



The men's and women's cross country squads had the advantage, competing on campus this weekend. -B5



Emerald Ash Borer bugs are attacking Southeast Michigan, forcing trees to be removed to prevent the hungry critters from spreading.



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America is waiting



BY LIBBY BAKER
MANAGING EDITOR

After months of campaigning, voters around the country flocked to the polls yesterday to cast their votes for president.

Voter turnout around the country was high and final tallies were slow to come in.

As predicted, the race between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry was a dead heat with critical states unannounced.

The race will likely be decided by results from Ohio and Florida.

Election results in both of these states remained too close to call at 11:30 p.m. EST.

At press time, Bush had secured 207 electoral votes to Kerry's 199.

Two hundred seventy votes are needed to win the presidency.

Kerry was the projected winner in Pennsylvania, another key battleground state.

According to exit polls in Michigan, Kerry was predicted to win the state by a slim margin.

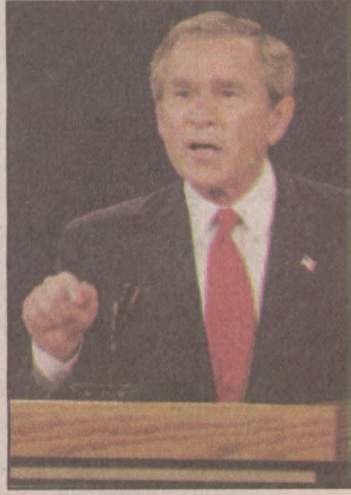
Both candidates spent Election Day doing last minute campaigning in key swing states.

President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush cast their ballots early Tuesday morning in Crawford, TX.

Bush made one last campaign stop in Ohio before returning to Washington D.C. to watch the election returns with family and friends.

Kerry spent the morning doing last minute campaigning in Wisconsin. He returned to Boston to cast his ballot.

Kerry and Vice-Presidential candidate John Edwards spent the evening in Kerry's hometown of Boston, Mass.



Projected Results
Here are the numbers as of 11:30 p.m. EST

Proposal 1:
Projected to pass

Yes	60%
No	40%

Proposal 2:
Projected to pass

Yes	61%
No	39%

Author hits home run with lecture

BY ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN
THE OAKLAND POST

A crowd of more than 250 gathered at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on Thursday evening for the Second Annual Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities.

Featured was seasoned political commentator and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin, who spoke on "The Moral Authority of the Presidency," a compliment to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) 2004-2005 theme of presidential leadership.

The event's welcome and introduction was given by CAS Dean David Downing.

Downing first thanked The Oakland Press, the primary sponsor of the lecture, which he called "both relevant and timely."

But, before Goodwin graced the stage, Downing gave a brief history of her spanning career.

A regular NBC news contributor, aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson, best-sell-



Doris Kearns Goodwin

ing author of various novels on American presidents, including Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and baseball aficionado, Downing called Goodwin "passionate" about her work.

Greeted by an invigorating audience applause, Goodwin was grinning from ear to ear. But what die-hard Red Sox fan wouldn't be, especially since they just won the Baseball World Series, breaking an 86-year 'curse.'

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Election Day

Voters gathered at the polls Tuesday at West Elementary School in Rochester. Voters like these and many others went through various ballot processes in order to cast their votes on Election Day, fighting through rainy conditions and long lines to participate.

Kaethe Hampel/The Oakland Post



Student voters divided

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Despite the controversy and feistiness surrounding this year's presidential election, OU professors comment that students seem to be handling their differences maturely.

Peter Trumbore, assistant professor of political science, said he doesn't see the divide between students "as any more bitterly divided than just as the nature of partisanship more widely."

The discussions that take place in his classes have been calm and respectful he said.

"I've seen lots of healthy debate. I've actually been pleased at the extent of student interaction and the level of political engagement across the board," he said.

Most professors said they have not noticed uncomfortable interactions between students of differing political affiliations in their classes.

However, David Dulio, assistant professor of political science, said that feeling uncomfortable

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Tension causes OUSC to cancel

BY ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Concerned that the OU Student Congress' (OUSC) Monday meeting would be tense due to yesterday's election, congress cancelled the meeting this week, according to Steering Committee Chair Derrick Putansu.

Controversy arose at the past several OUSC meetings because of the stance congress took on Proposal 2.

Legislator Donald Stuckey, member of the Steering Committee, voted against canceling the meeting. He said a number of legislators and himself had decided they would not further discuss Proposal 2 at the meetings.

Legislator Josh Miller, also a member of the Steering Committee, voted for canceling the meeting. He was concerned tension might arise because of the closeness of the election.

"Shouting at each other just isn't productive," he said.



Due to the recent controversy over OUSC Resolution 05-05, congress cancelled its meeting Monday. OUSC will be on schedule next week.

Legislator Doug Merriam was also opposed to canceling the meeting. "We are further dwelling on the problem we created surrounding Proposal 2," he said.

The way to move on, he said "is to apologize for what we've done wrong in taking a stance on

Proposal 2 and take up new issues." The concern that Monday's meeting would be tense and unproductive was brought to Putansu's attention by Sara Crampton, OUSC advisor.

"The students have had a very dynamic couple of weeks in the

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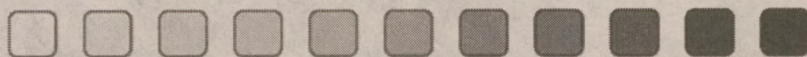
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Clinton River Review

A panel of experts met to share the progress that has been made in purifying the Clinton River and the challenges that lie ahead

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Clinton River is ailing and so are many of the fish and wildlife species who depend on it.

Because the river drains into Lake St. Clair, those who depend on the lake as a source of drinking water could also be affected.

The sediment of the Clinton River is contaminated with chemicals, which include pesticides, arsenic, mercury, lead, copper and zinc, said Linda Schweitzer, assistant professor of chemistry at OU, at the first annual Clinton River Review.

"These chemicals can affect the ecosystem and our health," she said. "The NIH (National Institute of Health) says that cancer is caused by environmental exposures to toxins such as these chemicals and lifestyle factors."

Because of health concerns and because there are several "beneficial use impairments," she said, the Clinton River should be an area of concern.

The impairments include degradation of as well as consumption restrictions of fish and wildlife populations. There have also been several beach closings.

"One of the most endangered groups of any kind of organism," is freshwater mussels, said

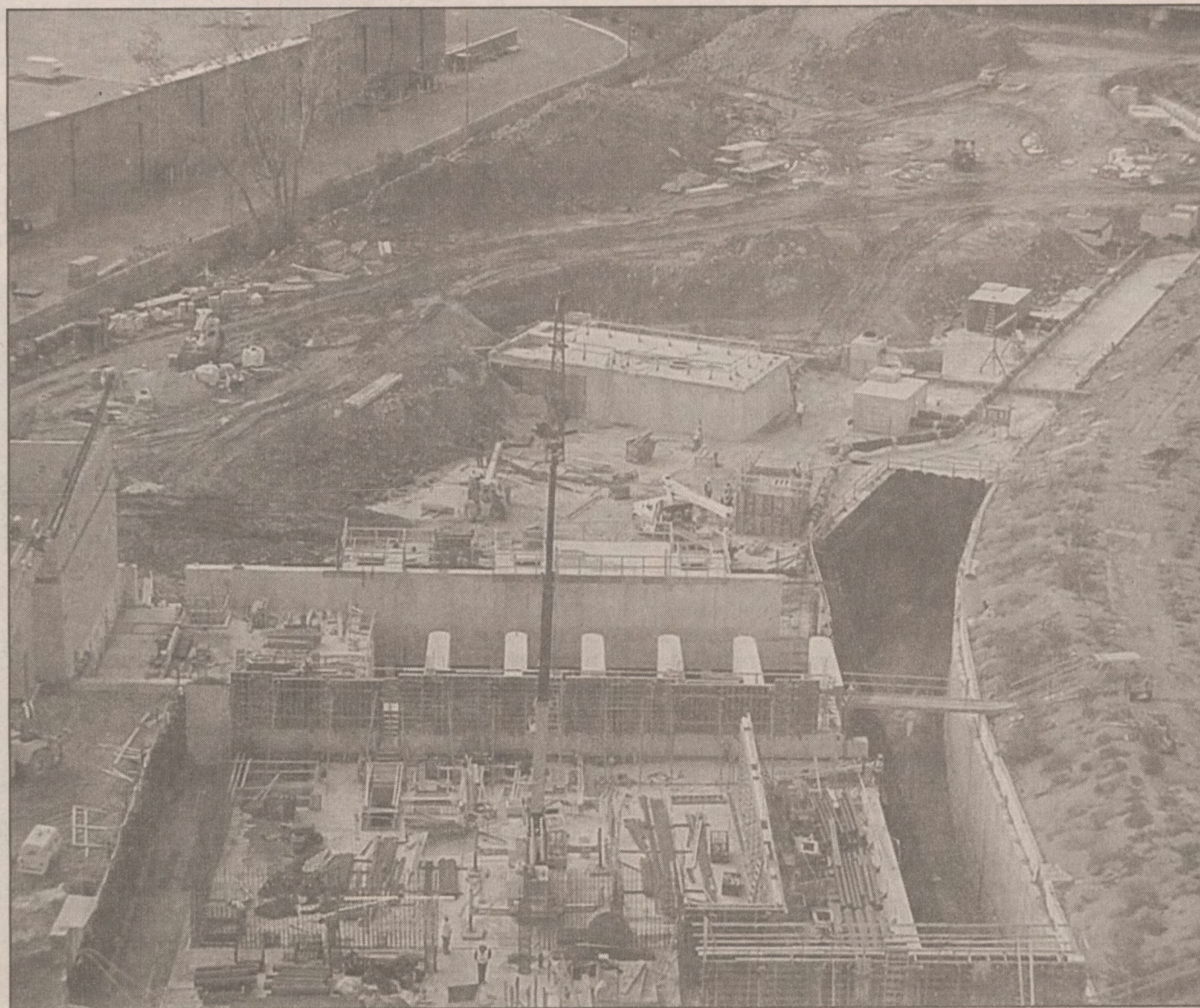


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Expansion of the George W. Kuhn Drain is one of the steps in improving water quality in Lake St. Clair and the Clinton River.

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Learn how to love your body

By LIZABETH DUEWEKE
THE OAKLAND POST

The average person says 1200 - 1500 words to his or herself.

And the link between the mind and body affects general health and well-being, said Mila Padgett, assistant director of Campus Recreation programs.

"There is research that connects mind to body more than we ever realized.

"If most of those words (said to oneself) are negative we are going to feel depressed," she said.

Further, individuals who think negatively about themselves cause others to see them in a negative light as well.

Body image, self-confidence and general health were the hot topics that brought students to the OC for the seminar marked "Love Your Body."

The day, Wednesday, Oct. 20, started with an interactive lecture to teach students about staying healthy - physically, mentally and emotionally.

Circular tables dotted with participants awaited Padgett, who stressed that students need to truly love and respect their bodies to stay healthy.

"We have a distorted way of

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Students observe hand-washing

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Students from Bio 307 stood their posts in the restrooms observing others as they washed their hands.

Jill Zeilstra's Introduction to Human Microbiology class hypothesized that they could improve hand-washing frequency at OU through various educational interventions.

According to Zeilstra, associate professor of biological

sciences, a pre-survey was performed in which students observed hand-washing practices of individuals during a period of two and a half hours in restrooms located throughout campus.

Adequate washing was defined as having applied soap and rubbed adequately between fingers for 15 seconds or more.

Out of 2,196 individuals observed, 1,772 were female and 424 were male.

Of those, 336 were categorized as having washed adequately; 304 were female and 32 were male.

Students are currently implementing interventions to raise hand-washing awareness among the OU community.

They will then perform a post-survey on campus to come to a conclusion regarding their hypothesis.



Roqaya Eshmawi/The Oakland Post
The Center for Disease Control says hand-washing is "the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection."

OU students fast to raise money for Oakland County Food Bank

By JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

More than 100 OU students celebrated the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in the OC last Thursday.

The Fast-a-thon, sponsored by the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and the Honors College Student's Association (HCSA), was held to raise money for the Food Bank of Oakland County.

For each non-Muslim who pledged to fast, local businesses promised to donate money to the Food Bank, a local non-

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Photo courtesy of Sumeera Younis

MSA President Sumeera Younis (left) gathers with students, faculty and staff as they break their fast.

Anecdotes from the polls

• A male student who went to vote was waiting in line to obtain a ballot when his cell phone rang.

Not noticing any signs requesting no use of cell phones, he answered the call, explained that he was voting and would call back later. The call was less than five seconds, he said.

A woman started verbally insulting and yelling at him, repeatedly telling him to get off the phone or get out of the polling station.

He said she was not respectful to him. He explained to her that he would turn off the phone and requested that she respect him.

After that, she told him that his "VOTE OR DIE!" shirt was inappropriate and that he should take it off.

He said his shirt was appropriate because the Citizen Change "VOTE OR DIE!" campaign was initiated to get minorities between the ages of 18-30 involved in voting.

• A female student took her ballot into the voting booth and thought she had to insert the ballot into the machine before marking her choices, but couldn't find it.

The line was held back as she asked for the machine. "Honey, I don't know what machine you're talking about," an inspector told her.

After she made her choices, she left her ballot out of the secrecy slip and took it to the ballot counter and handed it to the inspector.

"No, no, no, we don't want to know who you're voting for," the inspector said.

• A male student went to vote at 6:50 a.m. to avoid traffic but ended up not casting his ballot before 7:45. By 7:30 a.m., he said, inspectors had run out of secrecy slips and were running around trying to find some for voters to use.

• A female student was waiting to put her ballot inside the ballot counter machine, but the machine spit out the previous voter's ballot.

Inspectors tried to fix the machine

but weren't able to. They called City Hall and told voters that they could place their ballots inside a locked compartment of the machine or wait until someone came to fix the machine.

Inspectors said the ballots inside the locked box would be placed into the machine at the end of the day.

• A female student was told by the city clerk she couldn't vote, because they canceled her registration. The reason: she had moved. The student says she has lived at the same residence for the past five years.

• Some voters in Detroit had to vote in the dark because power went out.

