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She was 38, had nursed both of her children and had no family history of the disease. Kate Lark, risk management and contracting director, felt a lump in her breast while performing a breast self exam last summer.



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"An agent of defeat," that's what Webster's Dictionary says a nemesis is. To OU's Women's Volleyball, Hillsdale College is the meaning of nemesis, as HC has defeated OU only three times in the rivalry. All victories came during this season.

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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

Four athletes face misdemeanor charge

Fallout from party continues

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ
Special Writer

Three OU students from the men's swimming and diving team were charged Thursday, Oct. 23 at 52 District Court in Rochester Hills with misdemeanors.

Police said they hosted a party and supplied beer to underage drinkers in Van Wagoner Hall Oct. 18.

Freshmen Matthew Henderson, 18, of Calgary, Can., and Todd Duncan, 18, of Trenton, and junior Kevin Bobzien, 21, of Orange, Calif., were all charged.

Bobzien was charged with

serving alcohol to a minor because he allegedly purchased a keg of beer.

Duncan and Henderson were charged with serving alcohol to a minor because police said the alcohol was in their room. They were also charged with minors in possession of alcohol.

All three sat nervously staring ahead as they entered not guilty pleas in front of District Court Judge Ralph Nelson.

Bobzien, Duncan and Henderson were released on a \$3,000 personnel bond and were bound by the conditions set by the judge.

Senior Mark Gole, 21, of Grand Rapids was also charged with a misdemeanor of serving alcohol to a minor because allegedly he also purchased a

keg of beer.

Gole also pleaded not guilty before Nelson at his arraignment on Monday. He was released on \$1,000 personnel bond.

All four are ordered to submit to drug and alcohol testing. Additionally, the judge said they must follow an OU drug and alcohol assist program.

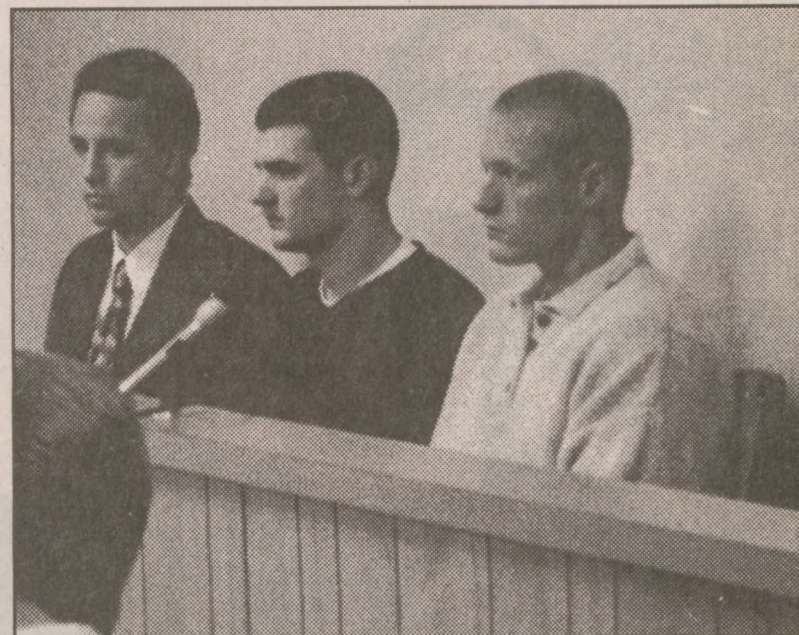
If convicted of the charges, the students face a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000, up to 60 days in jail, and possibly community services.

Nelson also allowed the students limited travel to and from home for the holidays and swim meets.

"If they are still members of the swim team they can travel to the meets," said Nelson.

Currently, both men's and

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Post Photo/Mark Krauzowicz

ARRAIGNMENT DAY: (Left to right) Matthew Henderson, Todd Duncan and Kevin Bobzien appeared in 52nd District Court Thursday on charges of distributing alcohol to minors.

Pumpkins, doughnuts, cider, Halloween



Post Photo/Jaimie Shelton

Along with the month of October comes the hype of Halloween, pumpkins, cider mills and colors of the fall.

New degree offered in nursing

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

In an effort to meet the demands and rising cost of health care, the School of Nursing has added a Masters of science in nursing for family nurse practitioners.

Family nurse practitioners combine the abilities of a registered nurse with the skills of a physician.

These skills include prescribing medication to sick patients and the diagnosis and management of acute conditions.

"The family nurse practitioner is certified to provide primary care for their patients and their families," said Justine Speer, Dean of Nursing. "Seventy to 80 percent of the things doctors take care of, nurse practitioners can do."

Speer emphasized that nurse practitioners are not "physician extenders."

Although they perform many physician-related skills, they add a nursing aspect to it that physician assistants do not.

Family nurse practicing is one of many areas in which nurse practitioners can specialize.

Women's health, pediatrics, clinical care and

adult health are a few of the other specialized areas, but OU does not offer a degree in any of these other programs.

Three students have already graduated and been certified as family nurse practitioners, said Mary Mittelstaedt, associate Dean of Nursing.

In addition, there are approximately 20 students currently in the master's degree track in family nurse practicing, Mittelstaedt said.

Getting accepted to the program is a difficult task in itself.

"Not everyone can get in. It is very selective," Speer said.

After earning a bachelor's of science in nursing and receiving a registered nurse license, students must spend at least one year working as a full-time registered nurse before applying for the family nurse practitioner program.

Students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average, acceptable Graduate Record Examination scores and a letter of reference, said

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Suspension, investigations follow at OU

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

Both OU swimming and diving teams are indefinitely suspended since last week, and there are two investigations on campus focusing on the cause of their suspension.

The suspension came about when the Athletic Department found out the swim team had a party in a residence hall last Saturday on Oct. 18.

The party, held on the first floor in Van Wagoner, "the swimmers' floor," allegedly involved serving alcohol to minors and breaking the residence halls policy prohibiting kegs in the dorms.

The team also faced a violation of an unspecified clause included in the athletic waiver, prohibiting student athletes to participate in irresponsible alcohol use.

The party preceded a drunken driving, three-car accident early Sunday morning, Oct. 19 near campus, which claimed the life of OU sophomore Jonnathan Thomas.

Two of the three cars were returning from another, off-campus party.

OU Police Department is currently conducting an investigation regarding the alcohol allegedly provided at the Van Wagoner party, said Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Gilroy said that to his knowledge, the party itself was rather subdued, and was kept behind closed doors and quiet.

"It wasn't an animal house in the halls," Gilroy said.

"There is no link between the charges we wrote and the

"Our society has a love-hate relationship with alcohol. On the one hand alcohol use is promoted and glorified, and then we deny it is a problem until there is an accident."

David Herman
Dean of Students

accident. Alcohol was served to minors, and that's the violation," Gilroy said.

Dean of Students David Herman and Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean of students, will be conducting interviews with approximately 50 students who attended the on- and off-campus parties.

The focus of the interviews is to determine what university and residence halls violations may have occurred in Van Wagoner. They are also investigating a possible connection between the parties.

Students found guilty of university violations will be charged through the university ordinances, primarily the office of student affairs. Team policies violations will be dealt with through the Athletic Department, Herman said.

"Our society has a love-hate relationship with alcohol," Herman said.

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Swimming & Diving events canceled

- Bowling Green relays meet (last Friday)
- Women's meet with Northern Michigan (this weekend)
- Training trip to Hawaii Dec. 20 to Jan. 5, and two meets with University of Hawaii
- Two-day Rainbow Invitational Jan. 2 and 3

THE STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD PRESENTS:

Jerry



Springer

Jerry Springer is hosting a mock talk show very similar to the format he uses on t.v. This talk show will not be nationally televised.

The topic is: What crazy things have you done for love?

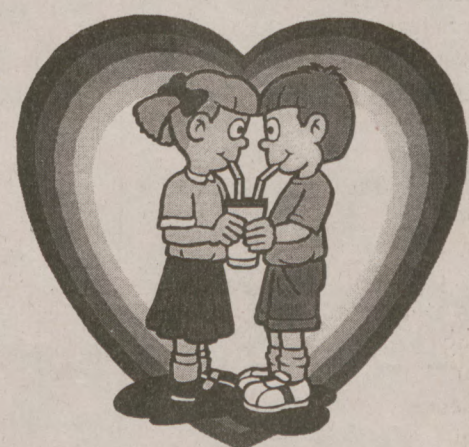
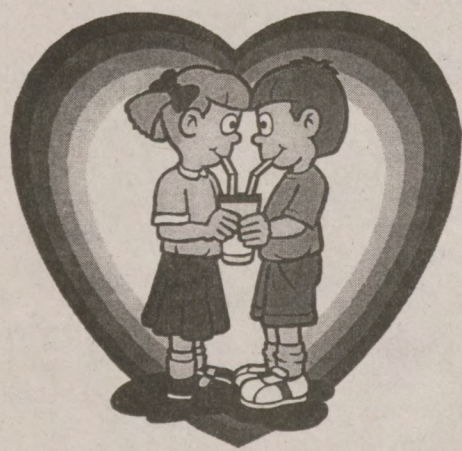
Date: Thursday, November 20th

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Gold Rooms

Tickets are \$5 for OU students and \$10 for non-OU students. Buy your tickets today at The Center Service Window!

We are looking for guests for our show. If you have done something crazy for love, tell us about it in 250 words or less. Drop off applications along with your name, address, and phone number to the Center Service Window today! The deadline is Monday, November 10th.



CAMPUS NEWS

Fast Facts

- Student participation in OU's AmeriCorps program is down.

According to Program Coordinator Carol Anne Ketelsen, 31 students were inducted last Friday at the Chrysler Technology building. Under the federal grant the program receives, 40 are allowed to participate.

Ketelsen said part of the decline could be due to the time commitment required to complete the program. She said a student needs to commit a minimum of 900 hours per year.

