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International agreement signed

OU to exchange robotics technology with Malaysia

By JIM TERMARSCH
Staff Writer

OU formally signed a partnership type agreement with the one of three states in Malaysia to foster development of that country and OU's robotics program at a formal ceremony last Friday at Meadow Brook Hall.

According to the formal agreement language, OU... "particularly through its Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation, may serve as a catalyst for strategic alliances

between the U.S. and Malaysia in various areas of industrial and economic developments..."

Interim President Gary Russi signed the agreement with the chief minister of the state of Perak, Malaysia which will help the Southeast Asian country become a fully industrialized nation by the year 2020.

After a formal introduction, Russi welcomed Talib and said he expected the memorandum to "provide an opportunity to enrich (OU's) robotics program."

The agreement involves a mutual exchange and collaboration of robotics technology between OU and the Malaysian Center for

Robotics and Industrial Automation (MCRIA).

Malaysia's Chief Minister Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ramli Ngah Talib worked closely with OU Engineering Professor Robert Loh to negotiate the agreement, which could prove to be essential to Malaysia's progress.

Specifically, the agreement includes a close collaboration with the MCRIA and OU on three different levels: the research and development of robotics, the development of programs and facilities for training, joint ventures, technology transfer and exchange of training personnel.

"From our assessment it was the best part-

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SEALED: Interim President shakes hands with Perak's Chief Minister Talib, following the signing of the agreements.



TV: Michelle Bauman is stuck watching basic channels until cable is installed in the dorms

Basic cable TV still not available to university

By ROBERT CARR
Staff Writer

Pauletia Nelson, a junior nursing major, moved into the residence halls this year with a brand new purchase: A cable-ready television.

But recently, she said her latest shopping trip resulted in a new TV antenna.

She is one of the many OU dorm students who for years have faced fuzzy reception of even local TV stations in their rooms. This year the students were promised cable television by the time they moved in this semester.

However, with wiring underway, students should have cable access by next month, if underground wires can be located.

"I'm used to it with Oakland," said Nelson. "They're slow with everything."

Mike Cleland, general manager of TCI Cablevision of Oakland County, said it should have cable systems installed and turned on by the end of this month or the beginning of November.

Cable television has been in the works for almost four years now, with the finalized contract between TCI and OU signed on May 12. According to the agreement, OU does not participate in the installation or operation, but merely provides access to the dorms for installation. Students will deal directly with TCI for their reception.

The problem, said Cleland, has involved installation and scheduling difficulties with OU.

"It's not just construction. It was a lot of different things. Sometimes, we haven't had full access to the university," Cleland said.

He predicts that students will be charged about the same as residents in the surrounding area, about \$25 per month for cable plus and about \$9 a month for basic cable, which just provides good reception for local channels.

Installation began at the end of summer, with lines being run in Anibal, Fitzgerald and East Vandenberg halls, according to Eleanor

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BLADING BANNED

Damage forces OU to ban indoor rollerblading



JUMP: Last year, before the ban went into effect, two rollerbladers practiced their stair jumping skills in Hannah Hall. Since then, indoor rollerblading is forbidden, due to safety concerns and damage to building tiles.

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

They careen and weave through crowds before flying down concrete stairs on their way to classes, cars and dorm rooms.

To OU administrators' dismay, however, they leave in their paths, tracks of destruction, ranging from skid marked floors, to gouged and chipped tiles.

All this will soon come to an end though, when OU takes the initiative to salvage what's left of the campus building floors, when rollerblading indoors is officially banned.

According to Dean of Students David

Herman, individual rollerbladers have been advised to take their skating outdoors since early this summer, but due to recent complaints from the Campus Facilities Operation (CFO) staff, a school-wide reinforcement of this ban will now take place.

"It's been a problem since last spring, and apparently it's not getting any better," Herman said.

He explained that floors in North and South Foundation Halls, as well as Dodge and Varner have shown signs of damage, including skid marks and gouged tiles at the bottom of stairwells.

These damages have subsequently

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Projects move forward with amended policy

By ERICA BLAKE
Editor in Chief

An amendment to OU's Contracting and Employment Policy, approved at the Thursday Board of Trustees meeting, gives the president the authority to complete projects of up to \$2 million once initial board approval is given.

Previously, the policy gave OU's president signing authority up to only \$200,000. However, projects which cost more were brought to the board at various stages, causing delays in construction. The policy was changed to avoid lengthy and even brief delays in projects which did occur when the president had to repeatedly go back to the board for approval in each stage of a project.

"The policy was set up so that I can sign for projects up to \$200,000, and the board is

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SBA search to be investigated

OMA violations alleged by 'Post'

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

The Oakland Post Friday renewed its complaint with the Oakland County Prosecutor that interviews last week by members of the School of Business Administration's dean's search committee of candidates for the job constituted yet another violation of the state's Open Meetings laws.

A 'Post' reporter was asked to leave the meeting room at the Holiday Inn on Opdyke Road before the candidate interviews began last Friday.

Post attorney, Jane Briggs-Bunting notified the prosecutor's office of the reporter's failed attempt to cover the interview process.

In addition to denying access, the committee has refused to identify the semifinalists and finalists for the dean's job left vacant in June when former George Stevens left to become dean at Kent State University in Ohio.

Gary Tunis, an assistant Oakland County Prosecutor confirmed receipt of the complaint. "There is an ongoing investigation

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Susan Gerrits

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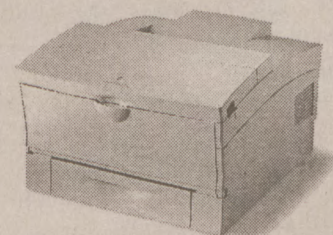
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Campus News

OU to parent charter school

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Assistant Features Editor

The Board of Trustees approved OU's involvement in running charter schools in the Tri-County area at its Oct. 6 meeting.

Charter schools are public elementary and secondary institutions, independent of the local school district. The schools will be overseen by the university.

Charter schools concentrate on innovative learning techniques and a wide variety of choices of schools where parents can send their children to be taught.

The proposal almost failed when with only

six of eight trustees present, both James Sharp and David Handleman abstained. Handleman, however, quickly changed his vote to yes when Board chairman David Fischer asked for reasons for the abstentions.

Sharp said he was reluctant to vote for or against the proposal because the plan had not been formally approved by the University Senate. However, the charter school proposal was approved by the Senate's Steering Committee and both its Planning and Budget reviews committees.

Interim President Russi was happy with the board's decision, "I am very pleased with the

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I think it will provide this institution with an opportunity to work with parents, teachers and the community...

Gary Russi
Interim President

"I don't think we should benefit from charter schools, I think we should be a benefit to them."

James Sharp
Trustee



Sally Tato

Rollerbladers must learn to walk again

Indoor rollerblading is banned.

That's one of the newest rules to come out of the Student Life Office.

It should amaze me that it even had to be created, let alone reinforced.

"No indoor rollerblading."

That seems as obvious to me as a "No shoes in the swimming pool" rule or "Only skis to be worn on the slopes" regulation.

I have seen neither of these examples around, so why is it people need yet another reminder to be logical.

Administrators at OU are concerned about the conditions of building floors, as well as the safety of students rollerblading down steps that happen to be placed in front of plate glass windows.

Admittedly, stunt rollerblading probably does a lot to increase the skill and adrenaline of those select few who derive more enjoyment from endangering their being, then regarding the safety of themselves, as well as those around them.

However, those same stunts (still as dangerous) can be taken outdoors, or better yet, off campus altogether.

But since advice is often heard and not as often heeded, as the Dean of Students' can probably attest, a ban became the necessary avenue to reinforce the obvious.

And the toughest repercussions for rule breakers won't just be removal of the blades. Instead, students will be subject to the university conduct committee and visitors will be handed over to the Public Safety Department.

But before avid rollerbladers jump on the defensive, they should recall that OU is an educational institute, not a multi-building rollerblading rink.

Therefore, if blading addicts are unhappy with the rules and continue to skate carefree, then eventually they will have to suffer the consequences that the conduct board may have to offer.

Whatever's dished out to them by the board, however, probably isn't half as bad as the possible injuries that could be sustained if, in fact, distance is misjudged and an injury does occur.

Meanwhile, bladers may be interested in taking their recreational habits to the few rollerblading rinks in the surrounding area, specifically targeted for the sport.

It's unlikely that they'll find concrete stairs or tile floors to skate on, but perhaps that is the point.

Since most students would probably choose not to take a class in a rollerblading rink, it's safe to assume that the same bunch probably wouldn't miss the blader cruising by them in the halls.

Until everyone comes to this conclusion, however, we can all learn to enjoy the "No Indoor Rollerblading" signs that will soon adorn the campus.

Global women's conference talk on campus

By MARY LOWE
Special Writer

Making the world a better place for women and children throughout the world is one of the many expectations 30,000 women and 15,000 men took with them when they attended the women's conference in Beijing this past summer, and it's one that they won't soon forget.

It's certainly not a goal that Gloria Rivera will soon forget. Rivera is a staff member at Groundwork, a justice organization that provides education and action for systematic change.

She and Wayne State campus minister Fe Rowland, along with community activist Grace Boggs attended the conference and will be on campus Tuesday Oct. 17 in the West Crockery of the Oakland Center to share their experiences with, and to field questions from the campus community.

The opportunity to hear from the two conference attendees is especially great because media coverage for the event was scarce and, according to Rivera, often distorted.

"I want to tell what really happened in Beijing," Rivera said.

Violence, education, health, female children and religion were simply four of the 13 themes that were discussed at the conference.

Viewing participants of all nationalities coming together to discuss women's issues made the world appear smaller, more like a global village, Rivera said.

She said that learning more about violence against women and children compelled her to commit herself again to finding ways to prevent it.

