

Robin Williams stars in a new thriller, "The Final Cut," that didn't get our Adam Bark's heart racing. —B3



The OU women's soccer squad lost in controversial fashion at the Mid-Con Women's Soccer Tournament, held on campus at the Lower Fields last weekend.



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OU hacker attack

Students, faculty and staff deal with limited services during systems invasion

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU's network suffered a major blow at 4:30 a.m. Saturday when it was compromised by a hacker who gained unauthorized access. That person took the OU Web site, among other services, down. "The individual that accomplished the compromise tried to invade as many systems as they could get access to,"

Assistant Vice President of University Technology Services, Theresa Rowe said. In all, approximately 50 desktop computers and servers of the more than 5,000 computing devices connected to the OU network were touched by the compromise, Rowe said. While the largest effect has been felt by the university Web site being down, Rowe said she has received no official reports of anything being permanently lost.

"On the server side, all our servers are backed up, so we can restore our back-ups," she said. "On the desktop side, it depends on whether the individuals have back-ups." Rowe said systems administrators worked on the problems all day Monday and Tuesday. The Web site was back up and running Tuesday evening. For individuals who know their GrizzID and PIN, as well as the registration process,

online registration has been up and running. But Rowe said that individuals who don't have the proper information or are not sure how to register should contact the registrar's office for help. While this is the largest intrusion of its kind, Rowe said security is a process, not a goal. "Every day there are new threats in the universe and we're constantly under siege here," Rowe said. "We look at this event, and

any other event, seriously and we alter our strategy to deal with the daily events. "You're never done," she said. Rowe said the onslaught of viruses and worms last year caused a much bigger problem. "Cyber security is an issue every university deals with," Rowe said. "We're finding it's increasingly difficult to maintain the open environment and make sure it's secure."



Photo courtesy of Oakland University
OU President Dr. Gary Russi spoke at the Detroit Economic Club's meeting Monday afternoon.

Russi: Future is in college

BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

During the past few years, college students around the country have struggled with rising tuition costs and a bleak job market. OU President Gary Russi addressed some of these concerns Monday during the State of the Public Universities Address at the Detroit Economic Club luncheon at Cobo Hall. Monday's luncheon was attended by members from the Michigan state legislature, the Michigan board of education and members of the Presidents' Council, State Universities of Michigan. The Presidents Council serves as a forum for the presidents and chancellors of the 15 public universities in Michigan. Russi, speaking on behalf of Michigan's 15 public universities (the Michigan 15), said the Michigan 15 is the state's most important public investment. "If the state fails to invest or if those of us charged with overseeing the universities fail to use that investment wisely our state's future will be dim," Russi said. According to a study commis-

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Safety first in Cafe

BY AARON WALKER
THE OAKLAND POST

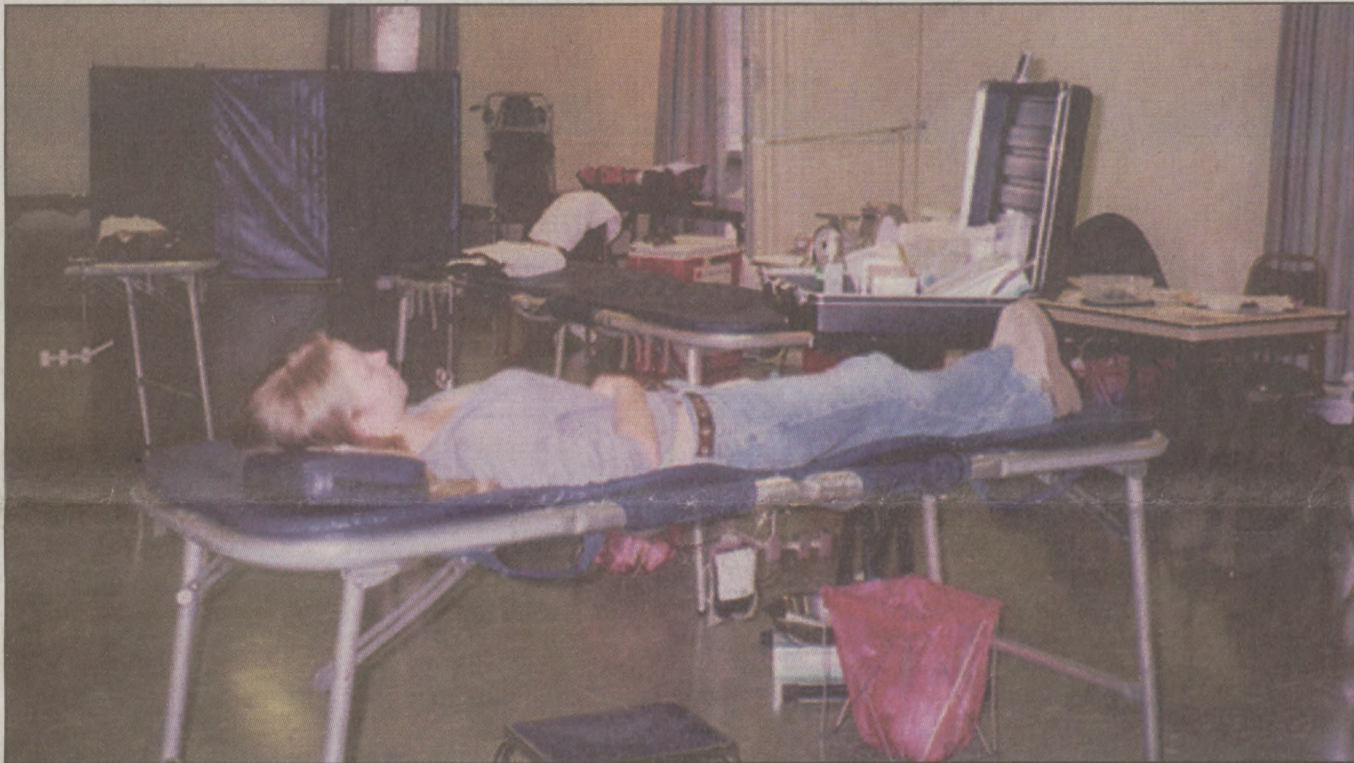
Around OU, students can be heard complaining about the quality of food in OU's dining facilities. But when it comes to health, Oakland County requires facility inspections every six months. A recent health inspection of OU's dining facilities in July found that Vandenberg Cafeteria had three violations listed as critical, which were resolved before the health inspector left the facilities. The margarine at the buffet line was not kept at proper temperature. If gone unnoticed, microbial growth could have posed a hazard to students. The margarine was discarded. The second violation was that

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Drives join forces

BY KARL BUCHMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

Piggybacking on the Red Cross Blood Drive, a bone marrow donation program was set up at OU last month in hopes of helping Kathy Bandol. Bandol, 50-year old mother of Doug, 25, and Michelle, 21, is seeking a bone marrow donor. She is battling advancing stages of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and her doctors say she has only a few months to live unless she can find a suitable match to donate. Because she has a rare blood tissue, finding a donor for Bandol has been a daunting task. So far, she has gone through 9 million potential donors without any matches. "There's always a chance," said Shirley Cameron, coordinator of Bandol's drive and a personal friend of Bandol herself. To register for the marrow program, all it takes is a prick on the finger to determine if an individual is a suitable match. If a match is found, the individual can donate stem cells to Bandol or other patients. The cells would then be used to regrow the patient's bone marrow. "A lot of people are under the assumption that all bone marrow transplants are done the old way of taking marrow from the hip, which can be very painful," Cameron said.



Above: A student waits as she donates one of approximately 332 pints of blood collected at OU's fall blood drive. Right: Kathy Bandol, 50, with her son, Doug (left), and daughter, Michelle (right). Bandol, battling non-Hodgkins lymphoma, is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Photo courtesy of the Bandol family

However, the preferred method is called a stem cell transfusion. A donor will donate blood, which will then go into a machine that will extract stem cells from the blood. The blood is returned to the donor and the stem cells are injected into the patient. "Stem cells are found in human bone marrow or blood, and the umbilical cord blood of a newborn baby," according to the National Marrow Donation Program Web site. When individuals get their fingers pricked to become members of the National Bone Marrow Foundation, the initial prick is to determine what tissue type, not blood type, an individual has, Cameron said.

"That's put into the pool of people who are registered," she said. Individuals remain registered until they are 61 years of age, and they may "be called at some point during their lifetime," Cameron said. Cameron acknowledges that there is controversy surrounding stem cell research. However, she said, research does not "involve embryos or embryo cells." The procedure is simply transfusions given adult to adult or adult to child.

The best donors for bone marrow are males from ages 20 to 40. Some students seem to find helping someone in need rewarding. Junior Kate Vavrick and junior Jen Bachelder both volunteered to donate for the fall blood drive as well as register for the finger prick test to see if they were

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OUSC back in action

SAFB raises DJ allocation

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OU Student Congress (OUSC) met Monday for the first time in two weeks after taking time off to settle tensions that arose over Proposal 2. Neither the proposal nor the election was discussed at the meeting. Please see OUSC on A4



Photo courtesy of Oakland University
"With the Beatles" album cover.

BY NICOLE BEATTIE
THE OAKLAND POST

Listen, Do You Want To Know A Secret? Most of you have been missing out on OU's Honors College discussion group highlighting the greatest and most revolutionary rock 'n' roll band of all time — the Beatles. "I wanted to start the discussion group because I think the

Beatles are worth discussing ... their place in history, in culture, in art generally is unique and fascinating ... it is their music that is so compelling," said Brian Murphy, former professor of English and former director of the Honors College. Murphy, along with Ted Montgomery, director of media relations, led the group discussions where they analyze

Beatles songs and even play clips from movies like "A Hard Day's Night," to illustrate the extent of the bands' fame in the early '60s. Both men are musicians and share a love for music. They got the idea to start the discussion group through their exciting Beatles talks, and also because Murphy was involved in a similar opera discussion group.

"It's serious fun to get together with like-minded people to explore and enrich your knowledge and, therefore, your passion for this art," Murphy said. At one of the meetings, the discussion began by recognizing the musical influences Elvis Presley had on the Beatles and explored the similarities and differences in the

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"COME TOGETHER" FOR THE BEATLES

Two fans of the British pop revolutionaries lead discussions on the group's influence

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Understanding Credit Scoring

Susan Webster and Ebony Rutherford from Experian Information Services will explain what a credit score is, what it means, and how to improve it.

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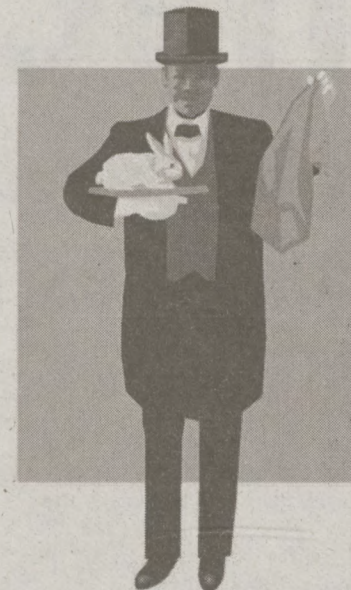


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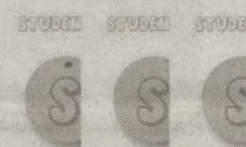


Craig Karges

Thursday Nov 18 @ 8 p.m. in Banquet
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OU displays culture

Diwali: Festival of Lights to bring enlightenment

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
News Writer

Every year in India, on the dark nights of autumn, the sound of firecrackers announces the celebration of Diwali.

Homes are decorated, sweets are distributed to everyone and thousands of lamps are lit around the neighborhood.

The five day 'Festival of Lights' is celebrated throughout India to dispel darkness and bring enlightenment to celebrants.

The Indian Student Association (ISA) brought this sense of celebration to OU in the Fireside Lounge last Wednesday with the presentation, "Diwali: The Festival of Lights."

Indian students and faculty presented the history of Diwali and their own personal experiences with it in India and in the United States.

Diwali (pronounced Dee-val-ee),

which literally means "rows of lights," is a holiday that welcomes wealth and luck into households and brings entire Indian communities together.

Hindu families set up rows of little clay lamps, decorating their courtyards, windows and roofs with lights in celebration of the return of Rama and Sita.

Hindu Folklore says that during a new moon, Rama and Sita, whom Hindus consider gods, returned from 14 years of exile.

The people of the cities were so delighted and thankful that they set out lights and lit fireworks to illuminate their path home.

Junior Angna Shah discussed how women in Indian families create an intricate design called a Rangoli in the foyer of their homes in celebration of Diwali.

"We use paint, colored powder, bowls of rice and lamps (candles) to make the design," she said. "It brings good luck to your house."

Diwali also has another special meaning, Shah said.

"Diwali is like New Year; it's about new beginnings," she said.

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Fuerza hosts a 'dead' celebration

By ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN
THE OAKLAND POST

In America, death is a time filled with sadness and grieving. In countries like Mexico, however, death is embraced by the millions.

During a two-day celebration, people honor their departed loved ones on 'El Dia de los Muertos,' or the Day of the Dead.

Students had a chance to learn about this day, as it was commemorated by Fuerza, the Latino student organization, on Monday, Nov. 1 in the OC Fireside Lounge.

Virinder Moudgil, university provost, introduced the celebration, which marked the start of cultural awareness week at OU.

"I'm not really familiar with it (Day of the Dead), but I'll learn it," he said. "That's the purpose of this week."

The musical stylings of Mexican Mariachis and the enticing smell of tradi-

Please see DIA on A6

Cultural Awareness Week Activities also included:

- Representatives from Delphi Corporation and DaimlerChrysler presented "Understanding International Business Cultures."