Though the number of hours seem high, Ketelsen said there are many benefits to being an AmeriCorps member. These include receiving experience and training in the education field, a living wage stipend and, upon completion, an education award which can be used during the next seven years to pay for college.

AmeriCorps is in its fourth year of providing tutoring and after-school enrichment activities to children in Pontiac. Although its focus is education-based, the program does allow for field trips to Cranbrook and Tigers Stadium, among others.

Ketelsen said this semester's recruitment is coming to a close, but applications are still being accepted. Call 370-3213 for more information.

- Richard Fekel, OC director, is inviting representatives from student organizations to give input into the renovation process of the OC.

There are two open forums. One is at 1 p.m. on Nov. 1 in the Heritage Room of the OC, and the other is at noon on Nov. 6 in OC Gold Room A.

The purpose of the open meetings is to gather information and ideas which could help in designing new student organization space.

- Student Congress kicked off its post card plan this Monday, and will run through Friday.

The purpose of the plan is to encourage state senators and representatives to lift the tax from college required textbooks.

As of Tuesday evening, 1,600 post cards were collected.

CARE hosts party for children

By MIKE HOSKINS
Staff Writer

A multitude of young children dressed in creative costumes scanned the room in search of candy, engulfed themselves in a variety of interesting Halloween games while being chaperoned by parents and student volunteers.

This was the scene last Friday night at St. John Fisher Catholic Church. A Halloween party was put on by OU's CARE organization.

CARE, which stands for Community Action Reaching Everyone, is a 13-member student organization.

According to its brochure, the group strives to offer helpful services to both the university and the community.

"We try to go beyond just working with the university and strive to work with the community and provide services for them," said member Lisa Valentine.

Each year, CARE hosts a Halloween party for 1 to 8-year-old children from married housing and Saint John Fisher Chapel. This year is the 13th consecutive year CARE has hosted the party.

"We do this to let the kids have a chance to have fun at a party and still be able to go trick-or-treating," said Sister Mary Bodde, CARE advisor.

"It's hard for some of the families to take their kids out into a safe area on Halloween, so it's good that they can come here and have fun," she said.

Some of the activities the children were able to take part in included cookie-decorating, coloring, eating doughnuts-on-a-string, pin the nose on the



MESSY FUN: Children gathered around tables to decorate their own cookies.

jackolantern, duck-duck goose, picking goodies from a treasure chest, and musical chairs.

Additionally, cookies, candy, doughnuts, and cider were provided for the children and their parents during the party.

At the door before leaving, party bags packed with treats were given to each child, as well.

Parents said the children have a great time at the annual CARE party. They said the group puts on a safe and entertaining party allowing them to remain worry free.

According to OU junior and CARE President Brenda Gillich, "The best part of having the party is being able to provide a safe and fun Halloween environ-



Post Photos/Mike Hoskins

FAMILY FUN: Jan Demoe, left, and two of Demoe's children had fun with CARE member Christie Buk, right, at CARE's annual Halloween party last Friday night. Children from married housing and St. John Fisher Catholic Church were in attendance.

ment for the children."

"Seeing all of them dressed up in costumes is always exciting, as well," she said.

While this Halloween party is a big event for CARE, the organization also engages in other activities.

Some of them include craft fairs, holiday fundraisers, blood drives, and special guest speakers.

"The Halloween party went well and was a great success," Gillich said. "I can only hope that the other events we have planned work out just as well."

Nursing student gives day tour

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ
Special Writer

It's not quite 7 a.m. and Joe Fernandez is starting to prepare for his day.

Perched at the counter of the fourth floor nurse's station at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he is hard at studying.

It's not book learning, though, that has him so engrossed. It's his patients' charts.

Patients are Fernandez's business. It's obvious he takes his work seriously, just by the way he looks over the clipboard in his hand—with all the intensity of a football coach before a game.

Slumped over the counter, with his purple stethoscope draped around his neck, Fernandez looks pretty important.

Despite the fact he's dressed in the traditional whites from head to toe, many people are still surprised Fernandez is a nursing student.

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"I am sometimes called doctor just because I am male," Fernandez says.

There's a good reason that many people visualize nurses as women. Most of them are. Fernandez, for instance, is one of only nine male nursing students in his class of 89 students.

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Fernandez takes one final look through the charts checking his patients' medical history and what procedure will be needed for the day.

At just after 7 a.m., the nursing station is beginning to hum. The doctors have begun to arrive for daily rounds and they chat quietly as they go over their patients' charts.

Fernandez joins OU student Kristen Sander and the head registered nurse to meet outside a patient's room. The nurse from a previous shift offers to give them the low-down.

Fernandez and Sander are at Henry Ford on a "clinical," the hands-on, real-life training ground for nursing stu-



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

SKY HIGH: Joe Fernandez, nursing student, checks to make sure the blood pressure of his patient, Donna Ackerman, was not too high.

dents. This is the nursing equivalent of internships and student teaching.

A group of doctors arrive at the room and discuss the kind of treatment they are giving the patient. Fernandez and Sander listen intently to their conversation.

"It gives me an idea of what the doctor thinks is going on," Fernandez says. The more information he has on his patients, the better.

The doctors attend to the patient, talking among themselves while changing a wound dressing.

After they leave, Fernandez greets the patient.

"Good morning," he says. He seems to be perfectly comfortable, and the patient is relaxed, as well.

Fernandez talks to the patient and explains what to expect that day. He offers a little advice for making things go as smoothly as possible.

The hallways are suddenly quiet. When Fernandez stops talking the only noises are the drone of the television and the soft hissing of the oxygen hose mounted to the wall.

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Fernandez's first career choice wasn't nursing. When he got out of high school, Fernandez decided to join the army—much to the dismay of his friends and family.

"I joined the army because I wanted to see what my options were," Fernandez says. "I knew I wanted to go into the medical field, but I still didn't know what I wanted to do."

Fernandez's parents were quite chagrined that their son, who graduated in the top 10 percent of his class,

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Russi reveals campus future

By ANDREA NOBILE
Staff Writer

President Gary Russi squelched rumors of a name change and also introduced many plans to enhance and improve campus life, technology, and education at OU's Congress meeting last Monday.

Russi said OU is making a name for itself through television, radio, the web, and print.

Generally, he said people are now more aware of the university. OU does not need its name changed, he said.

He said that when he first arrived at OU four years ago, the idea of changing the university's name was an issue.

After strategic planning and committee advising, Russi said it was decided OU's name would remain the same.

He also discussed academic and extracurricular enhancements for OU. The ongoing campus facelift will continue in the future as many campus improvement plans are enacted, he said.

By this winter, every classroom, office, and miscellaneous room will have online computers to utilize the educational technology and opportunity available through networking, he said.

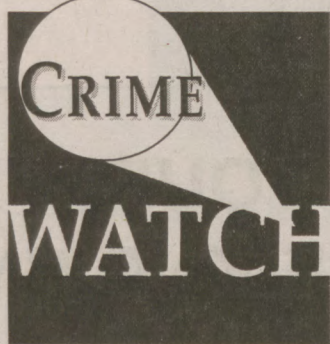
"It will be lit up in January," Russi said.

Residence hall capacity will also expand as apartment-style housing is added to on-campus living options.

Russi said OU's primary recruiting market for students in the past was in Oakland County and Macomb County. But as living options expand, he said. The geographic distribution and international diversity of students attending OU will widen as well.

Russi said students can also look to North Foundation Hall as a center for

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Visitor Arrested

The driver of a red Acura was pulled over at Squirrel and Walton on Saturday for allegedly failing to use a turn signal and failing to yield to oncoming traffic while changing lanes.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer smelled alcohol. In questioning, the driver admitted to having three beers.

The driver was then asked to perform the following sobriety tests: resight ABC's (failed); count backwards from 40 (passed); heel to toe, failed; nose touch, failed and a preliminary breath test (PBT) with .104 blood alcohol content (BAC) as a result.

The driver was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Pressure is on in high-stakes adult game of hot potato

Alcohol is everywhere on campus. It's in the residence halls. It's at Meadow Brook Hall. It's even at WOCO.

The Board of Trustees have even extended social drinking to the Meadow Brook Music Festival, to make The Palace's selling of alcohol easier.

Despite the easy access, Michigan's law says a person must be 21 years or older to consume alcohol. OU's policy is the same.

Though the university is complying with the law, the administration is not policing hard enough.

It's easy for students to have beer in their residence hall rooms -- especially if they are 21-years-old. After all, no one will stop them.

Some residence assistants have been known to turn their heads or give students supplies to make the party more successful.

If any actions are taken, it is often a simple write-up with no little punishment attached.

In a way, this encourages drinking, of all kinds for any student.

For years, this practice continued. But with the recent car accident and death of an OU student, the university finally realized there was a problem that needed to be dealt with.

The administration is cracking down, going full-force by suspending some elite OU athletic teams to demonstrate intolerance of underage drinking.

But this is the same administration that looked the other way or gave simple idle threats or a slap on the wrist when the athletes had parties in the residence halls, some of which included an entire floor.

The administration is being hypocritical by trying to backtrack and cover its wayside actions by placing the blame solely on the students.

How can the administration express its disappointment, when it ignored what took place.

Yes, some athletes are at fault. All of them signed a contract at the beginning of the year agreeing to a "no drinking" clause during the season.

And like in years past, they allegedly broke that commitment. To further complicate the issue, other under age team members were allegedly drinking.