Editor's Note:
Due to last week's election special, coverage of events that occurred two weeks ago was delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

NEWS IN SHORT

President makes stop at OU

Rumors floated around campus that President George W. Bush was at OU last Thursday.

He was. Bush briefly visited campus on Thursday morning after a Wednesday evening campaign stop at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Bush spent Wednesday night in Metro Detroit before departing early Thursday for a stop in the Saginaw area.

The president was brought by motorcade to the Upper Athletic Fields across from the University Student Apartments at OU where he departed via helicopter around 8:30 a.m. Lt. Mel Gilroy from the OU Police Department (OUPD) said.

Some roads on the north side of campus were closed for a short time that morning.

The OUPD worked closely with the U.S. Secret Service, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police to secure the area, Gilroy said.

Flu shots available at Graham Health Center

A limited supply of flu vaccines is available at OU's Graham Health Center for students and staff at high-risk.

The health center notified all of its high-risk patients, including those with chronic medical conditions, asthma or over the age of 65, to make appointments for a vaccine.

All flu vaccines at the Graham Health Center were recently canceled to comply with Center for Disease Control instructions.

Traveling exhibit from Germany makes stop at OU

OU is hosting "Hello, Dear Emmy! Books on Tolerance and Peace," a traveling exhibit with a goal of promoting world peace and understanding between cultures and nations.

The exhibit, which is touring Europe, Asia and North America, is on loan from the International Youth Library in Munich, Germany.

It is on display through December and located in the Art Gallery on the third floor of Pawley Hall, according to an OU press release.

Important dates

Express orientation and registration for newly admitted freshman, transfer students and adult learner students will take place Friday, Nov. 5.

Interested students are asked to make a reservation. Students may call admissions at (248) 370 - 4653 or e-mail at gold@oakland.edu

SAIL registration for the winter semester of 2005 will start Monday, Nov. 8 and will continue until Jan. 2, 2005.

Yesterday was the last day to drop a class.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi
Campus News Editor and Libby Baker, Managing Editor.

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in a discussion or dialogue can be beneficial.

"We live in a country where not everyone agrees," he said. "If you get angry, if you just disagree or if you think the other side is wrong, all that is healthy because it makes you think about what the other side is saying (and) everybody can learn from that experience."

Associate professor of political science Dale Nesbary said he has noticed some uncomfortable interactions.

However, because "students are more prepared than they were in the past ... interactions are more healthy and this leads to a more healthy environment," he said.

He rarely sees students acting childish, however, some students "may be perceived by others to act childish, because of the lack of life experience," he said.

OU classes bring together students ranging from ages 18-50, he said, "but they still behave appropriately."

The academic arena is the ideal situation for a student to express opinion, Nesbary said. "In the classroom, professors can protect the students from each other, in terms of not coming to blows over issues."

Nesbary also said that divisiveness is not the only avenue for discomfort in dialogue. "It's more a function of how prepared the student is, if a student is well prepared, he will intellectually devastate the student who is not," he said.

This notion occurs in all aspects of life, he said, not just in politics. "If both people are prepared, that's a good relationship between the two; they can debate the issues in a clear, concise manner."

Bill Connellan, associate professor of journalism, said he feels students that ask informed questions about the political process are critical observers of both candidates and their campaigns and are willing to challenge their own assumptions.

"The country is at a critical juncture," he also said. "When former Republican Governor Bill Milliken announces that he is voting for Senator Kerry, and a major Democratic figure (Ed Koch, former NY mayor) does the reverse, the political terrain feels a bit like Mt. St. Helen ... things are rumbling."

Connellan said he does not feel the media contributes in creating divisiveness during political campaigns.

"For the most part, the media reflects societal values and attitudes," he said.

However, Anne Becker, special

instructor of rhetoric, communication and journalism, said she thinks "the media may fuel any divide, as it helps get readers (and) viewers."

Nesbary agreed.

"The core beliefs people have in a society are very similar," he said, but "only the incremental differences are played by the media, that's why we think we're so different from each other."

Nesbary also said he feels that many students base their political affiliations on what their parents or neighbors believe.

"Over time their opinions may change, but the fundamental beliefs are a function of how they were raised, where they were raised or who they were raised by," he said.

Professor of journalism Neal Shine agreed.

Students, he said, have political allegiances that were developed at an early age, reflecting the political ideologies of their parents.

"But I suspect many, if not most, eventually develop their own political ideologies based on a deeper look at politics and the governmental process," he said.

Students' exposure to new ideas and outlooks in college can contribute to this, he said.

This type of exposure helps gain an enhanced perspective, Nesbary said.

"Strictly speaking," he said, students who vote independent have "observed the behaviors and actions of major parties and they're not satisfied."

John Klemanski, political science department chair, said he feels the most significant element of affiliation among students on campus is that most do not affiliate with either party.

He also said he feels that student interactions in the classroom are healthy.

"However," he said, "politics is emotional to a degree, so (uncomfortable) interactions are quite possible."

During elections, Dulio said, individuals may "do little annoying things to tick off the other side ... it happens in campaigns, it happens in politics (but) they're harmless little things in the grand scheme of things."

Associate professor of political science Paul Kubicek said he has noticed "a willingness of some students," from both political sides, "to be extremely partisan, even to the point of making some rather outrageous statements."

However, he also said that he has not seen "evidence of systematic incivility among students."

Pat Piskulich, associate professor of political science, said he feels discomfort - exploration of new and controversial ideas - is what college should be about.

Americans, he said, including students "are way too hung up on offending or being offended by others' words and actions."

OU students, he said, "are way too passive, in and out of the classroom."

"I see signs of life here and there around this election, but Rome is burning and they (in general) are likely just as attentive to reality TV, cars and Hollister as they are to Iraq," he said.

Shea Howell, chair of the rhetoric, communication and journalism department, agreed that there is not enough division on campus. She said she feels democracy requires healthy debate that covers differing perspectives.

"People need to be passionate about what they believe and be willing to engage others in conversation and confrontation," she said. Handling political differences is one of the challenges of this century, she said. "On the whole, the world isn't doing so well with this one." One of the tasks of education, she said, "is to help people learn how to engage difference."

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Goodwin credited her love for baseball to her father, while her mother - who died when Goodwin was only 15 - invoked a love for history, she said.

"I begged my mother to tell me stories when I was a child," she said.

She captures her memoirs in her book, "Wait Till Next Year: Summer Afternoons with My Father and Baseball."

Quickly moving to focus, Goodwin described her relationship with Lyndon Johnson, whom she met as a graduate just out of Harvard University where she studied government.

Johnson came into office during the Vietnam War, which Goodwin vehemently opposed.

"It created deep divisions among society," she said of the war.

During his tenure, Johnson not only faced keeping peace abroad, but also on the home front, as black Americans sought social equality.

Goodwin spent countless hours with Johnson helping him to complete his memoirs before his death in 1973.

"All presidents come into office wishing to leave something behind," Goodwin said as she transitioned into the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FDR, she said, was considered a playboy until World War I.

"The war made him into the man he was," Goodwin said.

Many opposed FDR's decision to support Britain in the fight against the Nazis, but he eventually gained popularity among the American people as he melted government and the economy into a dual role.

FDR made money by creating civilian defense coalitions, more bonds in smaller amounts, Red Cross drives and the production of war-time vehicles.

"He trusted his instincts, but he was also well-read," Goodwin said.

Abraham Lincoln is "the other man in my life," Goodwin said.

"He only had one full year of formal schooling - he carried a book with him everywhere he went," she said.

He "read and re-read" the Bible, Aesop's Fables and Shakespeare's plays. As a result, oratorical skill became "his stock and trade."

"He had the ability to relate practical wisdoms," Goodwin said.

When Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation - allowing all black slaves to

become free men - "he knew how to assert the moral authority of the presidency," Goodwin said.

And his speeches, which had "a principle stand to them," and humor, helped to "diffuse political tension."

Goodwin is nearly finished authoring a biography on Lincoln's life, which Stephen Spielberg is set to direct.

The film, she said, is tentatively due out sometime next year.

Goodwin's closing words prompted a rousing standing ovation from the audience.

"The past is alive in every single one of us - as we pledge to tell and re-tell their lives," she said.

Last year's inaugural lecture was given by renowned author and historian, David McCullough.

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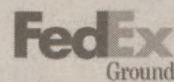
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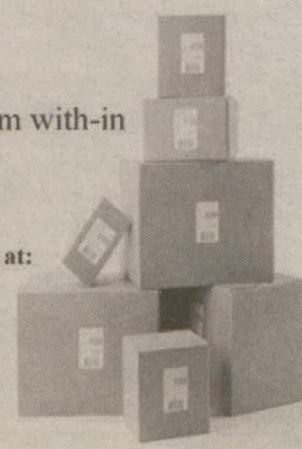
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History growing as a hobby

By KATHLEEN E. LARRABEE
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Most students remember diagramming their family tree in elementary school or asking their parents about their family history and we've all had to fill in the circle on the scantron denoting our ethnicity. But who really knows about their origin?

For those who quest for a traceable genealogy, this is the month that brings hope.

October 2004 was officially proclaimed Family History Month by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and libraries across the state, especially the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, have shifted

their focuses for October, as well as this month, to providing research help and programs for people interested in tracing their roots.

Family History Month comes through a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the public's growing interest in its heritage, fronted by Sen. Orrin Hatch (Rep.-UT). His proposed bill, designating October as a national Family History Month, was unanimously passed in the Senate in June of 2003.

Unfortunately, according to Genealogy.About.com, even with the unanimous vote in the Senate, Family History Month has still not become official, mainly due to a lack of counterpart

motion in the House of Representatives that is necessary before the president is able to make the final proclamation.

Genealogy research is understandably on its way to becoming one of the leading US hobbies, according to Thora Hydeacher, secretary of the Southeastern Michigan Genealogical Society.

"Internet traffic to popular genealogy Web sites demonstrates the growing interest in seeking the past through technology," Hydeacher said. "The internet genealogy industry is worth about \$200 million a year and that estimate is growing."

Some genealogist say young people experience a sense of satisfaction that

comes from learning both where and how their ancestors lived, whether it is in the rigid orthodox villages of the pre-Soviet Russian Empire, the crowded industrial cities in western Europe, nomadic groups of the pre-colonized North America or the religiously rich Middle East.

Geoff Carpenter, spokesperson for the Michigan Family History Center, said people are taking an interest in family history because it is something everyone can take part in.

"Wanting to know where you come from is universal across all cultures and faiths," he said. "Finding out about the accomplishments of our family gives a sense of responsibility, confidence and history."

Global Glance

Bin Laden: Goal is bankruptcy

Al-Jazeera released video and a full transcript of Osama bin Laden's most recent tape in which he said al Qaeda's goal is to force the U.S. into bankruptcy. He said mujahedeen fighters did the same thing to the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s. U.S. intelligence officials confirmed Monday that the transcript made public by Al-Jazeera was complete and that the tape appeared to be authentic and recently made.

Left takes power in Uruguay

Uruguay made a historic political shift in electing its first leftist president to face rebuilding the country after a recent economic crisis. With a majority of the votes counted Monday morning, Tabre Vazquez walked away with 50.7 percent of the vote, just more than the needed 50 percent plus one vote. Vazquez declared himself the winner only a few hours after voting ended, and his two opponents conceded.

Rape as weapon of war

Though the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo was declared over in 2003, fighting and sexual violence continue and there is little central Africa's health system can do, according to Amnesty International. In the past six years, more than 40,000 women and girls have been raped by fighters and all of the more than 20 groups involved in Congo's conflict have admitted to committing rape and sexual violence. Reports suggest that 20-30 percent of the victims are HIV-positive and HIV/AIDS could threaten more than half the population in the next 10 years.

North Korea alleges provocation

North Korea is accusing South Korea's navy of staging a serious confrontation that could have led to an armed maritime clash. South Korean vessels fired 10 rounds of warning shots at North Korean ships that had strayed into South Korean waters. North Korea's navy is blaming Seoul for the incident calling it unwarranted provocation. Monday's naval incident followed a series of skirmishes between the divided countries.