- Students, faculty and staff were invited for free cultural food, displays and entertainment at the International Night Cafe.

- Multicultural Faculty Panel: Faculty members from Argentina, China, France, India, Japan and Poland discussed transitioning from their culture to the USA.

- Non-native speakers of Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish were invited to take part in an International Speech, Translation and Dictation contest.

- Sons and daughters of parents whose native culture is not American spoke about their bicultural experiences.

- Students met to discuss world religions and spirituality at OU.

NEWS IN SHORT

Students help make Jordan's dream come true

The American Marketing Association (AMA) is asking students, faculty and staff to help raise \$9,000 to send a young boy, Jordan, and his family to Disneyworld.

"Jordan is a 4-year-old from Michigan who has been diagnosed with arterial vascular malfunction, abnormal vessels between arteries and veins which can lead to brain damage causing seizures," according to a flyer the AMA prepared.

The AMA is cooperating with the Make-A-Wish Foundation in this endeavor.

On Nov. 15 and 16, Max & Erma's promises to donate 20 percent of its lunch and dinner sales to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation if patrons present an AMA proceed day ticket.

The ticket will only be valid at the Rochester Hills branch, located on 122 N. Adams Road, (248) 375-1535.

The money raised will go toward limo, airfare, hotel, rental car, spending money and park tickets so Jordan's family won't have to worry about expenses.

Students, faculty and staff interested in donating, please contact amaou@yahoo.com or visit oakland.edu/org/ama.

Habitat for Humanity over spring break

More than 12,000 students are expected to take part in America's largest alternative spring break program next year, Habitat for Humanity International's Collegiate Challenge.

The program gives students a chance to spend a week working on construction projects in the nation.

Registration for Collegiate Challenge started Oct. 25 and will continue through January 2005. For more information, please visit www.habitat.org.

Writing assistance seminars offered for students

Starting this semester, the Academic Skills Center is offering a series of Writing Assistance Seminars.

The seminars will take place in the OC and in West Vandenberg Hall and will span approximately one hour each. They will be held at noon, Monday through Thursday for three alternating weeks.

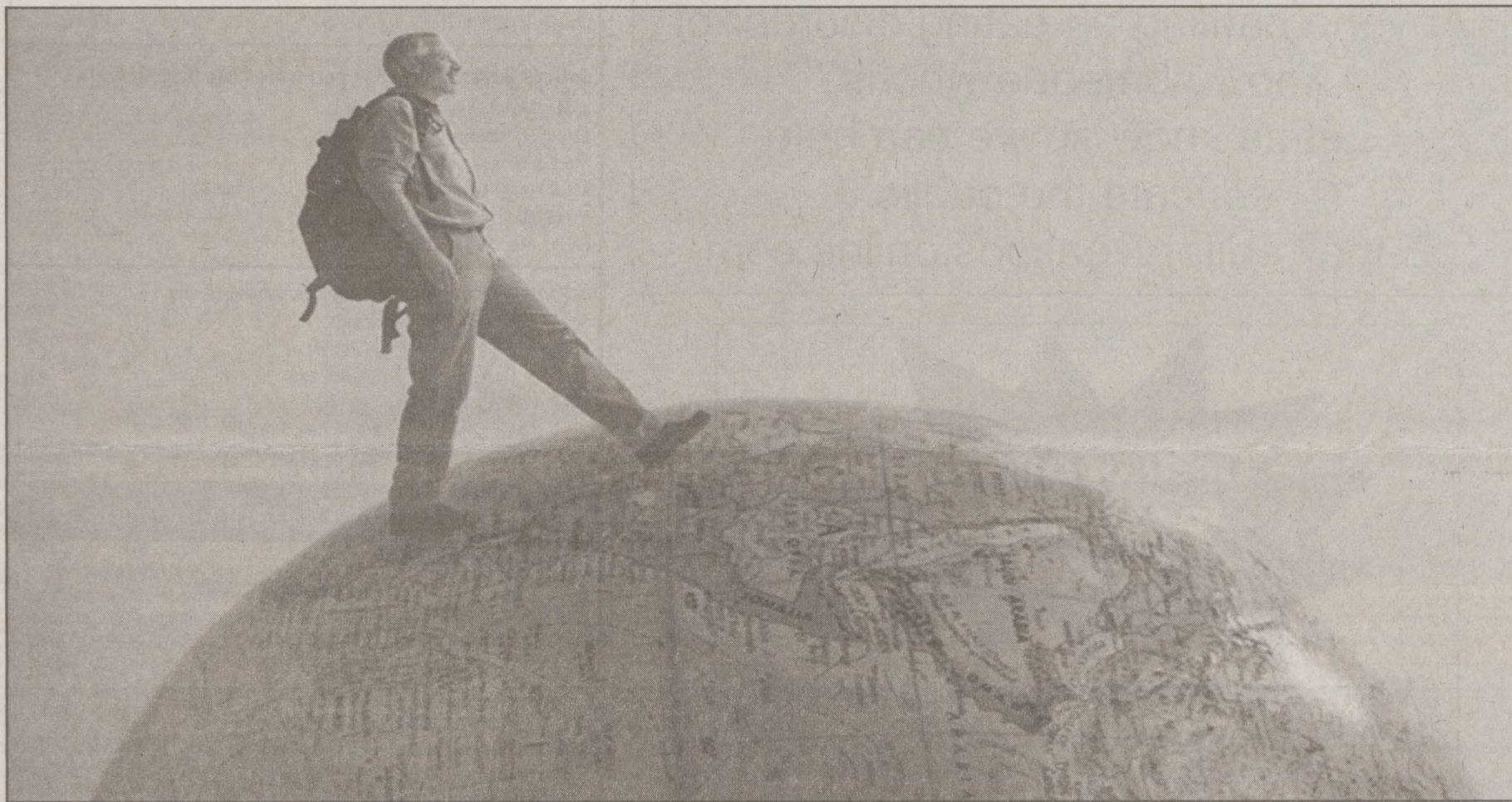
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Important Note

Although OU's Web site was partially inaccessible early this week, it is up and running now.

For more information please refer to "OU Hacker Attack" on the front page.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi
Campus News Editor



Last week, Cultural Awareness Week 2004, the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the Department of Modern Languages and the Center for Student Activities encouraged students to take part in the sponsored events, lectures and activities to help increase awareness of the many cultures found at OU.

Aromatherapy may ease stress

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
News Writer

Relax. Breathe deeply and inhale the healing properties of aromatherapy, the age-old method of naturally balancing the mind and body.

The human body has natural mechanisms for healing and many medications used today only dull symptoms of illness, said OU alumna Karen Stokes, registered nurse.

Stokes has studied complimentary and natural healing techniques like aromatherapy for over 25 years.

"We're all over medicated; we have a pill for almost everything. Aromatherapy is one of the most natural ways for us to help our body heal itself," Stokes said. She also believes in incorporating medication and visualization into her treatments.

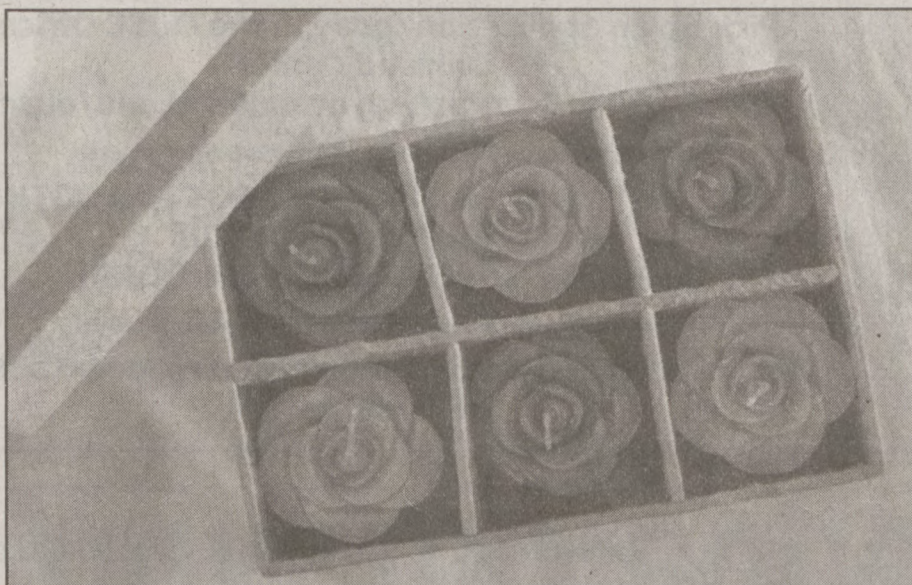
"Stopping to smell the roses really can help you to feel better," she said.

Aromatherapy is a 6,000-year-old holistic treatment of caring for the body and mind with botanical oils.

These essential oils can be massaged into the skin, added to a bath, inhaled directly or diffused throughout the home to alleviate many of the common stresses of life.

According to Stokes, particular scents have an effect on people because of the Limbic System, an intricate network that begins in the olfactory bulb in the tip of the nose and ends in the part of the brain that controls a person's moods, emotions, memory and learning.

"Certain smells can conjure up a range of emotions. Many scents can inherently trigger your brain to release endorphins into your body, which makes you feel good and calm," she said.



Stopping to smell the roses is just a part of a 6,000-year-old holistic treatment of caring for the body and mind with aromatherapy.

"Scents like lavender and ylang ylang are excellent stress busters."

Stokes presented several different light scents, such as eucalyptus, sweet orange and peppermint, which all have healing properties to the mind as well as the body. The scent of eucalyptus can open up

stuffy sinuses and increases circulation when used on the skin, making it great for arthritis sufferers.

Sweet orange may help to quell the effects of Seasonal Affective Disorder, a psychological mood disorder, and pep-

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Police Beat

- Officers had to chase two cars through the university apartment parking lots after they were dispatched to the University Student Apartments for a fight that broke out which involved a knife.

The driver smelled of alcohol and said he had been drinking earlier. When asked about a knife, he denied having one then produced a silver folding knife from his pocket.

He said there had been an argument between himself and two of his friends against an individual and his two friends.

It turned into a fist fight which was broken up by an OCC student. The other individual attempted to keep the fight going so the driver pulled out the knife and stroked the side of the individual's face as if shaving.

Someone said "the cops are coming," so everyone ran out and tried to drive away.

- A mother called OUPD on Saturday, saying that her 16-year-old daughter was missing.

She said her daughter, who lives in the dorms, has been depressed

lately and has bruises on both arms which she thinks came from her ex-boyfriend.

The mother was concerned that her daughter might be with her ex-boyfriend and might hurt herself.

She later called OUPD back and informed police that her daughter was on the way back to OU.

Because of a possible suicide risk, Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh suggested the student spend the weekend at home and

not return until she had spoken with him.

However, a youth and family caseworker for Oakland County Circuit Court told OUPD that a court order bars any contact between the student and her mother because the mother has mental difficulties.

The caseworker also said that the mother has a history of calling police, reporting her daughter missing and reporting a risk of suicide.

- A male called OUPD complaining of prank calls. Sometimes the

caller hangs up right after he answers and other times he can hear several people laughing into the phone.

But last Friday, the prankster told the male that he had one week to live.

He informed police that when the prankster calls, it is an on-campus ring and that he has received approximately 14 harassing calls in the last two weeks.

- OUPD is currently investigating a criminal sexual conduct complaint made by an 18-year-old non-student last Sunday.

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Congress approved a bill almost unanimously that increased Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) funding for a DJ from \$250 to \$350 for an organization's event.

Legislator Doug Merriam proposed an amendment to the bill that would increase the caps SAFB set on money allocated to student organizations. Legislators voted against the amendment.

"The SAFB put the caps there for a reason, they know what they are doing," said Charity Jones, SAFB chair.

Jones also pointed out that only two organizations this fall came close to using all of their funds.

Legislators voted unanimously to welcome Bill Mullas as a new legislator.

Jean Ann Miller, Director of the Center for Student Activities (CSA), introduced Cressie Smith to OUSC.

Smith is the new Greek Life Coordinator of CSA. Smith graduated from Central Michigan University and worked at Albion College before accepting her new position here.

OUSC announced three new members to the Human Resources Committee. The two legislators were Adam Panchenko and Adam Young, and the member-at-large was Summer Lusk.

Coach Smith of the men's basketball team attended to promote the upcoming season.

He wanted to get OUSC's support and help spread the word that next Tuesday, the game versus Adrian College is free for everyone. As an added incentive, four suite tickets for the Jay-Z and Mary J. Blige concert will be raffled away.

"I know the strength and power of this group can help greatly," said Smith, who has been coaching for 11 years now.

Next week's discussion topic ideas were proposed that included allocation of SAFB's extra money; increasing basketball support, parking for senior citizen students in the winter, and snow and ice removal problems on campus.

Miller also proposed working on getting a break between Labor Day and Thanksgiving if they are going to start the fall semester before Labor Day.

"It's just too long to go without a break," Miller said.

Votes were cast and there was a three-way marriage of supporting the basketball program with the help of student organizations and using money from SAFB as next week's topic.

Derrick Putansu was awarded the OUSC legislator of the month award.

OUSC decided the student of the month winner would be for both December and January. The winner will receive a special marked parking spot outside of the OC. Applications can be picked up in the OUSC office.

Congress is also giving away eight \$250 Spirit Card Scholarships. Pick up entry forms in the OUSC office. The deadline for entries is Nov. 17.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:
• Registration began this week. You can register by phone, at the registrar's office or online beginning at 12:01 a.m. on your set day. Days are set based on class ranking.

