed

into a stage for local bands, and with a list of sponsors as long as the list of performers, there is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy.

"The money raised will go directly into the Hurricane Relief Fund for Florida," said Janel Stone, manager of The Bullfrog Bar and Grill.

Stone said they are hoping

to donate between \$5,000 and \$8,000 to the relief fund.

**"We're looking at 40 bands in four days."**

**~Janel Stone, Bullfrog Bar and Grill**

"It costs us about \$16,000 to put on the events and we're just hoping to break even. We want to donate as much as possible to the victims," she said.

The events promise fun for the whole family with raffles, auctions and prizes from

numerous sponsors such as 89X, Budweiser, Guitar Center of Canton, Rockstar Energy Drink, 97.1 FM and Branns of Novi.

"We're allowing all ages until 9 p.m.," Stone said. After 9, the crowd becomes 21 and up only.

The Bullfrog Bar and Grill is hoping to draw a crowd of more than 1,200 people throughout the weekend; and also bring exposure to the city of Redford, its businesses and residents.

### If you go:

**Where:** Bullfrog Bar and Grill  
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Oct. 22 5 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Oct. 23 noon-2 a.m.  
Oct. 24 noon-2 a.m.

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## Global Glance

### Relief agency director kidnapped in Iraq

Margaret Hassan, a British born Iraqi-national and the director of CARE International, a relief group, was seized by kidnappers in Baghdad Tuesday morning. Aljazeera aired silent footage of Hassan sitting with her hands tied behind her back, looking nervous. The video also showed close-ups of her identification cards, credit cards and passport. The tape was accompanied by a claim of responsibility from an unidentified Iraqi group but there was no explanation or demands.

### Second typhoon threatens Japan's main islands

Typhoon Tokage is bringing its heavy winds and rain north toward Okinawa and is expected to hit southern Japan today, making it the 10th typhoon to hit Japan this year, and the second in the last two weeks. Storms and floods due to the typhoons have killed at least 78 people this year and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

### Astronaut to e-vote

U.S. astronaut Leroy Chiao will be casting his ballot in the November election from 225 miles away - 225 miles up, that is. Chiao said NASA has worked hard with local and federal governments to make it possible for him to cast his ballot by secure e-mail connection. Chiao will become the second man to vote from space. U.S. astronauts, most of whom live near Houston, won the right to vote from space under a Texas bill signed into law by then-Gov. George W. Bush.

### War crime arrests refused

Serbia's justice minister Zoran Stojkovic said in remarks Tuesday that his government will not arrest four top war crime suspects sought by the UN War Crimes Tribunal. Stojkovic stated that the arrest of the four Serbian generals, indicted by the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for war crimes allegedly committed by their troops in Kosovo in 1999, "would be dangerous for the country's stability." The generals are former Army Chief of Staff Nebojsa Pavkovic, his former deputy, Vladimir Lazarevic and police generals Vlastimir Djordjevic and Sreten Lukic.

## Global goof

### Battle of the bulge

Drug-possession defendant Christopher Johns was on trial in Pontiac, Mich., after claiming he had been searched without a warrant.

The prosecutor said the officer didn't need a warrant because a "bulge" in Johns' jacket could have been a gun.

Johns, who happened to be wearing the same jacket that day in court, said that was not possible, as the pockets could not conceal a gun.

He handed the coat over for the judge to inspect and after reaching into the pocket, the judge pulled out a bag of cocaine.

The judge laughed so hard he required a five-minute recess to compose himself before continuing with the case.

*-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki  
Local News Editor*

*Information taken from various news sources.*

## Walk raises insight

BY TARA FUGATE  
THE OAKLAND POST

This year, Crittenton Hospital's Fifth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk had special meaning to the event speaker, Penny Crissman.

The current OU board of trustee chair and former mayor of Rochester said this cause is important to her and her family for many reasons.

Crissman is a breast cancer survivor herself and said her niece was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It gave special meaning to the event to be able to support family," said Crissman.

The event, to promote early detection and to encourage members of the community facing breast cancer, took place on Oct. 6, and about 150 people came and took part.

The 45-minute walk took participants from the Rochester Municipal Park to main Street and University on a trail marked by pink ribbons.

"The walk was a great success. It was a beautiful day," said Crissman.

Sponsors included the Rochester Community House, Whole Foods Market, who donated apples and yogurt to walkers, and Parisian, who donated water for the walkers.

The walk was completely a non-profit event with the simple goal of raising breast cancer awareness in the community, said Patti Bagchi, the marketing director at Crittenton Hospital.

After the walk, participants were invited to hear speeches by Lynn Orfgen, president and CEO of Crittenton Medical Center, Dr. Pamela Johnson, a doctor on staff, and keynote speaker, Crissman.

In her speech, Crissman hoped to encourage women and families facing breast cancer.

Her speech outlined the importance of early detection, public service, living with cancer and supporting others diagnosed.

"Early detection saves lives," said Crissman.



Photo courtesy of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Long lines and short supplies are becoming a familiar scene around the country since the flu shot shortage was announced.

## Vaccine vacancy

BY VIRGINIE PEROV  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With the cold days of October, the population of Michigan is reminded of a common winter worry: the flu.

But this year, due to a shortage of the flu vaccine, the population at risk might experience a real nightmare.

"We won't be giving any shots to anyone who is not at risk," said Joanne Talarek, coordinator and nurse practitioner at the Graham Health Center. "The staff and students at risk need to come with a prescription from a physician describing their condition."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the population at risk includes people over 65 years of age, toddlers, pregnant women, adults and children with chronic lung,

heart or immune system disorders and healthcare workers in direct patient care.

At the beginning of October, the British flu manufacturer Chiron announced they would not be distributing any influenza vaccine this season.

The Chiron Corporation announced that the UK regulatory body, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, had suspended the company's license to manufacture Fluvirin® influenza virus vaccine preventing Chiron from releasing any of the product for the 2004-2005 flu season, according to a press release from Chiron.

Chiron found and reported contamination with a bacteria called Serratia, but had hoped to correct the problem in time to save most of the vaccine production, but Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspectors determined Chiron's entire manufacturing process was unsafe

so they rejected all of the vaccine doses at the facility, according to the FDA.

According to the CDC, Chiron was to make 46 to 48 million doses of the vaccine for the United States and this shortcoming will cut the number of vaccine available almost in half.

The suspension has left the U.S. with a supply of about 54 million doses, which are being manufactured by Aventis Pasteur in Pennsylvania and another two million doses of FluMist nasal spray manufactured by Maryland-based MedImmune Inc. The sprays, though, are not recommended for young children or the elderly, according to the CDC.

On campus, the population at risk includes mostly patients with asthma, said Talarek.

"But they won't be able to just come and say 'I have asthma.' We'll need a pre-

*Please see FLU on A8.*

## Endangered zebra born

BY RACHAEL BARNETT  
THE OAKLAND POST

A 115-pound male endangered Grevy's Zebra was born at the Detroit Zoo on Sept. 19th.

Poco, who was born to Candy, is now one of the 350 Grevy's Zebras in captivity. There are approximately 3,500 in the wild. The last Grevy's Zebra to be born at the Detroit Zoo was in October 2002.

The Grevy's Zebras are part of the Species Survival Plan, a breeding and conservation program in the U.S. created in 1981

that works to save threatened and endangered species.

Over 100 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates are currently in the Species Survival Plan with more than 160 zoos and aquariums in North America participating, according to Esther Apt, public relations agent for the Detroit Zoo.

The Detroit Zoo currently participates in programs for 35 species, including four species of highly endangered Lake Victoria Cichlid fish, two

*Please see ZOO on A8.*



Photo courtesy of The Detroit Zoo

Poco is the second Grevy's Zebra to be born at the Detroit Zoo since 2002. There are only 350 Grevy's Zebras in captivity and ten times as many in the wild.

## Towers may be on the rise

BY ROXANNA RIVES  
THE OAKLAND POST

Negotiations are underway for Auburn Hills to build two 10-story financial towers.

The towers would be comparable in height to the ones now in Troy and Southfield.

The plan is still in the works and the finalization of the plan will not be submitted for approximately two months.

It then must go to the city council for approval, which could take up to 90 days according to Brian McBroom, community development

director of Auburn Hills. He said this is a large project and it still needs a lot of planning, study and research.

"There would have to be a traffic study done to see if the road can support it," McBroom said.

The area proposed is located near Five Points drive, I-75 and Squirrel road. The parcel where the towers would be built is presently vacant land, so there would be no need for construction to tear down existing buildings. If

*Please see PLAN on A8.*

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who are against it, because it is a personal issue.

"Don't be afraid to take a stance," he said. "We're leaders. You are here to be the voice . . . don't be afraid" to speak up.

Legislator Allison Cummings-Stuckman referred to letters written to *The Post* in the Oct. 6, 2004 issue, all of which were in support of the resolution. She said many students she has spoken with have been appreciative of OUSC's actions.

### In other OUSC business:

- **Post Editor In Chief** Brendan Stevens addressed congress regarding last week's voter registration drive story and apologized for any misunderstandings.

See story on page A1 for more information.

- Adam Panchenko and Adam Young were approved as new legislators.

- Jackie Claiborne, director of legislative affairs, said students who registered to vote during the registration drive can pick up copies of their cards in the OUSC office.

The cards can be taken to the Secretary of State to confirm a student's registration.

Absentee ballots are available in the OUSC office. Students should check with their city clerk to verify their registration status.

- OUSC's discussion topic of the week is privacy concerns with e-mail distributions.

- OU students can pick up free copies of USA Today and The New York Times for the next four weeks.

There are two distribution sites located in the OC near the Pioneer Food Court.

- Student Services Director Sarah Cook reported that her and Parks met with the Financial Aid Department.

She said they are in the process of implementing a new phone system and hiring new employees.

- Scholarship applications are now available in the OUSC office.

- This week is Greek Week.

- Keeper of the Dream nominations are underway. The applications are available at the Dean's office and are due by Nov. 5.

- Applications for the Student of the Month Parking Spot are due by Oct. 22. Applications are available online and at the OUSC office.

- OUSC will meet again on Monday Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

## DRIVE Continued from A1

allowed, but to reduce wait times Franklin urges everyone to make an appointment.

CSA has coordinated the blood drive for over 25 years. Every year, organizations and individuals volunteer to assist.

Individuals interested in volunteering can e-mail Paul Franklin at

franklin@oakland.edu or stop by the CSA office, located in room 49 of the OC.

Individuals interested in donating blood can also sign up at the CSA.

For more information on what to do before, during and after blood donation, please visit the Red Cross Web site at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

### REASONS PEOPLE DON'T GIVE BLOOD:

*I don't like needles, I'm scared of needles or I'm afraid to give blood.* Nearly everyone feels that way at first. However, most donors say that they only feel a slight initial pinch and about 10 minutes later, they're finished.

*I am too busy.* The entire process takes about one hour, and the actual blood donation time is only 10 minutes. An hour of a donor's time could give the gift of life.

*I already gave this year.* Donors can give every 56 days. Many donors give five times a year.

*My blood isn't the right type.* Every type of blood is needed daily to meet patient needs. If a donor has a common blood type, there are many patients who need it, so it is in high demand. If a donor has a less common blood type, there are fewer donors available to give it, so it is in short supply.