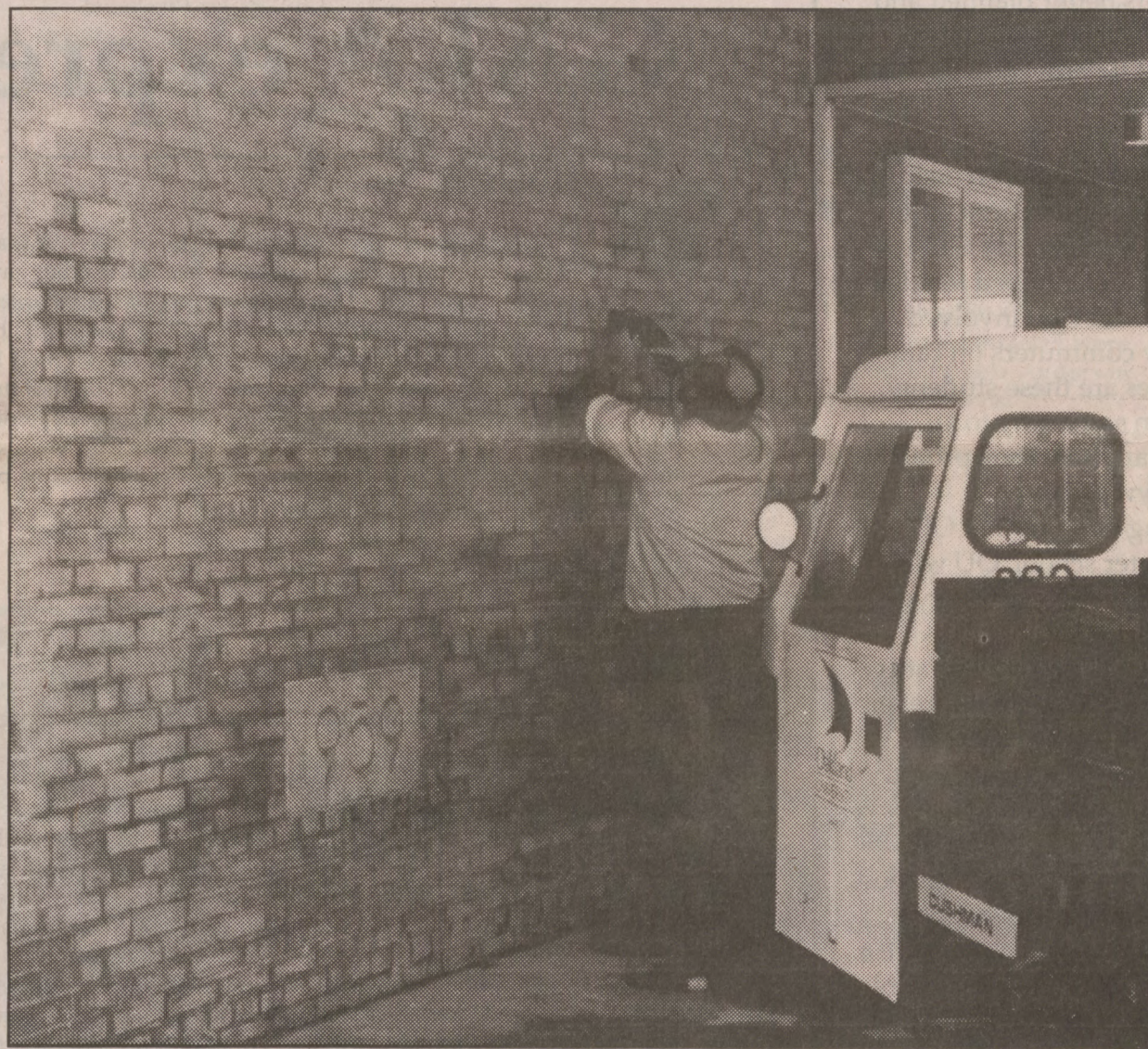
"It made me aware of how pervasive violence is ... I'm going to encourage people to act," she said. "All of us, women and men can do something to make our government accountable."

Rivera wants to make everyone aware that any small change can make a difference.

"No matter how small ... We've got what it takes to make a difference," she said. "By improving the life of women and children, we're improving the life of the world."

GRAFFITI

Vandals spray anti-Christ sayings



VANDALISM: Spray paint vandals took their cans to a wall on South Foundation Hall last week, leaving two anti-christ messages on the building. The vandalism also created at least three hours of extra work for the pictured Campus Facilities and Operations staffer as he sanded off the messages on Friday morning.

Wrong way driver arrested, jailed

A man allegedly driving drunk on campus in the early morning hours on Oct. 6, was arrested by campus police after failing five tests: alphabet, counting, balance, coordination and breathalyzer.

Police pulled the man over for driving the wrongway on a one-way road.

While speaking to the driver, the officer said that he could smell alcohol coming from the inside of the car.

The driver said that he had consumed about four beers prior to driving.

The driver was taken to Auburn Hills police department and then to Oakland County Jail.

Asthma Attack

A student suffering from

an asthma attack was taken to the hospital Oct. 5, when her asthma medication did not work.

The student was taken to

The man told police that he had had left the room and when he returned the drill, valued at \$250, was gone.

Dented Door

A student told police that he parked his 1987 Honda in the southcentral lot the afternoon of Oct. 5 and returned to his car a few hours later to find that the passenger door had been hit.

Discovery

A man who found a black purse in the southwest lot, took it to the Public Safety Department the evening of Oct. 5.

The purse contained the owner's ID, as well as a J.C. Penny credit card, and one quarter. The purse did not have a wallet in it, nor the owner's phone number and was left at the dispatch office

CRIME WATCH

Crittenton Hospital in an ambulance for further treatment.

Stolen Property

A residence hall employee discovered the Milwaukee drill that he placed under a table in the study hall of Vanwagoner Hall missing Oct. 5.

Board approves budget increase

By SUE YAX and DIANA PLETZ
Features Editor and Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees approved a two year annual operating budget request with a hoped for 51 percent coming from state appropriations.

The board okayed a 96-97 fiscal year budget of \$90,038,459 with \$48,595,445 of that amount requested from the state. That represents a \$10.3 million increase over last year's state allocation. OU justified the increase with its record enrollment for this year of 9,670 Fiscal-Year Equated-Students for a total enrollment of more than 13,000 for the first time in OU's history.

For the 97-98 fiscal year \$95,328,624 has been approved with a requested \$52,550,610 from the state. The Board expects an enrollment increase of 1.5 percent in 97-98.

OU administrators are taking a calculated gamble hoping to persuade the state to fund the university based on its needs not across the board appropriations.

"Historically, they (the state) haven't used the requests for a basis for funding," said Paul Bissonnette, Vice President of Finance and

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Student apathy reigns again on campus

Weekend of Champions-Oakland University. The name was changed, the events better planned and publicity unmatched for any other typical OU event. However, once again, OU proved to be a university lacking a significant amount of student participation.

While the halls of the OC swarmed with people during the All Campus Appreciation Dinner and the Crockery was full during the Comedy Show, the parking lots proved what WOCOUP hoped to falsify, that commuter students just won't get involved.

Yes, there were quite a few commuters on campus last weekend, but chances are these students could have been connected in some way to an active student organization, and that they probably would have been around anyway.

This brings up the on-going concern that OU will never be more than a commuter school. OU will become instead simply somewhere to go everyday for class, only to leave as soon as it's over.

There's no denying that the life of a college student is not always easy. Most have one if not several jobs and spare time is few and far between. However more school spirit can be seen at a high school football game than has been seen at OU over the years.

WOCOUP was an obvious attempt to change these apathetic views that plague this university and while the concept of 'school spirit' will not ensure a job after graduation, campus involvement certainly will help.

A vast majority may call this fall festival a success. However, until at least half of the 13,000 students who attend this university attend a specific event at any given time, the hopes of saying student involvement is high are slim to none.

It's not fair to say every student on campus doesn't want to be involved, nor is it plausible to think that everyone can. However, many students, seemingly more at OU than other campuses this size, just don't care.

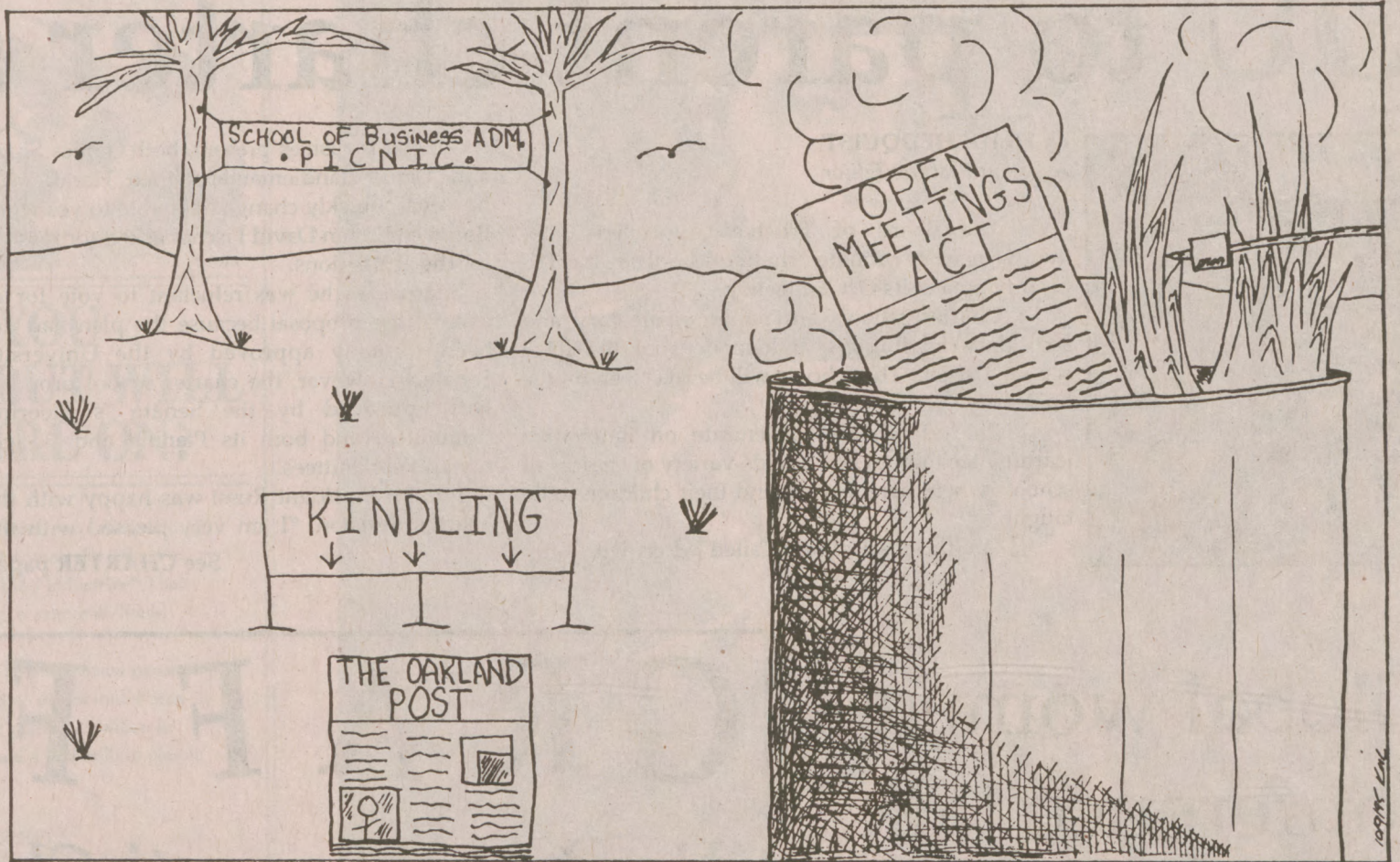
"We're champs, let's get together as a community and celebrate." Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder's words at the beginning of the year demonstrated the importance of last week's event to determine finally where the minds of most OU's students are directed on a Friday night.