• Tonight the Northern Lights are visible in the sky above campus and surrounding communities.

• Monday, Nov. 15 there will be a Detroit Economics Club Luncheon in the Fireside Lounge. The United States Economic Club President will be speaking from 11:15-11:35 a.m., and lunch will follow.

• Next Monday at noon there will be a One Body open house whose purpose is to unite all Christians.

• Dec. 1 is the last SAFB meeting for the semester.

• Wednesday Nov. 10, there will be a College Republican meeting at 6 p.m.

• Applications are now being accepted for SAFB board member positions.

• This week is Student Activity Week.
• Relay for Life begins Friday at 4 p.m. It is a 24-hour walk to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. One person from every team must be walking for all 24 hours.

• The next OUSC meeting is Monday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

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there was no date marked on the buttermilk at the bakery. A limit of seven days from the date of opening was placed on the item.

Third, the inspection found that a spray nozzle attached to the hose of a utility sink could be producing backflow. The nozzle was removed until a contractor became available to correct the violation.

"Health inspectors don't call ahead to schedule visits, it's completely unannounced," said Shannon Armijo, the environmental health services supervisor for Oakland County.

If critical violations are cited, she said, health officials return for a follow up inspection to ensure that problems are corrected.

However, since no outstanding violations were listed at OU, no follow up inspection was planned.

According to the FDA, most food-borne illnesses are caused by mishandling food. However, the FDA's Web site also confirms that improperly cleaned and sanitized food service utensils can also transmit food-borne illnesses.

Young adults have shown more concern with food safety since the Mad Cow Disease frenzy, or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE.)

This disease is described as slowly progressive, degenerative and ultimately fatal by its effects on the central nervous system of adult cattle.

A similar disorder in humans, named Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD), is speculated to be caused by eating certain tissues from BSE infected cattle. Both diseases are listed as fatal on the Food and Drug Administrations Web site.

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The first case of mad cow disease in the U.S. was reported in December, 2003, in Washington state.

Several countries, including Japan and South Korea, banned U.S. beef exports. According to an article published earlier this year in USA Today, "the mad cow scare appeared to be having a bigger impact on the \$3.7 billion-a-year export market - about 10 percent of U.S. beef production - than on domestic consumption."

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has conducted surveillance of cattle going to slaughter in the U.S. since 1990.

Since 1989, the USDA has prohibited the importation of live animals and products produced by animals from countries with a BSE-positive rating. Since then, the ban has been expanded to

include countries at risk for BSE. Released in 2001, a study by Harvard University determined that the chances of BSE entering the U.S. and posing a risk to consumers and the agricultural industry are "extremely low."

However, since the first case showed up in the U.S., CNN reported that former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said this "raises serious concerns about the ability of this administration to protect the safety of our nation's food supply and the health of our rural economies that depend on agriculture exports."

Despite this, CNN also reported that Dean said he has "full confidence" in U.S. beef producers' "ability to produce a high quality and safe product."

~ Campus News Editor Roqaya Eshawi contributed to this report.

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suitable matches for Bandol.

Despite the odds of finding such a match, Vavrick said "it's worth a try."

Approximately 150 students registered with the National Bone Marrow Foundation and about 350 people donated blood at OU's fall blood drive.

"Unofficially, it appears that 332 pints of blood were collected," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs.

This could help approximately 1,000 people, he said. Another blood drive will be held in January and a one-day

drive will be held in June.

"It would be great if everyone that donated in the fall drive would donate in January and April as well," Franklin said.

An individual can safely donate blood every 56 days.

Online registration for the January drive will be activated by Nov. 22 at www.givelife.org.

For more information on how to help Kathy Bandol, please visit www.mar-row.org or contact Shirley Cameron at (248) 651-

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~ Campus News Editor
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to this report.

CSA Discount Theatre Tickets Holiday Shows

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the "Rockettes"

at the Fox Theatre

Friday, November 26 @ 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2, 9 & 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Main Floor: \$48.50 (reg \$55.50)

Gallery A: \$33.50 (reg \$40.50)

Gallery B: \$13.50 (reg \$20.50)

Joffrey Ballet of Chicago performs "The Nutcracker"

at the Detroit Opera House

Friday, December 3 @ 11:00 a.m.

Mezzanine (Trustee Circle):

\$10.00 (reg \$48.00)

Friday, December 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Mezzanine: \$30.00 (reg \$48.00)

Scrooge - The Musical at Masonic Temple Theatre

Starring Richard Chamberlain and

Illusions by Paul Kivee (Harry Potter)

Tuesday, December 7 @ 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, December 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Front Main Floor \$28.00 (reg. \$62.00)

Rear Main Floor \$18.00 (reg. \$52.00)

Other Shows Currently Available

Evita at The Fisher Theatre

Tuesday, November 30 @ 7:30 p.m.

Too Hot to Handle at the Detroit Opera House

Saturday, December 11 @ 8:00 p.m.

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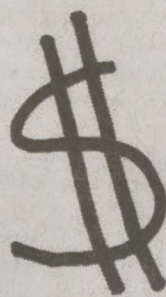
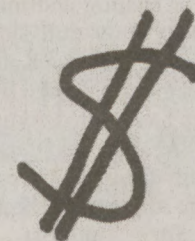
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OU students can use singlegrizzlies.com to meet up with other OU students and alumni.

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

"Nice guy looking for nice girl," or what about "Southern princess seeks rugged Grizzly."

Singles with a connection to OU have a new way to look for relationships online.

Singlegrizzlies.com, an online matchmaking service for students, alumni, faculty and friends, helps match those with the love of black and gold with what could be the love of their life.

White Buffalo Ventures, Inc.'s founder and CEO Brad Armstrong, says the idea behind the site is "to help people meet who already have a common bond or passion."

In this case, that commonality is OU.

The company projects that "the 15 million Americans who use online dating sites in 2002 will grow to 24 million by 2007," and they want to be right in the middle of the trend.

The company runs sites for a

number of Michigan colleges and universities and Armstrong said that the venture has been unbelievably successful.

At OU, hundreds of students have signed up and have met friends through the site.

"As a freshman, it was a tool to getting involved," Jason Madden said. "I wasn't looking for a date, just some friends I could relate to."

And that's just what Armstrong hopes is happening across the nation.

Please see SITE on A8.

Global Glance

Fighting in Fallujah

Battle for the militant-controlled city of Fallujah continued yesterday as troops reached the center of the city. The assault on Fallujah involves more than 10,000 American troops and 2,000 Iraqi troops, the Pentagon reported. Since Monday, the start of the fight for Fallujah, 10 U.S. troops have been killed and 22 wounded, but officials say there are not as many insurgents in the city as anticipated.

Dollar days end in Cuba

Cuba ended circulation of the U.S. dollar Monday in an attempt to reduce its vulnerability to U.S. sanctions. Cubans have until next week to trade in their dollars for locally printed pesos—traded one-for-one to the dollar—before facing a 10 percent exchange fee. Castro's government, who legalized the dollar in 1993, said the conversion was prompted by Bush administration steps to squeeze Cuba financially.

Berlin Wall gone, but barriers remain

Germany marked a subdued 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall Tuesday, weighed down by high unemployment and slow economic recovery in the formerly communist East and a sense that in people's hearts the nation has not yet fully reunited. No holiday marked the occasion, only a statement by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder hailing calling Nov. 9 "a day of the triumph of freedom and democracy," and praising East Germans for overthrowing communist rule peacefully.

EU threatens to go alone on fusion plan

The European Union warned early this week it may go ahead and build the world's first nuclear fusion reactor with whatever partners it can find if there is no global deal to put the project in France. Nuclear fusion has been touted as a long-term solution to the world's energy problems, as it would be low in pollution and use limitless sea water as fuel, said research spokesman Fabio Fabbi. The idea is to replicate the way the sun generates energy, however, 50 years of research have failed to produce a commercially viable reactor.

Global goof

No time to make turkey dinner?

Can't wait for Thanksgiving dinner? Just grab a Jones soda. After the surprising success of Jones' turkey and gravy flavored soda during last year's holiday season, the company decided to expand its menu. This year, the company will be serving mashed potato, fruitcake, cranberry and green bean casserole flavored drinks. The turkey and gravy soda sold-out in three hours after it was made available online and bottles were going for \$100 on eBay. This season, Jones will market holiday packs with a soda of each flavor and plastic utensils.

—Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.

Avoid digital danger

Students are turning from personals to PCs.

By ROXANNA RIVES
THE OAKLAND POST

When looking for a date it might be a good idea to look beyond the bar scene, but where? Singles used to look toward the newspapers and personal ads hoping to hook up with a special someone, but more and more young people are shying away from the paper and heading online.

"It seems harmless and fun," said 20-year-old Heather Wheaton. "You always wonder who's on the other side talking to you, but that's what makes it fun and exciting."

With so many young people heading toward Internet dating services such as matchmaker.com or eHarmony.com, people are beginning to wonder how safe online dating really is.

Michigan is one of several states in the country that is considering doing background checks on participants to guarantee safe meetings for everyone. They are also considering whether to require dating Web sites to warn people that they don't screen for criminal history.

Currently, the majority of online dating services only offer basic info about a person such as a photo, age, location and occupation. At most sites, participants can choose to give info such as if they drink, smoke or have kids.

The downfall on this, according to many online daters, is that not everyone is honest. They could be unemployed and say they are professionals. They could be older than what they reveal, married or have a criminal background.

Critics of online dating say



Photo Illustration/Elizabeth Gorecki

Many young adults are putting down the paper and taking their search for love into cyberspace. While some students still opt for the personals, many say that online dating is faster and easier. Students say that the biggest drawback is the lack of security and safety for online users.

they think there is a higher chance of sexual assault or robbery because of people who met on Internet dating sites, but police agencies say it is unclear how many predators use the Internet to find their victims.

"We investigate the crime. The rape, murder or burglary. We don't necessarily investigate the means by which they chose their victim," said Lt. Greg Haines of the Mount Clemens Police Department.

The Michigan Attorney General's office has not prosecuted any crimes initiated by online meetings, according to its Web site, but that doesn't mean that they do not exist.

"We have seen crimes that take place between people who initially met over the net and we investigate online scams like robbery or rape that are reported

to us, but that is only a small fraction of the incidents that occur," Haines said.

Representative Jim Howell of Saginaw is trying to cut down on these types of incidents. He introduced House Bill 6234 in September to "require online dating services to conduct criminal background checks or to provide certain notices and remedies."

The bill passed in the House in September and now awaits Senate approval.

Online dating services have conflicting views on the bill.

At the head of the initiative is Herb Vest, founder of True.com. Vest said his corporation contracts a private company to run criminal and personal background checks on the site's users.

Please see SAFETY on A8.

Conduct your own background check

• Search engines, such as google and excite are good places to start. Enter the name of the person you meet and sift through the Web sites that are returned.

• Wwww.sexoffender.com is a database that compiles information on sex offenders from 40 states. The site charges for criminal background checks.

• OTIS, the Michigan Department of Corrections Web site provides free information on anyone who is in the department's registry:
www.state.mi.us/mdoc/asp/otis2.html

• The Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry is a free listing of those convicted of sexual crimes in Michigan after Oct. 1, 1995: www.mipsor.state.mi.us

Do you digital-date?

How likely are you to sign-up for an online dating service?

- I don't date, ever.
- I wouldn't advertise in the personals or online.
- I would place an ad in the newspaper but not online.
- I would sign up with a dating site for fun.
- I would sign up with a dating site to look for a relationship.
- I would sign up for a dating site hoping to find my true love.

Send your answers to
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'Net' a new romance

By ROXANNA RIVES
THE OAKLAND POST

Online surveys estimate that between 50 and 60 million Americans log on to online dating sites every month.

According to Trish McDermott, vice president of romance on Match.com, with that many people, users should be taking steps to keep themselves and their personal information safe.

McDermott said following certain guidelines and using common sense are the easiest ways to start enjoying online dating safely.

Start slowly, she said. "Guard your anonymity and exercise caution," McDermott said.

She said the first step in staying safe is to not get into unsafe situations.

"If someone seems too pushy, too forward or too ambiguous, they're probably not someone you should pursue," she said.

McDermott suggests chatting online or on the phone but staying alert.

"Watch for red flags such as inconsistent information about age, interests, appearance, marital status, profession or employment. If someone refuses to speak

to you on the phone after establishing ongoing, online intimacy or fails to provide direct answers to direct questions, it could be a sign that they are not who they claim or that they are part of an internet scam."

"Never do anything you feel unsure about," McDermott said. "If you are in any way afraid of your date, use your best judgment to diffuse the situation and get out of there."

She suggests excusing yourself long enough to call a friend for advice, ask someone else on the scene for help or slip out the back door and drive away.

"If you feel you are in danger, call the police; it's better to be safe than sorry," McDermott said.

Dating Direct relationships expert Helen Melluish said feeling safe should be an internet dater's top priority.

"Never worry or feel embarrassed about your behavior; your safety is much more important than one person's opinion of you."

"By using common sense and following these tips, online daters should feel confident and safe to chat and meet other singles online," Melluish said.

Dos and don'ts of Internet dating

DO:

- ♥ Present the most attractive and honest profile of yourself.
- ♥ Acknowledge all mail; even if it's a polite "no thanks."
- ♥ Trust your instincts.
- ♥ Speak on the telephone before meeting.
- ♥ Meet on neutral ground and tell someone where you are going.

DON'T:

- ♥ Lie about yourself.
- ♥ Provide personal information until you feel comfortable.
- ♥ Pretend to share interests with someone you like.
- ♥ Leave someone up in the air. If you want to end it, end it.

