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Staff diversity lags

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Board of Trustee (BOT) Chairperson Henry Baskin took a firm stance at last week's meeting saying OU needed to do more to increase minority presence in the faculty and staff workforce, even to the point of offering more competitive pay packages if necessary.

"If we have to buy diver-

sity then we will, but I think we can do it some other way," Baskin said.

This is not a new problem for the university.

The data given by Joi Cunningham, director of the Office of University Diversity and Compliance (UDC) to the Board of Trustees, went back to 2001.

According to this data, OU has lagged in reaching any of its placement goals for women, blacks and the

other minority categories every year.

The BOT spent time at its meeting thoroughly examining the university's policy on hiring minorities to figure out what the problem is.

OU is required by the federal government to maintain an Affirmative Action Plan outlining the employment status of minorities.

The Affirmative Action document given to the

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BOT at last week's meeting outlined the policy stating: "In order to achieve affirmative action

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OU Minority Workforce

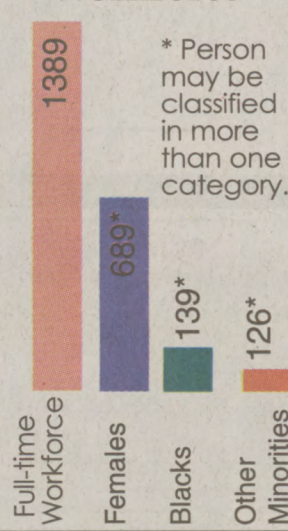


Illustration by Rebecca Wyatt

Hall still in red

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Meadow Brook Hall was the topic of scrutiny during last week's board meeting. Some board members said the financial situation of the Hall needed to be addressed or other options, including closing it, would be examined.

Sally Victor, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall (MBH), presented the board with a proposed budget for this year indicating the Hall would finish the year out again in the red.

The fiscal year for the Hall ends on June 30, so the budget is delayed because Victor said it has been a challenge to set a budget for the Hall.

While revenue is projected to total \$3.2 million, a \$200,000 increase over last year, expenses are still projected to total \$3,764,004.

BOT Chairperson Henry Baskin asked to see a proposed business plan for the Hall before agreeing to a budget for the year.

According to Rusty Postlewait, associate vice president of Facilities Management, the Hall is in immediate need of \$6.6 million in infrastructure repairs, including water intrusion problems and inconsistent heating. He said it will also need \$10 million in long term repairs over five to 10 years.

Trustee Dennis Pawley emphasized that if something is not done to make the Hall more viable, the board would be forced to look at other options, including closing the Hall.

Victor said the Hall has not found an event yet to replace the Concours d'Elegance, a major fundraising effort for the Hall, which was outsourced.

She said she is looking for ways to increase fundraising, including new events at the Hall. Some of these include ice skating, dinner and a movie and a Valentine's Dinner all held at the Hall, but she is relying on very little advertising money to get the word out.

Victor will be working with Lynne Please see MBH on A6.

Aid helps in tight times

By TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students have more money for tuition than in the past.

However, the increase is not because of extra money or funding coming to the university or excess money in the school's budget.

It is the result of students becoming more aware of their options and the opportunities that the federal government provides all college students, said Cindy Hermesen, director of Financial Aid at OU.

"In the last two years, the number of students receiving financial aid to attend OU has increased by 9 percent, and the amount of money they have received has increased by 19 percent," she said.

More students are also applying for aid earlier in the year.

"The earlier a student applies, the higher their chances of getting a better package from the government

is," said Hermesen.

Most students who chose to apply for aid from the federal government are awarded some type of aid.

More than 10,000 students at OU receive financial aid. Cumulatively, these students are receiving about \$53 million in funding, said Hermesen.

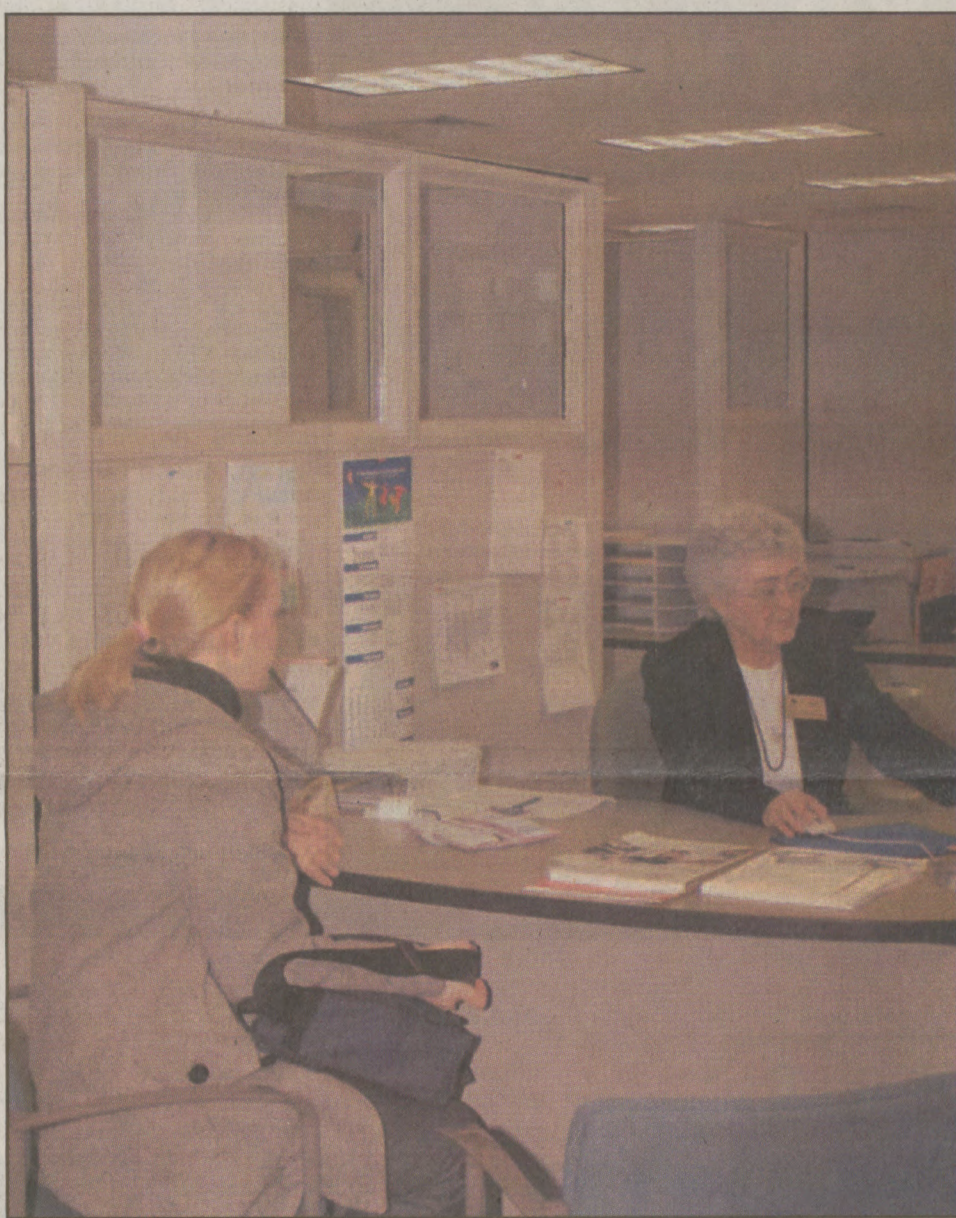
Which means that six of every ten students are receiving some form of aid to pay their tuition.

In addition to a raised awareness among the student population of their options regarding financial aid, is a sluggish economy.

"It's affecting families ability to pay," said Hermesen.

Hermesen strongly encourages students to start filling out their applications now.

Students can apply for federal financial aid and find out more about the opportunities that are available to them by either logging on to their SAIL account or by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov.



A student gets counseling on her tuition from the Financial Aid office.

David Killkenney/The Oakland Post

Haven for disabilities

Office tries to accommodate all students

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Sophomore, Carolyn Noble is dyslexic and also has Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Noble is one of the growing number of students with disabilities at OU.

She said with the help of the Disability Support Services (DSS) office and all the assistance and software provided, her grades have improved, and she is very grateful.

With the help of software and accessible devices, OU is playing a major role in helping these students live normal lives without their disabilities holding them back.

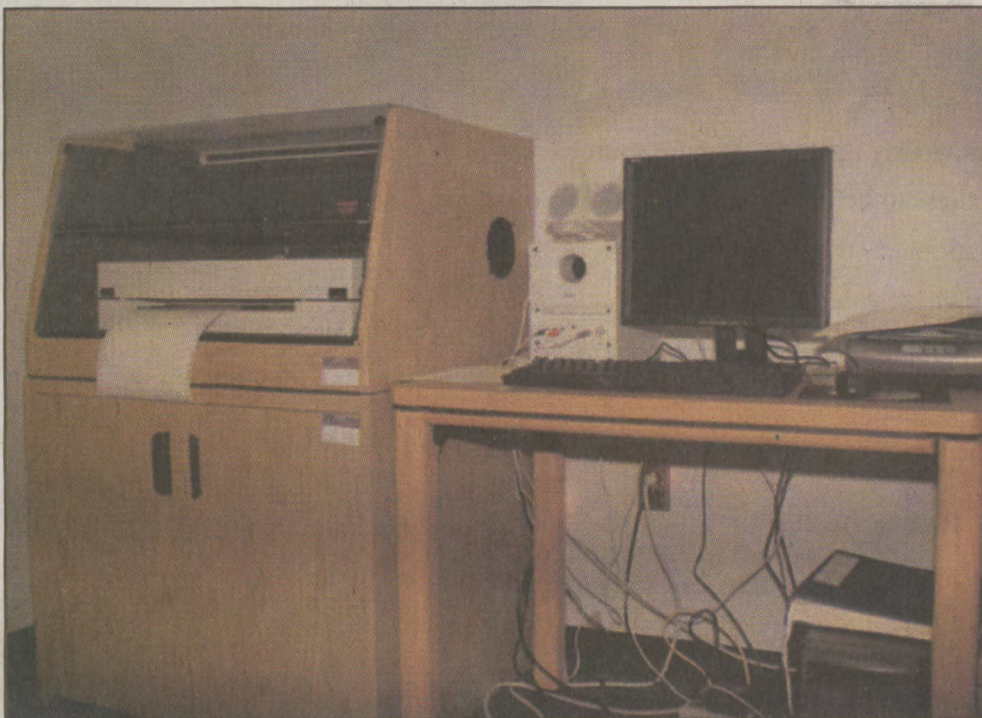
There are approximately 460 students with some sort of disability on campus. Learning disabilities can include ADD and dyslexia. Medical disabilities can be either psychological or cause mobility impairment, such as Muscular Dystrophy.

The DSS Office offers students the opportunity to ask for help.

This support team works to ensure that students have equal opportunities to receive the same quality education as someone without a disability.

Linda Sisson, director of DSS said people at OU work diligently to accommodate all students on campus, including those who use wheelchairs or may have trouble opening doors.

"OU is extremely friendly for people



A Braille machine is a technology OU uses to help blind students have a true college experience. The university tries to assist all disabled students.

David Killkenney/The Oakland Post

with disabilities," she said. "That's not to say there aren't still improvements to be made, but we try to keep on top of everyone's specific needs."

One building in particular on campus that is particularly accommodating is Kresge Library. The library is wheelchair accessible with an elevated pathway to the Northwest side and also has an electronic door for those unable to open it on their own.

There are three assisted technology labs located on the main floor of the library, housing computers with software for students who may be either

deaf, blind or have a learning disability.

The first lab has the Kurzweil 3000, which is software with voice technology. Students who have trouble reading or have vision problems can place paper or books on a scanner and the computer reads the words on the pages.

The second lab has software called Zoom Text Enlarges. This is screen magnification software for the vision impaired. The third lab has a Braille printer for blind students and the Kurzweil 1000, which transcribes words into Braille. This lab also has

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SEHS finds namesake

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OU's School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) Building will likely have a new name on Feb. 4 thanks to a \$4 million donation from Carlotta and Dennis Pawley, a current Board of Trustee member.

Pawley, an OU alum and former Chrysler executive, said he is "tickled to death" to be able to give the money to the university.

The donation was announced on Jan. 7 during the Board of Trustee's (BOT) monthly meeting amid praise from Pawley's colleagues.

"This is a gentleman who truly gives his heart and his pocketbook," said Trustee David Fischer.

In October of 2001, the board adopted a Policy for Recognition of Donors, which outlines several criteria to be used when naming a building after a donor.

According to Sue Goepp, vice president of University Relations, for a building to be named, a donor must contribute

half of the money needed for the school's portion of the cost of the building.

If, at a later date, the building was destroyed, the donor would be recognized on another building.

Additionally, a building may be named after an outstanding individual by the university, but not until 10 years after his or her death, except when the individual is a retired university president.

In the case of the SEHS building, the university's portion of the cost was \$7.8 million and Pawley's \$4 million donation exceeded the 50 percent requirement.

OU President Gary Russi will present the issue to the board during its monthly meeting in February and recommend it accept the gift and call the building Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall.

The final decision, however, still remains with the BOT.

"The board has to approve the naming of any building," Goepp said.

This isn't the first time Pawley and his wife have donated to OU.

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12 Noon
Meadow Brook Theatre

Lecture is free and no tickets are necessary.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration
Monday, January 19

Annual MLK, Jr. March
Sponsored by: Association of Black Students
11:30 AM – 12 Noon
Meet in First Floor Lobby, Vandenberg Hall

Lecture: Sister Souljah
Sponsored by: Student Life Lecture Board
12 Noon; Meadow Brook Theatre

Dinner & Candlelight Vigil Honoring MLK, Jr.
Sponsored by: Association of Black Students
6:30 PM; Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

African-American Celebration Month

"Celebrating Freedom Through Education"

January 19-February 19, 2004

Pick up a listing of all AAC Month Events at the:
Kick-Off Celebration
Tuesday, January 20
12 Noon-1 PM
Fireside Lounge, OC

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Moving Out (Jan. 29 & Feb. 8, 15)
- Pistons vs. Memphis Grizzlies (Jan. 31)
- The Four Seasons (Feb. 1)
- Annie (Feb. 15)
- Pistons vs. Milwaukee Bucks (Feb. 18)
- Cinemashow (Feb. 24)
- Grease (Feb. 24)
- The Ten Tenors (Feb. 26)
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (Mar. 4)
- Disney on Ice – Monsters Inc. (Mar. 6)
- Jesus Christ: Superstar (Mar. 9, 14)
- Mozart and Mahler (Mar. 11)
- Smucker's Stars on Ice (Mar. 20)
- Miss Saigon (Mar. 23, 28)
- Pistons vs. New Yrk Knicks (Mar. 27)
- Salute to the Duke with Doc Severinsen (Mar. 28)
- A Streetcar Named Desire (Apr. 1)
- Monk Presents "Monk on Monk Too" (Apr. 8)
- Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors (Apr. 9)
- Perlman's "Fantastic Symphony" (Apr. 18)
- The Magic Flute (Apr. 28, 30)
- The Pirates of Penzance (May 12, 14)
- Greig's Great Concerto (May 13)
- Perlman Conducts the Masters (May 23)
- Lion King (May 26, 27, 30)
- Signature Jarvi (June 6)
- The Pearl Fishers (June 9, 11)

ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN-UPS

- SPB: 2nd Annual Winter Bowling (Jan. 16)
- "Rap the Vote" (Jan. 17)
- College Bowl Competition Entry Sign-Up (Jan. 24)
- SPB: Trip to New York City (Feb. 19-24)

ATTENTION ALL "NEW" STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!

