

Funding chair fired

BY LAURA ANGUS
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THE OAKLAND POST

Causing a shock-wave of rumors and tension, OU Student Congress (OUSC) President Jonathan Parks, junior, terminated Student Allocations Funding Board (SAFB) Chair Roxanne Gibson, junior, on Thursday.

Parks said he has met

with Gibson and OUSC advisers on and off since August and she was terminated because some of her duties as chair were not being fulfilled. Parks would not go into detail about what responsibilities were not fulfilled.

Gibson said she hasn't received official documentation for the reasons behind the termination.

"I have yet to know

why I was really fired," she said.

She said she has requested documentation for payroll and disciplinary concerns, but as of press time she had not been given the information.

She said she was told she could not be given the information until Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh has approved them.

McIntosh said the

OUSC president is not required to provide justification documentation regarding the termination of an employee.

"However, I have advised Mr. Parks to provide any terminated staff member with written documentation outlining the reasons for their discharge to help in their future growth and development," said McIntosh. "I hope all members of Student

Congress, as well as the student body, will use this event as an opportunity to foster better lines of communication and strengthen their commitment to the overall purpose of Student Congress, which is to represent the best interest of the entire student body in influencing decisions regarding policies, procedures, programs and services impacting

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Money guidelines may change

BY REBECCA WYATT
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THE OAKLAND POST

After terminating its chair and possibly reorganizing the committee, junior Jonathan Parks, president of OUSC is planning on making serious changes to the Student Allocations Funding Board (SAFB). "Congress is hurting Congress," said Parks. "A lot of (organizations) have lost faith in OUSC and SAFB."

He said in the long run, he expects these changes to have a positive impact on students' opinions.

The changes that are being made are to correct last year's problems, said Parks. He said he would have hoped former SAFB chair Roxanne Gibson, junior, could have made these changes in office, but she had to be removed due to other aspects of the situation.

Parks said he plans on restructuring the SAFB board, and will open up the application process for the board, which he said wasn't done by Gibson.

"It wasn't fairly organized," said Parks. "We're going to open it to more people."

He said current members of the board were handpicked by Gibson and will have to reapply before the Oct. 8 deadline.

The possible future chairperson will have to sit in on an SAFB allocations process and have some knowledge of how SAFB is to be run.

Gibson said she did pick the board for SAFB, but she selected them from a long list of suggestions from OUSC adviser Christina Tierman.

She said she also left one spot open on the seven person board in case a legislator from OUSC was interested in getting involved.

She said the board is "very diverse," with members of Greek organizations, other organizations and past SAFB chair people.

Another concern is the guidelines SAFB was operating under have still not been officially approved. Parks said, as president his signature needs to be on the bill before it is approved.

Jeff Galecki, OUSC legislature and disci-

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Enrollment record set

BY ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

For the eighth straight year, OU's enrollment has increased for the fall semester.

This year's student population is up 3.2 percent over last fall, bringing the grand total of enrolled students to 16,576.

The 2003 growth is greater than last year's 1.2 percent increase but is not as high as it has been in the past.

In the fall of 2000, the university showed a 3.5 percent increase over the previous year. The trend continued in 2001 with a huge 4.2 percent increase.

OU President Gary Russi addressed the increase in enrollment in his State of the University address Sept. 18.

"Without steadily increasing numbers of students, our operational cuts would have been

far deeper - likely threatening our ability to keep the quality of our educational programming consistently high. We have been helped significantly by an increase in our enrollment," Russi said.

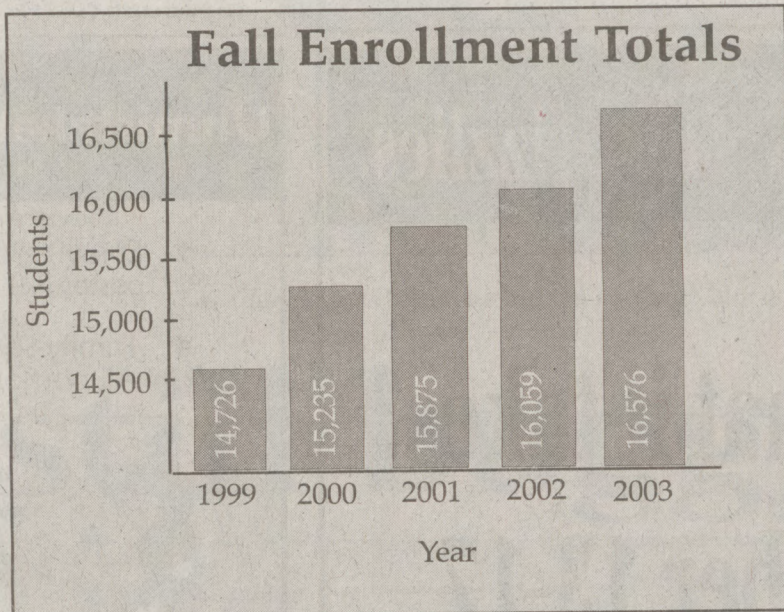
Ken Miller, senior, said he sees the rise in enrollment as good for the school. "All the new students add to the amount of money the school takes in. That's got to help, especially after the budget cuts."

The leap in enrollment wasn't completely unexpected.

Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery said there were signs the student population was growing.

"Information trickles in from admissions and we get a sense of the trends," Montgomery said.

This fall's 3.2 percent increase represents not only an



Graphic illustration by Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post

immense 12 percent increase in freshman enrollment but also a 5.6 increase in graduate students and a 2.6 percent increase in undergraduate students.

Officials attribute the increase in part to the strength of the existing curriculum.

New programs this fall include a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies, two new master's degree programs in the School of Nursing and a Bachelor of Arts degree in stu-

dio art.

Bradley McMahon, junior, attributes much of the rise to these new programs and the changing of the campus.

"We've got a huge Rec Center, top division sports teams, recognized professors and now they're adding new, state of the art buildings," said McMahon. "I think students are starting to see Oakland more as a real university now instead of a commuter school."

Students convene, demand meeting

BY ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

A group from the Association of Black Students (ABS) and other organizations assembled in the office of *The Oakland Post* Tuesday and would not leave, demanding to speak with Editor in Chief, Rebecca

Wyatt, a post-bac student.

Stefan Welch, president of the ABS, said the students were concerned about remarks made during an off-the-record conversation between Wyatt and Jonathan Parks, president of the OU Student Congress (OUSC), after Monday's OUSC meeting.

More than a dozen supporters, equipped with a video camera and a tape recorder, stood in the office and said they wouldn't leave until Wyatt answered questions about the conversation.

The OU Police Department

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Tentative plan to rescue Hall from red

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A business plan has been presented to the OU Board of Trustees' Finance Audit and Investment Committee regarding the future of Meadow Brook Hall.

After a 45 minute delayed start to the informational session, the business plan was presented to the committee by the Pillar Group during a meeting Monday in the Hall.

Committee Chair Rex Schlaybaugh said the goal of the meeting was just for the Board members to understand the report so they can make better decisions regarding MBH.

"Meadow Brook Hall has had a couple of tough years financially," said Lynne Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration.

The BOT had asked MBH to formulate a business plan. Sally Victor, the interim director of MBH, said she originally thought it was a matter of working harder, but she realized it was more than that.



File photo

Meadow Brook Hall makes plans to stay cultural icon yet make money.

She said it was important to make MBH a viable business but keep the cultural center in the city.

Sheldon Stone of Pillar Group said the goal for MBH should be to penetrate the high-end wedding, social and corporate events. Through focus groups, interview, surveys and online data research and review Pillar Group was able to determine that people who rent MBH are looking for upgrades in the facility, increase in space, increase in food service and

upgrades in the information technology offerings.

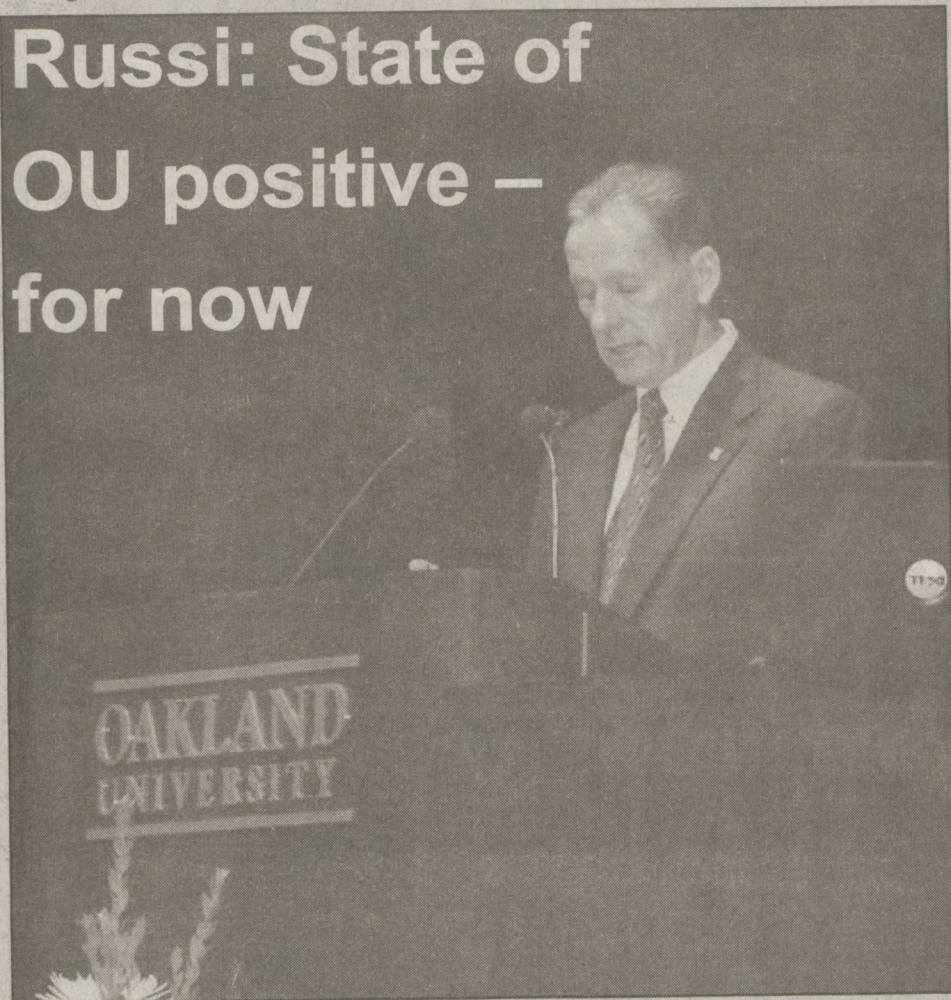
Without the upgrades, Ken Jacobson of the Pillar Group, said MBH's "climb up the ladder would be difficult."

MBH is looking for at least \$5 million for required improvement. However, it requests \$12 million to facilitate these upgrades to the Hall to help make it more viable yet keep it what it is.

Henry Baskin, chair of the BOT, said the Hall would never close.

Due to the missing continuation in last week's edition, this story is being re-run in it's entirety this week.

Russi: State of OU positive - for now



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post

Russi speaks to the university community last week about the state of OU.

Speech calls for action as economy declines

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

OU President Gary Russi was cautiously optimistic about OU's future during his State of the University address last Thursday.

"We must recognize our difficult budget days are not over," Russi said to the less than packed Meadow Brook Theatre crowd.

Russi said OU has been able to save nearly \$3.6 million through cost containment measures this year. They include no salary

increase for top administrators, changes in health care coverage, a hiring freeze and energy conservation efforts.

The university is also no longer supporting Meadow Brook Theatre because administrators said it had been struggling monetarily for years. Meadow Brook Health Enhancement closed last spring after 20 years of service, the last few of which were financially tough. Now, Russi said the university will examine Meadow Brook Hall.