Information was taken from the American Red Cross Web site.

## MYTHS

### Continued from A3

**Meadow brook Hall is haunted and you can see the two children sitting on the steps.**

*Fiction.*

There is a painting in the Great Hall of Danny and Francis Dodge and if you stand by the gift shop and angle the door just right, you will see the reflection of the painting on the door and it looks just like the children are coming down the stairs.

Also, if you are walking by Meadow Brook at night and see lights or people, fear not. It's not a ghost, it's the night watchman; Meadow Brook is patrolled 24 hours a day.

**Matilda's animals are buried all over campus.**

*Fact.*

Her prize-winning horses and dogs are buried under campus grounds. It was standard procedure back then to bury the animals on the farm.

**Football is not allowed at Oakland University because it is stated in Matilda's will that there would be no contact sports on campus.**

*Fiction.*

There is no clause in her will prohibiting football or other contact sports. The reason OU does not have a football team is because it would cost too much.

"If you want to raise tuition so we can have a football team, then go to another school," Stamps said.

**Beer Lake got its name from students storing their beer in the lake to keep it cold.**

*Fiction.*

OU opened in 1968, and by then there were refrigerators. "That was back in the days when beer was allowed in all dorms and smoking was allowed in classrooms," Stamps said.

**There is a series of tunnels running underground.**

*Fact.* Steam tunnels run under campus; at some parts they are large

enough for someone to crawl through, and at others they are large enough for someone to stand up.

**Glass pieces of O'Dowd Hall fell out when it was first built.**

*Fact.*

Gilroy said he got reports that someone was shooting out the windows, but they soon discovered the soft panel behind the glass was not penetrated, so it could not have been shot. What happened was the engineers did not take into account the expansion of the glass as it heated up from the sun.

**Classes were originally held in chicken coops because there were no regular classrooms.**

*Fiction.*

North and South Foundation Halls were built and ready for use with the charter class.

However, placement tests were given in Matilda's chicken coops during construction of those halls.

**Students put a VW Beetle in the elevator of Dodge Hall.**

*Fact.*

It was attempted, but the Bug was too big to fit, so they took it apart to get it in the elevator.

**OU is under an Indian Bear Curse.**

*Fact.*

Stamps and his anthropology students discovered an unmarked Native American burial ground.

They wanted to study the bones, but the State Commission on Indian Affairs demanded their return.

A one-year study period was negotiated, but activists were not happy. Stamps said the activists put out a contract for medicine men.

He said that two replied and cursed him, the university and everyone involved. Only one medicine man removed his curse, so there is still one curse lingering, he said.

## UGS Continued from A1

University," he said.

Students will use the same PLM software and processes utilized by today's leading global manufacturers to design, build and assess products, thereby experiencing a preview of actual industry practice.

According to a UGS press release, "the UGS NX(tm) software package will provide (students with) project-based education that reflects real-life product design, analysis and manufacturing challenges."

NX, a digital product development system that allows clients to conceive, design, engineer and validate manufactured products, will help companies transform the product lifecycle.

The grant to OU is made available through UGS' Global Opportunities in PLM initiative, which according to UGS, "leads the industry in the commercial value of the in-kind grants it provides with more than \$2 billion in 2003."

"UGS evaluates academic partnership/grant applications on a variety of criteria including how the software would fit into the school's curriculum, the quality and focus of programs at the school, community impact, including clients in the area that would benefit

from having trained employees and many other factors," said Jan Brown, UGS director of internal and executive communications.

"UGS and Oakland University have a number of common client partnerships that we believe both should take advantage of. An obvious example of this is GM," Blevins said.

UGS technology is significantly used by GM and its suppliers, he said. And "a number of current and future Oakland University students are employed by GM and GM suppliers."

"It is absolutely essential for our students to be familiar with the software and methodologies being utilized within the automotive industry," said Pieter Frick, dean of OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science, according to both UGS and OU press releases.

"Thanks to this generous grant, we have a tool set utilized by leading automotive OEMs and their suppliers and our technology-driven curriculum now provides an industry-inclusive education that will make OU students highly sought-after candidates within the industry," he said. However, Frick did not respond to questions from The Post.

## EVENT

### Continued from A3

ple, to concerts at huge venues around the world and featuring celebrities.

Galle has worked with a variety of people and said it is one perk of event planning.

"I've worked with Kevin Bacon, Ronald Reagan and Oprah will be at our next event," she said. "The people you work with are great."

She also said she enjoys the traveling.

"I've seen a lot of the world because of my job . . . but your family will have to be understanding because event planning is not the most family-friendly job, especially with all of the travel, hours and parties," she said.

She stressed both positives and negatives of the job.

"You have to plan your personal life and family life around your job," she said.

She also said she learned an event planner has to be good at crisis management and has to deal with any on-site problems during the event.

"I've had to be a marriage counselor, I've had somebody go into labor (and) I've had somebody die in the hotel. I've had a sewer line break during a meeting with 300 people and 500 people waiting for buses that never came."

"I've bussed tables, I've taken packaging fuzzies out of 200 name badges . . . you have to be well-versed in crisis management," she said.

Besides traveling and meeting celebrities, Galle mentioned that an event planner rarely has only one client.

She also said the feelings that

come with closing a project are rewarding.

"With events . . . there is a beginning and end . . . there is a sense of accomplishment with that," she said.

She also said she thought of event planning as a way to make an impact on the world.

"You have a chance to change the world . . . you plan a press conference in cancer research, and you are right there. It's exciting."

Although she said she finds the business is hard work, there is more freedom to work at an independent pace, but long on-site hours and constant deadlines are not for the weak of heart.

"When you are the planner, you are the first to arrive and the last to leave . . . you have to have a lot of stamina," she said.

To find a career in event planning, Galle said degrees in human relations, public relations and administration are helpful.

Characteristics of event planners, she said, are being responsible, organized, hospitable, flexible and detail oriented, with strong financial skills and the ability to "shmooze."

But the most important asset, she said, is "to be able to do whatever it takes."

And to impress Galle, a prospective event planner must know what it takes to be recognized out of the hundreds of other people struggling to get into event planning.

"I don't care if you planned your school's car wash or your cousin's wedding. I look at the resumes and cover letter."

"I look at how professional it is because it looks like what kinds of work you will put out," she said.

She also gave a tip on resume

"We are extremely grateful for the generous grant UGS has made to Oakland University," OU President Gary Russi said.

"The grant recognizes that we educate our students with a curriculum that teaches real-world, practical experience," he said. "This partnership will not only prepare our students for future jobs, but will also provide companies like UGS and their clients with employees who are well-versed with high industry standards right out of college."

At last month's Senate meeting, President Russi said that OU would soon announce a \$21 million grant from UGS.

The president did not comment on the discrepancy between the two figures.

However, Vice President for University Relations, Sue Goepp, said "on the UGS list of software providers to Oakland, there two items that were considered renewals to existing software that OU has had in its possession for a few years, valued at \$8,808,450."

The university "decided to record the most recent version of the software package," she said, but did not include the previous software grant.

"UGS had not been previously recognized for that prior commitment, which (now) has a combined value of \$30.2 million," she said.

writing.

"Take the time to make it personal," she said.

"Don't just say, 'to whom it may concern.' Don't tell me you want to start your own business," she said. "Tell me you will do whatever it takes."

Galle is an independent planner, but other fields include non-profit planning, agency planning, corporate and association planning.

Galle's final thought was her secret to life, love and happiness.

"I wish someone would have told me this when I was in college," she said.

"Make two lists. The first list is in priority of things you do a little better than everyone else," she said.

Galle said the second list should be "in priority of things you like to do . . . if you can match two of those things at the top of your lists, then you're bound to succeed and enjoy it."

Perkowski said she hopes to own a wedding planning business someday.

"We found Carol through her Web site, and because she is a graduate of OU," she said. "We feature a lot of speakers from business fields, and I think there is a lot of interest in event planning," she said.

For more information on Special D Events, please visit [www.specialdevents.com](http://www.specialdevents.com).

For more information on internships and seminars in marketing, public relations and communications please visit [www.adcraft.org](http://www.adcraft.org) and [www.detroitmarketingpower.com](http://www.detroitmarketingpower.com).

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Captains meeting is 11/1/04 at 7 PM in the Rec Center.

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Wellness Wednesday, October 27 at 12:05 PM in the Pioneer Room of the Rec Center: **Stress and the Daily Hassles of Your Job** presented by Dr. Robby Stewart, Chair and Professor of Psychology. Learn how to manage and even benefit from stress!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Registration drives were a resounding success

Dear Editor:

Last week the efforts of several student organizations were undermined by claims that the campus registration drives were flops. This claim is proven to be illegitimate and prematurely assumed. OUSC and other campus organizations understand and recognize the importance of voting especially for college students, and for those reasons registration drives were held.

Last week on Monday, concerns were brought to Oakland University Student Congress. After concerns were brought up, an investigation was carried out and follow-up meetings with Project Vote representatives were held in an effort to alleviate public doubt. Project Vote is the non-profit organization OUSC partnered with to execute the voter registration drive.

The official process for voter registration is a 4-6 week process that at the time of concern had not and still has not elapsed. Students are to be aware that Project Vote representatives had at least a week and a half turn over before the cards were distributed to various Secretary of State offices, which adds at least a week and a half to the official time period for the registration process (distribution to county clerk then city clerks.) The public site, which many students are using to confirm their registration, has some discrepancies which are leading students to believe they are not registered. This is NOT the source students are encouraged to use when confirming their registration. The correct source of registration verification is the city clerk's office for the address provided on the registration card.

Students should also note that our Secretary of State offices, and OUSC office, have safe guards in place to make sure no constituent is disenfranchised. If a student is unable to verify their registration through their city clerk's office, students should contact the OUSC office so that follow-ups may take place on an individual basis. For students who registered during Voter Registration week or in the OUSC office, records of the registration cards are available in the OUSC office, which serves as a receipt of registration. If, by chance, a student does not receive a voter registration card prior to Nov. 2, they

can still go to their election site on election day with a driver's license to have their name verified on the MI-wide voter list in order to vote. Students whose names are not on the voter list can still complete a challenge ballot at the election site and still be able to vote. OUSC wants to make it clear that all students who registered through our registration drive will be able to vote on Nov. 2! Be sure to vote because yOUr vote cOUnTs!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacquelyn Claiborne  
Director of Legislative Affairs  
OUSC

### Baby boomers could burst bubble

Dear Editor:

I would like to bring to light an issue that is not being discussed by either presidential candidate: The baby boomer retirement bubble, which, if left untouched, will likely bring great economic hardship to future generations of Americans.

The baby boomers, the largest generation in American history (totaling over 77 million people) are about to retire. Due to promises made by past presidential administrations dating back to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for the retirements of these individuals, as well as other well-intentioned government programs, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, paying for the retirements of these individuals is likely to send our economy into a downward spiral because of the financial drain on government revenues. If the current system is left in place, the government will be obliged to pay out more than \$150,000 per retiree. All of which will come out of the pockets of younger workers.

One would think that the federal government, after assuring us over and over again of our economic security, would have the forethought to set enough money aside for this impending crisis.