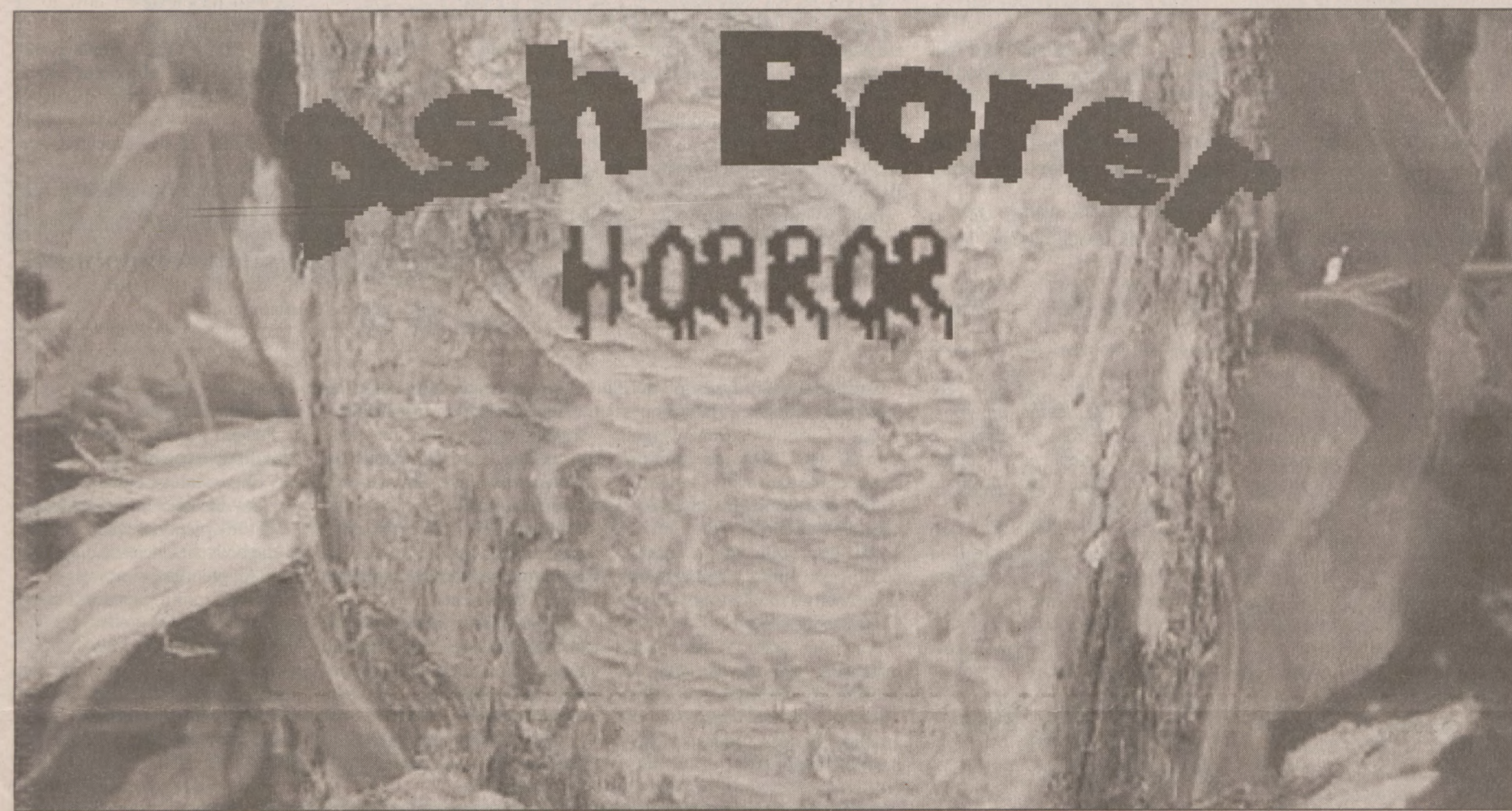
Global goof

Stars shine in mugshots

Some of Hollywood's biggest stars are turning their line-up photos into pin-ups. The 2005 Celebrity Mugshot Calendar, with pictures provided by America's police precincts, features real-life pictures at their arrests. Hugh Grant kicks off the year with his mugshot taken after being caught with prostitute Divine Brown in 1995 and closes with Christian Slater after his 1994 weapons arrest. Other featured celebrities include Robert Downey Jr., Vince Vaughn, Carmen Electra, Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey, Anna Nicole Smith and Keanu Reeves.

-Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.



By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

More than 6 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan are dead or dying from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Streets that use to be lined with large ash trees with decades of growth in them are now barren, empty and less inviting.

There are an estimated 700 million ash trees in Michigan, from where they are native. The trees are very common in yards between the street and sidewalk and also in woodlots.

The EAB is a pest from Asia that was discovered in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties in the summer of 2002. To prevent the movement of ash trees and ash products outside the infested counties, they were quarantined. The quarantine was later expanded in August 2003 to include seven surrounding counties. EAB has also been detected in Windsor and parts of Ohio.

EAB is a pest that affects ash trees and belongs to a group of insects known as metallic wood boring beetles. It is only known to attack green, white or black ash trees. EAB adults are dark metallic green in color, 1/2-inch long and 1/16-inch

wide. They are only present from May to July. Evidence of infestation includes D-shaped exit holes on branches and the trunk and also vertical splits in the bark.

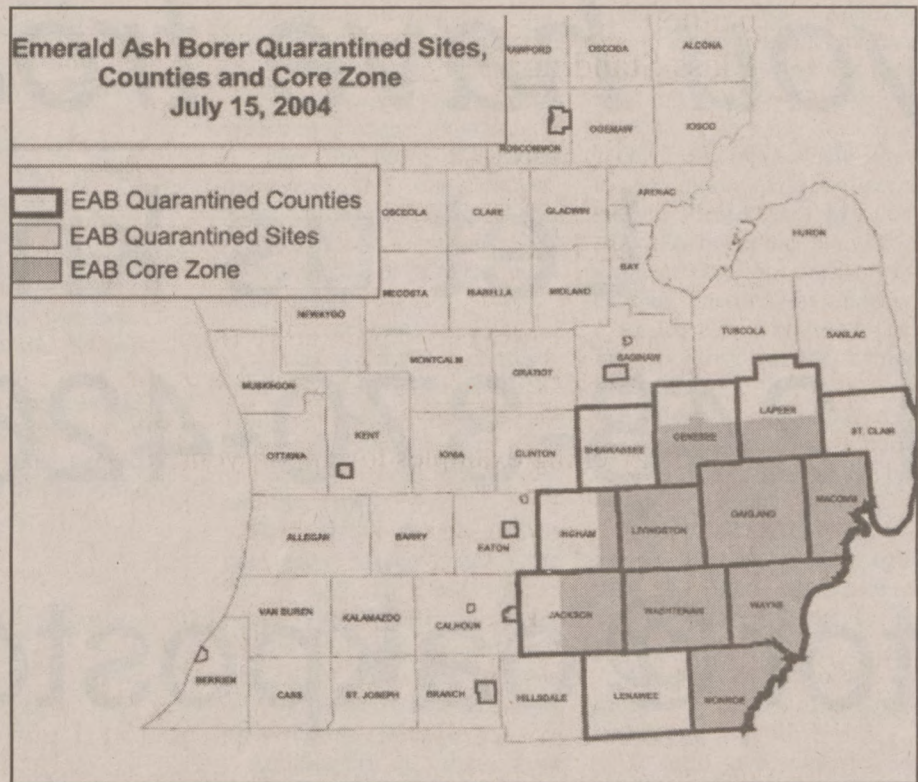
To prevent and control the spread of the EAB, state officials have issued a quarantine on all ash trees and materials, including firewood, for the affected counties. Under this quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees or ash products from any of the 13 quarantined counties. State police are searching cars at rest stops to stop the transport of ash firewood. Many people are moving the firewood, which is illegal.

Counties, cities and townships are making their own decisions on how to handle the EAB problem. It is not recommended for homeowners or businesses to attempt to cut down or treat trees, although the cost of the solution is being billed to homeowners and municipalities.

Kevin Lary, of J.H. Hart Urban Forestry said, "The Emerald Ash Borer is devastating to all the ash trees, even outside of the quarantined area through the movement of firewood and other ash tree products." Lary is a plant health care specialist and certified arborist.

Some areas, including parts of Oakland and Macomb Counties, have already seen their trees cut down as part of a control

Please see TREE on A8.



Top: Emerald Ash Borer Beetles leave 'D' shaped marks on the trunks of infected white, green or black ash trees.

Above: Most of southeast Michigan has been infected by the beetles and trees are being removed and replaced.

Photos by Kaethe Hampel/The Oakland Post

Parking lot gets new look

By SHEILA KOSZTOWNY
THE OAKLAND POST

Take a last look at the Rochester and Tienken intersection before it's transformed into City Walk, a retail development that will include retail, food and office businesses.

Currently used as an undeveloped Chrysler parking lot, the \$20 million shopping district will provide local commercial vendors, using Walgreens as its anchor. The 12.4 acre lot is on the southeast corner of the intersection, and was formerly known as Holiday Village Square.

City Walk joined with the nearby Papa Joe's Gourmet Market development to expand the roads. On the northwest corner of the intersection, Papa Joe's will be constructed along with multi-tenant commercial vendors with a building area no more than 121,333 square feet and nearly 571 parking spaces.

City Walk, designed by Aragona Properties, is a 107,367 square foot lifestyle themed community center designed by the same architects of the Village of Rochester Hills.

"It's not the standard strip mall," Derek L. Delacourt of the Rochester Hills Planning Department said. Delacourt said that the

design was to "try to create something that is a little more user-friendly, a little more walkable, a little more community oriented than your standard strip mall with a parking lot in front of it."

City Walk is expected to draw shoppers from Rochester and Rochester Hills as well as Oakland and Shelby Townships.

"I think it's about time that corner got used for something," 32-year-old Ben Morris said. Morris is a resident of Lake Orion, and works for Rochester First Assembly of God, located north of Tienken on Rochester Road.

"There wasn't enough in that intersection to take care of us," developer Paul Aragona said. Aragona Properties and Papa Joe's owner Tony Curtis are spending \$1 million to create easy access and departure for the developments. Several lanes will be added to Rochester and Tienken Roads, Aragona said.

Existing developments on Tienken Road have agreed to dedicate land off of their property such as Lino's Restaurant, Speedway Gas Station and TCF Bank.

Exact road plans are being determined with Michigan Department of Transportation and Road Commission for Oakland County.



Kaethe Hampel/The Oakland Post

The parking lot at Rochester Road and Tienken will soon be home to City Walk; a mall officials hope will draw shoppers from all of Rochester.

CLINTON
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Doug Hunter, professor of biological sciences at OU.

The partnership OU is working with — Wayne State University, the Clinton River Watershed Council, Environmental and Consulting Technology, Inc. and the Great Lakes National Program Office — “is just focusing on the problem of contaminated sediments,” Schweitzer said.

“We need to find the sources of contaminants in order to clean them up,” and ultimately “move forward in restoring the Clinton River,” she said.

Because freshwater mussels are filter feeders and live for several years, “they have often been used by environmental scientists as an index of contaminant uptake and contamination,” Hunter said.

Since 1978, populations of freshwater mussels in the Clinton River “have undergone substantial reductions,” he said.

The declines are due to habitat destruction, nutrient contamination, dam construction and pollution by toxic discharge.

The George W. Kuhn Drain Project is one of the steps in improving water quality.

According to Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, the project will improve the treatment of water and will expand the existing basin’s capacity to 90 million gallons.

“Our neighbors downstream, those communities in Macomb County, and ultimately those that enjoy Lake St. Clair, are assured that the water we send down the river is properly treated and meets federal mandates and that we will not be contributing any additional contamination to the lakes, rivers and streams,” he said.

The project will also protect from basement flooding.

The new facility is currently under construction on 12 mile and I-75. It will serve a drainage

area over 24,000 acres in 14 communities, according to Philip Sanzica, deputy and chief engineer of engineering and construction in the Oakland County Drain Commissioner’s Office.

The facility is designed to screen all water flow and reduce the “risk of catastrophic flooding or damage,” he said. It will also allow for easy maintenance.

To help protect public health, he said, the new facility has improved disinfection and the proposed screening system will have 22 vertical screens that are cleaned continuously. There will also be several emergency relief screens.

Tetra Tech, which provides consulting, engineering and technical services, is one of the collaborators of the project.

Kellie DuBay, environmental scientist at Tetra Tech, said a watershed management approach “is key to protecting our water resources.”

The distinctive mark of a watershed approach is that it

focuses not on “jurisdictional boundaries, but on natural, hydrological boundaries,” she said. “It also provides the opportunity to leverage resources.”

Stakeholder involvement is also a factor. Through the watershed management approach, stakeholders can be brought together to form partnerships and build public support for the project, she said.

A Clinton River remedial action plan is in progress and the current stage is focused on developing a list of criteria for the restoration of the river, according to Jessica Pitelka Opfer, executive director of the Clinton Watershed Council.

“Obviously the end goal is to delist (the river) as an area of concern, but the primary priority here is to figure out where we want the river to be in the future,” she said.

Macomb County has been conducting long term monitoring of the river. The Macomb County Health Department

began a beach testing program in 1948, according to Director and Health Officer of Macomb County Health Department Thomas Kalkofen.

In 1990, the number of sites in Macomb County was expanded to 20 along the river and the waterways.

And “as of today, we are now testing on a weekly basis, over 60 sites in Macomb county rivers, drains and in the lake itself,” he said.

Ben Grumbles, acting assistant administrator of the Office of Water for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was the event’s keynote speaker.

“This is such a critically important event,” he said. “This is a microcosm ... for the Great Lakes restoration and protection collaboration.

“It’s a message for the rest of the country about the importance of grassroots and watershed efforts integrated and coordinated, and the importance of keep-

ing your eyes on the overall goal,” he said.

Appearances were also made by Democratic Senator Debbie Stabenow, Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Don Brown, representing Republican Congresswoman Candice Miller and Stuart Pigler, representing Republican Congressman Mike Rogers.

“This is an event that we hope will continue on an annual basis to give you an update as to all the successes that we have experienced in the watershed, and of course identify the continued challenges we have in preserving our watershed,” McCulloch said.

The Review was held at OU on Oct. 22.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.headworksusa.com/gwk.pdf>
<http://www.wordpictures.com/gwk.htm>
<http://www.crwv.org/>
<http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/drain/>

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profit emergency shelter.

“Not only does participation raise awareness about hunger in the United States, but it educates students about the month of Ramadan,” said Jameelah Muhammad, secretary of the MSA.

During the Islamic month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset in worship of God.

They also fast to remember the poor who go hungry every day and to exercise self-restraint.

Muslims believe that if they abstain from that which is permissible during Ramadan, they will be able to abstain from that which is sinful throughout the rest of the year.

They also believe that God prescribed fasting to all of the prophets sent to mankind, including Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

Students participating signed a pledge card to abstain from food and drink during daylight hours Thursday.

“When lunch came around, I realized what an inconvenience it was to not be able to eat,” gradu-

ate student Bryan Austin said. “It made me really realize what a serious issue hunger is and an understanding of another (faith).”

Pledges were collected from local area businesses, families and individuals who wished to sponsor and support the students who fasted and the Food Bank.

Participating businesses received publicity throughout the event on campus flyers and local media coverage.

The goal of the event was to raise \$3,500, however, it raised approximately \$1,500.

“The most important thing OU students could take away was that regardless of religion or where you come from, you can still give to a good cause,” Muhammad said.

“You also get the chance to be respectful and appreciative of other’s beliefs.”

At sundown, students shared in breaking their fast with a meal provided by Chartwells catering service.

Muhammad said she feels this is a great on-campus event. “Not only does it raise awareness, but it unites under a common goal.”

HEALTH
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looking at ourselves, and it’s negative instead of positive,” she said. “Sometimes all it takes is someone else outside to tell you that.”

Padgett also debunked the myth that “thin equals perfect.”

“You can be thin and still be over-fat,” she said.

“If you eat unhealthy or smoke you will still be clogging your arteries.”

An individual can weigh 160 pounds and have 30 percent body fat, or weigh 120 pounds and still have 30 percent body fat.

The scale is not a healthy way to measure well-being, Padgett said. Individuals should refer to a professional fitness assessment.

Responsibility is another aspect of a healthy life.

According to Padgett, taking responsibility for personal actions and trying to fix mistakes contributes to healthy well-being.