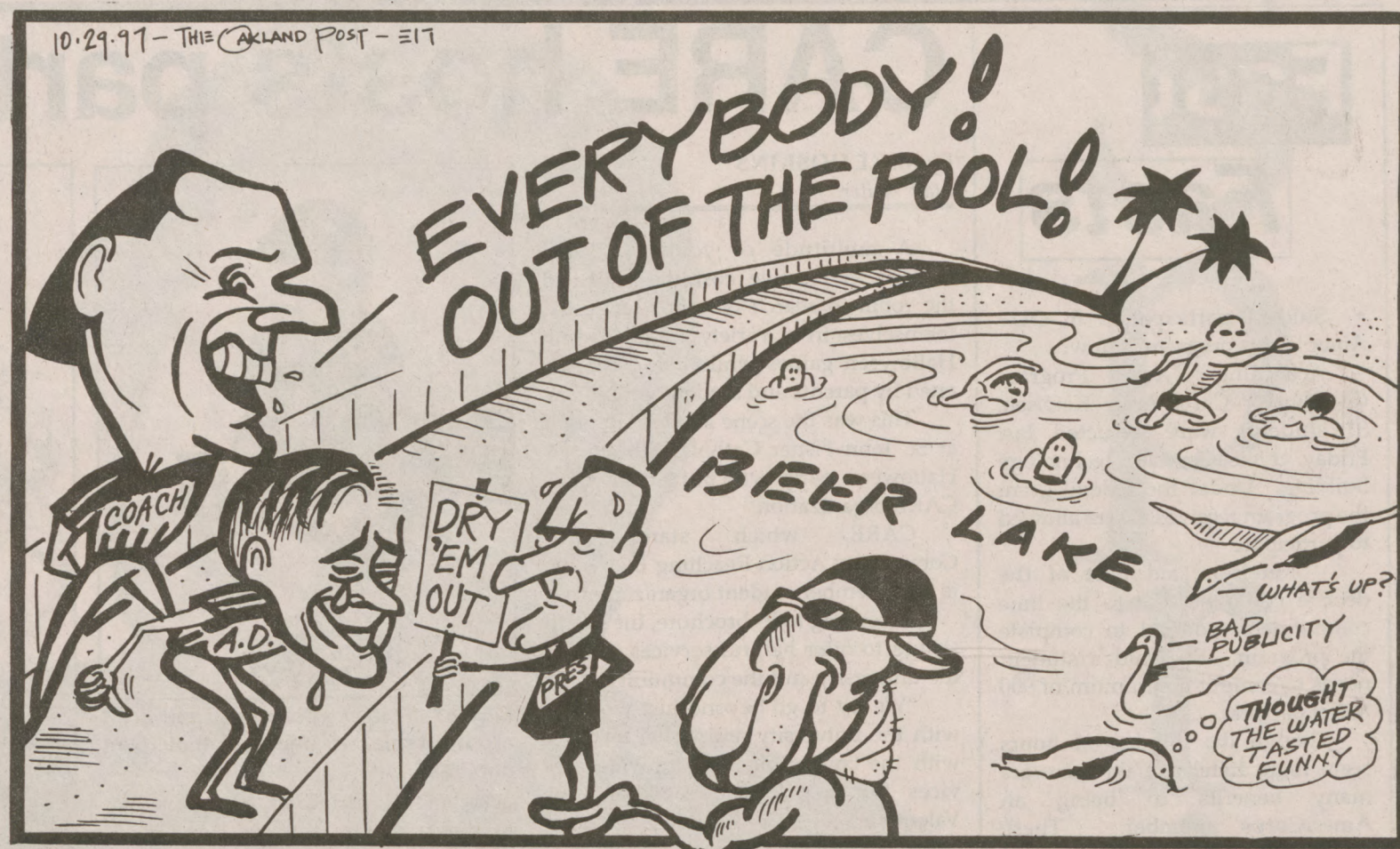
But since the start of the semester, the administration stood by. Now it is time for it to accept some blame for a laissez faire attitude.

But OU can't change the past -- only the future.

By suspending the whole swimming and diving team, the university is hopefully setting a precedent.

But if heavy drinking continues, we know it will be just another attempt to pass the buck.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Correcting the argument devised for affirmative action

Dear Editor,

Jessica Curtin's letter, printed in the Oct. 22 edition of THE OAKLAND POST is a prime example of the (unfortunately) ubiquitous use of fallacious argumentation. She writes to defend affirmative action, seeking to thwart the recent "attacks" against it by recruiting an army of support.

Her activism is to be admired, but the effect of her method undermines the importance of the issue.

Affirmative action is indeed a serious issue with profound implications for our country.

The debate itself is having a polarizing effect; the strength of competing principles tends to force all concerned away from compromise.

However, rather than outline her principles in support of affirmative action, Ms. Curtin elects to persuade via fallacy laden rhetoric.

"Despite the demagoguery, [an incorrect version of "demogoguery"] of the opponents of affirmative action..."

This is a precursor of the "ad hominem" fallacy which she develops throughout the letter. (The fallacy of ad hominem occurs when one argues for a point by drawing attention to the persona of an opponent.)

She proceeds to paint the opponents as "the anti-affirmative action forces -- the

wealthy, powerful right-wing politicians and corporations..."

Whether this is true or not is irrelevant.

The source of the argument has no bearing on the strength or weakness of the argument being made.

Furthermore, to call anti-affirmative action arguments "demagoguery" is making an assertion about the un-principled motive of the orators.

Again, this is irrelevant to the force of the argument.

Extending her ad hominem fallacy further, she claims: the "anti-affirmative action forces" are motivated to "flood courts all over the country with suits against affirmative action," in order to head off the organization of the "overwhelming majority" who are "opposed to racist and sexual inequality..."

In one sentence, she merges the ad hominem fallacy with the "bandwagon" fallacy, while simultaneously eluding to a "false dichotomy" fallacy!

Here she's assuming insidious motives while appealing to the "join-the-crowd" proclivity by claiming an "overwhelming majority," i.e. the "bandwagon" fallacy.

By asserting that pro-affirmative action forces are "opposed to racist and sexist inequality and segregation," she is in effect asserting that anti-affirmative action forces are "for" racist and sexual inequality and

segregation.

Thus, a "false dichotomy," i.e. either/or fallacy is presented; one is either against affirmative action and a racist, or for it and a non-racist.

Not only is this indicative of weak argumentation, it's divisive and malicious, as well.

Perhaps the greatest impediment to the dialectical progression of principles and ideals is the obscurity created by fallacious argumentation.

This sort of arguing depends on creating attractive rhetoric designed to lure one's thinking away from the core principles.

Its effectiveness on people is evidenced by the proliferation of it in the media, advertising and politics.

All those for whom consciousness is a value must be aware of fallacies and prepared to extricate them from their thinking, and avoid using them.

Oh, by the way, what's the most common rhetorical device of a demagogue? You guessed it -- the fallacy. How ironic, Ms. Curtin.

Sincerely,

Spencer Andrews
 Senior
 Philosophy

Domestic Violence Reported Every 15 Seconds

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the letter from Professor of Management Howard Schwartz, from the School of Business Administration. The letter recently appeared on your pages in the Oct. 15 edition of THE OAKLAND POST.

Certainly, the famous research center at the University of New Hampshire has had the blessings of the establishment.

The establishment has also had generous research funding and with opportunity to testify about family violence before Congress.

However, their research methods, their findings and their interpretations of these findings have been strongly contested.

In spite of the victim blaming message, which appears to

appeal in certain corridors of power, the fact remains that nearly one-third of all female homicides are a leading cause of death among young adults women.

This exceeds the combined number of deaths caused by cancer, accidents and infectious diseases.

And that FBI statistics indicate that a woman is being beaten by her husband or partner every 15 seconds.

Such consequences have not been reported for female violence.

The University of New Hampshire group seems to be oblivious to the basic asymmetry of "spousal" violence.

Sincerely,

Judith Brown
 Professor of Anthropology

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The following is a list of upcoming meetings on campus:

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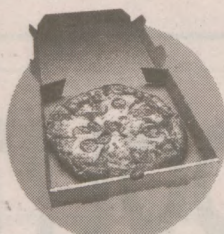
Student Congress will meet at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

Wednesday, Nov. 12


The University Affairs Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees will meet at 3 p.m. in OC rooms 128-130.

Thursday, Nov. 13

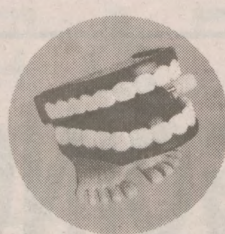
The University Senate will meet at 3:10 p.m. in the OC.



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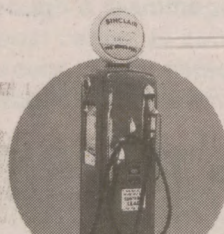


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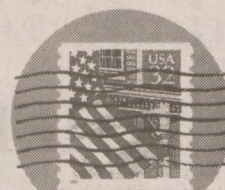
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Student Activities Funding Board is a proud sponsor of the following events for the week of Oct. 29 - Nov. 4:
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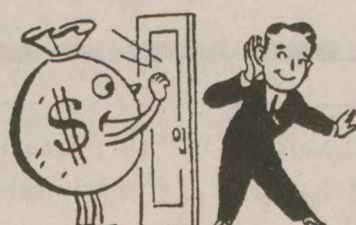
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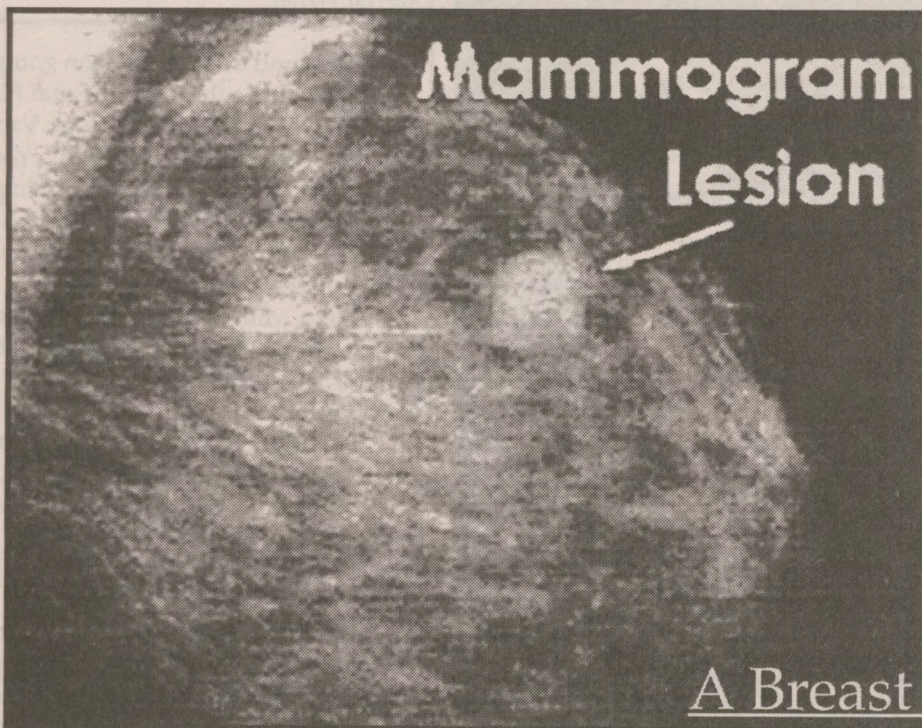
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OUSC would like to thank University President Dr. Gary Russi, for his presentation at the 10/27/97 OUSC meeting.