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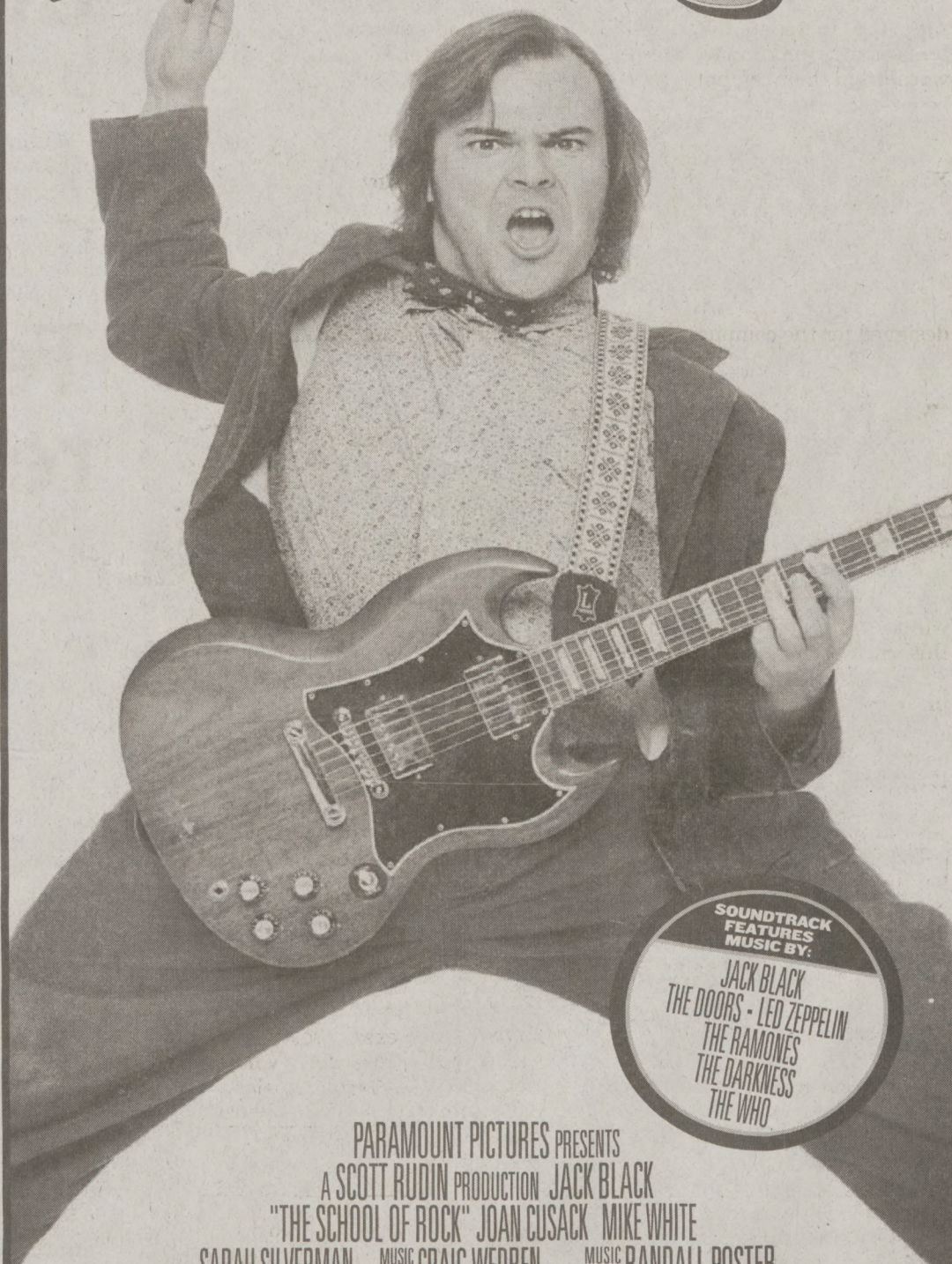
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Red Cross needs students' blood

By DAVID PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

The opportunity to do a good deed presents itself Oct. 20-22 at OU's Fall Blood Drive in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center (OC).

The need for blood in Southeastern Michigan is critical.

"The Red Cross is under the amount of blood they need for each day which means they have to put some elective surgeries on hold," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs and the Center for Student Activities' (CSA) coordinator of the Blood Drive. "You never know when a family member or someone close to you might need blood so it's important people donate blood."

OU has four blood drives a year and

is one of Southeastern Michigan's leading donors.

"My yearly goal between the four drives is 842 pints," said Franklin. "We also are hoping to get a lot of first time donors. Donating blood is a rewarding experience so usually when a person donates once they are more likely to donate again."

There are no health risks with donating blood. "Everyone is screened to make sure they have no health problems that will prevent them from donating."

Donors must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

"The (Red Cross workers are) very well trained and very experienced," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA.

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The Oakland Post
A student gives blood during the Fall 2002 Blood Drive.

Student walk out averted

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Student employees are hard at work after a discrepancy over payment.

According to the Student Employment Office, students were concerned about not receiving paychecks.

Student employees organized and threatened to walk-out of on-campus jobs Friday, Sept. 26 if the payment situation was not cleared up.

Fliers were around campus advertising the walkout.

Students did get paid Friday and the walkout was canceled.

Mark Rossman, sophomore, student employee and one of the leaders of the walkout campaign, feels his point was made and the results were beneficial.

The Financial Aid Office said they had been working to get the incomplete information updated so the students' forms could be processed.

According to an e-mail sent from financial aid Sept. 24, all the paperwork had been completed and anyone officially on payroll would be getting a check if his or her paperwork was up to date.

Rossman said he feels the attention and the notification of the walkout to the financial aid office is what finally motivated them to get things done.

"We feel our goal has been accomplished and that the employee walkout was no longer necessary," Rossman said. "For the moment, we are satisfied with the progress we have made and we have finally gotten financial aid's attention."

Student employees may be satisfied for now, but they have two other main complaints.

According to Rossman, there will be no student employee raises this year due to budget constraints and the students would also like to be able to direct deposit their checks, which they are now not able to do.

Rossman said that the student employees will now be focusing on their other goals.

Network still buggy

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Several weeks after the Blaster and Welchia/Nachi variant worms started causing problems with OU's network, things are starting to return to normal.

Progress is constantly being made in removing the worm from the network, but there is a limit to how much University Technology Services (UTS) can do.

"(Progress is) complicated by the fact that the university does not own many of the infected computers," Theresa Rowe, assistant vice president of UTS, said.

Computers in the dorms and student apartments that have not yet been updated properly can still carry the virus and slow down network traffic.

Any student with a vulnerable system needs to take the necessary steps to update their system security and remove the worm from their computer before the network can fully function again.

Any computers with Windows XP, NP, 2000, or 2003 Server Editions that have been connected to the OU network are potentially infected. Other versions of Windows are not vulnerable.

"Microsoft systems are designed for the computer owner

to take responsibility for keeping the computer up-to-date on systems and security using built-in tools like Windows Update" Rowe said.

In an effort to expedite the upgrading process, UTS has provided free CDs to Resident Assistants in the dorms and student apartments, which will provide students with all the information they need to update their systems.

"The CD is not required to fix the desktop or laptop computer," said Rowe. "All the information on the CD is available from the Microsoft Web site. The CD just makes it easier."

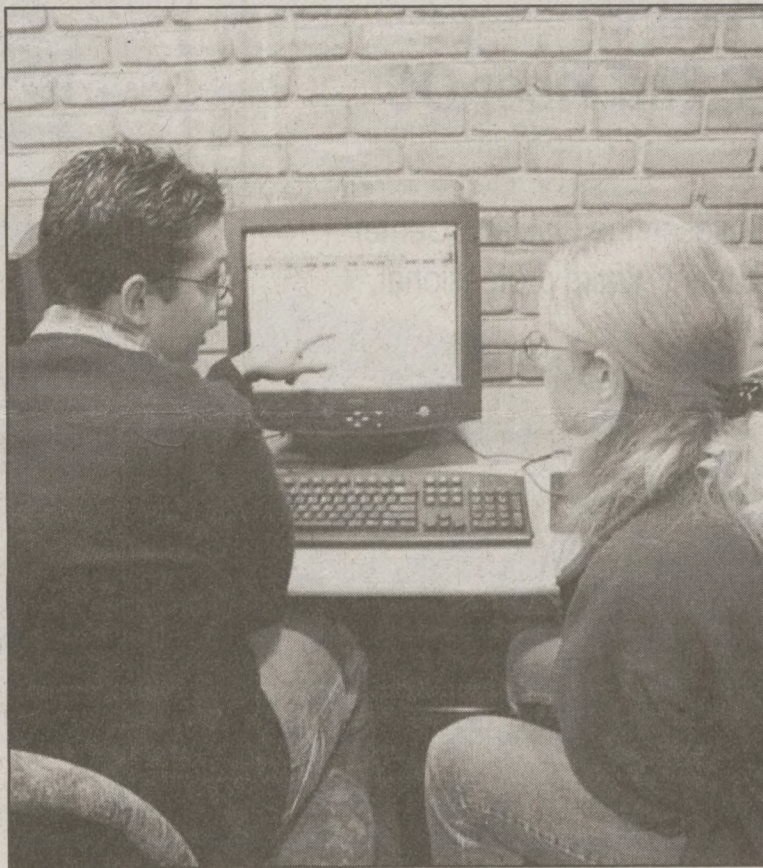
In addition to the CD, Virinder Moudgil, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of biological sciences, sent an e-mail to all OU students, faculty and staff on Sept. 25 with instructions on how to upgrade their systems.

Robbin Hunter, sophomore, said she couldn't connect to the Internet in her dorm at all until last Friday.

"It works now," Hunter said. "But it still goes slow."

Hunter's computer has Windows 98 and was not infected by Welchia, but still felt the impact the worms have had on the network.

Dorm and apartment comput-



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post
Two students work on a computer in the downstairs Oakland Center lab. OU's network has had a problem with a virus this semester.

ers will experience difficulty connecting to the Internet and major slow downs.

"It isn't the network that needs to be fixed, but the individual desktop and laptop computers,"

said Rowe.

Until all computers connected to the OU network are upgraded and protected from these worms, the network cannot return to normal functionality.

Radiation research society elects new officer

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

The Radiation Research Society will be a welcoming a new officer this year.

Dr. Michael Sevilla, assistant professor of chemistry, is the vice president-elect and will become president in 2005. He will replace Robert Ulrich.

A term lasts four years, with a year in each office, said Sevilla.

The four offices he will have will be vice president-elect, vice president, president and past president.

The last year is spent as past president, who helps the new president and keeps the office running smoothly.

In order for Sevilla to be considered, he had to be nominated first

by the membership committee of the Radiation Research Society.

Second, the nomination committee finds out if the people chosen will accept a nomination.

From there, the nomination committee sends out ballots.

The membership committee then counts the ballots and announces the winners.

"Next year (as vice president), I'll be organizing the annual meeting in St. Louis. You gain executive experience as you go along," Sevilla said.

As president, he will have several important duties.

"You're responsible for making sure an annual meeting goes off properly and responsibility for the selection of the executive officer. About 20 committees have various officers that the president selects,"

Sevilla said.

His goal will be to continue the Radiation Research Society's mission.

He will help further the research of radiation throughout the different areas of science, to combine research with other areas of science, and to let others know of the findings by meetings and publications.

The Radiation Research Society runs its elections the way it does because it wants the new President to have experience first. By the time, the officer reaches the presidency, he or she would have had enough experience to effectively arrange meetings and choose officers of other committees.

As past president, the officer will advise the new president and

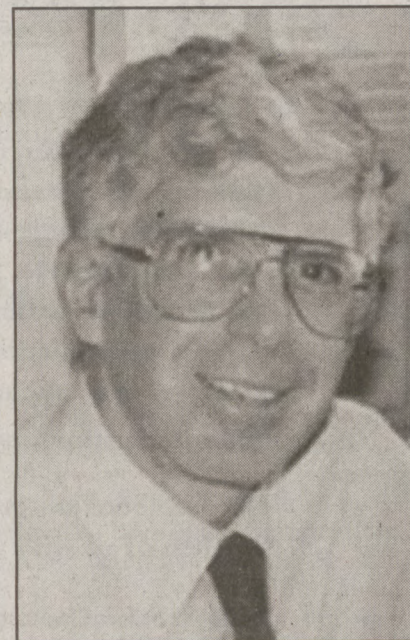
help the person out.

"It's great for Mike, personally and for Oakland University. Dr. Sevilla is among the most productive. Personally, I'm proud to have worked with him. His work continues to bring more prestige to OU," said Virinder Moudgil, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs and professor of biological sciences.

Sevilla's past work includes studying radiation damage to DNA. For 10 years, he also has been working with the National Institute of Health, learning about DNA as a molecule.

His work on DNA means changing it for molecular and cancer damage and learning how the process happens.

Sevilla has been at OU since 1970.



Dr. Michael Sevilla, assistant professor of chemistry

Police Beat

- OUPD was called to East Vandenberg around 2 a.m. Monday after a Resident Assistant, phoned in a noise complaint.

Officers detected a suspicious odor and alcohol was apparent on the student's breath and clothes.

The student claimed he and his friend had been

smoking cigarettes and not been drinking.

The student refused a preliminary breath test and was issued a civil infraction.

- While patrolling the parking lot near the golf course around 10 p.m. Sept. 22, an OUPD officer noticed

two occupants in the back seat of a vehicle.

The officer confirmed the situation was consensual. A check found that one of the individuals had a warrant out for his arrest with the Harper Woods Police.

Back up arrived and handcuffed the individual and then escorted him to

the police station.

- A member of the OU cleaning staff lost consciousness in O'Dowd Hall Sept. 24.

Witnesses said it may have been a seizure. Police confirmed the individual was under medical care for epilepsy and has had

seizures in the past. Auburn Hills Fire Department and American Medical Response arrived shortly and treated the worker.

She was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for observation.

- While mowing the lawn

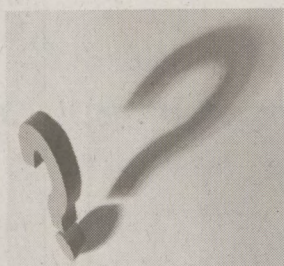
as part of his normal duties, an OU Golf Course employee was injured at 9 a.m. Sept. 24.

According to the employee, the steering mechanism slipped as a result of dew on the ground and he hit his right knee.