While those who attended would most likely consider WOCOUP a success, even the promise of free beer (not served in little dixie cups as expected) could not draw in an eye-popping crowd.

That leaves OU as is: buildings, professors, and homework. Not the fighting Pioneers (or Black Bears), the gold, black and white, someplace that is more than just an education.

It makes one wonder just how many of us, once we become alumni, will ever come back and follow our alma mater. Although the promise of a Rec Center sure may help.

Opinion



Letters to the Editor

GALA expresses thanks

Dear Editor,

The members of GALA would like to express our thanks to the Student Program Board for bringing Greg Louganis to Oakland University. Greg Louganis like many other gay Americans is a person who listened to his speech to realize that all people regardless of sex, religion, race or sexual orientation deserve equality in the world in which we live.

Many great gay Americans, like Greg Louganis, have significantly changed our lives. Eleanor Roosevelt, Walt Whitman, Rock Hudson, Sigmund Freud and Herbert Hoover are just a few. In a time when being gay is not easy, it is nice to be reminded that many people in our community have contributed greatly to our country.

October 11 is National Coming Out Day for Gay and Lesbian People. We, the members of GALA, realize that being openly gay or lesbian might seem difficult. But we also realize that it is the only way we can be the way we are. We encourage all gay and lesbian people to come out, be proud, and stand strong with all the other great people we represent.

Sincerely,

GALA
Gay and Lesbian Alliance

Thanks to SPB

Dear Editor,

OU beginnings

I do not wish to get involved in the question of whether the OU mascot should be a pioneer, a brown bear, a purple gremlin or E.T. But I do feel called upon to correct the statement in a recent letter to the editor that from its founding till 1971 OU was an honors college of Michigan State University. It isn't so. OU, then Michigan State University-Oakland (MSUO), was rather a new campus with almost total autonomy. What it was "pioneering" was NOT establishing itself as a highly selective honors college or as "the Harvard of the midwest," but the idea of offering a highly rigorous academic program to typical state university students.

The students admitted to "MSUO" in the sixties did NOT have better high school grades or ACT scores (relative to national norms) than the OU students of today. Whether "the Oakland experiment" of giving an elite education to about average college students was successful or not is a separate and interesting question.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Appleton
Professor
Political Science

Offensive graffiti

Dear Editor,

When walking to class today I noticed some graffiti on the wall of South Foundation Hall, near the Fishbowl. It read "F(expletive deleted) GOD abort christ".

Since I am an atheist, I do not believe that God exists. However, I am also a libertarian, and one of the basic "tenets" of libertarianism is the absolute rights of the individual as outlined in the Constitution and upheld by the law.

While I do not believe in God, I do believe respecting other people's viewpoints. If someone wants to believe in God, I have no right to interfere. If someone wants to express a differing opinion, I as well, have no right to interfere.

Unfortunately though, there is a progression of rights, which most people conveniently forget about when talking about freedom of expression. My right not to be offended supercedes your right to express yourself freely.

Writing that graffiti on the walls in spray paint was a violation of my right not to be offended. I was not offended so much at the words themselves but at the intent. How anyone can trample so blatantly on someone else's beliefs is reprehensible.

Sincerely,

Jeff Goslin
Senior
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Features

WOCOU Weekend of Champions

By JILL SERES
Staff Writer

Oakland University closed its first WOCOU weekend on Saturday with a record number of people in attendance for an event of this type at OU.

WOCOU was the university's attempt to revamp traditional Homecoming celebrations and through the attendance it appears to have worked.



Post Photo/ Patty Young

CATCHING THE OU SPIRIT: Stocking up on OU garb during OU spirit days, was one of the ways students and faculty showed their support for the university.

WOCOU HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Campus Appreciation picnic drew record crowd of 1,400 - 1,500
- ★ Sumo wrestling, velcro wall, and bungee running had 155 participants
- ★ Bertice Berry and other comedians played in front of a packed house
- ★ David Coleman's Creative Dating Seminar held good advice and lots of laughs

Unlucky or Coincidence?

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

What do black cats, open ladders, rabbit's feet, pinches of salt, and St. Christopher have in common?

They are symbolic traditions of Friday the 13th, which is coming up this Friday.

Those who are superstitious start their day with a pinch of salt, get their rabbit's foot or any other charms and try to ward off misfortune and bad luck.

In general, superstitious practices and beliefs are most common when involved in situations of uncertainty. One particular day is considered where anything and everything can go wrong, Friday the 13th.

The question though is whether an individual believes in superstition or not. "Yes I do, I'm extra cautious on that day and stay positive so if something weird does happen, I'm prepared for it," said political science major, Cathy Kumeisha.

But why Friday and why the 13th, why not another day like Wednesday the 6th?

Friday has long been regarded as an unlucky day but reasons remain obscure.

One reason could be that Jesus Christ was crucified on a Friday and there were 13 men present at the Last Supper, but Judas got up and left and eventually betrayed Christ.

Friday could also be considered unlucky as historically it was the day of execution for criminals.

The Romans associated the number 13 with death and misfortune which would then explain why most hotel establishments do not have a 13th floor or that tickets for trains rides skip over ticket 13.

Not everyone is superstitious. To some people these beliefs seem crazy. "No I don't (believe in it) it's just another day to me," said OU student, Colleen Fisher.

Others aren't quite sure what to believe. "I'm not really superstitious, but if something does happen, I can blame it on Friday the 13th," said OU student, Meghan Widlak.

One person's beliefs can be another's superstitions that can result from basic fear of the unknown.

However, it is a good idea to be careful on any day whether it be Friday the 13th or not.

It's up to the individual if they are superstitious.

Some people's fears are even well founded.

"My mom works in a hospital and strange things happen at the hospital, so I stay away from typical bad luck like black cats and ladders," said public relations and communications major, Sue Zaleski who was born on Friday the 13th.

So, anyone experiencing symptoms of unease this Friday the 13th, should not be alarmed as they are probably not the only one.

As long as they take it easy, grab the salt, horseshoes, lucky charms and avoid black cats they'll be just fine.

Almost every event drew large crowds with Friday night attracting the most people. According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, there were between 1400 and 1500 people in attendance for the picnic, games and comedy show.

One feature this year at WOCOU was the addition of beer to the festivities for guests 21 and over.

The picnic was originally scheduled to be held outdoors, but the impending threat of harsh weather moved things indoors.

One thing the weather did not have an affect on was the games.

"That was a blast, that was wild," Aimee Smith, a German junior, said about her stint as a Sumo Wrestler, wearing a huge padded costume complete with bright blue jock-strap.

"It was so much fun. Good idea to keep everyone on campus, homecoming and now this," said Mary Crova, engineering junior.

The Weekend of Champions was enjoyed by people of all ages and occupations, from 3-year-old Joey, clutching his balloon animal and cotton candy, to his grandmother Kathy Morris, a secretary in the physics department.

The kids room was packed from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with little people in line to have their faces painted, making Cheerio necklaces, being sketched, picking prizes from a grab bag and crunching snow cones.

If adults or kids were looking for more challenging fun they could head outside for the games that were set up between North and South Foundation halls.

Rain did stop play for about 20 minutes outside the Oakland Center, where the Sumo Wrestling, Bungee Running and Velcro Wall were set up.

It wasn't long after the rain stopped that the games and participants were ready to go again.

Dallas Small, 5, was stuck on the Velcro Wall and left hanging,

much to his Mom's delight.

"I thought it was pretty funny. I'd like to have one at home." Leza Cunningham, a human resource development junior, said.

Mixed reactions from another mother and son team, Linda and Rob Greenman.

"It was not easy, it was harder than it looked." Linda Greenman, admissions office worker, said.

Her son thought that the event was stupid.

Of the many activities during WOCOU, the All Campus Appreciation Picnic was a great family event.

When asked about a repeat event next year Franklin said, "I can't imagine why we wouldn't do it again. Everything had great attendance, and went really well."



Post Photo/ Kerri Lubeski

FUN BETWEEN FRIENDS: The sumo wrestling event attracted a crowd as friends got together for fun and laughs.

Dating 101

By JENNIFER BRAUN
Special Writer

Telephone romance lines, personal ads, video dating clubs and singles groups are just some of the ways dating singles are searching for soul mates in the nineties.

On Oct. 5, as part of OU's WOCOU, students had the chance to participate in an interactive "Creative Dating Program" held in the Fireside Lounge.

The seminar was conducted by David Coleman, director of student activities and university center at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Coleman reflects on what inspired him to begin his "Creative Dating Program." He states, "It was back in 1985-1986. I was sitting in my office and some of my students were going to the bar because they had nothing else to do. That sparked an interest in me, and I knew there was a need for this program."

Coleman's seminar began with a request for students to write their fantasy date and best/worst pick up line on a notecard. Throughout the lecture, students could yell, "Dave, I

need to hear a fantasy!" Coleman said OU students had some of the wildest responses he had heard in a long time.

Some of the tame fantasies were dates with actress Pamela Anderson and trips to exotic locations.