Be sure to attend the:
New Student Organizations Officer Training

Thursday, January 15
5 PM
Oakland Room, OC

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How to join:

Register through the invitation you received at your Oakland e-mail account. Just go to the link provided in the e-mail and follow the simple instructions.

Congratulations!

Sergey Rozov and Colleen Haggerty

gained additional benefits from Freshman OUtlook when they each received a \$250 gift check at the end of the fall semester for logging onto all 15 Fall 2003 messages.



Minority head-count on rise

Student leaders: more should be done

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Although the number of minority students is on the rise at OU, student minority leaders feel more could be done to promote diversity on campus.

Over the course of three years, the minority student head-count has increased, but only slightly.

The three dominant ethnic groups, excluding Caucasian, are African American, Asian and Hispanic.

The number of students in each group has gone up, according to OU data, by at least 3 percent since 2001. Holding 83.1 percent of the entire student population, whites prove to be the dominant race on campus.

"It's horrible to see how many minority students attend Oakland," said Stefen J. Welch, president of the Association of Black Students (ABS). "There are so many organizations here that promote diversity, but obviously, it's not enough."

Although Welch said he feels that OU does attempt to encourage diversity, he feels more could be done to

keep minority recruitment on the rise.

"There are some programs that the university has to promote diversity, but obviously they are not enough to keep blacks and other racial groups around," Welch said. "...but this is not solely the responsibility of the university, the student body is at fault as well."

Jonathan Parks, Student Congress (OUSC) president, agrees with Welch. As president, Parks has helped implement programs geared towards assisting minorities.

The one in particular, Academic Success Network, helps minority students prosper in courses most struggle with.

Students with a grade point average of at least 3.0 teach fellow classmates how to study and excel in classes found to be difficult. The only problem with this program, according to Parks, is not many students attend.

"With a program like this, there is no way students should be failing their courses," said Parks. "Our top priority is to keep the small number of minority students that we have here... (and) to help them graduate.

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Sad to say it, but students aren't trying to help themselves."

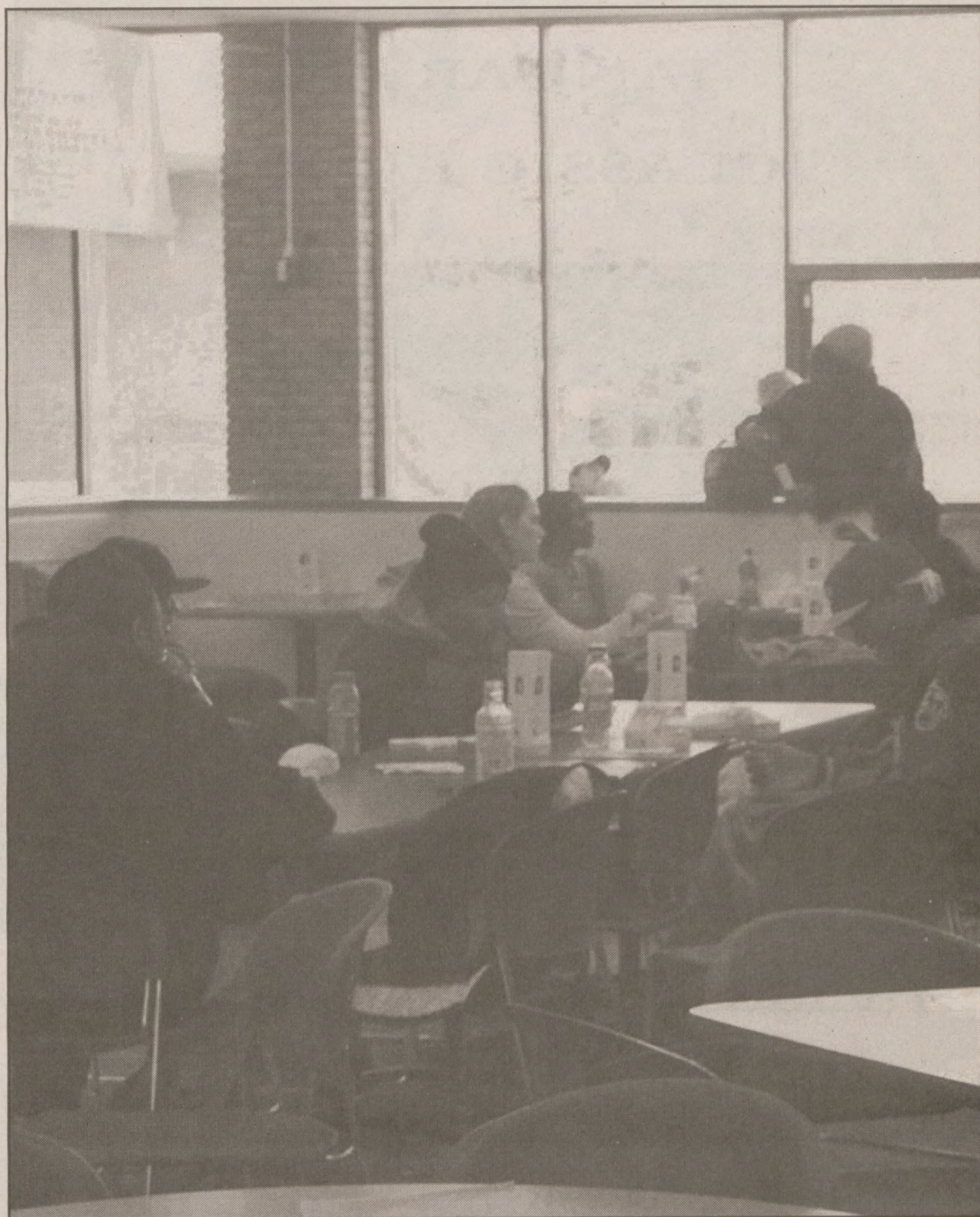
Both Welch and Parks agree students need to take part in making OU's campus more diverse. Unlike Welch, however, Parks feels OU is doing its part.

"We have a great faculty here at Oakland that is doing a lot to support the minority student body," said Parks.

One such staff member, according to both Parks and Welch, is Gloria Sosa, director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI).

Welch said he feels that Sosa, "...goes above and beyond to make OU more diverse."

CMI Office assistant, Lonetta Postell, could not agree more. Formally known as the Office of Equity, CMI was designed to create an environment of ethnically and culturally diverse students who excel both academically and socially,



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Although efforts are made to increase the current minority student population of 2,583, student leaders like ABS president Stefen J. Welch say more needs to be done.

according to Postell.

CMI was established in 1993, and its Web site states its goal as "advancing Oakland University's commitment to diversity in increasing the recruitment, retention and graduation of

all students and particularly underrepresented racial and ethnic groups (African American, Latino, and Native American) by developing strategies that engage students in the attainment of academic excellence and

social success."

Recent statistics from CMI Web site, www2.oakland.edu/cmi/index.cfm, exemplify the programs success.

Please see COUNT on A8.

Students awarded for keeping dream

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The dream continues at OU as four students have been awarded Keeper of the Dream scholarships.

James Ellput, George Davis III, Joi Durant and Sophia Soldana have all been recognized as students who have contributed to the

understanding of diversity not only at OU, but around the community, and who still strive to promote the dream Martin Luther King Jr. had years ago.

The award was established in 1993 as a way to recognize and honor students who, throughout all aspects of their lives, work to break down cultural barriers and

differences. Award winners are recognized with a scholarship ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

The process of selecting possible candidates began during the fall semester when applications were submitted. Candidates were required to have a 3.0 grade point average, be involved in campus activities and demonstrate strong

citizenship qualities.

In addition to these criteria, candidates submitted resumes, a 500 word essay and three letters of nomination or support.

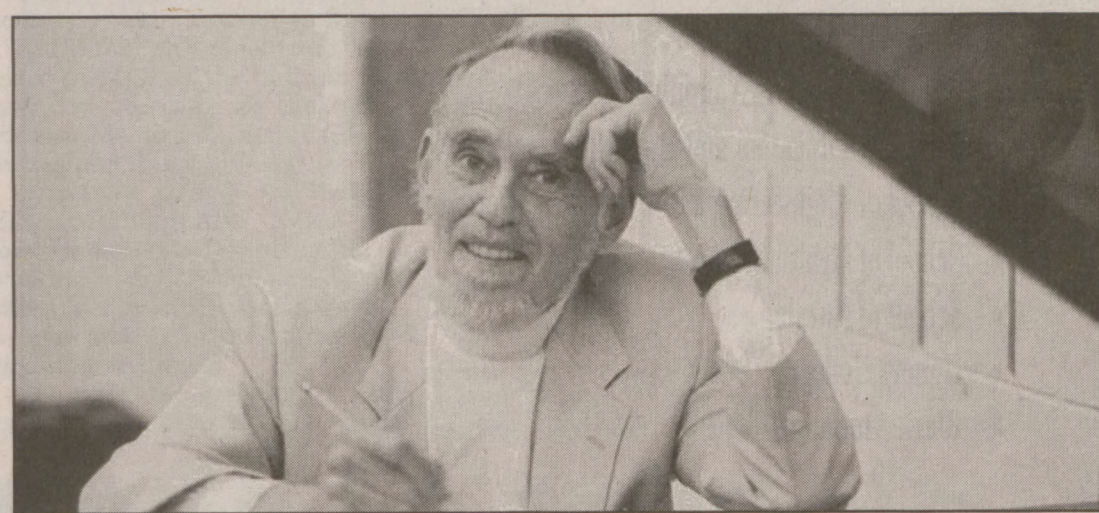
A four member committee, including students, faculty and staff members, then reviewed all submitted applications.

According to Karen Lloyd, assis-

tant Dean of Students, the committee looks for candidates who are dedicated to the mission of promoting and respecting diversity.

"The committee looks for the candidate who exemplifies what the Keeper of the Dream stands

Please see DREAM on A8.



Jean Parker/Music, Theatre and Dance Department

Former OU Professor Emeritus, Stanley Hollingsworth, died in October of 2003. A memorial concert will be held for him next week.

Memorial in concert

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty and staff are invited to share the memory of former OU professor of composition Stanley Hollingsworth, who died at the age of 79 on Oct. 29, 2003.

Hollingsworth began teaching at OU in 1976, and continued to teach and work with OU students after his retirement in 1993.

"He stayed very involved," said Karen Sheridan, associate professor of theatre. "He was a wonderful mentor and a very funny guy."

He worked to ensure an OU student could study in Italy this summer just prior to his death.

These are not the only ways Hollingsworth was involved at OU.

Please see CONCERT on A8.

OUSC approves new members

By LIBBY BAKER
THE OAKLAND POST

Four students began the new year with new responsibilities by becoming members of the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB).

OU Student Congress (OUSC) approved the new members, Laquala Coleman, Sarah Cook, Charity Jones and George Miller at the first meeting of the semester on Monday.

Michael McGuinness, SAFB chair, said he was pleased with the amount of interest he received about the positions.

"Thank you to the new members and to those who showed an interest in SAFB," he said.

In other business:

- OUSC will begin the search for a new faculty advisor. They plan on visiting different departments around campus to fill the vacancy.

- McGuinness said the first round of winter allocations have been made and are posted.

- The 2004-2005 election process will begin on Jan. 26.

- Jean Ann Miller, Director of Center for Student Activities, said there is a photo opportunity for students with ice skates. Students are needed to skate at the ice rink at Meadow Brook Hall for OU President Gary Russi's 2004 holiday card.

See Jean Ann Miller in the lower level of the Oakland

Center (OC) in Room 49 for additional information.

- Scholarship applications are now available. Students must have completed 12 credits at OU, be returning for the spring, summer or fall sessions and be in good academic standing. Applications are due by Jan. 21. Up to 15 \$300 scholarships will be awarded. See Shaquonda Binion in the OUSC office for more information.

- OUSC president Jonathan Parks said to see last week's issue of The Oakland Post for his report.

- There will be no OUSC meeting next week in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The next OUSC meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Jan. 26 in the Oakland Room at the OC.

Police Beat

- Citations mailed to a man for trespassing on the Katke-Cousins Golf Course on Jan. 2. Even though the course was closed for the season, the man said he felt he could still play golf because he was a "President's Club Member."

- A black Murray Night

Shadow 10-speed bicycle was cut loose with bolt cutters Jan. 5, after weeks of being chained to the bike rack at Elliott Hall. The bike was placed into storage after no one claimed it.

- A hidden camera was found in the ceiling of the laundry room at Hill House

on Jan. 5. Two maintenance workers noticed an off center-ceiling tile and found an extension cord attached to the camera. No suspects have been reported and the camera was turned over as evidence.

- A student living in Vandenberg Hall received

two threatening phone calls between Jan. 11 and Jan. 12. The student was advised to keep a log of any more harassing incoming calls.

- A student living in the University Student Apartments had three gift cards from Meijer and Victoria's Secret stolen on

Jan. 8. She noticed the cards missing after returning from break and was going to question her roommates. The student said that one of her roommates has a bad temper and may get angry and the student was advised to call OUPD if she felt threatened in any way.

- OUPD was called after

two students were shooting each other with a pellet gun in Vandenberg Hall Jan. 6. The students said several of them had been shooting themselves and others all day.

The gun was very weak. The gun was taken and submitted for evidence, but no crime was committed.

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Oakland University • January 19 – February 19, 2004

Celebrating Freedom through Education**Monday, January 19****Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day****ABS Annual MLK, Jr. March****11:00 a.m. (March begins at 11:30 a.m.)****Meet at First Floor Lobby, Vandenberg Hall****Student Life Lecture Board Presents Sister Souljah***"40 Years After Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream:**The Role of African-American Students on Campus"***Noon – Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall****FREE. General Seating (No Ticket Required).****ABS Dinner and Candlelight Vigil Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.****6:30 p.m. – Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center****Dinner is FREE and open to the OU community.****Monday, January 19 – Tuesday, February 17****The 7th Annual All Campus Contest****in Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.****Topic: Uniting OU Students through Campus Life****First Prize – \$300; Second and Third Prizes – \$100**Rules and entry forms available in the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Office,
121 North Foundation Hall; CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center; Dean of Students Office,
144 Oakland Center; Hamlin and Vandenberg Reception Desks.

Entries due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 13, at the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center.

Winners announced at the AAC 2004 Closing Ceremony

on Tuesday, February 17, Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

Tuesday, January 20**African-American Celebration 2004 Kick-Off****Noon-1:00 p.m. – Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day is sponsored by
Association of Black Students, Center for Student Activities,
and Division of Student Affairs**Scholarship Opportunities**

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The Oakland University Alumni Association is currently accepting applications for several \$2,000 scholarships.

- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business Administration
- School of Education and Human Services
- School of Engineering and Computer Science
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Nursing
- Honors College
- Black Alumni Affiliate

These scholarships are open to any undergraduate student who will have junior or senior status by Fall 2004. Scholarship recipients must have two or more full-time semesters remaining in their academic program and must have a 3.0 GPA in their major field of study and a cumulative 3.0 GPA at OU.

Applications are also being accepted for the following scholarships:

- **Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration** (open to juniors and seniors with at least 3.4 cumulative GPA)
- **Thomas A. Yatooma School of Engineering Alumni Memorial** (open to juniors and seniors with a 3.25 cumulative GPA)
- **Legacy Scholarship** (open to freshman and sophomores whose parent or grandparent is a graduate of Oakland and a member of the OUAA)

Scholarship Applications are available on the alumni website at www.oualumni.com, and across campus from each college or school as well as at the Residence Halls, Office of Equity, or Financial Aid. Contact Carol Carpenter at the John Dodge House (248) 370-3700 x 1390 or cmcarpen@oakland.edu for more information.

Local News

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Coming up:
OCC team to take part in
ice festival.

January 14, 2004•A5

Enthusiasts brave cold to preview what is hot

ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

More than 107,000 people turned out Saturday for opening day at the 2004 North American International Auto Show.

Despite the cold weather, snow and crowded People Mover, the turnout was the third largest in 10 years.

Patrons said a true auto enthusiast wouldn't let a little snow keep them from the biggest auto preview in years.

With more than 700 vehicles on the floor and crowds piled deep around the models, it's hard to climb into the drivers seat of them all. But there are some must-sees for anyone venturing out to the show.

Matthew Holmes of Novi braved the cold Monday just to see the new Ford Cobra.

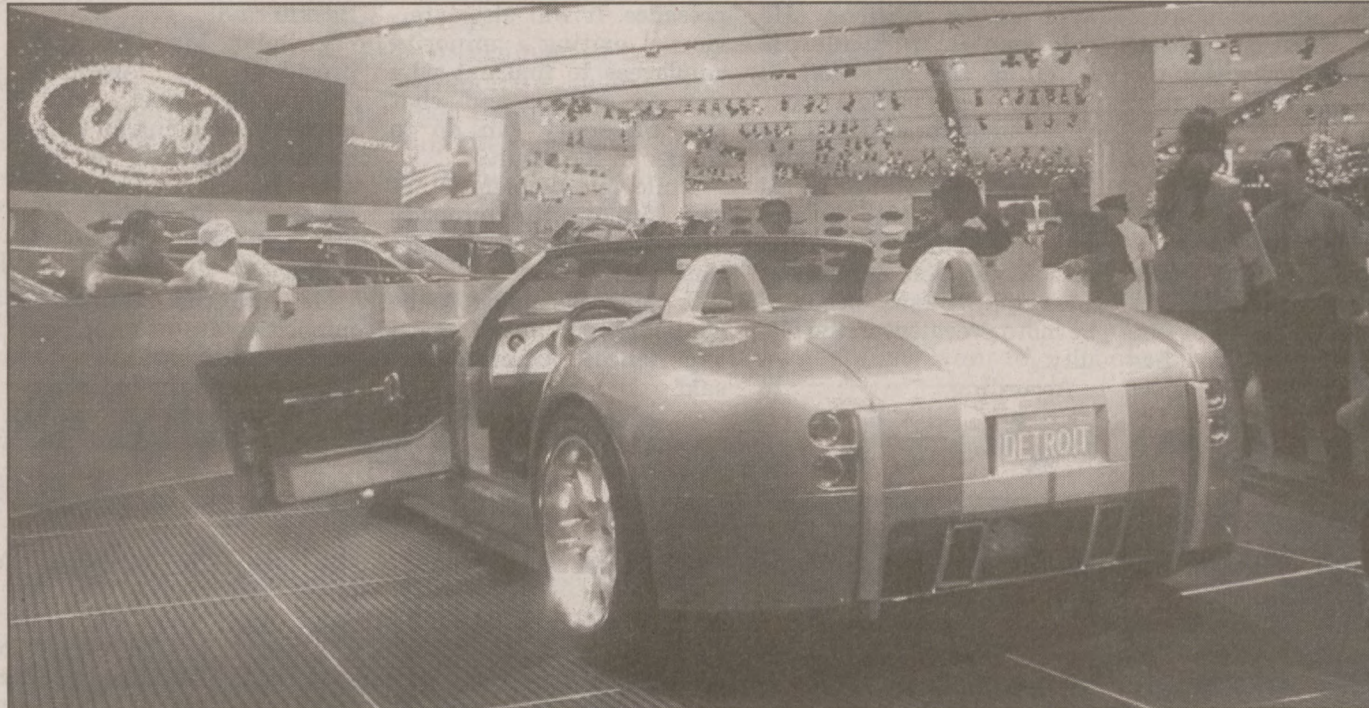
"I love the sleek, retro style. I could see myself cruising around in this," Holmes said.

Disappointed he couldn't take this one out for a test drive he added, "I'd want it in red anyway."

Other Ford features are the new 2005 Ford Five Hundred and the Ford Bronco Concept.

Another exhibit drawing crowds is the infamous Chrysler Jeep. The exhibit has been a crowd pleaser for a few years, according to Chris Instein, one of the

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Above: The Ford Cobra is a favorite at the show. Left: Crowds flock to the Mini Cooper display.

P.S.

- The 2004 North American International Auto Show runs through Jan. 19 at the Cobo Center in Detroit.
- The show is open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and there is no admittance after 9 p.m.
- Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under get in free.
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Detroit tips the scale Named fattest city in U.S.

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

First is the worst and second is definitely not the best when it comes to the fattest cities in the U.S. Detroit has rolled into first place in 2003 as the nation's fattest city, according to the Men's Fitness Magazine's list of the 50 fattest and fittest cities.

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick told ABC News this may be because Detroit is not a walking city. He supported this statement by saying Detroit is this way because it is "the automotive capital of the world."

OU students agree they would rather drive from class to class

than walk.

"I know it's silly," junior Rachel Campbell said, "but I drive from my class to the Rec Center to work out."

The list was based on whether a city had more fast food restaurants or fitness centers and the distances in between. The question some people ask after hearing about Detroit's newest title is how true and accurate are the statistics provided?

Bary Seldon, owner of World Gym in Rochester, feels that the article is unfair.

"We are a very hard-working state and we have some really hard-working people," he said. "People could be healthier, but I

don't think it's fair to say one city is fatter than another."

Seldon said the Men's Fitness article was very timely. Having publication at a time where New Years Resolutions are high "increases memberships to gyms for all health reasons, not just weight loss," he said.

Seldon also said gimmick diets were on the rise in 2003. Such diets include the Atkins Diet and the Zone Diet.

"These diets may work for the moment, but they are temporary and if people want to get into shape, they need to change their lifestyles," said Seldon. "It's an education process. People using the quick fix diets have good

intentions, but getting fit is more about eating right and exercising."

Detroit was not alone at the top of the fat list. Houston, Texas used to be number one, but slipped down to the number two spot next to Dallas at number three. The fittest city according to Men's Fitness is Honolulu.

Senior, Michelle Kielpinski spent her summer walking in France.

"If you had to be anywhere there, you walked," she said. "I think the Men's Fitness article is true. Detroit could be the fattest city. We are the Motor City and we take pride in our cars."

Soda in schools may fizzle out

BY TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

Obesity in the United States is increasing every day. It's becoming quite the problem, and the finger has been pointed in the direction of the American diet.

It is no surprise that children are also falling victim to this dangerous and life threatening condition.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), obesity is now the most common health problem faced in childhood.

The AAP is an organization of pediatricians who are pushing for the U.S. government to ban soft drinks and juices that are high in sugar from schools across the country.

Soft drinks are sold in schools at lunch, in vending machines and at extra curricular activities, such as school plays and sporting events.

This is where the problem lies, according to the AAP. It feels schools should ban these products for the safety and well-being of American children.

Dr. Barbara Frankowski is a pediatrician in Burlington, Vt. and the current chairperson on the AAP committee for school health. She believes that soft drinks should be banned in schools.

"I think the main reason (for banning soft drinks) is soft drinks are just not healthy for young people," said Frankowski.

The consumption of soft

drinks can not only lead to obesity, but a lack of calcium and also tooth decay, she said.

"Every soft drink a child drinks increases a child's risk of obesity by 60 percent," said Frankowski.

"Children are now consuming these products instead of healthier alternatives, such as natural fruit juices and milk."

Frankowski also hopes by banning soft drinks in schools, it will create a spill over effect and parents will start to realize these products are not healthy for kids to consume.

However, according to Frankowski, the sales of these products are a considerable source of revenue for some schools.

"It's all a matter of

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A Rochester Hills student gets a soda from a vending machine.

Global Glance

•The Cuban government passed a new law making it almost impossible for Cubans to access the Internet. Under the law, only a select group of Cubans will have access to the Internet from their homes. Cuba's state telephone company is given complete control over who can access the Web, and it requires all Internet users to get special permission to use the service, according to the new rules. The only people that can now legally access the Internet are Cuba's communist party officials, senior civil servants and doctors. In the past, civilians could use unauthorized Internet technology bought on the black market, but the new law stopped this practice.

•The Danish army found dozens of mortar rounds buried in Iraq, which tests show could contain chemical compounds like those found in chemical weapons. The instruments are being tested and the final results should be available this week. The army said the rounds looked to have been buried for at least 10 years, and it is possible they were left over from the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq War. Icelandic bomb specialists working with the Danish army said these rounds were found concealed in road construction and that there may be hundreds more rounds buried at the site.

•Police captured one of Columbia's top drug kingpins, Arcangel de Jesus Henao Montoya, in Torti, a city in southern Panama. U.S. officials believe he and his drug cartel, the Norte de Valle, are responsible for huge volumes of narcotics entering the U.S. Government officials have requested his extradition and are actively working with the Panama and Colombian governments.

•A Swedish man was charged Monday with the Sept. 10 murder of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh. In his confession, Mijailo Mijailovic, said voices in his head told him to stab the Foreign Minister. In the Jan. 6 confession, Mijailovic said, "I think (the voice) is Jesus. That he has chosen me." Investigators called the attack on the possible future Prime Minister premeditated. Mijailovic could be sentenced to between 10 years and life in prison, or to a mental hospital if found not mentally competent. The trial should conclude Jan. 19 when the verdict will be determined by two judges and three politically appointed jurors.

Global goof

•Customers who tried to get dinner at a local Burger King got more than the usual "would you like fries with that?" when they tried to order at the drive-thru. Someone broadcasting on the same frequency as the wireless intercom the Burger King was telling customers they were too fat to eat a Whopper. Patrons also fell victim to bizarre remarks and obscenities, and the manager was even ordered back inside by the voice when trying to look into the source of the problem. The Federal Communications Commission has taken on the case and will charge the person responsible with a federal crime.

~Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

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goals, the university takes steps to increase the number of qualified women and minorities who apply for open positions."

Cunningham explained to the Board that there has been little change in the number of minorities working at OU, and that number is still well below OU's goals.

Using the U.S. Census, state and national educational reports and Ph.D. candidates from the area, UDC can compare OU's workforce to the current job market and determine if a certain minority group is under-utilized. The university uses this information to set goals for itself.

According to Cunningham, the goals aren't set yet for 2004, but in the past they have mirrored prior years.

Trustee Dennis Pawley said it seems the goals have

always been similar and maybe they need to be challenged to see they are realistic.

"Why would we even consider crucifying ourselves? Why would we say we're going to accomplish something in 2004 that we couldn't do in 2003?" Pawley asked.

Cunningham outlined a few under-utilized groups within the university.

She said Math would need to hire five females in order to fully utilize minorities. Only one position within the department is available, however.

According to Cunningham, minorities in the Music, Theater and Dance department are under-utilized and would need to hire two females and one other minority, but she said this department has the openings to fully meet

its goals.

Cunningham has a few strategies for picking up the slack this year.

Among these strategies is recruiting minorities to apply rather than waiting for them to apply for open positions. She said this will allow OU to create a minority job pool.

Trustee Dennis Muchmore said outside staffing firms are facing the same lack of minorities applying for positions. He said one in particular is handling the situation in the same way, using a pool.

Cunningham also said the UDC would be working with the Center for Multicultural Initiatives to help bolster minority faculty. She said as minority student enrollment goes up, diversity needs to be more prevalent in the faculty.

According to

Cunningham, UDC will continue to take part in job fairs and other agencies involved with increasing minority presence in the workforce.

The office has also launched a Web site to help with faculty and staff recruiting.

Cunningham told the Board, UDC is also working to gain insight on why minorities turn down job offers and what the university can do to increase their presence. It will also interview exiting minority employees to find out why they are leaving and what the university can do to change in the future.

While this problem is not new, finding the minority resources in times of budget constraints is.

"I think it's going to be challenging, but a good experience," Cunningham said.

She said the hiring freeze, which has been in place since last spring, has been lifted in some areas.

Baskin criticized OU's affirmative action performance for 2003.

"We have to get busy. We have to do things," Baskin said.

Baskin said the university has to focus on the goals and follow through.

"When we do hire, we have to make the correct hire," Baskin said.

Virinder Moudgil, vice-president for Academic Affairs and provost, said the university is doing all it can to hire minorities. He said every hire is challenged to make sure minorities had a fair and equal opportunity at the job.

He said the problem is minorities are not applying for the positions.

Baskin said the university

has to do more to get minorities in the door at OU.

"You've got to make them want to be here aside from offering them the job," Baskin said.

Moudgil said the university tries to make minority candidates feel comfortable and shows them around the city, but a lot of them don't come here because they are getting more somewhere else. He said if there was more money available, maybe more minorities would come to OU.

Baskin requested Cunningham come back to the Board in six months and update it on the goals and accomplishments by the Diversity and Compliance office.

"I'm just sitting here frustrated because I don't have the ability ... to gain minorities," Baskin said. "We have to be proactive."

ACCESS

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software called Jaws, which is another type of speech software.

"The library also provides orientation sessions and research consultations for students," said Sisson. "All students need to do is ask for help."

Kresge Library also provides a TDD, or Telecommunication Device for the Deaf, which allows a person who is deaf to use the telephone. Students are to ask at the reference desk if they are in need of this service.

The library is not the only place on campus that students can use the different computer software provided. The DSS office and the Academic Skills Center are both equipped with the Kurzweil 3000. The computers also have a pro-

gram called Dragon Naturally Speaking. With this software, students can use a microphone to speak into the computer, and the computer changes the speech into text.

There are also services for students who need help. Noble, for example, uses a note-taker, a student who volunteers to take notes for her.

"I also use a microphone in class to record my professors lectures and I take most of my tests in the DSS office," said Noble.

With the help of DSS, Noble can take as much time as she needs on tests and can also use a computer to type her essays.

Aside from software, OU works in making sure that the entire campus is accessible for people with

disabilities.