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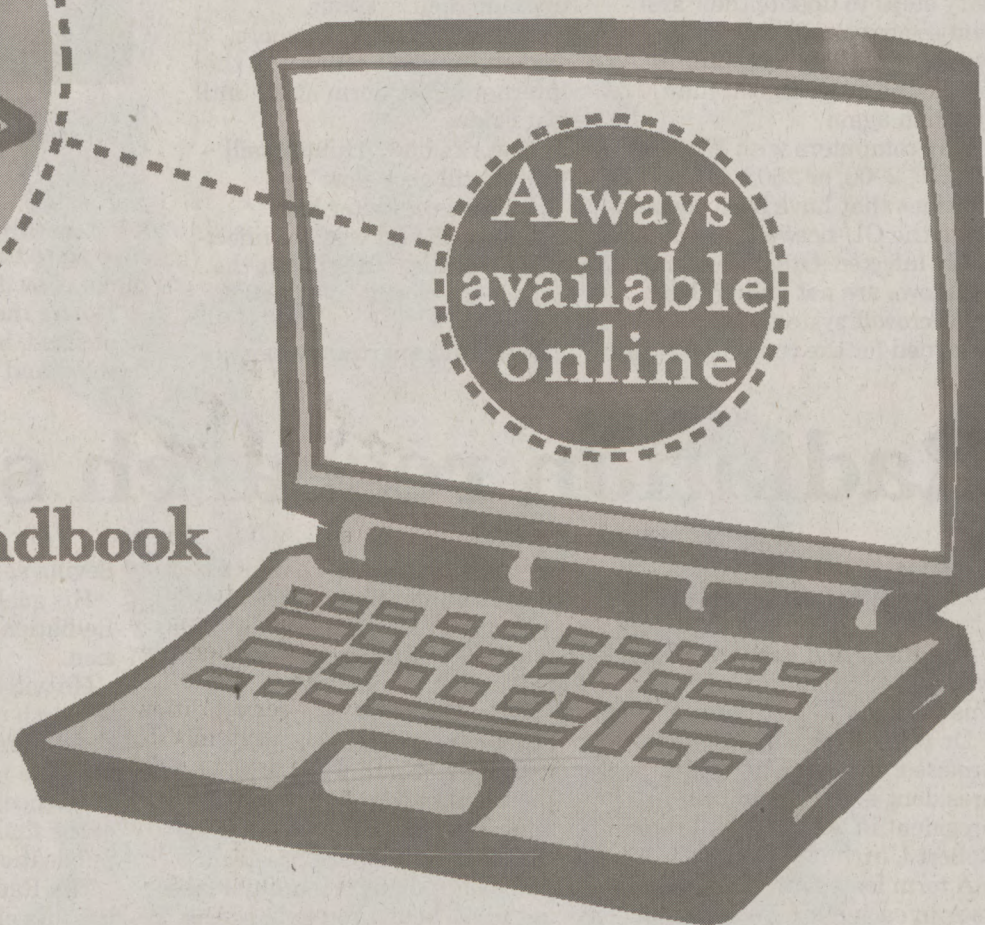
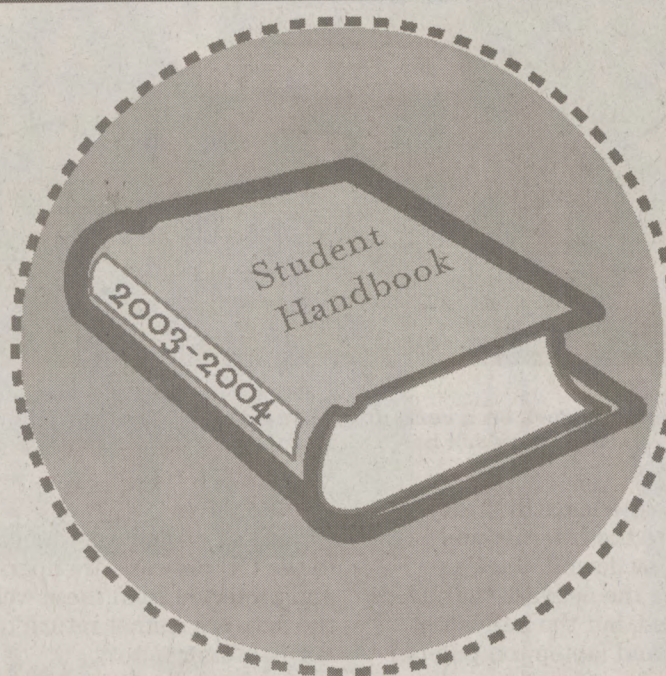
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BAC level drops

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Drivers better think twice before getting behind the wheel after having a couple drinks because Michigan's Blood Alcohol Consumption (BAC) law dropped by 20 percent.

Today marks the first time drivers are legally drunk if their BAC level is at .08. Under the former law, anyone with a BAC between .07 and .10 was considered to be driving impaired. A BAC of .10 or higher was legally intoxicated.

The drop didn't come from a lack in drunk driving arrests. In fact, 287 suspected drunk drivers have been arrested county-wide since the latest round of "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" Task Force started in December.

The drop actually came from a push by a federal highway funding program that would withhold 2 percent of its fiscal 2004 funds to any state that wouldn't adopt a .08 BAC law by Oct. 1.

By beating the federal deadline, Michigan saved a projected \$11.5 million in 2004, according to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Even though more police units won't be dispersed in Auburn Hills, Lt. David Chase said there will be a "zero tolerance" for people who break the .08 BAC law.

He also said the new law is more strict in defining who is legally intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle.

"It states anyone operating a motor vehicle while drinking—whether it be a car, truck, boat,

ATV, anything—can fall under the new law," he said. "Under the old law, a .10 is presumed drunk where a .08 or .09 was just impaired. There is no impairment with the new law."

Fines and jail time are also more defined and strict with the new law, Chase said.

"This is to make it more costly for those who break the law," he said.

At least 25 other states have adopted the proposed .08 BAC law, according to Chase.

One of the last scheduled crackdowns for the year on drinking and driving in Oakland County is happening this weekend with the "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" Task Force out patrolling.

Eileen Weisse, director of the traffic and safety program for

the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, said the patrol was scheduled in accordance to the new law.

"There were 307 OUILs (Operating Under the Influence of Liquor) issued last time," she said. "This new law is just another reminder how deadly drinking and driving can be."

Weisse said the program's goal is to constantly reduce the number of fatalities and injuries from driving drunk.

According to the 2002 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit, 8,954 people were injured and 358 killed in 15,209 alcohol-related crashes that year. In 2002, there were 57,789 alcohol-related arrests and 57,542 convictions.

Global Glance

• After days of scrutiny, the White House said it wants to help in the CIA leak probe, but the administration said it would not seek an independent investigation. This came after several pieces of classified information were leaked out and distributed. The White House did say it would completely cooperate with the Justice Department in its initial inquiry. As of Tuesday, the Justice Department has not asked for any information regarding the leak.

• Three men who are suspected of killing two American soldiers in June have been captured by 4th Infantry Division troops in Iraq. A fourth man was shot and killed in combat Sunday after he tried to run. The vehicle the U.S. soldiers confiscated from the four men had two M-16 rifles, later identified as having been assigned to the two abducted U.S. servicemen. An AK-47 assault rifle, an Iraqi military uniform and other equipment were also found in the car.

• President George W. Bush signed a bill into law Monday restricting the unwanted calls from telemarketers despite ongoing legal battles. The bill gives the Federal Trade Commission full authority to administer a do-not-call registry and submit the recorded phone numbers to telemarketers. Bush said the American people should be free of unwanted, solicited calls. The Federal Communications Commission also announced Monday it will start enforcing the do-not-call registry today. Any telemarketers that disobey it can face fines. The Supreme Court rejected an emergency appeal by telemarketers asking to block the FCC from enforcing the do-not-call registry.

• Germany has approached the United Nations with a plan proposing expansion of international troops in Afghanistan beyond Kabul. The hope is to create interconnected islands of security outside the capital, where relative stability is rapidly eroding. Germany's Ambassador to the U.N. said his country's idea is to establish havens of security that would be composed of roughly 250 to 400 troops with mobile units to connect them. The International Security Assistance Force already has 5,000 troops based in Kabul.

• Questions are rising after a wind-tossed tree branch apparently hit power lines in Switzerland and caused a chain-reaction blackout over Italy Sunday. Investigations are underway for the worst power outage in the country since World War II. Four deaths have been unofficially attributed to the blackout. Even though it was larger than the U.S. blackout last month, it is said to be less destructive on Italy's economy because it happened on a weekend.

Global

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• When a Ferrari dealership's salesman in Pennsylvania took a well-dressed man for a test drive in a limited edition, F-50 series model without a license or identification, the last thing he expected was the car to drive off without him. That is exactly what happened during a test drive of a car that only had 349 total models made. Halfway through the test drive, the driver asked the ride-along salesman to switch places and take the car back to the dealership. When the salesman got out of the car to switch seats, the driver sped away with the \$729,000 car. Police believe it was quickly put into a trailer, shipped across seas and is being sold on the black market.

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Local News Editor

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Lighthouse expands

Organization looking
to purchase Pontiac
apartments for
expansion program

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

Every year there are teens who find themselves pregnant, homeless and secluded from their families. The Lighthouse PATH Teen Transition Center is proposing action to help.

"Doing something to help the teens has been one of the priorities of the Oakland County Homeless Task Force for several years," said Noreen Keating, CEO of Lighthouse.

The human service agency has a purchasing agreement for an apartment building on Whittemore Street in Pontiac, which it plans to convert into a homeless teens shelter.

"What we are trying to do is rehabilitate the apartments," Keating said. "The apartment building will help upgrade the neighborhood. If this happens, if we can pull all the pieces together, we will upgrade the building and put in adequate parking and make it aesthetically acceptable in the neighborhood so it looks very nice."

There is no set date for when the program will launch, but when it does Lighthouse will supply intermediary housing and support for the teens until they have their babies, finish school and find employment.

Lighthouse began paving the way for the PATH facility for adult women and children in 1989. Women with or without children have been provided with protected housing for up to 18 months, as well as childcare, counseling and support groups.

Currently, 24 families stay in 18 apart-



Gabe Banuelos/The Oakland Post

The Lighthouse works out of this building in Pontiac, but it hopes to finalize an apartment purchase to house pregnant teens.

ment units and eight houses near the office.

The program connects families to social services while offering training in life skills on-site.

When the program is in place, all participants will be required to attend weekly Life Skills courses and biweekly meetings. Other services offered comprise of intensive case management, individual and group counsel-

ing, assistance with health issues, legal aid and job training.

Lighthouse PATH will also offer a day camp to about 60 children, with a prominence on education through tutoring and computers. The weeklong camp and the day camp's endeavor is exposing the children to activities they would not customarily par-

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State fall color tours start

By ASHLEY
WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

The first tinges of what many Michiganders call the states most stunning season will soon be coming to trees across the area. Early indication points to an award-winning spectacle, according to AAA Michigan.

An Auto Club's survey of 400 state residents estimated 1.4 million Michigan residents will plan a fall color tour this

season.

The average trip will last approximately three to four days.

Michigan's fall color season is big business to resort owners and other businesses dependent on tourism. It accounts for nearly one quarter of Michigan's \$10 billion tourism revenue.

AAA estimates the leaf peepers will spend approximately \$425 per trip this season driving, dining and staying around the state.

During the 45-day color season, travelers in Michigan will generate an estimated \$2 billion on food, lodging, fuel and various other items.

According to AAA, the weather conditions in early September essentially determine how radiant each season's color will be. If there were bright, sunny days and cool nights, a great show can still be anticipated.

Michigan State University Forestry

Professor Mel Koelling is predicting a good season.

"We have the potential for a good season and the trees are as healthy as they have been in the last several years and that's a good beginning," he said.

Michigan has nearly 150 different species of trees in its 18.6 million acres of forest made up by a colorful mix of yellows, reds, golds and oranges line trees like aspens, maples, birches, sumacs and oaks.

Michiganders and other tourists can enjoy the season on a leisurely canoe trip down the river, pedaling mountain bikes, taking horseback rides, enjoy a local fall color cruise or take a weekend drive to see Michigan's more than 160 waterfalls. This could also include a stop at one of the state's many cider mills or fall festivals.

For more information visit www.aaa.com or call the Travel Michigan hotline at (888) 78-GREAT.



Courtesy of HAVEN

The cover of Oakland County's HAVEN CD-ROM pictures a little girl to promote the awareness of abuse.

HAVEN promotes month with CD-ROM

By LESLEY-ANNE GRAHAM
THE OAKLAND POST

The new CD-ROM "Stop the Violence" is intended to do just that.

The four-minute video presentation created by the Help Against Violent Encounters Now (HAVEN) is being released in coordination with October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

HAVEN staff members hope their short CD-ROM is long on effectiveness.

Public reactions have been strong to the "Stop the Violence" CD-ROM, according to

Claudia Nafsu, a development associate on staff at Haven.

"People have said this CD has changed their lives," she said "It gets to the heart of the matter of domestic violence. It's as close to walking in (a victim's) shoes as you can get."

The CD-ROM also includes a recording of an actual 9-1-1 call in which the victim calling is murdered while on the phone with the operator.

This is HAVEN's first domestic violence awareness CD-ROM.

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FIRING

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classroom and campus life."

"My one concern is that they don't have it," said Gibson.

She said she was given a different reason for her termination by Kenton Lewis, vice president of OUSC.

Lewis declined to comment on the issue.

Parks said Lewis was not involved in the decision to terminate Gibson.

There is concern about whether Parks is allowed to terminate Gibson, or if the issue needed to be taken to OUSC's Disciplinary Committee.

According to Jeff Galecki, chair of OUSC's Disciplinary Committee, the only section of the OUSC constitution that deals with this topic says "Any student appointed to a paid position by a member of cabinet may be removed for the reasons set forth in the bylaws of the University Student Congress. The procedure for removing students in appointed positions is set forth in the University Student Congress bylaws."

