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Dorm fire safety questioned

Suspected violations found in East and West Vandenberg, Hamlin

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& GAYLE ISSA
THE OAKLAND POST

The fire alarm sounded in Boland Hall at Seton Hall University, N.J. at about 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 19, 2000. When the smoke cleared, three students were dead, and 58 others injured.

According to news accounts at the time, many Seton Hall students believed it was just another false alarm, like the other 18 the residence halls had experienced that year.

An *Oakland Post* investigation showed that OU residents could face a similar tragedy.

Last week, OU residence halls had six false fire alarms in a

four-day period. Last month, four smoke detectors on the second floor of North Hamlin Hall failed when a mattress caught fire in a furniture storage room.

But smoke detectors are the least of the problems when it comes to apparent fire code violations.

During a *Post* walk-through on Oct. 11, fire doors were propped open, incinerator and laundry room doors were also open, fire exit signs were burned out or broken and no signs were posted next to the elevators warning residents not to use them in case of a fire.

The *Post* reviewed these apparent violations with the Auburn Hills fire marshal and the director of the Office of Fire Safety for

the State of Michigan.

Michael Smith, assistant chief and fire marshal of Auburn Hills Fire Department, said that according to state fire code, doors to incinerator rooms must be closed if "it's a mechanical or electrical room."

Tony Sanfilippo, director of fire safety for Consumer and Industry Services for the State of Michigan confirmed, "They (incinerator rooms) are hazardous areas."

Incinerator rooms close off garbage, wiring and other flammable objects.

In both North and South Hamlin, incinerator doors were propped open on every residential floor. There are eight in North and seven in South.

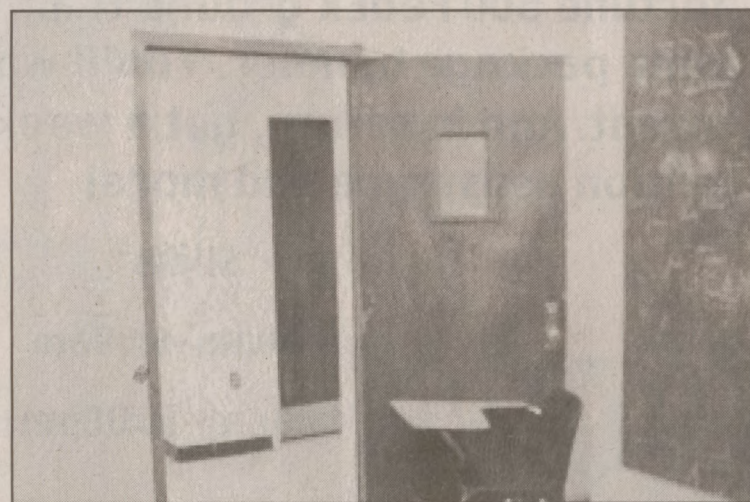
In West Vandenberg the incinerator doors were propped open on floors five, six and seven, and in East Vandenberg the incinerator door was propped open on the fourth floor.

The North Hamlin laundry room door on the third floor was also propped open. The same was true for the South Hamlin laundry room door. East Vandenberg's laundry room door on the first floor was propped open as well.

When told about the open incinerator doors, Sanfilippo said, "That is a problem."

He also said he is pushing to have fire code regulations changed to require laundry room doors to be connected to the fire alarm system so they would

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Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
A desk props open the laundry room door on the first floor of East Vandenberg Hall. The apparent fire code violation was one of many discovered in the dorms by *The Oakland Post* staff members.

The write stuff



Feminist author, poet, essayist and activist Marge Piercy and English Department Chair Bruce Mann talk after her poetry reading in Dodge Hall last Friday.

"A real writer is one who really writes," she told the more than 200 people who gathered to hear her speak. "We must never forget that pleasure is as real as pain ... be glad for what does not hurt."

The following day, Piercy was the keynote speaker at the 41st annual OU Writer's Conference.

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OUSC takes stand on ballot proposals

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING EDITOR

OU Student Congress demonstrated solidarity in the Oct. 21 meeting and passed two bills, by almost unanimous votes, to endorse Michigan's Proposal 4 and oppose Proposal K in the fast-approaching November general election.

The bill opposing Proposal 4's passage was introduced by Legislator Andrew Baker, junior. The bill stated that Proposal 4 would shift money from the tobacco settlement to non-accountable organizations resulting in budget deficits for education.

The bill also outlined the dwindling high-

er education budget in the state asserting that tens of thousands of high school students may be denied the Michigan Merit Awards (college scholarships) if the tobacco settlement money, now used in part to pay for the awards, is shifted.

The American Heart Association, American Lung Association and American Cancer Association support the bill.

Baker also introduced a bill endorsing Proposal K, a bill that funds regional cultural programs. Under the proposal, OU (specifically Meadow Brook Theatre and Meadow Brook Hall), would qualify for up to \$1.2 million annually. MBT and MBH

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VPs receive modest pay raise

By JENNIFER J. DECKER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Vice presidents and deans all received 1.04 percent salary raises this year. The only exceptions were Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil, who saw a 1.06 percent salary raise, and Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science Pieter Frick, who received a 1.05 percent increase in pay.

Moudgil now makes \$171,600 annually and Frick earns \$170,424.

The 1.04 percent increase brought School of Business Administration Dean John Gardner's salary to \$172,901, a figure that falls just behind President Russi's \$196,630 annual salary. The Board of Trustees has not reviewed Russi's salary yet this year.

Gardner's salary also tops the members of Russi's cabinet as Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer makes \$157,564, Vice President for University

Relations Susan Davies Goepp receives \$141,690 and Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder's salary is set at \$137,216.

Besides Frick and Gardner, rounding-out the category of deans, Dean School of Health Sciences Ronald Olson, Dean College of Arts and Sciences David Downing, Dean School of Education and Human Services Mary Otto and Dean University Library Elaine Didier will earn salaries of \$140,781, \$140,674, \$133,070 and \$124,980, respectively.

In athletics, Director Jack Mehl (\$107,092), Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe (\$88,944), Head Swim Coach Peter Hovland (\$63,814), Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis (\$61,055), Men's Soccer Coach Gary Parsons (\$57,820) and Women's Soccer Coach Nicholas O'Shea (\$38,523) all also received 1.04 percent salary increases.

The salary increases were effective in July for the start of FY03.

GHC program stresses date rape awareness

By AMY KNAPP
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Graham Health Center is working to provide students with information regarding the way alcohol and date rape are intertwined.

Nurses from HAVEN, a shelter for victims of violence and abuse, will give a presentation on the problem at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Gold Room A of the OC and again at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamlin Hall Lounge.

The presentation is titled "Sex and a Six Pack: Alcohol and Date Rape Drugs can be a Dangerous Combination."

"With the increased number of drugs being slipped into people's drinks these days, there needs to be an increased awareness about

date rape," said Kathy Pecha, R.N. at Graham Health Center (GHC).

Senior Nina Loucks agreed. "I think that prevention is just as important as a cure at this point," she said. "This (date rape) is more common than young girls realize, and they need to be made aware of it."

Some key topics of the program include the insult of rape and how a person can tell if he/she is a victim of date rape drugs.

"The program also identifies societal myths surrounding rape and violence, how to support a friend and how to seek help at HAVEN," said Lori Mello, HAVEN's Director of Community Education.

"I will cover the definition of sexual assault, power and control, consent and coercion. Brief informa-

tion on date rape drugs and basic laws is also included," Mello said. "A video about sexual assault will also be shown."

Darby Creger, R.N. and Forensic/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, is also HAVEN's program director for Safe Therapeutic Assault Response Team (START).

"I will be focusing on the medical/forensic aspects and findings of sexual assault, including common myths. Also, I plan to cover some of the common things I see with sexual assault patients," Creger said, adding that she also will discuss sexual assault prevention methods and how to recognize symptoms of date rape drug ingestion.

Psychologists from Graham Counseling Center will be available to answer questions.

Senate revises academic policies

By JENNIFER J. DECKER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The OU Senate approved a revised probation and academic standing policy at last Thursday's meeting. The policy came in response to a September performance audit released by the Michigan Office of the Auditor General.

The audit faulted OU for inconsistently implementing the probation and academic standing policy for students with a GPA falling below 2.0. Some students were dismissed while others were permitted to take classes.

The revision, recommended by the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, allows students the chance to avoid dismissal due to a low grade point until 24 OU credits have been attempted.

Under the revised policy, grades above 2.0 in the second and third semesters are considered progress toward good standing. The student then remains on probation without having to petition to reverse an automatic dismissal.

At the meeting, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Virinder Moudgil announced that faculty/staff telephone directories will be going to the printer next week

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Noon in the Fireside Lounge

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Apartments pass midterm

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The new student apartments have brought a new form of living to campus, and many students are happy with the arrangement. "It feels more like a mature living environment," said apartment resident Erin McCarthy, senior.

Students have responded positively to the apartments.

"We're at 96 percent occupancy," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing.

There are 426 students living in the apartments, which reduced the number of students living in the residence halls.

"We knew this would happen," said Reynolds. She expects it to be more than a year before the numbers balance out.

Reynolds said there have been no major problems with the apartments since they opened in September.

"We've had problems with the cable and with the Internet, but I think we've pretty much got most of those things under control," she said.

McCarthy disagrees and said she has never had an Internet connection. She said she has called the help desk a few times but has never resolved her problem.

Reynolds was surprised by McCarthy's claim that she has not ever had an Internet connection because she thought

all of those problems had been resolved.

McCarthy is also waiting for a broken window to be fixed. A rock kicked up by a lawn mower broke the window in her room last week. After a few days nothing had been done about it.

"The window is still broken," McCarthy said. "They just duct taped it."

However, McCarthy concedes that more of the problems "are probably due to it being new."

Reynolds said if the OU resident population continues to grow, there will be more apartment style living on campus.

"Our plan for 2010 is to have space on campus for 2,500 students," Reynolds said. Currently, the dorms and apartments can accommodate 1,900 students.

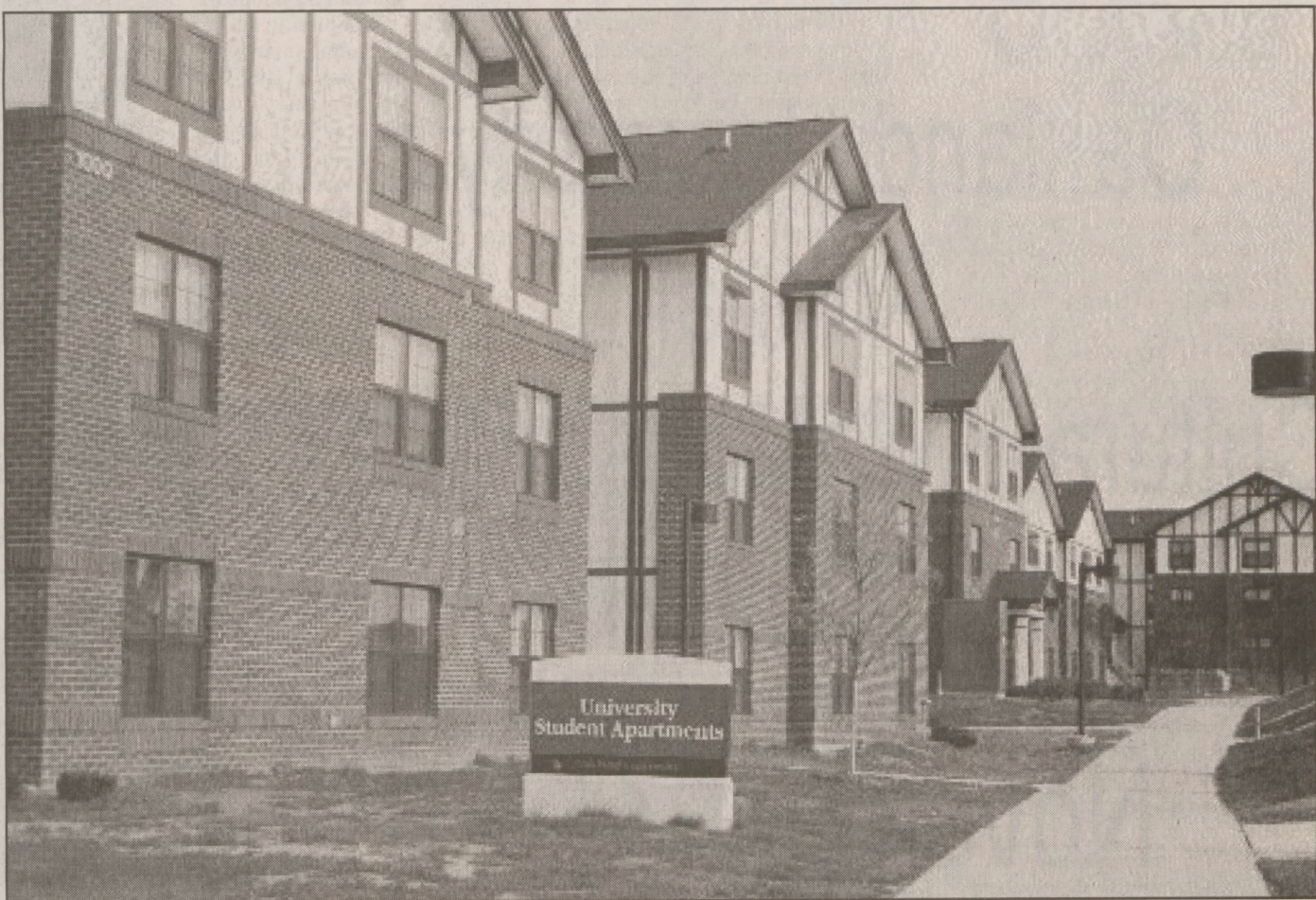
Reynolds says there are many things that draw students to the apartments.