Join us for our 11/3/97 meeting where our special guest will be you and a prominent speaker.



FEATURES



A Breast Cancer Month Special

BREAST CANCER: The photo above shows a cancerous lesion viewed through a mammogram. The American Cancer Society (ACS) said when breast cancer is confined to the breast, the 5 year survival rate is over 95 percent. Early detection is the key, said ACS, and one of the methods of detection is a mammogram.

Photo Courtesy/Pat Connelly

What you should know about breast cancer

Breast cancer is the leading killer among cancers in American women.

About 12,000 men and 1.8 million women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer by the year 2000.

About 300 men and 44,000 women die of breast cancer annually.

Women with breast cancer are three to four times more likely to develop a new cancer in the other breast.

Breast cancer risk is increased if other members of family, on both the maternal and paternal side, have had breast cancer in any form.

The profile of those most at risk, are women over 40, with a family history of breast cancer and no experience breast feeding.

Facts provided by the American Cancer Society

A Matter of Life and Death

Two OU women share their struggle with a killer

By LISA MUMMA
Staff Writer

She was 38, had nursed both of her children and had no family history of the disease.

And she was diagnosed with a breast cancer a year ago. Kate Lark, risk management and contracting director, felt a lump in her breast while performing a breast self exam in summer of 1996.

"There was no reason for me to expect (breast cancer). I never gave it a thought," she said. "I remember doing self exams, almost thinking I didn't want to deal with it. I didn't feel like I was the target at all, but I did (the exam anyway), thank God."

According to the American Cancer Society, monthly self exams help early discovery of abnormal breast changes in women over age 20.

Like Lark, Susan Hawkins, associate professor of English, did not fit the mold of the average breast cancer target when she was diagnosed at age 36.

"You've got to do that self exam every month, and I know lots of women who don't bother," said Hawkins. "That's how I found it. It makes a big difference."

Lark and Hawkins hope other women can learn from their experiences with this debilitating and potentially fatal disease.

Lark said mammograms are not always accurate. "My mammogram showed nothing," she said. "Younger women typically have denser breasts. Often, nothing shows. The day of surgery, when you could feel it, nothing showed. So self exams are very important, every month."

Although the procedure did not outwardly show her lump, she still endorses the importance of a mammogram.

"You don't know and have to do both (self exams and mammograms)," said Lark. "It's like airbags and seat belts."

Lark's initial biopsy came back inconclusive, which she later learned from her doctor usually meant the presence of cancer.

The odds were it was cancer, she said. After consulting numerous doctors and doing research, she and her husband decided to pursue aggressive treatment. She enrolled in a clinical trial that involved high dose chemotherapy with stem cell transplantation.

The National Cancer Institute explains that stem cell transplantation is a procedure in which bone marrow, the spongy material found inside bones that produces white and red blood cells and platelets, is removed from the bone with a needle. This marrow contains the stem cells which can then reproduce all the types of blood cells.

Lark underwent an autologous bone marrow transplant where her own healthy bone marrow was removed, or harvested, then frozen and stored and returned after an intense high-dose chemo regimen followed by radiation therapy. This treatment is a relatively new way to fight breast cancer and is still

See CANCER page 13



Sean Kosofsky

Hate is growing-let's do something about it

Hate crimes are on the rise. Hate speech is on the rise. Hate groups are on the rise. Hate, hate, hate.

This trend has been creeping up on us from all around, much like a covered pot of water slowly rising in temperature. Hate speech will likely blow its lid and result in violence.

We live in an era where it is profitable to hate. Groups like the Christian Coalition, Focus on the Family, and more stealthily, the Promise Keepers, are raking in dollars because they have succeeded in blaming all of America's problems on already bruised and battered groups, like gays and immigrants.

Reminiscent of the McCarthy era, the radical right has already succeeded in stigmatizing words like "liberal" and "feminist," while using alarmist tactics to campaign against anyone who does not subscribe to their model of "traditional" values.

The No. 1 group attacked has been the homosexuals.

Gays have been characterized as militant extremists who demand special rights to convert and pervert children, make sexual advances on fellow military servicemen, and flaunt their lifestyle.

They are also said to be bent on destroying the moral fabric of society so it will be easier for them to infect our whole society with AIDS via an "unnatural" form of sex.

Welcome to the world of a sexual minority.

Welcome to a life faced with hate, prejudice, condemnation, ridicule, legal discrimination, violence, and daily pressure to question your own self worth.

How does this relate to OU? How does it not?

Whenever a group of gay students on campus decides to chalk in an OU "free speech zone," such expression is systematically met with hatred. Non-sympathizers consistently transform gay-positive, peaceful, inclusive, and empowering messages into a threats of violence and murder.

Pride Forum, a campus gay rights group, is unique to all other student groups in one key respect—some people are terrified to go to their meetings. This is a justified emotion concerning the rising level of anti-gay rhetoric delivered in our churches, legislatures and universities.

OU is no island, and certainly no exception to the prevalence of hate speech. Signs of homophobia, anti-Semitism, and racism are still alive on campus and have surfaced in the form of chalking, as recently as Oct. 11-National Coming Out Day.

Reported hate crimes against gays and lesbians in Michigan increased 29 percent in 1996. The Southern Poverty Law Center's "Klanwatch" project just released a report citing Michigan as having the second highest number of hate groups in the country.

Coincidence—I don't think so.

It is everyone's responsibility to confront and challenge hate-rhetoric whenever encountered. Whether it takes the form of graffiti, journalism, or a political speech, it can be a direct catalyst for violence.

To suppress it, people can report it to faculty, staff, and campus officials.

We should do our part to stop inflammatory rhetoric and foster a campus climate of tolerance and acceptance.

Senior Sean Kosofsky is a communications major and a Pride Forum member.

Students begin making plans for Halloween

From candy collecting to partying, people are ready to celebrate

By DAMON BROWN
Features Editor

This Halloween, students plan to wear scary costumes or be frightened at a local haunted house. Or they will just party with music and fun.

"If I have time, I will step out and get treats. I used to pass out candy, but now I miss getting the candy," said senior John Detrovski, finance.

Senior Chris Layson, secondary education, plans to go to the University of Michigan vs. University of Wisconsin game this weekend.

"I'll go to Ann Arbor, probably make some stops at bars, too," Layson said.

Though he'll be hanging out this weekend, he said it's mainly for the football, not Halloween.

"There shouldn't be anything during football season, including Halloween," he said.

"I'll probably go trick-or-treating with my friends from high school and

take their candy," said freshman Matt Riggs, business.

Riggs said his friends plan on dressing up like French maids, but he said he might go as an obsessed Miami Dolphin fan.

"I might paint my face blue," he said.

"I'm taking my girlfriend's brother trick-or-treating," said freshman Jason Smades, business administration.

Other than that and a football game in Waterford, Smades said he plans to "just be going out, hang out at places."

"I usually hang out and pass out treats to little ones," said graduate Jennifer Blandino, psychology.

Freshman Elizabeth Tebbe, elementary education, said she'll be working all Halloween night, but will relax at a couple parties her friends are throwing.



Post Photo/Jaime Shelton

BOO: Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins, as well as a time for partying.

Local bars provide drinking safety tips

Halloween is a time for celebration and, sometimes, for drinking.

Local bars have given tips for drinking safety:

"Make sure when you drink, have a designated driver that doesn't drink or drinks very little."

Curtis Paul
operations manager
St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit

"The amount of people who wear big, cumbersome suits, then drive in a car and wreck havoc because they can't control the car are amazing!"

Chip Reid
general manager
Big Bucks Brewery, Auburn Hills

"Know when to say when. Many don't know when to stop."

Linda Foehr
bartender
Stan's Dugout, Auburn Hills



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MUSIC

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THEATRE

"THREE TALL WOMEN," 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. today and Saturday; 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Tuesday; 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 377-3300.

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THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDIA ARCHIVES, Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, Fairlane Town Center.

Three take on one



THREE AGES: (Above) From left to right, Avril Gentles, Diana Van Fossen and Fiona Davis perform in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Three Tall Women." (Below) The characters have a lively discussion.

Dramatic play tells the story of lady's dreary life

By LAURA SCHILDT
Assistant Features Editor

REVIEW

The premise of "Three Tall Women" is solid, but unfortunately, the first half of the play moves so slowly that some viewers might vanish with boredom.