"The bylaws only give reference to removal under the Disciplinary Committee. Even though this section is under review, both the old and new sections are in line with this power," Galecki said.

Parks said he believes differently from Galecki.

"It's my job to govern my e-board," he said.

He said OUSC's bylaws are weakly worded, and an argument could be made for whether he needed to go through the Disciplinary Committee.

"It depends on how deep you want to argue it," he said.

Parks said the constitution will soon be reviewed and possibly revised, but it depends on Congress.

He said challengers of the termination might argue from a personal or emotional level, rather than facts. He said since he is responsible to appoint the executive board, which includes the SAFB chair, he should be responsible for terminations as well.

Galecki said he isn't trying to determine the conduct of the member, he is just trying to do his job.

"My only intention is to empower the Disciplinary Committee with the decisions and maintenance of due process," Galecki said.

Parks said he notified the executive board of OUSC on Thursday, after terminating Gibson, but the official announcement of the change came Monday at the OUSC meeting.

At Monday's OUSC meet-

ing, the issue was discussed thoroughly, and Parks reaffirmed his position and stood by his decision.

"This decision was brought upon by various documented facts," said Parks. "I went through the proper channels I had to go through to make my decision. I did nothing wrong here."

"I have concerns that one person can be removed by one," said Rakhi Roy, assistant director for Administrative Services and faculty member of OUSC.

She also said she didn't think what Parks did was wrong, because in a business the boss can fire employees as needed.

Patrick Piskulich, associate professor of political science and faculty member of OUSC said he supports Galecki's argument to empower the Disciplinary Committee, but the language for it is not in the constitution.

Roy said the Research and Review committee should look into this, because she said she was told by former OUSC President Adam Kochenderfer that this issue had been addressed during his 2000-2001 presidency and Congress might be updating the wrong set

of bylaws.

Parks said Galecki added a new line to a bill that was read for a second time at the Monday meeting. That new line would have stripped more power from Parks. The change was pointed out by Piskulich during the meeting.

"I'm glad Professor Piskulich pointed that out," said Parks. "I did not act against the Constitution or the bylaws."

Gibson said she was told there were concerns regarding changes to the SAFB guidelines. She said the changes were made to the guidelines after the ad hoc committee was done with them and before the OUSC voted on them. The only added information regarded guidelines for reasonable amounts of funding.

"They were real basic things," she said.

She also said the guidelines were reordered before they went to Congress for a vote.

"The order of the (original guidelines) was all over the place," she said.

She said those changes resulted in a "witch hunt" and it was assumed she rewrote everything, which Gibson said is untrue. She also said, the committee was not an actual ad hoc committee, since Congress

didn't have quorum all summer to officially create the committee.

She said she did follow what was decided by the group, but there was no obligation.

"None of the decisions that they made had to be reflected in the guidelines," she said.

Gibson also said she was told another reason why she was fired was she didn't act professionally in her position, and wouldn't fund organizations she didn't like.

She said no one ever came to her about the problem, and the only organization she could think of that might have thought that ended up getting funded, and was delayed because of a death in her family.

"I don't think it's fair for me to have to deal with something that was never even brought to my attention," she said. "No one had come to me."

Parks said Gibson was given fair notice.

"Nothing I do is out of the blue," said Parks.

He said there are records showing she was not handling a situation correctly.

Parks said he met with executive board members to give them updates on their progress. He said he met with Gibson on a weekly

basis, in SAFB meetings, executive board meetings and outside meetings.

"There were incidents where I had to meet with her more than once a week," said Parks.

Gibson said she was unfairly removed and there was no misconduct on her part.

"Why put so much time into something to do something stupid - like act unprofessionally?" she said.

Gibson said two members of the executive board said they support her in this, but "don't want to be the next ones to get fired."

She also said she is not sure of what information the executive board is using to back Parks, when she has still not been given formal allegations. She said when she asked about it, she was told it's a confidential matter.

Parks said the executive board's agreement with the decision to terminate Gibson is based on its trust in him as its leader.

Jim Gammicchia, also the OUSC director of financial affairs, will serve as the Interim Chair until the position is permanently filled.

TALK

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(OUPD) was called when the students refused to leave after being repeatedly asked to do so by Post staff members. Four OUPD officers responded to clear the newspaper's office.

"I told them I would set up a meeting on another day to straighten everything out because (Tuesday) is our production day,"

Wyatt said. "They just wouldn't leave."

OUPD Chief Sam Lucido said when his officers arrived and asked the group not to block the office entrance, they willingly exited into the hallway of the Oakland Center (OC) to wait.

Welch said he discussed the issue with other students, and a

number of them decided to join him and Parks in going to *The Post*.

"Some I did tell, but there are others who just came," Welch said. "Word travels fast around a campus that only has 16,000 students."

One reason the students refused to leave Welch said, is

because tuition money helps fund the student newspaper.

"I didn't think OUPD needed to be called," Welch said about refusing to leave the office.

After OUPD showed up, Wyatt agreed to meet with Welch and Parks in her office. After the meeting, Welch and Wyatt indicated some progress. Welch said

he plans to write a guest column in *The Post* to voice his views on the matter. However, Parks indicated he was not satisfied.

"I hope my point was heard, their point was well taken," Wyatt said. "I hope the problem is solved, and I hope we all grow from this."

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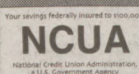
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUNDING BOARD

Fall 2003 Timeline of Scheduled Events

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for remainder of Fall Semester
Sunday, October 5th 2003
8 AM - 4 PM

(A representative will contact you once your allocation has been turned in to set up your hearing time and will also give you your hearing location.)

Allocation Results Posted in OUSC Window
Tuesday, October 7th 2003
9 AM

Written Appeal Information Due to OUSC Office
(62 Oakland Center)
Wednesday, October 8th 2003
5 PM

Allocation Appeal Hearings
Sunday October 12th 2003
12:15 PM - 3 PM
126 Oakland Center

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by and see **Jim Gammicchia**
Interim SAFB Chairperson
or call the OUSC Office at (248) 370-4290.

We thank-you for your patience...

Oct. 1, 2003

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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Should a person in their adulthood endeavor to keep all the qualities of their childhood for all time and eternity, or must they recognize the simplicity and naiveté of youth with all of its compelling virtues, yet still embrace the broader and more advantageous qualities of maturity and wisdom supported though the experiences of trial and achievement?

You are now being asked to consider the consequences of retaining a student constitution brought forth during formative years in the development and creation of an effective representative body of students. Now is the moment when you are called upon to deliberate nothing less than the existence of an effective STUDENT UNION. The core purposes of which are the advancement of student interests, the efficacy of student representation, and the protection of student rights.

It must be remarked that of all the questions placed before a student there is no single question that shall have as much of an impact on the quality of their education as the establishment and support of a STUDENT UNION.

The questions of which program of study to establish, or which course to offer, or which professor to hire, or where to place future buildings and parking structures have been decided upon by the university community long before any particular student placed one foot on Oakland University soil. The inclusion of students in decision-making at Oakland University and the establishment of a

good and proper STUDENT UNION are the only means by which students can assert influence and authority over the quality and overall outcome of their education. The efficacy of a representative and governing body of students which is active, knowledgeable, and consistent is only possible with an organizational structure that is designed and established for the purposes that it must achieve, and then supported with a diverse collection of thoughtful, responsive, and committed individuals.

Regrettably, the current constitution of the Student Congress is lacking in its necessary provisions and as a result has made the meeting of its purposes a Sisyphean task. The important and essential question of what form our representative body of students, or STUDENT UNION, shall assume is reserved to you, and upon your reflection and choice shall the decision be made.

BRIAN WELCH
JUNIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEAR EDITOR

OU Student Congress needs to pull itself up by the bootstraps. I voted for Parks because he made a commitment to be answerable to the students when accountability on campus was at an all time low.

I remember one year ago when Parks, a legislator, voted to make last year's E-board bring back reports about their trip to Florida. Parks was demanding the E-board to be more accountable to the legislature.

Well the shoe is on the other foot and now Parks does not want to be scrutinized for firing SAFB chair Roxanne Gibson, whose position I hasten to add, is paid for by the students.

In reading the bylaws it seems there is a loophole that makes Parks' unilateral decision valid. But why can the legislature only approve an appointment to the E-board and not be an integral part of the decision to dismiss someone? Some amending needed maybe?

Needless to say those reports Parks voted for were never made last year because the majority of legislators could not handle the concept of a meeting that exceeded 45 minutes. Are this year's legislators going to step up to the plate and be less apathetic than their predecessors?

Here's a clue for all members of this year's government: Instead waiting of in the sidelines as accountability is eroded or being proactive only in interoffice politics, go and find out why there are more than 15,000 students who don't know and don't care who you are.

GAYLE ISSA
OU ALUMNA AND FORMER POST
EDITOR

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Editor's View

Congress actions could compromise student involvement

Newspapers lose their accountability when they continually publish factual errors.

People switch the channels when T.V. stations mess up and transmit dead air.

The current U.S. administration is being questioned

every day about the war in Iraq, the alleged weapons of mass destruction and whether or not the president lied about them.

The reality of life is that entities like media outlets and governing bodies are scrutinized when they don't run efficiently and effectively. They lose credibility from the very people they need, the voters and the consumers.

When Congress can't get its act together and figure out whose job is whose then students start to lose their respect for congress as a whole.

We're all for student involvement and lively debate, but when it gets out of hand we all must learn to discipline ourselves.

The people who voted for these representatives honestly thought they could do the job with integrity and validity.

But when OU Student Congress becomes polarized it has the same effect as when our country becomes polarized—nothing gets

done and student feel alienated, just like citizens.

This is primarily a commuter campus and student involvement is already low enough. Only 730 students voted in last year's OUSC presidential election.

Student Congress cannot afford to lose the students.

If Student Congress continues on the disorganized path that it is on fewer students will vote next year. If less than 4 percent of the students are actually voting our leaders into office it seems those voters aren't a good representation and it will become a popularity contest for those who want a political bullet point on a resume.

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: Students are the heart of Student Congress.

Our stance: Congress needs to recognize the need to act for the students.

Featured columnist

Student urges others to act



CAROLYN NOBLE
Sophomore
Philosophy

Plant Bush back in Texas.

Good citizens of Michigan, it hasn't been easy has it? On the list of problems first is George W. Bush takes over the elections of 2000, companies reach bankruptcy, unemployment soars, our brothers and sisters are dying for a war a hundred miles away, air and water is in an environmentally hazardous spot and traffic is getting worse everyday; things just seem to suck!

Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse, Bush proposes that our country spend \$87 billion we don't have on another county altogether.

Just to give you idea of what \$87 billion will buy, it is enough to pay 3.3 million people who have lost their jobs under Bush's administration \$26,363 each. Besides that, \$87 billion is more than the combined total

of all the state budget deficits in the U.S. And who's going to pay for all this debt? The ones who are either asleep in their beds, or non-existent, our children!

What happened to the good old days when the government surplus was at its "largest economic expansion in history" a few years ago? Finally we got out of debt and saw a "cash surplus", which meant more money towards fixing roads and bridges and putting every crazy person in a mental institution. Crime was at an all time low, as well as teen pregnancies. Things just seemed to flow in a friendlier, happier way when Clinton was in town.

Then, the elections.

Just to break it down to you what happened with Florida, here's a summary. First, Bush's presidential campaign cochairwoman, Katherine Harris, knew felons couldn't vote in Florida, and most felons, sadly, are black men who usually vote democratic. Instead of taking out just the names of felons not be able to vote, she and a database company took out of thousands of black citizens names that never committed crimes, plus

thousands more who just committed misdemeanors! As if that wasn't enough, Bush associates knew that overseas votes were usually Republican with the Navy and Army, but they needed to be signed and dated by election time for them to be accepted. Instead, they counted all of them as valid, even if overseas voters voted twice or weren't registered voters. Bush barely won, so much so that Gore would have won by a long shot if they had followed the rules!

Michael Moore's compelling "Bowling for Columbine" affirmed what was happening in our country. Fear has ruled our country to the point that when Bush wants to check our personal e-mails in the name of terrorism, and we don't know what to do or how to stop him.

"It's amazing I won. I was running against peace, prosperity, and incumbency," Bush said to Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, unaware that a live television camera was still rolling.

Please do your part in the 2004 elections.

Point / Counterpoint

Should Chris Webber pay back U-M?

YES

By CHRIS ARCHIBALD
THE OAKLAND POST

Chris Webber was involved in a long, drawn-out string of investigations between The University of Michigan's (U-M) men's basketball player's connection to booster Ed Martin. Webber and several other players, management and coaching staff were all brought up to testify about their involvement before a grand jury. Webber lied during his trial. During this time the University of Michigan lost money in legal fees, fines to the NCAA and lost the basketball titles it earned.

Webber should definitely be responsible for paying back U-M. He took the money from Martin illegally. So, in my opinion, there is no question, if you receive something illegally you should have to

give it back.

Webber should pay the money U-M is asking for. What does he have to lose? He is already making millions of dollars in the NBA. He should give the money back to U-M and maybe U-M would consider using that money to give a young kid a scholarship. He would then be giving a young kid with no money the opportunity to use his basketball skills to earn a degree from U-M to better his life, like Webber did.