Unfortunately, this is not the case. The notion that there is a Social Security "lockbox" is completely fictional. The funds that are supposed to be stored away for Social Security are, in fact, spent almost the second they are collected.

In fact, if current trends con-

tinue, Social Security and Medicare will both be doling out more funds than they take in.

Essentially, what does this mean? It means that our generation and generations to follow will be taxed so highly to pay for the care of our grandparents and parents, that we will not have any money of our own to save.

Do you think you are taxed highly enough at the lowest rate of 15 percent? How would you feel about 78 percent or higher?

Economists say that to remedy this looming disaster, current tax rates would have to be raised at least that high and this level will increase the longer we procrastinate in dealing with this problem.

It could also mean that the federal government will print more money to pay the bills, thus increasing inflation to a rate never seen before, plummeting the value of the American dollar, and sending the economy into a downward spiral, essentially turning us into a third world country and likely crippling foreign economies who depend on the strength of the U.S. dollar.

So what can be done to avert this disaster? Write your elected officials and demand they curb these egregious spending habits. Hold them accountable.

If they do not respond, then find someone who will and vote for them. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue.

This is an issue of tax-and-spend politicians who are focusing on getting elected rather than providing for the future. Analysts say that young people don't vote because they feel it doesn't affect them.

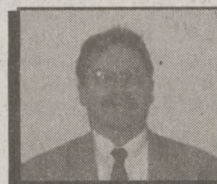
Well, this issue especially affects young people. If we do not stand up now and demand something from our representatives in D.C., in the end, we will lose everything.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Youth vote will play vital role in election



JOHN S. KLEMANSKI  
Professor and Chair,  
Department of  
Political Science

What role can young voters play in this year's presidential election? A very important one – so much so that young voters could be the key demographic group that determines who wins on Nov. 2.

Consider these facts. First, young voters typically have not registered nor actually voted in the same percentages as older voters. About half of the 18 to 24 year olds who were eligible voted in 1972 (the first election where 18 to 20 year olds could vote), and that percentage has never exceeded 1972's turnout. In the 2000 election, the percentage was about 42 percent.

However, a number of voter registration efforts aimed specifically at young voters have combined to register many first-time voters this year, including about 100,000 young people in Michigan alone. Among the organizations registering young people were traditional groups such as the Republican and Democratic parties, but also Rock the Vote, the New Voters Project, MTV, World Wrestling Entertainment and MoveOn.org.

Why should young people become more involved in politics and this election?

I posed that question to my students recently and heard some insightful answers. These students are concerned about the economy – and jobs in particular. Some mentioned the possibility of a military draft to support the war in Iraq. Others

raised the probability that the next president will appoint multiple Supreme Court Justices, whose appointments could have a 30- to 40-year impact. Still other students noted troubles with our Social Security system and how this may impact their current incomes and future retirement.

I would add that the environment is an important election issue.

There certainly seem to be good reasons to vote in this election. There appear to be fairly clear differences between the candidates.

In addition, the race is very close! Almost every poll shows that the race is a virtual tie, with about a percentage point difference between Sen. Kerry and President Bush right now.

Younger voters can have a huge potential impact on this election, but we're just not sure. Young voters are more of an unknown quantity than any other age group.

Those who are first-time voters and younger voters tend not to be included in the public opinion poll samples, because they are not considered "likely" voters.

We simply don't know how many of those registered will actually vote – and we're not sure who they will support. Another aspect of younger voters is that many are Independents – not affiliated with a political party. This means that there's a larger percentage of undecided or uncommitted young voters – who often make their voting choices very late in a campaign.

All of this suggests that young voters can have an impact on the election as never before – including serving as a key "swing" voting group that determines the ultimate winner.

## POINT / COUNTER POINT

### Is the government in charge of providing an economic safety net?

#### YES

BY JOE CULIK  
POLITICAL SCIENCE, SENIOR

The government already provides Americans with rights to some things, such as the right to an education and safe working conditions. These positive rights need to be expanded to include economic rights that guarantee a minimum standard of living for all citizens. The reason for this is simple: as Americans, we live together in a national society. When a group of people form a society, they accept that they all have an obligation to ensure each other's well-being. In turn, this makes their society stronger and more valuable.

The myth of "rugged individualism" that characterizes American ideology misleads us by pretending that the consequences of the past are irrelevant. Supposedly, all people

have had an equal chance to situate themselves in an economically fair position. Actually, in the cases of race, gender and class, there have been significant, government-sanctioned policies that discriminated against these groups and forbade them equal access to economic resources. Personal responsibility is an important principle, but being responsible to history is equally important.

If the U.S. had a full-employment economy, a guaranteed living wage and universal health care, these policies would ensure citizens' economic security and their ability to provide for themselves without such a strong need for other benefits.

Unfortunately, it is a historical characteristic of market economies that a certain percentage of people have always been unemployed. We cannot

tell those people who are unemployed that they need to find a job if they are structurally forced to be unemployed.

We recognize the reality of structural unemployment with government food stamps and other programs. Such programs are, de facto, corporate subsidies. They allow companies to pay below a living wage since the government will compensate for their low pay in the form of these programs.

Some think that the government shouldn't use its resources to ensure the economic security of its citizens. Most people who believe this, however, still encourage massive spending on military and other national security programs. A genuine national security is pointless without personal security and personal security depends on both political rights and economic rights.

#### NO

BY BRIAN KOSS  
POLITICAL SCIENCE, JUNIOR

The proper role of government, as allocated in the Constitution, is to protect individuals from foreign enemies and from each other.

The power seized by the federal government over the past 200 years has been a direct violation of the Constitution and a dangerous experience for representative democracy.

Through social change and government recognition, we have expanded political and social rights to all citizens, while taking away from them their economic rights.

The role of government in the economy is to ensure that markets remain competitive and contracts are enforced; not to redistribute money as they see fit. The welfare system is elitist in

nature. It says that the "haves" should give to the "have nots," not by their own free will and personal charity, but through bureaucracy.

The "welfare state," goes beyond programs such as food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid and other entitlements, but extends to the many other social services provided by the feds.

The Departments of Transportation, Urban Housing and Development, Labor and Agriculture among others can all be included; along with our crumbling Social Security program.

The subsidization of private business and farming can also be added into the monster that is the "welfare state."

The "welfare state," created in the name of "social justice," has been nothing more than an excuse for the government to

seize power, which results in the citizens surrendering their rights.

We now face a serious crisis in America.

In a time of war and record deficits, both presidential candidates vow to cut the deficit, while at the same time, one to a lesser extent, plan to preserve the size of government and continue large amounts of government spending.

We as individuals and citizens, who adhere to the Constitution, must say "enough is enough."

The best solution to ending the "welfare state" as we know it is to enforce the 10th Amendment and reserve powers back to the states.

If all decisions regarding social welfare were left up to the states then citizens could truly decide what is best for them.

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**FLU**  
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scription from their doctor to administer," she said.

Michigan Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski said in a press conference last week this crisis represents an "enormous logistical feat that Michigan is undertaking for the first time."

The healthy adult population is

strongly discouraged to seek vaccination. The left-over vaccine (if any) from the Graham Health Center will be turned over to Oakland County for redistribution.

A few preventive measures can be taken to stay healthy.

The CDC recommends to avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home when you are sick, cover your mouth and nose with a tis-

sue when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

"They also remind the population of other good habits such as getting plenty of sleep, engaging in physical activity, managing stress, drinking water and eating good food.

To track the activity of influenza in Michigan, log on to [www.michigan.gov/influenza](http://www.michigan.gov/influenza).

**ZOO**  
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species of extinct-in-the-wild Partula snails and many other mammals and birds.

Immediately after the zebras are born, they go through a period called "imprinting," where a maternal bond is formed. The zebra will bond with anything that moves and it is critical the attachment is formed with its mother.

"There were no medical complications and the imprinting period was successful," Apt said.

Grevy's Zebras are native to northern Kenya and three subpopulations in Ethiopia; they eat grass and other plants. They are the largest of the zebra species and can

weigh up to 1,000 pounds and live up to 25 years in the wild, 30 years in captivity.

Grevy's Zebras have dark brown to black narrow stripes that are close together and do not cover the belly. Unique to the Grevy's Zebra is that they do not form lasting group bonds like other species of zebras and horses. Their herd composition can change hourly.

In a herd of zebras, the stripes blend together and make it difficult for enemies, primarily lions, to single one out to attack.

Poco, his mother Candy and four other zebras can be seen at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, which is open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**PLAN**  
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approved, the construction could begin sometime next year and the towers could be up and running by spring of 2006.

"The building will be extremely high-tech, probably the most high-tech in the state," said Mark McAlpine, vice president of Adams, McAlpine Group, the group planning the development.

The project would cost an estimated \$100 million. It would be hard-wired for Internet access and wireless connections.

McAlpine said the tenants targeted are mainly financial institutions, however, anyone willing to pay for the space could have an opportunity to be located in the towers.

"This would be a great addition to Auburn Hills, the economy and an

opportunity for businesses to expand to additional or improved space from their present locations," he said.

The towers will have a five-story parking structure in between them, with two stories underground and three stories exposed.

"We need this type of building in our area. It is a necessity. If we want to keep the businesses, we have to provide the space," McAlpine said.

**Cheat**  
**Continued from A5**

for academic affairs and provost, regarding the prevalence of cheating, he stated: "The number of plagiarism cases continues to rise."

He went on to call cutting and pasting information from the Internet a "particularly disturbing" phenomenon. Furthermore, he said students have resorted to "extreme measures such as entering a faculty member's office without permission to access test keys."

**The bigger picture**

Assistant Dean of Students Karen Lloyd — who works with Dean Glenn McIntosh to handle all suspected cases of cheating — said what it really comes down to is a question of ethics.

"Students are bombarded with information, and they need to learn to use it responsibly," she said.

"Academic integrity is what we strive to promote here. If I were to describe the situation here at Oakland, it's much like institutions across the country," Lloyd said.

"As I communicate with my colleagues, there have always been challenges as it relates to academic integrity," she said.

To uphold such, OU works with institutions like the Center for Academic Integrity (CAI) for a thorough understanding of this growing trend.

The term "academic integrity" was coined by Donald L. McCabe — pro-

fessor and founder of the CAI, located at Rutgers University — who has almost single-handedly taken on the national epidemic of cheating.

In 1999, McCabe surveyed 2,100 students from 21 college campuses.

Over 75 percent of students admitted to cheating, while over one-third of participants acknowledged "serious cheating" on either a test or written assignment.

Today, the art of cheating has only become more innovative thanks to modern technology.

Included among updated methods of cheating are things like downloading test material onto graphing calculators and iPAQ's (handheld computers similar to a Palm Pilot) before tests, accessing the Internet during exams, using cell phones to take pictures of notes and even text-messaging friends for answers.

Alternatively, instructors and professors can combat cheating with online Web sites like [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com), a paid service, where suspicious work from students can be submitted into a database.

Within seconds results pop up verifying plagiarism with a list of copied, but un-cited, sources.

Despite an "increase in cheating over the past five years," Lloyd said, there have been few cases of repeat offenders.