Coleman offered advice and strategies for successful, low-risk dating. Tips on what to avoid on a date, how to communicate and creative date ideas were provided.

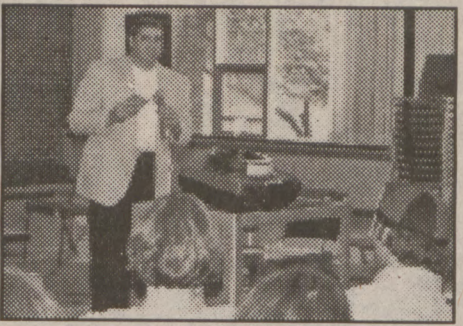
Groups of female and male audience members were asked to vent their angers with the opposite sex. Females

seemed frustrated by boyfriends who failed to return phone calls or bragged to friends about their accomplishments on the date. Males were bothered by girlfriends who failed to let them watch "Monday Night Football", led them on, or flirted with their guy friends.

A female audience member asked the men why dates can hit on your close friends. Chad Silver, a freshman biology major responded, "Don't introduce us to friends that are cuter than you."

Coleman is the author of the newly released book, "101 Great Dates" as well as a weekly talk show host and newspaper columnist. Coleman has also worked as a talent consultant to the Fox Television Network. Coleman and his Creative Dating Program have toured across the country reaching over 250,000 people. His seminar has been featured in Glamour, The New York Times and The Washington Post to name a few.

Sophomore Jessica Edwards added, "These are the best years of our lives, so we should try to make dating fun. The program was really inspiring."



Post Photo/ Patty Young

FIRST DATE TIPS: Coleman gives advice to OU students on what is and isn't acceptable etiquette for a first date with that special someone.

Raising questions of guilt or innocence



Sue Yax
and
Heidi Hedquist

A curious thing happened during the reading of the O.J. Simpson verdict. For fifteen or twenty minutes it seemed as if the world stopped.

On campus for instance, more than 200 people flocked around the T.V. in the basement of the OC to watch the announcement of the verdict. In classrooms around campus students, as well as professors, brought in radios or tuned in to the T.V. broadcast to find out what the rest of the world wanted to know, would he be found guilty or not?

That is precisely where the biggest controversy comes in.

There is a fine line between guilt

and innocence and because we weren't in the courtroom (even though it felt like it) we didn't hear all of the evidence and we were not faced with the prospect of putting a man away for life or letting him walk free.

Many people say that they can't understand how O.J. could walk free. Well, that is the verdict that the jurors felt had to be handed down in order to give O.J. a fair trial.

Whether we agree with the decision or not is another situation. But we have to put our faith in the legal system to make these type of decisions and everyone does have the right to a fair trial.

The law states that in order to convict a person, the jurors need to be sure of their decision beyond a reasonable doubt. There were so many loopholes and puzzle pieces missing how could there not be doubt?

This case may go down in history as one of the greatest mysteries our legal system has ever seen.

No one is admitting to the crime and no other suspects are being pursued.

That was probably one of the strangest things about this case.

Why was O.J. the only suspect

ever brought forward? Granted, in general the spouse or former spouse is often the prime suspect but usually the police look for other suspects as well.

Whoever the murderer is in these crimes it seems odd that they could have committed them single-handedly.

Let's think about this, evidence showed that the victims put up quite a fight with the murderer. Now, if someone grabbed a friend of ours and attacked them with a knife, you'd better believe we would be screaming and making a lot of noise.

If that was the case why is it that no one heard what was going on, yet they could hear a dog barking? So many things just didn't make sense.

If the murderer had a partner it would be more logical because one could have covered the mouth of one of the victims as the other stabbed the other one.

The world will probably never know exactly what happened on that tragic night and O.J.'s role in the crime will be debated for years.

We can ponder all we want but the phrase that everyone is saying still rings true, no one knows if O.J. is innocent except for O.J.



Search

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into(OU) dean searches, past and present," Tunis said. Included in the investigation are the now concluded dean searches for the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Human

Services. However, Tunis said the investigation was not necessarily limited to searches. He refused further comment. Tunis did acknowledge that a lawsuit could be filed against the university if investigations prove that OU did in fact violate the OMA. General Counsel OU, Susan Gerrits said she had no comment on the impending investigation, citing the fact that the Post is the com-

plainant and is represented by its own attorney. The latest SBA meeting included interviews of six finalists for the dean position. Committee chairwoman Eileen Peacock said the finalists will not be named until Thursday following a discussion with Interim President Russi. Peacock said on campus visit and further interviews with finalists will be conducted between Oct. 19-31.

Cable

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Reynolds, director of residence halls. The company is still working on West Vandenberg and Hamlin halls, and also plans to wire the George T. Matthews apartments. Reynolds stressed that the timeline decisions are up to TCI, but she said the company is not where it said it would be at this time.

"They are behind," she said. "We had hoped to have been able to (have cable installed) during spring and summer semesters. Now, it will probably be winter semester before it will be completed and turned on." Michelle Bauman, residence halls council president, said that students are past being upset about the missed deadlines. They are "kind of sick of yelling about it now," she said. However, she was quick to point out who she thought was to blame. "I think students think the delay is the residence halls' fault," said Bauman. "It's not. We only have so much control."

Robots

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nership we could have had, because we have a connection with Dr. Loh," Talib said. "I hope it marks a very significant step in the cooperation with this university." With a population of about 19 million in this largely agrarian country, Malaysia's hopes for industrialization lie chiefly in the hands of the MCRIA. Created in May of this year with the help of Loh, the center was formed to help automate Malaysia's booming economy. Currently, the country boasts of a GDP of eight percent (impressive considering the size and the area), but most of the country's industries utilized technologies with low productivity and mainly unskilled manpower. To compete in the global market the chief minister believes the MCRIA must help automate and train the nation, a task nearly impossible without outside help. "The purpose (of the agreement) is to set up factories," Talib said. "Malaysia is developing fast as an industrialized country, but we have to automate to improve productivity." Students from the MCRIA will be sent to OU to pursue postgraduate studies or technical training. Likewise, OU will encourage students here to travel to Malaysia for work at their training facility. Loh sees the Memorandum as an important opportunity for OU students. "As industry becomes more global, we have to understand the needs of a global society," he said. It is thought that the agreement will propel the robotics department at OU to a new level. However, none of the funding for the project will be coming from the American government. After a formal introduction, he welcomed Talib and said he expected the memorandum to "provide an opportunity to enrich (OU's) robotics program."

Blades

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resulted in increased custodial maintenance, said Alan Miller, CFO Director. Miller explained that an additional 3-4 hours of work per building is required to remove the blade marks. "If we don't have indoor rollerblading, we wouldn't have those impacts," Miller said. "We wouldn't have our custodians removing ugly black marks from the floor." Additionally, Miller is concerned about the safety of indoor rollerblading, citing that many skid marks are found in front of plate glass windows. "Some of the areas they're jumping are right in front of windows. If they misjudge (their jump), they're going to get hurt," he said. To avoid such incidents in the future, Herman said that students who are continually caught rollerblading in buildings will be reprimanded through the university conduct system. Similarly, visitors on campus who break the new rule will be turned over to OU's Public Safety Department. Herman hopes, however, that these extremes will not have to be reached and expects the campus community to respect the ban. Not all students see the urgency. Engineering Senior Joe Angelo questions the newly reinforced policy. "As long as no one is getting hurt, why should they ban it," he said. But other students see some logic in the ban and agree with Herman's perspective. "If it's causing damage, then I don't think they (rollerbladers) should do it," said Rob Ilijanic, Human Resource Development senior. In agreement is graduate student in Engineering Brad Morrow. "If it's causing janitorial problems, then I think they should ban it," he said. To help students remember the ban, signs will be placed on building entrance doors in the next couple of weeks. Residence Halls, however, have had signs posted since the start of the semester. "We asked residence halls to (help minimize the problem)," Herman said, explaining that advisors in the dorms took the initiative to put the signs up early.



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Policy

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informed," Interim President Gary Russi said. "However, for projects beyond \$200,000, we had to go to the board for every stage in the process: sending out bids, hiring a contractor, and so forth. The new policy avoids this process." Now, board approval is sought earlier, during the conceptual stages, according to Russi. Additional approval is needed only for projects costing more than \$2 million. The amendment to the policy specifically addresses the issue of capital improvement projects. Current capital improvement projects include the building of a new Recreation Center, construction on the Science and Engineering building, renovations to the Academic Skills Center and the Admissions Office and the relocation of the Honors College. "There is a window of authority given to the president now which allows for approval between \$200,000 and \$2 million, and we anticipate that it will help move projects along," Russi said. "There was no requirement in the previous policy to acquire board approval until the project was ready to go to bid," said Trustee Ann Nicholson, who sits on the University Affairs Committee where possible action on the issue was first discussed. "The new policy involves the board much earlier, and although we will be informed as the project continues, the university will not have to wait until the board meets to continue with the project." It was the vast amount of projects that OU is currently involved in and the infrequent number of Board of Trustee meetings, one every other month, that lead to the policy change. "We were trying to stream line the process by getting good board involvement early on," said Paul Bissonnette, vice president of Finance and Administration. "The board can then give direction on how to do a project. However, if it goes over the approved budget, it has to come back to the board, even if it's under the \$2 million point." The proposed amendment brought up certain concerns at the University Affairs committee meeting. "My concerns were that any project over \$200,000 needs at least two to four hours of discussion not just ten minutes," said Trustee Lewis Ross, chair of the University Affairs committee. "After we had comparative data from other universities, however, I agreed with the proposal." Trustee Howard Simms was not available for comment. The proposal approved by the board last Thursday is similar to what is done at other state universities. "The largest number (of universities surveyed) went only (to the board) at the concept stage of the project then didn't come back again," said Susan Aldrich, assistant vice president of Capital Planning and Design, who conducted the survey.

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RED CROSS

Make a difference in life

By SUE YAX and HEIDI HEDQUIST
Features and Assistant Features Editors

The ability to save lives can be easy. For every person who donates blood to the American Red Cross, approximately three lives can be saved.

The American Red Cross is the largest blood banking organization in the country, with blood centers located all over the United States.

The organization also has nine National Testing Laboratories where it tests the blood supplies for various disease as well as blood types.