Individuals take their bodies for granted, she said, “at 18 or 19, you don’t think your body will quit on you.”

Padgett suggests that balance is the key to a healthy life.

Students also discussed how

fad diets, like Atkins, are unhealthy. Removing any portion of food from an otherwise balanced diet depletes the source of carbohydrates that the brain uses for energy.

However, a diet with too much fat and protein can also lead to premature diabetes, heart disease and high cholesterol.

“Doctors are finding now that 30-year-olds who follow Atkins are having heart attacks,” Padgett said.

However, students often have a hard time limiting their consumption of calories.

Considering the types of rich food that people eat in Europe, Padgett attributes severe weight gain in the U.S. to the portion sizes people eat.

“We’ve become this super size nation,” she said.

“We don’t think it’s a normal portion size unless it’s the largest size, and we don’t think about the consequences.”

Watching portion sizes and increasing activity can help a student stay healthy.

Activity doesn’t have to be grueling; Padgett suggests a simple walk to class.

“We are especially notorious for this at Oakland,” she said. “Students will park in the main lot, then drive to the Varner lot for their next class. And it’s only a 5 minute walk.”

Padgett is working with other fitness trainers at the Recreation Center to give interested students fitness assessments.

A fitness assessment is a short test that measures body fat and strength. This then allows trainers to put together a 6-8 week exercise program.

Fitness assessments, normally priced at \$15, are currently free

because of a grant given by OU President Gary Russi.

Padgett outlined what students should do to be healthy:

- Eat a healthy, balanced diet
- Exercise 2-3 times per week
- Drink plenty of water to flush the body and increase immunity
- Get plenty of sleep
- Quit smoking or don’t start at all
- Control stress levels.

For more information on assessments, class schedules, or staying healthy, contact Mila Padgett at 248-370-4910, or ext. 4910.

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GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Graham Health Center reminds you that one of the busiest times of the year is fast approaching. The holidays and final exams will be here before you know it. At this busy time we’d like to remind you to take care of your HEALTH. If you’re not healthy, getting adequate sleep and getting 20-30 minutes of exercise at least 3 times a week will greatly reduce your risk of illness. Contact GHC at ext. 2341 or email health@oakland.edu if you have any questions about your health or the need for an appointment.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Come join us for **HEALTHY SPIRIT DAY**. Celebrate staying alive and healthy. This is an opportunity to experience exhibits from local businesses involved in enhancing mind, body and spirit. There will be health screenings, alternative medicine information and demonstrations, sample products and much more. And it’s **FREE**. **Wednesday, November 10, 2004 in the Rec Center, 11 AM - 2 PM and 4 - 7 PM**

Intramural Sports: Get ready for Basketball Extravaganza!! Registration deadline is November 18th! Stop by the Rec Center for more information.

Remember - **Half Semester Memberships** on sale now!

Get ready for the holiday season before it’s too late! The cost is only \$85 for non-students, and it is effective 11/1/04 - 1/9/05!

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- Career exploration
- Discussion of job prospects
- Opportunity for informational interviews, job shadowing, mock interviews, and networking
- Office visits

To learn more about this program or to find out which alumni are participating, visit the Career Services website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices and click on eRecruiting@OU.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE presents Auggie Smith

Friday, November 5, 7PM

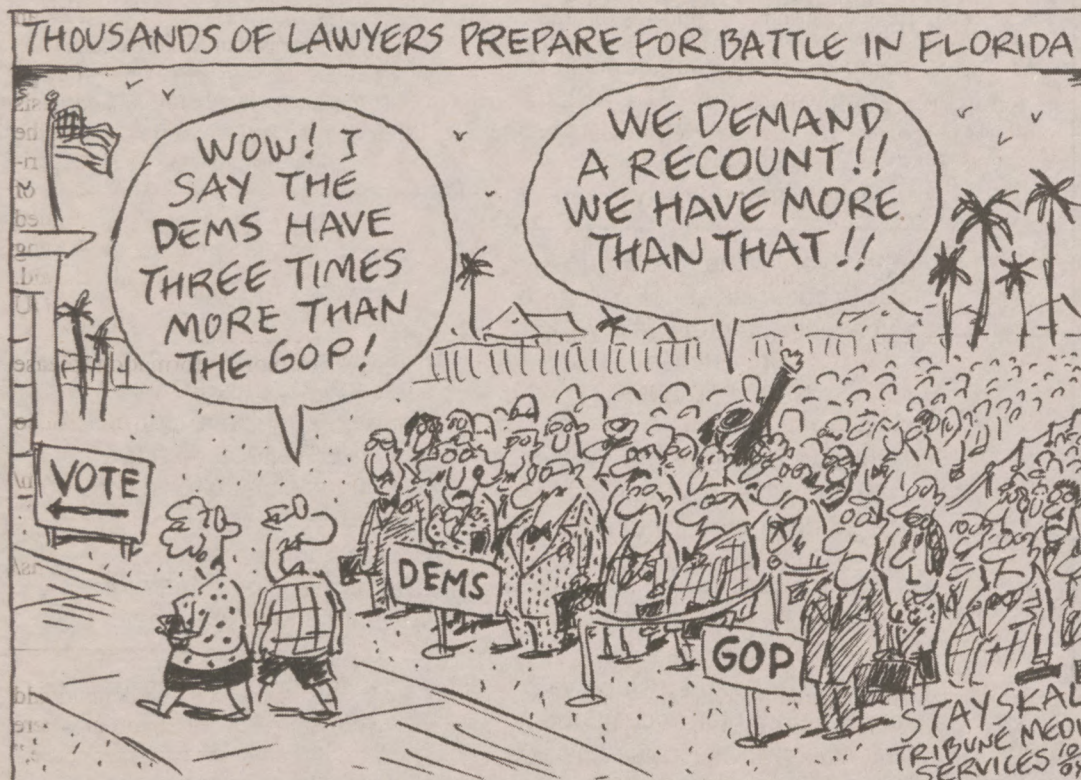
Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
Auggie Smith is a 14-year veteran of stand up comedy stages who has won praise for his originality and energy. During Auggie’s set, pop culture targets ranging from the Barbie Doll to celebrity game shows are dissected, piece by piece, into intelligently written, manic rants delivered in a seamless rapid-fire style.
Free admission and refreshments

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Corrections: In the second paragraph on the front page story regarding Professor Sheldon Appleton there is an improper quote mark. That paragraph is not a quote from Prof. Appleton.

EDITORIAL

The negative effects of this election cycle had far-reaching consequences, some of which even trickled down to OU.

Our own student congress faced intense controversy and division among its members, and subsequently this week's meeting was canceled.

In early October, OUSC passed a resolution urging students to vote no on Proposal 2.

This action, whether right or wrong, prompted heated debate.

Many students were pleased with the passing of the resolution, but a significant number were angered. There was also some disagreement among the legislators.

In the meetings that followed the passing of the resolution, a significant amount of time was spent debating past actions and listening to the complaints of unhappy students.

While Proposal 2 was an important issue, with implications that could negatively impact many students and faculty on this campus, too much time was devoted to this resolution.

The debate prevented congress from doing its job.

Besides spending considerable time each week discussing the resolution and fielding student comments, the issue caused major rifts between legislators.

Some took to verbally attacking and bickering with each other. Others protested that so much time was spent arguing about the same issues.

As a result, this week's meeting was canceled so congress could elude the tension and hurt surrounding the situation.

But why was it still an issue? The resolution passed four weeks ago. Subsequent efforts to pass legislation nullifying the resolution failed.

Yet the discussion and arguing carried on each

week even though the arguments and comments remained the same. Nothing new was being accomplished.

Congress started off on the right foot, doing great things like addressing student concerns with Printwise, creating a Student of the Month parking space and registering more than 700 students to vote, but now they've not only lost their momentum, they've stagnated.

It is OUSC's duty to serve each and every one of us, and the legislators accept and recognize this role when they choose to run for office.

In the real world we can't take a week off work to mend wounds between coworkers. In a real democracy you make your stand, you cast your vote and you move on.

The student body shouldn't suffer because certain legislators can't see eye to eye. It's not our problem if the legislators we elected can't get along, because it's not about being friends.

It is, however, about serving students and doing what's best for the collective whole.

And the resolution and debate have prevented congress from doing this.

Our student legislators should keep this in mind and remember why they originally got involved. Hopefully, it is because they wanted to serve the students.

By canceling this week's meeting and devoting unlimited time to the discussion of the resolution, they have not fulfilled their most important responsibility. It's time to move on and put personal differences aside.

Next time a resolution like this comes around, maybe congress will remember the controversy, complaints and hard feelings this issue caused. The intent was good, but the events that followed were unfortunate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Your election coverage sucks.

The Oakland University paper should be more 2 sided instead of giving the liberal point of view for everything.

Page A3 of today's paper has an article titled "America's Domestic Policy - the past 4 years" the article slams the president and his policy making in his first term. If I was an undecided voter and saw this article I would be afraid for the country. Not the case at all ...

After turning to page A2 of today's paper I see an ad with George W. Bush's face on Uncle Sam's body. The caption reads "Are you feeling like a draft?" The ad is scaring voters into voting for John Kerry.

Shameless ... I realize that "move on" probably purchased ad space, but the paper should show both sides better. I am sick of hearing about how GWB is a horrible president and how John Kerry is going to be a breath of fresh air to the country.

Finally, the one point of view that isn't 100 percent liberal is on the back page of the first section. This should have ran more toward the front of the paper. I'm sure many students who read the paper missed this.

The Post should be an independent source of information for students and faculty at Oakland University.

Thank you for your time.

Jeff VanHove
Junior
Marketing

Dear Editor:

Oakland University's Student Congress (OUSC) has lost its way. On Monday, the 25th, I attended their weekly meeting and was horrified at the events which took place.

During this meeting, I saw students from the gallery attempt to share their concerns, but instead of being listened to they were grilled by Student Congress.

Under the guise of "asking questions for clarification" Student Congress rephrased student's concerns to promote their own agenda, or trapped them with rhetoric.

On one occasion while a student was voicing her concerns over Proposal 2, an OUSC member asked the African American student how she would feel if her right to vote was taken away.

The OUSC member then managed to maneuver her to say that if such an event was to occur she would not want OUSC to stand up for her. Several of the other students who presented their concerns were similarly treated.

Additionally disturbing were the rude whispers and faces OUSC members made while their own members and the gallery tried to voice their concerns.

OUSC should represent all of its students all the time.

I really challenge the members of OUSC to do some serious soul searching to determine if they are truly representing the students of Oakland University, or they are promoting their own agenda.

Last Monday, OUSC passed two resolutions: 05-07 and 05-17. The first resolution allows OUSC to spend your student dollars to promote a political agenda (Proposal 2).

The second resolution prohibits the advertising or endorsing of any political issue in the OUSC office that OUSC does not support.

In other words, OUSC has given itself the right to use your money to promote their agenda (05-07), and they have prohibited any opposition to political ideas which they do not agree with (05-17).

OUSC has lost its way.

I strongly encourage all students to get involved and help our congress get back on the right track.

It's your money and it's your congress. Let your voice be heard!

Bryan Austin
Grad Student
Masters In Arts and Teaching

Dear Editor:

The time is now to own up to the problem of violence against women on this campus and in the greater community. Statistics show that 1 in 4 women experience sexual assault before the age of 18.

Statistics also show that 2/3 of college men report that if they could rape a woman and get away with it, they would (Department of Justice).

I know there is a problem when the majority of the women in my life have been victims of sexual assault.

We need to work as a community to develop a collective consciousness regarding this problem and work aggressively to solve it.

On this campus, there seems to be more of a collective silence. Please don't fool yourself into believing that sexual violence does not exist on this campus. I assure you it does.

At least two reported rapes have occurred on this campus this year.

It's time for men to step up to the plate and tell the community that we won't stand for this type of injustice against women.

As men, we need to own up to our privilege by virtue of being men and figure out where we can use that privilege for the greater good.

We need to understand that rape is a crime of violence, power and control.

We need to be outraged that rape is a crime that is committed every three minutes in the United States.

It is our responsibility to question the fact that over 70 percent of rapes are unreported because

we live in a culture of silence (DOJ).

I encourage all men on this campus to join together and be a part of the White Ribbon Campaign which I have recently implemented here at Oakland University.

By wearing a White Ribbon and signing a petition, you pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

We need to begin challenging other men to stop using their power to make others powerless.

There is a need to encourage all men to work together with women to use our collective voices to stop violence against women in our own community and throughout the world.

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Dear Editor:

Here is a hypothetical:

You've been harassed and threatened by a group of people.

They've confronted you and made you feel not very safe on campus. You call the police and file a report, then you call your parents since you have nowhere to turn.

You visit with the Assistant Dean. Thus, this is where the problem starts.

You are a guy and the delinquents are girls. Does that mean that a guy cannot be harassed? Does that mean that a guy cannot be intimidated?

In the case of the Assistant Dean, guys are the problem, especially if one of the delinquents walks in with their baby.

It is a grave injustice that when one files a police report, one is turned into the enemy or the guilty one.

I am not saying that just because this person is a male might have had anything to do with the incomplete, disastrous and horrid job done by the Assistant Dean to arbitrarily try and convict the one to whom the threats were made against but it does make one think.

If you are the next one on campus who gets a threat, how will it be handled?

Paul Edwards
Freshman
Undecided

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program. Lary said J.H. Hart Urban Forestry has cut down thousands in Oakland County alone. Its hopes are to stop the spread of the EAB and contain and eliminate it from the current quarantined counties.

The Zone Management Strategy, which is part of the Emerald Ash Borer Michigan Eradication Strategy, "calls for the removal of a substantial number of ash trees, both infested and non-infested, as a control measure."

There will be no more shady saviors from the sun's oppressive rays,

nor snow covered branches making the first snowfall of the season all the more beautiful.

"This removal process will slow the spread of the ash borer and buy us time to find better solutions," said spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel.

Very little information on the beetle is available from its native region, and limited control or management recommendations exist to date.

To help effectively control and eradicate the EAB and the threat it poses to Michigan and North American ash trees, research projects

are underway. Homeowners are urged to be wary of companies promising a solution or cure for the EAB.