Along federal guidelines, OU can record "conduct apparitions" on a student's academic transcript, but, like most universities, it doesn't.

Lloyd said it's better to teach stu-

dents by providing them with the proper resources — academic tutoring, help with time management or other counseling — they need, so that they won't find it "necessary to repeat that behavior."

In a poll taken by U.S. News and World Report, 90 percent of people believed students who cheat are either never caught or never appropriately disciplined.

Current Chair of the ACC Serge Kruk said "roughly" a few hundred students at OU each year cheat.

He called it a "reasonable assumption" to consider that only a fraction of those students are caught.

Students who disregard standards of academic integrity will only have a tougher time surviving in a real job setting, Lloyd said.

"The person who has cheated their way through has not really learned the material, the information or the skills. They think it's okay to succeed under false pretense," she said. "But the bigger problem is: are we going to have a generation or generations of people who don't know what they're doing?"

For the 2003-2004 ACC spring/summer report, which has been completed but not yet released, there was a "slight decrease" in the number of cheating cases, but a continued increase in the number of students accused of cheating, Lloyd said.

For more information on OU policies on cheating refer to the Student Handbook or contact your academic advisor.

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## Freshman flashback

*Dean of Student Life, Glenn McIntosh graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in criminal justice and business. He shares his freshman memories with OU students*

**Post:** Did you know what you wanted to major in when you first entered college?

**McIntosh:** I went in thinking I had a major in mind and had a sole understanding in it. Then after my first semester, I decided that I had no clue. I thought I was going into computer science.

**Post:** Were you involved in any organizations in college?

**McIntosh:** I was involved in student congress and Greek life. I was a resident advisor. I was an orientation group leader. I worked for the school newspaper and I was part of the residence hall council. I played football. I was pretty active. I was the president of Greek life and also the president of the Greek council on campus, which was a conglomeration of all of the fraternities.

**Post:** How would you describe yourself as a freshman in college?

**McIntosh:** I was an excited, jolly and friendly student. But I think my first semester, I was more focused on building relationships than on academic success. I just wanted to see what was going on, on campus and to meet a lot of new people. I thought the diversity on campus was just incredible because I was coming from Detroit. Living in Mt. Pleasant for school, there was so much diversity as far as race, culture and economic status. It was all just fascinating to me, so I just jumped right in and enjoyed the experience.

**Post:** How did you feel the first day of college your freshman year?

**McIntosh:** It was a combination of fear and excitement. I didn't know if people would be friendly and open or would share. I was also excited because everything was so new. I had never been to a school that size. I thought campus was so pretty that I wanted to explore every part of it.

**Post:** What was the cafeteria food like?

**McIntosh:** It was pretty much the same as here. You hear grumbling about the food, but for me it was great because I was a big eater and it was all you can eat. I was happy. I could go to the cafeteria and sit for 2 hours. I picked up the "freshman 15" and probably a little bit more. Before I knew it, I had a stomach on me.

**Post:** What is one of your most distinct memories of your freshman year in college?

**McIntosh:** I think it was my first party. I had a great time. It was a toga party. It was a toga party that started around nine o'clock and lasted until six in the morning. It was my first weekend on campus and I thought if every weekend is like this, then I am never going home.

**Post:** How is college different now than when you attended?

**McIntosh:** I don't think students of today enjoy the college experience as much as we did. We moved at a slower pace. We



probably didn't have as many learning requirements compared to today's students and we didn't have all of the expenses.

**Post:** What advice would you give to students today?

**McIntosh:** I would say to become engaged in the campus life and enjoy the learning experience in the classroom as well as the extracurricular activities offered in the university. Build networks of people with administration and fellow students, because those are lifetime relations at your disposal for the various things that you are going to do in your life.

—Interview conducted by Sheila Kosztowny

## Blank clashes

*A \$200,000 blank canvas drives three friends to the verge of altercation*

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY  
THE OAKLAND POST

To think we've reached these extremes ... apocalypse because of a white square," the play's character Yvan says it all about "Art," the latest theatre production at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

"Art" is the story of three men who have to re-evaluate their friendship of 15 years, after Serge buys an outrageously priced piece of art for \$200,000.

The large white-on-white canvas with thin diagonal lines sends Marc on a rampage, while Yvan, the mediator, gets stuck in the middle of their arguments.

"The real thing about the play is that it exposes true friendship and the strains of friendship. That is revealed while they're simply arguing about the painting," said director David L. Regal, who has been involved with the Meadow Brook Theatre for 15 years.

"Funny, funny, funny ... all over something so simple as a painting," retiree Linda Wilds said after the premiere Wednesday night.

Originally written in 1994 by Yasmina Reza, the play was translated from French to English in 1996 by Christopher Hampton.

"Art" has been performed in over 20 languages and has won numerous awards, including the Tony Award for Best Play in 1998 and the Oliver Award for Best Comedy in 1996.

When it premiered in Berlin and opened in Paris in 1994, it won the Molière Award for Best Author, Best Play and Best Production.

At the premiere, the audience laughed from the comical sarcasm of the characters: Dennis North plays Serge, Loren Bass plays Marc and Phil Powers plays Yvan.

"They all interacted very well with each other. They did bounce off each other," usher Barb Stell said of the actors.

Not only do the characters evaluate themselves, but they



Dennis North plays Serge, Loren Bass plays Marc and Phil Powers plays Yvan in the new MBT production.

draw the audience in by their off-the-wall conclusions.

Yvan quotes his shrink, who he thinks is a genius. "If I'm who I am because I'm who I am and you're who you are because you're who you are, then I'm who I am and you're who you are."

He continues saying, "If, on the other hand, I'm who I am because you're who you are, and if you're who you are because I'm who I am, then I'm not who I am and you're not who you are."

In the end, tempers simmer when Serge offers Marc to draw on the canvas with a felt-tip pen.

Although erasable, Marc draws a stick figure man skiing on the vertical lines of the white painting. With that, the audience burst out laughing, taking some time to calm down.

"It was crazy. It was fun. It was a lot of laughs," usher Jean Waid said. "Be prepared for the adult language because there is a

considerable amount of it, but I don't think anybody was shocked by it."

Meadow Brook Theatre rated the play using content of adult language and situations. Only high school and up are recommended to attend.

"I thought it was good. It was pretty funny," Macomb Community College student Nina Maniaci said.

Aside from other opinions, retiree Mary Fiorina walked out of the theatre a little more skeptical.

"It has to depend on what mood you are in when you see it," she said.

Regal calls "Art" a modern play, which can send the audience into philosophical reasoning.

"You could almost see three people standing around arguing about the play, the way that the play has three people sitting around arguing about the painting," Regal said.

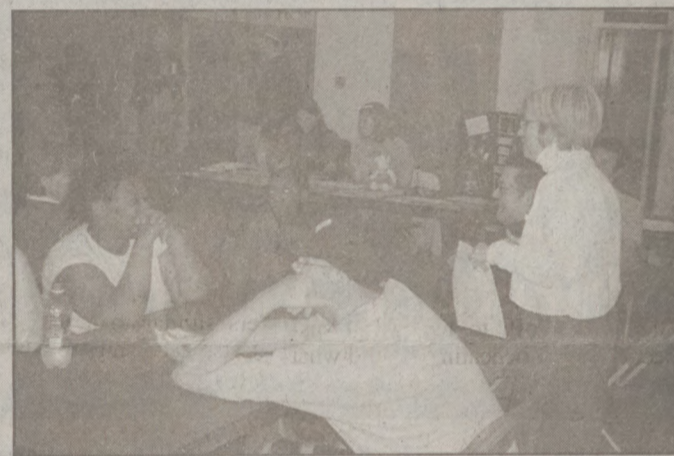
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With its premiere on Oct. 13, "Art" will continue at the Meadow Brook Theatre until Nov. 7.

There is no intermission. Students can also purchase rush-tickets the night of the performance and pay \$7.50.



Nicolae Crisan/The Oakland Post  
Few students participated in the CSA's "Speed Dating."

## 'Speed Dating' gets off to slow start at WOCOU

By NICOLAE CRISAN  
THE OAKLAND POST

Meeting people can be quite intimidating for those who are single and waiting for that special someone to come along.

It is in that spirit that the Center for Student Activities hosted its "Speed Dating" event.

Thursday was the first time this event was held at OU, which may have been the reason for the modest turnout of 12 students.

The overall purpose and general goal of the activity was to give students an opportunity to "hook up with other OU students in a positive way," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the CSA.

The event was opened to all students.

Freshmen had a great opportunity to get to know new people and "break the ice," Miller said. For college graduates, it was another opportunity to greet some new faces on the campus scene at this "kick start to meeting people."

"By coincidence," Miller said, "this weekend is Sweetest Day," which added a touch of meaning to the occasion.

The Speed Dating event took place at noon in the Fireside Lounge. Miller led the event and began by explaining the purpose behind the activity. She emphasized the fact that there was "no pressure, or obligation" placed on any of the participants in any way.

A few moments later, students delved into relaxed conversation. Miller continued by reading flashy "pickup lines," to give the participants some ideas for initiating a conversation with someone of interest.

Lines akin to, "Are you tired? Cause you've been running through my mind all day!" and "Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?" were just a few of the humorous lines that were read.

The free food that was offered seemed to be the main attraction at the event, and students slowly wandered over to a nearby table treating themselves to some refreshments as the afternoon function drew to a close.

The participants were not willing to comment on their experience. "It wasn't the most successful event during OU's Week of Champions," Miller said. "But we had some obstacles."

For instance, more females than males showed up at the event and many curious students just peaked in the room without participating.

"We were just trying to create a comfortable, safe environment for men and women to meet," she said. "But we'll keep venturing until we achieve success. And for that to happen, we need feedback."

Students suggestions and ideas on "singles" events can be sent to csa@oakland.edu

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Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox  
Jimmy Fallon offers a good performance with Queen Latifah.

# Hail this 'Taxi'

Opinion

BY ANDREA WELT  
THE OAKLAND POST

For those of you in search of a laugh-out-loud movie, stop right here and hop into "Taxi," a comedy featuring Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon.

The movie starts with police officer Washburn (Jimmy Fallon) blowing his cover in a phone card deal. In the chase after the thieves, Washburn ends up backing the squad car into a grocery store, which apparently isn't his first driving offense.

Washburn just couldn't catch a break. He has his driver's license suspended after his latest foul-up with the undercover job and ends up taking the taxi of Belle

(Queen Latifah) to chase after the suspects of a bank robbery.

The bank robbers, who are all female model material, get away without Washburn getting their license plate number.

Washburn is finally taken off the case, but he doesn't give up. Belle is dragged along to assist him with her knowledge of cars and of the streets in case which in this case that he isn't supposed to be working on.

During one of the scenes, Washburn and Belle are caught and tied up by the female robbers.

While the head robber, Vanessa (Gisele Bündchen), and the Redhead (Ana Cristina De Oliveira) argue whether to shoot them, Washburn informs

Belle that he is about to do something through eye blinking to help them get out of this bad situation safely.

Belle is clearly against this and yells at him to disregard his plan.

This is one of the most revealing scenes in the movie. It is a clear indication that even though Washburn is the police officer, he takes orders from Belle; he needs her to solve this case.