"They need a little more privacy," Reynolds said. "You can get the more independent living but be right on campus."

The apartments are a good alternative for them. Students want to stay involved on campus and campus life.

Reynolds said one of many perks to living in the apartments is that students can stay in the apartments during the breaks and throughout the year.

According to Reynolds, if students are having problems with the Internet they should call the wireless Internet help desk at (248) 370-2534. For any other problems, students should call the housing office at (248) 370-3570.



Carol Denton/The Oakland Post

The University Student Apartments bring a new style of living to OU and residents have responded well despite problems.

Students bleed for Red Cross

This year's blood drive right on track to hit goal

By DERRICK SOBODASH
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

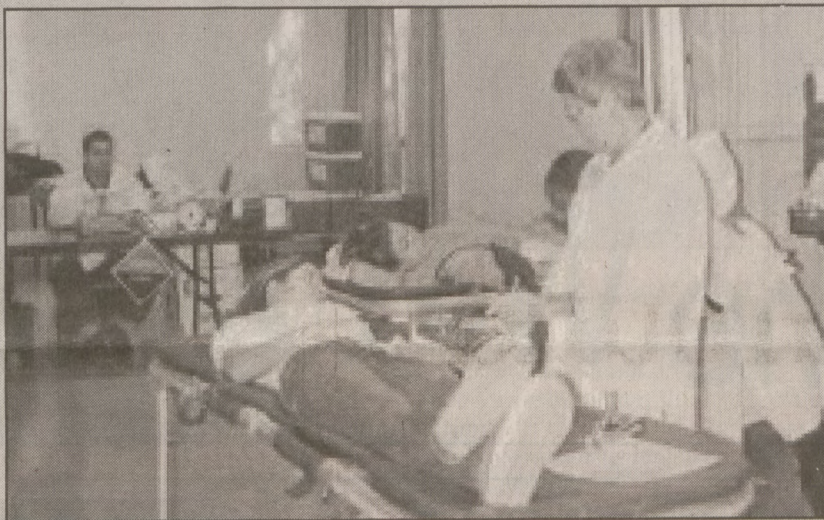
The OU-sponsored blood drive, run by the American Red Cross and hosted by the Center for Student Activities, ran last week on Monday through Wednesday and generated 275 pints of blood.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, has organized OU's blood drives for the last 22 years. He said while the drive generated less than the 345 pints accumulated at the same point in last year's drive, OU is still on target for this year's goal—if the next two drives perform the same. Donations are down from last year across the nation.

For each drive, the Red Cross sets its collection goal based on past collections at the same location. Franklin has his own higher goal for this year's drives: 841 pints.

According to Franklin, one plan to enhance the turnout of future drives is to team-up with the residence halls. The goal is to get 10 percent of the halls and the apartments to donate blood. Several student organizations will also help with donations.

Bretton Jones, senior, has a simple reason for why he donates blood. "I care about my fellow human beings," he said.



Heather Clement/The Oakland Post

Students answer to the Red Cross's call for blood by donating 275 pints.

For those concerned about the possibility of getting a disease by donating blood to the Red Cross, the chance is nonexistent. Red Cross officials say there is no risk in donating blood. "Each needle used in the blood donation procedure is sterile and is disposed of after a single use. In the United States, no one has ever contracted HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by donating blood."

People in good health who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate as often as every 8 weeks. The process takes about an hour but the actual donation time is only 8-10 minutes.

According to the Red Cross, for every pint of blood donated, up to three people can be treated.

The Red Cross said type O blood is the most common in America and also the hardest to keep in supply.

The Bloodmobile will be back during the second week of January. For more information call the CSAoffice at (248) 370-2400.

'OUtlook' helps to inform

By BRYAN CONNOLLY
STAFF WRITER

OU is offering a new student program to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college with a chance to win \$250 in gift certificates.

Freshman OUTlook delivers weekly tips, advice and resource links right to the OU e-mail addresses of each student who registers for the program. The interactive, Web-based program is free for freshmen.

"This is an innovative program that will help first-year students make the transition from high school to college by introducing them to academic resources, campus facilities and OU traditions," said Dawn Aubry, director of New Student Programs. "Freshman OUTlook is a great way to address topics such as time management, communication, critical thinking, values and diversity. Students who participate will surely benefit," said Aubry.

Freshman OUTlook participants receive 15 brief messages each semester for a total of 30 during the academic year all geared toward helping the student succeed at OU, she said.

Students who log on to all 15 messages during a semester will qualify for the \$250 American Express gift checks that are being given away. Two will be given away at the end of both fall and winter semesters.

Around the first week of October, OU freshmen receive an invitation to register for Freshman OUTlook via their e-mail account. To register, they should go to the link provided in the e-mail and follow the instructions. Once registered, they will begin receiving the advice and tips the program offers. Topics include ways to improve study skills, advice on choosing a career, managing finances and getting involved in campus activities.

In conjunction, a supplemental program is being offered for parents of OU freshmen. Parent OUTlook is designed to help parents understand the struggle of their son or daughter's first year of college. Parents of each freshman are currently being called. More than 900 parents have registered so far, according to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs.

Although it is still early in the semester, the program is running smoothly.

"I haven't heard any negative comments at all," said Shakarra Burrell, junior, working in the office of New Student Programs.

For more information, contact New Student Programs at (248) 370-3260 or via e-mail at nsp@oakland.edu.

Skills bank offers tutors, not loans

By BRYAN CONNOLLY
STAFF WRITER

OU offers students a place to learn from their peers for free.

The Academic Skills Center provides free tutoring for all students enrolled at OU.

The main focus of the center is to offer assistance to students in traditionally difficult classes, mostly mathematics and sciences. There are also tutors available for writing.

"There are classes at OU that are historically known as difficult, and these are the ones we focus most on," said Charles E. Clark, Jr., director of the Academic Skills Center.

"But we will offer help to any student for any class pro-

vided we have someone with knowledge of the subject," said Clark.

Ihosvany "Geo" Negret is working on a graduate degree in mechanical engineering. He is also working on a Graduate Apprenticeship at the Skills Center and was able to provide tutoring for a student enrolled in a 500 level class.

The apprenticeship is provided by a donation from Judy Froemke, widow of former math faculty member John Froemke. Negret is paid a stipend from the donation. "It doesn't always work out that way, but this time it did," said Clark.

Tutors most are undergraduate students who have taken the courses the Skills

Center focuses on. Often their teachers recommend them as tutors. They then must interview for the position. This helps the skills center maintain a level of excellence in its services.

Starting pay is \$7 per hour for tutors. Clark encourages students proficient in any subject to apply.

"Last year, we helped more than 1,600 students, and we had more than 12,000 contacts," said Clark. "A contact is a head count, because we may help a student out more than once during the school year," Clark said.

Tutoring is available year-round. Fall tutoring began on Sept. 9 and runs through Dec. 6.

There are two locations on

campus for students to get help. One, the Academic Skills Center office, in 103 North Foundation Hall that offers tutoring by walk-in or appointment from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Evening tutoring is available on a walk-in basis only in 121 West Vandenberg Hall Sunday-Wednesday from 7-10 p.m., although some tutors are willing to meet outside the designated areas if it makes the student more

"I'll even meet with students at the library if they are working on a research project," said Julie Burton, an OU junior working for the

Writing and Reading Assistance Program (WRAP). Burton, in her second year at the Skills Center, learned how to tutor while taking RHT 320: Peer Tutoring in Composition.

"Most students have questions about how to start a paper or how to organize thoughts. I think students feel more comfortable getting help from a peer than a professor," said Burton.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, stop by 103 North Foundation Hall, call (248) 370-4125 or visit www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/walkin.

CRIME WATCH

*During a four-day period last week, six false fire alarms were reported in the residence halls. One was reported in Hamlin Hall Friday at 1:22 a.m. The other five were reported in East Vandenberg at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, 12:58 a.m. Friday, 4:50 a.m. Saturday, 3:38 p.m. Saturday and 9:20 p.m. Sunday. Anyone with information on the

person responsible should call OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

*A mercury spill from a broken thermometer was reported last Wednesday in Dodge Hall of Engineering. Five students turned in a small cellophane container with mercury in it and told police it came from a broken thermometer. The room was secured by the laboratory compli-

ance manager. The trash can was removed to the hazardous waste storage area. The manager said it did not appear to be a major mercury spill.

*Two students and a non-student were allegedly intoxicated Sunday morning in Hamlin Hall and were running through the hallway carrying alcoholic beverages. All three men were ticketed

for being minors in possession of alcohol.

*Smoke in the second floor HVAC room in the student apartments set off the fire alarm Friday morning. The building was evacuated. The Rochester Hills Fire Department responded and determined that there was no fire but a defective furnace. *A woman reported receiving

threatening e-mails from her ex-boyfriend. The threats allegedly began in June. The man stated he did send the e-mails, but denied making any physical threats. He was advised not to have any further contact with the woman by OUPD.

*An 18-year-old Vandenberg resident reported her room key was missing Saturday morning.

The woman said her room key ring is defective and she's lost keys from the ring before. She went out to dinner with her mother in the evening and left the door to her room closed but unlocked. When she returned, the woman reported \$40 was missing from her wallet along with her roommate's laptop.

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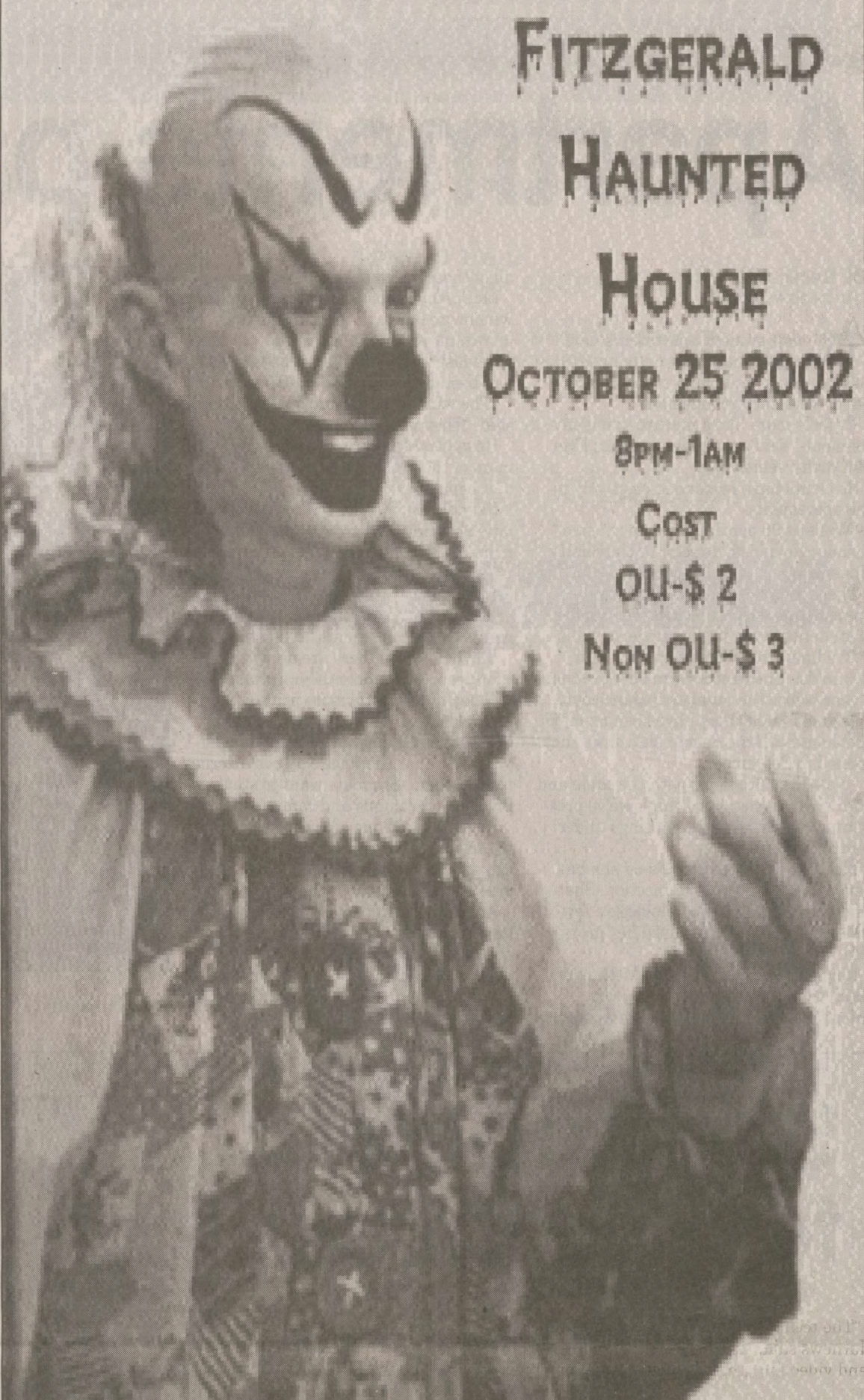
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leaps were simply a matter of course for him. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make various solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

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Instead of a glass top, Louis Armstrong, did not see glass as a barrier, but as a challenge.