One of these labs is in Detroit. It serves the areas of Michigan to Fort Wayne Indiana.

"We are real proud they have made a commitment to the city of Detroit, by putting a lab here," said Dr. Dan Waxman, Principal Officer of Southeastern Michigan's American Red Cross.

Through its work with blood drives and nine permanent blood banking sites, the Red Cross provides Southeastern Michigan with almost all of its blood supply.

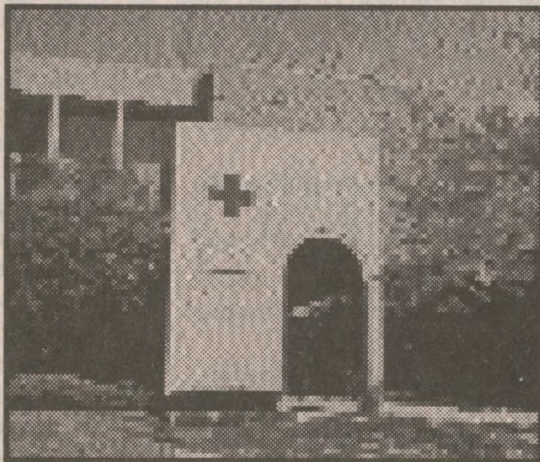


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HOUSING THE HOPES FOR A SECOND CHANCE: The new Red Cross building which was dedicated December '94 generates the needed blood for the Southeastern region.

Unfortunately quite a bit of that blood is imported from outside of the area.

According to Waxman, "Last year we imported 23 percent of our blood supply. In 1984 we only imported four percent."

The need for blood is growing and donors are often scared away by the myths of donating. "You cannot catch anything from donating blood. It is impossible," said Waxman. The needles used are only used one time and are then disposed of immediately.

It has also become very safe to receive blood. When volunteers donate, they are screened and asked if they are at risk of disease several times before donating.

Once the blood is back at the Red Cross testing lab, it is run through a series of tests that to make sure that the blood is not carrying some diseases.

The blood is divided into four separate components at the center making it possible for one person to receive a donor's platelets

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CIPO This Week!

We hope you are excited about the 1995/96 year. Please read this ad on a weekly basis to find out some of the programs and services available to you. CIPO PROGRAMS will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. The fall schedule includes:

The OU Blood Drive

October 16, 17 & 18
9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms

The Annual Blood Drive is one of the largest Blood Drives in Oakland County. Each pint of blood can help save the lives of three individuals. The Red Cross believes blood should be available to anyone who needs it. Since one never knows when they will need blood for themselves or a loved one, the Red Cross encourages you to donate.

Nearly 100% of the blood collected in the Oakland University Drive will be used in Southeastern Michigan.

Blood cannot be manufactured. Donating Blood is a community responsibility! Make an appointment to donate!

Sign up in CIPO in person or call 2020.

"We Owe It To Each Other!" Donate"

Science and Religion: "Visions of the World: Material or Spiritual Reality"
Wednesday, October 18, 1995
Noon in the Fireside Lounge

Sean Moran will present "Material vs. Spiritual in Western Civilization" and Lucy Harrison will present "The Native American Perspective"

CIPO SERVICE WINDOW

The CIPO Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have: one day Film Processing

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Quote of the Week

Nominations for quotation of the week are due into CIPO each Friday. Quotations should be profound, about some aspect of leadership, or about a positive outlook on life. Please include the name of the person attributed to the quotation.

This week's quotation is:

"Your education is your liberation. Now you have real power, the kind of power which is the basis of real happiness"
-Dr. Brian Murphy

Helping Hands

By JILL SERES
Staff Writer

To become a bona fide chapter of Habitat for Humanity, North Oakland County needs 60 more volunteers, and is looking to the OU community for help.

Habitat for Humanity International, founded in 1976, is an organization that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Though Habitat for Humanity International's founders, Linda and Millard Fuller are Methodists and their best-known volunteer, former president Jimmy Carter is a Baptist, the group welcomes people with any or no religious affiliation.

"A lot of atheists work on these homes," Shirley Zanoni, publicity chair for Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland, said.

"In fact, we are working on diversity; age, sex, race and occupation."

They need people with skills in a number of different areas, from public speaking to plumbing, from data-entry to dry-walling.

After the Carters left the White House, they began working for Habitat.

The Carters believe that Habitat has successfully removed the stigma of charity by substituting it with a sense of partnership.

Families who will live in the homes work with volunteers, so they feel very much that they are on an equal level.

Habitat families must contribute 500 hours of sweat equity into their homes, raise their own down-payment and pay monthly mortgage payments.

The mortgage money is deposited into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" which is used to build more houses.

Habitat for Humanity North Oakland hopes to break ground for their first house in Spring 1996, probably in the Unity Park subdivision in Pontiac.

"Lighthouse has been doing some of the very things that Habitat does, renovates and builds houses," Zanoni said.

Lighthouse wants to work in partnership with Habitat in changing the face of the community.

"Pride comes back into that little community, people take pride in the homes they help build," Zanoni said.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call (810) 625-3288.

OU brings in new Director for OC

By HARMONY WATTS
Staff Writer

Administrators keep talking about renovating the Oakland Center. Last week they completed the first step when Dr. Richard Fekel, the new Oakland Center director, arrived on the job.

Fekel said he's excited

about working at OU. Projects in the works include new food services, like McDonald's and a better look for the building.

"I really think that the Oakland Center has an enormous amount of potential," said Fekel. "Students have a very nice institution here. I think we can provide a lot of good services for students."

Fekel said he wants the students to be involved in those projects. He plans to do a survey to "Gain a sense of what students are looking for, what their needs

are."

"I enjoy having students involved in various phases of projects," said Fekel.

He plans to have an open door policy to students, to be open to their ideas and questions. After all, he says, students spend a lot of time in the OC and their input matters.

SETTLING IN: Dr. Richard Fekel gets used to his new surroundings at OU.



Post Photo/ Patty Young

at home," he said.

Fekel has been involved with student affairs organizations like CIPO for 10 years now. OU is the third college where he has worked in student affairs.

A graduate of Buena Vista

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OU EVENTS

The Annual Health Careers Job Fair takes place today in the Crocker. The fair provides students opportunities to explore careers in the health field.

On Oct. 11 OU welcomes the 9th Annual Hammerle Lecture at 3:30 p.m. in Dodge Hall.

The classic horror films *Psycho* and *It came from Outer Space* will be shown Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in Dodge Hall.

Bill Miller performs in the Coffeehouse Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.

Graham Health Center offer discussions in *Everything you wanted to know about contraception, but were afraid to ask your parents*, Oct. 14 at the Health Center.

MUSIC

7th House welcomes *Solid Frog* on Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general admission.

Jodeci plays the Palace on Oct. 14. Tickets are \$27.50 reserved.

Rock legends *Jimmy Page* and *Robert Plant* perform at the Palace at 7:30 on Oct. 15.

Belly performs at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$20.

THEATRE

Wayne State University's Studio Theatre performs *Dark Cowgirls* and *Prairie Queens* beginning Oct. 12.

The Shakespeare classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens Oct. 13 at the Hilberry Theatre.

Richmond Community Theatre presents *Catch Me if You Can* opening Oct. 15.

The National Theatre of the Deaf Company, presents *An Italian Straw Hat* at the Mendelsshon Theatre in Ann Arbor.

FILM

The psychological thriller *Jade* opens in theatres everywhere. The film stars Linda Fiorentino and David Caruso.

OTHER

Get Spooked at the Farmington Area Jaycees Annual Haunted House on Oct. 12. The House will benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

For those with a twisted mind, check out the Jim Rose Circus Side Show at the Magestic Club in Detroit. Tickets are \$10

Budget

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Administration. "This is what we would like them to contribute and feel that (the state) should.

"Unfortunately, it is not the normal funding mechanism that legislators are currently using. They haven't used this type of appropriations before," he said. "Usually, they set up an appropriation across the board instead of reviewing each of the recommendations for each individual university."

In previous years legislators have made appropriations across the board for all universities, averaging 3 percent.

Oakland wants the State to use the figures it has submitted rather than using the flat percentages for the universities.

Last year ten of the 13 state universities received a 3 percent increase in appropriations with MSU, Western and Grand Valley receiving special additional funds. sue add

If state appropriations remain at 3 percent students can expect a 5.9 percent tuition increase for the 96-97 school year. This increase was approved by the Board last July. If state appropriations are higher, OU's board and its administration pledged to reduce the already approved tuition increase appropriately.

"Our goal is to maintain the quality of the institution. A large burden of that cost gets passed on to the student," said Bissonnette. OU students currently foot slightly less than 49 percent of the bill for the running of the institution—that includes salaries for faculty and staff, motor pool, maintenance, heat, electricity, etc.

Also included in the budget are 11 program revisions totaling \$10,090,000. These programs include: Educational Technology, Library Electronic Network, Diversity Student Scholarships and Enhancement of Services to Students with Disabilities.

Of this amount the board is requesting more than \$9 million for 96-97 and more than \$900,000 for 97-98. Employee compensation and a three percent inflationary provision (non-programmatic) make up more than \$1 million for 96-97 and more than \$3 million for 97-98 of the budget proposal. The non-programmatic costs for 96-97 are lower due to the previously approved tuition and fee increases.

One of the biggest issues being pushed by

both the Board and top administrators is the reclassification of OU as a Doctoral II institution by the Carnegie Foundation. The reclassification could pave the way for millions of additional dollars in state funding.

Classifications range from masters, doctoral and research, and although Carnegie doesn't consider itself a deciding factor for funding, In Michigan legislators have been using it as a yardstick to dole out appropriations, said Bissonnette.

Oakland is currently listed as a Masters University by Carnegie.

The classification of comparable schools such as Western as a Doctoral II has left OU short changed, according to the administrators.

"That sort of unfair playing needs to be leveled," said Bissonnette.

The Board request of an additional \$5,230,000 per year would bring OU up to a comparable level with Western Michigan, which earlier this year was repositioned as a Doctoral II institution.

The Board of Trustees also approved a \$2,386,000 request to the State's Department of Management and Budget (DMB), to address "significant" shortage of general classroom space and the need to upgrade campus-wide fire alarm reporting systems.