Webber is a role model to millions of basketball fans across the country. People, including myself, look up to him because of his basketball skills. Another reason why he should give the money back is to set a good example to all his fans and supporters. If Webber gave every thing back, he would gain a lot more respect from his fans.

No

By AARON WALKER
THE OAKLAND POST

The University of Michigan is taking Chris Webber to court for nearly \$700,000, which U-M claims to have lost due to the Ed Martin scandal in which Webber took money from Martin and denied it to a grand jury. He later admitted to lying to the jury. Am I the only person outraged by this bogus attempt to get back at Webber?

Webber has done more positive things for the maize-and-blue than negative. He was the centerpiece of the unforgettable Fab Five team of the early 1990s, the team that forever changed the way basketball was played and the way its players dressed.

It was the first team to wear shorts below the knee, and long black socks with matching shoes. It was also an excellent and

successful basketball team.

The squad made it to the Final Four in both 1992 and 1993.

Guess who was the only U-M player on the All Tournament Team?

Webber.

Also in 1992, Webber earned the Bill Buntin Most Valuable Player Award from U-M. Webber's past achievements were dug up just to remind everyone that he helped generate millions of dollars in revenue for the U-M. From selling out the 13,000-plus seats of Crisler Arena, to U-M merchandise, to televised games Webber helped the Wolverines get into the national spotlight.

He was instrumental in generating all this money. How can U-M ask him for any of that back?

Student athletes are not allowed to work, and their universities are not paying them (legally anyway), so some athletes find other means of making money.



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Many students said they are eager to help out.

"I'll donate because I know it's important that people need blood," said Josh Zacharski.

Others are skeptical about donating.

"I'm not going to donate because in high school I had a bad experience," said Melissa Carter.

There will be cookies and juice for everyone who donates. To sign up go to www.oakland.edu/currentstudents/csa and click on OU Fall Blood Drive

Donation.

Students can also sign up by going to the CSA office in 49 Oakland Center or calling the CSA office at (248) 370-2400.

There will also be tables set up in the OC until the blood drive.

Walk-ins are also welcome to donate, but it is better to sign up ahead of time.

"I strongly encourage people to make appointments because the Red Cross staffs the blood drive based on the amount of appointments that are made," said Franklin.

MONEY

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plinary chair, disagrees with this situation. He said in order for a bill or resolution to be vetoed it must be presented to Congress within seven days for a 2/3 vote to override it, or it becomes permanent by default. That seven day window was closed last Monday so the SAFB guidelines have become permanent already by default.

Parks said he wants the ad hoc committee that came up with the guidelines over the summer to look at them again "for further improvement."

"The guidelines the ad hoc committee came up with three months ago are the guidelines I want approved," said Parks.

On Thursday, after Gibson was fired, there was an SAFB board meeting where organizations that didn't get funded could appeal.

"Just because the hearing is done doesn't mean the work is done," said Gibson.

The Thursday meeting went as scheduled, although not a lot of people came to appeal, said Parks. He said there hasn't been a canceled meeting yet.

HAVEN

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"We're trying to affect people so they can have a true understanding of what it's like to be a victim," said Nafsu. "The purpose of this CD is to educate the public on the services HAVEN offers and the serious issue of domestic violence."

Jessica Freeze, senior, said she sees the CD-

ROM as a beneficial tool for the community.

"I think the CD will definitely be a great educational tool," she said. "Using the new technology is a better way to get through to people today, since computers are such a big part of everyday life."

The ease with which a

CD-ROM can be viewed and transported made it, "a great way to reach people," Nafsu said. "Domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse affect all of us."

"We can't continue to close our eyes to these issues," Nafsu said. "This is a great opportunity for people to see and under-

SPEECH

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"Later this month we will be taking a serious look at the operation of Meadow Brook Hall, searching for the right combination of operational services and historic preservation that will keep that operation viable for many years to come," Russi said.

He said he expects enrollment this year to be near 16,500 students with the freshman class being the largest it's ever been, and that is a positive thing for OU.

"We have helped significantly by increasing our enrollment," Russi said.

However, he cautioned trends show the enrollment may not continue to grow as it has.

"We are facing immediate challenges in future recruiting years," Russi said.

He said the key to OU's future is fundraising. He also explained OU is in a "silent phase of a capital campaign" right now.

The campaign, which has been going on since July 2002, has already raised nearly \$15 million.

He said the faculty fundraising campaign will start soon and the donations from that were up 39 percent last year. Russi

even promised to do his part.

"I will match gifts up to \$5,000 with \$.50 on the dollar," he said. "We are all ambassadors and fundraisers for OU."

Russi said another positive thing for OU is partnerships, like the one it currently has with Cooley Law School. The partnership allows first and second year law students from the area to get their education at a campus close to home.

"The visibility of this partnership is very positive," Russi said.

While OU has struggled through recent state budget cuts, Russi said the university has still been doing well.

"We have much to be proud of and much to aspire to," Russi said.

He said things at OU could be much worse and the tuition and fees increase was the fifth lowest in the state.

According to Russi, OU is a growing institution committed to quality, and others outside the university are starting to notice. He said OU was recently recognized as a top college in the mid-West by the Princeton Review.

LIGHTHOUSE

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take in. "We try to give them the experiences of any average kid," said Dorothy Pfaff, executive director of PATH. "They have been exposed to unstable situations in the past, so we try to involve them in the things children should be doing."

In addition, the Lighthouse will provide educational programs for 3, 4 and 5-year-old children. The Student Academic Center also offers after school help each day receiving skill assessment and a plan for skill building.

Tutoring is provided by the Americorps volunteers. Donations of washcloths, Kleenex, sponges, shower curtains, crib sheets, baby wipes, blankets, tethers, toys and bottles would be greatly appreciated.

To volunteer or receive more information call (248) 920-6000 or E-mail at LOC@lighthouseoakland.org.

Chiropractic... The Choice For Me

Jason Kucma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

"The only thing that has ever captured my attention was studying the human body. The more I learned in school, the more I needed to know. The most logical step for me was to become a Doctor of Chiropractic so I could truly help people".

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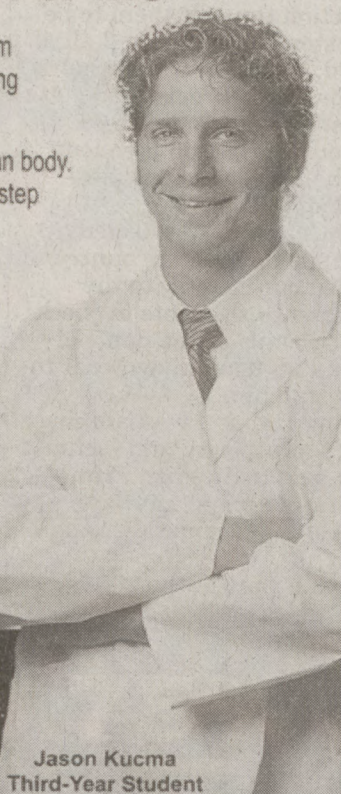
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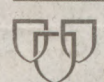
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Conference record still unblemished

Women's soccer move to 2-0 in Mid-Con

By JASON SKIZYNIARZ
THE OAKLAND POST

In its first home game of the season, the OU women's soccer team manhandled the Thunderbirds of Southern Utah University, 4-0, Friday afternoon.

SUU goalie Megan Flowers was met by the offensive machine of the Grizzlies as they came out firing on all cylinders.

Once again, OU's offensive outburst was sparked by junior Shelly Piccirillo, who started off the scoring in the 21st minute. Piccirillo had a chance for a couple more goals but she was thwarted on two breakaways.

She also had a goal disallowed because she was called offsides on the play. Piccirillo leads the team with five goals on the season.

OU's offense kept playing strong after the opening goal.

"We have been working on the offensive side of things," said coach Nick O'Shea. "The midfielders did a great job reading the forwards to keep the ball moving."

Just seven minutes after Piccirillo's opening tally, freshman Marianne Samdal scored her second goal of the season.

Senior Erica Demers also played well on offense, as she scored on a penalty kick in the 41st minute. Demers also assist-

ed on two other goals for the Grizzlies.

Senior Beth Howson scored the fourth and final goal with 13 minutes left in the game.

It was the first goals of the season for Demers and Howson.

OU's defense was strong, allowing only one shot to reach senior goaltender Sarah Buckland.

The shutout victory was Buckland's fourth of the season, although she was pulled with 15 minutes remaining, and freshman Amber Gale finished off the game.

SUU struggled to get anything going on offense as OU outshot the Thunderbirds 30-2, and the Grizzlies had eight corner kicks to SUU's one.

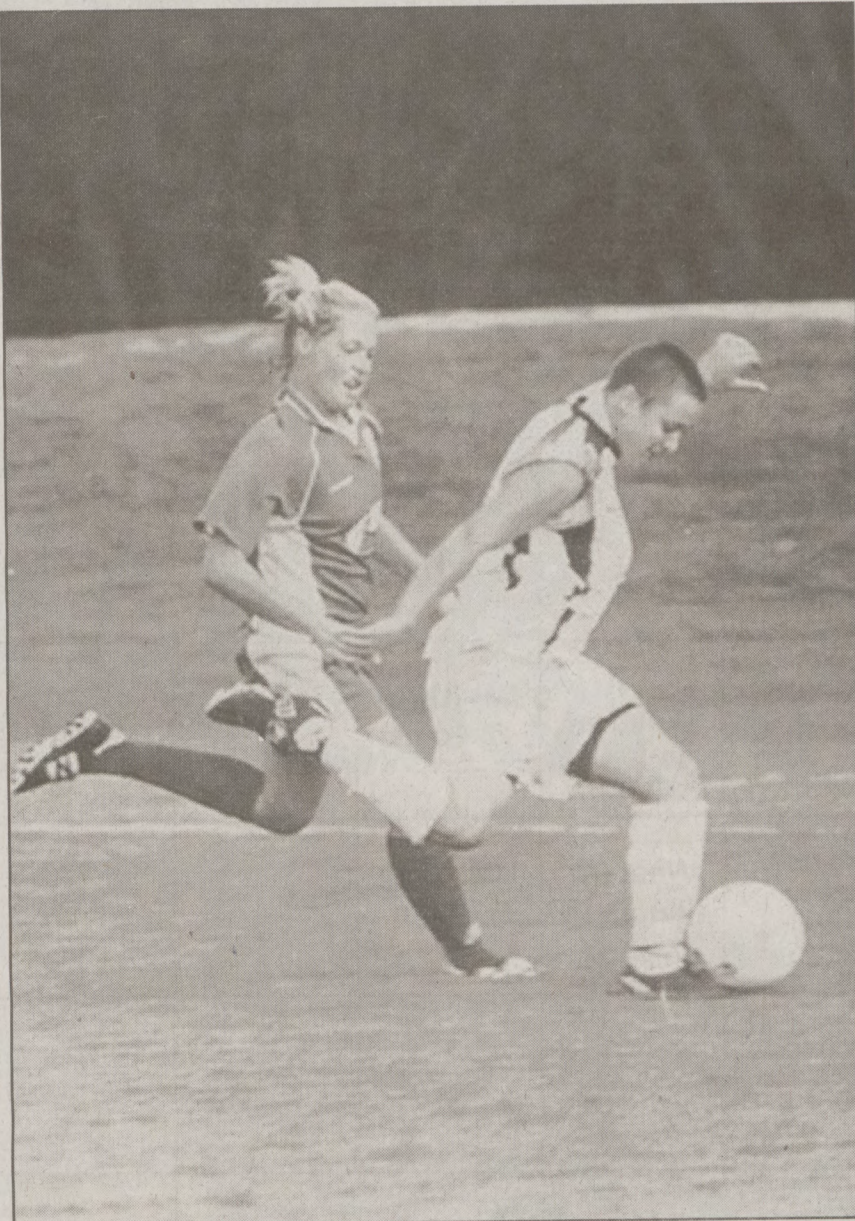
They were out shot 30-2 and OU had eight corner kicks compared to SUU's one.

This was OU's third straight victory and they are now 2-0 in conference play.

The Grizzlies next game is at 4 p.m. Friday, as they once again do battle on the road, this time with conference foe Western Illinois University.

OU returns home at 2 p.m. Sunday against Cincinnati University.

"Cincinnati will be tough," said O'Shea. "They have beat us the last two matches but we are hoping a hard week of practice will bring good results."



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Junior forward Shelley Piccirillo fires a shot during OU's 4-0 win over Southern Utah University on Friday afternoon.

Ranked teams draw

By ADAM HITCH
THE OAKLAND POST

A soggy Friday afternoon settled nothing in the men's soccer match between nationally ranked OU and Dayton University that ended in a 1-1 draw.

"It was just a little wet, the rain did not affect the game," said coach Gary Parsons.

OU, coming into the match ranked 12th, fell behind early as Mpoki Tenende outraced senior goalkeeper Jeff Wiese and put the ball into the Grizzlies' goal in the game's seventh minute.

OU responded, as all good teams do, when Shahar Ktovim netted his second goal of the season in the game's 27th minute.

The game went back and forth after that with neither team netting an advantage.

Wiese was again strong in goal collecting five saves as his teammates forced the opposition's goalkeeper into six.

The victory keeps OU undefeated with a 4-0-3 record.

"We should be able to maintain our rank, considering our undefeated record," said Parsons.