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permint can give the user a burst of energy and also fights motion sickness.

One scent, the pungent ylang ylang, is also used in many aphrodisiac mixes.

"Ylang ylang is used in Indonesia at ceremonies where young people try to meet the opposite sex. You can imagine the tone it sets," Stokes said.

Although the practice of using essential oils for healing is not widely used in the United States, other countries have found success in its usage.

In France, for example, lavender essential oils are used on third degree burns.

"When compared to burns treated with topical creams, there is less scarring on patients treated with lavender," Stokes said.

In England, patients who are checked into hospitals with pain are given the option of receiving controlled narcotic medications, but most choose the natural route.

Stokes maintains that aromatherapy can be very important for students and faculty, whose busy and stressful schedules leave little room for a moment of peace.

She suggested that students who need help remembering information for exams should sniff a fragrance, like sweet orange or lavender while studying. They should sniff it again while taking the test.

"Not only will it have a calming effect, but students will also associate the information they studied with the smell."

"The scent helps you to initially retain the information and upon smelling the fragrance for the second time, it could help you to recall details you would not have normally remembered," she said.

This type of scent memory connection is currently being used in research on Alzheimer's disease. Stokes has also conducted her own informal research on the healing properties of aromatherapy.

"Every time you feel stressed, just take a long breath of your fragrance and you should begin to calm down."

Karen Stokes
Registered Nurse

high blood pressure. After diffusing the essential oil

of ylang ylang throughout the room, Stokes measured each woman's blood pressure a second time and found that it had gone down by at least five points.

"All you really have to do is place a drop of essential oil on a cotton ball and carry it with you during the day."

"Every time you feel stressed, just take a long breath of your fragrance and you should begin to calm down," she said.

Stokes is also co-owner of Crystal Treasures, a metaphysical store located in Pontiac, and author of the book "The Magic of Plant Medicine."

Brittany Cartwright, a local architecture student, said she is an ardent believer in the power

of self-healing and likes to shop at Crystal Treasures.

"Your body really does have all the tools it needs to heal itself," she said. "I dab a mixture of olive oil and lavender essential oils on my pulse points each day and I always feel calm and collected."

The Center for Student Activities presented "Relaxation Through Aromatherapy" on Thursday, Oct. 21 as part of its Lunch and Learn series.

Editor's Note: Due to coverage of last week's election, it was not possible to present coverage of this event appropriately. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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tional Mexican foods lured students passing by like Tim Dawso, a junior, into the festivities of this day.

"I haven't heard much of it, but it seems kind of interesting," he said.

Sophomore Amy Slater, who is minor-ing in Spanish, also knew little about this Hispanic celebration, but said she is "interested in the language and the culture." She cited the event as a prime opportunity "to learn more."

Roxana Zuniga, president of Fuerza, called this day one of "great significance for the Mexican people, because it is a religious and cultural holiday."

This day can be rooted back to the practices of the Aztec Indians, who celebrated the dead throughout the month of August.

The spirits of those who had passed on to the afterlife were considered "very important," and they were paid tribute by "cleaning their tombs, putting flowers at their altar and offering their favorite foods," Zuniga said.

"When the Spanish arrived in the Americas, they thought honoring the dead was pagan, so they tried to stop the indigenous people from celebrating the dead but were unsuccessful," she said.

As Catholicism was forced onto the

Aztecs, they began masking pagan celebrations with Catholic festivals like All Saint's Day, which falls on Nov. 1.

"They incorporated the event (the Day of the Dead) into saint's day," Zuniga said.

"Now, the event takes place on Nov. 1 and ends on Nov. 2."

Today — in many Latin American countries — the Day of the Dead is distinguished by large processions to cemeteries where people create makeshift altars at the grave sites of their loved ones.

"You put his or her picture at the altar," which is decorated with flowers, candles and their favorite foods or drinks and "el pan de muerto" or the bread of the dead, Zuniga said.

It is believed, she said, that the smell of the bread will guide the spirits back home, "and the candles will illuminate their path."

Shania Ortiz, a junior of Puerto Rican descent, was in attendance not only "to support Hispanics," but also to share the importance of this day with others.

"Everybody here needs to know why we do the things that we do like honoring our dead."

"It's important to have people know that we appreciate our people who have passed on," Ortiz said.



Roqaya Eshmaui/The Oakland Post

Mexican Mariachis entertain a crowd in the Fireside Lounge last week during a presentation on El Día de los Muertos.

DIWALI
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"Each year we can start fresh with new ideas, new clothes and new outlooks."

Tushar Oza, professor of communications, said that Diwali encompasses many of the same attributes as other holidays celebrated in America.

"We do gift giving like Christians do on Christmas, we eat sweets like you do on Halloween, we dress in our Sunday best like people do on Easter, and we set off fireworks like Americans do on the Fourth of July," he said.

"Diwali is also a day of forgiveness and enlightenment."

"Friends and neighbors who have had a fight in the last year grant forgiveness to each other. The lights we use during Diwali represent clarity and the lightening of the mind," Oza said.

To young people, Diwali takes on a different meaning.

It "means fireworks, sweets and how much mischief you can get into in five days," said Vivek Natarajan, president of the Indian Student Association.

He likened the anticipation that Indian people have for Diwali to the anticipation children have for Christmas morning.

"In India, we'd wake up at 2 o'clock in the morning to set up our fireworks. At the crack of dawn, it's like World War III," Natarajan said.

Unfortunately, he said, it is difficult to fully celebrate Diwali in America due to laws against noise pollution and not wanting to annoy neighbors.

"Here, we just get together with family, eat great food and sweets, and enjoy ourselves," he said.

In order to further share the celebration of Diwali with OU, the Indian Student Association will be hosting a Diwali dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the Recreation Center.

Vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes will be provided by Rangoli, a traditional Indian restaurant.

This event is free for all students and admission is on a first come, first serve basis. Students must bring their student IDs to the event.

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sioned by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the state's \$1.5 billion investment in our public universities produces \$39 billion of economic impact or a remarkable 12.6 percent of Michigan's entire gross product.

He said the public universities in Michigan are serving as a force of economic renewal for the state.

Speaking about the cost of a college education, Russi said "our universities have done a commendable job of keeping access to four year college degrees within reach of our younger generations."

Russi said last year's fall tuition increases were kept well below the Midwest and national averages for public universities and this year's increases were kept to the rate of inflation.

In the state of Michigan for the fiscal year 2003, tuition was \$5,570 per year on average. After general state aid and financial aid from individual universities, the

net tuition cost parents and students about \$2,495 per year, he said.

Russi said this analysis, commissioned by the Presidents Council, found after adjusting for inflation, financial aid, and tax credits, the average family is actually paying less to send a student to a Michigan public university than in 1998.

"We think we are maintaining quality despite these tough economic times," he said.

"We feel we are providing amazing value ... students have amazing choices here in Michigan."

While enrollment in the universities around the state continues to rise and now tops 287,000 students, state funding has declined.

"This trend must be reversed ... Public higher education is a public good. The public investment made by the citizens of Michigan is returned many fold and in countless ways."

"It is time for the state to rededicate itself to the invaluable mission of public higher education," Russi said.

"The quality ... of the higher education system is the key to a stronger brighter future in Michigan," he said.

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Dr. Gary Russi
President, Oakland University

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Friday, November 19, 10 a.m. – noon, 158 VBH
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- Office visits

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SATURDAY NIGHT SOUNDS presents Duwende

Saturday, November 13, 8 PM
Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
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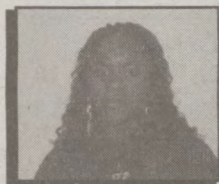
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Guest Column

Still waiting on registration answers



JACQUELYN S. CLAIBORNE
Director of
Legislative Affairs,
OUSC

During early September, Project Vote executed a campus-wide voter registration drive at OU.

Over 700 students completed voter registration application forms, which were all collected by Project Vote, for distribution to the Secretary of State's Office for the necessary processing.

However, in mid-September, Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) began receiving complaints from participating students who were unable to confirm their registration.

OUSC conducted a follow-up meeting with Project Vote to backtrack the steps taken after the collection of the forms.

Project Vote indicated that because they had at least a week and a half of internal processing before the cards were distributed to the Secretary of State's Office, the students' verification of voter registration would take that much longer.

At that point, OUSC and the University were assured by Project Vote that the necessary steps were indeed completed weeks before the Oct. 4 deadline, and that all students who completed applications handled by their organization would be able to vote.

For our continued assurance, Project Vote had even guaranteed their further cooperation and provided us with the photocopies taken of the voter registration application cards.

In further investigation efforts we ultimately found that a number of students' applications seemingly never even reached the necessary processing locations and a number of student applications were delivered after the deadline.

In an attempt to rectify the situation, Project Vote was given the opportunity to provide the university with their UPS tracking numbers and other documented proof of delivery to, at the very least, hold someone besides their organization accountable for the student disenfranchisement.

Project Vote became very uncooperative, giving the university the run around and empty words, even insinuating that students weren't registered because once the voter registration applications reached their clerks' office they were just thrown out without being processed.

We still haven't received answers from Project Vote as to what happened to the voter registration applications or even proof that they even left the trunks of their cars after being picked up from OU.

Since we haven't received any answers, maybe you will.

If this situation directly affected you, for more information, you may call the Project Vote

Michigan Director Holli Holiday at (313) 832-7634 or Marvin Manlove, the Project Vote Pontiac area director at (248) 451-1683.

Information on the organization as a whole may be obtained on the Web by visiting <http://www.projectvote.org/> and clicking on MI.

If you are a student who completed a provisional ballot on election day, there's a possibility that your name may still not appear on the voter roll because of this situation.

Be advised, for your own assurance, that unless you receive your voter card in the mail, or reregister directly through the Secretary of State you may not be a registered voter.

Students should also note that the facilitating campus organizations will utilize the Secretary of State's own mobile registration program or similarly reputable and reliable methods for all future campus voter registration drives.

EDITORIAL

Technology has become an unhealthy support

Our dependence on technology reared its ugly head to the OU community last weekend.

Early Saturday morning OU's network system crashed, and students and faculty have been facing repercussions ever since.

Luckily, the Web site was only partially disabled and the problem is temporary.

The IT department said they hope to have the site done by Wednesday.

But all it took was one individual to throw our whole system off.

It's affected each of us differently. For students, we were busy preparing to register for classes.

Fortunately, online registration was not affected, and we were able to register as expected.

Even so, it was initially unnerving to see the site down.

Aside from registration, we've been affected in other ways too.

The OU Web site has numerous capabilities.

We use it, among other things, to search the student and faculty directories, to gather information and to access the library site.

It causes a lot of anxiety when something we rely on so heavily now only partially fulfills those needs.

This says a lot about where we are as a society. We have become dependent on so many things, many of which remain completely out of our control.

We lack patience and expect things right away. We're always looking for a faster, better way to do things. We are a generation who has grown up with computers. We rely on them to do work that years ago was done by hand.

These expectations carry over into our everyday lives.

We find dates in chat rooms and on the Internet. We don't

read books, but watch TV or play video games.

We eat fast food while driving instead of eating at home with our families.

We crave immediate gratification and have an expectation that everything should be right at our fingertips. When it isn't we aren't sure what to do with ourselves.

This situation affected each of us differently, and some of us more than others, but there is something each of us can learn.

Though technology is good and has improved our lives in countless ways, it shouldn't rule them.

Sometimes we need a friendly reminder that just like most things, technology is far from perfect and sometimes we get too caught up in our fastpaced lifestyles.

It serves us well to slow down once in awhile and learn a thing or two about patience.



Corrections: On the front page index, the classifieds were incorrectly identified as being on B8, when they were actually on A8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student says it wasn't stupid to vote for Bush

Dear Editor:

Spending a lot of my time on a pretty liberal campus, I have learned to calmly listen to that side of the spectrum and to respect the views of others. I realize that for many at OU (Wednesday) feels gloomy because John Kerry lost the election. (Wednesday) was somewhat of a celebration for me because I voted for President Bush.

The purpose of this letter is not to celebrate Bush's victory, and it is not to justify my vote for Bush as I feel that to be unnecessary. The purpose of this letter is to mention something that really bothers me.

I heard many people today complaining about the results of the election. A lot of people said today that Americans were stupid for voting for Bush. I personally take offense to that.

I do not think I am stupid, and I do not think the American people are stupid. Had Kerry won, (which I expected,) I would not have come out and called his supporters stupid.

Americans are not stupid, but they are, in a general sense, ignorant. But this is not just true on one side or the other; it is true on both sides.

For every Bush supporter mindlessly chanting "flip-flop" without ever seeing Kerry's voting record, (which I have and I'll show it to you if you want, and I'm not calling him a flip-flopper,) there was a Kerry supporter with an equally ignorant reason

for chanting "no war for oil," or a similar slogan.

Although many are ignorant on certain issues, I do not think it is fair to call the majority of the people who voted stupid, and I also believe that many who voted for Bush had good reasons.

Kerry did not lose because the American public is dumb, he lost because he didn't stimulate his base enough to win.

He didn't lose because he "flip-flopped," he lost because the central theme of his campaign changed from week to week, one week focusing on job loss, the next on foreign policy, etc.

Again, I'm not saying he changed his viewpoint on anything after winning the nomination; he just changed the central theme of his campaign.

I think it looks bad for the Democratic Party as a whole for people to whine about the results of the election.

Kerry had enough class to concede and say that the difference in votes was high enough not to go through the court system. I honestly commend him for that, going through another long court procedure in this election would have split the country even more than it already is.

I think Democrats should follow his lead and accept the results.