Every year, each of Michigan's 13 state universities is asked to submit three projects in priority order to the DMB for funding purposes.

The three cited by OU, are funding requests for a plan to convert the first floor in Vandenberg Hall into general classrooms, upgrade campus-wide fire alarm reporting systems and construct a classroom/office building for the School of Business Administration.

"Their (DMB's) typical pattern is not to fund any of them at Oakland," said Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Bissonnette.

The latter two requests were unfunded for the last two years according to Bissonnette, but OU is not giving up. "Two of the three items have been consistently held as important to the University," he said.

Federally mandated health and safety programs, such as OU's need for a more accurate fire alarm system, occur at all 13 universities and the state can only take care of so many, acknowledged Bissonnette.

"I don't know why the DMB has turned us down each year. I assume that what the state is saying to us is that if these are important projects then we should find ways to fund them ourselves. Of course, that means that the responsibility gets pushed off onto the students

for funding," said Bissonnette.

OU's top priority request is the renovation of approximately 25,000 gross square feet of Vandenberg Hall, now occupied by the School of Health and Sciences. The area will be converted into general use classrooms, open access computer labs, multimedia classrooms and academic offices.

The School of Health and Sciences is slated to move into a portion of Hannah Hall after the completion of the new Science and Engineering building at the end of next year. OU is asking legislation for \$100,000 to begin designs and planning this year and estimates completion between the years 1999 and 2000.

Upgrading the 30 year old fire alarm system remains on the funding request this year. It is rated as 90 percent reliable because of its age and will be replaced with an upgraded system that will serve 21 major academic and administrative buildings.

The new alarm system will be zone specific. When an alarm goes off police officers will know exactly where the fire or troubled scene is.

Two campus buildings already have this technology. Almost \$428,000 of university funds have already been committed to one year of a five year installation program and \$34,950 has been invested to develop a master plan.

OU is also asking for nearly \$2.2 million in state funding to finish the upgrade. If funding requests go unanswered for this project again then OU will continue to complete the project at a much slower rate.

The Board is also asking for \$100,000 to begin the planning phase of a classroom/office building for School of Business Administration. In a reaccreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate School of Business, the school's MBA program was rated negatively due to existing instructional facilities and the lack of labs and classrooms.

"The DMB has indicated it is not responsive to supporting new buildings for the obvious reasons, that they are expensive," said Bissonnette. OU has looked into other alternatives such as renting space or portable classrooms, and scheduling classes on weekends or after 10 p.m. to address space shortages and programmatic needs.

"Our goal is to maintain the quality of the institution. We don't want a large burden of that cost to get passed onto the students," said Bissonnette.

OU's budget request will be submitted to the state next Monday.

Charter

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result," he said.

David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was also enthusiastic about the result. "I think it will provide this institution with an opportunity to work with several elements of the community including parents, teachers and the community itself to provide better ways of better education," said Downing.

The process of identifying potential charter school opportunities will begin shortly. "The next step is to appoint a committee to communicate with school districts to help find applicants," said Russi.

According to the proposal, to identify suitable prospects, the committee will look for communities and school systems with: the same type of goals as OU's Strategic Plan and which fill an educational need in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb Counties.

Candidate schools should also show good relationships with the business community, have a sound business plan and comply with state and federal law.

According to the proposal, these academies will most benefit majors in the School of Education and Human Services, by providing them with chances for hands on experiences with teaching as classroom assistants. The faculty of the schools will be made up of OU faculty and state certified teachers.

OU will benefit from the schools in other ways as well. "Very specifically I think anything we can do to help students be more prepared for when it is time to enter into a university will help us in the long run as well," said Downing.

"I don't think we should benefit from the charter schools. I think we should be a benefit to them," said Sharp.

OU has been researching the possibility of opening charter schools since 1994.

The university will also open an expanded extension site at Groves High School including a Master of Business Administration Degree. Groves is the first off campus site where an entire degree program can be completed.

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Blood

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and someone else to receive another part of the blood.

This region's Red Cross collected approximately 212,000 units(pints) of blood last year, and though it seems like a lot, it was not enough. "My goal is to eventually be self-sufficient," said Waxman. "That would mean collecting 280,000 units of blood per year."

The only way to achieve that goal is to receive more volunteer donations. At the current time, only five percent of eligible donors donate. Of that five percent, very few donate more than once a year.

"If I could just get half of the people who donate, to donate one more time each year, then our problem would be solved," said Waxman.

As far as general blood needs go, the supply , along with the imported amount is satisfactory. Waxman is afraid, however, that if this area were to ever have a disaster type situation there would be nowhere near enough blood.

Waxman hopes to get the numbers up soon and hopes that people will realize the myths of donating so that the supply will increase.

"Blood is like a parachute, if you don't have it when you need it. chances are you wont need it again," said Waxman.

Fekel

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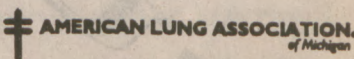
College and the University of Northern Iowa respectively, Fekel worked at both institutions, redesigning student programs and making improvements.

Fekel's wife and two children, a 13-year-old son and a 17-year-old daughter, still reside in Iowa but will join him in Michigan soon.

Fekel describes himself as a family man and homebody of sorts. When not at OU, he's bound to be cooking, or listening to music.

As for his new state, Fekel said, "I like (Michigan) a lot. I find it very pretty and picturesque here."

Regarding OU, he said, "I get the feeling this is a wonderful institution... I'm ready to make my mark . I'm happy to be here."



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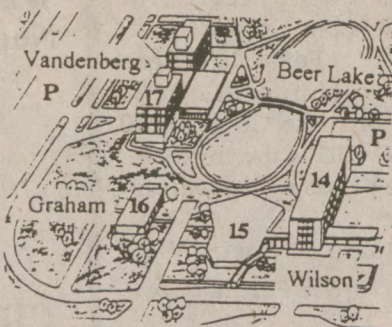


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Sports

Quick pace produces latest rec center plan

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Some people live by the philosophy of the greatest good for the greatest number, while others believe that the needs of the few can sometimes outweigh the needs of the many.

OU's athletics department continued its struggle to find a happy medium in the latest sports and recreational center meeting held last Thursday in Kresge Library.

The meeting included of an overview of the facility design, and a clearer example of what the new rec center might eventually look like.

David Larson, lead designer for TMP Associates Inc., said that Thursday's session incorporated more detail than the previous meet-

ing. "This model showed more specific elements of the building," he said.

For the first time, images of a possible interior design for the building were displayed through artists' renderings which provided snapshots of some options.

"My concerns are less of a square footage one, but instead a focus on making a user friendly center for the students," Athletics Director Jack Mehl said.

Larson echoed Mehl's sentiments about making the facility user friendly when he said that the designers "want to make sure that people don't get lost in the building, which could be possible in such a large building."

Mehl said that much of the meeting concerned with making the building fit into the campus and addressed parking and traffic flow.

to portray something positive and upbeat about the university, but we're not quite sure what it will look like when it's done," Larson said.

Helping the architects reach this goal will be the job of three new subcommittees that were formed at Thursday's meeting.

Dean of Students, David Herman, said the new subcommittees were set up to provide input in to the athletic, recreational, and pool aspects of the new facility.

The steep slope behind Lepley presented a unique problem for the architects, but Larson believes that it has incorporated a good design into the existing landscape without bringing in or excavating large pieces of land.

Larson also stressed the importance of natural light from windows which help aid in not only the lighting of the building, but also convey a much more enjoyable and energetic environment. "We have designed the four-court gym with lots of windows so that you still have contact with the outside world and are not in a stuffy box."

With the steep elevation around Lepley, the back of the new facility could reach as high as 80 feet. "It could be quite imposing, but you will see that side from a distance," Larson said.



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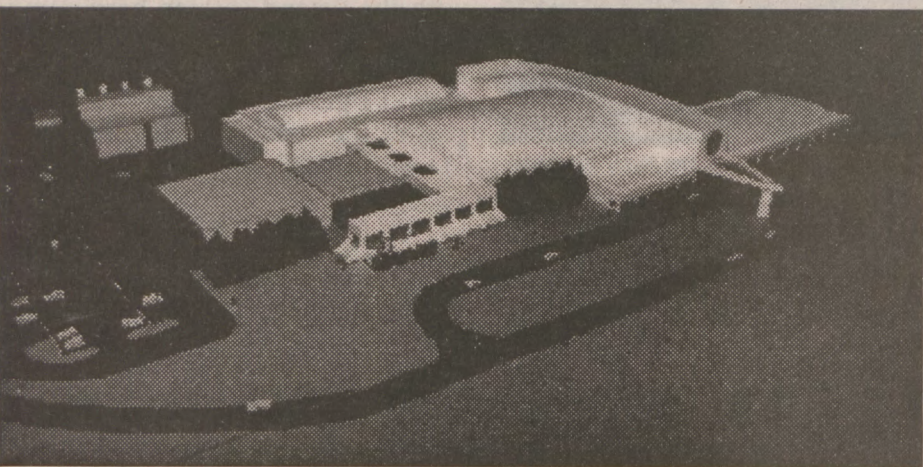
LOOKING GOOD: Bill Macauley (left), faculty athletic representative, and Campus Facilities and Operation engineers Ray Mora (center) and Rick Perhai (right) study the rear view of latest rec center model.

Plenty of attention will be paid to the speed at which the architects have moved ahead on the project. "This," Larson explains, "is intentional. We don't want to waste money on the design phase, because the longer you delay the building the longer you delay the bidding for the contractors."

Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration, said that the architects are right on schedule and "the next key step for us is to review the cost issues."

Bissonnette expressed concern about the budget because so many different groups are trying to get as much out of the building as possible.

"The design phase is finishing up, so the focus turns to polishing up the exterior and concentrating on the interior. "The building isn't finished yet. It's about 80 percent solidified," Herman said.



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TAKING SHAPE: The front view of the rec center model provides a sense of scale as cars driving past the new facility are dwarfed in comparison.

Simply Smashing

By PATTY YOUNG
Sports Writer

The volleyball team started last week with a loss to Wayne State but pulled in two wins this past weekend against Northwood University and Saginaw Valley State University giving them a 9-5 record.