Washburn's character changes during the film.

At the beginning he is an overly eager officer who is always messing up, but later ends up making the right decisions to help everyone and save lives.

In the final chase scene after

the robbers, Belle gets shot and Washburn gets behind the wheel.

He drives the taxi in reverse down the freeway. Talk about a transition from bad driver to Nascar.

With the help of Belle, Washburn gets the confidence to get behind the wheel of a car. As the viewer thinks another crash scene is coming, Belle gets him singing and everything is okay.

"Taxi" provides the viewer with a little drama, and I mean a little, with a lot of comedy, action scenes and beautiful female robbers.

If these things sound good to you, hop on into this cab.

# Puppets satirize politics



BY ANDREW DUPONT  
THE OAKLAND POST

Wherever you fall on the political scale, "Team America: World Police" most likely mocks you in some way.

Democrats were most likely pleased with the title alone, and the movie's premise is in no way kind to the current administration's foreign policy.

Self-proclaimed libertarians Trey Parker and Matt Stone bring you another over-the-top, uniquely-made movie that takes no prisoners and pulls no punches.

Team America, a Thunderbirds-esque group of five highly-trained, extremely-nationalistic freedom fighters, has the dirty, but necessary job of policing the post 9-11 world.

In the face of danger, conveniently garbed in stereotypical middle-eastern attire, Team America rushes in and does everything in its power to save the day, no matter the collateral damage.

The film opens with the team destroying half of Paris in order to kill four alleged terrorists. After patting itself on the back, the team leaves the city in ruins.

A short while later, the team destroys nearly every famous landmark in Egypt to stop two terrorists driving a jeep.

The characters have the usual cliché issues that action movie characters have: tortured pasts, romantic tension between team members and a general distrust for the new guy, Gary Johnston, who oddly enough looks a lot like Matt Stone.

Gary is an actor hired by Team America to act like a terrorist in order to uncover a plot to destroy the world.

The team's dialogue may strike a chord with those who have become

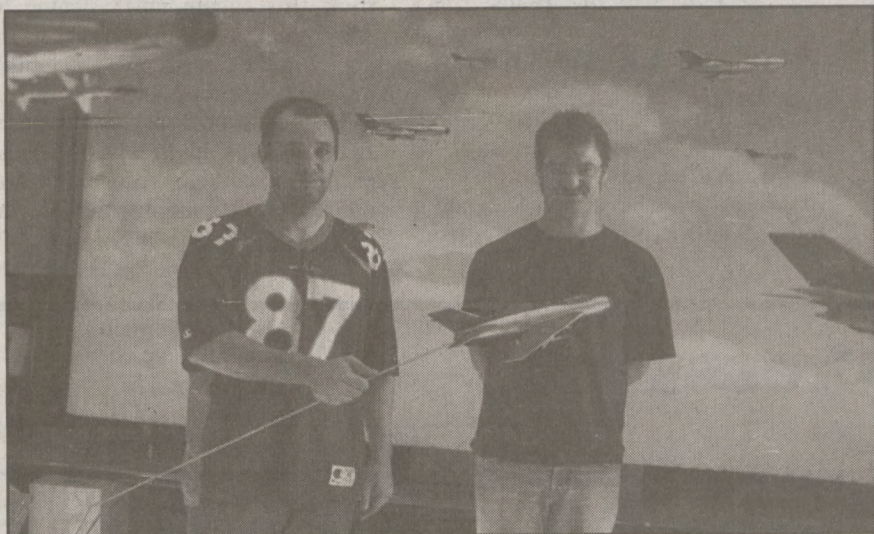


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Top: The two creators of Team America Trey Parker and Matt Stone, spare no one with their sharp humor.



Right: The puppet freedom fighters of "Team America" will destroy anything that stands between them and the terrorists.

accustomed to the now-cliché slogans about terror and freedom spewed by politicians today.

But if you're voting for Bush in this year's election, relax. Team America makes fun of liberals as much as conservatives, focusing more on the big picture than on the current power players. In fact, neither Bush nor Kerry are ever mentioned.

Pretentious know-it-all celebrities sit side-by-side with Kim Jong II as the movie's villains.

People like Alec Baldwin, Janeane Garofalo, Matt Damon (who has some of the best lines in the movie) and Michael Moore resist all the actions of Team America because, as celebrities, they know more about how to run the world than anyone else.

All the serious political commentary

is interspersed with the usual potty humor of Stone and Parker.

The novelty of puppet humor would probably wear thin if the movie were any longer than it is.

Stone and Parker were smart enough to write plot-driven humor devices into the movie instead of relying solely on "watch puppets do this" jokes.

And like their previous big screen hit, "South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut," "Team America" has a soundtrack of outrageously absurd songs that will undoubtedly be sung by people as they leave the theater.

It's possible to enjoy this movie even if you don't care about politics, but you better have a sick sense of humor.

The movie's sex scene, (yeah, there is puppet sex) was cut in half to avoid an NC-17 rating.

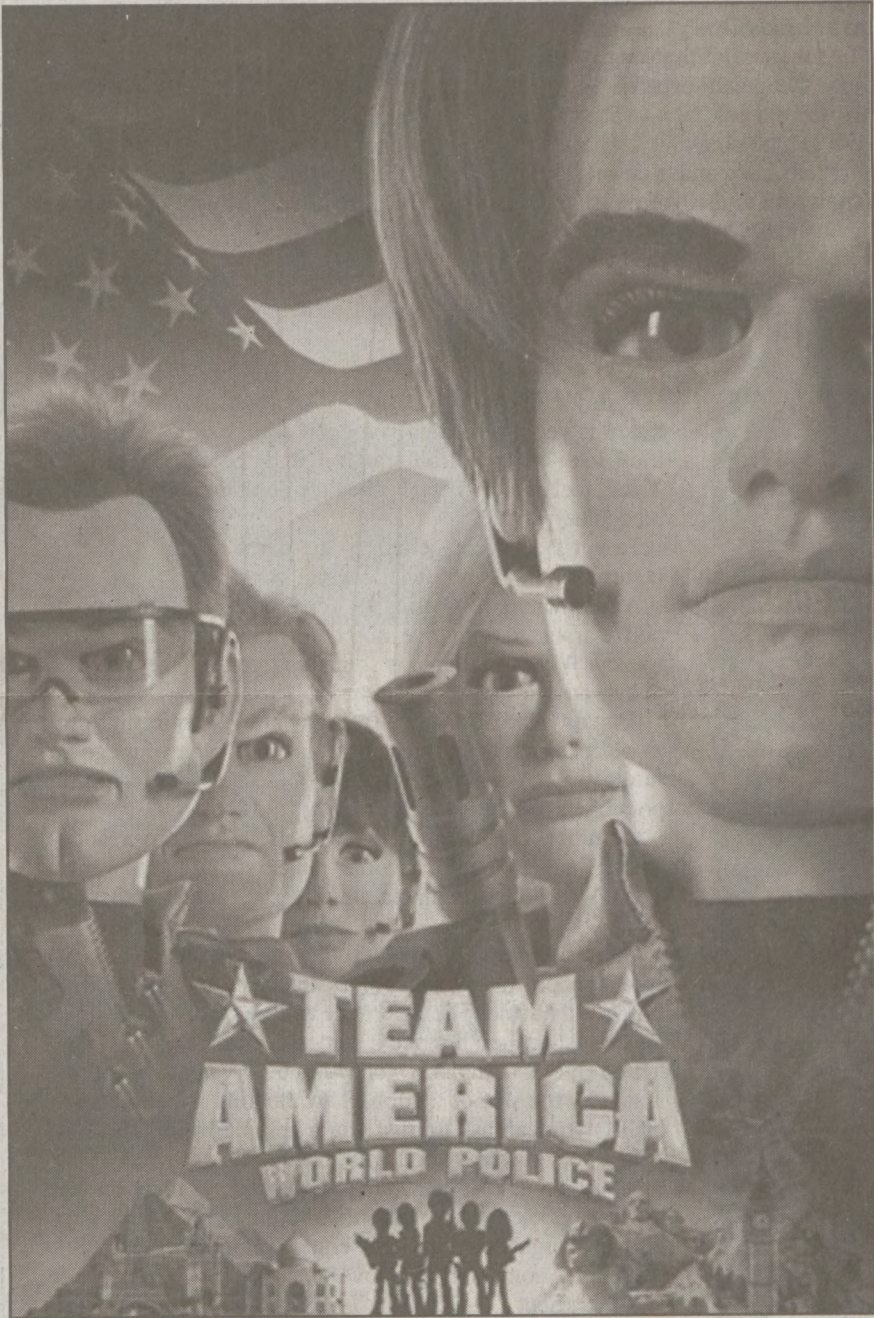


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Despite the controversy, "Team America" scored high in the box office.

It's still four minutes long, and if for some reason you want to see more, they'll undoubtedly put the full scene on the DVD.

No matter what side you're on,

rational thinkers can enjoy the fact that while "Team America" pokes fun at everyone, its real target is unquestionably political extremism.



Photo courtesy of Miramax

Susan Sarandon and Richard Gere play husband and wife in this romantic comedy.

## 'Shall We Dance'

Gere, Lopez and Sarandon are the stars of this new romantic comedy

NOW

BY ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH  
THE OAKLAND POST

"Shall we Dance" is a movie for both the ladies and the gentlemen, as Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez know how to

steal the audience's heart away.

Richard Gere plays John Clark, a lawyer who has lived a very routine existence for 20 years and who finally decides to add some spice to his life.

Every night, Clark takes the same train home, passing by Miss Mitzi's Dance Studio.

Every night, he sees Paulina (Jennifer Lopez), the dance teacher, through the window of the studio.

Until one day, Clark gets off the train and decides to sign up for dance lessons.

Clark is actually interested in Paulina, who does not return the feeling.

The other students in the class are not the typical people Clark would want to be



Photo courtesy of Miramax

Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere play a dance teacher and a dance student in search of a little spice for his life.

around, but he finds something different and more enjoyable in them.

These characters include the sweat monster Vern (Omar Benson Miller), the homophobic Chic (Bobby Cannavale), the wanna-be bombshell Bobbie (Lisa Ann Walter), the manic dynamo Link (Stanley Tucci) and of course, dear Miss Mitzi (Anita Gillette).

Clark's little secret is soon uncovered by his wife Beverly (Susan Sarandon,) who hires a detective (Nick Cannon).

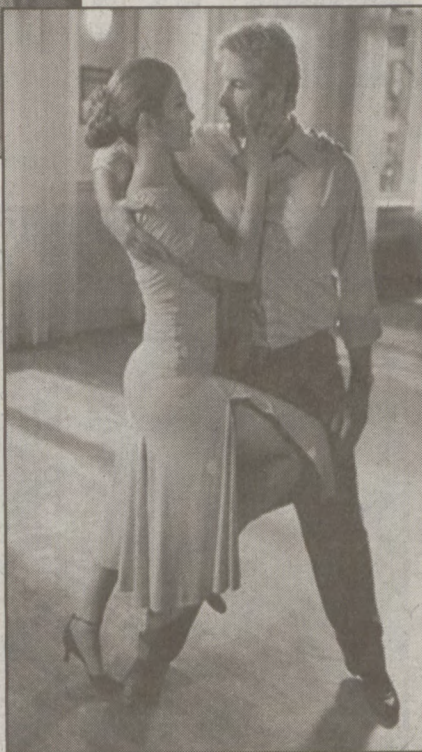
She wants to find out if Clark is having an affair.

Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere play off each other really well.

The heated passion that goes on between them makes it seem like something will happen, but that's not the way it ends.

"Shall We Dance" might make you shed a tear or two, but this movie is not just a chick flick.

Guys will love it, as well. The characters are extremely funny and they steal the audience's heart away.



# Frank Black revisits past

## Opinion

By Dave Phillips  
The Oakland Post

On the album "Frank Black Francis," classics are sent through a wave of alterations.

The new Frank Black double CD is comprised of two totally independent discs, in fact recorded 17 years apart. It comes out shortly after Frank Black and his original band, the Pixies, reunited for a North American tour after 12 years apart.

Disc one is the original demo tape, recorded in 1987. The demo consists of stripped bare Pixies songs, an "unplugged" adaptation of the studio version. It's simply Black and his acoustic guitar, nothing else.

There are vocal gems in the songs, allowing for intimacy as though you were sitting in on the session yourself.

At the beginning of "Caribou," Black says: "This is the one we want to sound like Husker Du."

At the end of the song, while trying to play the guitar part, he says: "then it's hardcore, I can't do it without drums, but you get the point."

There isn't much new to these songs. They sound just like the studio versions, acoustically played and extremely



Frank Black.

stripped down. If you like the Pixies, and/or if you like acoustic songs, then this disc is for you.

One of the bonuses on this disc is the release of "Rock A My Soul," which has only been previously released on the famous "Purple Tape," along with "Boom Chickaboom," which has never been formally released.

The second disc of "Frank Black Francis" is a collaboration between Black and the Two Pale Boys, Andy Diagram and Keith Moline.

Diagram and Moline are part of David Thomas and The Two Pale Boys, an avant-garde group from California.

As far as this album goes, Diagram is credited with trumpet and electron-

ics, and Moline plays guitar and violin, along with electronics.

The Pixies only mainstream radio hit was "Monkey Gone to Heaven," which can be found on "Frank Black Francis" as well. It's probably the song on the album that sounds the closest to its original.

"Velouria" follows, and is a nice contrast to "Monkey Gone to Heaven." It's very slow, with trumpets and an acoustic guitar.

Midway into the song, a keyboard comes in with a low-end noise.

Another excellent contrast follows, as the upbeat "Holiday Song" comes next.

It actually keeps pace with the original, and includes a happy trumpet copying the earliest guitar part.

Closing the disc is a 15-minute version of "Planet of Sound." Considering that the original is just over two minutes long, this track is obviously held true to the precedent that the rest of the disc sets ... Black repeats lyrics quite often, which gives the song an intriguing vibe.

The instrumentation is almost reminiscent of listening to a train near a railroad crossing.

There are plenty of reasons to pick this album up. Listening to the demos almost makes you feel as though you're in the same room. The intimacy is a very cool feature.

On the second disc, if you've heard any Pixies songs in the past, it's interesting to hear them redone. But if you're a Pixies fan, it's simply mind-blowing.

By Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday** (Oct. 20) You're facing a difficult task this year, something you don't want to do. You've put it off long enough. Go through it, and get to your reward. You'll feel so much better once it's done that you'll hardly recognize yourself.

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

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6: Do the work you're assigned with love, and don't think about asking for money. What you'll gain is something you'd never be able to buy anyway.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7: Criticism from an older person isn't much appreciated. Maybe your ego is in the way. Assess the situation objectively. If that's not possible, ask a friend.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7: A conversation about finances could become rather sticky, so beware. There's no point in complaining. Suggest a better alternative.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7: You don't like it when people raise their voices in anger in your home. Enforce that rule. The argument will be resolved a whole lot sooner, or they'll move it somewhere else.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6: Try not to be intimidated by the size of the job. Start thinking about the specialists you can ask to give you a helping hand. Start out with a person who's good with machinery.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7: A night on the town may be out of the question, but that's not a reason to grieve. A night spent at home could be lots more fun anyway. Invite somebody you love.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7: Continue with the chores and all the changes that you're making. You may not get the project done, but you can make the commitment. Start with a bigger mess; that's part of being creative.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7: You've got determination, and that ought to make up for whatever else you might lack. Keep learning as fast as you can. That helps, too, as you'll soon see.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7: Instead of wasting your newfound wealth, spend it on something important. Buy books, or sign up for a class. Keep your magnificent brain cells busy, and they will serve you well.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7: You're not going to change your position, and neither is the other person. Present the facts logically, and then step out of the way for a while. Let your adversary figure it out.

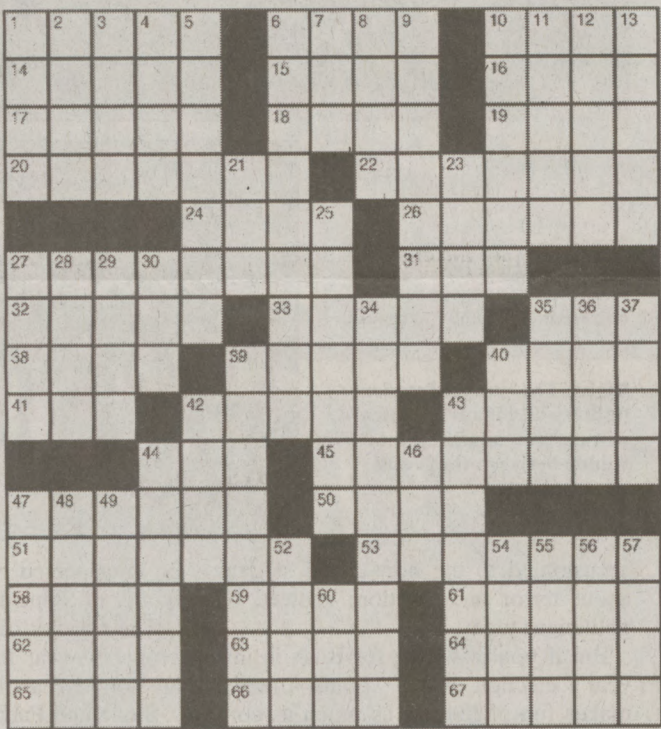
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6: You work well under pressure. You tend to settle down and seriously concentrate. This is a wonderful thing. Now if you could do it without the pressure, that would be even better. Practice.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: Don't offer a needy person a fish; teach him or her to cast a line. Actually, going fishing together would be a wonderful thing. You'd teach each other a lot that you didn't even realize you don't know.

## Crossword

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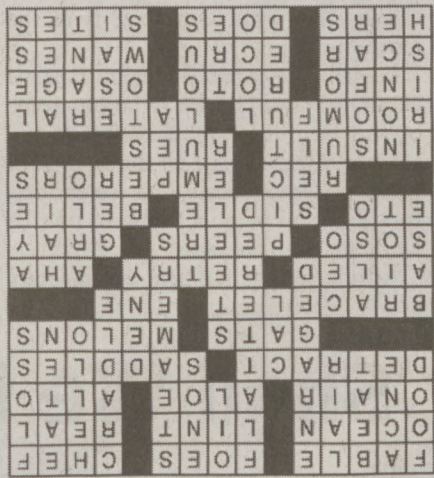
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## THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Oct. 20

The First-Year Transition Workshop on improving your body will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Lake Superior room B of the OC.

The CSA's Lunch and Learn Series: Relaxation through Aromatherapy will be from noon-1 p.m. in rooms 128-131 of the OC.

Thursday, Oct. 21

The First-Year Transition Workshop on college binge drinking and staying sober will be from 5-6 p.m. in Lake Superior room B of the OC.

Guest Artist Series: Casie Forbes will be at the Varner Recital Hall at 8 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

The student directed theatre project: "Am I Blue" opens at 8 p.m. in the Varner Lab Theatre. Tickets are available at the door.

Friday, Oct. 22

Clinton River Review 2004 will be held in the Banquet rooms of the OC from 8:30-11:45 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Today is Make A Difference Day and from 9 a.m.-noon at th Baldwin Church and Community Center, volunteers are welcomed to go and help clean the child day care center.

The Oakland Symphony: Fifty Fantastic Years will be performing at Clarkston High School at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Sunday, Oct. 24

The Spooktuba Concert with OU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will be held at 6 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. This conce is free and open to the public.

October is the National Cybe Security Awareness Month. Oakland University will mark this by hosting Cyber Security Awareness Week, Oct. 25 through the 29.

Monday, Oct. 25

OU's Fall Blood Drive runs through Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Help save lives by giving blood.

The First-Year Transition Workshop on registering through OU's SAIL system is from noon-1 p.m. in Banquet room A of the OC.

The OUSC meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Today is the last day to resolve "I" Grades with instructors.

The Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers Field Tri to Jabil Circuit Plant leaves at 12:15 p.m. Meet in front of Dodge Hall.

The Beatles Discussion Grou is from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 11 of Vandenberg Hall.

Join retired Professor of English, Brian Murphy, and OU Media Relations Director, Ted Montgomery, for an ongoing discussion about the Beatles.

The Detroit Chamber Winds will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre. OU presents what's sure to b an intimate and captivating evening of music. Led by conductor H. Robert Reynolds. Tickets are \$15 general, \$8 students.

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Assistant Life Editor

## PAUL



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## Netters lose a pair

By Dave Pemberton  
Sports Editor

OU's women's volleyball team continued to struggle this week-end. The Grizzlies lost matches to both Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne (IPFW) and Valparaiso University.

With these two losses, OU has now lost eight straight matches and is 3-16 overall and 1-6 in conference play.

Despite the losing streak, head coach Dave Schmidlin is confident the team can maintain a positive attitude.

"We always try to find things we have done well," Schmidlin said. "Every game we go on the court and don't give up. We play hard."

Even though he is happy with the team's effort, Schmidlin said the team is going to have to develop an attitude.

"At some point the girls are going to have to step up and take things into their own hands. There's a point when it's out of the coaches' hands," Schmidlin said.

Valpo defeated OU 3-0 (30-18, 30-23, 33-31) to remain undefeated in the Mid-Con (7-0). The win was also Valpo's 12th straight victory.

The Crusaders hit .382 in game one on its way to a 12-point victory. In game two, OU was able to stay in the game early. But with the score tied at 12, Valpo won 10 of the next 12 points on its way to a 30-23 win.

Down two games to one, OU did not give up. Freshman Kellie Kunkel hit an ace to tie the game at 24. A Crusader hitting error and another Kunkel ace put OU up 26-24.

Valpo was able to get the lead back 29-28, and had a chance at match point. But the Crusaders were unable to put OU away thanks to a Valpo hitting error and a kill by junior middle blocker Heather Lippert.

The Golden Grizzlies could not complete the comeback, however. They were

able to tie the game at 31, but Valpo won two straight points to win the game and the match.

"I thought against Valpo we played very well," Schmidlin said.

"After the first game, we just bounced back and competed. It may not show in the scores, but it was the best we played in a while."