Handicap parking spaces are very important and also mandatory.

"We have plenty of parking spaces," said Sisson. "In the spirit of the law, we are either meeting or exceeding the law by a lot."

There are also electronic doors at each building.

"Not every door is electronic, but there is at least one handicap accessible door at every building on campus," said Sisson.

Students can either use the push pad provided or they can request a remote at the DSS office if they cannot use the push pad.

Overseeing all the projects and maintenance on campus is Senior Architect Khales Dahr.

Dahr is responsible for renovations at OU and

makes sure that the campus is in compliance with the different codes and laws.

"We have to follow the Michigan Building Code and the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990," he said. "Aside from buildings, sidewalks are one of the main things that we oversee, and there is constant upkeep. People have to walk on them and people with wheelchairs use them. We need to make sure there are no bumps or cracks and they are safe for everyone."

Along with sidewalk upkeep, there are many other services on campus that can help people with disabilities to function.

"All students need to do is ask for help," said Sisson.

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Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration, and the BOT's Finance sub-committee to have a proposed business plan ready for the February meeting.

Housing not seeing red

Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing and Food Service, gave the board a mid-year update on the budget performance of the University Student Apartments and Residence Halls.

Due to a higher than expected occupancy rate in the apartments, revenue

is projected to be \$45,570 more than the 2003-2004 projected revenue, meaning the apartments will make about \$131,719 in profit for 2003-2004. The residence halls generated revenue of \$369,150, about \$275,000 over the projected net revenue minus expenses, also due to a higher occupancy rate.

According to Reynolds, the additional money will be used to fund the campus housing master plan project, maintenance and the rest will go to the housing account.

The housing master plan, which will cost \$100,000, Reynolds told the board, will include a full facility

audit including assessing the condition of the buildings.

BOT Student Liaison Rhonda Hannah asked Reynolds if security enhancements were on the agenda and if the money could be used for those purposes.

"We are in the process of developing some enhancements," Reynolds said.

She said the housing department is developing several projects over the next few months and security is at the top of those projects. She said other projects include maintenance to the doorways and enhancements to the community bathrooms.

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In 2002, Pawley donated \$1 million to OU to establish the Pawley Lean Learning Institute, offering teaching of 'lean' thinking and management.

According to Kevin Yamada, executive director of the Pawley Institute, 'lean' thinking combines tools, techniques and management philosophies to streamline processes and cut back on waste and can be applied to nearly every profession.

After a year of preparation, the Pawley Institute's first course, Lean Principles and Application, began last week.

Twenty-four OU graduate students enrolled for the first class, with more still placed on a waiting list.

The students, who come

from OU's School of Business Administration, School of Engineering and Computer Science and School of Education and Human Services, will learn the principles of 'lean' thinking and management, which can be applied to any facet of their careers.

Pawley will be a guest speaker at the course during a week in the winter semester and says OU is one of the only colleges around the country offering course work in 'lean' thinking.

"OU students will graduate and they'll be able to talk about having a good understanding of 'lean,'" Pawley said. "It sets Oakland students apart from others."

The Pawleys are also part of the Varner Society, which

recognizes donors who have contributed \$5 to 10 million dollars to the university.

Yamada said Pawley's most recent donation is a testament to his character.

"Mr. Pawley is one of the few guys who actually puts his money where his mouth is," Yamada said. "It's rare that you find a guy like him."

Pawley said he hopes others will follow in his footsteps and donate in the name of education.

"I hope that other people can consider doing some of the same things I did," he said. "People who have been successful need to pay back the community."

He hopes donations, such as his, will lead to further success and recognition for OU.

"I want OU to produce the best product and attract the best and brightest students," he said. "I want it (OU) to be a strong, local college."

Russi says the Pawley's most recent donation is just

another example of their generosity and dedication to the University.

"The Pawley's generous gift is just another in a long succession of contributions ... that have enhanced the lives of our students, faculty

and staff," he said. "I know their gift will inspire other friends and benefactors to invest in the future of Oakland University."

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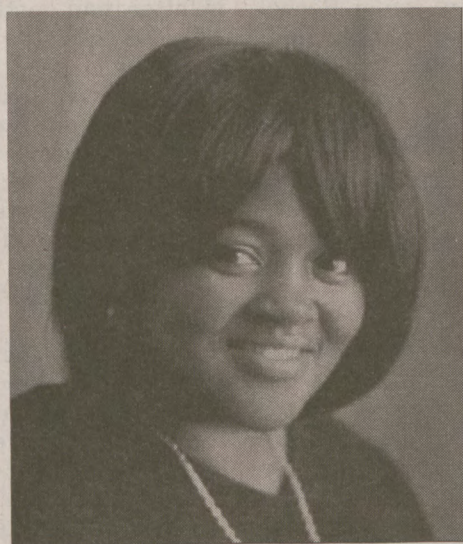
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SWIM LESSONS START AGAIN

Registration is underway for swim lessons which begin January 24th. Classes are just \$45 (Rec member fee) for 8 sessions (depending on day/time) and are divided by level. Saturday and evening classes also available—all sessions fill quickly so register today! Private swim lessons also available.

Contact Sarah Moorehouse at 370-4532 for more information.

Wellness Wednesday

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Perspectives

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Coming up:
Columns from students and alumni.

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Editorial at a glance

The Issue: The Board of Trustees is scrutinizing OU's affirmative action progress.

Our stance: The governor needs to inject more diversity in the leadership of OU.

OU's Board of Trustees heavily scrutinized the university's affirmative action goals last week. Some board members thought there was much more OU could do to attract minority faculty and staff to the campus, short of paying them more money.

How can minorities feel comfortable when the leadership of the university is so homogeneous?

Former governor John Engler, hand-picked the members of the current BOT to serve as decision makers for this university.

The board is made up of eight members. All of them are white, approximately the same age, upper class and prominent in the community. The only "diversity" on the board is that two members are female.

If the government is going to enforce stringent rules upon the university regarding the required number of minorities represented in the work force, then there should be a similar mandate for the leadership of OU.

The board needs to be an example for the university's commitment to diversity.

This isn't a call to overthrow the current BOT, or an undermining of its authority. It's a call to action for the governor, Jennifer Granholm, to continue recognizing that diversity should be present in all forms of leadership, from staff to faculty to the board that makes the decisions regarding our university.

We challenge her to examine the previous administrations criteria for BOT appointments.

If we genuinely want to

diversify at every level of the university, we have to start with OU leadership.

People of different racial, religious and ethnical background see things in different lights, and see the way decisions affect people from a different perspective.

Let's hope the governor realizes the affirmative action policy set in motion by the Federal government should apply across the board, and certainly across the Board of Trustees.

We are all equal, and that's the point of affirmative

action, to give all people an equal chance at a job. The governor needs to model the way the Board of Trustees is chosen by the affirmative action plan so many state and federal institutions are forced to follow.

So when the next board member leaves, maybe the governor should have to use the same methods to choose the replacement. It would put more diversity in the leadership, and perhaps reinforce the idea that the initiative to create a truly diverse campus is sincere.

The taming of free speech on America's campuses

By GREG LUKIANOFF
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For those who still believe that America's colleges and universities treasure free speech, I would like to introduce Texas Tech University's "free speech gazebo." The gazebo is only 20 feet in diameter, but, up until this summer, it was the sole area on campus where students could engage in free speech activities, such as demonstrations, speeches, and pamphleteering, without giving the university six days advance notice.

I asked one of my friends, who has a math degree from MIT, how tightly one would have to pack Texas Tech's 28,000 students in order to fit them all in the gazebo. He deduced that, if all of Texas Tech's students wanted to exercise their free speech rights at once, they would have to be squished to about the density of Uranium 238.

Unsatisfied with 280 square feet of freedom, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) and the Alliance Defense Fund launched a legal challenge to Tech's speech policies last June, as part of FIRE's assault on speech codes nationwide. In response to the lawsuit, the university added additional, larger free speech zones. However, the policy, as sent to students on July 7, now bans any speech that might "cause reasonable apprehension" of "psychological harm" if it is expressed with the intent of "humiliating, demeaning or degrading any member of the University community." As the new student group, Students for Free Speech, (which FIRE has also

been working with over the past months) recognizes this broad and vague policy is almost certainly unconstitutional at a public university like Texas Tech, and could be used to ban anything from pro-life protests, to anti-Bush activism, to virtually any form of satire or parody.

By merely expanding their speech zones and then adding a ban on protected speech to its policy, Texas Tech seems to be saying that it will fight for every inch of repression of free speech that it is allowed under the law. This is no way for an institution ostensibly devoted to free inquiry to behave. Furthermore, speech codes that ban "offensive" speech and speech zone policies that turn most of the campus into censorship zones teach students that free speech is at best a joke and at worst a menace.

The phenomenon of "free speech areas" perhaps best represents the attitude toward free speech on many campuses today: free expression will be tolerated, but grudgingly, and only when it is agreeable, tightly controlled, and strictly regulated. These tiny, restrictive censorship zones exist or have existed at dozens, possibly hundreds of institutions such as Western Illinois University, West Virginia University, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Houston, University of Alabama, and the University of Northern Texas, just to name a few.

With so many schools showing such hostility to expression, where are students supposed to learn to value freedom of speech? They won't learn it in their classes where The New York Times reports

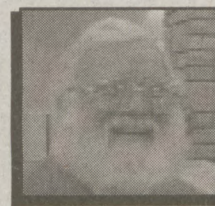
students are increasingly reticent to express their opinions in class, and they won't learn it through their student activities, which are tightly regulated and controlled. They are even unlikely to learn respect for free speech from their fellow students, as demonstrated by the continuing problem of students stealing and destroying newspapers to repress viewpoints that they dislike (a common occurrence, well-documented by both FIRE and the Student Press Law Center).

If this kind of mob censorship represents this generation's attitude towards free speech, then we should all be worried.

The solution to the problem of repressive campuses and censorship-happy students is complex and involves more than just defeating speech codes, eliminating censorship zones, and reinvigorating academic freedom. For the sake of future generations, we must educate the current generation about the value of free speech, not just about its perceived "downside." People who believe in free speech and uninhibited debate on campus must stop feeling that they need to apologize for those beliefs. The messy, loud, chaotic, and, yes, sometimes offensive nature of a college campus that embraces free speech should not be feared. Rather, it should be celebrated as proof of the diversity, passion, and remarkable vitality of our society.

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Footprints in the sand



A. MICHAEL DELLER

Alumni Columnist

Forty years from now will anyone know you attended Oakland University? Will researchers find any evidence in the University Archives that you were a Golden Grizzly? Will your time at the university be like footprints on a sandy beach, gone with the next incoming wave? Charter Class graduates tested their expectations of answers to those questions recently, as they planned for their reunion celebrating the 40th anniversary of their graduation in 1963.

Elaine Didier, dean of the Kresge Library, and her staff opened the University Archives to support the work of the Reunion Planning Committee. As a result of the Reunion Committee members' work, using materials from the Archives to plan the reunion, and to enhance printed materials and displays, the Charter Challenge was born.

Over the course of planning the Reunion, and during Reunion weekend, many of the Charter Class members visited the Kresge Library Archives. It was a bittersweet visit. Though wonderful to see the story of the Charter Class' time at Oakland captured in newspaper articles and photographs, many of the photos were undated, with no identification of the event or the individuals. Newspaper clippings are yielding to the steady, unrelenting acid contained in the paper, yellowing and disintegrating, becoming so fragile that they will soon fall apart. Materials from 1962 were mixed with items from 1975 in some boxes, confusing those who were not on campus in either year. Fortunately, Charter Class members visiting the Archives were able to begin the process of identifying people and events of their time on campus. But, we couldn't change the condition of the materials. Without planning now, the same will happen to copies of The Oakland Post published today, or the photographs that are taken on campus tomorrow.

As a librarian, I was particularly

aware of the amount of time necessary to organize and preserve this history. It is only through the work of an Archivist (and diligent volunteers) that we can be assured primary records and artifacts will survive until historians tackle the work of writing a history. As students and alumni, we can help spread the word that the OU Library Archives should be a priority, and at the same time we can begin to raise critical funds to support the work of preservation. The history of the university is our history, too.

How can we accomplish this task? In two distinct ways: first, as many of us downsize and pitch "stuff" to fit into a smaller, less encumbered lifestyle (or move out of the dorms at the end of a term), we sort through our personal files, the boxes in the garage, basement or attic. We can set aside those newspapers, blue books and photographs that relate to OU. Then send or take them to the Archives at the Kresge Library. Even if you think you may have a duplicate of something already in the Archives, your copy may be the one in best condition for preservation.

The second way we can help is to support the Charter Challenge Endowment Fund that has been established to pay for archival work of the university. A brochure describing the fund and ways that individuals can get involved is available at the Alumni Office. Call (248) 370-3700 ext. 1113 for more information.

Trust me, forty years from now, you will be pleased when your reunion committee uses a well preserved photograph of you taken on graduation day, or during the Habitat for Humanity project you worked on, for the cover of the 40th Reunion invitation.

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Should Detroiters be to blame for the "fattest city" title?

YES

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Detroit recently received the title of fattest city, leaving former fattest city, Houston in its wake. But Detroiters should realize this isn't a coveted title, and maybe we all need to shed some weight and pass the torch to another city.

It's easy to see why Detroiters have earned this title. With restaurants every where we look, Detroiters are prone to eat. And it's easy to see how all this eating has made us the fattest city.

It all stems from our other title, Motor City. How many people drive from the dorms to the Science and Engineering Building? I see people all the time scoping out the very best spot and literally stalking people walking to their cars, rather than walking a few yards from the next available spot.

Since we don't live in a walkable city like New York or Chicago, we don't have the ability to walk away the unwanted pounds. It seems like many people don't take the time to find a way to work off the weight.

We all get in our cars and sit

on the way to our jobs or school, work, get back in the car and drive home. We eat and sleep and sometimes get very little exercise. I am a victim of this routine.

But we only have ourselves to blame, especially OU students who contribute to this "fattest city" title. We have a Rec Center with state-of-the-art equipment at our disposal. Many cities, like Auburn Hills have developed parks we can use for free to walk, run, bike or play sports. We can walk around malls and stores. Even 15 minutes a day of some sort of activity will help us shed our "fattest city" title.

There are many other titles, including safest city, cleanest city or even friendliest city that would give Detroit the reputation it needs in its revitalization process. We don't need to be known nationally as the fattest city in the country.

No

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Detroit seems to be a magnet for negative labels and stereotypes. Around the country, Detroit is viewed as the city with high crime and lots of murder.

These labels are largely unfair, but our latest "fat" label is among the most unjust.

Consider some of the other cities on the list such as Dallas and Miami.

Fortunately for people in these areas, they escape the bitter cold and harsh weather that plagues us for five, if not six, months of the year.

I can only speak for myself here, but when artic blasts sweep through, such as during the past week, I have a hard enough time finding energy to get out of bed and leave the house.

I don't want to go for a walk.

I don't want to spend the effort "dressing" to go outside. All I want to do is avoid the weather and stay home.