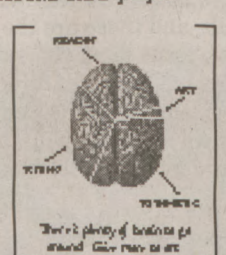
the trumpet was as a guest in a commercial home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Also, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make

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Tips help pay for tuition

By LAUREL ROSENBAUM
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

As difficult as it may be for students to be accepted into the right college, paying tuition can be even more daunting.

Money savvy Gen and Kelly Tanabe will be hosting a free workshop on graduating debt free and a book signing 7 p.m. tonight at the Barnes & Noble in Rochester Hills.

Aside from authoring such books as "Get Free Cash for College" and "Money-Winning Scholarships, Essays and Interviews," both Tanabes were able to graduate from Harvard University debt-free.

"Both my parents and my wife's parents were in a position that made it hard for them to afford our tuition," Gen said. "They made too much money to qualify for much aid and too little to pay for our education."

Their search for scholarships was successful. They won more than \$100,000 and the assistance helped them get through school without owing a dime.

Graduating without debt made "a huge difference," Tanabe said. After realizing how important it was to be without debt, the Tanabes decided to try to help others do the same.

"It sounds like if you need help financially for school, you should definitely attend," said Jessica

Kronberger, junior.

Gen offered a few sample tips for getting financial assistance.

First, he said it is a common mistake for students to assume they should stop looking for scholarships after high school. He emphasized the importance of continuing to look for scholarships in college, especially ones that are directed toward students in their major.

The second tip was to look for associations that are giving

money to students in a particular major. Many associations encourage students to pursue certain degrees, and one of their means of encouragement is by offering them financial support.

The couple has toured the country giving free workshops. They also write the nationally syndicated column "Ask the Supercollege.com Experts," and have appeared as expert guests on more than 100 television shows.

GLOBAL GLANCE

• A 40-year-old bus driver waiting to begin his route was shot Tuesday morning in Maryland and later died from his wounds. The D.C. sniper task force is investigating the shooting as if it was a sniper attack. He is the 10th person to be shot and killed in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Three others were shot and wounded. Law enforcement officers are also investigating a note left at the scene of Saturday night's Virginia shooting. The note demanded money and threatened more shootings, possibly of children. The sniper called Montgomery County, M.D. police on Monday morning, and Police Chief Charles Moose is urging him to call back. U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said it was unlikely the FBI will take over the investigation.

• A suicide bomber drove a car loaded with explosives alongside a bus full of passengers and blew it up in northern Israel at 4:30 p.m. local time on Monday. Fifty people were wounded and 14 died. Israeli police suspect the car was driven from the West Bank area. Islamic Jihad, a terrorist organization, admitted responsibility for the attack. However Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat condemned the attacks. The Bush administration is urging Israel to show restraint in this instance.

• The U.S. is currently working on rallying up allies to persuade North Korea to disarm. This comes a week after the discovery that North Korea has a nuclear weapons program, a uranium plant and enough plutonium to produce two nuclear weapons. According to South Korean officials, North Korea is prepared to negotiate and disarm if the U.S. stops treating the country as an enemy. President George W. Bush considers the 1994 agreement with North Korea invalidated and is meeting with leaders from China, Japan, South Korea and Russia soon to deal with the threat.

• French President Jacques Chirac is winning popularity at home for his stance on Iraq which goes against the U.S. posting. He is making a vehement stand against the U.S. moving unilaterally against Iraq and overthrowing Saddam Hussein without prior approval from the U.N. Chirac's stance is gaining broad international support from Russia and China among other countries. France and the U.S., who are typically allies in situations such as these, are now trying to reach a compromise. The revised U.S. proposal now ensures there will be consequences if Iraq does not comply with weapons inspectors.

• Last week four dogs in Louisiana were discovered to have the West Nile Virus. State officials said this is evidence the disease might be more widespread in animals. Three of the dogs died after showing symptoms such as seizures and problematic walking. So far this year the West Nile Virus has killed 146 people and infected another 2,768 mainly through mosquito bites, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

• The first man to go on trial for involvement with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks admits involvement in an Osama bin Laden training camp. Mounir el Motassadeq, of Moroccan decent, is linked to terrorist organizations and alleged responsible for the death of 3,316 people on Sept. 11. He claimed he is not guilty.

-Compiled by Gayle Issa, Managing Editor

Information taken from various news sources

Digital radio in Detroit

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Digital television, digital music, digital video, digital Internet and digital phones. Everything electronic seems to be going digital, and radio stations are trying to catch up to a world that has forgotten about analog.

The Federal Communications Commission has approved a digital radio standard created by iBiquity Digital Corp.

This new digital technology, called HD (High Definition) radio, will bring CD-quality sound to FM broadcasts and eliminate static for AM broadcasts.

"HD radio is an improvement over existing quality radio," said John Mathews, Radio One's director of engineering.

He said HD radio will allow data information to go from stations in the area right to the car. News, weather and other information can be accessed instantly.

"The technology has a wide range of functions," Mathews said. "It will be able to beam in pictures and send video images. It is like a digital pipeline to your car."

Detroit and other major cities will have this technology in the next year or so, according to Mathews.

Ken Wallace, chief engineer for Radio One stations in Detroit, said some stations in the Detroit area have already adopted the digital system and are on a trial period.

"WCHB (AM1200) is already running a test system right now," Wallace said. "The quality from analog AM to digital AM is like night to day. Digital makes the AM sound like FM. 105.1 FM is the other training station."

He said it is hard for the average person to tell a difference from analog FM to digital FM, but what most radio listeners will notice is there will not be any background noise, any echoing or any type of static or loss of transmission.

Wallace said all stations have the capability to switch



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Allison Lingenfelter, program director for WXOU, said digital radio would help create more listeners for WXOU.

to digital, it just depends if the companies want to spend the money.

The cost for stations to upgrade to digital is estimated by iBiquity Digital to be between \$30,000-\$200,000, depending on the existing infrastructure.

HD radio is different from XM and Sirius Satellite Radio, even though they are all known as digital radio.

XM and Sirius Satellite Radio have their own stations which broadcast all over the U.S. HD radio uses existing radio stations in the area and upgrades the sound quality. These stations cannot be heard throughout the U.S.

WXOU, like all other radio stations that do not have the test equipment, is still running in analog. It hopes to switch to digital as soon as it can Mike Ross, General Manager for WXOU, said.

"Eventually all stations will switch to digital," Ross said. "An appeal to the board to approve the budget is what we would need."

Allison Lingenfelter, program director for WXOU, said the update will help the station's popularity.

"The ability to hear radio as CD quality, if it works, will improve listenership," she said.

Jennifer Bean, junior, thinks HD radio will be a good addition.

"It is a good idea as long as it doesn't cost too much money," she said.

XM and Sirius Satellite Radio charges a monthly fee and installation cost for customers.

"It gives you all things XM will do, but it's free," Mathews said.

There is an additional cost to convert an analog radio to digital.

"It will cost around \$50-\$75 extra technology cost when you buy an existing stereo," Mathews said.

Mathews also said HD radio will not eliminate XM radio, but will give it competition.

"You could get e-mail from digital radio, get a whole CD to download to your car or an individual MP3 song. It is amazing what it can do," Mathews said.

Students surf scholarships on Internet

By ADAM DEMENIUK
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Paying for school may be as simple as a few mouse clicks. The Internet is one of the most reliable and efficient tools for scholarship searching. Hundreds of websites are now dedicated to informing high school and college students about the latest scholarships available.

Matt Snitgen, freshman, received three scholarships totaling nearly \$6,000 for this school year, although he learned about them from OU not the net. He received an OU grant, the MEAP Merit Scholarship, and the Michigan Competitive Scholarship.

OU scholarships (listed at www.oakland.edu) are organized by categories relating to the student. The site also recommends that students use free scholarship search websites.

"Students should definitely check FastWeb and remain diligent in their search. If students

look for it, they'll find it," Snitgen said. He said www.fastweb.com is one of the better online search sites.

When students start their search, many sites will ask for personal information to determine eligibility for any awards.

The site may then eliminate all who are not eligible. FastWeb recommends completing all fields of personal information to obtain the best results.

Not all scholarships are based on merit or financial need. Many are based on other factors such as ethnicity, field of study and residency. According to Ivy Horn, Assistant Director of the

Academic Skills Center, many private sectors and church organizations donate at least \$500 to scholarship programs.

Jennifer Wagner, freshman, received a scholarship from the Lions Club because she's a pre-med student.

"They gave it to me because I fit

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Scholarship Search Web Sites

- www.oakland.edu
- www.nextstudent.com
- www.cashe.com
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- www.collegenet.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.srnexpress.com
- www.finaid.org



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Saab of Troy is a dealership that does not charge customers any type of processing fee.

Auto fees may jump \$210

By SANDARELLA BATRES
STAFF WRITER

Abill to increase automotive document processing fees from \$40 to \$250 was introduced this past month in the State House of Representatives.

Representative Marc Shulman is sponsoring the bill. He is asking to raise the fee to \$250, but he is not asking the fee to be mandatory.

When a car dealer is selling a car, there are document-processing fees associated with the sale. Under the Motor Vehicles Sales Finance Act, auto dealers can choose to access a document-process-

ing fee up to a legal limit of \$40 for every customer.

"We have been approached by a number of auto dealers in the area that say \$40 does not recover the costs that they put into selling (a) car," said Todd Harcek, Marc Shulman's chief of staff. "Some say it is up to \$500, others say none. We are looking into this issue and getting both the car sales (dealers) and buyers' opinions."

Dealers also have to verify alcohol conviction history, report VIN numbers and other procedures before they sell a car. All of disclosure pay may require additional manpower, Harcek said.

An exact dollar figure has

not yet been assigned to the bill nor when it will go into effect as it has not yet been approved.

"This is not guaranteed. If we change it, it will be up to the dealers to show the buyer exactly what they are paying for," said Harcek. "We would set a permissive cap to what we would see as reasonable. Dealers will give an estimate to cover costs, up to this certain amount."

Some dealers, such as a manager for Crissman Lincoln-Mercury, claimed to know of the \$40 fee, but did not know of the new bill.

Tony Malouf, general manager for Saab of Troy, said his

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Editorial

Dorm safety not safeguarded

There is only so much students can do to protect themselves on campus. At some point a student's responsibility ends and someone else's begins.

Students can be instrumental in terms of their own personal safety. OUPD officers are willing to escort those leaving buildings late at night to their cars. The Rec Center also offers a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class for women.

However, students' safety is not solely dependent on minimal criminal activity. Students in their dorm rooms, in their homes away from home, shouldn't have to think twice about their safety, and probably don't. Most people never expect to be at risk in their personal space.