Offensively, OU had only 33 kills to Valpo's 52. Junior Lauren Moulton led the Crusaders with 15 kills.

Freshman Chelsea Licavoli led OU's offense with nine kills. Licavoli also led OU's defense with 11 digs. Senior outside hitter Sara Miller added six kills and nine digs.

OU's offense was not able to turn things around in its next game. IPFW outhit OU .400 to .119 on way to its 3-0 (30-12, 30-19, 30-21) victory.

The Mastodons had 52 kills to the Grizzlies' 31.

Junior middle blocker Fabiana Souza and senior outside hitter Janelle Pollards led IPFW with 12 kills each.

"On Saturday we just didn't show up," Schmidlin said. "We did not play well at all. It was a little bit disappointing."

Lippert led OU's offense with 10 kills and 13 points. Junior middle blocker Erin Palmer added eight kills and 10 points.

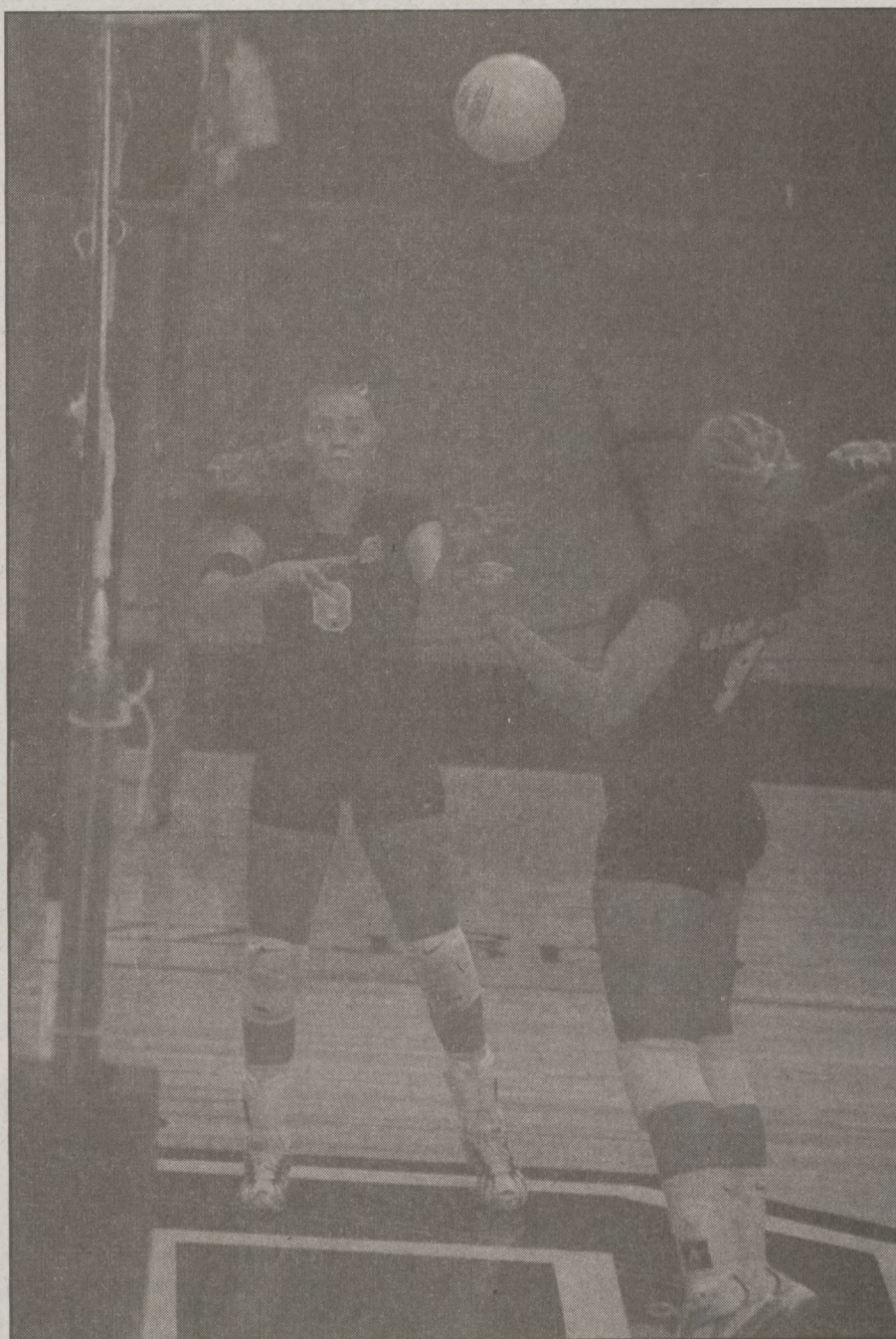
Junior setter Becca Moller was one of three OU players with eight digs. Moller also added two and a half blocks and dished out 25 assists.

Schmidlin was also disappointed the team's defense did not play well.

"We played better at the net. We blocked well and we dug some balls (against Valpo), but on Saturday night it just disappeared again," Schmidlin said.

OU will look to turn things around this weekend when it hits the road for two Mid-Con matches.

OU will head to Oral Roberts University for an 8 p.m. match on Friday and then head to Centenary College for an 8 p.m. match on Saturday.



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Junior Erin Palmer attempts a kill after receiving a set from junior Becca Moller.

Coming up:  
OU men's soccer team  
hosts the Big Ten's Ohio  
State Buckeyes and then  
takes on UMKC.



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The Oakland Post

## Caminiti death a wake-up call

Last week, former National League MVP and three-time gold glove third baseman Ken Caminiti died at the age of 41.

He was only three years removed from his last major league game.

Caminiti's life was a lesson in excess. His preliminary autopsy revealed a drug overdose. His record shows multiple arrests for cocaine and steroids and time spent in baseball's drug abuse program.

In the years following his final suspension and subsequent retirement from baseball, Caminiti admitted to steroid abuse, a cocaine addiction and a drinking problem.

Much of Caminiti's fall from grace can be attributed to his hard living lifestyle. This is a man who would supposedly drive from his San Diego home to Tijuana, Mexico to buy horse steroids and would sometimes still be drunk from the previous night for early afternoon games.

But is baseball using Caminiti's own recklessness to cover up its steroid problem?

Caminiti's hard driving life saves baseball from having to face up to a steroid-related death, and the questions of the pressure the league places on its players that could lead to steroid abuse.

There is very little question in my mind that Caminiti's death can at least be partially attributed to the years he used steroids to enhance his own performance. There have been many documented cases of people dying at early ages due to the havoc that steroids wreak on the body.

The league publicly denounces steroids, but inwardly does very little, if anything, about them. Players like Caminiti can get away with it because, at baseball's highest level, there is very little testing for steroids.

Only after four positive tests would the results be reviewable by commissioner Bud Selig, who then decides whether to publicize the results and if he will punish the player.

In other words, steroid use will be treated with a slap on the wrist and the player will be sent on his way, no worse for the wear. The league is licensing its players to use steroids and falsely inflate the statistics and performances that make mediocre players into good ones and the good into the great.

When will baseball realize that the real victim here isn't the record book but the players themselves? Players like Caminiti, who are barely out of their playing days, are already feeling the effects of abuse. Or in Caminiti's case, are dead as a partial result of steroid use.

It is also punishing the players who don't use steroids, who have to compete with other athletes who are enhanced by chemicals rather than just hard work and dedication.

Baseball is creating its own monster here, by indirectly forcing those who want to compete with steroid-users to use steroids themselves.

Baseball needs to clean up its act by first regularly testing and punishing those caught using steroids. It needs to institute harsh penalties for steroid use, similar to its punishment of much lesser drugs that aren't performance enhancing, such as marijuana.

If a former player and user dying at the age of 41 isn't enough of a wake-up call, I don't know what is.

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## Grizzlies defeat the Spartans



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Defenseman Danny Ng helped OU's defense shut out MSU.

By Dave Pemberton  
Sports Editor

Michigan State University (MSU) could not find a way to beat OU's stingy defense. Led by junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese, OU's defense shut out MSU on way to a 3-0 win.

"We played a great game against Michigan State," head coach Gary Parsons said. "When you win 3-0 against a team that is playing for an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament, that's a super result."

OU was able to shut out the Spartans despite being outshot 13 to nine.

With the win, the men's soccer team is now 6-1-1 in non-conference play. OU's only loss was in double overtime in its opening game of the season against UCLA.

OU was able to get on the scoreboard quickly against MSU, scoring its first goal in under four minutes.

Senior midfielder Shahar Ktovim made a steal when MSU was attempting to clear the ball out of its own box. Once he had the ball, Ktovim quickly put it in the back of the net for the goal.

Junior forward Chris Edwards scored OU's two other goals, to give him a team-high seven goals for the season.

The goal helped earn him Mid-Con Offensive Player of the Week.

Edwards is third in the Mid-Con with 16 points and third in goals with seven this season.

"Chris has been great. He is our primary point striker and he's been doing a good job," Parsons said.

OU and Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) went to a scoreless double overtime tie in OU's second game of the week.

Wiese led OU's defense once again, picking up six saves for his fifth shutout of the season.

The win puts OU in a tie for second place in the Mid-Con with a 2-1-1 record. The Grizzlies are 8-2-2 overall.

Parsons said Wiese continues to impress him and show he is an outstanding goalkeeper.

Parsons was not happy with the team tying IUPUI, however.

"We want to win the conference and we can't do that by tying," Parsons said. "We have to create quality scoring chances. And we have to make the scoring chances count."

Edwards led OU's offense with four shots including three shots on goal.

Senior midfielder Bret McNabb added four shots with one on goal.

OU will look for its second straight victory over a Big Ten opponent when it hosts Ohio State University at 4 p.m. today at the OU soccer field.

The Grizzlies will then host the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday.

## Golf teams excel this fall

By Dave Pemberton  
Sports Editor

OU's golf teams have been on fire so far this fall. The two teams have won five of the 10 tournaments they have entered.

The men's team has won three out of the five tournaments it has entered this season, including wins at its last two. Even more impressive is that the team has not competed at home once this season.

OU's worst finish was fifth out of 12 teams at the Eastern Kentucky Colonel Classic.

The team's success has been largely due to the play of senior Brian Stuard.

Stuard has been the top individual performer at two tournaments this season and his worst finish is sixth overall. Stuard leads the Mid-Con with a stroke average of 70.67 and he has not hit over 73 in a round the entire season.

"He will shoot par everywhere and anywhere, under any situation," head coach Dave DeWulf said. "We are really going to miss him (next year). Usually your top player is always a junior or sen-

ior and you usually lose one right when they are the best they have ever been. You can usually find someone to take his place that is just as good, but it's going to be hard to find someone to replace Brian."

The Mid-Con has rewarded Stuard's good play with two Mid-Con Golfer of the Week awards. Stuard said winning the awards has been cool, but he cares more about the team being successful.

"It's been fun because we have played well as a team. That makes it a lot more fun when we are shooing better scores," Stuard said.

DeWulf credits Stuard's success to his hard work. DeWulf said Stuard is always at the golf course working on his game and that's why he is a great player.

Stuard still remains modest despite his coach's praise.

"I've been playing pretty solid," Stuard said. "Trying not to make too many mistakes. Just lots of pars and not a lot of big numbers."