The WSU Tartars stomped on the Pioneers last Tuesday in three games 15-3, 15-13, 15-13, at home. WSU's hitting percentage of .178 kept OU's hitting percentage to a .0849. Senior Melissa Caterer led the team's effort in defense with 13 digs. Captain Karen III had 19 kills and 40 attempts. Junior Stephanie Sasek also pushed for a win having 12 kills and 38 attempts.

Senior and captain Sharla Yaklin who only played the first game against WSU due to pinched nerves and strained back muscles said the game against Wayne State is a temporary set back as is her injury.

"We'll be out to beat them next time. We've lost to this team before and it's more a mental game playing them. We didn't play to our potential. We have more talent than they do but we didn't focus well. We didn't have that magic we normally have but we came back this weekend," Yaklin said.

Yaklin didn't play in this weekend's games in order to rest her injured back for a couple of days but intends to play in their next game on Friday. "It's been really hard trying to let my back heal with games and practices but I can rest for a couple of days so I can be back for Hillsdale this Friday," Yaklin said.

OU captured its first weekend victory in five games against NU in a match that lasted a little over two hours at home last Friday. OU lost the first match 10-15 but came back winning the second 15-6. NU won the third game 17-15. OU battled back winning the last two matches 15-11.

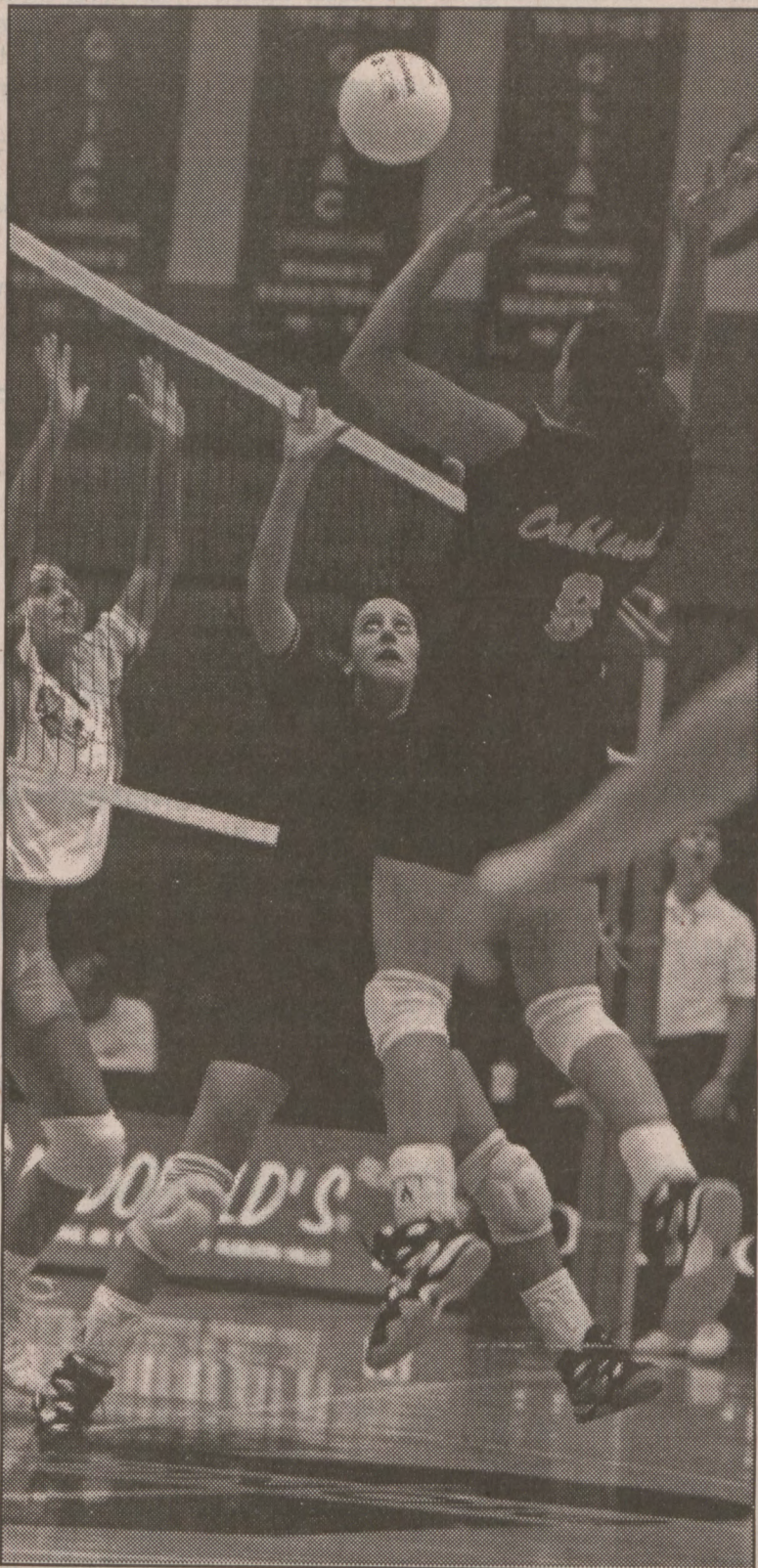
OU scored a .290 hitting percentage edge over NU's .218. Overall, the Pioneers out blocked, out killed and out set NU. Junior Danielle Milkiewicz, III, Sasek, and freshman Jennifer Nagel contributed heavily to the teams total of 95 kills and 217 attempts.

Milkiewicz had 17 kills and 38 attempts. III racked up 30 kills, 59 attempts, and 16 digs. Sasek had 2 service aces, 11 digs, 21 kills, and 62 attempts. Nagel racked in 15 kills, 33 attempts, 5 digs and 4 blocking assists. Senior setter Nicole Caputo also aided in the teams win with 59 assists and a service ace.

OU swept SVSU in three games, 15-4, 15-12, and 15-12 at home last Saturday. OU's hitting percentage of .310 limited SVSU to .101. The Pioneers doused SVSU's defense with team totals of 60 kills, 142 attempts, 44 assists, and 68 digs.

III pushed OU to victory with 22 kills, 44 attempts, 11 digs and 3 blocking assists. Nagel had 13 kills, 19 attempts and 6 digs. Caputo and Caterer aided the teams win with assists and digs. Caputo had 23 assists and 7 digs. Caterer racked in 20 assists and 12 digs. Sasek also contributed 9 kills, 23 attempts and 14 digs.

The Pioneers next GLIAC game is this Friday, October 13 against Hillsdale College.



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LETHAL WEAPON: Senior Nicole Caputo sets up senior captain Karen III who prepares to drop the hammer on the helpless opposition. The Caputo to III devastated the Pioneer opponents.

Pioneers run down another

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The swarming attack of the women's soccer squad stung the Northwood Northwomen early and often last Wednesday in a 8-0 score fest.

The strength of OU's blitzkrieg stems from its five-headed scoring monster consisting of two forwards and the three central midfielders. "Those five players are the strength of our attack and are working hard together to score goals," said Nick O'Shea, women's soccer head coach.

The freshman firepower up front comes from Cathy Miniuk who double-teams opposition defenses with senior Genevieve Long. Long provides OU with leadership and an experienced collegiate player possessing a talent for putting the ball in the net.

The second prong of the Pioneer attack comes from the midfield triple entente of sophomore co-captain Jessica Mrozek, freshman Erin Gallagher, and freshman Jenny Grimm.

"They read each other well and make plays that way," O'Shea said.

Although these five players may start the game at a left, right, or middle, during the game each player moves to the ball which allows the others to switch and cover the vacant position.

"One time Long will be sprinting into the left corner to get the ball and the next time it could be Miniuk. They take the field as the play dictates," O'Shea explained.

The bombing began at the 1:05 mark when Long blasted the ball past the goaltender on a nice feed from Gallagher and Miniuk.

The most defensive oriented player of the entente, Grimm, showcased her offensive talents scoring two goals in exactly one minute. She converted a pass from freshman midfielder Jenny Wysoki at the 15:03 mark and tallied another at the 16:03 mark, this time Long and Miniuk drew the assists.

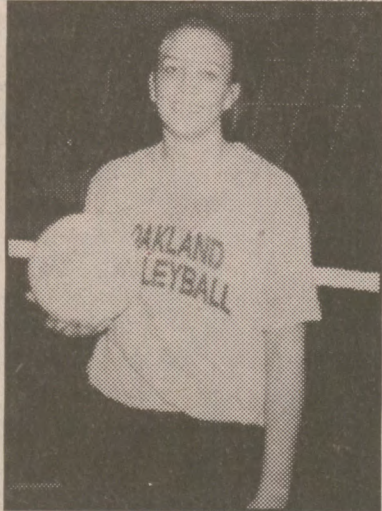
Pressing for more, Gallagher added a goal with another assist for Long. Mrozek made sure that each member of the entente garnered a tally on the day when she found the back of the net on a pass from Miniuk and sophomore Kristi Hawley.

Wanting even more, Gallagher racked up another score for OU

Women's Soccer Score Board			
Player	G	A	PTS
Cathy Miniuk	9	7	25
Erin Gallagher	8	6	22
Genevieve Long	6	9	21
Jessica Mrozek	5	2	12
Jenny Grimm	4	4	12
Brook Kairies	0	6	6
Jenny Wysoki	0	2	2
Keely Hamilton	0	1	1
Kristi Hawley	0	1	1
Renae Czuk	0	1	1

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Pioneer of the Week



Karen Ill
Middleblocker
Women's Volleyball
5-11 Senior

Ill led the Pioneers to three wins last week, including a thrilling five-game upset of 21st rated Northwood. In that match Ill set a school record with 30 kills and had a .441 attack percentage, 16 digs, and 11 blocks. For the week Ill hit .422 and averaged 5.86 kills, 3.5 digs and 1.29 blocks per game. Ill was selected GLIAC Player of the Week for her accomplishments.

-Information compiled by Andy Glantzman, sports information director

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Oct. 11 - Women's Soccer at Schoolcraft College (4 p.m.)

-Men's Soccer at Saginaw Valley State University (4 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 13 -Volleyball Team at Hillsdale College (7 p.m.)

-Women's Tennis at Mercyhurst (3 p.m.)

Sat., Oct. 14 -OU hosts Central Region Classic:
-Women's Soccer challenges Mercyhurst (2:30 p.m.)