But if an OU dorm resident is sleeping at night on a floor where there is a propped open incinerator door, a broken exit sign or a non-functional smoke detector, they are powerless or at risk in the event of a fire.

This is a reality facing the residents of OU's two largest dorms: Hamlin Hall and East and West Vandenberg Halls. An *Oakland Post* check found what appeared to be roughly 30 serious violations of local and state fire codes in the two residence halls.

The Post decided to put the halls to a test after four smoke detectors failed in the small fire in Hamlin Hall on Sept. 28. A number of apparent violations were spotted including poorly lit and broken exit signs and propped open incinerator and laundry room doors.

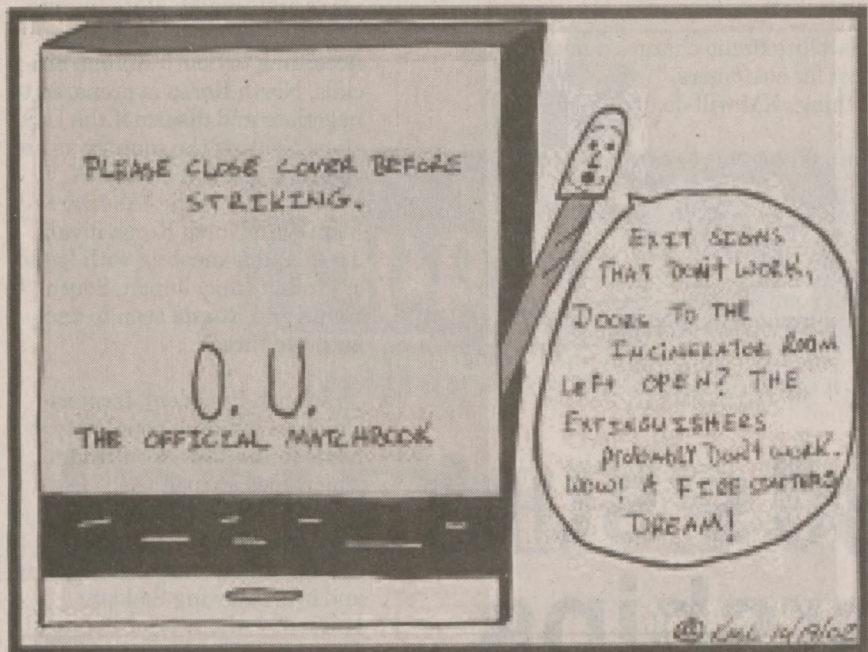
Students have the responsibility of being aware of their surroundings and safety conscious. But their responsibility can only carry guarantee safety so far.

Without clearly marked "keep closed" signs on incinerator doors or laundry room doors and without signs cautioning students to not use elevators in the event of a fire, students can not take essential steps to safeguard themselves.

More students than ever before are living on campus, partly due to the new apartments. If OU reaches full residential capacity but safety is compromised, then high numbers make the risks even more unacceptable.

There is no doubt OU can boast campus safety in terms of crime. However, the guaranteed safety of every student living in a dorm should be a priority second to none. A foolproof fire safety system should be in place before university officials try to fill beds.

Thankfully, no one has died on this campus as the result of a fire. So why take any chances now?



Letters to the Editor

Retired professor favors binding arbitration

Dear Editor,

Ferris State University professors came within an eyelash of going on strike a few weeks ago. According to the provisions of the new teacher strike law of 1994, they could be fined a day's pay per professor; and \$5,000 per day could be assessed upon their union for an illegal strike.

However, there is some balance in the law by assessing a fine of \$5,000 per day upon the board of trustees, if they participated in a lockout. College professors are at the mercy of administrators and have been about two decades behind in salaries and fringe benefits. Their union at Ferris State is the American Association of University Professors, a harmless group of idealists, who are clueless when it comes down to fighting in

the trenches for their members.

In 1995 the AFL-CIO challenged the 1994 law in court but they lost on the principle that the statute was not constitutionally vague. School boards may bring cases against teachers in the county circuit courts if teachers dare to violate the law.

Without a doubt, the best solution for this legal entanglement is compulsory binding arbitration. Clearly it has worked well in resolving police and fire personnel disputes. Most college professors would choose binding arbitration rather than being forced by wild radicals to wave signs on the picket lines.

Larry D. VanderMolen, Ph. D.
Retired political science professor
Schoolcraft College

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FEATURED COLUMNISTS

Getting ready for elections



BRIAN TOMINA

Student Body President

The first President to become a true household name was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Why? FDR was in office at the genesis of the mass media movement. During his administration, more Americans had radios in their homes.

The Roosevelt administration had a wonderful idea of bringing the president's warm voice to his constituents via radio address every Sunday evening. The strategy helped FDR become the only president to get elected to three straight terms. Well, we are not trying to get re-elected but we do have some important issues to discuss.

On Nov. 5, many important proposals go to the polls. The first is Proposal K. The gist of this proposal will bring over \$1 million annually to

Oakland University. The money will come from a property tax that equals somewhere between a \$50-60 tax on every \$100,000 of land. I strongly urge all my fellow students to get out and vote yes on Proposal K.

Second, if anything as students we owe it to ourselves to mobilize and vehemently oppose Proposal 4. The proposal will take protected monies from tobacco lawsuits intended for health and educational purposes away from the watchful public eye and

put them into the hands of unaccountable corporate executives. Also, cuts in state funding for higher education are likely. Many Michigan Merit Award Program recipients are Oakland Students, and our friends are likely to be affected if this proposal passes.

Vote no on Proposal 4.

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The best of the best



JENNIFER J. DECKER

Assistant News Editor

Silly me. I always thought in rocker Billy Squire's song, "The Stroke" that he was singing, "The best, the best." What's even sadder is I still sing it that way on purpose.

Speaking of the best, we are at the mid-point of the semester (my last one here), and I thought I'd offer my observations of the best OU offers.

Best OC eat: the mandarin chicken salad at Greens. Plentiful. Yummy.

Best parking space: smack dab in the center of the OC lot (only been lucky enough to get that spot twice).

Best thing about OU administrators: they care about the well-being of our university.

Best OU java: Starbucks's regular. Hot. Quick. Five spoonfuls of sugar.

Best OU sight at 2 a.m. Tuesday morning: OUPD on patrol.

Best OU custodian: Dennis McClain in the OC.

Best OU scenic walk: The jaunt from the OC to Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Best adventurous drive: The drive to the Kettering Magnetics Lab. Talk about wagon trail bumpiness.

Best scenic drive: the curve by the married student apartments overlooking the lower athletic fields.

Best OU bathroom: the OC basement ladies' room down the hall from our newspaper office.

My best moment of the semester so far: interviewing and meeting Poet Laureate Billy Collins, definitely one of the top experiences of my life.

Best scenic view of Beer Lake: from the top of the

bridge, unless you get dive-bombed by a seagull.

Best OU secretary: hands-down, Carolyn Stevens from the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism Department office.

Best thing to do when someone else steals the parking spot you were hoping to snag: smile.

Best thing to do about the construction pounding between the OC and the Foundation Halls: hum.

Best idea yet to come to OU: parking lot driving without cell phones suctioned to drivers' ears.

Best bumper sticker spotted in the lots: "Get in, sit down, shut up, hold on."

Best idea for what the OC needs: a jukebox.

Best thing to do in Kresge Library: Gasp. Read.

Best thing to do to further improve the parking situation: park and drive with a shuttle program using Big

Wheels.

Best thing about reaching the end of the semester: I don't have to register for any more classes.

Best thing about Subway: black olives.

Best time of the week: Tuesday night when *The Oakland Post* goes to press.

Best TV news anchor: Peter Jennings.

Best place most deserving of a new paint job: the Vandenberg journalism lab.

Best place in dire need of a paint job on campus: the Vandenberg journalism lab.

Best campus critter: Geese, of course.

Best thing to look forward to at OU: graduation on Dec. 21. See ya there!

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Point/Counterpoint

Should Native American mascots be removed from schools?

Yes

By JENNIFER J. DECKER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Having Native American mascots as an acceptable form of rooting for your favorite team is a blatant form of racism. This is 2002, not the 1800s. As long as such mascots exist, so too will reminders of the white-Native American power struggles continue that have long been a part of our country's heritage.

Why is this okay when our culture finally came to its senses and realized black face minstrels were deplorable?

Why is it permissible to continue to have such mascots when other groups aren't subjected to the same treatment? There are no mascots named in a derogatory fashion for Germans, Hispanics or African-Americans.

Why is it cool to pay homage to smirking and highly idiotic "Chief Wahoo" of the Cleveland Indians? Or the Braves, Redskins, Chiefs or Blackhawks in professional sports? Some college mascots include the Seminoles, Aztecs, Warriors, Maroon Chiefs, Moundbuilders, Mohawks, Savages, "Fighting Sioux," Tribe and Nanooks.

Some argue that such Native American mascot names are a thing of honor. I beg to differ. I do not know Native Americans as the supposed blood thirsty names long associated with such mascots.

Our children are taught that such mascot practices are fine. In 1999, Ohio had the most schools with Native American mascots. Nationally that same year, the most popular Native American mascot was "Indian." At that time, Hawaii was the only state with no known American Indian related mascots.

My high school alma mater's mascot was the chieftain and it always put a bitter taste in my mouth. Having a Native American mascot didn't give our sports teams an advantage; we were notoriously crummy.

With Redskins being the most offensive in the mascot category, some Native Americans often replace the "I" with an asterisk. What a sad commentary when people replace letters in words with symbols out of disgust.

Team names and mascots are disrespectful and painful for many Native Americans. It is enough to look back at history and see how many times Native American peoples have been wronged. It needs to stop. We need more sensitivity.

No

By RANDY DUDEK
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Before I get started, I think that we all need to clear up one little grade-school misconception. Since India was known as Hindustan in 1492, Columbus did not call them Indians because he thought he was in India.

Likely, it was his Italian description of the native people, "Une persone, in Dio," or "One person, in God." That's not offensive, it's noble.

If the American Indian Movement isn't offended by the term "Indian," why should I be?

Let me concede one major point. The term "Redskins," as in the football team, is offensive. It is a derogatory term that we can do without.

Beyond that bad apple, the other Indian mascots that I can think of are not demeaning terms. In fact, they are used to honor the people who lived here before my ancestors made a mess of the planet.

The Cleveland Indians were named in honor of Louis Sockalexis, the first ever Indian to play pro baseball.

Would it be better if they were still the Cleveland Spiders and people just

forget Sockalexis' achievements?

The Chippewas, Sioux and Illini are a part of this country's history, and should not be ignored. Most of the people who are protesting the use of Indian names are white people who feel guilty for years of mistreatment. Some want the nicknames gone so they can forget the atrocities that European-Americans committed in the 1500s, 1600s, 1700s, 1800s ...

If we are going to be concerned with team mascot names offending, why stop at Indian names? "Yankees" is a derogatory nickname used by the south to define a northerner. Nobody is defending us. And we won that war.

People seem to not have a problem with Notre Dame being the Fighting Irish, and that is one of the worst stereotypes of Irish-Americans.

In the past 30 years, 600 Americans have been killed in hurricanes, yet nobody is trying to change the University of Miami's nickname.

Indians have a long, proud heritage in this land. They lived with a respect for the land, and were predominantly peaceful until 'we' came along. It's bad enough that they were forced onto reservations. It isn't too much to ask that we continue to honor the people who were here first.

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with delivery expected by the end of the month.

The compilation and printing of the staff/faculty directory comes after last March's problem when some faculty – including all part time and a number of full time faculty – were omitted.

Moudgil said the problems were noted and he fully expects that they will be resolved with this printing. He added that in the future, only electronic directories would be available in a cost savings effort.

Other Senate action at the Oct. 17 meeting included:

- The creation of two Cooley Law School Committees to consider expanding Cooley's presence on campus.
- The appointment of Professor of Anthropology Peter Bertocci to attend Board of Trustees meetings in the Fall 2002 term. Bertocci replaces Darrell

Schmidt, professor of mathematical sciences, who is unable to attend this term due to a class scheduling conflict.

- College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Downing gave the first reading of a motion from the Steering Committee to recommend approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. Downing noted that Oakland Community College has a strong studio art program and several of their students have expressed an interest in continuing their education at OU.

With the prospect of the new degree, Art and Art History Chair Susan Wood said at the meeting, "We don't anticipate asking for or getting new office space ... or new telephones."

The next OU Senate meeting will be held Nov. 21.

FEE

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dealership does not charge the fee.

"It is the other dealerships business, but we do not charge it," he said. "It is unfair."