One could surely argue "go to the gym" but, again, that involves venturing outside and driving in a cold car, which can be so unpleasant that I avoid it except when absolutely necessary.

So if Detroiters can surely blame Michigan's brutal winters as a legitimate excuse for being portly, what do our southern counterparts have to say?

Detroit does not have a mass transit system. Look at a city like Chicago, which came in at number five on the "fat" list, and has an elaborate subway and bus system.

Using either of these modes of transportation first involves walking to a stop and then awaiting pickup. In the Motor City, we support the Big Three and use personal vehicles for transport, eliminating the walking done in cities with prominent subways and buses.

It's not a title to be proud and boast of, and maybe we should be a little ashamed, but we are not alone in our shame.

The other cities listed should be just as embarrassed if not more.

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CONCERT COUNT

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Performances of his compositions have abounded at OU.

"It would almost be easier to say what hasn't been performed," said David Daniels, former professor emeritus at OU.

"Tons of his stuff" has been performed, said Daniels, from OU's orchestra playing all of this chamber music to the Music, Theatre and Dance Department producing his operas several times.

Next week, more of his works will be performed at the memorial concert, including "Five Fancies in Six Minutes," five piano pieces performed by Flavio Varani. The pieces include "Cool" and "Am I Blue or am I Only Green?"

The only performance that will not be a Hollingsworth composition is Charles Koechlin's "Novembre" which will be sung by soprano Janice Albright.

Daniels said Hollingsworth requested this performance during his final illness.

"It was a piece Stanley loved and felt appropriate for the moment," said Daniels.

The memorial concert will be held at noon on Jan. 20 in Varner Recital Hall.

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The program maintained a retention rate of 86 percent last year, according to the Web site. During the 2002-2003 school year, 119 program scholarships were awarded and there were 30 recipients of the Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Scholarship, a program initiated by CMI, brought the graduation total up to 102 since 1994.

Another successful scholarship program hosted by

CMI is the Keeper of the Dream Award, which focuses on contributing to interracial understanding and goodwill.

Other CMI programs that support cultural awareness are CMI After Hours, Peer Mentor Program, Hispanic Celebration and African American Celebration.

John Torres, former president of Fuerza, a Latino club on campus, said many minority students come from poorly funded high

schools, which causes these individuals to be ill prepared for college.

"Most universities don't target underprivileged high schools, and many minority students endure this type of environment," he said. "OU doesn't put forth much effort into helping those disadvantaged students either."

Since 1959, when OU was first established, whites have been the dominant graduate and undergradu-

ate race on campus. With 44 years passing, OU data charts prove this statistic to be an unyielding fact.

For the 2003 academic year, 12,688 white students attend OU out of a 16,576 total.

Black students come second in the ranking with a mere 1,256 and the Asian student head-count was only 617.

Hispanic students represent no more than 1.6 percent of OU's population in

comparison to last years 1.7 percent, according to the university Web site.

Native American students have maintained a 0.5 percent average with at least 67 students each year since 2001.

The international student head-count is currently at 398, an increase from last year's 394.

DREAM

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for," she said. "The committee wants to make sure students understand the need to continue the work that is necessary to represent Keeper of the Dream."

Dr. Kevin Early, a former OU professor who teaches at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was one of the founders of the award.

Early said he envisioned an award that would recognize students who reflect the qualities Dr. King envisioned.

"It awards scholarships to those students who reflect in their daily lifestyles those values embodied in Dr. King's vision for American socie-

ty," he said. "In their lives, behaviors, civil responsibilities and commitment to OU, they reflect many of those characteristics and qualities that were part of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream."

George Davis III, junior, said he feels honored to have been selected as a recipient of the award.

"Keeper of the Dream has been something I desired to achieve since coming to Oakland," he said.

Another recipient, Sophia Soldana, senior, is very involved with Americorps. She spends time volunteering and will travel to Jamaica this summer to do missionary work. She said winning the

award is important to her because it is a further call to help those in need.

"It's important because it's a call to reach out to the community, and to break the barriers of prejudices," she said.

James Ellout, sophomore, said the award is important to him because it encourages students to form relationships with students who are of different races.

"It recognizes students here who are striving to maintain relationships with people from other races," he said.

The university will officially recognize the winners at the annual

Keeper of the Dream Awards banquet on Feb. 19 at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. The dinner event will feature keynote speaker, Daniel G. Mulhern, first gentleman of Michigan.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said the event is an important night for the OU community.

"The event is a showcase piece for the university," she said. "It shows a commitment to diversity for all people and that all people can achieve their dreams including and especially students."

SHOW

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workers at the exhibit.

"The styles are always similar, but there is always an exciting change," Instein said. "People are always curious about what they will come out with."

The Jeep area shows off the new Jeep Rescue Concept.

"The Rescue is the Jeep owner's response to the H2," Karie Wright, Jeep owner said. "It looks fun and sporty like a Wrangler, but it looks powerful, now, too."

Another asset for Jeep is the 2004.5 Wrangler Unlimited. The essentially stretch-Wrangler is "perfect for someone who likes the look of a Wrangler but needs more room," Instein said.

Spectators will have to fight

the crowds to get a glimpse of the Chrysler 300C, a luxury sedan powered by an old-fashioned Hemi engine. With the price starting at about \$33,000, this is one of the cheaper cars crowds are flocking to. The 300C will be one of the first preview cars to hit the roads this spring.

People seeking fantasy cars are looking at the Ferrari 612 Scaglietti and the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren.

The futuristic Ferrari starts at around \$250,000 but that's not stopping students from dreaming about having one in their garage.

"This is my favorite car here this year," OU senior Craig Willard said. "Of course, I'm a student so I'll have to wait until

I get a real job before I start saving for these kinds of wheels."

The Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren is a \$400,000 "super-car" that does 0 to 100 mph in 10.6 seconds. The futuristic design and Benz name are what is bringing Auto Show patrons to this car.

"You really expect something this stylish and amazing from Mercedes-Benz," James Taylor of Brighton said. "If I had an extra 400 grand laying around somewhere, I'd definitely spend it on a Benz- this Benz."

The 2004 North American Auto Show staff has been happy with the turnout so far and plans to break last years record of 810,000 visitors to Cobo Center.

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money," she said.

Yet, according to the AAP, the income made off of these products could easily be replaced by the sales of healthy beverages.

Aside from health risks, the sugar also increases hyperactive and rowdy behavior that is disruptive during class time, said Ramaut.

Jim Finklestein, executive vice president of the National Soft Drink Association, believes obesity is a serious concern, but feels blaming the entire problem on one thing is absurd.

The Soft Drink Association said it offers

a wide range of beverages, including caffeine free and sugar free products.

"Pepsi owns Tropicana and Gatorade, while Coca-cola offers products such as Minute Maid juices, PowerAde, and Dasani water," said Finklestein.

The federal law regulates the amount of soft drinks in schools, Finklestein said.

"It is the parents, students and school administrations that determine where the vending machines will go, when they will be in use and what drinks are sold," he said.

The Association's Web site lists a study done in 2003 by Experimental Biology that shows obesity in the U.S. increased by 10 percent since 1980. Likewise, calorie intake only rose by 1 percent, as the amount of physical activity plummeted 13 percent.

Ablea supports the findings of the Soft Drink Association.

"I think it's more important for kids to play and burn excess calories that way rather than to do nothing and have to watch their calorie intake," she said.



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Overtime disasters

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

OU men's basketball continued its rocky start with a 83-79 overtime loss to Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) Saturday night.

It was the team's second straight overtime loss. The Golden Grizzlies lost to Chicago State University 70-69 Thursday night.

The first half of Saturday's game was Mid-Con basketball at its best as the two teams traded baskets back and forth. IUPUI managed a late run and went into halftime with a 41-35 lead.

In the second half, OU came out firing, hitting two straight three-pointers to tie the game at 41. After the two teams traded baskets, junior forward Rawle Marshall gave OU a 45-43 lead when he turned a steal into a break-away dunk.

The two teams continued to battle back and forth.

With 5:04 left to play, senior guard Mike Helms hit a three-pointer to give OU a 67-64 lead. IUPUI answered with a bucket of its own but freshman forward Courtney Williams gave OU a 69-66 advantage when he tapped in a rebound with 3:15 left to play.

Neither team scored for two minutes, until IUPUI's senior guard Matt Crenshaw hit a lay-up to bring the Jaguars within one with 1:07 left.

With 43 seconds left, IUPUI fouled Scott, who hit one of two free throws to give OU a 70-68 lead.

Scott then made a costly mistake when he fouled IUPUI's Akeem Clark.

Clark made OU pay by sinking both free throws to tie the game at 70 with 41 seconds left to play.

Helms brought the O'rena crowd

to its feet, hitting a jump shot with 11 seconds left to give the Grizzlies a 72-70 lead.

Not to be outdone, Crenshaw drove for a lay-up to tie the game at 72 with three seconds left.

Marshall attempted to hit his second game-winning shot of the week, but couldn't get it to fall and the game went into overtime.

Overtime was not kind to OU for the second straight game.

IUPUI hit an early three pointer to take a 75-72 lead, but the Grizzlies fought back and Marshall tied the game at 77 with 2:33 left.

That's when IUPUI senior forward Odell Bradley took over.

He hit a clutch shot to give IUPUI a 79-77 lead with 55 seconds left and then hit four straight free throws to give the Jaguars the 83-79 overtime win.

With the loss, OU drops to 7-9 overall and 1-3 in the Mid Con.

OU head coach Greg Kampe said he is not happy with the slow start.

"We needed to get a win tonight," he said. "With our schedule we

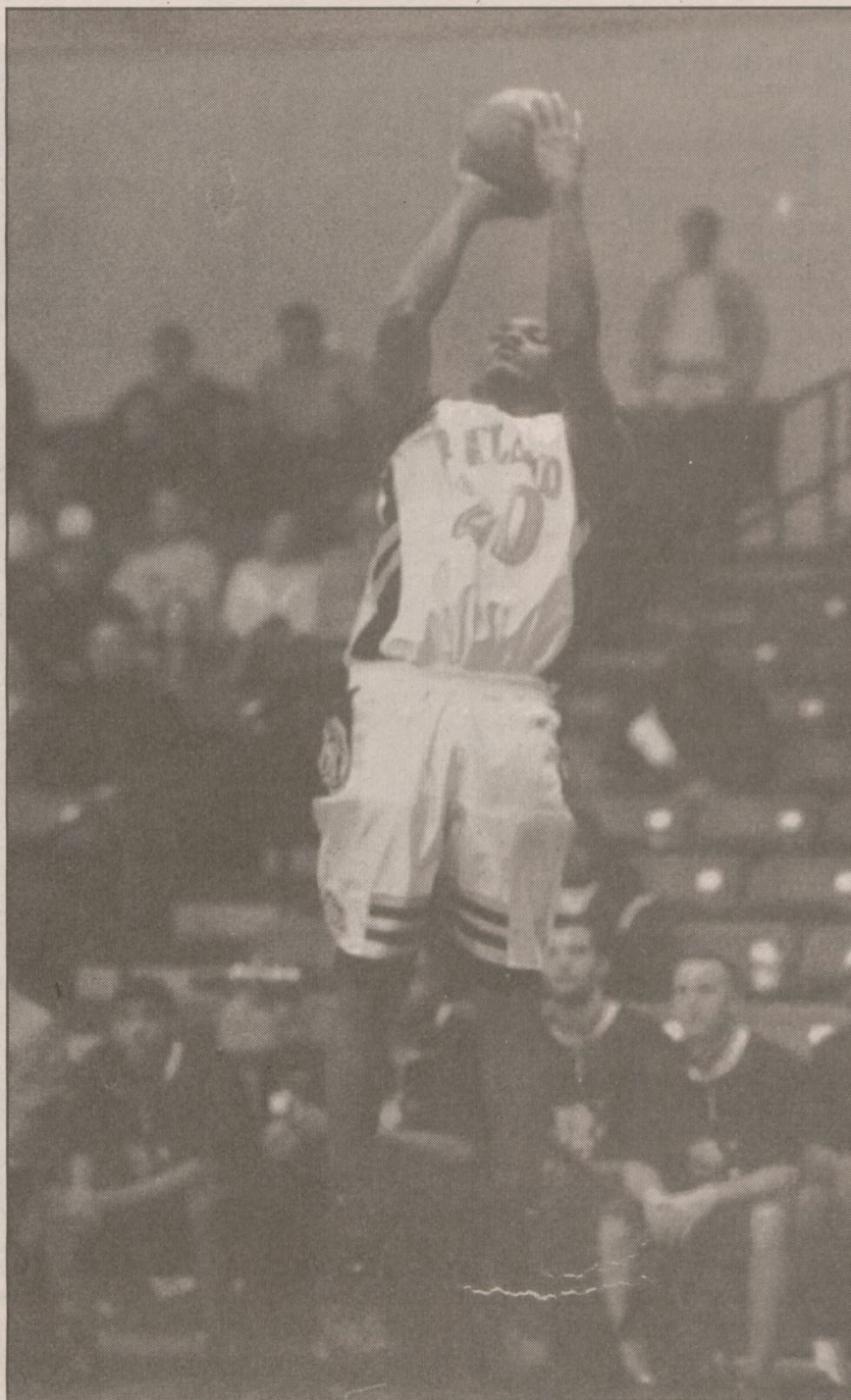
thought we could get off to a good start, but we are 1-3. We played good enough to win all four games, but mental errors have cost us."

The Grizzlies shot 60 percent from the line and missed free throws at crucial points of the game.

"We can't win when we can't make free throws. That's the bottom line," Kampe said. "We know it but we continue to miss. Your star players have to step up in the clutch and (IUPUI's) did."

Helms led all scorers with 28 points. Marshall added 19 points and nine rebounds, while senior forward Kelly Williams grabbed six rebounds and a team-high seven assists.

One of the highlights of the game was the play of Williams, who recorded 19 points and eight rebounds in only his third start.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Freshman forward Courtney Williams shoots from the wing in front of the visiting IUPUI bench during Saturday's 83-79 overtime loss.

Williams was excited to play but disappointed in the outcome.

"It was a tough loss," he said. "The game just slipped away. They didn't take the game from us, we gave it to them."

OU will look to get things back on track at 6 p.m. Thursday night in the O'rena against Southern Utah University. The Grizzlies also take on Centenary College at 8:05 p.m. Saturday on the road.

Game Preview

Who: OU (7-9, 1-3) vs Southern Utah (4-10, 0-3)
When: 7 p.m. Thurs.
What: OU looks to right the ship after back-to-back overtime losses as Southern Utah fights for its first Mid-Con win.

Women nab Mid-Con win

BY DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's women's basketball team got its first Mid-Con win of the 2003-04 season Saturday in the O'rena, defeating Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI), 78-63.

The win improves the Grizzlies' overall record to 8-6 and 1-2 in the conference.

OU got off to a quick start, going on an 8-0 run over the first five minutes after junior center Petra Manakova won the opening tip off. Junior guard Leigh Tully scored four points during the run.

At the end of the first half, the Grizzlies led 40-26 and sophomore guard Jayme Wilson led the team's offensive outburst with 13 points.