To report any signs of EAB or dying ash trees outside of the core infestation area, or for information on how to prevent infection of your neighborhood's trees, call the state's toll-free EAB hotline at (866) 325-0023.

For general information, visit Michigan's EAB Web site at www.emeraldashborer.info. Information was taken from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Web sites.

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meetings," Crampton said. "Rather than creating another heated debate," she said, canceling the meeting would give students and congress members the chance to take their energy to their respective polling sites.

Student body president Jonathan Parks said he thinks canceling the meeting was a good idea.

"Both sides were so passionate about Proposal 2, it was just a tug of war every week," Parks said.

He said he hopes tension will ease by next week's meeting. "Let it be settled at the polls," he said.

"If congress thinks that the way to ease tension is to simply not have meetings and not publicly talk about the decision that they have made, then they are dead wrong," Merriam said. "Rather, congress should encourage dialogue and should not be afraid to defend the position they take."

Despite the fact that the meeting was canceled to prevent further tension and controversy, flyers were posted in and outside the Oakland Room, where OUSC meet-

ings are held, encouraging students to vote against Proposal 2.

"Conflict isn't bad," Crampton said, "there's always going to be conflict."

Crampton challenges "anybody to think of a time in an election year when a student government has actually created such a stir on campus showing students how important it is to vote."

As a result of congress' initiatives, she said, students "realize that where they're going to make the difference is at the polls."

Because the Steering Committee is composed of legislators, it has the power to cancel meetings; it also sets meeting agendas. The committee is currently composed of five legislators.

Legislators Josh Miller, Lindsay McCullough and Ginger Houghton voted for canceling the meeting. Legislator Donald Stuckey voted against canceling and Legislator Katie Miller abstained.

Putansu does not cast a vote. "I have to remain impartial," he said. He presents both sides to the committee.

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World patrimony suffers loss

Varner Recital Hall will hold a fundraising concert to help rebuild Anna Amalia Library

By ANDREA MCNINCH
THE OAKLAND POST

OU will be hosting the first American benefit concert to raise money for the reconstruction of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library located in Weimar, Germany.

The library is part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage list and was recently ravaged by the largest library fire in Germany since World War II.

On the night of Sept. 2, valuable paintings, music and books were severely damaged or destroyed by the fire, only weeks before the library's historical contents were to be transferred into a newly built facility.

"The people of Weimar were shocked when this happened," said adjunct professor Ann Lemke, Ph.D., and chief organizer of "Saving Amalia."

Some of the items destroyed in the fire included oil paintings from the 16th to the 18th century and Anna Amalia's music collection (1739-1807). Some 62,000 books were badly damaged which represented two fifth of the books published by 1850.

Lemke pointed out that "The [U.S.] have ran news on it, but it generally hasn't been in the papers here ... it's of importance to everybody in the world."

There were also 600 very valuable bibles in her collection, including the "Martin Luther Bible" from the 1500s.

"The director of the library knew exactly where it [Martin Luther Bible] was," Lemke said. "And while the building was burning [he] went in there ... and rescued that one particular book."

Duchess Anna Amalia was the ruler of Weimar during the "Golden Age of Classicism" in Germany. During her reign she started the library's irreplaceable collection of manuscripts, books, art and many other cultural artifacts.



Anna Amalia Library before the fire.



Anna Amalia Library after the fire.



Photo courtesy of the Duchess Anna Amalia Library

Left: The Roccoco Hall was severely damaged by the Sept. 2 fire. It had been closed since July to undergo a restoration project that would have been completed in 2007.

Top1: The library during the fire.

Top2: The front of the library.

Top3: 62,000 books were damaged.

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Amalia, go to
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Throughout her years as the Duchess of Weimar, Amalia invited many famous artists, such as the celebrated German poet Goethe (Ger-ta), to study at her library.

"Shakespeare is to England as Goethe is to Germany," Lemke said.

While writing her doctoral dissertation on a female German composer, Lemke lived in Weimar where she had the opportunity to use the materials from the Anna Amalia library. It was on a recent plane ride to Weimar for a musicological conference, just two weeks after the fire, that Lemke decided she needed to do something to help Weimar rebuild and restore what was left of Anna Amalia Library.

Lemke was able to hear first hand just how devastating the fire was to the people of Weimar and to our world culture.

"They [friends of Lemke] had been out to dinner in the city and as they were on their way home," Lemke said,

"They saw the flames ... and a crowd

of people gathering in front of the library ... while the building was burning people were clearing the shelves."

Musicologists who were at this conference are just devastated ... "it's like their life's work is up in smoke," Lemke said. "One guy said it was like 'supergau,' ... which means it's like the greatest possible disaster ... and that's why I think people here need to know about it ... because it's a huge cultural loss."

Some benefit concerts were held in Weimar and recently in Berlin.

"They are trying to do them in all the major cities in Germany," Lemke said. "Concerts are a way to get people

together and Anna Amalia composed music ... she was very interested in music."

With the help of Goethe Institute Chicago, Goethe Haus Michigan, OU's Department of Music, Theater and Dance and OU's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Lemke was able to put together the first benefit concert in the United States to help Weimar.

"I am really glad we are able to have it at OU," Lemke said. "Having the concert is a way of honoring the memory of Amalia ... we want people to be aware of the scope of loss that the people of Weimar have suffered and also our world culture."

Internationally acclaimed soprano Shirley Close will be singing music composed by German women of the 19th century and will be accompanied on piano by Dr. Sharon Johnson. The night will also feature photographs taken before, during and after the catastrophic fire.

"By having this concert we are able to have some live performances of songs from Anna Amalia's collection that have been burned and are just gone," Lemke said.

Concert programs will have the English translation of the music so those unfamiliar with German will be able to follow along.

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Meet Sumeera Younis

On Nov. 6 Sumeera Younis will begin an odyssey to uncover perceptions and attitudes toward mental illness in Pakistan

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS
THE OAKLAND POST

Sumeera Younis is far from being just another student at OU.

Completely aware of her surroundings, both on and off campus, she is out to bring attention to serious issues that confront us in contemporary society.

Younis is a senior and currently a legislator on OU's Student Congress. She is also president of the Muslim Student Association.

Her major in both women's studies and sociology, and her minor in philosophy, all hint toward her level of social awareness.

Younis is a woman on a mission and beginning Nov. 6, her mission will take her to Pakistan, where she will be investigating peoples' perceptions and attitudes toward mental illness, utilizing a University Student Research Scholar Award.

"Mental illness has become taboo today, nobody wants to talk about it or deal with the issue," Younis said. "I really would like to bring certain things

to the attention of NGOs."

NGOs are non-governmental organizations, not government affiliated, and really do most of the work fighting for human and civil rights of people in third world countries, she said.

Younis has already mapped out the steps she'll take in her research.

The first one will be to conduct interviews with the people of Pakistan.

In doing this, she will be able to evaluate how people look at the issue of mental illness, including reactions, perceptions and opinions.

One of the problems appears to be that people do not have a good understanding of mental illness, and so they deal with it in ways that aren't too constructive, Younis said. In some villages, bleeding therapy is still used, and some people, considered mentally ill, are locked up.

Bleeding therapy consists of cutting the patient's head open and letting it bleed, she said.

The idea behind it is that by doing this, the entity causing the illness inside the person will be released, she added.

With children considered to be mentally ill, there are cases where their family won't claim or help them because no one wants it to be known, she said. Public institutions are often a last resort for children.

In the second phase, Younis will make on-site visits to institutions.

She'll take pictures and use the photographs to compile a photo-essay.

"I think it will be good for people to actually see what the facilities look like, it will make more of an impact," Younis said.

The last part will be to put together an outline that could possibly be used toward creating solutions to the problem of men-

tal illness, she said.

This is the area where Younis hopes to gain the attention of the NGOs.

Ultimately, it would be great if the government in Pakistan was able to use her research to help with the problem, but she thinks it is more realistic to focus on NGOs.

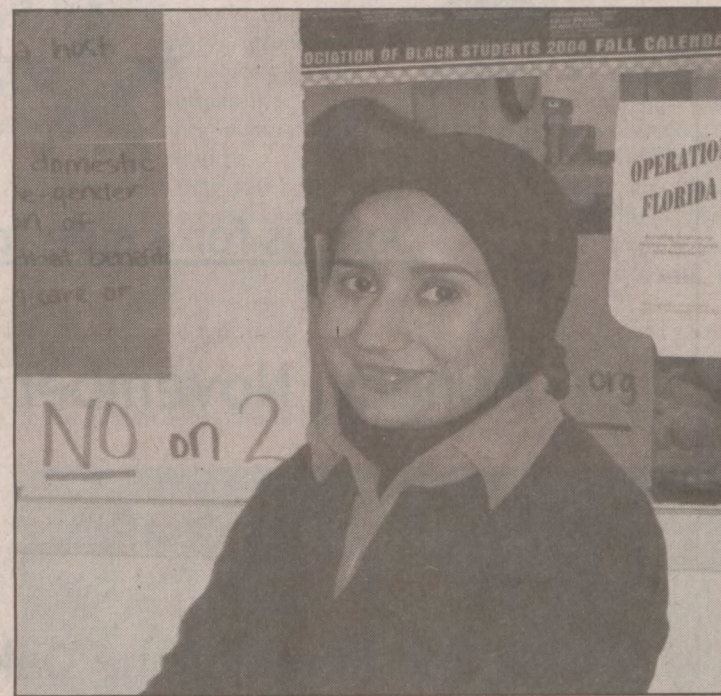
Younis has already conducted preliminary research here in the United States and has made some contacts as well.

Her first two weeks, she will travel accompanied by a male to help provide safety as she moves around. After that her mother will join her, she said.

"At the end of the day there are a lot of misconceptions and stereotypical thoughts on mental illness," Younis said.

She feels that her work will be appreciated in the United States as well, since she said "the issue is culturally contextual and socially constructed."

She gave an example of how if she was in Saudi Arabia and wore short skirts or provocative clothing, she would be labeled crazy.



Virginie Perov/The Oakland Post

Sumeera Younis is getting ready to embark on a two month trip to Pakistan. She is a member of OUSC and president of MSA.

"It changes depending on the culture you're in," she said.

Younis is worried about the diagnosing of mental illness and pointed out that "psychiatrists come up with a certain way of how we should act, and if you deviate from that, you're labeled as being crazy, which can then become a form of social control."

Younis' social conscience is evident. While talking about her upcoming work, she was helping the Muslim Student Association with their Fast-A-Thon, an event held to raise awareness of hungry people in the community.

"It's not just overseas where people go hungry," Younis said.

Fast-A-Thon is actually carried out by MSAN (Muslim Student Association National); each chapter in the country participates.

Last year, the Muslim Student Association at Oakland University was able to raise \$2,700 for the Food Bank of Oakland County.

A supporter of John Kerry, Younis is also politically aware.

She thinks, however, that "a lot of people have taken an anybody-but-Bush attitude, and we should still demand integrity from the candidates."

Integrity is something Sumeera Younis fights for, here, and very soon, abroad.

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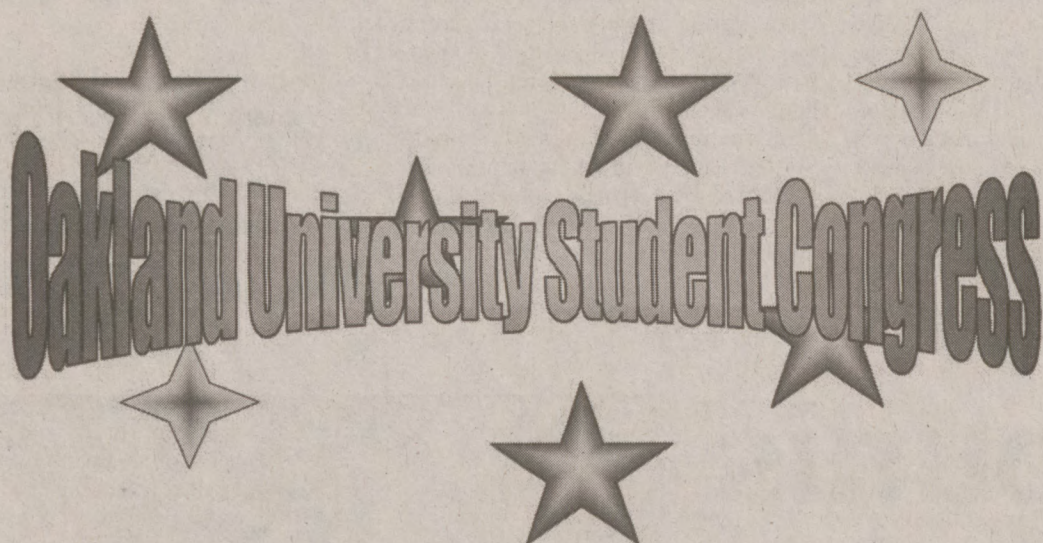
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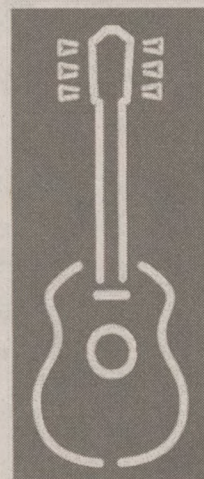
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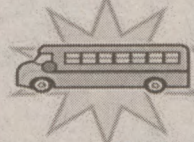
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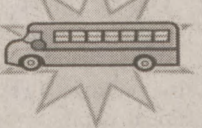
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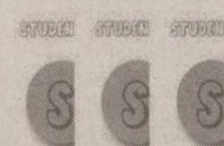


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Double venue hosts single theme

BY LUISE BOLLEBER
THE OAKLAND POST

Abstract art" as a definition doesn't truly apply to the Meadow Brook Art Gallery's current exhibition, "Passage, Inference and Surface." Although one could ask the common question, "What is it?"

The paintings by Wendy Roberts and objects by Nolan Simon are intrinsically different yet co-exist comfortably in the same gallery space, complementing one another. I say "objects" rather than sculptures or paintings in reference to Nolan's works because they incorporate elements of both.

This exhibit is unique because it is presented in conjunction with Meadow Brook Theater's production of "Art," a Tony award-winning play by Yasmina Reza.

"Art" is a story about what happens to a trio of male friends when one of them buys an expensive piece of abstract art. The artwork in question is a white painting with white, diagonal lines — minimalism at its best.