Harcek also hopes this will create more competition between dealers.

"Maybe you will go to one dealer, find out how many extra charges he is charging, then go down the street and find the dealer down there doesn't charge any. We hope this will create more competition with who charges what."

OU students have varying opinions about the possible increased costs.

"If you need a car and you can afford to buy it, then you can afford to pay a processing fee up to \$250," Seema Popat, senior, said. "If the fee did get up to \$250, it is expensive, but it shouldn't matter. You need the car."

Senior Luis Vasquez doesn't like the idea of the new bill.

"I'm a student and it is rough enough having to pay for school, I don't need to pay more when buying a car," he said.

WEBSITES

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their criteria. I just filled out the pamphlet, and they called me a week later," she said.

Most search sites are free, but some charge a fee claiming to get students more exposure, but Horn says, "Students should not have to pay for this information. They just have to devote the time to do the research. Students tend to want to get immediate results."

When doing a search, students should develop a strategy to avoid wasting time and getting lost, according to Horn. Afree service, www.nextstudent.com, recommends searching repeatedly and going back to the websites often because new awards can be added since the last search.

The site also recommends students select the "No Academic Major" option in their first search since this

will display more awards and not limit the search to just an intended major.

Students may also run into several scholarship scams during their online search. Afinancial aid website, www.findaid.org, says the most common scams are scholarships that require an application fee, sending money previous to the search, and a redemption fee for a "scholarship prize."

According to Horn, the first place to visit at OU is the financial aid office in North Foundation Hall. The Academic Skills Center staff will assist students when they are ready for the application process. The Center also helps students write a biography if it is required.

Horn said the ASC works with students seeking more competitive scholarships.

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automatically shut in the case of a fire.

Residence Halls director Eleanor Reynolds said there is no policy regarding the laundry room doors in the dorms.

In East Vandenberg on the first floor a fire door clearly marked "Keep closed at all times" was propped open. The fire door is designed to prevent the spread of a blaze.

Reynolds said that the policy is to keep the fire doors closed and that it was not necessary to keep incinerator and laundry room doors closed. However, Cora Hanson of the OU Environmental Health and Safety office disagreed and said its policy is that those doors must remain shut.

Since the mattress fire in North Hamlin, some students have expressed concern over fire safety in the dorms.

Junior Shayla Caldwell, who lives on the floor, said, "There is no reason for the fire alarm not to go off. It was kind of scary because it happened right by my room."

Residents reported smoke in the hallway, and the police report confirmed it.

Reynolds said the smoke alarms did not activate because there wasn't enough smoke. According to Reynolds, the smoke detector was not broken. It had

been tested three weeks prior to this incident. It didn't go off because there wasn't enough smoke, she said.

"It was more a smoldering mattress than a fire," she said.

Reynolds said the same detector was retested after the fire, and it worked.

Universities are required to have fire drills in residential buildings.

Sanfilippo said universities are required to have eight fire drills annually.

According to Reynolds, OU has six fire drills per fall and winter semester, which she said is the requirement. She also said there will be one or two drills during the spring and summer semesters.

Another potential problem is Hamlin Hall's location in a ravine, a situation Smith said could make fighting a fire there difficult.

"There is no total access to those buildings," he said. Hill House and Van Wagoner Hall are also located in the ravine.

Smith also said that even if fire trucks were parked close to the buildings, the department typically fights high rise fires from the inside.

Another problem is that basic safety devices on several floors in various residence halls were non-functional. The exit sign at the

north entrance of West Vandenberg had no lettering. The exit sign in between the main entrance hall and the cafeteria was not lit.

The exit sign in the stairwell on the second floor was dimly lit. In South Hamlin on the third floor, the exit sign in the lounge was not lit. In East Vandenberg there were no corridor lights on the south side of the seventh floor.

In none of the buildings were there signs posted next to or inside the elevators telling residents not to use in case of fire.

However, this, according to Smith, is also mandatory.

"We have a fully addressable fire safety system," Reynolds said. "We have extinguishers that are checked weekly, and the whole system is fully inspected by the state fire marshal every year."

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports an average of 1,700 fires occur annually in residence halls and Greek dwellings.

In the 2001-2002 school year, there were 30 fire alarms activated across campus, and 26 false fire alarms were set off in the residence halls.

There were two minor fires. One was in the residence halls.

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have both faced budget deficits in recent years.

"It's our duty to oppose anything that would have an adverse effect on our students," Tomina said.

Legislator and chair of the Research and Review Committee Zvonko Blazevski, senior, said, "I think it's good that we take a stand on something. This issue has wide-ranging consequences for students that go here."

The Oct. 21 meeting also saw a heated second reading of the amendments to the OUSC bylaws regarding the requirements for legislative candidates. The discussion was tabled again.

One of the proposed requirements is attendance at three regularly scheduled OUSC meetings with quorum at two.

Legislator Brian Welch, junior, moved to strike out the necessity of quorum.

"They (new legislators) should not be held responsible if we can not get our act together," Welch said.

Another contested issue was a minimum GPA. Galecki's new guidelines suggest a 2.5 minimum instead of 2.0.

Legislator Michael Ginger, junior, suggested a 2.25 minimum citing, the example of engineering students who may not be able

to maintain high grades and would consequently be prevented from involvement with OUSC.

Blazevski disagreed and said, "I think 2.5 is fair and that it does elicit some standards that are tougher than the old ones but does not restrict as many people."

Director of the Center for Student Services and Leadership Development Jean Ann Miller concurred. "People with 2.0 should be concentrating on their studies," she said, adding that she did not want to see involvement in OUSC compromised.



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"Grizzlies Make SMART Choices"
(Students Managing Alcohol Responsibly Together)

Monday-Friday, October 21-25
"People's Choice" - The Best of OU
Cast Your Vote All Week - - Main Hallway, OC

Wednesday, October 23
SMART Choices about Drinking and Driving:
Sobriety Testing of OU Students and Staff by the Oakland University Police Department
Noon-1:00 p.m. - - Fireside Lounge, OC

Thursday, October 24
"Sex and a Six Pack" (or How Sex, Drugs, and Alcohol Can Be A Deadly Combination)
Presentation by HAVEN
2.00 p.m. - - Gold Room A, OC

"Sex on the Campus" (or How Sex, Drugs, and Alcohol Can Be A Deadly Combination)
Presentation by HAVEN
7:30 p.m. - - Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

Friday, October 25
Club OU's Happy Hour
6:00-7:00 p.m. - - Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Friday Night Live - Comedienne Wendi Fox: "The Alcohol Insanity Tour"
7:00 p.m. - - Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Saturday, October 26
"Make A Difference Day"
Make a difference in your community - Sign up to participate in the CSA Office, 49 OC, or call x2400.

Choice 1: "The Greening of Detroit"
8:15 a.m. - Meet in the Fireside Lounge, OC

Choice 2: "OU Campus Clean-Up"
10:00 a.m. - - Meet in Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

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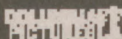
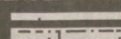
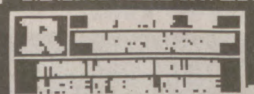
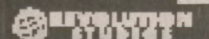
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Hitting the trails

Mountain biking tearin' it up near you

BY KAREN TURK
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

If parking on campus is scarce and the sun is shining, it is likely that students will see Shannan McNair, Associate Professor of Human Development and Child Services at OU, whizzing by on her Univega mountain bike.

Like many others, McNair has taken up mountain biking, using the Univega not only for recreation, but for transportation as well.

Despite their absence from OU's campus, students need not look far for mountain biking trails. According to a tourism profile done by MSU, Oakland County is rated fourth in Michigan for the "number of miles designated for mountain biking."

Two state parks and two county parks feature trails for mountain bikers.

A short drive east from campus leads to the popular Paint Creek Trail, accessible through Rochester Municipal Park at Pine and Oak streets.

McNair frequently rides on the Paint Creek Trail. She finds the 8.4-mile, one way trail a "good workout."

"I prefer to have some distance to go with moderate difficulty, rather than really challenging trails," McNair said.

Bald Mountain Recreation Area, in contrast, boasts 15 miles of trails with "some of the steepest hills and most rugged terrain in southeastern Michigan," according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Daily pass for the State Park is \$4, and an annual pass is available for \$20 for access to all state parks.

For a challenge, professional XC racer and OU student Michael Simonson, senior, suggests the six miles of flat to moderate trails at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills.

Simonson "got hooked" on mountain biking after entering a race at Bloomer Park two and a half years ago. He is now sponsored by Cannondale brand and Main St. Bicycles in Oxford.

The cost for beginning mountain biking varies. Necessities include a helmet and reliable bike.

Consumer Reports magazine advises consumers that "there's no need to pay a lot for protection" when it comes to bike helmets.

Shoppers should check for a good fit and the Consumer Product Safety Commission sticker to ensure the helmet meets safety requirements.

The most recent Consumers Union study rated mountain bikes ranging from \$140 to \$1,100. With such a pricey investment, it's best to research the product and speak to a knowledgeable salesperson before purchasing a bike.

"We fit the bike to the customer's personal needs, and customer service is a priority," Simonson, an employee at Main St. Bicycles says.

For this reason, Main St. offers price matching, free tune-ups and adjustments for a year after purchase.



Shannan McNair, a professor at OU, poses with her Univega mountain bike. McNair enjoys biking at Island Lk. Recreation Area in southeast Michigan.

As a precaution, OU students riding bicycles on campus may want to consider a U-lock which is a horseshoe shaped lock that secures a bike to a rack by attaching the frame, not just the front wheel. Its unique design makes the bike more difficult to steal.

Unlike MSU and U-M, OU doesn't

require students to register their bikes on campus.

This means if a bike is stolen from one of the few racks on campus and then recovered, it's difficult to restore it to its rightful owner. A strong lock is the best defense against bicycle theft at OU.

Area Trails

• **State Parks:** Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Pontiac Recreation Area
Admission: \$4 for a daily pass and \$20 annually

• **County Parks:** Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks
Admission: \$8 (non-resident), \$5 (resident)
Yearly: \$46 (non resident), \$25 (resident)

• **City Parks:** access at Rochester Municipal Park to the Paint Creek Trail (free entry and parking), Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills (\$5 daily)

Adventurous professor takes to the trails

Shannan McNair, a professor in OU's School of Education, bought her Univega mountain bike for her 40th birthday as a way of "fighting the aging process."

For a more recent birthday, she bought a kayak.

When she isn't reading or in front of a computer, McNair likes to spend her free time doing outdoor

physical activity.

Her favorite trails are at Island Lake Recreation Area in southeast Michigan. According to the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, the terrain at Island Lake is "mostly flat ... gentle rolling grasslands." The trails are best for beginner to intermediate riders.

McNair mostly rides to OU from her home in

Thorn Ridge subdivision in the summer. She parks using the racks by O'Dowd but has been known to supervise her students from her bike while holding class outdoors by the Lowry Center.

Having recently purchased a cottage in Canada, McNair's next "set of adventures" will take place on the trails along Lake Huron where she often kayaks.

Who did it?

Murder Mystery hits Meadow Brook Theatre

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With a twist ending sure to surprise any would-be Sherlock Holmes in the audience, Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" kicked off Meadow Brook Theatre's 2002-2003 season on Oct. 16.

The story follows the loveable Leonard Vole as he is tried for murder.

Vole, played by Erik Gratton, tugs on the audience's heartstrings as he claims again and again that he did not kill anyone, in spite of "unfortunate" circumstantial evidence stacked against him.

Gratton gives a superb performance in this play, drawing the audience into the show and drawing sympathy from the audience for his young, naïve character.

Playing Vole's wife Romaine, Barbara Coven's amazing acting draws the audience further into deception.

The actress' harsh words and demeanor make Romaine the character the audience loves to hate. It's not until the end, when the true depth of the relationship between husband and wife is revealed, stunning the audience.

Another unforgettable performance was given by Dennis Robertson as Vole's lawyer, Sir Wilfrid Roberts, Q.C. Robertson provides most of

the comic relief of the play as he squabbles with the prosecutor, Mr. Myers, Q.C., played by Thomas D. Mahard.

Beyond the comedy, Robertson gives his character depth and wisdom as he struggles to defend his client and discovers the identity of the real murderer.

The entire cast was spectacular, giving far too many notable performances to be accommodated in a short review.

The play itself was well written. It was definitely not a cheesy mystery, with the bad guy lurking in corners for the whole audience to see. The real bad guy is a huge surprise saved for the last two minutes of the show. Although at times the courtroom scenes drag, the action-packed scenes and shocking ending more than make up for the downtime.