"Going into the game, we knew what we needed to do, rebounding and defending are

two strong spots, and even though we did lose the past two games, we didn't panic," said Wilson.

In the second half, IUPUI never had a chance to catch up, with the half's closest margin of 13 points coming with 4:48 left in regulation.

For the game, the Jaguars shot only 37 percent from the field while OU made over 50 percent of its shots.

"It was crucial to get a win today, especially before going on the road next," Wilson said. "We need everyone to come out and contribute their best."

Wilson led the team with 23 points, hitting five of 10 three pointers, while Tully and freshman forward Nicole Piggott each added 10 points.

Tully, Wilson and senior for-

ward Sarah Yaksich each grabbed six rebounds, while junior forward Amanda Batcha hauled in six boards to go along with her team-high five assists.

"I'm a perfectionist," OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "There's part of me that makes me want (the team) to move away from their strengths. I'm happy with the win but there are things that we still need to work on because sometimes we give (them) too many opportunities."

"I'm always expecting more from them. I know how good we can be and I expect so much from us," she said.

Monday night, the Grizzlies picked up their second straight win with a 61-46 victory over Chicago State University.

Conference play will continue at 5:30 p.m. Saturday when the Grizzlies travel to Centenary College to take on the Ladies.

OU will return home at 7 p.m. Monday against Southern Utah University in the O'rena.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Sophomore guard Jayme Wilson fades away.

Game Preview

Who: OU (8-6, 1-2) at Centenary (3-10, 1-1)
When: 5:30 p.m. Sat.
What: Battle for position in the league in the first-ever meeting between the Grizzlies and new Mid-Con member Ladies.

Challenge grant to help stadium plans

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

A plan to make OU the soccer hub of Michigan has been accelerated after the Michigan Host Committee Foundation (MHCF) awarded the university a \$150,000 grant in December toward an enhanced facility.

"Over the past several years, it has been Oakland's dream to serve as a hub for southeast Michigan's soccer activities," OU Athletics Director Jack Mehl said on the university's Web site. "With the support of the soccer community in

general and the Michigan Host Committee in particular, we are closer to making that dream come true."

The challenge grant is contingent on the university's ability to garner \$500,000 in private donations by the end of 2004.

Specifically, the money will be used for adding lights and permanent seating, but the grant is just a step in the \$6 million project for a new stadium complex that has been in the works for three or four years, OU men's head soccer coach Gary Parsons said.

Brian Arbeiter, assistant athletic

director for Development, said the university applied for the grant in December 2002.

He said he did not know the exact criteria for the approval of the grant, but said the MHCF must have believed the project was worthy of the funding.

Arbeiter said soccer's popularity is growing in the surrounding area and has been embraced by Oakland County and Southeastern Michigan.

"We think now is the time to add this to the campus," he said. "Now is the time to bring this to fruition."

The sports complex project is the largest monetary undertaking of the university since the opening of the Athletics Building, Arbeiter said. That building opened in 1998.

Parsons said this project will benefit the university as a whole because it will create a venue for large showcase events and other soccer-specific events.

"It brings people to your campus," he said. "It will be a venue that high school-age kids would be using. Potential students will be coming to see the campus. It fits the vision of 20/10."



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Anthem performers have lost it

"Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous flight..."

Those lyrics are easily recognizable, but something isn't quite right...

The first flight was in 1903 with the historic accomplishment of the Wright Brothers. And the national anthem, a.k.a. "The Star-Spangled Banner," was inspired by the American defense of Fort McHenry during a British attack on Sept. 13, 1814.

That makes any flight, let alone a perilous one, impossible at the time Francis Scott Key wrote the poem which officially became the United States' national anthem in 1931.

"Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight..."

The least people could do is get the words right.

Incorrect lyrics is just one way the performing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" before athletic competitions has become grossly unacceptable.

What was once a patriotic display is now an opportunity for performers to display themselves and their abilities. Unfortunately, those talents hardly match the egos that come with the performers.

The modern day score of "The Star-Spangled Banner" says the piece should be played *maestoso*, or majestically. Instead, the national anthem is sung in the long-winded, slip-n-slide method.

Performers seemingly attempt to take as long as possible to sing the eight-line, 81-word anthem, changing pitch more often as the notes lengthen.

When spectators come to enjoy athletic events, the performing of the national anthem, more often than not becomes tedious and over-exuberant. As the performer stumbles through the lyrics and slides above and below their talents, fans become impatient and restless.

Less performance, more competition.

There have been memorable renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner," however.

Lucy Lawless, better known as Xena, accidentally exposed herself during her performance at a Red Wings game in early May 1997.

On March 20, 2003, fans attending the Montreal Canadiens hockey game booed the singing of the anthem in protest of the U.S. invasion of Iraq the previous night.

The true spirit of the national anthem was portrayed when Portland Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks helped 13-year-old Natalie Gilbert, who was frozen speechless at half court, finish "The Star-Spangled Banner" before the team's first home playoff game of the 2003 season on April 25.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" still holds some proud and celebratory connotations.

Hearing the national anthem, for the U.S. and other countries alike, stirs great pride in athletes competing in the Olympic games.

That pride, however, is fading, because of the selfish performances of the anthem itself and the lack of respect shown by not standing during the patriotic tune.

If the beacon of hope, perseverance and celebration continues to be destroyed, alternatives must be found.

"O Canada, we stand on guard for thee."

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ON TAP @ OU

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

Men's Basketball

Thursday Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
vs. Southern Utah Univ.
@ 'O'rena
Saturday Jan. 17, 8:05 p.m.
@ Centenary College

Women's Basketball

Saturday Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.
@ Centenary College
Monday Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
vs. Southern Utah Univ.
@ 'O'rena

Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving

Friday Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
@ Eastern Michigan Univ.
Saturday Jan. 24, 2 p.m.
@ Kenyon College

Men's Club Hockey

(DII)
Friday Jan. 16, 8:30 p.m.
vs. Davenport College
@ ONYX in Rochester
Saturday Jan. 17, TBA
vs. Grand Valley St.
(DIII)
Friday Jan. 16, 10 p.m.
@ Grand Valley St. (DII)
Saturday Jan. 17, 9 p.m.
@ Lawrence Tech

Women's Club Hockey

Friday Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
@ Western Michigan Univ.
Saturday Jan. 17, 9:45 p.m.
vs. Western Michigan Univ.
@ ONYX in Rochester

Club hockey team unbeaten in last 20

By ANTHONY STACK
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's club ice hockey team is now on a six-game winning streak and 20-game unbeaten streak after defeating all three teams in the weekend's tournament in Illinois.

OU was scheduled to face Minnesota State University-Mankato on Friday night, but the Mavericks forfeited the game because of a shortage of players due to the holiday break and lack of funds.

The Grizzlies automatically won the game due to the forfeit.

OU faced St. Cloud State University (Minnesota) on Saturday evening, winning 7-4.

Senior forward Nick Shenduk, junior defenseman Anthony Magdowski, senior defenseman Jason Artymovich, senior forward Ron Kolito and senior forward Joe Chagnon all scored even strength goals for the Grizzlies.

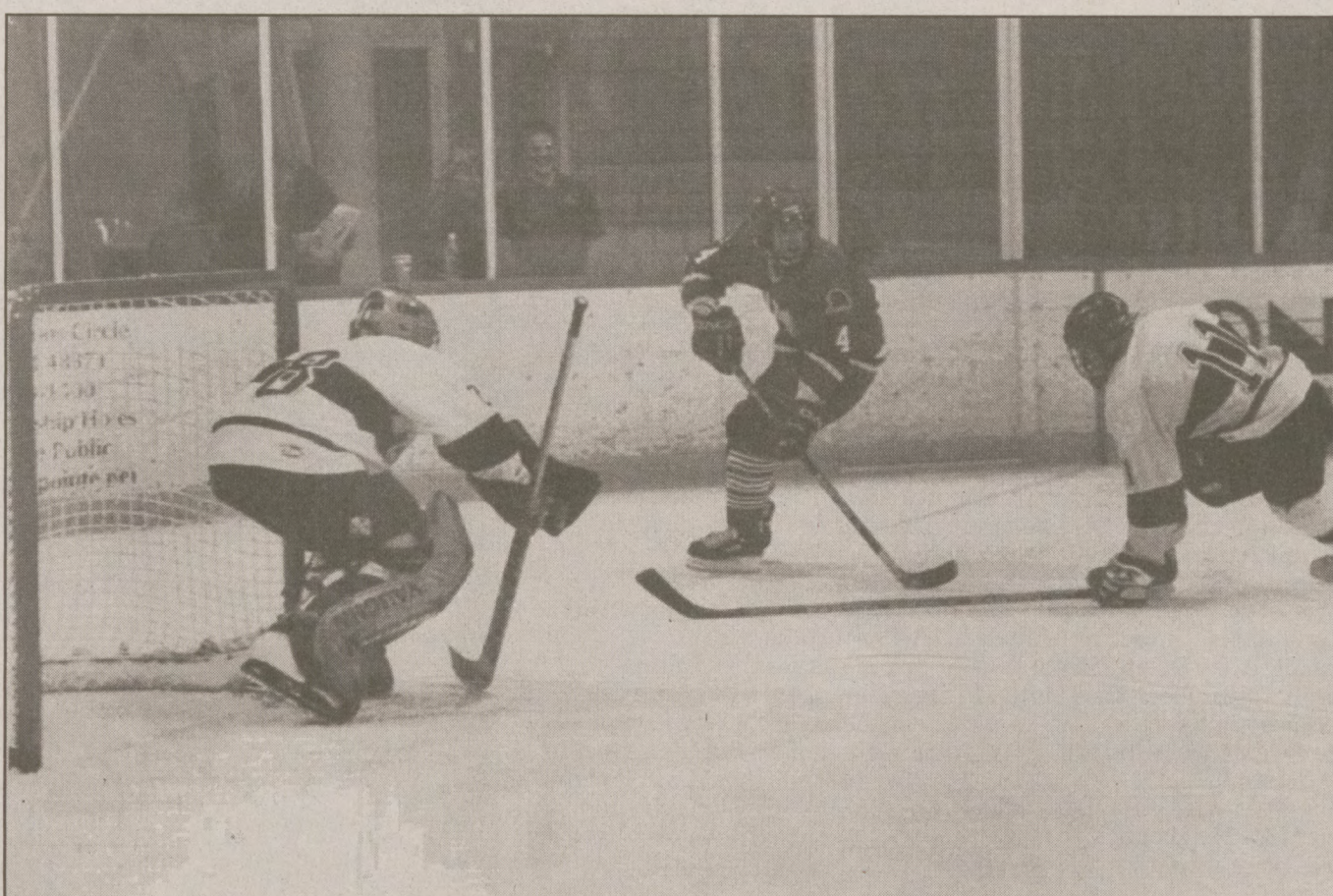
Sophomore forward Ryan Teasdale scored shorthanded off a pass from Kolito.

OU had excellent goaltending in the game.

"Shaun Zeldes played very well," said head coach Craig Furstenau. "He actually made a lot of point blank saves. The difference in the game was our goaltending, as it has been so many times before. All of the goals they scored were mental breakdowns on us and Zeldes didn't have a chance on any of them."

Sunday, the Grizzlies faced-off with a weaker University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (U-W) team but still struggled.

"We came out relatively flat," said Furstenau. "I think the guys were a little bit too relaxed before the game. We have a tendency to play down to a team's level. When we play good teams, we raise the bar, but when we play weak teams,



Senior defenseman Jason Artymovich defends the crossing pass in a game earlier this season.

Bob Knoska/File Photo

we're much softer."

With the score tied at the end of the first period, it was apparent that the Grizzlies needed to improve their play.

A pep talk at the intermission gave OU the jump it needed. In the second period, the team played much better, forcing U-W to take bad penalties.

Senior forward Dan Oleksy, senior defensive captain Karl Borgquist and freshman forward Jordan Ingram all capitalized on the power play. Freshman forward Jon-Paul Ferrari closed out the scoring for the second period to add some cushion to the lead.

U-W added a goal in the third period before junior defenseman Brian Bellotti

capped off the game's scoring, giving the Grizzlies a 6-2 victory.

Once again, goaltending was a major factor in the game, this time from the other half of a dynamic duo.

"Chris Ballach made some brilliant saves and gave us a chance to win," said Furstenau. "We're very fortunate to have Chris and Shaun as our goal-tenders. They've given us a chance to win each night, and when they make a big save we often feed off that momentum."

OU has hung on to the number one ranking in the Central Division of the American Collegiate

Hockey Association (ACHA), and first place in the Great Midwest Hockey League (GMHL) during its unbeaten streak. The Grizzlies have an overall record of 18-2-3 for the season and are 4-0-2 in the GMHL with ten points.

"Obviously, we're number one right now," said Zeldes. "Everyone has been real positive about the situation, and we realize that we're the team to beat, so everyone's going to try to knock us out of that number one position."

The Grizzlies face number two-ranked Davenport College in a big game at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester.

Saturday, OU takes on Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids (TBA). The teams tied 2-2 in an earlier meeting this season.

The Grizzlies junior varsity, DIII squad, also

known as the 'Black' team, was also in action this weekend.

Friday, the team hit the road to take on Kalamazoo College. The Grizzlies came out on top in Twin Star Arena, 6-1.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak.

Saturday, OU took on Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC) foe Jackson Community College at the Detroit Skating Club.

In a closely-fought contest, the Grizzlies fell short on their home ice, 5-4.

OU will continue winter competition with a pair of road games this weekend.

At 10 p.m. Friday, the Grizzlies will face off against the DII squad of Grand Valley State University.

The weekend will wrap up with a 9 p.m. Saturday contest against MCHC opponent Lawrence Tech University in Southfield.

Game Preview

Who: OU (18-2-3, 4-0-2) vs Davenport College

When: 8:30 p.m. Fri.

What: OU will fight to keep its 20-game unbeaten and six-game winning streak alive in its home rink.

Break over for women

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's back to business for the OU women's club hockey team.

With more than half their season over, the Grizzlies have games remaining before the Central College Women's Hockey Association (CCWHA) tournament March 12-14.

The team concluded play before the break with a split weekend against the University of Notre Dame Dec. 6-7.

The Grizzlies beat the Irish 2-1 in the first matchup but lost the second meeting, 3-2.

Head coach Shana Osler said she was impressed with the team's play.

"Our passing and breakout have really improved this year," she said. "I'd have to say it was clear from the start that Notre Dame wanted to win (the second) game more than we did. 'Sometimes it just comes down to that.'"

OU currently has a record of 4-8-0 and ranked fourth in the league with eight points. The team also ranks fourth in the CCWHA with 18 goals

scored and fifth in goals against with 29.

Senior center and team captain Kristin Czarnecki is one of five skaters to play in all 12 games for the Grizzlies so far this season.

She has been the team's leader on and off the ice, scoring a team-high eight goals, tying for second on the team with three assists and recording 11 points as the only member of the squad with a double-digit total.