The works by Roberts and Simon conspire in spirit with "Art's" white painting in terms of their minimalism, but the similarity stops there.

Nolan Simon's work reminds you of everyday functional objects with machined finishes i.e. painted metal and hard plastic surfaces. But they are simplified in the extreme, only hinting at specific functionality. Even their whiteness creates neutrality, allowing a bareboned examination of commercial design and consumerism. They represent familiar technology so common to us, our

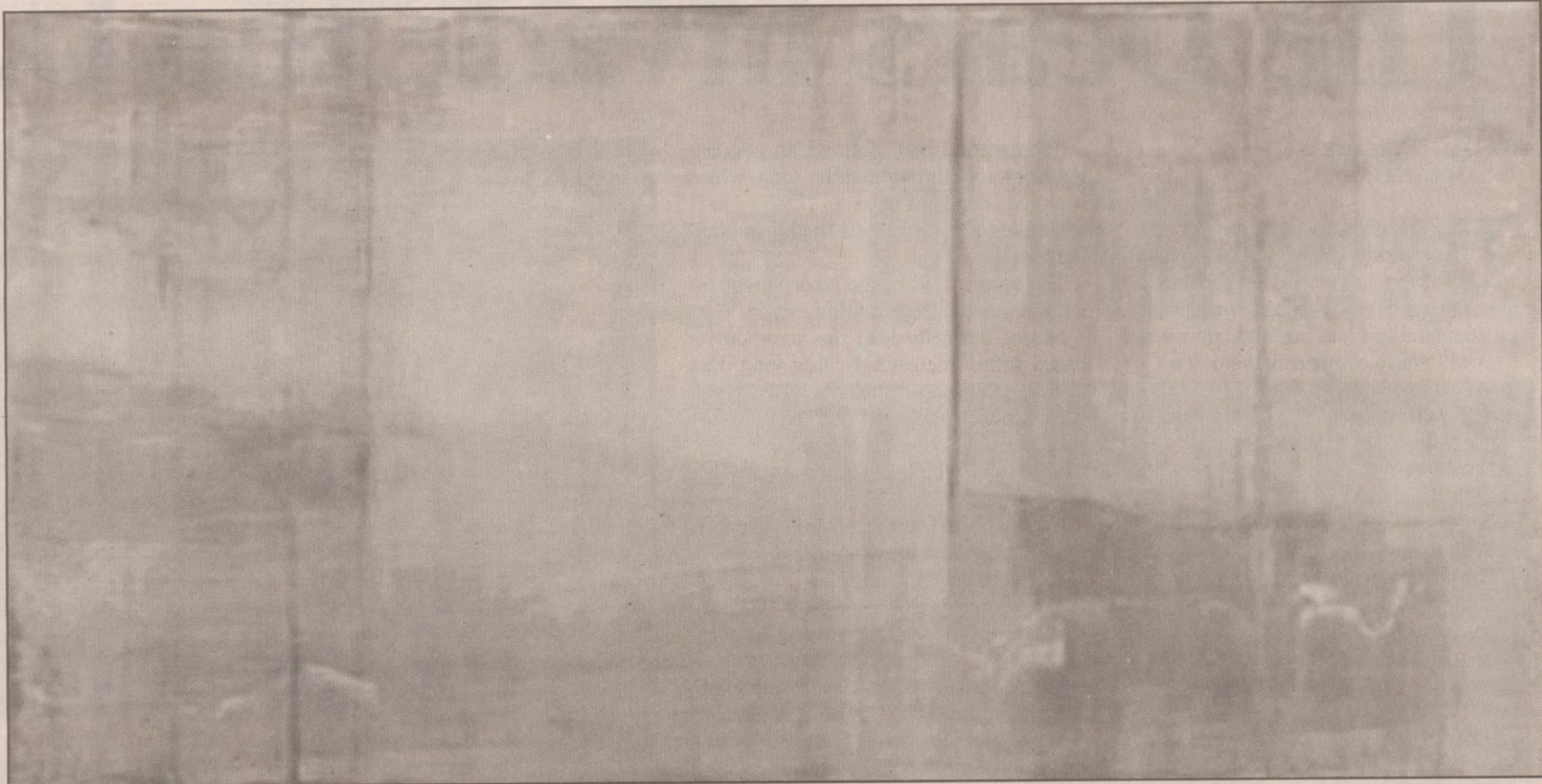


Photo courtesy of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Top: "Nothing is native of fire" by Wendy Roberts.

Right: "Minimalistic: Canvas Series VI" by Nolan Simon.

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minds can fill in the blanks.

"Minimalism has reached everyone's home through the hands of designers and architects," Nolan said. "I'm trying to come to terms with that and pull back a little. My work in that sense is minimalism twice removed."

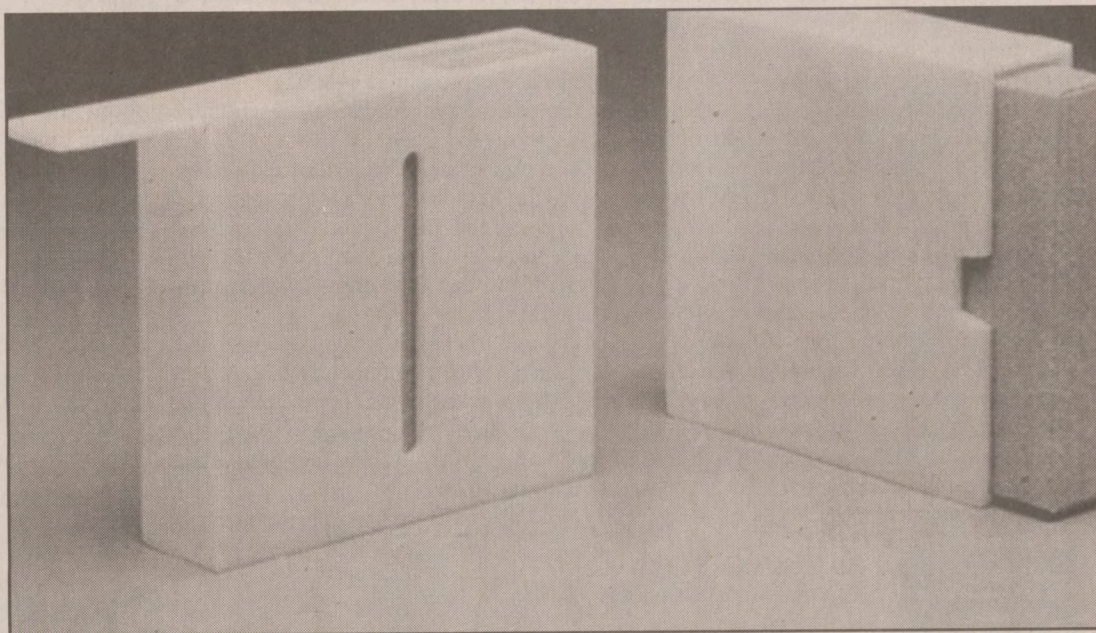
Roberts' acrylic paintings impart a sense of a physical environment with their suggestion of a horizon line.

They are not landscapes in the traditional sense, although the artist herself would not be offended to hear such a description.

"My hope is that people will see in my work the same kinds of possibilities I see while I'm painting," Roberts said. "One minute I see landscape through a set of sliding doors, the next minute my eye abstracts a set of planar measurements, contrasting values, increments of scumbled paint or matte passages butted up against reflective ones."

The paint appears watery and applied in thin layers, giving them a transparent, filmy, ethereal quality.

The titles of Roberts' paintings, taken from the



poetry of W.S. Merwin, also convey a dreamy, allusive feeling. "Passing the distant island," and "Forgetting that we are water," are aptly titled and evoke a lofty yet terrestrial mood.

"Art" delves into how differently each of us approaches abstract art. Everyone brings a unique vision and set of life experiences to bear on works such as Roberts' and Simon's. OU is fortunate to have both the theater and art gallery in the same building.

Enjoy an afternoon or evening of theater and art

by attending the play and strolling across the hall to the gallery.

The price for a student ticket is only \$7.50 when purchased the day of the performance. The gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from noon-5 p.m.

Roberts will give a lecture on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. Simon will present his lecture Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 4:30 p.m. "Passage, Inference and Surface" runs through Nov. 14. For more information, log onto www.oakland.edu/mbag.



Photo courtesy of Lions Gate Film
Jigsaw is a psychotic manipulator who does not kill his victims.

'Saw' redeems genre

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Most of the words I would like to use to describe the new shocker "Saw" cannot be printed here, so I will do my best with the words than can be.

In short, this movie will single-handedly raise the bar for psychological thrillers.

I strongly encourage anyone with a strong stomach to see this movie and to help preserve the scenes that make the movie as good as it is, I will only give you the basic premise.

"Saw" begins with Adam (Leigh Whannell) waking in a bathtub in the dark.

When the lights come on, Adam discovers he's chained to a pipe inside a long abandoned bathroom, and he's not alone.

On the other side of the room, Dr. Lawrence (Carey Elwes) is also chained to a pipe. Between them on the floor, and mostly

naked, a man lays with a gun in one hand and a small tape player in the other; fresh blood from a massive head wound surrounds the body.

Neither man can recall how they got there and each is only able to move about two feet away from their respective pipes.

In their frenzied search for answers, both men find tapes in their pockets.

Using what few resources he has, Adam manages to get the tape player out of the dead man's hand and plays both of their tapes.

Through these tapes and several flashbacks throughout the film, we learn that both men are the victims of a psychotic the police call Jigsaw.

Unlike a serial killer, Jigsaw never does the killing himself.

Rather, his elaborate traps are set up to make his victims kill themselves, or each other. Lawrence has a little more than 6 hours to kill Adam.

Why? How? The audience is left in the same situation as

'Saw' is a deeply disturbing movie.

—Andrew DuPont

However, it may still be hard to stomach for some people.

Adam and Lawrence's actions may seem unusual and even laughable at some points if you remove yourself from their situations.

But their minds are being toyed with in a way the audience

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can't imagine and it's hard to say how anyone would truly act in such a situation.

Unlike so many other so-called psychological thrillers, "Saw" lives up to the sub-genre's ideals of being scary in an intelligent way.

There are a few scenes that will make you jump, but what makes the movie truly scary is the ideas it plants in your head.

"Saw" is a deeply disturbing movie, but an incredibly entertaining one, and I strongly recommend anyone who can, to see it.

So do yourself a favor: go see a movie that could rejuvenate a tired genre instead of poorly imitating it.

'Birth' yields odd delivery

BY CHRIS VOGNAR
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (KRT)

In "Birth" Nicole Kidman's Anna wears a short, severe haircut that makes her look a bit like Mia Farrow in Rosemary's Baby — or like the 10-year-old boy who shows up at Anna's Manhattan loft one night, claiming to be her dead husband.

"Birth" is an odd, slightly icky little film, deftly shot and self-assured, but unbelievable on just about every level, emotional and otherwise. Reincarnation stories are dicey enough without the specter of romance with a minor. Throw in that factor and the ice gets even thinner.

Kidman plays a slightly frosty professional on the verge of marrying her second husband (Danny Huston, much better here as an upper-crust New Yorker than as a private investigator in "Silver City"). We see in the film's prologue that her first husband died of an apparent heart attack while jogging in Central Park. Now, 10 years later, a somber 10-year-old with deadly serious eyes

(Cameron Bright) shows up to, uh, get his wife back.

The film wants to make you ponder if this spooky kid is really her dead husband, and what it means if he is or isn't. But "Birth" falls short on both counts, despite a cast that includes Lauren Bacall, Anne Heche, whose talent is consistently overshadowed by her nutty real-life adventures; and Kidman, whose talent is consistently overshadowed by her glamour.

Kidman has some startling moments of silent, facial acting. A long close-up of Anna at the opera, in which she registers Anna's sense of utterly helpless confusion, is simply breathtaking. "Birth" may be a mistake, but it's definitely not Kidman's fault.

So who's responsible around here? Director Jonathan Glazer, who made his debut with the dazzling and deceptively substantive "Sexy Beast," seems to know what he's doing. The first thing you notice about "Birth" is its sense of visual purpose, the way that Glazer focuses in on one image and lets it speak volumes. "Birth" isn't just strik-

ing to look at; it's intelligently striking.

But it still doesn't work. Like the romantic comedy "p.s.," "Birth" is rather cloying in its maybe-possibly-could-be reincarnation storyline. It becomes a sort of gimmick that hangs over the entire film and distracts from the real emotions of the characters. You want to feel for Kidman's hubby when he cracks under the pressure of romantic competition with a 10-year-old, but the setup and its ambiguity feel ridiculous.

Regardless of whether you believe in reincarnation, it makes a sticky peg on which to hang a film (the only two I can think of that work are "Heaven Can Wait" and "After Life"). "Birth" offers hints of Anna's internal conflict: The fact that she's willing to believe this kid is her husband means she probably hasn't gotten over the real love of her life. Sadly, "Birth" works through this dilemma in a way that manages to feel squishy and rigid at the same time. It's not eerie. It's not profound. It's just odd.

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Photos courtesy of New Line Cinema
Top: Nicole Kidman and Danny Huston play husband and wife in "Birth."
Left: Cameron Bright plays a ghostly 10-year-old.

The Dears invade the U.S.

BY DAVE PHILLIPS
THE OAKLAND POST

The Dears offer something for everybody. Modern rock fans will like the guitar work, orchestral musicians will enjoy hearing interesting instrumentations and nostalgic new wave fans will enjoy comparing them to a favorite band from the past.

It's difficult to be a music fan and not enjoy something about this band.

Their latest studio release, "No Cities Left" hit Canadian record stores in April, 2003, but it's only now making it's way across the border.

The music that the Dears make can only be described by one word: epic.

The songs are like scenes in a good movie, constantly building to an end, not allowing a single second to stop listeners from paying attention.

Even the less interesting parts have a sense of purpose.

The album begins with "We can have it" starting slow, building to a crescendo and then slowing down and fading, ending with the haunting chant of "It won't ever be what we want."

Next is "Who are you, defenders of the universe?" which features performer Murray Lightburn singing "I can't love you, and you can't love me."

This leads nicely to the standout track on the album, "Lost in the plot."