The cast includes several OU alumni, including Travis Walter, as the policeman; Joey Bybee, as Mr. Clegg; and Kim Lucius as 'the other woman.'

Student rush ticket prices are available for this show. Present your school ID at the Meadow Brook Box Office the day of the performance you wish to attend and enjoy the live show for only \$7.

Prices for non-OU students normally range from \$19 to \$38, generally exceeding most students' Friday night budgets.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre
(Left to Right) Dennis Robertson as Sir Wilfrid Roberts, Q.C., Barbara Coven plays Romaine, and Erik Gratton plays Leonard Vole in Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution." This is the opening show of Meadow Brook's 2002-2003 Theatre season.

Student rush tickets are available for all MBT shows except "A Christmas Carol."

The play runs Wednesday through Sunday until its closing performance at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 with times varying.

Tickets are available at the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office (248) 370-3300. The box office is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Studio Theatre kicks off 2002-2003 season

BY KAREN TURK
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Beginning the 2002-2003 Theatre season at the Studio Theatre in Varner Hall is William Inge's "Picnic."

The play was first performed at The Music Box Theatre in New York City starring actor Paul Newman in 1953.

That same year, playwright Inge won the Pulitzer Prize in drama for his work.

Inge's story takes place in a small town in Kansas over Labor Day weekend.

A young man drifting into town shakes up the usual festivities when he charms his buddy's girlfriend as well as other women in the community.

Anative of Independence, Kan., Inge once said, "I've often wondered how people raised in our great cities ever develop any knowledge of humankind. People who grow up in small towns get to know each other so much more closely than they do in cities."

Inge's understanding of American provincial life, starring Aricka Schuck and Drew Starr, is being acted out on the Varner Studio Theatre stage.

The show will be performed Oct. 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m., Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. and today at 10 a.m. The Oct. 27 performance will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. All tickets for today's 10 a.m. matinee are \$5.

Tickets are available at the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013, all Ticketmaster outlets at (248) 645-6666, online at www.ticketmaster.com or one hour before each performance at the door.



• **Oct. 21-25**
National Chemistry Week
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• **Oct. 24**
Residence Hall's Halloween Party, 9 p.m.-midnight, Vandenberg Cafeteria.
Enjoy food, music, costume contests and much more at this fun-filled gathering.

• **Oct. 25**
SPB's Annual Murder Mystery, 8 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall.
Solve a mystery. Tickets are \$10 for OU students and \$20 for non-OU students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, in the CSA office or by calling (248) 370-2400.

• **Oct. 25**
Friday Night Live, 7 p.m., Vandenberg Cafeteria.
Be entertained by Comedienne Wendi Fox's "The Alcohol Insanity Tour." This event is a part of Alcohol Awareness Week and is free.

• **Oct. 26**
Make a Difference Day
"Greening of Detroit," 8:15 a.m., meet in the Fireside Lounge, OC.
"OU Campus Clean Up," 10 a.m., meet in Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall.
Sign up in the CSA office or by calling (248) 370-2400.

Student Affairs

Updating OU

Graham Health Center

Graham Health Center reminds you to watch your dietary consumption. Halloween is the start of the "Good Eats" holidays. The candy lasts till Thanksgiving and then the Christmas yummys start. Remember, "everything in moderation" is the rule. If you find yourself eating more than you know you should call the **Graham Health Center** for an appointment with the nurse educator and let her help you set up a food plan so you don't overdo it. She will give you ideas for eating right and show you ways to still have your favorite sweet. Call ext. 2341 for an appointment.

Keeper of the Dream Awards

Award nominations/applications for 2003 **Keeper of the Dream Awards** are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. These awards recognize students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Applicants must be currently enrolled and returning in Fall 2003, and must exhibit strong citizenship, leadership, and scholastic achievement (3.0 minimum GPA). Awards range from \$2500 to \$5000.

Deadline is Friday, October 25, 2002.

Disability Support Services

All students registered with the Disability Support Services office are eligible for priority registration for the winter 2002 semester. Please stop by the office at 106 North Foundation Hall to fill out the registration forms. The last day for priority registration with our office is Nov. 1st.

First Year Transition Workshops

Transition workshops are designed to assist all new students with the transition to college. The workshops are open to all students. If you have any questions, please call (248) 370-3260.

Got Leadership?

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Tuesday, October 29, noon-1 PM, Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Office of Equity

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Fall On-campus Recruiting

Employers scheduled to recruit for full-time positions during the week of October 28 - November 1 will include **Abercrombie & Fitch**, **Federal Mogul Corp.**, **Flagstar Bank**, **National City Corp.**, **Payroll 1**, **Sherwin Williams** and **Wells Fargo**. All interviews take place at the **Career Services** offices at 275 West VBH. Students seeking to interview with employers on campus (during the remainder of the fall semester) but who have not yet registered with our department need to do so as quickly as possible. Our department's eRecruiting@OU online resume and job search system is available free to students. For additional information, call 370-3250 or visit our web site at www.oakland.edu/careerservices

Michigan Collegiate Job Fair

Upcoming on Friday, November 1 is the annual **Fall Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF)** to be held at **Burton Manor in Livonia**. A current list of the more than 75 employers currently scheduled to participate in this event is available on campus at **Career Services**, or by visiting the MCJF web site at www.mcjf.org. Forms for advance registration (\$10) may be picked up at **Career Services** (275 West VBH, 370-3250) or may be printed out from the MCJF web site, and must be postmarked by Friday, October 25. Registration at the door is \$20. MCJF is a statewide job fair for graduating students and recent alumni of Michigan colleges and universities. Opportunities will be represented for most majors, with the exception of medicine, law and education.

CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

Intramural Co-Rec Volleyball & Basketball Season Starts!

Registration for co-rec volleyball and co-rec basketball started Monday, October 14th. Last day of sign-up is October 25th. The mandatory captains meeting is Sunday, October 27th in the Rec Center. Volleyball is played on Monday nights, 7-10 PM starting October 28th and basketball is played on Tuesday nights, 7-10 PM downstairs on the courts in the Rec Center. Get a team together and make it a more competitive league!

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This Week

Wednesday, October 23

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Thursday, October 24

Second Annual Reflections Dinner, 5:30-7 PM, Lake Superior B, Oakland Center

Friday, October 25, Residence Hall's Friday Night Live presents comedian Wendy Fox, 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria. OU's Alcohol Awareness Week brings you an encore OU appearance by Wendy Fox. Wendy tells a powerful story wrapped up in rib-tickling humor. She's charmingly funny, wickedly truthful and contagiously twisted! You've seen Wendy on The Comedy Channel, Jenny Jones, Night Shift I and II and at OU! Free admission and refreshments.

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Dancing with Degas

DIA showcases ballet exhibit

By PAM AVOLEDO
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

A small classroom filled with young ballerinas prepares for the day's class. Some are standing quietly, studying their feet while others wait in the background, practicing a step or reading sheet music.

This simple but profound image titled "The Dance Class," can be found at the Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) latest exhibit, "Degas and the Dance." The DIA is one of only two stops on the tour. The American Federation of the Arts, the DIA and the Philadelphia Museum of Art organized the event, which DaimlerChrysler sponsored.

One hundred and forty-four of Edgar Degas' works, including drawings and sculptures, were culled from public and private collections from all over the world. Each features a glimpse into the backstage life of dance. Costume designs from the ballets he attended, set models and photographs of the dancers will also be included in the exhibit.

Degas was born in Paris on July 19, 1834 and, like many Impressionist painters, he studied everyday life. However, he became known for his images of unlikely moments.

Many of these unlikely moments took place where he found his inspiration: the Paris Opera. Degas was known to attend some ballets and operas up to 30 times.

In his paintings, he would illuminate the halls and theaters, creating an elegant atmosphere. He would later become known as the "painter of dancers." Even though his eyesight began to fail him as he aged, he continued to paint until his death on Sept. 27, 1917.

"Degas had a different perspective than many other artists. Instead of focusing on the glamour of performing a ballet, he explored the painstakingly and much less glamorous process of preparing a ballet. All of this combines to create a truly unique opportunity for the public," Karissa Van Tassel, DIA communications specialist, said.

Van Tassel also added DIA members and the public reserved their tickets in advance of the exhibition's opening.

Degas portrayed ballet as work and the ballerinas as human. This can be seen in the pastel "The Green Dancers." Each dancer's turn is shown. However, it is not depicted as graceful but flawed. Neither of the dancers' feet mirror the others and their elbows bend differently. The



unmatched movements clearly display that the synchronicity seen on the stage is a myth.

The pain of stretching one's toes on pointe is shown on the dancer's face in the pastel, "Dancer Stretching." She is anguished and tries to stop the tears by closing her eyes.

In an effort to distract herself from the searing numbness in her feet, she is clenching her hand into a tight fist. The dancer is seen as an athlete and at the same time, vulnerable.

Many of his subjects resemble the dancer mentioned above. They are young, delicate and dedicated. However, they are also under pressure, tired and imperfect. Degas is unflinching in this regard. Each image seems to be an intrusion into the otherwise guarded world of dance.

The Degas and the Dance exhibit started Oct. 20, 2002 and ends Jan. 12, 2003. Tickets are \$11.50 for children and \$19.50 for adults. After Detroit, the exhibition travels to the Philadelphia Museum of Art where it will be displayed from Feb. 12 to May 11, 2003.



Photos Courtesy of Detroit Institute of Arts
"Before the Performance" (far above), "Dancer with Raised Arms" (above left) and "Dancer (Battlement in Second Position)" (above right) are part of the "Degas and the Dance" exhibit running Oct. 20, 2002 to Jan. 12, 2003 at the DIA. There are 144 of Edgar Degas' works on display, all of them centered on ballet.

Halloween treats

Haunted houses offer thrills and terror for all ages

By JIM KAISER
STAFF WRITER

Whether it's creativity, affordability, accuracy or scariness, this year's crop of haunted houses seem to have something for everyone. From good, old-fashioned hayrides to multi-level, interactive scare-fests, the haunted houses in the area are hoping to terrorize guests in any way possible.

"A good haunted house requires creativity," said Jason Thomas, junior. "I want it to be worth the money."

Kristin Sommer, freshman, said a haunted house is good only "if the costumes are realistic and scary."

The Realm of Darkness in Pontiac is a 23,000 square foot attraction that takes guests about 30-45 minutes to make it through.

"It is very realistic, and very detailed," said Loretta Williams, friend and right-hand woman to the owner. Williams, who also did a lot of the decorating, described the house as "the first interactive haunted house in Michigan."

Customers must first navigate through the antique house portion of the attraction, where their decisions will decide their fate. Once through the house portion, patrons are sent to the haunted castle, where, if they choose the right path, will get to chal-

lenge the "wizard" in a series of games and may even win prizes.

The Realm of Darkness is open Oct. 24-31, and is located at 79 S. Glenwood in Pontiac. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 12-18.

The Howling Haunted Hayride is located on Mound Rd. between 29 and 30 Mile Roads. The hayride takes patrons through cornfields and forests stopping at different "skits" along the way. It utilizes loud noises from farm machinery, shotguns and cars to increase the ride's startling effect.

The hayride is open every Friday and Saturday in October from dusk until 11 p.m. Admission is \$7 for children under 11 and \$12 for adults.

The Detroit Sportsman Congress is holding its 17th annual Halloween attraction, The Haunted Forest, in Utica. The attraction is located at 49800 Dequindre between Hamlin and 23 Mile Rd. at the DSC club, and consists of a walk-through lasting about 45 minutes. Along the way customers can expect to see several skits.

The event also features live band performances and a food tent. It is open Oct. 25-26, with admission priced at \$6 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults. A portion of these proceeds will be donated to local charities.

The Trilogy of Terror is an all inclu-

sive attraction located in Rochester Hills. "No matter what it is you are looking for, we have it," said Amy Hinds, the advertising coordinator.

Located on John R. two blocks north of Avon at Bloomer Park, the attraction occupies more than 100 acres of land and makes for an entire night of Halloween fun.

First, customers go on a hayride lasting about 45 minutes. After that, they are dropped off at the nightmare forest, and must walk through it.

"They have to make it through the forest alone," said Hinds. Once through the forest, patrons must then make their way through the ghost mansion maze. "We give everyone 3-D glasses that will make the decorations come alive," said Hinds.

Along with the haunted attractions, there will also be haunted Midway video arcade games, fireside story telling and virtual reality simulators.

Variety is the name of the game. "No one gives you the whole thing for one price," said Hinds, who explained that the Trilogy of Terror is being expanded into a "haunted festival."