Senior goaltender Jane Lemaux has been OU's other constant this season, leading the team's defense to a 2.17 goals against average and a save percentage of more than 92 percent while starting all 12 games between the pipes.

OU will end a month-long break with back-to-back games against Western Michigan University this weekend.

At 7 p.m. Friday, the Grizzlies will take on the lady Broncos on the road.

The home-and-home series will wrap up at 9:45 p.m. Saturday in OU's home rink, the ONYX in Rochester.



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Senior OU defenseman Jason Perry (left) heads the ball in an early game this season. Perry is currently participating in the Major League Soccer (MLS) Player Combine, which is being run concurrently with National Soccer Coaches Association of American Convention in the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. The combine began Sunday and continued through yesterday, leading up to the MLS SuperDraft on Friday. The more than 60 participants were split into four teams, all outfitted by the combine's sponsor, Adidas. Playing on the Adidas F-50 squad, Perry earned Team of the Day honors the first two days of the combine while his team won Sunday, 1-0, and lost Monday, 4-2. In last years draft, only a handful of players who did not participate in the combine were among the first 30 selections.

OU signs recruits early

BASEBALL

Two local graduates are expected to have an immediate impact for the OU baseball squad in the 2005 season.

Nate Recknagel of Lake Orion and Taylor Traub of Rochester Hills signed National Letters of Intent during the early signing peri-

od in December.

Recknagel is projected to hit in the middle of the batting lineup and the left-handed Traub is expected to hit third.

SOFTBALL

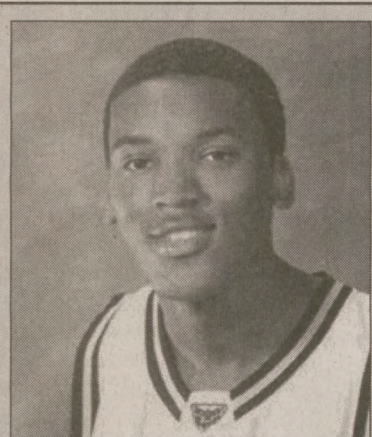
Megan Thelan of Fowler, a transfer from Lansing Community College, will

bring power to the OU softball team's outfield in the fall of 2004.

Last season in Lansing, Thelan played in 49 games. She recorded a .484 batting average, drove in 39 runs and tallied six home runs.

~By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Sports Spotlight



Courtney Williams
Freshman
Forward
Men's Basketball

In just his third career start, Williams scored 19 points in Saturday's 83-79 overtime loss to Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis in the 'O'rena.

The true freshman hit eight of his 16 shots and hauled in eight rebounds in his best collegiate outing.

BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Keeping the 'Dream' alive

With more than 40 years passing since King's famous "I have a dream" speech, OU continues to promote equality and diversity on campus

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

On Monday, Jan. 19, many Americans will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an advocate for nonviolence and direct action as methods of social change.

Most students remember King by his famous "I have a dream" speech given August 28, 1963.

Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., he expressed his dream of the day when all people, whether they were black, white, Hispanic, Asian or Middle Eastern, could live in harmony looking beyond the stereotypes that come along with skin color or sexual orientation.

With 40 years passing, the work of Dr. King is still being promoted. His ideas about multiculturalism can be seen in working process here at OU.

With a mission statement of connecting students with resources, diverse programming, and cultural and social experiences for leadership and academic success, the Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) is here to encourage diversity in every way possible.

"Myself and the rest of the staff here like to think of ourselves as collaborative connectors extending an open hand into the surrounding community to bring diversity to this campus," said Gloria Sosa, director of CMI. Sosa also said that it wasn't the university that pushed for his program, but rather the students themselves.

In addition to the CMI, OU has also implemented a novel graduation requirement promoting ethnic diversity. Freshman Christol Elam thinks all students can profit socially from this new requirement.

"It's beneficial in the sense that it broadens our understanding of other cultures, which ultimately leads to success in both our personal and professional lives," said Elam.

Inspiring so many changes on OU's campus, King was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. He had a very vivid background as a civil rights activist.

After attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, he went on to study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania

Community activist speaks to students

Sister Souljah will address OU's community about the role of African-American students on campus

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

To help commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) will host a book signing featuring Sister Soulja, hip-hop generation author, activist, recording artist and film producer.

Beginning promptly at noon, students, faculty members and staff are invited to experience a powerful lecture titled "40 Years After Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream: The Role of African-American Students on Campus," and have one of her books signed personally at Meadow Brook Theatre (MBT).

As an activist and inspiration to young minority students everywhere, Sister Souljah tours college campuses lecturing on topics such as: "The Role of the Media in Shaping the African American Identity," "The role of African American Students on College and University Campuses," and "Student Activist vs. Student Apathy."

Born in the projects of the Bronx in New York City, Souljah educated herself as a young black woman by reading African history.

According to her Web site,

Souljah was a Legislative intern at the House of Representatives for the Republican Party while in high school.

She was also a winner of the American Legion's Constitutional Oratory Contest and attended Cornell University's Advanced Placement Summer Session.

Eventually, Souljah entered Rutgers University where she earned a degree in American and African Studies.

Souljah even attended the University of Salamanca's Study Abroad program in Salamanca, Spain.

At Rutgers, Souljah was a well-known writer and political commentator for the university newspaper.

To add to her list of achievements, Souljah worked at a medical center in Zimbabwe, visited Mozambiquan refugee camps, and lectured in the former Soviet Union, England, France, Portugal, Finland and Holland.

Taking her knowledge to the streets, Souljah structured, financed and put into operation an African Youth Survival Camp for homeless children for three years.

She has spoken on the same platform with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Minister

Martin Luther King

Photo courtesy of www.sc.edu

and Boston College, according to his biography.

There, Dr. King deepened his understanding of theological scholarship and explored Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent strategy for social change. He obtained his Ph.D. in systematic theology in 1955.

The true mark of Dr. King's reign began on Dec. 5, 1955 when the late Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. This launched a bus boycott, and black residents elected Dr. King to be the president of the

newly formed Montgomery Improvement Association.

The boycott continued through 1956 until the U.S. Supreme Court declared Alabama's segregation laws unconstitutional. Montgomery buses were then desegregated.

According to www.stanford.edu, black college students of the 1960's initiated a wave of sit-in protests, which led to the formation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). King supported the student movement and became an advisor to SNCC.

In 1963, mass demonstrations led by King took place in Birmingham, Alabama. Fights between black protesters and white police officers generated newspaper headlines throughout the world.

In response to the protests, President Kennedy submitted a broad civil rights legislation to Congress. This proposal led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which enforced equal rights among all races.

For more information on the national awareness of MLK Jr. Day, visit www.mlk-day.org. To become involved in the activities taking place on campus honoring Dr. King, contact the Center for Student Activities at ext. 2400.

~ANTHONY MARTINEZ CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY

covering DIVERSITY

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March, listen and learn in memory of MLK

By CHARITY JONES
THE OAKLAND POST

In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Association of Black Students (ABS) will host an all-day affair on Monday, Jan. 19 as the kick-off to "African-American Celebration 2004: Celebrating Freedom through Education."

At 11:30 a.m., ABS will start the day off with its annual MLK March.

All participants are to meet in the first floor lobby of Vandenberg Hall.

As an ongoing tradition, the march will extend to Meadow Brook Theatre (MBT).

Directly following, Student Life Lecture Board will sponsor a book signing with Sister Soulja at MBT. See supplemental story for details.

To honor his legacy, ABS will hold a dedication dinner and candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

The dinner is open to all OU students, faculty, staff and friends free of charge.

Throughout the night, actual footage of King speaking will be shown.

Students will also be present to speak on the importance of honoring King and what his dream meant to them. The candlelight vigil will be held after the dinner.

"The purpose of the dinner and vigil is to bring students of all backgrounds together to honor the life of King and others who worked with him to create many of the rights we all benefit from

today," said Stefen J. Welch, ABS president.

In an effort to continue the work King began, ABS is also holding an essay contest.

Students are to submit a detailed plan of action of up to 500 words to promote diversity on campus through a program that all students will benefit from.

The program can be educational, social or recreational and must be well presented and realistic.

The one that is chosen will be implemented at OU, so this must be a serious proposal that writers are truly passionate about, according to Welch.

"Anything that the university does to promote diversity at OU is a good thing," said Shanae Salone, freshman. "Blacks don't hold a very high percentage here, and I want to see our campus become more diverse. Even if a lot of students don't participate, any event will make a small difference."

There will be three cash prizes for the essay contest. First place winner takes home a \$300 stipend. The second and third place prizes are \$100.

All students are eligible to enter. Applications will be available on January 19, 2004 at the dedication dinner and are due by Friday February 13, 2004.

Winners will be announced at the closing ceremony on February 17, 2004. For more information, contact Stephen Welch at (248) 370-9311, or swelch@oakland.edu.



Sister Souljah

Photo courtesy of the CSA

Louis Farrakkan, the Rev. Ben Chavis, the Rev. Calvin Butts and Nelson Mandela, according to www.theroc.org.

With this background, it is apparent Souljah is no newcomer to the world of politics.

"I would love to hear her speak," said Jade Arlington, junior. "I am a true fan of her work. I read her novel, 'The Coldest Winter Ever' and I plan on getting it autographed at the book signing. I love that book. I've read it at least twice."

Although Lisa Cooper, administrative assistant for the Student Program Board (SPB), has never read any of Souljah's pieces, she still feels the lecture will be beneficial for students.

"I think this will be a real-

ly nice event," said Cooper. "It will give the students something positive to do that's more educational, as opposed to attending just social events."

Her book titles include "The Coldest Winter Ever" "No Disrespect" and "El Invierno mas Fria."

Aside from being an author and political activist, Souljah also recorded the album "360 Degrees of Power."

The book-signing event is free of charge, and is only one of the many events that will take place on campus this semester to promote diversity.

Learn more about Sister Souljah at www.sistersouljah.com, or e-mail her at Souljah@sistersouljah.com.

Pop meets rock 'n' roll

SPB brings another versatile performer to entertain students and faculty

By KANIKUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Today at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, recording artist Jennifer Marie will hit the stage. The Student Program Board (SPB) brings this event to students free of charge with food to accompany the entertainment.

"After we heard Jennifer Marie, we knew she was the one," said Demetrius Gary, SPB associate chairperson. "She has a unique style that I think will work well with students."

At the National Association of Campus Activities, Jennifer Marie was one of about 85 acts SPB members saw before deciding who would best suit OU's student body.

Jennifer Marie's piano-based pop act has music critics citing her as the "refreshing voice needed in today's music."

Neon-Entertainment's Web site, www.neon-entertainment.com, states that Jennifer Marie is a rare artist with a beautiful voice

that is guaranteed to give a knock out performance.

Beginning her career working and singing in a jazz bar, Jennifer Marie now has two CD's under her belt.

In her new release, "Lounge Lizard," the artist combines a dark, versatile voice with often-jazzy piano accompaniment, according to bluejeanonline.com.

Her other album is titled "Live on the Edge," and Jennifer Marie is said to have a third record on the way. Keeping control of her destiny as a musician, Jennifer Marie has set up her own record label, Dazzo Records.

Bringing hot new talent to OU is something SPB takes pride in, according to Gary. SPB members refer to Jennifer Marie as a "pop-filled rock and roll singer with a unique blend of soul."

"We always look for artists that everyone on campus could enjoy," Gary said. "With all of the events that we plan, student interest from every background is always the most important aspect."

Each semester, SPB spon-

sors about 30 different events. As the largest student based programming organization on campus, SPB provides a variety of entertaining events.

On Jan. 20, SPB will begin its "best of" film series with the movie "Psycho." At 7 p.m. in the Oakland Room, students can view the horror flick for free.

In February, the organization will provide hustle lessons in the OC and bring poet Frenchie Davis to OU. A Detroit native, Davis has been featured on HBO's Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam, WJLB-FM 98, and in publications such as the Native Detroit Magazine and The Michigan Chronicle.

SPB will also host a trip to New York Thursday, Feb. 19-Tuesday, Feb. 24. There, students will be able to visit Madison Square Garden, Central Park, the Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central Station, Times Square, Central Park Zoo and the New York Stock Exchange.

For more information on any of SPB's events, visit room 64 of the OC.



Photo courtesy of SPB

Jennifer Marie performs tonight in the Fireside Lounge.

Erase "Paycheck" from your memory

Ben Affleck gives a less than perfect performance in near-future action thriller

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

"Memento" meets "MacGyver" in the John Woo film "Paycheck." The big difference between them is that the latter is not worth watching.

Set in the near future, "Paycheck" follows Michael Jennings (Ben Affleck), a brilliant computer engineer who helps large corporations develop the most advanced technologic devices in the world in exchange for large amounts of money.

After each job is completed, Jennings' memory is erased to protect the secrets



he helped develop.

All seems to be going well for Jennings when an old friend, James Rethrick (Aaron Eckhart), asks him to help create a machine that can see into the future for \$92 million.

When the job is finished, his memory is erased.

However, Jennings only receives an envelope with common items like a book of matches, a silver dollar and pack of cigarettes inside.

Jennings becomes even more confused when he is

told that he chose this as his payment instead of the money.

"Paycheck" is the fourth film adaptation of Philip K. Dick's ground-breaking stories. Like the previous films, "Paycheck" shows a world similar to our own with new and frighteningly powerful technology placed in the wrong hands.

Fans of the previous films might be disappointed by the many unconvincing aspects of "Paycheck," which are the direct result of adapting the story from the original text to the big screen.

If the plot seems interesting, one is better off reading Dick's version.

In the film, it is apparent that memory-wiping technology is widely used in the world since nearly everyone knows how the process works, or has a machine that does it.

Yet, its purpose outside of being used on Jennings is never explained.

Many of the scenes

throughout the film are irrelevant to the plot.

Affleck also seems out of place as the heroic lead.

Even other actors in the movie point out that Jennings is just an engineer, not a specially trained government agent.

The character of Dr. Rachael Porter (Uma Thurman) serves no purpose other than being a two-dimensional, catch phrase spouting, damsel in distress for Jennings to drag through the action sequences.

The only plus this movie has is that Woo's trademark gratuitously long action sequences, while still unnecessary, do not appear over choreographed.

That may be because Affleck cannot spin-kick someone as well as Tom Cruise can.

The only thing one can take away from this movie is life should not be predictable, but big budget Hollywood films should be.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Jennings (Ben Affleck) attempts to escape his fate until the pieces of his past are put in order.

After "Friday Night Live" comes "Saturday Night Sounds"

Residence Hall Programming will host a new concert series with J. Chris Newberg and The Rest as the premiere act

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Starting this weekend, Residence Hall Programming will host a new concert series for students: "Saturday Night Sounds (SNS)."

The premier act will be J. Chris Newberg and The Rest. This rock 'n' roll comedy concert will begin at 8 p.m. on Jan. 17 in the Vandenberg Dining Hall.

Dave Moroz, assistant director of program services, hopes the new series will see as much success as the Friday Night Live (FNL) comedy event.

The attendance for most FNL shows averages around 200 people, according to Moroz.

"If we can draw those numbers for the concerts, I will be very, very satisfied," said Moroz.