"I am, though, a little surprised we are undefeated. Soccer is a very unpredictable game and the bounces can go either way," he



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Junior defenseman Matt Connor makes a sliding attempt to steal the ball from an opposing player in a game earlier this season. OU tied Dayton University 1-1 this weekend.

said. "Either way, though, our goals are still the same to win the Mid-Con and go to the national tournament."

Tuesday's home contest against the University of Michigan took place after this

issue's deadline but Parsons did say it would be "a tough game against a strong team"

OU will continue with home field advantage with a 1 p.m. match Sunday versus Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis.

Golfers win fourth straight

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been four up and four down this year for the OU men's golf team, and the country is starting to notice.

After opening the season with three straight tournament victories, the Grizzlies were ranked 22nd nationally by the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index. In its division, OU trails only Xavier (Ohio), Kentucky, Michigan State and Purdue.

"It takes a few weeks for those rankings to settle in," head golf coach Dave DeWulf said. "If we are ranked in the top 50 teams once this settles down, that will be amazing."

This weekend, the Grizzlies continued their success at the Champion Lakes Tournament hosted by Duquesne University

by notching their fourth straight tournament victory in as many competitions this season.

"Every win puts us in a position where we can play in a higher level tournament next year," said DeWulf. "You have to earn your way into those tournaments. The better they do, the more we will be invited to those tournaments."

OU used a six-stroke lead after the first round to jump out to the first-day lead and paced Grand Valley State University in the second round to walk off the course with a six-stroke victory.

In the first round, Grizzly golfers combined for a total of 303, putting them ahead of GVSU who shot a 309. Both squads fired a team total of 311 on the second day to give OU its fourth tournament win.

Junior Brian Stuard shot the lowest score out of the five com-

peting OU golfers for the third time this season. Stuard was consistent in the two-round event, firing a 74 on the first day and a 75 on the second for a 149.

That total placed him just one behind tournament champion, junior Ryan Mikita from Robert Morris University, the competition's third-place team.

Solid performances from the middle of the Grizzlies' lineup once again proved to be the difference in the win.

Sophomore Rob Tate finished fifth for his second top-five finish of the year.

Fellow sophomore Jonathon Pauli was the third OU golfer to finish in the top 10 after shooting his way into ninth place.

Following closely behind and just out of the top 10 was senior Ryan Yelen who placed 12th. Redshirt-freshman Rob

Reynolds rounded out the scoring for the Grizzlies by finishing in a tie for 21st.

Golfing as an independent, true freshman Charlie Kluesner finished in a tie for 10th.

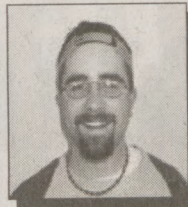
OU will have a strong advantage as it looks to continue its unprecedented winning streak.

Both the men's and women's squads will host the Golden Grizzly Invitational on Sunday and Monday on the campus' Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

"It's been an amazing season for us," DeWulf said. "We've never done anything like this. I'm confident that if we play our game, we can make it five in a row."

"We simply play tournament like we play a round of golf, we try to do our best on every shot."

The women will join the men in home competition after taking this week off.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

No sweet music coming out of Motown

Detroit Lions' quarterback Joey Harrington put on his best performance of the season during Monday Night Football this week.

Yes, I know the Lions played their game this week on Sunday afternoon. I'm not talking about football.

Harrington took part in a half-time spectacle that had him playing piano with members of the band Blues Traveler.

No, I'm not kidding. The quarterback of Detroit's future was using his hands for hitting the keys rather than receivers.

Of the 32 eligible quarterbacks in the National Football League, Harrington ranks 28th in quarterback rating, the best way to judge a quarterback's overall performance.

Aside from his four touchdown showing in Week One, Harrington has been less than impressive on the field. Maybe it's better that he sticks to the stage.

His teammates might want to look into other career paths, too.

The Lions' running game has suffered from the loss of incumbent starter James Stewart to injury before the regular season began.

Four games into the season, Detroit is averaging only 85.8 rushing yards per game, ranking them in a tie for 23rd out of 32 teams in the NFL.

The Harrington-led passing game hasn't done any better than the ground attack of the Lions, also placing 23rd in the league.

Only the top eight teams in each conference make the playoffs, making a total of 16 teams in the postseason. By my calculation, that means the Lions are seven spots out of the playoffs at this point.

The last thing I want to do is complain about the Lions, again. Well, maybe not the last, but it's definitely not high up on my list of uplifting topics of discussion.

Some people label me a cynic because I can't seem to find a positive thing to say about the Honolulu blue and silver clad warriors. And that is quite possibly true.

I try, without success, to not let the losses that continue to pile up to effect my support level for the Lions.

It is sad to admit that my great disappointment actually came two seasons ago when the Lions failed to finish winless. After 12 straight losses, Detroit finally pulled out a win and ended up winning one more to finish 2-14.

In true Lions' fashion, however, the team was unable to secure the first overall pick after a pathetic season.

Not only did the expansion Houston Texans automatically get the number one pick, but the Carolina Panthers actually finished with a worse record that season, 1-15.

Tigers took a page from the Lions' playbook this season, building up the hopes of fans that their beloved team would hold some kind of record, only to dash those expectations down the stretch.

Don't misunderstand me. I do not want to live in a city where my home teams are the laughing stock of their respective leagues.

My dream is that one day, all four of the major professional sports teams, the Lions, Pistons, Red Wings and Tigers, will all return to glory and hoist their respective championship banners.

I cannot wait to hear the sweet music of those victories. Even if Joey Harrington is the one playing the piano.

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Volleyball notches first win of Mid-Con season

By ADAM HITCH
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The Golden Grizzlies would not come home with their 10th loss of the season, as they concluded a two game road trip with a convincing 3-0 victory over Centenary in Sunday afternoon's volleyball match.

The victory came on the heels of a devastating loss in the Mid-Con opener at Oral Roberts where the team was shutout in the second game 11-0, extending its losing

streak to eight games.

The Golden Eagles had their way with OU in the first two games, and it was only in the third that OU began to show signs of life.

Junior Karen Conger led the team with 5.5 points and junior Sara Miller finished a close second with five.

Sunday's match was the complete opposite as OU did not lose a game, taking the ladies 30-23, 30-25 and 32-30.

"It was very nice to get a victory under less than ideal situations," said Coach Dave

Schmidlin. "The girls were very tired as we flew in that day. Our girls had some extra motivation though as they did not want to be the first Mid-Con team to lose to a new Division I team."

Sophomore Stephanie Linz was one of many highlights for the team with 20 kills, the most for any OU player this season. She finished the game with 21.5 total points.

"Centenary had no answer for Stephanie," said Schmidlin.

Also strong on offense were sophomores

Heather Lippert and Becca Moller who had nine points each.

The victory lifts OU's record to 2-9 on the season and 1-1 in the Mid-Con.

The Grizzlies will next play at 7 p.m. Friday versus Western Illinois University in the O'rena.

They will continue the home stand with a 5:30 p.m. Saturday contest against the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

"If we keep progressing, they will be good matches, I hope to at least achieve a split if not two victories," said Schmidlin.

Grizzlyly Calendar

Unshaded games denote home contests.

| | Wed 1 | Thurs 2 | Fri 3 | Sat 4 | Sun 5 | Mon 6 | Tues 7 |
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| Men's & Women's Soccer | | | (W) Western Illinois @ 4p.m. | (M) IUPUI @ 1p.m. | | | |
| Women's Volleyball | | | Western Illinois @ 7p.m. | UMKC @ 5:30p.m. | | | |
| Women's Tennis | | Detroit @ 12p.m. | | | | | |
| Men's & Women's Golf | | | | | Grizzly Invite | Grizzly Invite | |
| Cross Country | | | Notre Dame Invite | | | | |
| Men's Club Hockey | | | ACHA Showcase | ACHA Showcase (Div 3) Toledo @ 9p.m. | ACHA Showcase | | |
| Women's Club Hockey | | | Notre Dame @ 10p.m. | Notre Dame @ 10p.m. | | | |

Women find touch again

By MIKE LARSON
STAFF WRITER

The young OU women's tennis team had a very busy weekend, hosting its first Mid-Con cluster of the season.

The ladies had some success, winning one of the three matches, bringing their overall record to 2-3.

The meet started Thursday afternoon, with the Grizzlies facing off against the Kangaroos of the University of Missouri-Kansas City at the Rochester City Park.

OU started off hot and never cooled down, winning two out of the three doubles matches to take the doubles point.

The freshman pairing of Jessica Erickson and Angela Trecola continued to dominate their opponents, winning the number two doubles match 8-6.

The number three pairing of sophomore Lisa Pellafone and freshman Lauren Sanchez-Murphy, who made her OU debut, also won their match, blanking their opponents 8-0.

The Grizzlies then took to the court for the singles portion of the meet, with the freshmen of the team dominating their Kangaroo foes.

At the number five position, freshman Stephanie Potitris won her match 6-2, 6-0. Then another freshman, Sanchez-Murphy, who just recently passed NCAA clearinghouse and became eligible, won her debut singles match in the number six spot, 6-1, 6-0.

To clinch the match, Trecola put her opponent away by the score of 6-1, 6-0.

The action continued on Friday afternoon with the Grizzlies taking on Chicago State University at Stony Creek High School in Rochester.

CSU came out and surprised a slightly overconfident Grizzly squad, however.

OU dropped both doubles matches, and took only one of the five singles matches, suffering a 5-2 defeat.

OU lost its final match of the cluster, 6-1, to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on Saturday afternoon.

The tennis action continues at 1 p.m. today as the Grizzlies face area rival the University of Detroit Mercy Titans at Stony Creek High School in Rochester.

OU splits opening weekend

By ANTHONY STACK
THE OAKLAND POST

There were good and bad results from the OU men's ice hockey team's season opening doubleheader this weekend.

In the first game of the season, Friday night in Dearborn, the Grizzlies showed they needed to work on their game as they lost to the University of Michigan-Dearborn Wolves, 8-6.

"The game was very disappointing," said head coach Craig Furstenau. "We had more than enough opportunities to score. The team had problems defensively and took a lot of bad penalties."

OU goaltender junior Chris Ballach had a rough game and was pulled in the last two minutes for an extra attacker, but that did no good.

The Wolves scored an empty net goal with 47.3 seconds left in the game to seal the two-goal victory.

In Saturday's rematch, OU was determined to play up to its level at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester for the team's home opener.

After almost 13 minutes of hard fought hockey, OU

took a 1-0 lead off the stick of junior Marc Granger.

A little over five minutes later, Grizzly junior Ron Teasdale scored shorthanded on a pass from senior Dan Oleksy to give the team a two-goal lead.

OU dominated in the first period of play, with senior goalie Shaun Zeldes making great saves in net.

Teasdale was given a controversial hooking penalty 57 seconds into the second period and, 22 seconds later, junior Brian Belliotti took a hooking penalty to give U-M a two-man advantage for a little over a minute and a half.

U-M head coach Josh Brandwene immediately called a timeout to give his players a rest before the five-on-three started. The Wolves had many scoring opportunities, but Zeldes kept them off the scoreboard.

OU scored two more goals, 50 seconds apart, one on the power play by sophomore Ryan Teasdale, and the other at even strength by freshman Joel Dupuis, before the Wolves finally scored.

U-M's lone goal of the game came on a short-handed breakaway by

Chris Musser, after stealing the puck from a Grizzly defenseman.

OU scored once more in the second period, with Teasdale getting his second of the night.

Freshman Jon-Paul Ferrari wrapped up the scoring for the game with his second goal of the season, beating U-M netminder Eric Pagel five-hole to seal a 6-1 victory.

"I took a nice pass from Karl, faked a shot, waited for the goalie to open his legs, and fired five hole," said Ferrari.

The Grizzlies were very pleased with how they played Saturday night compared to Friday.

"We really stepped it up tonight," said Furstenau. "We played better defensively, and didn't take as many bad penalties. We were more disciplined."

Zeldes played an excellent game, but credits his great defense.

"The defense played really well in front of me," said Zeldes. "They deserve a lot of credit."

Ferrari was impressed by the upperclass leadership on the squad.

"The veterans really carry the team," said Oakland's

Ferrari. "They look out after the rookies. We're hoping to have a great season, and are looking for a national championship."

The Grizzlies will be playing in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Showcase tournament this weekend in Pennsylvania.

OU returns home Friday, Oct. 10 versus the University of Illinois at the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester.

See the Grizzlies' homepage www.oaklandhockey.org for more information.

Aside from the "Gold" team that has already started play, OU also is home to a "Black" team that will play 24 Division 3 games this winter.

They will play as an affiliate member in the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Association.

Home games will be played at the Detroit Skating Club.

This will give more players an opportunity to play hockey for OU and possibly allow them to move to the "Gold" team.

It will be coached by former "Gold" team alumni Vlad Bacik and Eric Wojno.



Photo Courtesy of OU men's club hockey
Senior goaltender Shaun Zeldes leads the team off the ice after the Grizzlies opened their 2003-2004 hockey season.

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Charter class reunites

By TRACY ESTES
Senior Life Writer

It has been four decades since the Charter Class of OU was congratulated by Matilda Wilson on a job well done.

The 125 students who received diploma's and genuine diamond class rings in 1963 are celebrating its 40th reunion Oct. 3-5.

There will be dinner and dancing to celebrate their accomplishments at OU and to give the alumni members a chance to catch up with faculty and friends.