Go ahead and say that you believe he was the best man for the job. Go ahead and say that you do not think Bush is a good president.

But please do not take out your frustration on those of us who voted Republican.

Just remember, insulting people for the way they voted will only create a bigger partisan rift in this country.

And there really is a large division already.

When I go to class I keep my opinion to myself most of the time because I know that when I share it my fellow students and even some professors will jump down my throat because there seems to be a belief around here that Republicans are inherently evil.

I urge the Democrats out there to have an honest, intellectual conversation with a knowledgeable Republican not so that you will change your views but so you might understand how Republican views are reasonable, and Republicans should do the same with Democrats.

I do not think that the Democratic ideology is unreasonable nor do I insult friends for holding to that ideology, I just have a different viewpoint.

In closing I ask that you think before you speak, or you may end up looking dumber than those you are condemning.

Steven R. Elliott
Senior
Political Science

Reactionary legislation bogged OUSC down

Dear Editor:

In last week's edition (11/03) the article about Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) quoted Legislator Doug Merriam stating that we are hung up on the Proposal 2 issue, and also OUSC should apologize for the legislation that we passed regarding this issue.

Legislator Merriam and others

who have sponsored reactionary legislation have been creating the problem. OUSC served the students by urging them to vote no on discriminatory legislation.

There is nothing wrong with protecting students who do not have a voice in society.

Had the vote been left well enough alone, then the issue would have been dropped.

If we were a legislative body in the 1960s, we would take on racist tendencies and pass controversial legislation supporting the Civil Rights movement.

This is why it is perfectly logical for members of OUSC to ask black students if they would like OUSC to stand up for them were their voting rights to be taken away. Not because it is a realistic situation, but to help them understand the struggle that LGBT students face daily.

Contrary to popular belief, we have not lost our way. We have created a new way, we are working to serve the students, ALL the students, even those who are affected by this legislation, straight and gay alike.

If anyone were to pay attention, OUSC has done a lot of work this semester, we have done plenty of things to benefit the student body.

If legislation was not brought up asking us to apologize for our actions, and also to take away our rights to vote on important issues affecting students, the issue of Proposal 2 would not have come up again.

The votes have been cast. OUSC stands up for students who are treated like second-class citizens in our society.

Move on and stop asking us to apologize for making a tough stand. I would like to thank all

the students of Oakland University who stood up for all of our citizens and voted NO on Proposal 2.

Sarah Cook
Senior
Political Science
OUSC Student Services Dir.

Class Act Kerry

Dear Editor:

As a member of the "opposition," I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Sen. John Kerry for his concession of the 2004 election.

The last thing America needed was for the election to turn into a legal battle, with the American people surrendering their voting power to a mob of lawyers.

This was indeed a classy move by the Senator and I have a newfound respect for him because of it.

During the last month of campaigning, Kerry put together a very impressive show.

Before the first debate he was essentially a lost cause, but resurrected himself after the first debate and gained unprecedented momentum from then on.

Unfortunately for the Kerry camp, it was ultimately not enough and he lost to the incumbent, George W. Bush.

By all means this election could have dragged on for weeks, even months, with lawyers contesting every absentee and provisional ballot, until every ballot in America was put under an electron microscope.

However, Kerry chose not to go that route. He instead chose the gentlemanly approach by conceding the election, and sparing the

American people the agony and frustration of numerous recounts and unnecessary litigation.

Even though the battle was ultimately lost, the Democratic hopeful should not despair. There is much left to salvage.

We Republicans were in the same position in the 1960s as you are now.

You will revive your party, and you will be in control again. Mark my words.

It is, after all, the natural cycle of American politics.

Furthermore, to all the students who put so much time and effort into promoting the Kerry-Edwards agenda, you should also not despair.

You put in an unprecedented effort to elect the man you thought best for the job.

You should also not consider your efforts to be a failure, after all Kerry did win Michigan by a resounding number of votes.

Your efforts were second to none, and you should always fight as strongly as you did for those things that matter most to you.

Finally, I will echo the proclamations of both candidates; now is the time for healing.

We have been at each other's throats for the last few months, and now is the time to work within the system to improve the American way of life for everyone, not just Republicans, and not just Democrats.

For when we set aside ideology, we are all human, and more importantly, we are all American.

My hat is off to John Kerry, a class act.

David Lauber
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Political Science
Chairman, College Republicans

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SAFETY Continued from A5

"It's a whole lot better than nothing," Vest said, which is what many of his competitors' sites have.

Management of eHarmony.com said the company does not screen their more than 5 million members, and they do not feel that the bill would "achieve its intended effect."

Similarly, chief operating officer for match.com, Joe Cohen, said a survey of 1,500 of their 14 million members ranked background checks low on their list of online dating concerns.

Online daters that have concerns about the people they meet online can be proactive and do a number of things to keep themselves safe.

Anyone can search the Michigan Department of Corrections database, the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS) at www.state.mi.us/mdoc/asp/otis2.html. Users enter the information they have such as name, age or sex and they can access information such as the person's location, status and past sentences.

The Michigan State Police also keeps a registry of those charged with a sex crime in Michigan. The Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry can be accessed at www.mipsor.state.mi.us, where users enter a city or name to access the database.

BEATLES Continued from A1

writing of their love songs.

The group then discussed the importance of "the fifth Beatle," producer George Martin.

They agreed to listen to the album "Abbey Road," released in 1969, and return next week with thoughts about the central elements of the album as well as their favorite songs.

"'Abbey Road' is a masterpiece of composition, harmony and musicianship," said Montgomery. "It incorporates many styles, and the guitar work by George, John and Paul on (Abbey Road) defined and influenced the guitar sensibilities of many of the recording artists of the 1970s."

"The Beatles are surely responsible for the very idea of classic rock," Murphy said. "They still inspire and influence today's artists and musicians."

Their incredible talent for creating harmonies and unique sounds, he said, has proved that the possibilities

of music are endless.

"I think it's instructive for today's students to understand the powerful impact they've had on America, even 40 years after they first arrived on our shores," Montgomery said.

The informal group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, through the end of the semester, at 5 p.m. in room 112 Vandenberg Hall.

Group members discuss everything from the importance of George Harrison's guitar riffs to John Lennon's art work, but mainly, they focus on the cultural impacts that the Beatles have had, not only on rock music, but their far reaching effects on American culture as well.

Students, faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to join the discussion group, to share what they find interesting about the Beatles and to learn what others find in their music.

Meetings extending into next semester will be decided based on attendance at upcoming meetings.

Join us at noon on Mondays in 61 OC for our writers' meetings to pick up stories and see how you can get involved at The Post.

SITE Continued from A5

"Our slogan is 'you already have something in common,'" Armstrong said.

The goal of the site is to promote friendships as well as relationships, the

White Buffalo Venture site said.

Many OU students said they find singlegrizzlies.com a useful, fun and easy to use site.

"It's really user friendly," said junior Tasha Korter. "You don't even use your real name, just a screen

name and you can search a lot of other people on campus."

While no one admits to have found their one true love through singlegrizzlies.com, many students are giving the site a "thumbs up," according to an online message board.

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Group strives for perfection

Students gather bi-monthly to critique each other's writing

By MARY MCKAY
THE OAKLAND POST

For anyone who likes to write or ever dreamed of having work published, the Student Writers Group of OU may be able to fulfill that desire with a literary journal to be published next semester.

"We are planning to publish it in time for the Festival of Writing in April," said Luise Bolleber, president of the group.

She will soon be calling for submissions of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, Bolleber said.

She will also accept submis-

sions of artwork.

The group was originally started by rhetoric instructor, John Simecek and consisted of students and former students.

"Simecek has traditionally been very involved with the Festival of Writing and he simply encouraged his students to band together," Bolleber said.

Cynthia Kehrer, the group's vice president, said the members strive to give and receive honest feedback in a fun, laidback atmosphere.

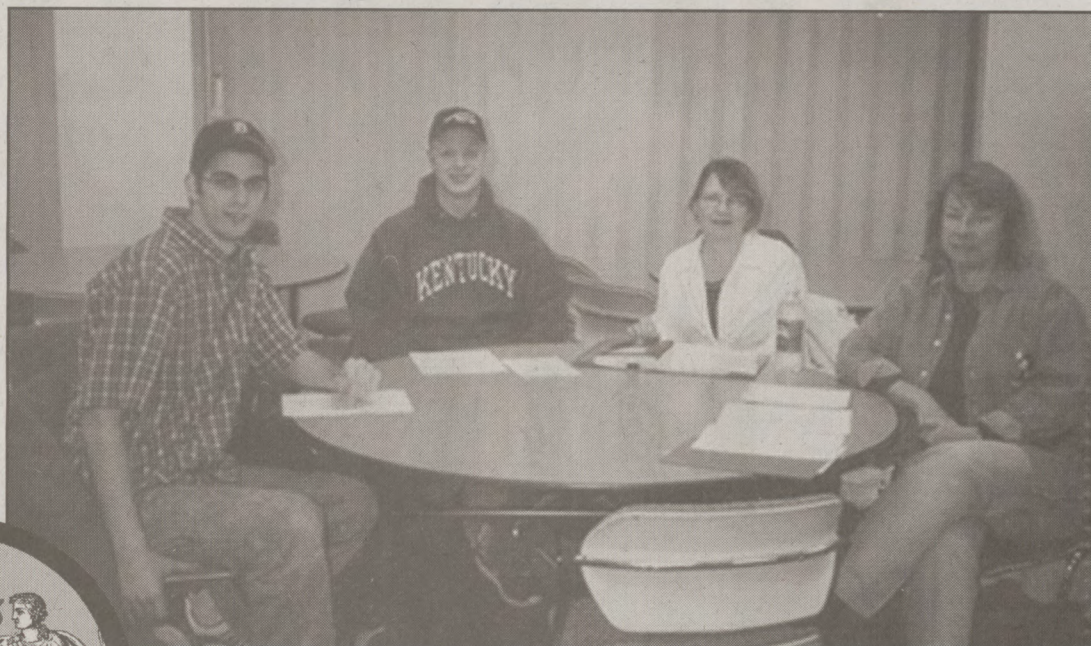
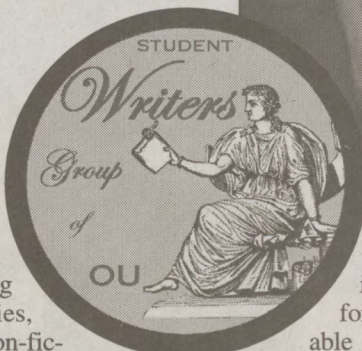
"People can just come to listen to others' work. They don't have to bring any writing to be crit-

tiqued," she said.

Any kind of writing is welcome, but most students bring short stories, poetry or non-fiction works. Participants are asked to bring four copies of their work.

Kehrer says that a side benefit of the group is that it helps people with public speaking and it hones writing skills that can pay off in the classroom.

The journal will be presented



Kaethe Hampel/The Oakland Post

Luise Bolleber (far right) is the president of the Student Writers Group of OU.

in a regular book format, will be available free of charge and will also include artwork.

"In the future we hope to sponsor writing contests for both OU students and the community. We also want to get local writers and professors as speakers for special events," Kehrer said.

The workshop is held bi-monthly in the Lake Superior B

room of the OC. Meetings are usually held in the evenings.

"The plan is to meet every first Monday and third Thursday of the month," Bolleber said.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

Questions about the group can be directed to Luise Bolleber at bolleber40@comcast.net.

Submission guidelines for the literary journal will be published in mid-November on the Student Writers Web site.

Student Writers Web site at
www.geocities.com/student_writers04/

Fall Ball fulfills goal

This semester's Meadow Brook Hall Fall Ball featured a tropical theme, hula dancers, Hawaiian music and food.

By JENNIFER MITTELSTAEDT
THE OAKLAND POST

A night of pure elegance and ambiance, mixed with the fun of a tropical paradise made for a night to remember last Friday at the Meadow Brook Hall's Fall Ball.

The night was especially memorable for the newly engaged couple, senior Gwyn Coon and former OU student Dave Kubiak.

Coon and Kubiak were engaged earlier that day and celebrated with friends at the Fall Ball.

When asked about her first date as an engaged couple, Coon replied, "It rocks!"

The Fall Ball is the oldest standing tradition on campus.

"Planning begins the first week of classes, and the committee votes on a theme," said Amy Jenny, secretary of the Meadow Brook Ball Committee.

Palm trees and Hawaiian music created a mini tropical paradise.



Photo courtesy of Gina Lovisa

Xander Buckingham, Dina Lovisa, Stacey Perkowski and Jason Schmidt enjoy the "Tropical Paradise" Fall Ball.

"We wanted something different," Jenny said.

The number of tickets sold for the Fall Ball was estimated at 200, and the money gathered was used to pay for the rent of the hall and the food.

The money for advertising and gifts came from fundraisers organized by the Meadow Brook Ball Committee during the year, and the DJ and décor were financed through donations from the Dean of Students.

"It is not a repetition of your prom experience [...], this is our oldest tradition. Before they graduate from OU, (students) should go to at least one Meadow Brook Ball, it completes your OU experience," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities.

Classically trained hula dancers were also present at the event, teaching those who wanted to learn hula dancing.

"I have been doing this for 27 years,"

said Mary, one of the dancers. The performers wore authentic grass skirts and traditional leis and headpieces.

The Fall Ball has proved to be a hit, bringing students back year after year. Sophomore Melissa Teague attended for the second time, while her date Derek Brown had attended five times running.

"I came to last year's Fall Ball and it was a good time, so I came again," Teague said.

The Hall has so much history and life.