A driving beat carries the beginning of the song, leading to a slowdown in the middle, with Lightburn pleading "our love, don't mess with our love."

The song then returns to its original pace, with Lightburn now screaming the vocals.

"The second part" follows an interesting story, told throughout the song, which is a nice change of pace.

Unlike most songs, this track is a highlight on the album.

The second half of the album kicks off with "Pinned together, falling apart."

Noises basically lead this as a slower paced song. Interestingly, this song does not change pace or intensity. This actually makes the song standout. The lyrics are very heartfelt, but a bit repetitive.

This song would be better if it were a little shorter.

"Never destroy us" is up next. The keyboards are joined by wind instruments.

The vocals then kick in and are very appealing, with the backup singers playing a key role in accompanying Lightburn.

The following two tracks deviate somewhat from the rest of the album. "22: The death of all the romance" is a duet sung by Lightburn and Natalia Yanchak.

The topic deals with the death of a romance between two lovers.

The keyboards and orchestral instruments are as present as ever.

"Postcard from purgatory" is virtually an instrumental track.

Booming drums kick it off, followed by a moving bass line and trumpet.

Five lines of vocals come within three minutes of the song and after that there's another few minutes of instrumental tunes.

The title track closes out the album and it's a great way to end the disc.

A light acoustic guitar part accompanies lyrics like "let's just keep fighting the end" and "don't you think that now is the time to move on?"



The Dears are famously Smith's fans and it's obvious in their music that the Smith's were more than a slight influence on them.

Lightburn's voice has the tendency to sound strikingly similar to Morrissey's from the Smith's and the guitar riffs often times have a sound very similar to Johnny Marr's. However, to limit the Dears as a Smith's rip-off band would be a huge mistake.

They have enough creativity, talent and originality to build an identity all their own.

Their sound is as unique as any band, current or past, and their live show is amazing.

The Dears will be a band to keep your eye on for a long, long time.

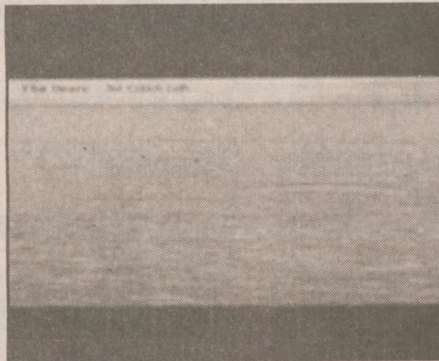


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Top: The Dears are making their way to the U.S. with their hit album "No Cities Left." Bottom: The Dears began in Montreal, Canada in 1995 and have produced five albums.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Nov. 3

The First Year Transition Workshop will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC regarding nutrition, wellness and you.

'World religions and spirituality' will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Come and experience various customs from a variety of world religions.

"The Festival of Lights," an Indian ceremony, will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Understanding international business presentations will be given from 4-5:30 p.m. in Gold Room A of the OC.

The Diverse Voices of Poetry contest will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC. Express your creativity on how racism makes you feel and let your voice be heard.

Thursday, Nov. 4

There will be an international speech, translation and dictation contest held from noon-4 p.m. in Gold Room A and rooms 126-127 in the OC. Non-native speakers of Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish are welcome to participate.

Miss Deaf Michigan, Kenya Lowe, will give a presentation on growing up deaf from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

International Night Cafe will be from 7-10 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC. Enjoy free cultural food, displays and entertainment.

Friday, Nov. 5

Friday Night Live welcomes comic Auggie Smith to OU at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Hall.

Meadow Brook Fall Ball is from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Meadow Brook Hall. The theme this year is "Tropical Paradise." Tickets are available at the CSA service window, \$45 per couple or \$25.50 per person.

Saturday, Nov. 6

The Tenth Annual Alumni Awards Banquet starts at 6 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Monday, Nov. 8

Winter 2005 SAIL registration begins.

The First Year Transition Workshop is from 7-8 p.m. in Gold Rooms B and C of the OC. This week's topic is "Relationships: The best of times, the worst of times."

Tuesday, Nov. 9

The Beatles discussion group is from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 112 of Vandenberg Hall.

Jazz Singers and Jazz Improv will be held at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. All seats are \$6.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Today is Healthy Spirit Day at the Rec. Center.

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

Thursday, Nov. 11

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

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HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest, 0 the most hard.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 4: You can find the money to reinforce your infrastructure. Get this taken care of now, so there's more time to play tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8: You're probably the teacher's pet. You're not only paying attention, you're also practicing what you're learning.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6: You should be doing quite well financially, but don't take anything for granted. Purchase what you need to keep you going in the right direction.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 10: Commitments made now are sure to last, and lead to amazing things. Choose someone you trust, who believes in you, to make the journey together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5: A person who doesn't say much may be waiting to give you a piece of her mind. She's just about had it with waiting for you to figure out what she's been thinking, which, of course, would never happen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8: Others look to you for facts and figures, so provide them. Check them carefully. Others depend on you to do that.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5: You're doing pretty well, and you're certainly looking good. Don't get cocky, though. Be gracious, to ensure your continued success.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 9: You can talk about what's deep within your heart with a wise, compassionate healer. Offer the same gift in return, and be a willing listener.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 4: This is a good day for musical and technical home improvements. How's that old entertainment center doing? Is it time for an upgrade? Check the sales.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7: Your partner can get the information that you've been looking for. Encourage him or her to do it. Soon, that option will not be available.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5: How much you make now depends on your experience. If you don't have any, you'll gain some, so you'll win either way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 10: Love is the standard against which you measure and choose which actions to take. Today, it looks like what's good for others is also good for you. Just don't spend too much.

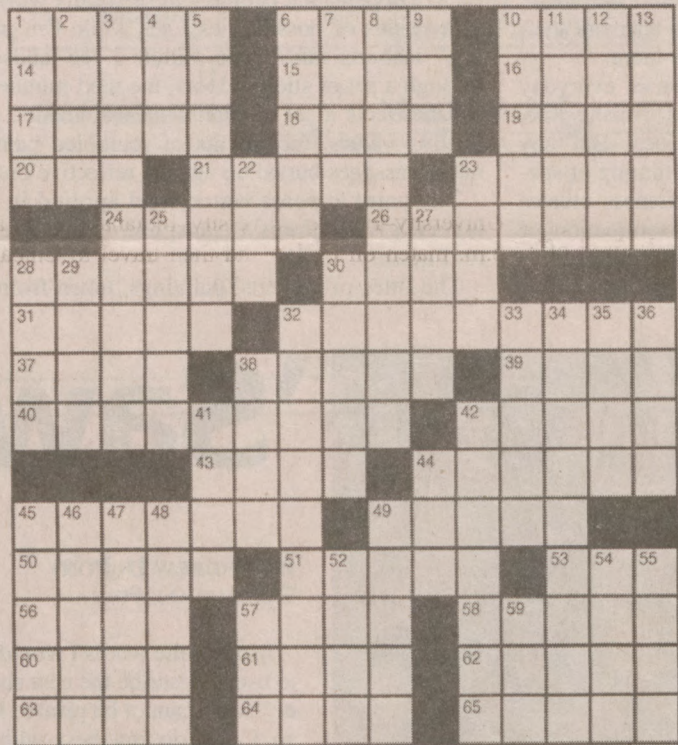
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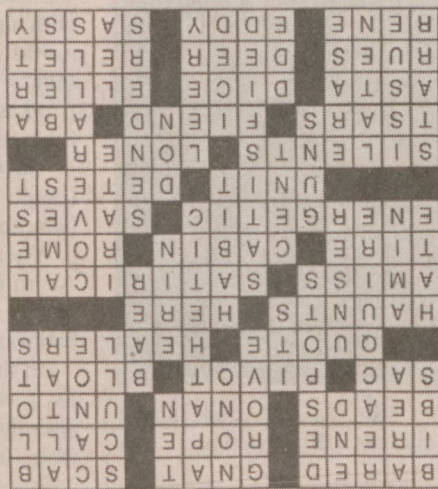
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OU splits pair of thrillers

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior middle blocker Heather Lippert had a career high 26 kills in a night of comebacks between OU's volleyball team and Western Illinois (WIU) University Friday night at the O'rena.

The first four games were decided by three points or less. OU was able to win the fifth and decisive game, 15-8, to win the match 3-2 (29-31, 33-31, 29-31, 30-27, 15-8) over the Westerwinds.

Head coach Dave Schmidlin said it was a great match and his team played hard.

"We played really well in game one until the end when we had a little meltdown," Schmidlin said. "That meltdown did not show up in games two and three. We played really well in both of those games."

"Game four we came back on sheer guts. Once we got to 20-25 I knew we had the game in the bag and it was just a matter of finishing game five out. The girls came out and, even though they were tired, they were pure guts. It was a great testament to their character. They had a chance to give up and they didn't," he said.

Lippert said she thought the game was amazing and it was also a lot of fun.

"It was a great team effort," she said. "The passers and the setting, everything was good. So we were on and I was able to get a lot of balls."

In game one, neither team had more than a three-point lead. OU had game point, 29-27, but WIU was able to come back and take the next four points to take a 1-0 lead.

Game two was OU's turn to make the comeback. The Westerwinds led 29-27 when OU came roaring back.

Junior middle blocker Erin Palmer had a kill to bring OU within one. OU then got a block from Palmer and senior outside hitter Karen Conger that tied the game at 29.

A pair of Lippert kills and an ace by freshman outside hitter Chelsea Licavoli gave OU the 33-31 win and tied the match at 1-1.

Not to be outdone, WIU made its second comeback of the night in game three.

OU led 28-25, when the Westerwinds fired off four straight kills. OU was not able to withstand the onslaught, falling 31-29.

The comeback of the night went to OU, however. Down 23-15, junior setter Becca Moller hit a kill that started a 15-4 Grizzlies run. Lippert had six kills in the run including the final two that gave OU a 30-27 win and forced a fifth game.

With both teams tired, OU was able to outlast WIU in game five. Jumping out to a 5-0 lead en route to a 15-8 win that gave OU the match, 3-2.

OU had five players in double digit kills, including Lippert's 26 and senior outside hitter Sara Miller's 16.

Moller had a career high 68 assists.

Fatigue set in during OU's next game on Saturday night. OU was almost able to overcome the fatigue but fell short, losing to the University of Missouri-Kansas City 3-2 (25-30, 30-24, 28-30, 30-28, 16-14.)

Schmidlin said the team was a half-step slow on both offense and defense.

"We were drained from last night physically and mentally," Schmidlin said. "We played really hard but we just weren't quick and we had no legs left."

"We just didn't recover from last night and as a result, we couldn't execute anything quite as well as we wanted to."

The match was OU's fifth in the last nine days and was less than 24 hours after a grueling match against WIU. Lippert said the game against Western took a lot out of the team.

"We came out today a little flat, but we still hung in there. We didn't play our best, but we were still right in the game," she said.

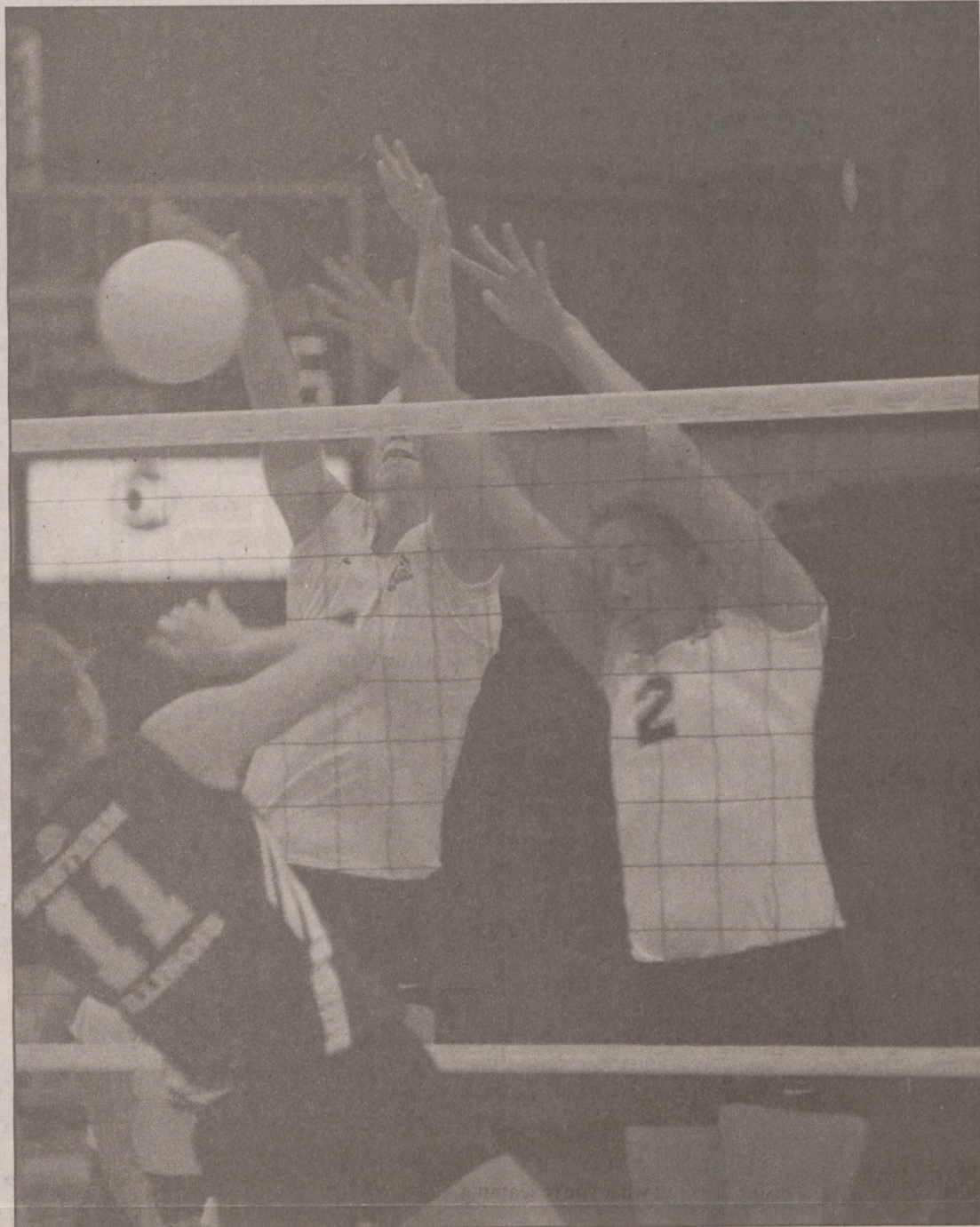
"It's kind of frustrating being so close in the games and then not executing."