"We want the members to be able to reconnect and share their memories once again," said assistant director for Alumni Relations, Jamie Simek.

OU was once known as Michigan State University Oakland (MSUO) and only had a handful of students enrolled in 1959. Students were required to register for 16 credit hours to be full time.

Julie Becker-Fredrick, charter class graduate, earned her bachelors degree in art history and later returned to OU for her masters in education.

"It was a wonderful place and experience, and I'm grateful I took part in it," said Becker-Fredrick.

Becker-Fredrick was very involved with campus activities as a student and also took part in the planning of the 40-year reunion.

"We all knew each other. The school was so small that even the professors knew all the students," said Fredrick. "We had no big brothers or sisters to look up to for advice and it was hard. But we survived being the first class."

The charter class was forced to understand that college was life and there was no working outside of it. School may have been hard, but that does not stop the former students from wanting to reunite and share their stories with each other once again.

The events of the reunion will be centered at the newly remodeled OC which will allow for a variety of ways for alumni to see the growth and development of their once small sister school to MSU.

Activities begin Oct. 3 with registration in the OC from 6-9 p.m. and a welcome bonfire on the upper athletic fields from 8-10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4 will bring golfing at OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course while picture viewing and memorabilia will be in the Hospitality Room of the OC from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Walking tours and coffee hour, as well, will be available to alumni, charter faculty and staff. Kresge Library is having an archive open house, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. where newspapers, yearbooks and pictures can be viewed.



The Charter class is seen burning their blue books after graduation ceremony in 1963.

The biggest event of the reunion is the Charter Gala at Meadow Brook Hall from 6 p.m.-midnight. This event is going to be a replica of the night the class received their rings in 1963. There will be dinner and dancing in the ballroom and a short presentation on Matilda Wilson and Derward "Woody" Varner, the Chancellor of MSUO in 1963.

"Matilda and Woody played a big role in the lives of these people and were very important," said Simek.

The reunion will end with a farewell brunch on Sunday, Oct. 5 in the OC Ballroom. This will tie the events together and allow for classmates to share more memories and say goodbye until their next reunion.

"This was the first group that set the pace for the future of OU," said Paul Tomboulion, professor of chemistry. Tomboulion was one of the first to teach chemistry in 1959 and is still a chemistry professor at OU 45 years later.

"They were not ordinary kids. They couldn't have survived if they were. The school was brand new and the curriculum was hard. But they were extremely hard-working and motivated and although their academic abilities were not very high at



The OC seems barely recognizable in this photo. According to a label on the back of the photo, it is a shot of the OC patio in 1967.

first, their work habits and effort were outstanding," he said.

Tom Werth, charter class graduate, earned his bachelors in Psychology and Sociology, and later went on to be Mayor of Rochester.

"There were no upper classmen and there was nothing in front of us. We were

pioneers," he said.

The 40-year reunion is a time to reminisce and share what each member has done throughout their lives.

For more information on the Charter Class reunion, log onto the OU website at www.oakland.edu and click alumni.



Akanke members Soyini Cowan and Krystal L. Johnson are practicing for the "Reggae Fest" Friday, Oct. 1.

Akanke Fest to help educate

By ANASTASIA STANECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Akanke Dance Troop has come together with the Association of Black Students and the NAACP to present "Reggae Fest."

OU students can expect a night full of fun, entertainment and food from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3 in the OC Banquet Room.

There will be three MC's, a DJ, a live band and the Akanke Dance Troop will perform two different dances.

The band "Love Piece" will play followed by performances from MC's Kodack, Octaine and Illite. A DJ will also be there mixing reggae and hip hop.

Akanke Dance Troop is excited to introduce the Caribbean culture through an array of entertainment and food. Everything is free to OU students. There will be a \$5 fee for non-students.

Akanke is an ethnically diverse dance troop and was created in 1999 after they first celebrated African American History month.

They come together to express and educate ideas and

beliefs important to them. Akanke is now also doing Capoeira, an African inspired type of martial arts.

"Akanke can help educate people of our culture and history in order to develop and unite," said Soyini Cowan, secretary of Akanke. "It's all about unity, diversity and education and developing a connection with the community."

"Akanke would be a great way to uphold OU's 2010 vision because it would provide a dynamic environment and experience for people of different cultures and ethnic background, to work together towards unity and education," said Cowan.

Everyone is welcome to join Akanke. The group is eager to expand.

Interested students can come to practice from 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays in the Pioneer Food Court, in the OC.

Students may watch if you do not want to participate. If you can't make it, more information is available by calling Vice-President Brook Burks at (248) 370-9038.

School can be cool

By SARAH CULVER
THE OAKLAND POST

"School of Rock" is a laugh-out-loud comedy starring Dewey Finn (Jack Black) as a singer, song writer and guitarist who lives for rock 'n' roll stardom.

Right before a momentous Battle of the Bands competition, Finn's band, No Vacancy, fires him from his 20-minute guitar solos and bare-chested stage dives, among other things. Finn is at his wit's end.

With no money and his best friend Ned (Mike White) and Ned's nagging girlfriend (Sarah Silverman) threatening to evict him from his apartment, Finn impersonates Ned to become a substitute teacher at the prestigious Horace Green Elementary School for an enticing salary of \$650 a week.

Finn, in between snacks and an all-

day recess, discovers his class of above-average 4th graders has musical talent.

Immediately sparking his genuine passion for the all-powerful rock 'n' roll, Finn begins a top-secret school project, in which he uses his students as groupies and guitarist. All this is done right under Principal Mullins (Joan Cusack) nose.

In a film that has striking parallels with the people behind the actors, this story is both inspirational and appreciative for the roots of rock 'n' roll.

Black's own life as a singer, songwriter and guitarist of Tenacious D, combined with real-life students trained in drums, guitar, piano and song creates an authenticity rarely seen in film.

Black exceeds his comedic reputation set in recent films such as, "Shallow Hal," "Saving Silverman" and "High Fidelity."

The tunes of legendary music artists KISS, Led Zeplin, Jimi Hendrix and Pink Floyd, Jack Black's latest tribute to both comedy and rock 'n' roll make this movie a hit.

White, the screenwriter, lived next door to Black for three years and wrote this script to tap into Black's unique personality.

Black is known for his recent films which include, "The Good Girl," (2002), "Orange County," (2002) and "Chuck and Buck," (2000). White has won awards from the Deauville Film Festival, the Seattle International Film Festival and the Independent Spirit Awards.

Consider "School of Rock" a gold record in the hall of fame and a soon-to-be-classic on the shelves of any music and comedy lover.

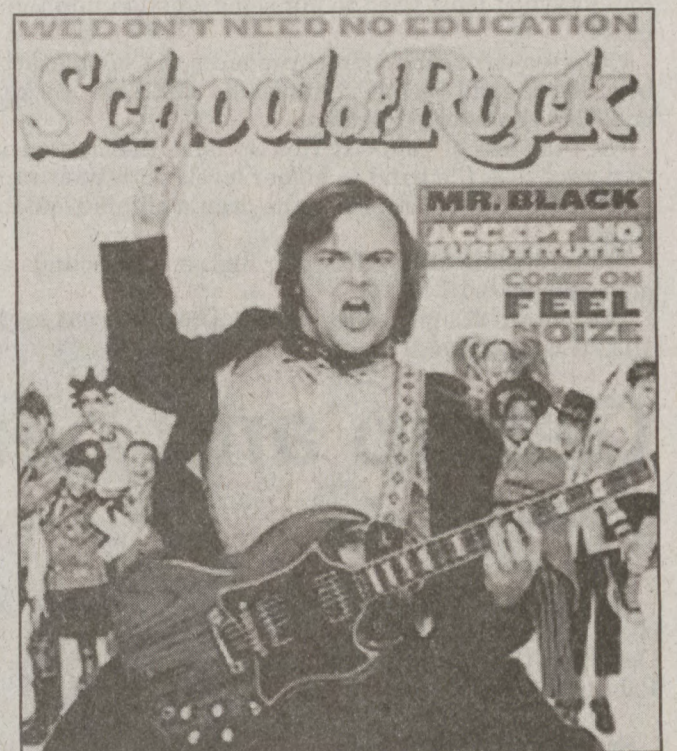


Photo courtesy of Paramount pictures
"School of Rock" will show in theaters Friday, Oct. 2.

Contortion on campus

BY SARAH CULVER
THE OAKLAND POST

Shock, suspense, humor and horror. Each is a description of the “Blue Monkey Sideshow,” that students can expect to experience at noon Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

The “Blue Monkey Sideshow” is sponsored by the Student Program Board and admission is free.

Contortionism, sword swallowing, a bed of nails and the “Three Man Shrink Wrap,” involving shrink-wrap and a vacuum, will be some of performances students can anticipate to watch.

“The entire show is a roller coaster ride paced by audience reaction,” said Bart Simpson, CEO and Artistic Director for the Blue Monkey Sideshow. “We begin with the unusual and then give them something funny, building suspense each time.”

The “Blue Monkey Sideshow” cast includes, Krembo, master juggler, Jeeribaldi, “the world’s most twisted blockhead” and Skanky, musician, knife thrower and fakir of the bed of nails.

“It sounds like something out of Ripley’s Believe It or Not,” said Anthony Cilli, junior.

“That’s awesome stuff, to see a guy do crazy things like that,” said Dan Maslach, senior. “I would like to see more of that.”

Legend has it, Krembo left New York City at the age of nine and started as a single act. He now tortures audiences with his two partners in sideshow crime.

Jeeribaldi was raised by a village,

but was kicked out once residents realized how unusual he was.

He has always enjoyed sticking sharp things in his body and dislocating various appendages.

Skanky is a well-traveled trouble-maker supposedly thrown out of India for an incident involving an animal. He took a job opening for Krembo in a small Midwest town and has stuck with the show ever since.

Formed in 1998, this modern-take on an American circus tradition has used the bizarre and unusual to create a full-length feature performance.

The Indianapolis-based “Sideshow” was founded by a the trio of seasoned performers that combined their formal training in theatre, fine arts and psychology with their talents in entertaining to create the “Blue Monkey Sideshow.”

Historically, sideshows displayed people with physical abnormalities, bearded women and eight-foot tall men.

Performers with unusual abilities include fire eating, sword swallowing and rare objects like mummies and



“3 Man Shrink Wrap,” involving shrink-wrap and a vacuum is one of the performances during the “Blue Monkey Sideshow”

Photo courtesy of “Blue Monkey Sideshow” Website

skeletal remains.

“In general, sideshows have not been put in a package like this,” said Simpson. “We made it a very Americana-style show with everything performed live. Every show is different.”

The “Blue Monkey Sideshow” has performed across the country and recently returned from the Alaska State Fair.

More information about the “Blue Monkey Sideshow” can be found at www.bluemoneysideshow.com.

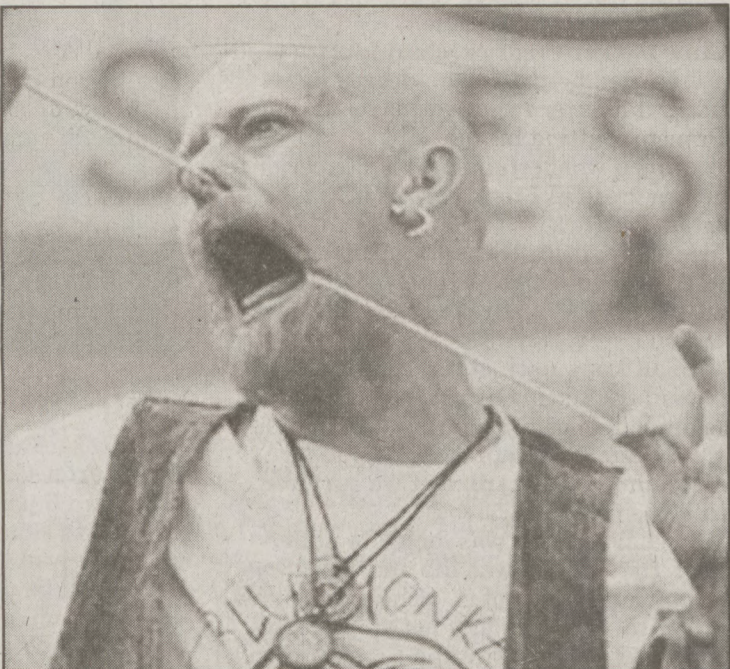


Photo courtesy of the Blue Monkey SideShow Website

Rick Northam, also known as Jeeribaldi displays one of his performances of contortionism during the “Blue Monkey Sideshow.” The show is coming to OU at noon Tuesday, Oct. 7

Bart Simpson, CEO and Artistic Director of “The Blue Monkey Sideshow” and Sarah Culver, Oakland Post writer.

Q: So, how big of a Simpson’s fan are you?

A: Actually, I really like the Simpson’s.