The elegance of every room and eye for detail are immaculate.

When Matilda Rauch married John Dodge in 1925, they spent a year honeymooning with an architect in England, visiting manors, from which a lot of the Hall's style is derived from.

Door handles are made of stirrups, ceilings are hand crafted and carved, gold plated shower heads in bathrooms and now hanging on the wall in Daniel Dodge's bedroom is his real white lion's head skin carpet.

Before Matilda's death in 1967, she donated the mansion to OU. Students found the house beautiful. But is bigger always better?

"I like the layout and it's pretty, but it's too big," sophomore Sarah Carleton said. "It's interesting, every little detail, everything has a story."

The food was stationed in the library and the guests were encouraged to get a taste of everything.

Unique Food Corporation did an exquisite job on the presentation and the food.

Their spread ranged from fine chocolates, cheeses and crackers, to fresh fruits and the favorite, chocolate-covered strawberries.

The table was decorated with flowers as a finishing touch. With the different events taking place, students were busy enjoying the night and the company of friends.

The DJ was spinning Hip-Hop, keeping the students dancing and having a great time.

Students taste diverse cultures at Café Night

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

The annual International Café Night gave OU students a taste of hot and cold culture.

The event, organized and funded by the Cultural Awareness Committee, was held last Thursday in the OC and attracted approximately 300 attendees, said Sara Crampton, coordinator for Student Leadership Development.

"(It) is a great night for our

cultural student organizations to highlight themselves and their heritage," she said.

The event is part of Cultural Awareness Week and has been held for many years. It offers free cultural food, displays and entertainment to all OU students.

"It is just an introduction to International Night held in April," Crampton said. "International Night has a much bigger magnitude with a lot more community members and students."

Various cultural foods from China, Poland, Japan, Mexico and Germany were served.

"We select appetizers and desserts from the different cultures," Crampton said. "In April, on the other hand, for International Night, there is more of a dinner selection."

For more information,
contact the CSA at
(248) 370-2400 or
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The food ideas were submitted by cultural student organizations.

According to Crampton, the committees asked the organizations to submit one dessert or appetizer suggestion from their culture to be represented at the event.

Chartwells then prepared the large menu for the event.



Photo courtesy of Chris Pawlak

During International Café Night, cultural dancers entertain the crowd.

Several student organizations provided the entertainment throughout the night: The Arab American Student Organization, the Indian Student Association, the Polish Club, the Akanke African Dance Troupe and the Canadian American Association Organization all performed.

"All of the groups danced and a few members sang," Crampton said. "It was nice because some of the performances had live musical accompaniments and others had CD's."

The food court tables were taken over by 11 other student organizations displaying various cultures.

Crampton was excited to see the turn out for the event.

"Now we begin planning for International Night," Crampton said. "Student organizations play a big role and get money allocated from the SAFB for it."

"It's great to see them all work together to put on such a successful event."

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'Ray' of light overflows theaters

By PHILIP WUNTCH
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
(KRT)

Jamie Foxx is "Ray's" tower of strength. The biography of legendary musician Ray Charles contains stirring performances other than Foxx's, and the top-billed star doesn't even appear in several wrenching childhood scenes. But this is Foxx's show, and he resolutely sacrifices his nimble public persona for the noble cause of Ray Charles.

He captures the late singer-musician-composer's heart and soul, his physical blindness and emotional blind spots, his formidable courage and his equally formidable ego.

Director Taylor Hackford is the new movie's other hero.

Films as disparate as "The Idolmaker," "White Nights" and "Chuck Berry Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll" reflect his fascination with music. At the same time,

"An Officer and a Gentleman," "Against All Odds" and "Dolores Claiborne" display his knack for florid melodrama.

"Ray" allows Hackford's wizardry a free reign. The director incorporates Charles' exquisite music, lip-synced by Foxx, to enhance and complement the movie's action. And the movie's action flows with the melodramatic rush common to Hackford's film catalog.

The conventional screenplay condenses Charles' frequently sad life in the manner of old-time Hollywood "biopics" available on Turner Movie Classics.

It doesn't shy away from graphically depicting his drug addiction, but it takes only partial inventory of his personal life.

According to most reports, the musical genius had at least two wives, but the movie allows him only one spouse and concentrates on two of his many mistresses.

His 12 children receive men-

tion only in a printed coda at the film's conclusion.

The movie is at its best when juxtaposing the adult character's rise with flashbacks to his grim childhood.

He was blind from glaucoma at age seven and always felt responsible for his brother's death by drowning. As the flashbacks decrease, the screenplay loses its storytelling rhythm and becomes increasingly jumpy.

Yet Foxx's performance com-

pensates for the screenplay's lapses. Without use of his eyes, he projects his voice and body to transmit the necessary emotions. A turn of the shoulder, the simplest of hand gestures or an unexpected vocal emphasis register Ray Charles' intuition, lustiness and selfishness, sometimes followed by only the most perfunctory show of remorse.

Other actors also make sharp impressions. Newcomer Sharon Warren is riveting as Ray's

mother, an impoverished yet magnificent woman who raises her son to not depend on the kindness of others. C.J. Sanders is so endearing as the child Ray that you're willing to forgive the adult Ray virtually anything.

Regina King is a commanding presence as Margie Hendricks, one of Ray's lovers and back-up Raelette, who delivers "Hit the Road, Jack" with emphatic malice.

And Kerry Washington, as the

only wife the screenplay acknowledges, manages to be patient and even stoic with no hint of masochism.

The movie's richly textured cinematography captures each decade of Charles' life. And Foxx's performance captures each nuance of character. His portrayal is an exalting tribute to a flawed, fascinating musical icon.

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Jamie Foxx provides a great performance in "Ray," a movie retracing the life of the legendary Ray Charles.

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Sharply confusing

By ADAM BARK
THE OAKLAND POST

In the futuristic world of "The Final Cut," one in 20 people have a "Zoe" chip implanted in their head. The chips record everything these people do during their lifetime, from their greatest successes to their darkest secrets.

At their death, the long hours of footage recorded by the "Zoe" chips are edited by a cutter who selects the happiest moments in the deceased's life and creates a re-memory, a two-hour movie that is shown at the funeral to honor the dead.

Charles Bannister (Michael St. John Smith) is a prominent corporate attorney who worked for the Eye Tech Corporation, the company producing these chips.

After his death, the task of creating his re-memory falls to notorious cutter Alan Hakman (Robin Williams).

The situation becomes complicated when ex-cutter Fletcher (Jim Caviezel) tries to get the chip from Hakman, hoping to find some dirt on the company and stop the production of the chips.

Confused yet? So was I, and I was there. Apparently Fletcher feels that implanting people with these chips is wrong.

The problem is, the movie only skirts this topic and never really delves into why the lobbyists think it's wrong.

So for reasons unknown to the viewer, Fletcher spends the majority of the movie trying to obtain this chip.

The movie is billed as a thriller, but there isn't anything thrilling about it.

At first, Fletcher asks Hakman to give him the chip. When that doesn't work, he attempts to steal it, but the chip has already been destroyed.

Finally, in a dramatic (and I use that word very loosely) plot twist, Fletcher finds an alternate way to get the information he wants. It all culminates in a scene where Fletcher chases Hakman through a cemetery.

Unfortunately, this scene does not work as well as it could have. While a chase would usually be fast-paced and intense, this scene seems slow and drawn out.

The movie does touch on some deeper issues, such as the ethical soundness of cutting, but only briefly.



Photo courtesy of Lions Gate Film

Robin Williams is trapped playing a stiff character in Omar Naim's confusing thriller.

"The Final Cut" has not met a great success since it came out Oct. 15.



Instead of really delving into the heart of the matter, there are only a few references to the God-like power a cutter seems to have.

Although it is mentioned that Hakman is known for his ability to "turn murderers into saints" with his re-memories, Hakman feels no guilt and views his job as helping the living, not the dead.

This remorseless, wooden quality seems the norm for all the characters in the movie. The only exception is seen for a few moments in Isabel Bannister (Genevieve Buechner), a young girl molested by her now-deceased father, Charles Bannister.

In one well-acted scene her rage seeps out and she vents her frustration by beating and yelling at her doll, but soon she is back to her wooden ways.



The movie could have done amazing things with its subject matter, but the director, Omar Naim ("Grand Theater: A tale of Beirut," "When Simon Sleeps") seems either too new at this or too constricted by the budget to really make it work.

Even the great premise was

not built on well enough. The fact that we hardly know anything about the relationship between the characters is a testimony to that.

Between the mediocre acting and the lack of substance, this supposed-thriller is actually a bore.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Jude Law succeeds Michael Caine in this remake of "Alfie."



Nice character causes remake to fall short

By CHRIS HEWITT
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

A few years ago, I stopped throwing around the word "charming" because I used it too much and because, although I recognized it when I saw it, I didn't have a great definition of the word. Now, I do: It's anything Jude Law does in "Alfie."

The 14-karat golden boy is incredibly appealing — probably too appealing — as Alfie, a cad who strings along women and brags about his conquests to the camera.

Nobody else notices he's constantly talking to the camera, and the effect is to suggest that, in the midst of Alfie's revolting-door flings with a series of glossy babes (Marisa Tomei, Jane Krakowski, Susan Sarandon), his most intimate relationship is the confessional one he has with us.

Early in "Alfie," he pulls a Robert Dole. Alfie's erectile dysfunction is a metaphor, suggesting that when cads' gonads go bad it's because they need to grow up.

But there's a problem with the conception of this Alfie, which I figured out only when I rented the original "Alfie," with Michael Caine.

In the original, Alfie is a jerk who uses and wounds women, but the remake is too wussy to make him genuinely vile. In the original, we believed Alfie was a creep who needed to be taken down a peg, but this Alfie is obviously a good guy, a sheep in wolf's clothing.

That's especially evident in the feeblest subplot, when Alfie hooks up with his best friend's ex-squeeze (Nia Peeples). It's a sexy scene — the whole movie has the smoky, slick look of one of those nine-page Gucci ads in Vanity Fair or of an album cover for a rocker with a mild drug problem and a loft in Soho — but it's puzzling.

We're supposed to think Alfie manipulates her into sleeping with him, but the movie is afraid for us to dislike Alfie even for a minute, so the whole relationship makes no sense.

The only character whose behavior does make sense is played by Law's real-life girlfriend Sienna Miller, who is remarkable as a wounded playgirl.

The movie lets her be as complicated, confused and hopeful as its title character should be. When she's on-screen, "Alfie" turns off the charm and turns on the humanity.

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The end of Luna has come

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Today is Healthy Spirit Day at the Rec. Center.

A current events panel will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. The topic will be a focus on the 2004 presidential election.

The Sigma Gamma Founders Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Thursday, Nov. 11

"She Stoops to Conquer" opens and runs through Nov. 21 at the Varner Studio Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or at the door.

Friday, Nov. 12

Relay For Life at OU begins at 4 p.m. today through Nov. 13 in the Rec Center. This is a 24-hour team event to fight cancer.

The African and Steel Drum Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre. General tickets are \$10 or \$6 for students.

Monday, Nov. 15

Spend the evening with award-winning director Chris Eyre at 7 p.m. in Banquet Rooms A and B of the OC. Eyre will present his film "Smoke Signals" and answer questions from the audience.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 16

"What is Spirituality?" will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Join students and staff as they talk about spirituality and religion.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

CSA's Lunch and Learn series: House plant care and greenhouse operations will be held from noon-1 p.m. in rooms 128-130 of the OC. The staff from the Meadow Brook Greenhouse will present the basics of keeping your house plants healthy.

The Oakland Composers will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. The performance is free.

Thursday, Nov. 18

The third annual Holiday Shop will be held today from noon-8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Hall Coach House. The house will be open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Beautiful artificial holiday arrangements are for sale and admission is free.

The bi-monthly student writers meeting is today, from 7-9 p.m. in Lake Superior room B of the OC.

Friday, Nov. 19

Friday Night Live with Mike Birbiglia will be held at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. Birbiglia has been seen on NBC's "Late Friday" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

Saturday, Nov. 20

Jack's Place for Autism Family Fun Day will be held from noon-4 p.m. in the Rec Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving recess begins at 10 p.m. today

Monday, Nov. 29

Classes resume at 7:30 a.m.

Opinion

By Dave Phillips
The Oakland Post

Luna's music is an excellent antidote to a stress filled, busy day.

As with any good band, their music is like the perfect medicine; it makes you feel good and there are no side effects or bad aftertaste.

"Rendezvous" is Luna's seventh and final studio album in a career spanning 12 years.

Citing 10 different reasons, including "rock and roll is killing my life" and "too many hands to shake, that means germs" on the band's Web site www.fuzzyluna.com, singer Dean Wareham has decided that this is the proper time to quit, and following their current tour, Luna will be no more.

"Malibu Love Nest" is the first track off of their farewell album, and it sets the mood well.

The typical laid back attitude of most of Luna's songs is very apparent, and a soothing guitar solo is the highlight of this song.

Wareham's vocals are so reserved in "Cindy Tastes of Barbecue," as is the band. Subtlety is what this band does best.

This song is a great example of how Luna's music builds to an interesting crescendo, before fading back into the subtlety it began with.

"The Owl & the Pussycat" is a romantic song.

Wareham sings "hand in hand on the

edge of the sand, we danced by the light of the moon" and backup singer Britta Phillips sings "la la la," which adds a nice touch.

Not to make her sound like just a backup singer, Phillips was not always a band member in Luna; she was also in the 1988 film "Satisfaction" and the voice of cartoon pop-tart Jem.

The pace picks up on "Rendezvous" with "Astronaut."