To make matters worse, the Grizzlies have been battling injuries with their already short roster.

"Fatigue is definitely setting in," Schmidlin said. "We only have nine healthy bodies and they all play. Nobody gets a break in the games or practice. So if the matches go too long, (fatigue) is going to happen. There is nothing we can do about it at this point."

OU's schedule will not give the team a break either, as it heads out on the road for a pair of Mid-Con matches this weekend.

The Grizzlies will travel to Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis for a 7 p.m. match on Friday and then travel to Chicago State University for a 6 p.m. match on Saturday.



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Mid-Con Player of the Week Heather Lippert and Karen Conger go for a block against Western Illinois.

Swimmers win opener

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The season opener proved to be a successful one for OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams this weekend.

OU's women came away with three victories, defeating Akron University 135-108, Wayne State University 191-52 and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) 170-73.

The men also walked away with victories, defeating Wayne State 154-85 and UWM 148.5-93.5.

Senior Karoline Freytag led the women's team with her win in the 200-yard freestyle and also helped her relay gain a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:35.72).

Sophomore Amanda Burwell took first place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.53.

In the 100-yard freestyle, junior

Line Jensen took the race with a time of 53.59 and freshman Riley Rigoli finished less than a second later, coming into the wall at 53.75.

Freshman Kim Bacon gave OU another first-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

For the women's diving team, freshman Becky Renkola took third in the one-meter board with 249.05 points and second in the three-meter board (244.45).

On the men's side, freshman Ryan Kish came away with first-place finishes in both the one-meter and three-meter board.

Junior Eric Lynn swam past the competition for his first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

In the 200-yard individual medley the OU men went 1-2-3. Senior Blaine Dolcetti came in first with a time of 1:57.44, freshman Zoltan Horvath finished less than a second later (1:58.06) and junior Nick



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Senior Blaine Dolcetti won the 200-yard individual medley and butterfly.

McCollum took third as he finished only two tenths of a second behind Horvath (1:58.08).

The three-meter diving team also came away with a 1-2-3 finish. Kish finished first with 242.55 points, sophomore John VanPortfleet finished second with a score of 193.80 and freshman Brent Maghielse took third with 189.85 points.

Dolcetti finished first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:56.99. The Tansel brothers, sophomore

Bryon and freshman Chris, took first and second in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 48.03 and 49.46, respectively.

In the 200-yard backstroke McCollum turned in a first place finish with a time of 1:55.91, more than 10 seconds ahead of the competition. Horvath also took first place in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:04.76).

The Golden Grizzlies' next competition is at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Wright State University.

Hockey on hot streak

The D-II men's hockey team improved to 8-0 (2-0 GMHL) on the season this weekend with a 6-5 win over Ferris State University.

The Golden Grizzlies struggled with penalties all game long, but were able to rally back from a 5-3 deficit in the third period, scoring three goals for the 6-5 win.

Junior Ryan Teasdale scored the game-winning goal with five minutes left in regulation.

OU has now won 20 straight games dating back to last season.

Sophomore defenseman Scott Elder said OU's ability to avoid the penalty box gave them the advantage in the third period.

"While this wasn't one of our better games, we really pulled together in the third and won it playing solid, mistake free hockey," Elder said.

The Grizzlies racked up penalty minutes early in the game, which gave Ferris some short-handed opportunities to build a 5-3 lead.

"We didn't really play well early on, and we had to go short-handed for almost the entire first and second periods," Elder said.

The Grizzlies return home to the Onyx Ice Arena to take on Southwest Missouri State University at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and then Ohio State University at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday.

-Kyle Magin
The Oakland Post

Williams top Grizzzly at Mid-Con Championship

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

When OU's senior Luke Williams crossed the finish line at the Mid-Con Cross Country Championship in 11th place, it looked more like he had competed in a mud wrestling match than a race.

Williams was covered in dirt from falling during the race. Rain had left the course slippery and full of mud.

"When I fell I was just thinking: get back up and keep going," Williams said.

Head coach Paul Rice said he was impressed with Williams and the team's performance in the conditions.

"The mentality of a cross country runner is you know everyone runs the same course," Rice said. "Whatever the elements are, you deal with it. It's impossible to prepare for something like this, so the mental part takes over and I think we did well with that today."

Williams' 11th place finish helped OU's men's team finish 4th overall in the 8K race.

Rice said fourth place was right around where he expected the team to finish.

"They all came together and ran well today," Rice said. "They ran the right race and they all did what was expected of them. I'm very proud of

them and they all did really well today. We only have five guys running, so they all did as good as they can on a day like today."

However, the rough course conditions did not faze Southern Utah University. The Thunderbirds dominated the meet, taking the Mid-Con team championship by 38 points.

Five of the top six finishers were from Southern Utah, including top overall finisher freshman Jesson Baumgartner.

Baumgartner finished more than 30 seconds ahead of second place finisher freshman Kevin Sandall, also from Southern Utah.

OU sophomore Chris Fecek fin-

ished in 28:56, good for second on OU and 24th overall.

The Golden Grizzlies next competition is at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional at Eastern Michigan University.

The distance of the race will be 10K, 2K longer than the Mid-Con championship.

Rice said the Mid-Con race will help the team prepare for regionals because it has a championship feeling and atmosphere.

"The next couple of weeks are going to be important. Just to get the team ready for regionals," Rice said. "We've got a lot of work to do the next two weeks."



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Luke Williams finished 11th despite an early fall.

Titans have no mercy

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU's men's soccer team played a pair of non-conference games last week, defeating Wright State University (WSU) 4-1 in its final home game of the season and then falling to the University of Detroit-Mercy (UD-M) 4-1 at Titan Field.

The Grizzlies' record now stands at 10-4-2.

"We played a very good game both offensively and defensively against Wright State," Parsons said.

Senior Ryan Rzepka went out with a bang in his last game at the OU Soccer field, scoring the first goal of the match, and assisting in two others.

Just 12 minutes into the game, sophomore midfielder/defender Jim Denk had the first big stop of the game when a Raider charged on the goal and he blocked the shot.

At 23:03, Rzepka connected in mid-air on a corner kick by junior defender Danny Ng for the first goal of the game and Rzepka's second goal of the season.

Just 90 seconds later the Raiders came back with a goal, tying the game 1-1.

WSU defender sophomore midfielder Tony Labudovski was able to get past two OU defenders and fired a shot that hit the left post and then bounced into the back right corner of the net.

In the start of the second half, freshman forward Nick Nelson broke the tie with his unassisted goal from 15 yards out.

Before the Raiders had a chance to even up the score, Edwards took a pass from Rzepka to give the Grizzlies a 3-1 lead.

With just 11 minutes left in the game, freshman midfielder/forward Bjoernar Hansen found Rzepka at midfield. Rzepka then

Game Preview

Who: OU (10-4-2) vs. Michigan
When: Nov. 3
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What: OU will play its last non-conference game against the always tough Michigan Wolverines.

sent the ball in front of a sprinting Edwards.

Edwards was able to beat WSU's junior goalkeeper Jason Balach for his team high 11th goal of the season.

OU sophomore goalkeeper Josh Slaughter had four saves in his third win of the season.

OU was unable to win its third straight game and fell to U-DM for the first time since 1998.

"When thinking about this game, you have to take into account the field that we were playing on," Parsons said. "The field at Detroit is small and bumpy, so the ball is in the air a lot."

OU had four shots in the first half while the Titans only had one shot.

"In the first half we played a very good, direct game," Parsons said.

The Titans broke the scoreless tie at 51:32 when senior forward Ablaye Camara, assisted by junior defender Aaron Smith, connected on a header.

Two minutes later, Titan sophomore midfielder Andrew Ornoch was able to convert on a penalty kick to give them a 2-0 lead.

The goals kept coming for U-DM as sophomore midfielder



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Vahid Assadpour, assisted by Camara, struck from the top of the box to give the Titans their third goal of the match.

In the 83rd minute, the Grizzlies had an own goal that gave Detroit a 4-0 lead.

"We made some big defensive lapses in the second half and within a ten minute span we let in three goals," Parsons said.

OU was able to get on the board when Rzepka converted on a penalty kick in the 87th minute to give the Grizzlies their first goal of the game.

By the end of the game, OU had outshot Detroit 9-8.

Two shots for Detroit were made by Smith and for OU, both Rzepka and Edwards had three shots each.

Wiese had three saves for the Grizzlies. U-D freshman goalkeeper Sasha Boskovic had three saves for the Titans.

Above: Junior defender Danny Ng brings the ball upfield.

Right: Junior forward Chris Edwards scored a pair of goals in OU's win over Wright State.



Wildcats tame Golden Grizzlies

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

The inconsistencies that come with being a young team was too much for OU's women's soccer team to overcome, as it fell to Northwestern University, 5-1, on Saturday at the OU soccer field.

"We just didn't show up to play today," senior defender and team captain Laura Cowham said. "The same problems keep occurring over and over again. Inconsistency within the players and the team. You don't give your team an opportunity to win when you don't show up to play and keep making the same mistakes."

Cowham is one of OU's three seniors this year. The trio was honored before the game, but did not enjoy their final regular season home game.

"Playing five years (at OU) and three years in the NCAA tournament, I really can't complain. It's been one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever been a part of," Cowham said. "That's why this year is one of the most frustrating years because I think it's been unlike Oakland soccer."

The Wildcats outshot the Golden Grizzlies 19-6 and had 15 shots on goal to the Grizzlies four.

Northwestern scored first when senior forward Ashleigh Garmon found the net.

OU was able to counter at the 43:03 mark when freshman forward Courtney McCracken put one past Wildcat sophomore goaltender Whitney Jones. The two teams went into halftime tied 1-1.

In the second half, things begin to unravel for the Grizzlies. At the 47:27 marks Northwestern took the lead when OU knocked one in its own net for an own goal.

Less than two minutes later, Northwestern took a 3-1 lead when junior forward Tabitha Lowey beat OU's freshman goaltender Jessica Howard.

After the third goal, OU head coach Nick

Northwestern 5

Oakland 1

O'Shea replaced Howard with sophomore goalkeeper Amber Gale. Despite the goalkeeper change, the Wildcats did not slow down.

Less than two minutes after Gale was put in, freshman forward Kelsey Hans out ran OU's defender for a one-on-one with Gale. Hans knocked one past Gale to put the Wildcats up 4-1.

Hans was not done, she beat Gale again at the 86:48 mark for her 15th goal of the season.

OU had two shots on goal from sophomore forward Marianne Samdal and one shot on goal from junior forward Kristi Swaving, but could not cut into Northwestern's lead.

The Wildcats' Jones had three saves in the game.

Howard had seven saves before leaving the game. She now has 112 this season, second in the conference.

With the loss, OU's record drops to 8-11, but it has a chance to finish off the season on a good note.

The Grizzlies' 3-3 record in the Mid-Con put them in a three-way tie for the last two spots in the championship tournament. Valparaiso University earned the third place spot because it had the best goal differential.

OU was able to earn the fourth and final spot over Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis because it beat IUPUI 2-1 in the teams' only head-to-head match this season.

OU will face Oral Roberts University (ORU) in the semifinals.

ORU defeated OU 5-0 earlier this season and was a perfect 5-0 in Mid-Con play.



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Junior midfielder Silje Peltopera slashes past a pair of Northwestern defenders.

OU will have home field advantage because it is hosting the tournament this year.

OU has won the last three Mid-Con tournaments to earn the conference's automatic spot in the NCAA College Cup.

OU and ORU kickoff the tournament action at 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the OU soccer field.

The second-seeded Centenary College Ladies will face the third-seeded Valparaiso Crusaders at 1 p.m. on Friday in the other Mid-Con tournament match.

The winner of the two semifinal games will play at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the Mid-Con Championship game.

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QB- Vinny Testaverde- DAL @ Cincinnati

RB- LaDainian Tomlinson- SDG vs. New Orleans

WR- David Givens- NWE @ St. Louis

Season Total-175 Last Week-49

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QB- Drew Brees- SDG vs. New Orleans

RB- Tiki Barber- NYG vs. Chicago

WR- Marvin Harrison- IND vs. Minnesota

Season Total-169 Last Week-22

OU finishes sixth at Mid-Con

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OU's women's cross country team had a pair of Mid-Con All-Conference second team performers at the Mid-Con Championships.

Sophomore Laura Fisher finished in 24:07.2, good for 11th place and second team honors.

"I felt pretty good today," Fisher said. "The course was kind of tough, but we didn't go out too quick today, which helped us. Overall I did pretty good."

Junior Kim Schultz finished in 13th place with a time of

24:16.5, earning second team honors. Sophomore Dayna Cline was third for OU. Cline finished in 25th place (25:08.2).

Junior Amber Nagel finished seven seconds behind Cline (25:25.7), good for 28th place.

OU's five other runners finished within a minute of each other, finishing between 42nd and 50th place.

Head coach Paul Rice was pleased with his team's overall performance.

"There are a couple of girls that had a tough race today," Rice said. "They didn't perform as well as they hoped, but overall we knew we were anywhere

from fourth to sixth place. We finished sixth, but we can't be too disappointed with that.

"A lot of emotion went into this race. Being on your home course and the home crowd being here. It was a good day for everybody."

OU has been battling injuries all season.

A few runners have sat out this season, but Rice said they will be back next season.

"The girls that had a hard time today are definitely going to be fired up to run good in two weeks," Rice said.

"When you have a bad race at the conference, you know you

have another chance in two weeks at regionals. They're going to be ready to go in two weeks. They are going to train hard and they will be fired up for it."

OU will compete at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 13 at Eastern Michigan University.

Freshman Faithy Kamangila from Oral Roberts University took the Mid-Con Individual Championship with a time of 21:50.6.

Southern Utah University had three first team All Mid-Con performers to help it take the Mid-Con team championship.