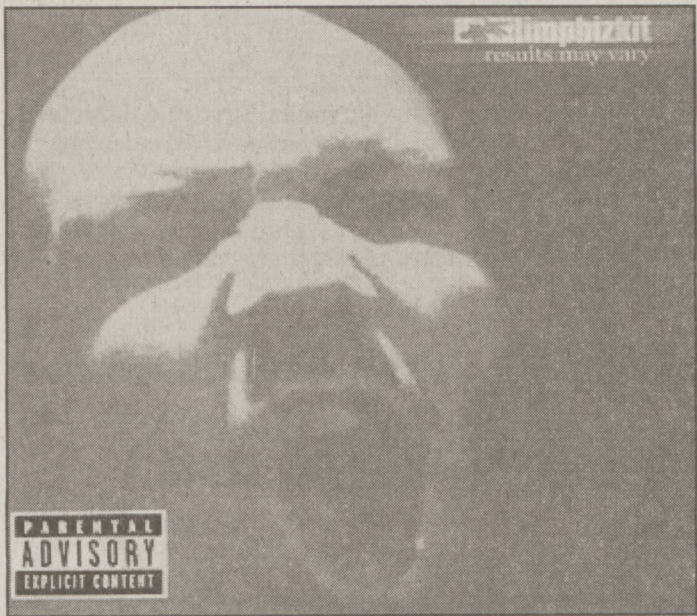
Q: Is that your real name?

A: Yes, it is.

Q: People must ask you that a lot.

A: Yes, they do. I met the person who does the cartoon several years ago and she said she was sorry we shared a name, but I really don’t mind. About 12 years ago my picture was in TV Guide because we shared a name!

Bizkit and Mary could be better



Limp Bizkit Album: Results May Vary

Limp Bizkit as we know it, is dead. With the release of their fourth album, “Results May Vary,” on Sept. 23, fans are left wondering if vocalist Fred Durst had taken a valium while recording. Unfortunately, the album is nothing compared to Limp Bizkit’s first three albums, “Three Dollar Bill,” “Significant Other” and “Chocolate Star Fish.”

With 16 brand new tracks and room for growth, Durst could have at least tried to put some emotion into the music.

However, each song merely produces the same exact beat, leaving out the effort and skills that Limp Bizkit once had the talent to release.

With the loss of guitarist Wes Borland, the creativity that once took the band to higher levels with their rap and rock unique sounds is lost in the drama of fame and fortune.

Limp Bizkit is known for their high-energy sounds and angry lyrics.

These were the guys that started a riot at Woodstock 1999 with their song “Break Stuff”

Limp Bizkit has the title for being one of the founding fathers of the mixed rap and rock genre.

Now, with their repetitive sounds and unemotional lyrics, Durst has taken the band from being on top to hitting rock bottom.

It is almost a joke to listen to songs like “Almost Over,” where their once original sound is lost with the same guitar riff played over and over.

The only song that remotely seems to have that unique Limp Bizkit sound and did not seem to be just thrown together for record sales is track 15, “Behind Blue Eyes.”

This track is a slower paced song, and actually follows some arrangement that resembles a separate song from all the others.

The talent that Durst once had for writing phenomenally edgy lyrics seemed to go out the door the same moment Borland left.

His departure from the band is evident on “Results May Vary.” The album definitely took the band in a new direction, however, it was the wrong way.

What happened to the Limp Bizkit that was set to take over the world?

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Mary J. Blige Album: Love & Life

With her latest released album, “Love & Life,” Mary J. Blige gives us a feel of the brand new Mary with just a hint of the old “Queen of Hip Hop and Soul,” as she’s mostly referred to as.

Famous rappers, Jay-Z and P. Diddy, who is also an executive producer on the album, introduced the world known diva as something different and special.

The album itself makes this notion concrete. In a single track, Blige has the ability to showcase the highs and lows that every relationship must go through, all the while, teaching her fans how to hold on through life’s struggles.

As more than half of the singles depict the emotions of a genuine, intimate relationship, there’s no doubt that this woman is in love.

Dedicating the remainder of her lyrics to the trials that life brings, the record describes exactly what Blige is

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enduring, which is, Love & Life.

For those who lack interest in listening to love ballads, this album is not for you.

Yet, anyone who needs to hear a real-life testimony on failing only to succeed in the end, Blige won’t let you down.

In tracks such as “Don’t Go,” or “When We,” Blige reminds us that perfection does not exist, especially in people or relationships, but through all of the negativity, it’s important to hold on.

“Love at First Sight,” featuring rapper Method Man takes listeners back to the days of the popular song “What’s the 411?” reminding us exactly why we fell in love with Blige in the first place.

The song “It’s a Wrap.” let’s the ladies know there is no need to stay with a man who doesn’t respect you, while “Special Part of Me” explains how it feels to truly be in love.

With music artists 50 Cent and Eve, not much diversity exists in Mary’s latest release.

This is definitely not her best album, but it packs a powerful message.

As Blige invites you to experience her royalty in “Love & Life,” you’ll understand why she’s called the “Queen of Hip Hop and Soul.”

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST



Get up and head out to this months concerts

BY ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

If students are looking for a break from school, why not check out some of the music concerts happening around Detroit at the State Theater, St. Andrews Hall and the Palace of Auburn Hills.

State Theater

“Good Charlotte” and “Something Corporate” will be

playing on Wednesday, Oct 1.

“Brand New,” “Dashboard Confessional,” “MXPX” and “Vendetta Red” will be performing Saturday, Oct 4.

“All-American Rejects,” “Diffuser” and “Hoobastank” will be performing in the “Nokia” Unwired Tour Friday, Oct.10.

St. Andrews Hall

“Bowling for Soup” and “Never Heard Of It” will be performing Friday, Oct. 3

The Palace of Auburn Hills

Twain will be performing will be performing Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25.

Student Spotlight

David Kilkenney

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

Maintaining a successful career is what most college students dream of, but David Kilkenney wanted more.

It wasn't until his volunteer experience with Choice Humanitarian in Kenya that he found his true calling.

The 31-year-old Rochester Hills native worked in the Indexable Cutting Tools Manufacturing Realm lecturing at prestigious corporations such as Boeing, Cassna and Saab Aerospace.

He taught companies how to manufacture safe products for airplanes until he realized in 2000 that he needed a change.

"I was unhappy at work and I just wasn't getting a good feeling for the work I was doing," said Kilkenney.

That simple gut feeling has changed Kilkenney's life forever.

Prior to quitting his job, Kilkenney landed his first out-of-country volunteer experience in the little village of Kikonde on the east coast of Kenya. Along with 22 other volunteers, Kilkenney helped build classrooms and pit latrines. They also worked on water cisterns so the villagers could obtain fresh water.

"I just grabbed my camera and documented everything they were

doing," said Kilkenney. From that moment, the dedicated volunteer fell in love.

"Africa...and its people...they're so content to just be. It's almost embarrassing how we live here compared to how they live. They seem happy to just be alive. Africa... the people... I completely fell in love," he said.

Upon departing from the beloved country, Kilkenney realized that he needed to go back to school. Having not been a student for over 10 years, he knew this would be quite the transition.

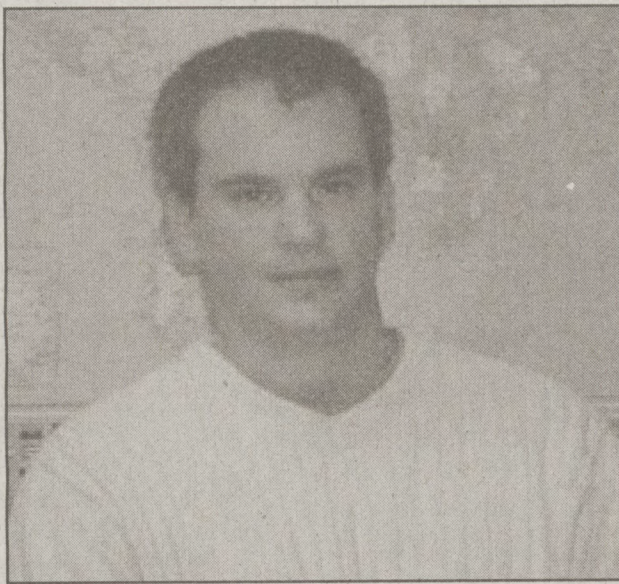
Regardless, Kilkenney enrolled at OU not solely for himself, but because he felt he had a purpose.

In going back to school, Kilkenney said his goal is to document humanitarian situations, needs, efforts, government and non-government organizations in eastern and central Africa.

Kilkenney is completing his general studies now, but he plans to major in journalism and minor in African studies.

While getting a degree is at the top of every student's agenda, the most important thing Kilkenney plans to accomplish during his stay at OU is informing students about the importance of volunteering.

"We are all supposed to help those that are less fortunate," he said.



Left:

Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post

David Kilkenney volunteers his time in Africa to help the people build classrooms and pit latrines.

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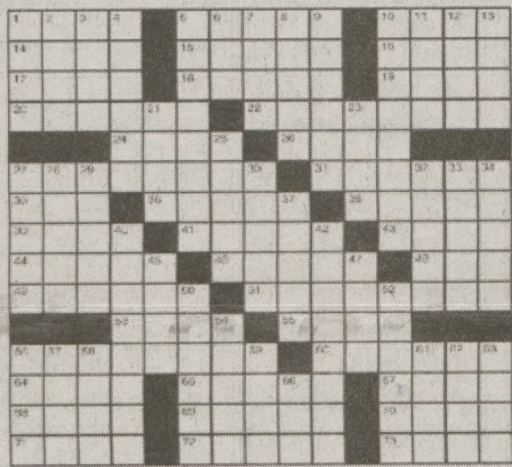
Photo courtesy of David Kilkenney.

Kilkenney takes time to help the people in the village of Kikonde, Africa. Kilkenney's life changed with his volunteer work.



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19. Compare prices
20. Well-grounded
22. Travel document
24. Programming repetition
26. Proofreader's cut
27. Like the perfect crime
31. Control-lower devices
35. Feather scarf
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10. Accelerator
11. Canyon rerun
12. Thunder god
13. Alternative to 9
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25. Part of a blossom
27. WWII submarine
28. Sentence subjects
29. Inductee's boss
30. Score minus eight
32. Suspect story
33. Twin of Romulus
34. Tempest
37. New
40. Located
42. Barter
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47. Valentine word
50. Engraved
52. Artful maneuver
54. Chicago hub
56. Small restaurant
57. Comply
58. Mum
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61. Tex-Mex snack
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63. Stand
66. Dog tags, briefly

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Where do you think you will be in 40 years?



"I hope to be a millionaire with a house on the water in Miami."

Alex Valtadoros
Senior
Accounting



"Hopefully I'll be running my own business."

Rachel Wanagat
Freshman
Business

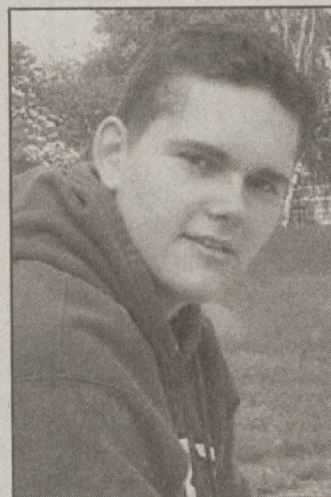


"Either retired, living in a continuously warm place or still teaching!"

Kristi Watkins
Freshman
Elementary Education

"I hope to have a family and a successful business. I want my family to be financially secure."

Lucas Sajdak
Freshman
Business



Friday, Oct. 3

Friday Night Live with Alexandra McHale will begin at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Disability Awareness Days begin and run through Oct. 9 in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Friday, Oct. 10

Friday Night Live with Dale K. will begin at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Monday, Oct. 13

WOCOU IX kicks off with a reception and Matilda Wilson's 120th birthday celebration. It will be held in the OC Banquet Rooms from noon-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

The Student Program Board will be hosting an art gallery in Gold Room C of the OC at noon.

Thursday, Oct. 16

The Association of Black Students and the Student Program Board will be hosting the third annual WOCOU Talent Show at 8 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms.

Friday, Oct. 17

Friday Nights Live with Dustin Diamond will be at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall. Tickets are required for this show.

WOCOU IX is having Friday Night with the 25th Anniversary of "Animal House," at 8 p.m. in the campus Recreation Center.

The Student Program Board will be hosting the second annual OU Students vs. OU Staff Basketball game at 11 p.m. in the O'Rena of the Rec Center.

The fifth annual Midnight Madness line-up is at 10:30-11 p.m. outside the Rec Center. Midnight Madness begins at 11 p.m. in the O'Rena of the Rec Center.

Monday, Oct. 20

The fall Blood Drive will be in the Gold Rooms of the OC at 9 a.m.-9 p.m. through Oct. 22.

Friday, Oct. 24

Friday Nights Live with Elvira Kurt will be at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

The Student Program Board will be hosting a Dinner Theater, "The Magic of Virgil" at 7 p.m. in the OC Banquet Room.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

The Student Program Board will having a song writers workshop with Brad Yodar at noon-12 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Brad Yodar will host an Open Mic Night for students at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

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This Week

Friday, Oct. 3 Seniors Set Your Sails!

11:30 AM-4:30 PM, Gold Rooms, OC. Learn about job market trends and employers' expectations, discuss professional development and career advancement, and meet with staff, students, alumni, and employer representatives.

Friday, Oct. 3 RHC's Friday Night Live Series presents comedian Alexandra McHale.

McHale has been a regular at clubs such as The Comic Strip, Catch a Rising Star and Caroline's and is a member of the prestigious Actor's Studio in New York. She's also well known in the improv circles, having performed with N20 Comedy, All Legs, No Brains, and the Bottlerockets. Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM. Free admission and refreshments.

Upcoming Events

RHC's Friday Night Live Series presents comedian Dale K

Friday, October 10, Vandenberg Cafeteria, 7 PM

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