"Three Tall Women," a deeply rooted and emotional play by Edward Albee, hit the stage at Meadow Brook Theatre on Oct. 22.

Dramatist Albee wrote this play hoping to deal with his lingering feelings about his wealthy socialite mother who threw him out of the house at 18 years of age because of an argument.

With the completion of the play, he desires to answer the question—can he forgive his mother for not loving him?

He examines his mother and the course of her life by creating a character in her image.

For half of the two hour play, 92-year-old Frances Cotter Albee, played by Avril Gentles, tells countless stories

of her life to her snotty young lawyer (Fiona Davis) and her patient middle-aged secretary (Diana Van Fossen).

As two women tend to the affairs of their elderly employer, Frances recounts every depressing topic of her disappointing life from her unhappy loveless marriage to her current bladder problem.

The oldest portrayal of Frances is a 92-year-old woman who is clearly modeled as an imperious, vain, and now fragile woman.

At the end of the first half, Frances suffers from a stroke and is left for the remainder of the play to lie motionless in bed with a ventilator covering her mouth. (What a part!)

The first part of the play had its problems. Dividing the dialogue more evenly among the three characters could prevent viewers from losing interest and fading off in the second half.

After the intermission, Albee opens his mind and dissects Frances by looking at her in different stages of her life, creating three new characters of his mother.

With Albee's imagination, the second half of the play is convoluted as the young lawyer and middle-age secretary are transformed into his mother at different ages.

The fantasy begins with Frances at 26, then at 52 and, finally, a new, healthier 92-year-old.

The 26-year-old Frances is portrayed as young, naive and hopeful. At 52, she is experienced, mean, rich and crass. The new 92-year-old character is funny, lively and understanding.

The most entertaining part of the play comes when the three women argue with each other in the same bedroom around the dying Frances.

All three women wonder how they turned into the other. They reveal secrets of how it happened. Some secrets and language are tacky, obscene and unnecessary.

Spending time with your own grandmother and listening to her tell stories of her life might be more entertaining than this play.

"Three Tall Women" runs through Nov. 16.

THE REEL DEAL

'Boogie Nights' is right-on, dynamite

By GABE GAZOUL
Staff Writer

When first given a description of "Boogie Nights," one would expectantly have hesitations about seeing a movie about the porn film industry in late '70s and early '80s, which stars Burt Reynolds and rapper Mark Wahlberg.

Admittedly, this sounds like a producer's cruel joke. "Boogie Nights," though, is a perfect example of how a director can make all the difference.

Twenty-seven-year-old writer, producer, and director Paul Anderson creates a literal cinematic masterpiece. With unhesitating ease of the camera, he has the ability to pull the best performances from his actors.

The movie follows the story of a young, well-endowed man who assumes the name of Dirk Diggler (Mark Wahlberg). Diggler is outcasted from his biological family and becomes "adopted" by adult-film director Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds).

Horner knows a star, or rather, good investment, when he sees one and seduces Diggler into being in his films.

"Boogie Nights"

Groovy
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Horner shows him what success is: popularity, sex, money, and awards.

He gives Diggler a family with a mother figure, Amber Waves, who is also a porn star. Julianne Moore portrays Waves as completely sensitive.

Diggler lives the American Dream and is "a bright shining star," as he puts it in the movie.

But then, the star begins to fall.

The most stunning aspects of "Boogie Nights" come from its visuals and sound. The '70s music is constant and lends to the film's energetic pace.

Though the film lasts over two-and-a-half hours, boredom never sets in as the plot continues to twist.

Anderson's camera use shows charisma. Without ever cutting away from the scene, we enter one of Horner's parties—starting from the driveway into the house, through the living room, to the backyard, and then, lit-



DANCING MACHINE: Mark Wahlberg gets his groove on in the new '70s cinema "Boogie Nights." It is playing at theatres everywhere.

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All youth orchestra visits OU

By DANELLE ABOUD
Special Writer

The sound of music is soon going to be ringing through Varner Recital Hall.

At 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, in Varner Recital Hall, the Oakland Youth Orchestra (OYO) will be performing its first concert of the year.

The OYO features sixth through 12th graders.

Zeljko Milicevic, orchestra instructor at Royal Oak's Dondero High School, is conducting the OYO for his third year.

He said the OYO is a good program that offers opportunities for students to play music and to meet other students with similar interests.

He said it also gives them a challenge.

"This is a particularly great year for the orchestra because they will be performing many challenging pieces in their original form, (so students can) experience various composers," said Milicevic.

The planned pieces for the fall are Beethoven's "Leonore Overture," "Bizet's Suite L' Arlesienne," "Brahms' Variations On A Theme," featuring Hayden, and "Hallelujah of Handel's Messiah."

Johanan Odhner, a 13-year-old violinist, is in his second year of the program, which he said he enjoys.

"It's been fun. It is a good learning experience, and I have learned to work with other kids, and to follow a conductor," Odhner said.

He said he likes the fact that it is not all work and no play.

"We go on outings with the orchestra, to parks and have picnics. Last year we even went on a hayride," said Odhner.

Annually, OYO's first and last concert is held at OU.

Some OU students feel this is a favorable program and look forward to seeing the performances.

Senior Michael Figlak, marketing, said "I think it's vital to the development of today's youth. It provides culture and broadens perspective."

Sophomore Christina D'Angelo, communications, said "I think it's beneficial to encourage youths to learn and appreciate the arts. It helps develop them into well-rounded people."

The OYO, formerly the Oakland Youth Symphony, is now in its 22nd consecutive year.

It has recently become a non-profit organization.

Money for the private orchestra is raised by an annual auction, fundraisers and musician's tuition.

Besides its first fall concert, there will be another fundraising concert for its annual auction at 2 p.m. March 1 at Rochester High School.

The final performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 7, in Varner Recital Hall.

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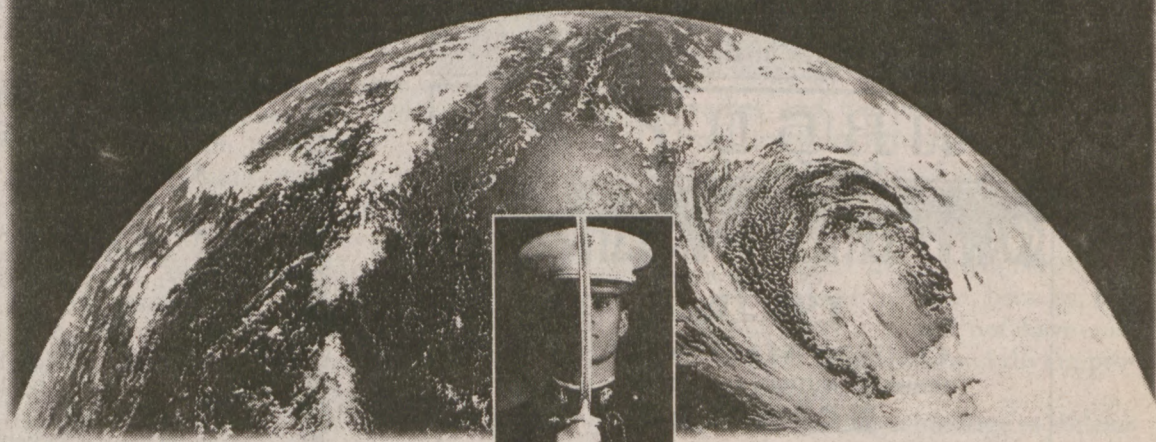
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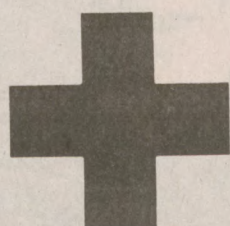
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The Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) is pleased to announce **MITCH ALBOM**, acclaimed sports columnist from the Detroit Free Press, will speak to the Oakland University Community Thursday, November 13, 1997, 7:00p.m. in the Pioneer (Food) Court. Free Admission

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* sign up for Nov. 8 - Paintball
* sign up for Nov. 11- Mock Rock contest
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UPDATING YOU:

• Placement and Career Services continues to have immediate openings for paid internships and career-related, part-time jobs. Specific positions are available for students seeking experience in criminal justice, youth casework, or adult probation. Immediate training and health administration positions are currently open in Southfield. Also recruiting to fill co-op positions for Winter Semester 1998. **Contact Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213).**

• Fall Semester campus recruiting continues at Placement and Career Services, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250). Employers recruiting during the week of Nov. 3 include: Powers Distributing, Selective/Ricoh, Ernst & Young (Management Consulting), Andersen Consulting, Northwestern Mutual, Prudential and Uniforce Information Services.

• Students with a major in Computer Science, Management Information Systems or Computer Engineering who are interested in a Summer Internship with Chrysler Corporation (for Graduate Trainee Program) should contact Experiential Education (370-3213). On-campus interviews on Dec. 4.

THIS WEEK:

• **AVOID THE FLU!** The Health Center will be offering **FLU SHOTS**, at a cost of \$8, in the Oakland Center on Nov. 4, 11, 18, 19, 25 and Dec. 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. They will also be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Hepatitis B shots will also be available for \$37. For more information, please call the **Health Center at 370-2341.**

• The Department of Campus Recreation would like to thank all the teams for their participation in the outdoor fall sports season!!! Congratulations go to the following teams as champions for that sport:

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Softball	Diamondbacks

• AmeriCorps Oakland is still recruiting qualified students. If you enjoy working with children, and would like to gain job experience and earn money for college, AmeriCorps may be for you. If you are interested, please contact Experiential Education, 371 Vandenberg Hall West, for an application.