-Volleyball Team at Ashland University (1 p.m.)

- Cross Country Teams at Michigan Collegiate Championships

Sun., Oct. 15 -OU hosts Central Region Classic:
-Women's Soccer challenges Wisconsin-Parkside (2:30 p.m.)

-Men's Soccer at Ashland University (2 p.m.)

Tue., Oct. 17 -Volleyball Team defends against Wayne State University (7:30 p.m.)

** Home team in bold type.

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Classic : Weekend play ends in defeat

By TODD HUGHES
Sports Writer

A hungry OU men's soccer team, accompanied by three equally motivated teams, converged upon the Pioneer's home field for what turned out to be an eventful Central Region Classic.

Northeast Missouri State and West Virginia Wesleyan met in the first game and each remained scoreless throughout regulation and well into the second overtime.

Over an hour and fifteen minutes passed before Claes Meldahl scored what proved to be the game-winner for NMSU. The win sent them to Sunday's championship game.

In the second game OU faced Lock Haven and seemingly had a victory locked up early when freshman Markus Paija blasted a free kick just inside the left post to give OU a 1-0 lead.

Freshman David Hall scored next for OU lofting a shot just over the outstretched arm of LHU goalkeeper Dave Hartlaub and just under the crossbar.

"I was pleased with it. The ball was headed out into the middle and I just volleyed it in," Hall said.

In addition to his goal, Hall barked orders to his teammates, and covered nearly every inch of the field for the entire game.

OU had firm control of the game early on, keeping the ball in LHU's end, but disaster struck when Paija was ejected just before the end of the first half after collecting a pair of yellow cards.

The momentum shifted and the second half turned out dramatically different as OU was forced to play one man short.

"We did well to hold them off as well as

we did with 10 men," Hall said, "We were forced to drop back and defend as a unit, which affected our scoring chances."

Rich Poole brought LHU back into the game with a goal, and, with a minute to go Joe Trymbiski notched the equalizer. The two teams scratched and clawed their way through two scoreless overtime periods, and when the final whistle blew OU had just nine players.

Freshman Mike Dodd was the second Pioneer ejected when he, like Paija, was awarded two yellow cards, the last of which came at the 106:00 mark.

The dust cleared with the teams locked in a 2-2

deadlock. Penalty kicks decided who earned the right to face NMSU in the championship match.

Sophomore goalie Amir Tal played larger than his six-foot three-inch frame for two hours of soccer. He stepped it up even more in the shootout, holding LHU to just one goal.

OU proceeded to score four times in the shootout, setting up a showdown with NMSU for the Central Region Classic trophy.

The second day of the tournament arrived and with it came high hopes for the Pioneers. They fought valiantly Saturday to get this far, but would be forced to play without Paija and Dodd due to their ejections the day before.

Making matters worse, senior and emotional leader Will Bothe missed the game due to a knee injury. Senior Chad Schomaker moved back to sweeper in an attempt to shore up a decimated defense.

As the Pioneers took the field to face Northeast Missouri State the sun peaked through the clouds, the temperature rose, and OU kicked off, ready to win their tournament.

A fairly uneventful first half ensued, until NMSU's Scott Meis got behind the OU defense and drilled a shot into an open net with just one minute to play.

At the halfway point OU trailed 1-0.

The second half turned out as bad as the day before, and NMSU notched goals number two and three a minute apart with the second session barely under way.

Freshman Nick Deren gave the OU faithful a glimmer of hope with his fifth goal of the season in the 73rd minute. OU was within two for 21 seconds, until

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SCORING TOUCH: Freshman Nick Deren put the ball in the net for OU, but it wasn't enough as NMSU held on to take the Classic Title.

Second-place finish earns record

By TODD HUGHES
Sports Writer

Shooting a school record and losing don't usually go together, but they can and did Saturday when the OU men's golf team travelled to Saginaw Valley State University for its final tournament of the fall season.

The Pioneers took advantage of the lift clean and place rule which was in

effect at the Bay Valley Golf Course to fire a record low 291 combined score. SVSU followed OU's lead and recorded a combined score of 290, edging out a Coach Dave DeWulf's team by a stroke.

"We had the match won," DeWulf said, "Our problem is mental. We started adding up our scores on the 15th tee instead of when the match was over."

DeWulf added that costly double

bogeys down the stretch were the teams undoing. "We need to finish better, faltering at the end of a round has cost us two tournaments that we should have won." Saturday's match marked the second tournament in a row OU lost by one stroke.

Junior Todd Covert and sophomore Josh Fryer carded a 71 and 72 respectively to pace OU. Seniors Jeff Champine and Jeremy Niederstadt finished two strokes back, each firing

a 74. Champine's 74.40 stroke average to end the fall season proved to be the team's backbone, and Fryer finished close behind with a stroke average of 75.33.

"It was a good fall in a lot of ways," DeWulf said, "It taught us what we need to work on over the winter, which is the mental aspect of the game. You have to play all 18 holes, and do your best on every swing."

Men dive into title defense

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The march to the Nationals in North Dakota started with the Black/Gold Intersquad meet Friday which has been held ever since Pete Hovland, men's swim coach, arrived 17 years ago.

The meet serves the important role of jump starting competitive swimming in a meet situation. It also acts as a reward and break from the previous five weeks of rigorous training.

The two squads compete in different events including: a cross country run, a soccer game, an ultimate frisbee game, and a slaughter-ball game a.k.a. dodge ball.

"The meet is held to pass along stories and help with fund raising," said Pete Hovland, men's swim coach.

This year the Black squad is captained by senior Arthur Albiero and the Gold squad is co-captained by seniors Tom Arnold and Chris Zoltak.

"On paper the Gold team looked better. When we scored the meet on paper, we thought it would come to the last relay," Albiero said.

It didn't come quite that close, but the winner turned out to be the underdog Black team.

"Personally, I didn't swim well, but people on my team really picked up the slack," Albiero said.

Hovland said that although there are no formal trophies awarded at the end of the



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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE: The men's swim and dive team raised its newest banner during the first day of its annual Black/ Gold intersquad meet last Friday.

weekend, the competition is fierce. "Bragging rights for the season are at stake," he said.

"It usually comes down to the last relay," Hovland said about the Black/Gold meet. Last year, Morgan Bailey led the Black team to the winner's circle.

"They take this stuff pretty seriously," Hovland said.

Looking to fill the big shoes of Bailey this year, sprint freestyler Arffi Karapain impressed his Black squad teammates by racing to take the 50 yard freestyle. Karapain is a junior transfer student from USC.

Also battling for the Black squad, sophomore Karl Kozicki notched victories in the 1,000 freestyle and 200 butterfly.

The November issue of College Sports magazine ranked OU number one in the nation, 13 points ahead of runner-up California State Bakersfield. OU and CSB finished one two at the Nationals last year.

Addressing the Nationals, Albiero said that "more than anything this meet was a team effort. Afterwards what was said is that this is what needs to be carried on through this season."

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2. Theta Chi	5	4	1	0	8
3. Supernatural Malice	3	1	2	0	2
4. Boneheadz	4	2	2	0	4
5. Mike W's Team	4	2	2	0	4
6. University Drive Bullies	4	1	3	0	2
7. Individuals	2	1	1	0	2
8. Askikers	4	3	1	0	6
9. Flamengo	2	0	2	0	0
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FOOTBALL	GP	W	L	T	Pts
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2. Blue By U III	3	1	2	0	2
3. Pine Riders	1	0	1	0	0
4. Sheep Herders	3	2	1	0	4
5. Co-Ed	1	0	1	0	0
6. 9-South	3	2	1	0	4
7. Repeat	1	1	0	0	2
SOFTBALL	GP	W	L	T	Pts
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2. Bad News Bears	2	0	2	0	0
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Soccer

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finishing the passing play for Long and sophomore Renae Czuk.

The team turned to Mrozek when the Pioneers were rewarded with a penalty kick which she readily capitalized on.

Before turning home, Gallagher converted on the final bombing run of the day when she blew the ball by the second-string goaltender. Miniuk and Wysocki drew assists on the goal.

O'Shea said that part of the reason for such a lop-sided victory was because Northwood ran into injury problems in the second half of the game. "They didn't have any subs and they were down to 10 players in the second half."

This meant that OU found themselves on an extended power-play for a portion of the second half, although the damage had already been done.

Also, this game offered another opportunity to give freshmen back-up goal-

tenders Katie Hengle and Kirsten Balyeat some playing time. Hengle made one save in 33 minutes, and Balyeat made a great play late in the game to preserve the shutout.

They play occurred when a Northwood player snuck behind the defense and was one-on-one with Balyeat. Being the aggressor, Balyeat charged out to the top of the 18-yard line to cut down the angle.

Neither of the goalkeepers saw much action, but O'Shea said that the team is confident in their ability to perform when called upon. "If Kristi had to come out, we are confident in both our goalies we could send in," O'Shea

said.

Saturday's game against Ashland marked a jump in the level of competition for OU although it walked away with a 4-0 win.

The triple entent accounted for three of the Pioneer's goals, including Grimm's



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POWER PLAY: Freshman Cathy Miniuk leads by example.

game winner at the 6:00 mark.

Gallagher posted two goals drawing an assist from Grimm on her first and an assist from Miniuk on her second of the match.

Miniuk continued to play strong for OU notching the team's third goal on an assist from Mrozek.

Still solid in net, McGough added another shutout to her season totals. She didn't see many shots, but turned away the five she faced.

After yet another commanding win, the competition rises steeply against fourth-ranked Mercyhurst Saturday Oct. 14 in the women's Central Region Classic. That weekend signals the end of a nine game road trip and the team's second home game of the season. Pioneer play continues on Sunday Oct. 15 against Wisconsin-Parkside.

"As we play against better teams or competition, the question is whether we can still play our game without letting them destroy our confidence," O'Shea said.

Classic

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the eventual Offensive M.V.P. of the tournament Joe Nick hammered another shot into the OU goal, putting the game out of reach for good.

Deren found the back of the goal again for OU at the 86:29 mark, as did Meldahl for NMSU at 89:04. That brought the score to 6-2, which held up as the final.

The weekend action dropped OU's record to 3-5-2. The Pioneers can improve that mark this week against Saginaw Valley State and Ashland.

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