Also playing well for OU is junior Jonathon Pauli, who has also won a Mid-Con Golfer of the Week award. Pauli

won the individual at the Butler Fall Invitational and finished third at the Dayton Fall Invitational.

The men's team will look to keep the success going when they begin play in the spring at the Mid-Con Golf Championship.

"We all need to peak at the right time. We need to all be playing well at the conference (tournament)," Stuard said.

"That's something we haven't done the past couple of years. A couple of us would play well, but we need all five guys to play well to win (the tournament), and that's the ultimate goal."

OU's women's team has also been very successful this fall. The team has won its last two tournaments and its worst finish has been sixth out of 11 teams at the Eastern Kentucky Colonel Classic.

The Golden Grizzlies have been led by junior Patricia Ellsworth, who has won three Mid-Con Golfer of the Week awards this season.

"I have never been Mid-Con Player of the Week before so it was an honor to get it once, let alone get it three times,"

Ellsworth said.

"I was surprised because there are a lot of good players in the conference."

In the team's final tournament of the fall, the Cleveland State Invitational, Ellsworth won the individual title in dramatic fashion.

"I had to birdie that last hole to win and I stuck it like three feet (away) and then made the putt," Ellsworth said. "It was pretty exciting."

Ellsworth credits her success to her improved putting. She said the work she has put in has made her more confident with her putting.

"I used to stand over a putt and just pray that it would go in," Ellsworth said. "Now I know that it's going to go in because I'm more confident and my stroke is a lot better."

The women's team will also start back up in the spring at the Mid-Con Golf Championship.

Ellsworth is confident the team will be able to do well and said she wants to improve her chipping and sand play this winter.

# Women take on Big Ten



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post  
Junior Marianne Samdal helped OU defeat the nationally ranked University of Michigan.

By DANA UTZ  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

**Y**ou win some and you lose some. That was the story for the women's soccer team last week.

On Thursday, OU's defense was able to shut out the 13th-ranked University of Michigan (U-M) Wolverines 1-0.

It was junior forward Kristi Swaving who scored the Golden Grizzlies winning goal. The goal was Swaving's fifth of the season. She leads the Grizzlies in points with 19.

OU had a scoring chance early. Less than a minute into the game, junior midfielder Silje Peltopera had a shot on goal but the Wolverine's sophomore goalkeeper Megan Tuura made the save.

U-M also had a few scoring chances in the first half, but OU's freshman goalkeeper Jessica Howard was able to make five saves.

At the end of the first half the score was deadlocked at zero.

At the start of the second half, U-M again came close to scoring. Freshman midfielder Jamie Artsis had a corner kick and took a shot on goal, but the ball sailed just wide of the net.

A few minutes later, freshman midfielder Christian Wasniewski kicked the ball up-field to Swaving who had two defenders by her. She beat both defenders and set up a one-on-one opportunity with Tuura.

Tuura came out of the box to approach Swaving; this gave Swaving a second to score. She kicked the ball into the far right corner of the net at 53:26 to give OU a 1-0 lead.

The Wolverines attempted to mount a comeback after OU's goal.

U-M's freshman forward Melissa Dobbey had three shots in the next 20 minutes of the game, but each shot was just wide or high of the net.

The Grizzlies held their positions and were determined to keep their lead.

There was another chance for OU to score as sophomore forward Marianne Samdal charged the goal with a ball that was thrown in her path.

She outran the defender and had a one-on-one shot with Tuura. Her shot went just left of the net, however.

Howard had three big saves in the last 10 minutes of the game to earn her third shutout of the season.

Howard was able to get the shutout despite the Wolverines having 11 corner kicks to OU's none.

Tuura had two saves for the Wolverines.

Sunday, the Grizzlies went up against another Big-Ten team, the Michigan State University (MSU) Spartans.

OU was not able to win against two Big Ten opponents in row, falling to MSU, 3-2. The loss drops OU's record to 7-8-0.

The Spartan's record improved to 9-7-1 with the win.

OU head coach Nick O'Shea was not happy with the team's performance in the first half.

"We had players playing positions that they never had before, they were not doing their job," O'Shea said. "The transformation changed the game and not in a good way."

Freshman forward Maureen Pawlik gave MSU an early lead when she took a pass from senior midfielder Abby Shepherd and shot the ball into the far left corner of the net.

Swaving tried to tie the score in the 12th minute, but the Spartan's senior goalkeeper Erin Carlson made the save. It was her first one of the game.

Before the end of the first period, MSU had five more shots and one more goal.

Junior forward Emma Harris was able to get the ball past Howard for the Spartans' second goal of the game.

Swaving had three more chances to score in the first half, but Carlson helped MSU keep the 2-0 lead going into halftime.

The team felt they played better in the second half.

"We need to come out and play hard all 90 minutes of our games, not just 45," Swaving said.

Swaving scored OU's first goal. Samdal sent the ball into the path of Swaving, where she outran the two defenders for a one-on-one with Carlson, who was not able to come up with a save.

Senior midfielder Ashley Lawson helped put the Spartans up 3-1 when she assisted sophomore forward Jenae Witherspoon for their third goal of the game.

With MSU up 3-1, Swaving said OU was determined to give it all they had.

"We knew we could come back," Swaving said. "All we needed to do was to step things up."

"The second half changed the system," senior defenseman Katie Arnott said. "We played a more offensive game."

A few minutes after MSU's third goal, Swaving was at it again. Mitchell kicked the ball to the top of the box where Swaving took over. Carlson came out of the box for the challenge and Swaving was able to send the ball sailing into the net.

"We played a strong second half and could have won if we played hard the whole game," Arnott said.

Even with a strong effort in the second half, OU was not able to get another goal.

"In the second half, they stepped things up and took care of what they needed to," O'Shea said. "There was a big difference in the game during the second period."

Howard had seven saves in the game, which brings her season total to 89.

The Spartan's had 16 shots with 11 of them on goal. OU had nine shots with eight of them on goal.

OU will get back to Mid-Con action when they head to Oral Roberts for an 8 p.m. game on Thursday and then to Southern Utah for a 4 p.m. game on Saturday.

## Hall of Honor greets seven

By DANA UTZ  
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On Saturday, seven former student-athletes were inducted into the 19th class of OU's Department of Athletics Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor.

The class included former athletes and former and current members of the athletic department staff.

**Kristen Naglekrk Barnwell** was on the women's swimming team from 1993-1996. During her career she earned All-American status 28 times and won 12 national championship titles, taking five of those in 1994 when OU won the Division II national championship.

**Carl Boyd** was on the men's swimming team from 1990-1993. He earned 22 All-American awards and won an individual Div. II national title in the 100-yard backstroke.

**Ellen Lessig Cook** was on the women's swimming team. Cook was named an All-American a total of 28 times and won a school-record 15 Div. II national championships.

**Kevin Kovach** was the first men's basketball player to earn All-American honors during his career. OU reached the NCAA tournament in all four of Kovach's seasons.

**Kelli Krajniak Parker** was a three time All-Great Lakes

Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) selection and was twice named to the GLIAC All-Defensive team.

**Eric Taylor** was a two-time All-American selection for the men's basketball team during his career. He was the only OU player to ever earn All-American status twice.

**Paul Hartman** was OU's Athletic Director in 1983. He turned the OU athletics program into one of the best in the nation in NCAA Division II. He saw many of its teams reach national success, including five consecutive women's swimming and diving NCAA Div. II national championships.

**Glen McIntosh** has been a part of OU's athletics since 1994. He has volunteered many hours as a strength and conditioning coach for the student-athletes. He also played an intricate role in the OU's NCAA Div. I certification process.

**Joy James Williams** was director of special events and executive events consultant. She has assisted in the consultation, planning and execution of many events in the athletic department.

**Rob Causley** has supported the athletics department and helped plan and sponsor the "Swimming and Diving Benefit Cruise."



Photo Courtesy of OU Athletics  
OU welcomed seven new members into the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor.

## Club Hockey defeats Lakers

OU defeated Grand Valley State University (GVSU), by a score of 9-2.

The game was close until halfway through the second period, when OU went on an eight goal scoring spree.

GVSU attempted a comeback in the third period and was able to score two power-play goals.

The comeback was short lived, as OU added another goal and GVSU was not able to convert anymore chances.

The two Laker goals prevented OU freshman goalie Chris Joswiak from earning a shutout in his first career start.

OU will travel to Albany, N.Y. this weekend for games against New York University, Siena College and Stonybrook University.

For more information check out the Grizzlies' Website at [www.oaklandhockey.org](http://www.oaklandhockey.org).

-Dana Utz  
The Oakland Post

## Post Fantasy Studs

Dave Pemberton- Sports Editor

**QB-** Donovan McNabb- PHI @ Cleveland

**RB-** Tiki Barber- NYG vs. Detroit

**WR-** Koren Robinson- SEA @ Arizona

Season Total-133 Last Week-56

**Dustin Frucci-** The Oakland Post

**QB-** Peyton Manning- IND v.s. Jacksonville

**RB-** Shaun Alexander- SEA @ Arizona

**WR-** Donte Stallworth- NOR @ Oakland

Season Total-109 Last Week-58

**Brendan J. Stevens-** Editor In Chief

**QB-** Marc Bulger- STL @ Miami

**RB-** Thomas Jones- CHI @ Tampa Bay

**WR-** Jimmy Smith- JAX @ Indianapolis

Season Total-75 Last Week-61

## Swimmers win relays

By DANA UTZ  
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The women's swimming and diving team competed in their first relay meet of the season at Bowling Green University last weekend.

They were able to capture titles in seven of the 12 events.

OU's team of junior Maria Musialczyk, sophomore Melissa Jaeger, junior Line Jensen and senior Renie Green took first in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 3:59.16.

In diving, Oakland's 'A' team of freshman Becky Renkola and

sophomore Linda Keskey, took fourth place in the one-meter board (479.05) and first place in the three-meter, with a combined score of 447.65.

The 'B' team in diving came in seventh in both the one-meter and three-meter boards with a combined score of 366.45 in the one-meter and 355.90 in the three-meter.

OU's 300-yard butterfly relay 'A' team of Jensen, Jaeger and sophomore Amanda Burwell took first with a time of 2:56.28.

The 300-yard backstroke relay 'A' team took first. The trio finished with a time of 3:00.95.

Another first-place finish was taken by the 300-breaststroke relay. The 'A' team had a time of 3:21.11.

The last two victories for the meet were in the 4x100 relay, in which Jensen, Burwell, freshman Kim Bacon and Jaeger finished in 4:03.41.

The 400-yard freestyle relay in which Dejonge, senior Karoline Freytag, senior Holly Miller and Jensen finished with a time of 3:35.66.

The Golden Grizzlies took sixth place in both the 1500-yard freestyle relay and the 500-yard free relay.

With times of 16:03.31 and 4:21.61, respectively.

In the 800-yard freestyle relay OU's 'A' team came in third with a score of 7:49.97.

The men and women's swimming and diving teams will have their first dual meet of the season at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the OU Aquatics Center.

The Grizzlies will host the University of Akron, Wayne State University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Both squads have been picked to win the Mid-Con championship by the conferences' coaches.