• Nominations/applications are being accepted for the Keeper of the Dream Award which recognizes students who have demonstrated strong citizenship and leadership in dealing with inter-racial issues. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. **The deadline for applications is Oct. 30, 1997.**

• Nominations are being accepted for the Sidney Fink Memorial Award. The award recognizes students who on an interpersonal and programmatic level have worked to promote positive race relations on campus. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. **The deadline for applications is Oct. 30, 1997.**

• The Department of Campus Recreation's activity schedule in the "bubble" is changing. The intramural volleyball season begins Tuesday, Oct. 28 for the 20 co-ed teams who submitted entries! An updated bubble activity schedule is posted outside the Campus Recreation Office, 261 SFH. Be sure to check it out!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• The 10th annual Fall Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) will take place on Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at Burton Manor in Livonia. More than 165 employers are already scheduled to participate. Open to graduating students and to alumni seeking entry-level positions. Interest in most majors, with the exception of medicine, law and education. Parking is free! **Registration brochure and current list of participating employers is available at Placement and Career Services.**

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SPORTS

OU's reputation in jeopardy

University officials probing into violations of alcohol, contract policy

By JEFF SHELTON
Sports Editor

The death of an OU student prompted an investigation into the alleged violation of the university's alcohol policy and athletic contracts by its swimming and diving programs.

An internal investigation was established to probe the conduct accusations of the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving programs.

The university investigation is headed by Athletic Director Jack Mehl, Men's Head Soccer Coach Gary Parsons and Women's Head Swimming Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Tracy Huth.

Their investigation reflects the athletic standards of the university.

"Athletics are not above any other programs at a university," said University of Missouri at Kansas City Sports Information Director Chad Harberts.

This investigation is separate from any outside investigation by the OU Police Department involving criminal charges.

"We are taking swift action in addressing this issue," said Huth.

The inquiries come in the recent acceptance of OU's move from Division II's GLIAC Conference, to Division I-AAA's Mid-Continent Conference.

According to Huth, there have been no NCAA or Mid-Continent Conference violations to report. The investigation is a responsibility taken on by the university.

"We have reacted and taken the necessary action for the incident, not in light of our move to Division I-AAA or the Mid-Continent Conference," said Huth.

"The action we have taken is part of institutional control. The Mid-Continent Conference will most likely be looking to see what we do, and how we respond to the situation," he added.

The athletes involved could suffer university discipline, in which scholarships could be revoked along with suspension from the team said Huth.

Athletic coaches have the responsibility and power to enforce any restrictions on athletes involved in non-sanctioned university activities expressed Men's Head Swimming Coach Pete Hovland.

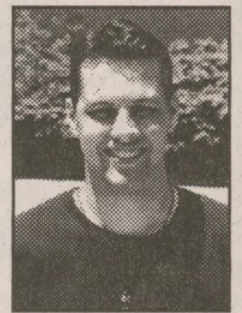
Though nothing has been determined in the disciplinary action the university may take, additional restrictions and discipline could be handed down from the university itself.

The Student Affairs Office was contacted for further information, but no information was available for release at that time.

"Anytime an athletic department is pro-active to undermine its own athletic program, then it is a good situation," said Harberts.

The review process of the investigation is ongoing, but the programs will still practice and workout until university sanctions are lifted.

Athletic Trainer Tom Ford is implementing alcohol abuse programs. OU is making it mandatory for all athletes.



Jeff Shelton

OU swimmers throw away respectable tradition

The OU swimming program has always had the reputation of excellence in both areas of conduct and athletics.

But now everything has changed. The most important tradition of the team was thrown to the side for a night of drinking.

It would be naive to think that instances, such as keg parties, have never happened before, but this is college reality.

Swimming, being the premier sport at OU, should act with responsibility and conduct, that should be taken to an extreme in the representation of the university, in and away from athletics.

With the immature antics of the swimming and diving programs, OU now has a black cloud hanging over its head.

But in all the negative hype surrounding the situation, one ideal goes unnoticed: the athletes who did not participate in the keg party.

Though some athletes need to be disciplined, others need to be commended for their integrity.

Whether those athletes' integrity is based on the university code or their own personal moral code, distinction should be made in favor of those athletes.

Though a team should show unity, boundaries must be made and never crossed.

What individuals in the swim program did was break apart a team, placing individualism before the good of the whole.

Athletic tradition takes decades to build. The kind that commands respect from all teams, and OU swimmers and divers destroyed it in one night.

As a result, the incoming freshmen will never get to experience the OU swim tradition to its fullest potential. The suspension of the swimming and diving programs made sure of that.

This class of swimmers will have these insinuations and accusations hanging over them for the rest of their OU career.

If the leadership of the senior role models was at least mediocre, then the swim and dive programs would be competing right now.

But that leadership never happened, because the keg party happened.

Coaches rely on athletes to fill in the gaps they can't.

Coaches can't be there to hold the hands of their athletes, but they can instill values with an honor system.

Because certain swimmers could not abide by limitations set by the coaches and the university, everyone from incoming freshmen swimmers who never participated in the keg party, to the reputation of those upholding the university, has been tainted.

The athletic department believes in its standards of tradition, because, if it did not, then it would not have suspended the swimming and diving programs so quickly.

OU is sending a message to athletes and the general student population that there is going to be a no tolerance policy with alcohol.

It is surprising though, that it took the death of an OU student to spark the investigation of alcohol in campus athletics.

After this situation is finally put behind the athletic programs at OU, the athletes should concentrate on acquiring a new tradition at OU without alcohol.



Post Photo / Jeannette Kirkaldy

NO MORE CELEBRATION: The OU Men's Swimming team has brought controversial contract and conduct violations to Pioneer athletics.

Athletic contract outlines proper university conduct

By SHERRY KRIZMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Every OU athlete is required to sign a number of papers and forms to begin the playing season. But not everyone reads each sheet in its entirety.

In the contract which outlines player conduct, it is stated that penalties for alcohol, drugs and social misconduct could result in the following:

- suspension from the team,
- loss of scholarship,
- counseling,

or any other forms of discipline that the Athletic Department deem fit the particular offense.

In the most recent case, four male OU swimmers are being criminally prosecuted for providing alcohol to minors. OU has indefinitely suspended them from competition.

Not just the individuals involved, but both swim teams are suffering the penalties for what a few of their teammates have done.

Pete Hovland, Men's Swimming coach, stated that both teams were suspended because the team members are very close and socialize together.

Women's Volleyball player Kim Shetler said, "I agree with the policy for our safety, but some athletes don't go to parties. I don't think those athletes should be punished."

According to the OU contract, the first course of disciplinary action is to be dealt with by the head coach.

Each team must abide by the university policy, but some teams added

additional policies concerning consequences for the team. Some have two policies on these matters.

The swim teams do not have separate policies besides the university ones that apply to their student-athletes, according to Hovland. He said they simply are expected to act responsibly.

Women's Swimming coach Tracy Huth said, "Each coach has specific policies. My policies might be stricter than somebody else's."

If the athletic department does not feel that the coach's actions are correct, it has the authority to modify the disciplinary actions against the student-athlete.

Besides the code of conduct, student-athletes are also required to sign a drug-testing consent form and various eligibility forms.

Though the suspension came from alleged violations of the contract, some students, in an informal survey, had mixed emotions as to the punishment fitting the crime.

"The swimmers represent the school. A lot of them are probably on scholarships, and the school is paying for their education, so they should be held accountable for their actions and act like adults," said a language lab consultant.

Another student, a male freshman mechanical engineering major, said, "On one hand, I believe the suspension should set an example for the whole team. Yet, it is not fair for everyone else to suffer the consequence."

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT DISCIPLINE AND DUE PROCESS

"Student-athletes of a member institution... shall deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their behavior shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in competitive sports in the collegiate setting."
(NCAA Manual)

Intercollegiate athletics are part of the university educational system and those participating are expected to exhibit values and behavioral characteristics that are appropriate to the educational community. The Oakland University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics shall ensure that all student-athlete participants uphold the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) philosophy of fair play and good sportsmanship. Student-athletes are representatives of Oakland University and shall act in a dignified manner. Each individual is subject to conduct rules of the team, the athletic department, the university, the conference and the NCAA. Behavior in connection with the intercollegiate athletic program such as fighting, swearing, berating officials, and taunting opponents is unacceptable and subject to disciplinary action. Inappropriate behavior and/or use in regards to alcohol, drugs, and social misconduct is also subject to discipline.

A student-athlete may be disciplined within the administrative structure of the university for failure to abide by the above standards and provisions. This administrative structure can include the coach, the director of athletics, and the university administration. Under normal circumstances the head coach is responsible for student-athlete discipline. If the director of athletics determines that a coach's disciplinary action is inappropriate, he may pursue the matter with the coach and the student-athlete. As a result, the director of athletics may modify the discipline. If the student-athlete's behavior reflects on the university as a whole, the university administration may, at their discretion, meet with the student and other parties involved to review the matter and may modify the disciplinary action. The student-athlete may be accompanied by a non-lawyer university student or employee at meetings with the director of athletics and the university administrator.

Discipline may take many forms including: counseling, a letter of reprimand, suspension from the team for a specified period of time (including practice, contests and/or seasons of competition), university service, and loss of scholarship.

I have read the Code of Conduct and authorize the release of any information concerning disciplinary measures to the athletic department.

Signature _____ Date _____

PIONEER
INSIDE
TRACK

- Women's Soccer**
- The Women's Soccer team beat Western Michigan University 2-0 and Grand Valley State University 9-0 last weekend.
 - Leading scorers for the Pioneers included junior midfielder Erin Gallagher, senior midfielder Jessica Mrozek, freshmen forward Kristen Louma and sophomore Antia Rapp. All contributing two goals in the two victories.
 - Goalkeepers, senior Kristi McGough and sophomore Holly Runstadler combined in the shutouts.