The guitar is noticeably different than most songs on the album and what sounds like a trumpet throughout is actually a keyboard.

There are many intriguing noises heard throughout this song.

Track nine is "Still at Home." The bass guitar begins this song. Sean Eden sings on this track and the vocals sound strikingly similar to Wayne Coyne of "The Flaming Lips."

The first guitar solo in this song sounds somewhat country and the second one is rock 'n' roll.

The farewell track for the album is "Rainbow Babe." The lyrics include "two and two makes 22, rainbow babe."

The music then slowly, and subtly fades out, just as Luna's career.

Luna has been together since 1991, when Wareham signed with Elektra Records and formed the band.

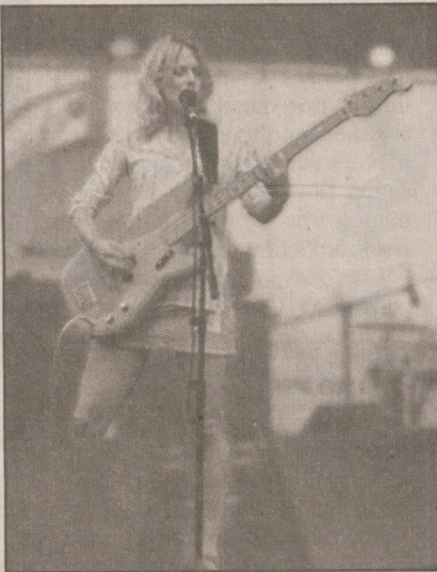
Wareham's voice has been compared to both Lou Reed and Kermit the Frog. Both comparisons are pretty straight on.

Many people speak of their favorite bands, and it's safe to say that the band Luna should be on the top of their lists.

With the release of "Rendezvous," Luna is done, fading away slowly and subtly like a pleasant Sunday morning.



Above: Luna has been together for 12 years and they just released their final album "Rendezvous." Left: Lead singer Dean Wareham on tour in Japan. Right: vocalist and guitar player Britta Phillips.

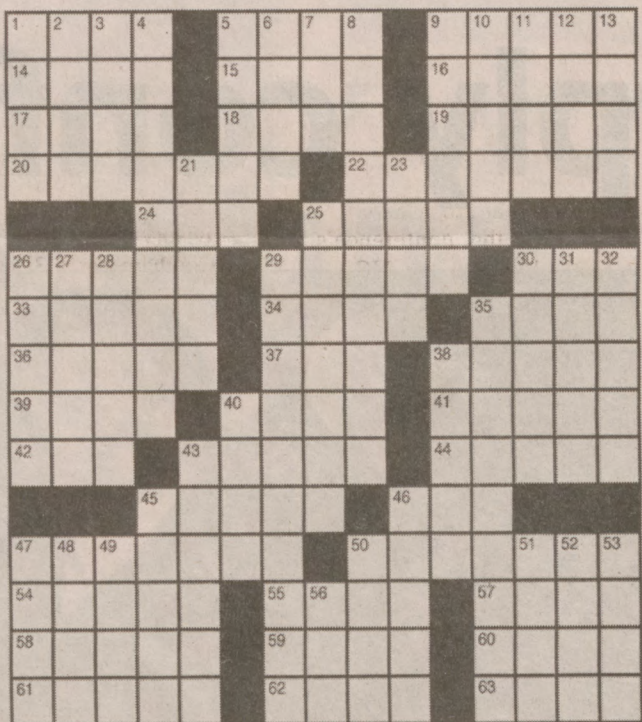


Courtesy of fuzzyluna.com

Crossword

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- 1 Bedazzles
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 - 9 Water sources
 - 14 Wallop
 - 15 First-rate
 - 16 Benefit
 - 17 Simplicity
 - 18 Hauls
 - 19 Neon aquarium fish
 - 20 Quiver
 - 22 In that place
 - 24 Weep
 - 25 Lascivious looks
 - 26 Roast host
 - 29 Gilliam or Jones
 - 30 DDE's predecessor
 - 33 Singer Abdul
 - 34 Shafts of light
 - 35 de foie gras
 - 36 Chide
 - 37 Scrimp
 - 38 Specter from Pennsylvania
 - 39 Resistance units
 - 40 Largest landmass
 - 41 Very cold
 - 42 Lea low
 - 43 Windshield cleaner
 - 44 Portents
 - 45 Detection device
 - 46 La-la lead-in
 - 47 Locomotives
 - 50 Exalt
 - 54 Colossus
 - 55 Lee or Kenton
 - 57 Eye layer
 - 58 Absinthe flavoring
 - 59 Formerly, formerly
 - 60 Foul
 - 61 Saw socially
 - 62 Low grades
 - 63 Concludes

- DOWN
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 - 2 Have on
 - 3 Otherwise
 - 4 Biological research units
 - 5 Score
 - 6 Bounder



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Solutions

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HOROSCOPES

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 7: Planning is one thing, but working up a good strategy is another. You've roughed out the general dates and times. Now get into the specifics.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6: Although you normally think things out carefully before proceeding, you don't have time to do that now. Work fast, you can fix errors later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8: Don't let yourself get distracted with daydreams and mess up an important job. Your workload is increasing tomorrow. Make sure you're well prepared.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7: Don't let your passion for being in style lead to an attack of the jitters. Trust your own instincts. They're right on target. You are a trend-setter.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7: You love it when you can immerse yourself in an interesting subject. Make time to do that now, while you can. Others need attention tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6: Abundance is flowing your way, and it's because of something you've already done. It may have been only a wish you made, and that you acted upon. That works.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8: It's good to list your talents and attributes every once in a while, and to count your blessings. Figure out how to make a profit with them. Now's a perfect time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7: You're being energized, not just because you're cleaning things up, but also because Mars is coming into your sign. You'll love that.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7: Your team or group goes round and round, talking the issue to death. Don't worry, it'll be easier for all to make a decision tomorrow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6: The people who are in the lead are talking quite freely now. Ask questions so you'll know what's going on, and what you should do next.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8: Learn just as much as you can, especially about beautiful things from afar. Pay attention! This could lead to great career advancements.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: Beautiful things can be your downfall, or your inspiration. If you surround yourself with the best, they're also a good investment.



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Assistant Life Editor

Shootout ends season

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Coming so far and working hard makes it difficult for any team to accept a tournament loss.

But losing in a shootout after going to a scoreless tie in two overtimes is near heartbreaking.

The OU women's soccer team ended its season in just that fashion. Falling to Oral Roberts University (ORU) in the semifinals of the Mid-Con Championship tournament in a shootout, 3-2.

Throughout the game, the Grizzlies were able to keep the ball on their side of the field. OU finished with 13 shots, including two on goal.

The Eagles managed 12 shots with three on goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Jessica Howard made two saves to finish with 114 for the season.

Junior Kristi Swaving led the team offensively with six shots including two on goal.

Senior defender Katie Arnott made OU's first shot on goal midway through the first half, but ORU's freshman goalkeeper Stef Gurley was able to make the save.

With ten minutes left in the first half, ORU's junior forward Jessica Kellogg sent a hard shot at the net, but it hit the crossbar and bounced out of play.

Midway through the second half OU began putting pressure on ORU's defense. OU fired three shots within a minute.

Swaving had a breakaway with the ball and moved down the field past the Eagle's defense, but the ball hit the post and rolled out of bounds.

ORU's Kellogg added some of her own pressure onto OU's defense when she blasted two shots in the final 18 minutes of regulation.

Neither team was able to capitalize on their scoring opportunities in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

Swaving was the only player to get a shot out during the first overtime, but did not convert.

In the second overtime, Kellogg fired two shots but one flew high of the net and Howard saved the second one.

The second overtime ended with the two teams still deadlocked in a scoreless tie, so the game would be decided by a shootout.

The first goal in the shootout, was scored by the Grizzlies' Swaving. ORU countered with a goal from sophomore midfielder Gentry Dettler.

The second round of kicks were missed on both sides. Both teams were able to score in the third round, making the score 2-2.

Freshman midfielder Susan Kamrud scored for OU and senior midfielder Randi Christenson netted a goal for ORU.

Before the next round of kicks ORU substituted its goalkeeper with sophomore goalkeeper Mandy Evans before OU's freshman midfielder Christian Wasniewski took her shot.

NCAA rules state that a team cannot substitute the goal during the shootout, but the missed shot was counted due to Gurley being injured.

Junior defender Tayah Schroter-Gillespie was up next for ORU and was able fire one past Howard to give ORU a 3-2 lead.

Freshman forward Courtney McCracken had one last chance for OU, but her shot was no good, giving ORU the victory.

In the Mid-Con finals ORU defeated Valparaiso University 3-1 to earn the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA College Cup.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Freshman forward Courtney McCracken takes a shot during the shootout against Oral Roberts University at the Mid-Con tournament.

Women's soccer notebook

Cowham on All-Academic team.
OU's senior defender Laura Cowham was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District IV third team.

Cowham started every game over the last two years. She has played a major role in the team's five shutouts this season.

She is also team captain and the president of Oakland's Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Cowham has a 3.7 grade point average

in elementary education.

She is a two-time Academic All-Conference honoree and was a member of the compliance and recruiting committees during OU's NCAA self-study in 2003.

OU places three on All Mid-Con teams.
Junior forward Kristi Swaving was selected to the All Mid-Con first team. She was OU's leading scorer this season and had 21 points.

Sophomore defender Cat Panabaker and junior midfielder Silje Peltopera were both selected as Mid-Con second team members. It was Panabaker's second straight year on the second team and Peltopera's first.

Panabaker has been an important part of OU's defense, starting every game this season.

Peltopera is a crucial part of OU's offense, tying for second on the team in goals, with four.

U-M is favorite football team at OU

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Walking around campus, it's apparent there are college football fans at OU. The question is who are they rooting for, and why?

Are they rooting for the University of Michigan (U-M), Michigan State University (MSU) or another college in the state of Michigan?

In an unofficial survey of OU students, 60 percent said they root for U-M, 20 percent said MSU and 20 percent do not have a favorite team.

The most popular reason students said they cheer for a certain school was growing up a fan.

Steve Sanders, a senior communications major and host of WXOU's "Totally Raw Sports," said he grew up a U-M fan.

"It's all about that hail to the victors; that pageantry and the illustrious history," Sanders said. "U-M is the epitome of college football. They have the most wins in college football history."

Justin Doescher also said he has been a U-M fan his entire life.

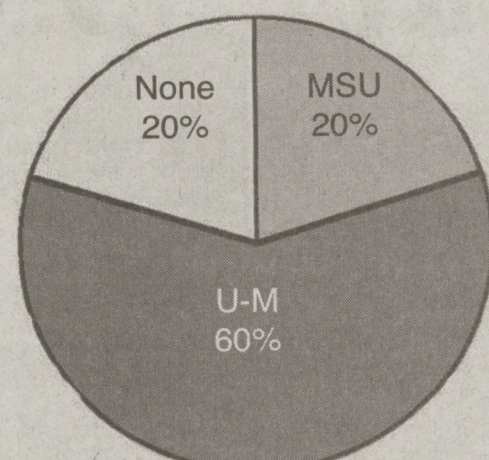
"My dream when I was younger was to play football for Michigan, so I still root for them now," Doescher said.

U-M was not the only school attracting fans at an early age. Freshman Tim Rowland said he grew up a MSU fan.

"I always liked State since I was a little kid and my parents always rooted for them," Rowland said.

Another popular response in the survey was students used to attend the universities or knew someone who did.

Kevin O'Donnell said he was a U-M fan until he attended MSU for a year. He said after that he became a big MSU fan, because he had so much fun at the games.



U-M took 60% of the votes by OU college football fans. MSU was second among OU fans with 20%.

A sibling rivalry caused Jillian Lada to root for U-M.

"My brother roots for State so, of course, I have to root for U-M," Lada said. "I almost went to U-M, but I came to OU instead."

Distance from OU did not seem to be a factor in the survey, however. Wayne State University is the closest school with a football team, but the lack of television games and Division II status did not attract fans.

Eastern Michigan University is the closest Division I school with a football team, but nobody surveyed was an EMU fan.

"I don't think you can be a fan of a smaller school unless you either went to that school or grew up in the general area," said Dustin Frucci, a junior and U-M fan.

U-M is the third closest university, but clearly the school's success is what attracts fans from OU.

"I've been a fan ever since Brian Griese and



Photo Courtesy of KRT Campus
Wide receiver Braylon Edwards and the Wolverines are popular with OU college football fans.

Charles Woodson were there," senior Matt Rice said. "U-M is always a much better (football) team than MSU."

Some students surveyed did not choose U-M or MSU, but just did not have a favorite team.

"I just like going to the games. I don't have a favorite team," Tareva Sanders said. "I was in marching band in high school and I just liked watching the games."

Other students said they simply did not like college football.

Senior major Dan Misicko said he does not like

college football and hardly ever watches.

"There is just too many teams and too many players to keep track of," Misicko said. "They just don't play the game at the professional level like the NFL."

Misicko was in the minority 10 percent of fans who did not like college football. A majority of OU students (90 percent according to the survey) are college football fans.

It doesn't matter if they are yelling "Go Blue" or "Go Green," they are not missing out on the spectacle that is college football.