The FNL series has grown in popularity since its introduction, attracting big names like Dave Coulier and Dustin Diamond in the past two years.

"The concert series is a natural outgrowth of our success, something more to offer our community on Saturday nights. Budgetary issues were the only reason why we didn't attempt this sooner," Moroz said.

As the first artist to kick off the new series, Newberg has over 12 years of experience on stage with his band the Vudu Hippies. While opening for groups such as the Counting Crows and Oasis, Newberg and his band have released four CDs and two EPs.

Newberg trained for two years at the Second City comedy club and mixes comedy into his musical act. He was most recently featured on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

In addition to Newberg's performance, the SNS series will feature two other acts this semester. Tamara Bedricky, an OU graduate who has received national attention for her musical talents, will be the second artist to perform in the series at 8 p.m. on January 31st.

The third and final act for the winter semester will feature Jason LeVasseur, an award winning small venue musician. He will go on at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27.

Residence Hall Programming will use these first three performances as a test run. If the shows draw large enough crowds to be considered successful, Moroz said there would be between six and eight performances during the fall semester.

While programs like FNL and SNS are aimed at students

who live on campus, the entire OU community is welcome, and Moroz encourages anyone who is able to attend.

"We are housing more students who do not live in the area and are not leaving on the weekends," said Moroz. "We also want to give students who do live in the area a reason to stay."

In the future, Moroz would like to see a variety of different artists come to OU, and if possible, have some current OU students, or graduates, perform as well.

"If this series works, we will host musical performers for everyone's tastes including rock, hip hop, jazz, solo performers, bands, etc." Moroz said. "The intent is to bring the best entertainment to campus whether that be campus, local or national acts. I am very interested in supporting campus groups, even if it is in a warm-up role."

Mike Farmer, sophomore, said he would definitely attend the series as long as there are a variety of different acts.

"I think the series is a cool idea," said Farmer. "I would like to see 'Deaf Children Playing' (an OU band) play in the series."

All performances are free and will be held in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Student Spotlight

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

James Ellout, sophomore, is one of four proud recipients of the Keeper of the Dream Award.

This Pontiac native has a strong desire to make OU more diverse, and said winning this scholarship has only increased his motivation.

At the age of 19, Ellout is currently the publicity chair for the Association of Black Students (ABS), the publicity agent for Student Congress, and was an Orientation Group Leader (OGL) last summer.

After winning the \$5,000 scholarship, Ellout said the experience has only made him more humble.

"Everyone should be keeping the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, and being named one of the recipients means that I have an even stronger commitment to uplift his wishes for the student body at Oakland," said Ellout.

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in 1993 to recognize students who contribute to interracial understanding and goodwill, according to OU's Web site.

James Ellout

After winning the Keeper of the Dream Award, Ellout is even more determined to push for diversity

The main focus of the award is on the late civil rights leader's dream of brotherhood, harmony and equality for all people.

The scholarship award banquet is a fund-raising event held each February during OU's African American Celebration.

Those who apply must demonstrate academic achievement with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0. The students must also have a clear career focus and academic persistence.

As a new scholarship recipient, Ellout said that he has a love for OU students, and plans to stay committed by remaining heavily involved in programs that advocate diversity.

"I want to push the administration more," Ellout said. "It's not only about the students, we need a more diverse faculty as well."

Ellout feels OU could do a better job of recruiting faculty of different ethnicities so students can relate more to their professors.

A graduate of Orchard Lake St. Mary's and past student of Pontiac Central High School, Ellout said he could relate to the underprivileged students that enter OU each year.

"There are students here

that come from poor backgrounds. This makes them unprepared because they don't have the resources or knowledge to handle college work," Ellout said.

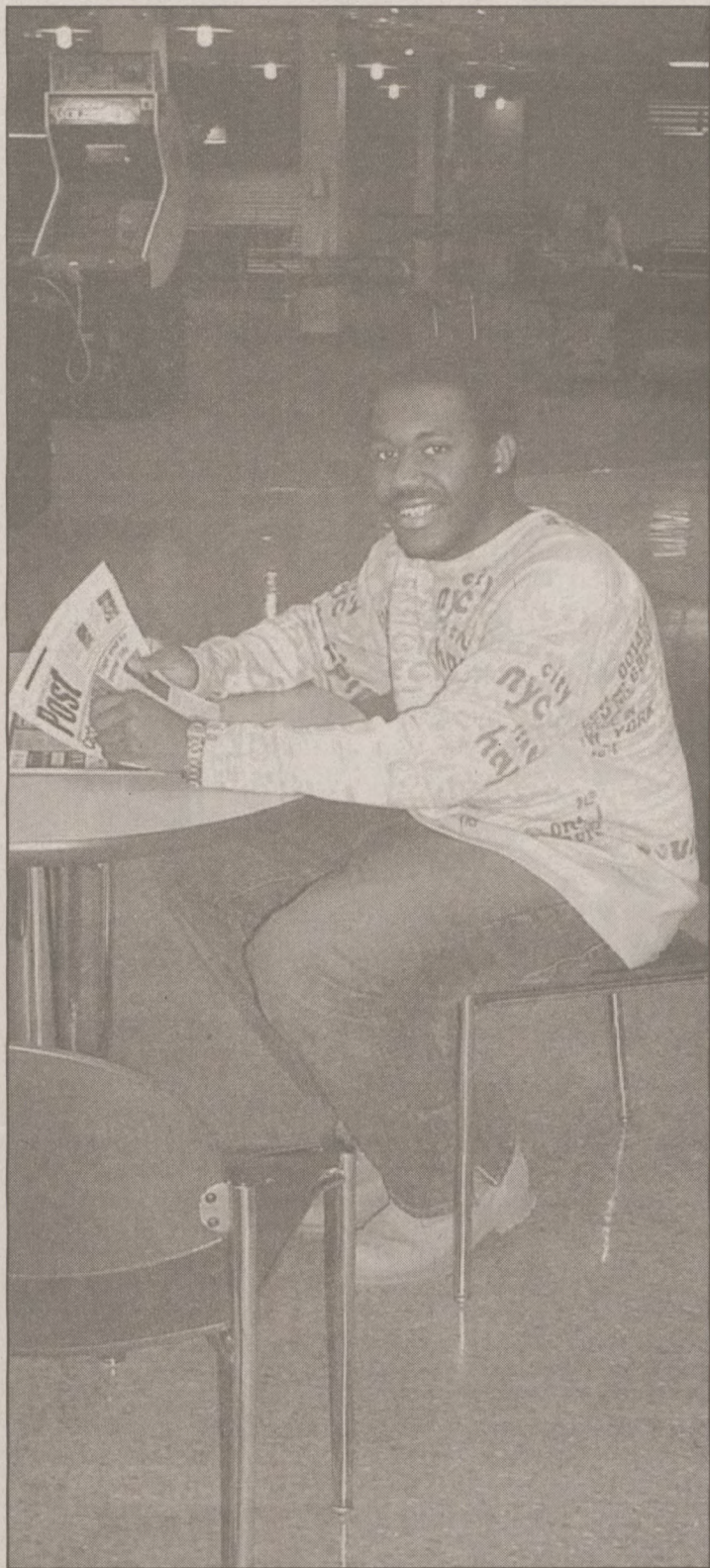
To get such students on the right track, Ellout feels OU should bring back programs such as Student Success Services (S.S.S.), which was dismissed in 2001.

This program was designed to help students coming from areas such as Pontiac or Detroit succeed in the college atmosphere, according to Ellout.

"The retention rate for minority students is not where it should be, and getting those individuals the resources they need is the first step in making OU more diverse," said Ellout.

He also pointed out that diversity isn't just about bringing and keeping students of different ethnicities on campus.

"To me, being a diverse university does not mean having different racial backgrounds on campus," Ellout said. "The students have to actually interact with each other, and be willing to learn about one another's background for there to truly be diversity at OU."



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post
James Ellout is a Keeper of the Dream award winner.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Jan. 14

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives presents:
"Inner Beauty & External Manifestation"
6-7:30 p.m. in Hamlin Lounge.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. hosts
"Dance the Night Away"
at 7:08 p.m. in OC Gold Rooms A&B.

The Career Prep Month 2004
Interview Practice Clinic will be held from 6-7 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC.

Electronic Portfolio Workshop is being held from noon-1 p.m. in 157 West Vandenberg Hall.

Thursday, Jan. 15

Pre-veterinary Society meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in 337 Science & Engineering Building.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. presents
"Our Founder's Day" Etiquette dinner
at 6:08 p.m. in the gold room of the OC.

There will be a Career Prep Month 2004 Information Table from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the hallway table in the OC.

The Career Prep Month 2004 will host a Career Experience Information Session from 1:45-2:30 p.m. in 158 West Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Jan. 16

Alpha Kappa Alpha Pajama Jammy Jam will be held from 9:08 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the OC ballroom.

Rush Theta Tau will have a movie night at 7 p.m.
The group meets in 147 O'Dowd Hall.

The Career Prep Month 2004 will hold a Senior Job Search Seminar from 1-2 p.m. in 158 West Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Jan. 23

The Latino Extravaganza, sponsored by the Spanish Club, will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the OC Gold Room and will include free salsa lessons.

Saturday, Jan. 24

The Chinese Spring Festival will take place from 4-9 p.m. in the Pioneer Room of the OC.

Thursday, Jan. 29

OU's Diversity Career Fair will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in OC Banquet Rooms A & B.

*OUCS has open seats. Applications are available in the Student Congress office located at 62 OC.

*"Do you have what it takes to be an OGL?" Applications are due no later than Friday, Jan 16 by 5 p.m. in the Office of New Student Programs located at 134 North Foundation Hall.

*Dance with the Grizz Contest is held at all men's basketball games. The winner will receive \$100.

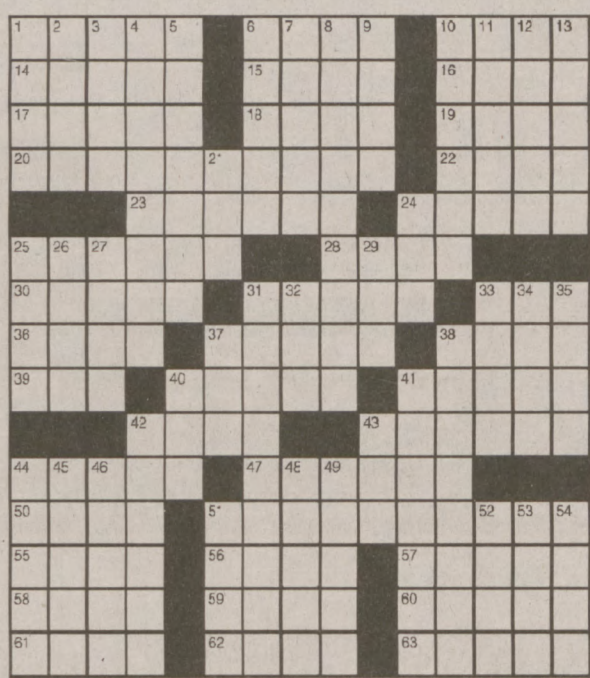
I mean, it's like, you know



By Sergio Steinbach

Crossword

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 - Punt or junk
 - Agronomist's concern
 - Come to terms
 - From scratch
 - Magnani or Pavlova
 - Eastwood or Black
 - Wraparound garment
 - Brown quickly
 - Pause
 - Well-built man
 - Seniors
 - Quips
 - Film festival site
 - Food on the hoof
 - Large-scale productions
 - Characteristic
 - Saloon
 - Feudal serf
 - Civil rights org.
 - Faithful
 - Comprehend
 - Extent
 - Coiling form
 - Circular instrument
 - Margin for error
 - Illuminate
 - Regard highly
 - Curved molding
 - Powerful working dogs
 - Level
 - Moran's or Mears
 - Musical exercise piece
 - Legal wrong
 - Feed the pot
 - Commuter
 - Mediocre
 - Porgy's love
 - Act part



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Horoscope

Sign by sign: what you need to know before facing the world

By LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (Jan. 14). You'll notice a tendency to be even more thorough this year. You'll want to know more about everything, especially your business. If you don't already have a business, getting one is your first assignment.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 6 _ You'll soon find it easier to concentrate on your career. Right now, however, you may have to do some juggling to meet everybody's demands. You won't be able to do it all simultaneously.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 7 _ It's not a good time to travel or to abandon your familiar routine. Conditions are changing in your favor, though. Give it another day.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 7 _ You'll soon have to start getting practical, but don't let that slow you down. Make more and buy less. That works. You're quite talented, of course.

Cancer (June 22-July

22) _ Today is a 7 _ You'll soon find it easier to get your meaning across. You may even find that one person who won't have to be told at all _ not out loud, anyway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ You're in the mood to study, and that's appropriate. You should know, however, that you're also stirring things up. This isn't necessarily bad, but it could lead to a confrontation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Conditions will soon change in your favor. As usual, when things are in a state of flux, it's best to double-check your work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ You catch more bees with honey than with vinegar, as you know. Kind words will help you make your point and win the argument.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ It's getting easier for you to concentrate and to remember what you learn. Your love life should be improving, too. These conditions stay in effect for several weeks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ You'll find it easier to

keep track of your money in the next few weeks. One reason why is because most of it is being spent on your home and family. Don't blow it on nights out with friends. That would be a bad idea.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 7 _ For the next several weeks, you'll find it much easier to get your message across. This is partly because you'll better understand exactly what you're trying to say.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _ You'd be smart not to take anything at face value for a little while. Dig deeper to understand what's going on underneath. You may be surprised. This isn't a good time to travel, either.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 7 _ You'll soon find it easier to let people know exactly how you feel, and you won't even need many words. What a relief!

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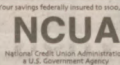
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JANUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12 Career Services Open House 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Tables, OC	13 Dress for Success Seminar Noon - 1:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	14 Interview Practice Clinic 5:00 - 7:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	15 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	16 Senior Job Search Seminar 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Room 158, VBH West
	Resume Writing Clinic 5:00 - 6:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	Electronic Portfolio Workshop Noon - 2:00 pm Room 157, VBH West	Career Experience Information Session 1:45 - 2:30 pm Room 158, VBH West	
19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Campus events honoring Dr. King may be found at: www.oakland.edu on the Oakland University Upcoming Events Calendar	20 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	21 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	22 Information Table & Resume Critiques 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	23 Career Experience Information Session 10:00 am - 10:45 am Room 158, VBH West
	Resume Critiques 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	Resume Writing Clinic Noon - 1:00 pm Gold Room C, OC	Etiquette Dinner* 5:00 - 7:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC *Advanced tickets required. May be purchased for \$10 at Career Services, 275 VBH West.	
26 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	27 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	28 Information Table 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC	29 DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Banquet Rooms, OC Stop Discrimination in Employment Panel Discussion Noon - 1:00 pm Fireside Lounge, OC	30 Mock Behavioral Interviews* 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Oakland Room *Pre-registration required through eRecruiting
Seminar: Marketing Yourself to Employers Noon - 1:00 pm Oakland Room, OC	Resume Critiques 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Hallway Table, OC			