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- Wednesday, Oct. 29**
- **Women's Soccer** hosts Lewis University (12 p.m.)
 - **Men's Soccer** hosts Macomb Community College (3 p.m.)
- Saturday, Nov. 1**
- **Women's Soccer** hosts Tiffin University (12 p.m.)
 - **Men's Soccer** hosts Tiffin University (2:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, Nov. 2**
- **Women's Volleyball** at Saginaw Valley State University (1 p.m.)
- Thursday, Nov. 6**
- **Men's Basketball** hosts Team Wildfire in exhibition (7:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, Nov. 8**
- **Women's Soccer** at St. Joseph's College (6 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Nov. 11**
- **Men's Basketball** hosts Rose City Express in exhibition (7:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, Nov. 15**
- **Men's Basketball** hosts Tiffin University (12 p.m.)
 - **Women's Basketball** hosts Shawnee State University (2 p.m.)
- Sunday, Nov. 16**
- **Men's Basketball** at Illinois State University (2 p.m.)
- Monday, Nov. 17**
- **Women's Basketball** hosts Defiance University in scrimmage (7 p.m.)

** Home games italicized bold type

Sports Writers

- THE OAKLAND POST is in search of sports writers for each weekly issue. Coverage includes all major men's and women's athletic sports: soccer, swimming, basketball, volleyball, baseball, golf, tennis, cross country and club lacrosse.
- A special feature of the sports section is "Profiling the Black, Gold and White," which is a weekly look into the lives of two athletes. A sign up sheet is available in the Oakland Post at 36 Oakland Center in the lower level.
- Journalism students may qualify for extra credit for their journalism classes if a story or profile is published.
- Any questions, please contact Jeff Shelton or Sherry Kruzman at THE POST or call 370-4263.

Hillsdale has Pioneers number in '97

By STEVE MEYER
Staff Writer

"An agent of defeat," that's what Webster's Dictionary says a nemesis is. To OU's Women's Volleyball, Hillsdale College is the meaning of nemesis, as HC has defeated OU only three times in the rivalry. All victories came during this season.

Game one started as a battle of the bulge, at the Bubble. OU was all over Hillsdale, but OU just couldn't get the refs to go their way.

"Side out" soon became an extinct call as Hillsdale wrapped up the game 15-4.

Game two went much the same way. OU wasn't about to say die. It was one of the longest games OU has played all season.

At the beginning, it seemed like OU might have been able to tie the match. However, the worst thing about a nemesis is, it doesn't go away.

Even when the game seemed impossible to win, OU kept fighting. Digging and diving, OU just wanted to stay alive. When Hillsdale was on fire, OU couldn't get it together. It wasn't long before the game was decided by Hillsdale, 15-5.

OU, by this time, was out to prove themselves as fighters. They played clean, leaving no possibilities for Hillsdale to get started.

The Pioneers turned the tables, never losing command. It was a battle from the start, but OU came out victorious 15-8 in game three.

It seemed like OU was about to turn heads in the beginning of game four. The sudden sound of a whistle soon became repetitive for the Pioneers. OU tried to dig out of the hole that was created, but they just couldn't. The Pioneers fell in a heart felt game 15-9.

Junior outside hitter Jessica Meadows said, "The ref took away our focus, and that never should have happened." Meadows also spread the blame saying, "We weren't pumped up enough for the game."

Even after the tough loss in the Bubble on Oct. 21 against Hillsdale, OU sprung right back up to their old winning ways Oct. 24 against Ashland University.

Earlier in the season AU played OU in what turned out to be a five-game clash of the Titans. This time around it was a whole other story. OU swept AU in three games (17-15, 15-4, 15-9).

Oct. 25 was a long day for OU. It started out early hosting Findlay University at 11 a.m.

Coming off a good win against AU, OU played an excellent series of games against FU only conceding the first game 13-15. The rest was all OU. The Pioneers took the next three games (15-8, 15-4, 15-6).

However the day wasn't over for OU. It had to be back in the Bubble a couple of hours later to host IUPUI-Indianapolis in their last home game of the year.

Much like AU and FU, the Pioneers ripped past IUPUI with no troubles at all, sweeping it in three straight games (15-10, 15-4, 15-5).



Post Photo / Sherry Kruzman

OU FALLS AGAIN: Hillsdale beat the Pioneers for the third consecutive match this year.

NCAA

Women's Volleyball

Oakland v. Hillsdale

Inside "The Bubble," October 21, 1997

Oakland Player	#	Statistic	#	Hillsdale Player
Nicole Zimmerman	27	Assists	40	Lani Pentico
Renee Williams	9	Kills	14	Cassandra Cole
Emily Vagedes	2	Service	3	Jessica Phillips
Renee Williams	22	aces	20	Jessica Phillips
Rachel Clor	5	Digs	4	Edina McCollum
		Blocks		

Profiling the Black, Gold and White

Dan Naylis
Swimming

By CATHY MINIUK
Special Writer

At eight-years-old, junior Dan Naylis started his swimming career at a community pool in Rockford, MI, following in the footsteps of his older brothers.

Competition became more intense when Naylis entered high school where he was awarded third place in the 500-yard freestyle, and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle in state competition.

Naylis left his hometown to attend OU and study engineering. A major influence on his college choice was his friends who attended OU.

They informed him about OU's good reputation in academics and the school's prestigious athletic program.

Naylis continued his athletic success by being a member of OU's 1996 and 1997 national champion team.

His top events are the 100-, 200-, and the 500-yard freestyle, where he has earned All-American honors.

Men's Head Swimming Coach Pete Hovland said Naylis is an integral member of the swim team.

He also said Naylis is a tremendous influence on the team due to his personality, work ethic and his ability to be a leader in and out of the pool.

Team Captain Scott Beebe feels underclassmen can look up to Naylis and see him as a role model.

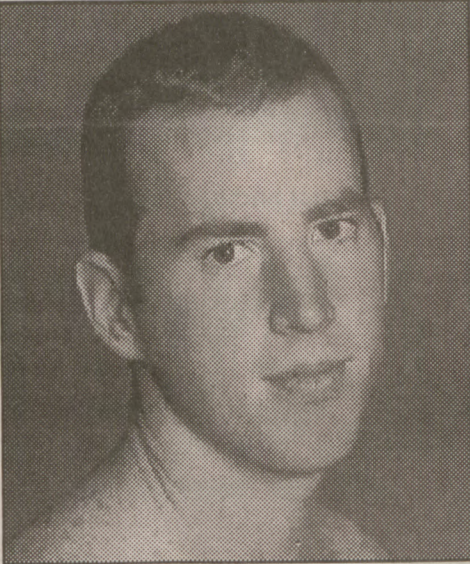
"Dan Naylis is an excellent leader on the team, and I am honored to have him as a close friend of mine," he said.

Being a member of the swim team has encouraged Naylis to shed his shyness and make a lot of close friends.

"We live together. We are like a family," reflects Naylis, whose favorite part of swimming is team comradery.

Naylis' dedication to his team is illustrated when he recalled his favorite memory.

He was swimming a relay race,



where each swimmer swims four laps. After two laps were completed by the swimmer preceding him, Naylis started to dive into the pool.

Realizing that only two laps were completed, Naylis grabbed onto a nearby diving board, sacrificing his body so that his team wouldn't be disqualified.

Naylis was quoted as being funny by several of his friends and teammates.

Jenny Wysocki said, "Dan is a crazy guy. One time after failing an exam, I was in a really bad mood. Dan did everything possible to make me laugh. He had me smiling in seconds."

Naylis feels no pressure to be the best because, "It's all on the shoulders of the team. If someone doesn't do their best, someone else will pick up the slack."

Naylis has two and a half years of college left, and one and a half years of swimming eligibility.

Naylis has a lot to deal with: school, swimming, and his social life.

But whenever he gets discouraged, he feels that the team is always there for him. He feels this closeness of the swim team, or any sports team, intimidates people.

He wishes more people would be comfortable approaching members of various sports teams and that they wouldn't feel any sort of intimidation.

Courtney Ruffing
Basketball

By JOE GRAY
Special Writer

As the OU Women's Basketball team prepares to make the jump to Division I-AAA, it will need dedicated players to lead.

Junior guard Courtney Ruffing is expected to be at the forefront of the move.

"She is a hard worker," said Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis. "Courtney is a role model, on and off the court. She is an ambassador for the game."

Ruffing trains three hours a day to improve her game. The routine includes a cardiovascular workout, weight training and pick up games with her teammates.

Ruffing's contribution to the team extends beyond her work on the practice court, though.

She is involved with the team's recruiting efforts. She escorts potential basketball recruits and their parents around campus to help them get a feel for the university.

But on the court, Ruffing is a fierce competitor.

"You have to be intense," said Ruffing, a marketing major. "You have to have fire in your eyes. Think only about winning."

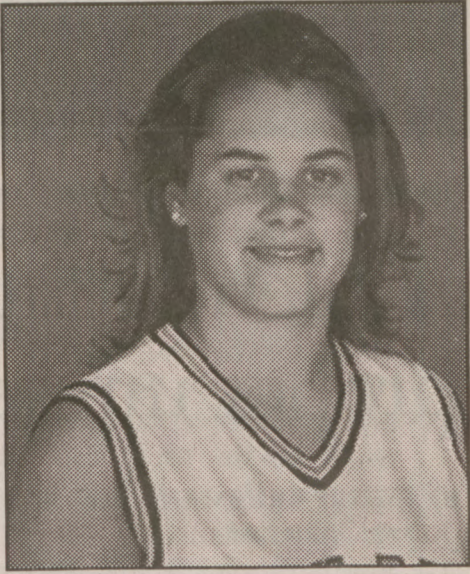
She focuses that intensity toward playing defense.

"Defense is the hardest part of the game, but you get a great feeling from shutting down the opposing team's best player," she said.

Ruffing also shows great intensity at the offensive end of the court.

When the game is on the line, she wants the ball in her hands. She is not afraid to attempt a game winning shot.

Ruffing discovered team sports when she was in the fourth grade. She participated in many athletics, but fell in love with basketball.