The Trilogy of Terror is open from dusk until 10:30 p.m. on weeknights, and stays open until midnight on the weekends, Oct. 24-31. Admission is \$13.95 for adults and \$9.95 for children 6-12.

'Ring' of suspense

By BRIAN URETTA
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

"Before you die, you see 'The Ring,'" boast the ads for the latest horror film, "The Ring," a remake of a famous suspense film that took Japan by storm.

Based on 1998's "Ringu," "The Ring" tells the tale of a pseudo-urban legend that's come to life.

The film centers on a mysterious unmarked tape that brings death upon any unlucky viewer.

At the end of viewing the two-minute video, the viewer receives a call. On the other end of the phone, a child whispers the words "seven days," sealing how long they have till their death.

After four teens coincidentally die at the same time on the same day while in different places, Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts), a Seattle reporter, decides to investigate the rumored tape.

Upon finding the tape and moronically viewing its contents, Keller is forced to uncover the origin of the puzzling black cassette before her seven days expire.

Keller's dilemma worsens as her son becomes witness to the video's contents and is sent on a wild-goose chase involving horses, mental institutions and mysterious hair in her mouth.

Overall the movie is a fairly visually stunning film that has fun moments of 'edge of the seat' suspense. The images on the mysterious video cassette, reminiscent to those of the Nine Inch Nails video "Closer" are deeply disturbing and sure to send chills down any spine. In all honesty,

"The Ring" is one of the better suspense/horror films to be released since "The Sixth Sense."

Unlike "The Sixth Sense," many loose ends surround the plot of "The Ring" that are never really resolved in the end.

Where did this tape come from? How did it get to where it is? Still, is it necessary to answer these kinds of questions in this kind of movie?

"The Ring" is more sophisticated than that of the average 'slasher' film while at the same time

looking amateur compared to the suspense of "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Se7en." Another downfall, other than the sometimes ridiculous plot, is the never-ending finale of the film. The film seems to go on and on towards the end making the audience believe that the end is near when it's not even close. Still, the climax is well worth the wait.

The beautiful Naomi Watts is decent at playing Keller. The Australian Watts has an undeniable screen presence, first seen in "Mullholland Drive," that really stands out and works to her advantage in "The Ring."

Other than Watts, don't expect too much out of the rest of the cast. Child actor David Dorfman, who plays Keller's son Aidan, is zombie-like throughout the film, which is mostly comical but sometimes fitting.

Especially since it's October, "The Ring" is a highly recommend film that's sure to quench the thirst for fear this Halloween season.

THE RING
Rated PG-13
Running time: 109 minutes

Eagles' wings clipped

By ZVONKO BLAZEWSKI
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's soccer team came back from a two-goal deficit to defeat Oral Roberts, 3-2, last Saturday in Tulsa.

The victory improves the Golden Grizzlies' record to 6-5-2, 2-1 in the Mid-Con, and places them in a three-way tie for first place in the conference.

ORU outshot OU, 16-13, in the game and 10-7 in the first half. The Golden Eagles scored twice in a span of 10 minutes for an early 2-0 lead only to have the Golden Grizzlies battle back to tie and then win.

The Golden Eagles jumped out to an early lead in the eighth minute off a goal from Trey Vaut, his seventh of the season.

ORU doubled its lead in the 16th minute when Sun Potter converted on a penalty kick after OU was whistled for a foul in the box. Potter has nine goals on the season.

The Golden Grizzlies cut the Golden Eagles' lead in half in the 25th minute when freshman defender Chris Edwards, playing as a forward, scored off an assist by junior midfielder Shahar Ktovim.

Both teams had six shots in the second half, but it was OU that capitalized on its chances.

OU tied the game in the 53rd minute on Edwards' second goal of the game, which came off a cross from junior midfielder Anders Vollen. Edwards has four goals on the season.

Freshman forward Mike Matalavy completed the OU comeback with a game-winning goal in the 69th minute on an unassisted effort. Matalavy fired a left-footed blast from 25 yards that beat Hector Zapata, the ORU's goalkeeper, hit the post and went in.

"It was a good result for us being two goals down and having to deal with the referee who, in my opinion, was terrible," said Grizzly head coach Gary Parsons.

OU freshman goalkeeper Jeff Wiese made five saves in the victory.

OU lost at home to Ohio State University, 3-0, last Wednesday.

The Golden Grizzlies entered the game ranked ninth in the Great Lakes Region, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, while Ohio State came in ranked fourth in the region.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior midfielder Shahar Ktovim dribbles the ball up the field in last Wednesday's 3-0 loss to Ohio State on the Lower Fields. Ktovim recorded the assist on the first of freshman Chris Edwards' two goals in the Grizzlies' 3-2 victory against Oral Roberts on Saturday. Edwards was moved from his usual position of defense to forward in his two-goal performance in Tulsa, Okla.

Four starters (freshman defender Chris Edwards, sophomore midfielder Bret McNabb, sophomore forward Philip Braathen and freshman forward Mike Matalavy) did not play against the Buckeyes, with Parsons opting to keep them out until Saturday's game against Mid-Con rival, ORU.

In addition, a fifth starter, sophomore midfielder Doug Rice, is out with a knee injury that will sideline him for the rest of the season.

"We lost a very good player, and we need to make up for it," Parsons said.

"Injuries are a part of the game and we

can't use it as an excuse."

The Buckeyes controlled possession as the Golden Grizzlies rarely ventured near the Ohio State goal, as Ohio State had a 15-3 shot advantage over OU in the first half.

Ohio State almost scored in the fifth minute when forward Andy Rosenband's shot hit the post.

The Buckeyes opened the scoring four minutes later on a penalty kick.

Ohio State added to its lead six minutes before halftime.

In the second half, Ohio State outshot OU 6-4.

Centenary next up for Mid-Con

By BRENDAN STEVENS
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THE OAKLAND POST

On Thursday, OU and the Mid-Con welcomed Centenary College into the conference.

Centenary College, located in Shreveport, La., will serve as the league's ninth member for the 2003-2004 season.

"After a great deal of study and deliberation, the (Mid-Con) invited Centenary College to become a member because it was the right decision from a philosophical and programmatic standpoint," Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, Mid-Con Commissioner, said.

At 890 students, Centenary has the smallest undergraduate enrollment of any NCAA Division I school, having joined the division in 1973.

The small student body has not hampered the school, having boasted the nation's top scorer in both men's basketball (Ronnie McCollum, 2000-01) and women's soccer (Lara Brown,

2000) within the past three seasons.

OU's golf squads, along with other Mid-Con members, competed against Centenary in tournaments hosted by the conference's newest member last season, with the Grizzlies finishing ahead of the Ladies and Gents in both competitions.

Centenary will sponsor 18 sports, 15 of which are Mid-Con Championship sports. In addition to those sports, Centenary also supports varsity gymnastics and men's and women's rifle teams.

OU competes in 14 Mid-Con Championship sports.

"We are a good fit and look forward to an enduring relationship with these athletic competitors," Dr. David Bedard, Centenary Director of Athletics said.

By virtue of already being a member of NCAA Div. I, Centenary will be immediately eligible for Mid-Con postseason play, as well as any automatic NCAA tournament berths that may be awarded.

In the last five years, the Mid-Con has expanded from the Midwest, going as far west as Cedar City, Utah, and now spreading its southern most border from Tulsa, Okla. to Shreveport.

OU, the northern most Mid-Con school, joined in 1998 along with IUPUI, the last schools to accept invitations to the league.

Centenary becomes the Mid-Con school that has been a member of NCAA Div. I athletics the longest, with a tenure of nearly 30 years.

OU Director of Athletics and Chair of the Mid-Con Directors Council Jack Mehl said he believes that Centenary's small enrollment should not hinder the schools success.

"If the quality of the Centenary student-athlete mirrors the hard work and determination of the College's leadership," Mehl said, "fans in Shreveport can look forward to years of exciting and successful collegiate competition against Mid-Con opponents."



Photo courtesy of Centenary College

Centenary College hoops star Ronnie McCollum, shoots a jumper during a Gents' game last season. McCollum, who has since graduated, led the NCAA Division I in scoring during the 2000-01 season.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Ladies and Gents, welcome to the Mid-Con

When I first heard of Centenary College of Louisiana's invitation and acceptance of a spot in the Mid-Con, one thought came to mind:

Who?

But then again I was saying the same thing about OU when it beat U-M a couple years back.

Thank goodness I was given a chance to learn more about Centenary College, which happens to have an enrollment close to the size of my high school. I didn't go to a very big high school.

Centenary has an enrollment of 890. MSU and U-M have classroom capacities of 890.

If Centenary's Dean of Students called three students a day, just to say hello, he'd be done by Thanksgiving.

In fact, I am willing to bet that with an enrollment of 890, students even have enough parking in their main lot.

If...ok, I am done.

I don't mean to poke fun at Centenary, because I support the idea of adding another school to the Mid-Con.

I believe the conference should add up to three more schools, for a total of 12, to continue the growth of the league's competition.

Centenary belongs in a conference, and the Mid-Con is as good as any other, because it's just not a powerhouse.

It is fairly similar to the America East Conference and the Atlantic Sun Conference.

There are plenty of small conferences, with member schools that vary just as much as the Mid-Con's participants. The new college will only add to the diversity of the conference because it is currently the smallest, as far as enrollment, in NCAA Division I athletics.

OU, the second largest school in the Mid-Con, brought a special distinction to the conference and raised the bar even more from a competitive standpoint. In a few years, Centenary could do the same.

Centenary enters the Mid-Con with nearly thirty years of Div. I experience, which OU didn't have when it joined.

OU became a member of the Mid-Con after making the jump from Div. II to Div. I, a much larger change.

Just four years after that upgrade, OU sent three teams to NCAA tournaments, with the softball team recording the school's first Div. I NCAA tournament win last spring.

There's no reason the Mid-Con wouldn't want to extend an invitation to Centenary, either.

By already being a member of Div. I, Centenary will be immediately eligible for postseason, both the Mid-Con's and possibly the NCAA's. This will only fuel the school's competitive drive and raise the level of competition in the league.

The move makes sense for Centenary because, without the conference tournament, it would be unlikely to receive at-large bids to NCAA tournaments. OU would face the same problem without membership in the Mid-Con, or any conference for that matter.

In addition to the incentive of possible NCAA tournament bids, Centenary has proven talent on its teams.

In the past three seasons, Centenary has had the country's leading scorer in men's basketball (2000-01) and women's soccer (2000). This proves that the school is not only recruiting talented players, but talented players that perform consistently.

That's good for the Mid-Con, and that's good for OU.

Besides, with nicknames like 'Ladies' and 'Gents,' how can you not like the people of Centenary College? They're so polite.

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Teams partake in Pre-Nationals

By ADAM SPINDLER
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OU's cross-country runners got a taste of the big time this past weekend.

At the Pre-Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind., the Grizzlies kept pace with some of the best programs in the nation. The men finished 34th of 36 teams in the White Division while the women placed 22nd out of 29 in the Open division.

For OU, this competition was about more than the order in which they placed.

"It was quite the experience just to be there," said coach Paul Rice. "The level of competition we faced on Saturday is what Division I is all about."

Twenty-five of the nation's top 30 teams

competed, giving the Grizzlies a chance to gauge themselves against the class of the NCAA.

The women were led by sophomore Melissa Nasers (22:00.5), who cut nearly a full minute from her 6K time for a 16th place finish.

Sophomore Sarah Kane followed in 146th with a time of 23:17.3. Freshmen Sarah Drouillard (23:37.4), Kim Schulz (24:44.4) and sophomore Kara Coraci (24:55.5) rounded out the Grizzlies' top five.

After struggling in their first 6K race a week earlier, seven of OU's nine women improved upon their previous times, with Nasers setting a new conference best by 14 seconds.

Adam Frezza led the men with a personal best time of 25:28.2, placing 123rd. He was followed closely by his roommate, sophomore Paul Kulisek, whose 25:50.0 time was good for 162nd.

OU's top five runners ran within 30 seconds of each other, with junior Brandon Fisk (25:58.2) finishing 178th, sophomore John Cook (26:00.2) placing 185th, and junior Jason Bruscha (26:04.5) coming in 191st.

It was an important race for Bruscha, who saw his first action in six weeks after a prolonged foot injury.

"Jason trained like crazy," said Rice, who was impressed with the way Bruscha handled himself in his return.

"Some guys come back, get caught up in

it and try to do too much too soon, but (Jason) ran a very smart race."