Post Fantasy Studs

Dave Pemberton- Sports Editor

QB- Ben Roethlisberger- PIT @ Cleveland

RB- Priest Holmes- KC @ New Orleans

WR- Marvin Harrison- IND vs. Houston

Season Total-303 Last Week-51

Dustin Frucci- The Oakland Post

QB- Bret Favre- GNB vs. Minnesota

RB- Fred Taylor- JAC vs. Detroit

WR- Terrell Owens- PHI @ Dallas

Season Total-235 Last Week-66

Brendan J. Stevens- Editor In Chief

QB- David Carr- HOU @ Indianapolis

RB- Anthony Thomas- CHI @ Tennessee

WR- Javon Walker- GNB vs. Minnesota

Season Total-201 Last Week-26

Club hockey stays undefeated

By ANTHONY STACK
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's men's club hockey team remains undefeated after its 9-4 victory over Southwest Missouri State (SMS) and a 4-1 defeat of Ohio State University (OSU) this weekend.

Less than two minutes into the SMS game, senior Ron Kolito put OU up 1-0.

The Grizzlies created many scoring chances in the first period and capitalized on a few of them.

Senior Dan Oleksy cashed in on one and Kolito got his second of the period.

SMS rallied late in the first peri-

od to score three goals and tie the game at 3-3.

In the second period, the Grizzlies scored five unanswered goals, with Kolito netting two more.

The Grizzlies recorded a final goal in the third period, before the Bears countered to make the final score 9-4.

Both teams came in undefeated in the OU-OSU matchup.

The Grizzlies scored first, but OSU was able to tie it up.

OU went up 2-1 with 6:56 remaining in the second period. OU added two goals in the third period to make the final score 4-1.

OU head coach Craig Furstenuau

was happy with the team's defensive effort.

"Today is a game that we've actually improved [defensively]," Furstenuau said. "We've looked pretty bad defensively for the first eight or nine games."

"Tonight was probably the first night that we did a really good job for all three periods by taking away all scoring chances. Today was by far the best defensive game all year. We played liked national champions today," he said.

After the 9-4 victory over the Bears, sophomore forward Jon-Paul Ferrari thought that OU did a better job in the Buckeye match-up.

"We got a good win out of the

Southwest Missouri game, but we knew we still had to turn things around," Ferrari said.

"We played hard the whole game (against OSU). It was the first game we played 60 minutes hard. This is a big victory and a turning-point in our season."

Rookie freshman Jonah Rogowski was pleased with the victories.

"These games were a success," said Rogowski. "We bonded a lot and became more of a team. These were a couple of big wins."

The Grizzlies' next home game is against Michigan State University on Friday, at 8:30 pm at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester.

Preparing for Mid-Con

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's defense remains as stingy as ever. OU's men's soccer team shutout both of its opponents last week, defeating Valparaiso University (Valpo) 4-0 and playing to a scoreless tie with the University of Michigan (U-M).

Junior forward Chris Edwards was once again OU's main offensive weapon against Valpo, netting two goals including the game winner. Edwards finished with 10 shots, seven on goal, for the game.

Junior defender Danny Ng picked up his conference leading fifth assist on OU's second goal by senior midfielder Marcus Halland. Freshman midfielder Brian Graham recorded OU's final goal for his first career goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Josh Slaughter made his fourth start of the season and had four saves to earn his second shutout.

The team was able to dominate Valpo, despite sitting a few key players. Head coach Gary Parsons said he decided to sit a few guys because they had four yellow cards and would get suspended one game if they got a fifth. The yellow card count starts over in the postseason so Parsons did not want to take any chances.

OU's game against U-M went to a scoreless tie in double overtime. OU's defense only allowed U-M to take two shots on goal the entire game.

"We did a good job defensively," Parsons said. "We played well on both ends of the field."

The Grizzlies finished with 22 shots. Parsons was satisfied with the team's effort.

Oakland 4

Valparaiso 0

"We played very well and good enough to win," Parsons said. "We had some scoring chances, but we just didn't put the ball in the net."

Junior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese picked up his eighth shutout of the season against U-M. Wiese's eight shutouts are second in the conference.

Wiese has played an important role in OU's defense all season long. His 0.69 goals against average is first in the conference and he is fifth in the Mid-Con with 62 saves.

OU finishes the regular season with an 11-4-3 record and 4-1-1 in league play.

Now that the regular season is over, OU will begin to concentrate on the Mid-Con Championship tournament.

OU will face Western Illinois University (WIU) in the first round.

WIU went 9-9 this season and 3-3 in the Mid-Con.

Earlier this season OU defeated WIU 3-0, but the game was played at the OU soccer field.

This meeting will be in Macomb, Ill. because WIU is hosting the tournament this year. "We would rather play at home, but we can't worry about what we can't control," Parsons said.

The game will feature the Mid-Con's two leading scorers. OU's Edwards is tied with WIU's sophomore midfielder Nowaf Jaman with 13 goals.

Edwards has won the Mid-Con Offensive Player of



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Sophomore defender Jim Denk helped OU's defense rank first in the Mid-Con in goals against average this season.

the Week award three times this season and Jaman has won the award twice.

Parsons said Jaman is a special player that can score at any moment, but he is more worried about his team's offense.

"We still have the same problem," Parsons said. "If the other team stops Chris Edwards, then they have a good chance of beating us."

Edwards is our primary offensive threat so he needs to

play well for us to win. But everybody has to play well." Parsons also said it will be very important for OU's defense to continue to play well against WIU.

The Grizzlies defense is first in the conference in goals against average (0.67) and shutouts (11).

OU's defense will have to play well to stop WIU. The Leathernecks are first in the conference with 259 shots.

"If everyone plays their best game then we have a good shot to win," Parsons said. "We just have to come out and play well."

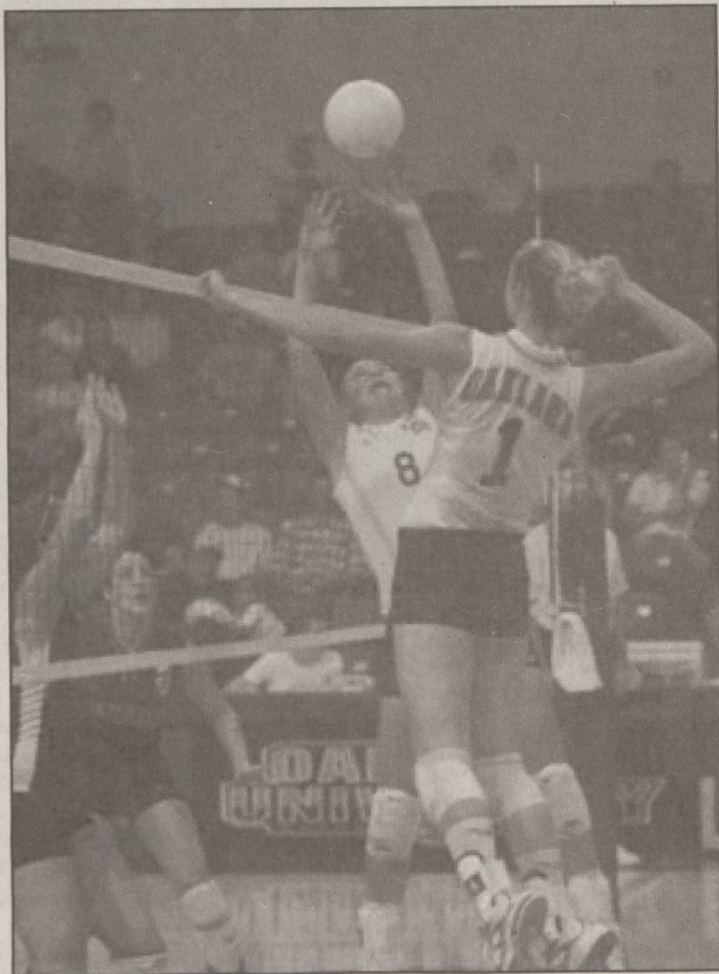
Mid-Con tournament action starts out with the top-seeded Oral Roberts University facing the fourth-seeded University of Missouri-Kansas City at 11 a.m. on Friday at WIU's MacKenzie Alumni Field.

The second-seeded Grizzlies will face the third-seeded Leathernecks at 2 p.m.

Game Preview

Who: OU (11-4-3) vs. WIU (9-9)
When: Nov. 12
Where: Macomb, Ill. (WIU)
What: OU will try to earn the Mid-Con's bid into the NCAA College Cup.

Volleyball showing improvement



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior Heather Lippert had 18 blocks in two games this past weekend.

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Heather Lippert nearly had a triple double against Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI), but it was not enough to lead OU to victory.

OU fell 3-1 (30-19, 30-21, 28-30, 30-24.)

Lippert finished with 18 kills, 14 digs and seven blocks against the Jaguars.

"Lippert had a great game," head coach Dave Schmidlin said. "She was a monster for us offensively."

IUPUI's offense was clicking on all cylinders. The Jaguars had four players in double figure kills, including two over 20.

With the game tied at 9-9 in game one, IUPUI won 13 out of the next 17 points. OU was not able to recover, falling 30-19.

In game two, OU was up 7-6, when IUPUI went on another run. This time the Jaguars took nine of the next 12 points on their way to a 30-21 victory.

Down two games to none, OU took an early 10-6 lead. IUPUI was able to recover and tie the game at 11.

The two teams then went back and forth. IUPUI was able to

IUPUI 3

Oakland 1

fight off two OU game points before junior middle blocker Erin Palmer ended the game with a kill.

In game four the Jaguars gained an early 13-7 lead. OU managed to pull within one (15-14), but IUPUI was able to win the next five points.

Down 29-20, the Grizzlies were able to fight off four Jaguar match points before the Jaguars were able to put them away.

In OU's second Mid-Con game of the weekend, it fell to Chicago State University (CSU) 3-1 (34-32, 30-22, 20-30, 30-28)

Schmidlin thought the team's defense played very well.

"We blocked a lot of balls and made some digs," Schmidlin said. "Statistically we outplayed (CSU) we just were unable to execute at key times in the game."

OU had four players in double figure digs. Senior outside hitter led OU with 18.

In game one CSU was able to pull off a narrow 34-32 win,

largely due to it's 19 kills. CSU's offense stepped it up a notch in game two, hitting .324 to take the game 30-22.

The Grizzlies were able to execute their offense well in game three, on their way to a 30-20 victory.

OU hit .395, including 19 kills. OU's defense also stepped up, limiting CSU to .111 attack mark.

In game four OU outhit CSU .200 to .154, but CSU was able to score at key points in the game.

CSU took a narrow 30-28 win to take the match 3-1.

Senior outside hitter Sara Miller led OU with 18 kills. Lippert added 11 kills and had 11 blocks.

With a pair of losses OU will not make the Mid-Con Championship tournament. OU will finish off its season this weekend with a pair of home games.

Schmidlin said he wants to end the season on a positive note, especially for the seniors.

"Our main goal is always to leave the floor satisfied with the effort we gave," Schmidlin said. "I'm proud of what we have done on the floor, even if it doesn't show up in the score."

OU will take on Bowling Green State University at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the O'rena.

The Grizzlies will then end their season on Friday, taking on Valparaiso University (Valpo).

Valpo is undefeated (13-0) in the Mid-Con so far this season.

Friday will be senior night for OU's three seniors, Miller, Conger and libero Katie Lozier.

Schmidlin said he would like their careers to end in a positive way.

"(If we could end Valpo's undefeated season) that would be unreal," Schmidlin said. "That would be an outstanding way for the seniors to go out, but Valpo is a really tough team."

Game Preview

Who: OU (5-22) vs. Valparaiso
When: Nov. 12
Where: The O'rena
What: OU will attempt to end its season with a victory and end Valpo's undefeated record.

OU women swimmers have Wright stuff

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The men and women's swimming and diving teams split with Wright State University (WSU) on Saturday.

The women won with a score of 153-90 and the men lost 146-91.

The women took 11 out of the 13 events.

Sophomore Amanda Burwell had the first win of the meet in the 1000-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 10:39.62.

She also had a victory in the 200-yard backstroke (2:07.70).

Senior Karoline Freytag came into the

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wall first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.26.

Freytag took another first-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:13.44.

OU finished 1-2-3 in the 50-yard freestyle. Sophomore Jenna DeJonge (25.35) finished first, followed closely behind by freshman Rachel Beardsley (25.63) and freshman Christine Hager (25.69).

In the next event, the 200-yard individual medley, sophomore Melissa Jaeger took first with a time of 2:09.68.

Jaeger also had a victory in the 200-yard butterfly coming into the wall at 2:09.65.

In diving, the women took first and second on the one-meter board thanks to freshman Becky Renkola and sophomore Linda Keskey who had scores of 257.05 and 244.05, respectively.

On the three-meter board, OU was able to grab another first and second place finish, again by Renkola (491.48) and Keskey (419.03).

The Grizzlies also took first and second in the 100-yard freestyle. Freshman

Riley Rigoli came in first with a time of 54.91 and freshman Elaine Shalla finished less than a second later with a time of 55.48.

OU's team for the 400-yard freestyle relay, made up of Rigoli, Burwell, DeJonge and Freytag, claimed a victory in that event beating the competition with a time of 3:38.15.

On the men's side, sophomore Bryon Tansel and junior Nick McCollum took first and second in the 200-yard freestyle with times of 1:45.13 and 1:46.30, respectively.

On the one-meter diving board, the men took 1-2-3 due to WSU having no men compete in the diving portion of

the meet.

Sophomore John VanPortfleet took first followed by freshman Ryan Kish and freshman Brent Maghielse with scores of 244.28, 242.18 and 207.60, respectively.

The three-meter board, followed the pattern of the one-meter board and the Grizzlies again took 1-2-3.

Kish took first with 463.05 points, VanPortfleet came in second with 399.53 points and Maghielse took another third with 365.85 points.

OU hits the road for their next meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Toledo to face the host team, the University of Toledo, and also Northern Michigan University.