She was captain of the girl's basketball team at Rochester Adams High School.

She still holds the schools record for most assists in a season, most three-point baskets in a game and most three-point baskets in a season.

While at Rochester Adams she scored more than 1,000 points and was Adams' Athlete of the Year in the 1994-95 school year.

She was also an "USA Today" honorable mention All-American selection for high school basketball.

Ruffing was recruited by four Division I colleges before deciding to attend the University of Dayton.

She left Dayton because she was not comfortable with the program and transferred to OU last year, because she felt she would be happy playing close to home and her family.

In her first season at OU, Ruffing played in all 30 games, averaging seven points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game.

She shot 40 percent from the field, 36 percent from beyond the three-point line and more than 72 percent from the free-throw line.

Ruffing is red-shirting this year, so she will have two more years of eligibility when Division I-AAA play in the 1998-99 season.

Ruffing plans to investigate playing professionally in Europe.

Nurse

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chose the army in lieu of college.

Once in the army, Fernandez decided he'd like to be a pharmacist. He made his decision just as the Gulf War began.

"All the instructors were pulled from school and sent overseas to help out in the war," Fernandez says. "So suddenly I had to choose from a very limited list of careers."

He went into photo journalism, and for a while it was great. He met a variety of people and traveled into the desert with the troops to photograph maneuvers and war games.

But a little voice in the back of his head kept talking to him about a career in medicine which eventually led him to the nursing program at OU.

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Fernandez and Sander have two patients sharing a room. Both have tra-cheotomies. The students work together, changing IV bags and drawing blood.

Fernandez seems right at home with his duties. He talks to the patients as he works, explaining every procedure.

When he's finished, he covers the patient gently with a fresh blanket.

The routine is the same in many rooms. The paperwork is the same outside of them. Lists and charts must be checked, double-checked and filled out.

"I do a lot of things a lot of times," Fernandez says. "Over and over and over. That's the nature of the business."

As he talks he begins working on patient care plans—a complete report on every procedure that has been done for a patient. One of them is 14 pages long. The other is 16.

After a break for lunch, Fernandez goes to a meeting with a social worker and one of his patient's family members to discuss the needs and care of the patient after discharge.

After the meeting, it is back to the around-the-clock patient care. More IVs, more patient care and more paperwork. Over and over and over.

"I figured maybe I wanted to be a doctor," he says. "I always wanted to take care of people and I enjoy caring for them—especially children."

Fernandez decided to try nursing because he could use it as a starting

point in the field of medicine.

"I found out I really liked being a nurse, though," Fernandez says. "And I decided to stay."

RN Masters Nursing Professor Barbara Pemprase observes Fernandez and Sander.

"It's nice teaching the clinical," Pemprase says. "I get to show and teach the students things they couldn't have been taught in class. They are looked at closely."

There are 309 students in OU's nursing program, which is considered highly competitive. Only 34 students, however, are men.

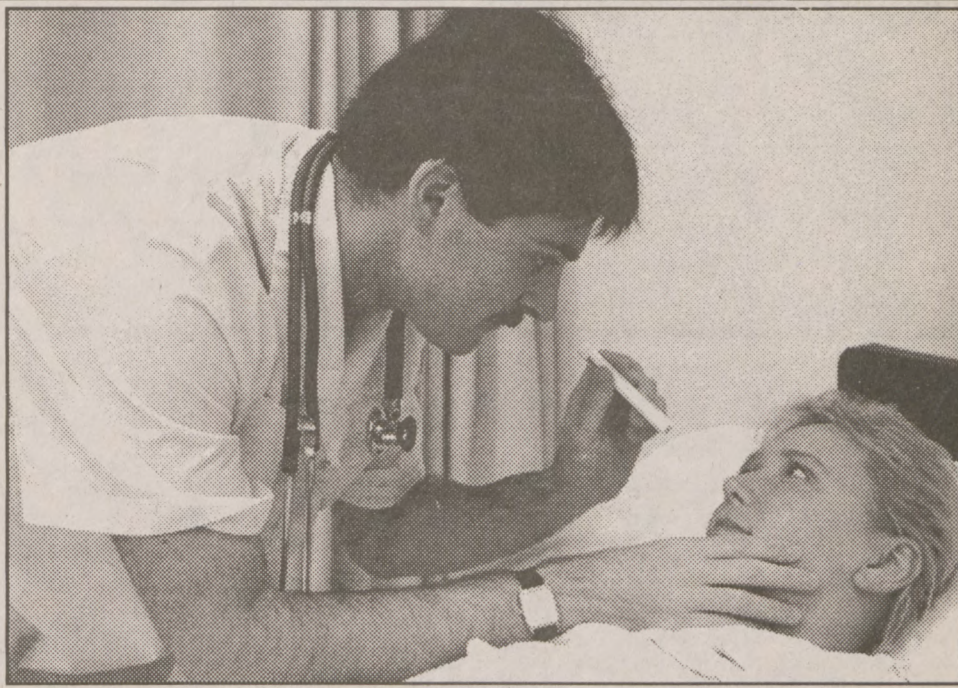
That's a little higher than 10 percent, considerably higher than the national average. According to the most recent statistics, men make up less than six percent of the total registered nurses nationwide.

Those figures probably account for some misconceptions—and biases towards male nurses.

Fernandez doesn't mind the stereotypes. He doesn't get upset when someone mistakes him for a doctor or when a patient was expecting a woman nurse.

But the biases can be bothersome when working with female patients.

"With female patients I am sometimes asked to leave the room," he says.



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BRIGHT LIGHT: Joe Fernandez, nursing senior, asks patient, Donna Ackerman, nursing sophomore to follow his light while he checks her eyes

"Recently a patient of mine who had to be hooked up for an EKG had to expose her chest, and I was asked to leave the room."

He doubts that would have happened if he were a doctor. He says if he were a female nurse, it's not likely he'd be asked to leave the room if a male

patient required similar care.

But this matters little to him, what matters is caring for patients, he says.

Fernandez doesn't think of himself as a man in the woman's field. He's just glad to be part of the team of people working hard to take care of some very important business.

Degree

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Speer.

"We're looking for students that we expect will be able to maintain the rigors of the program," Mittelstaedt said.

The faculty will also be looking at students who have a good understanding of what the program will add to their knowledge of nursing, she said.

Once accepted, students must complete 45 credits to earn their master's degree.

They will take courses such

as pharmacology and theory, and they will be learning how to identify and treat acute illnesses, Mittelstaedt said.

During the second year in the program, students will complete 210 hours of clinical work per semester.

The goals of the clinical work are to allow students to gain practical experience working as a family nurse practitioner, and provide an opportunity to work in a wide variety of cultures, Mittelstaedt said.

The program will take approximately two years to complete for a full-time student attending all year.

Upon completion, the students must pass a test offered by the American Nurses Association Crediting Center.

After this, they can finally apply for a state certificate, at which time they will be officially recognized as family nurse practitioners, Speer said.

One of the biggest advantages of the nurse practitioner is the price. Speer said, they possess many of the same skills as physicians.

"They are a low-cost provider, and they can do a lot of things," Speer said. "They are going to save the (health care) system a lot of money."

Team

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"On the one hand alcohol use is promoted and glorified, and then we deny it is a problem until there is an accident."

This is the first time entire teams have been suspended, said Men's Swimming Coach Pete Hovland and Women's Swimming Coach Tracy Huth.

Hovland said the Athletic Department made a decision to suspend both teams because they "are close and do things

together."

Director of Athletics Jack Mehl said the suspension was caused by the teams' party rather than by the fatal accident.

However, Hovland said, "It's unfortunate that circumstances like (the accident) bring to light something that happens on campus all the time."

Hovland said swimmers are no different than any other group on any campus. He said they are asked to behave responsibly as athletes.

"(However,) Hovland said, 'the ultimate decision is theirs.' Huth said he felt it was his

responsibility as a coach to make the suspension educational for his athletes.

"When you suspend competition, you don't do it just as a brash form of punishment," Huth said.

He said the students' alleged drinking is a matter that should be looked at from the university viewpoint, and not only as the swim teams' problem.

"Are student athletes any different from the general student population?" Huth asked.

"They're no different than any group, on any campus," Hovland said. "They're kids."

Charges

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women's swimming and diving teams are suspended from competition until the university completes an investigation into what other role members may have played at the party.

The investigation was

prompted after sophomore Jonathan Thomas, 19, was killed in a fatal car crash.

It was determined while assisting Auburn Hills Police Department (AHPD) that the OU affiliated individuals had attended the Van Wagoner party.

Christopher Knoche, 21, was charged last week with operating under the influence (OUI) causing death and manslaughter. Lt. David Chase, of AHPD,

said Knoche's blood alcohol level was .18 percent.

The driver of the car in which Thomas was travelling, Valerie Schultz, has not been charged.

Chase said her blood alcohol level was .11 percent at the time of the crash.

According to Michigan law, driving with .10 percent is considered legally drunk.

before 2000.

"We are in a dynamic, vibrant world in the backyard of great companies," he said.

OU students will soon be fully able to take advantage of their rising Oakland County surroundings. Russi said, the number of partnerships and collaborations with learning institutions, government, business, and industry will grow as well.

"We think this university can be a model university for the 21st century," Russi said. "We are growing."

New classrooms will also be added to existing buildings. Established classrooms will be upgraded to take advantage of technology and appeal to student needs.

Russi also commented on the changing vision of OU. It will expand its presence as a learner-centered and technology-enriched facility for students, faculty, and staff.

The current enrollment of 14,379 is less than 650 students away from its 15,000 goal. Russi said OU will exceed this goal

Russi

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one-stop shopping. Students will be able to register, pay tuition, and receive financial and academic advising through one building.

Parking woes will also be subsided as the O'Dowd parking lot acquires 170 new spaces in the near future.

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