For a team growing accustomed to top-10 finishes at conference tournaments, bringing up the rear on the national stage was a valuable reality-check for the Grizzlies.

"We've made some big strides regionally, but we're still a ways off from our long-term goals," Rice said.

"(The elite competition) is very humbling, but at the same time it's nice to be on the same level as the top programs in the nation."

Rice and his squad will spend the next two weeks preparing for the Mid-Con Championship tournament on Nov. 2 in Indianapolis.

Hockey trounces Seawolves

BY MIKE LARSON
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THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club hockey team had a busy weekend, invading the Northeast Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). However, it was also a rewarding weekend as the Grizzlies won both games on the New York road trip, extending their record to 5-1-1.

The team bus pulled out at 2 a.m. Friday morning, setting out for the nine-hour ride to Albany. There were no travel complications for OU, as Friday evening, a focused Grizzly squad faced off against a talented Siena College Saints team.

Sophomore forward Ryan Teasdale opened the scoring in the first period, netting his third goal of the season.

Junior forward Ron Kolito extended the lead seven minutes later, scoring his second goal of the year. In the second stanza, the Saints got on the board with an even-strength goal.

In the third frame, junior winger Sean Trueblood rounded out the scoring with his first goal of the season. After the dust had settled, the Grizzlies, led by sophomore goaltender Chris Ballach, preserved a late Siena onslaught, winning the game by a 3-1 score. OU out-shot Sienna 37-34. Bullach made 33 saves for his second victory of the young season.

"The whole team earned this one," said OU head coach Rick Kaminski. "From top to bottom, everyone worked hard for this win."

Ballach remained hot on the road in Sunday's contest against the favored SUNY - Stony Brook team.

OU manhandled the northeast's number one ranked team, beating them by a 9-2 margin. With the decisive victory,



Sophomore forwards, pictured in white, Marc Granger (left) and Ryan Teasdale (center) vie for a loose puck in front of the opposition's net in a contest earlier this season. In this past weekend's New York road trip, Teasdale netted three goals in the OU men's club hockey team's victories over Siena College and SUNY - Stony Brook. The Grizzlies are 5-1-1 on the year.

the Grizzlies validated last season's National Tournament victory over the Seawolves.

Kolito and Teasdale continued their goal scoring ways, combining with freshman forward Will McMahon to score three goals in the game's opening five minutes. After the original onslaught, Stony Brook took its one time-out to slow down the Grizzly pressure.

When junior forward Carmelo Russo extended the OU lead to 4-1, the Seawolves switched netminders in a

futile attempt to control the attack.

Senior captain Karl Borgquist joined the Grizzly goal getters in the second period on the way to the blowout victory.

In the third period, OU held Stony Brook to eight shots on goal, while Kolito, Teasdale and McMahon scored their second goals of the game.

"I really feel great," said McMahon after his five-point game. "I really love playing for Oakland, and I believe that my performance is really just a reflection of the guys I'm playing with."

Ballach continued his winning ways as he got the nod to start in net for the third consecutive game. The sophomore newcomer remained undefeated, as he made 29 saves on the way to his third win of the season.

Kaminski praised his team's play. "It seems like every game we're in, we raise our play a notch, and that's great," he said. "I am really happy with the team, but I'm not satisfied. We have yet to see how much that this team can accomplish."

GRIZZLY SEASON STATS	
Offense	
Points	
Will McMahon, Fr., Fwd	15
Ron Kolito, Jr., Fwd	8
Goals	
Will McMahon, Fr., Fwd	9
Ryan Teasdale, So., Fwd	5
Scott Marlinga, Sr., Fwd	5
Assists	
Will McMahon, Fr., Fwd	8
Ron Kolito, Jr., Fwd	5
Carmelo Russo, Jr., Fwd	5
Penalty Minutes	
Ronnie Teasdale, So., Fwd	25
Carlo Licata, So., Def	22
Goalies	
Wins	
Chris Ballach, Sophomore	3
Shaun Zeldes, Senior	2
Goals Against Average	
Chris Ballach, Sophomore	3.12
Shaun Zeldes, Senior	4.10

Team general manager Tom Ricketts agreed. "This past weekend really turned some heads in the ACHA," he said. "We know that they must continue to work hard."

The Grizzlies next outing will take place this Friday at the Onyx, as they take on their intrastate rival, the CMU Chippewas.

The Grizzlies' first game in conference, the Great Midwest Hockey League, will be on Nov. 1 when the Spartans of MSU invade Rochester.

Vital weekend ahead for team

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

After splitting its first four Mid-Con games of the season, the OU women's volleyball team dropped consecutive conference matches for the first time this season.

The Grizzlies lost to Valparaiso in four games last Friday, 3-1, and then lost their second match of the weekend in a 3-0 sweep against IUPUI on Saturday.

In Friday's match against Valparaiso, OU was unable to halt an overwhelming Crusader offensive attack that outkilled the Grizzlies 70-48.

"We played a great game against (Valparaiso) in game one," said OU head coach Mark Ridley. "It just fell apart after that. We couldn't get back in sync."

The Crusaders also played generally mistake-free, committing only 19 errors to the Grizzlies' 31. Defensively, OU was also outdug, 101-89, which led to Valparaiso's .279 attack percentage.

Sophomore Sara Miller led the Grizzlies offensive effort with an attack percentage of .320.

Sophomore Beth Ann Rourke contributed 11 kills for OU and freshman Amanda Fowler had 10.

Leading the Grizzly defense against the Crusader's overpowering offensive onslaught was Rourke, who recorded 19 defensive digs, as did junior Lauren Bramos.

Junior Courtney Varterasian had 13 digs and sophomore Katie Lozier registered 12 digs.

Senior hitter Becca Saldana was the last Grizzly in double-digits defensively, logging 12 digs to go along with her 38 assists.

The Grizzlies did have the advantage in blocks, however, recording eight to the Crusader's six.

On Saturday, IUPUI benefited from its home-court advantage in the sweeping victory over OU.

"(We) played hard, it just seemed like nothing wanted to work for us," Ridley said.

The match started off drearily for the women when they recorded a .171 attack percentage in the first game, dropping the opening stanza of the match 30-16. OU only recorded five kills to 11 errors in the slow start.

In the second game, the Grizzlies rebounded with 11 kills of their own but could not overcome the .309 attack percentage of the Jaguars, losing 30-21.

IUPUI finished the sweep in the third game and sent OU home with its first consecutive losses in Mid-Con play this year.

The Grizzlies' offensive attack was ineffective at best, with the team recording an attack percentage of .000. The Jaguars held the advantage in almost every statistical category, with the exception of blocks where the OU garnered an 11-8 lead.

Bramos (1.000), Fowler (.130) and freshman Whitney Lane (.059) were the only Grizzlies with attack percentages above .000. Fowler also led the team in kills with seven.

Only Varterasian (11) recorded double-digits in defensive digs for OU en route to a 54-39 advantage for IUPUI. The Jaguars' offensive also controlled play by outkilling, 50-26. IUPUI had an attack percentage of .227 for the match.

The Grizzlies will have a chance to avenge both of last week's losses, facing IUPUI at 7 p.m. Friday at the O'rena, and then taking on Valparaiso at the same time Saturday, also at home.

"We've had two great, hard days of practice," Ridley said. "The girls are fired up. We want to take two this weekend and stay right in the thick of things."

Grizzlies drop first match versus rival Valpo, defeat UD-M

BY SUSIE MARKEE
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU defeated long time intrastate rival UD-M by a 3-0 score on Friday, but then fell to Mid-Con foe Valparaiso, 2-1, on Sunday.

In the home game against the UD-M Titans, junior midfielder Erica Demers created an opportunity to score at the 22 minute mark of the first half when she fired the ball into the net on a penalty shot, which gave OU a 1-0 lead.

Ten minutes later, sophomore forward Jenny Young captured her second goal of the season when she booted in a header off a pass from senior defenseman Kim Moore to give the Grizzlies a 2-0 halftime lead.

"All of the girls were focused, and they really showed that," OU head coach Nick O'Shea said.

OU out shot UD-M 17-2 at the halfway mark.

Demers opened up the scoring midway through the second half when she out maneuvered three Titan defenders and slid the ball past the UD-M goalie from the eighteen-yard line.

For Demers, it was her second goal of the game and her fifth goal of the season.

The Grizzlies bring their overall record to 6-9 while UD-M falls to 4-6-4.

"The girls looked fresh and were able to apply good pressure to Detroit," said O'Shea.

He was impressed by the sophomore Kelly Rieck's performance as a midfielder.

"She really helped with our pressure the entire game," O'Shea added.

OU returned to Mid-Con play on Sunday, when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Valparaiso.

The loss marked the first time in school history that the Golden Grizzlies have fallen to the Crusaders.

In six total games since 1998, OU has outscored Valparaiso by a 13-3 margin, winning four of the previous five matches, and also recording a 0-0 tie.

The Grizzlies are 6-10 overall and 2-2 in the conference. The Crusader's climb to 5-8-1 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-Con.

Valparaiso's Lori Moore opened up the scoring 45 sec-



Junior midfielder Erica Demers battles a Valparaiso opponent in Sunday's 2-1 loss. She scored a goal in Friday's win over UD-M.

onds into the game.

The Grizzlies outshot the Crusader's 13-4 in the half, but were held scoreless and the Crusaders held on to a 1-0 lead going into the halftime break.

At the 50-minute mark of the second half, Moore scored her second goal of the game when she slid past an OU defender and then beat Buckland on a breakaway.

Grizzly freshman forward Kristi Swaving opened up the scoring for the Grizzlies when she took a pass from fellow forward, senior Debbie Cartmel, cutting Valparaiso's lead to one.

OU put the pressure on the Crusaders' defense, attempting 13 shots while Valparaiso only recorded two attempts in the second half.

The offensive onslaught was not enough for the Grizzlies to net the game-tying goal.

"We had ample opportunities,

but could not finish," said O'Shea. We did not capitalize during crucial moments. We had two empty nets that we should have scored on."

OU dominated in shots on goal, and had five corner kick opportunities through the course of the game.

At 5:30 p.m. Friday the Grizzlies travel to Indianapolis to square off against the Jaguars of IUPUI in the team's last Mid-Con tilt of the season.

"They have only won one game in the Mid-Con, and I think we have a great chance of beating them," said O'Shea.

"We're really preparing ourselves for Michigan on Sunday," he said.

Friday's game marks the end of the conference season for OU, which currently ranks third in the league and is hoping to capture its third straight Mid-Con championship.

GRIZZLY SPORTS CALENDAR

Records in bold type denote Mid-Con standings. Records in italics denote club league standings. Games shaded in gray denote home games.

	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29
0-0-0, 0-0-0 No Games				1 p.m. Quad Meet			
6-5-2, 2-1-0 First place	7 p.m. Cincy			2:30 p.m. Valpo			
6-10-0, 2-2-0 Third place			5:30 p.m. IUPUI		1 p.m. U-M		
2-4, 2-21 Fourth place			7 p.m. IUPUI	7 p.m. Valpo			
5-1-1, 0-0-0 No GMHL			TBD CMU				

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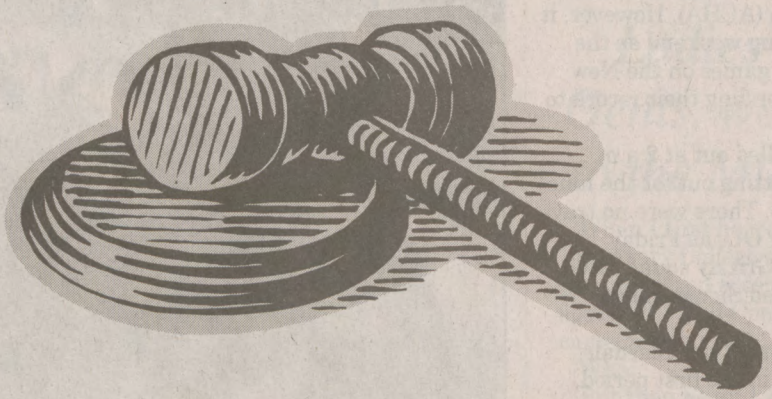


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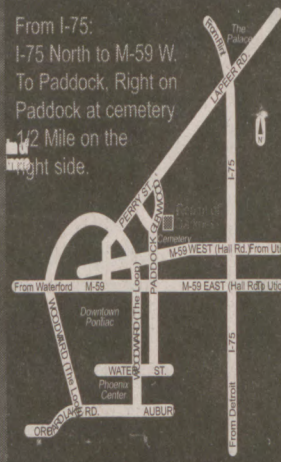
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