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Keeping MLK's dream alive

By RANDY S. DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

While the text of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech can be found in textbooks, the spirit of his words is not necessarily abundant. Four OU students, however, embody Dr. King's spirit on campus. Senior Crystal Wilkerson, junior Crystal Allen and sophomores Steven Townsend and Sumeera Younis were named the winners of the 2003 Keeper of the Dream Award. They will be honored at the Keeper of the Dream banquet on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in 1993 with the goal of recognizing OU undergraduates who contribute to racial understanding and goodwill.

"I remember attending the banquet last year and that was really the first time I heard of the award and what it was all about," said Younis, who is double majoring in women's studies and sociology. "A couple people mentioned to me that I should try out for it, so I picked up the application and applied."

To be eligible for the award, nominees must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, demonstrate campus involvement and possess a record of responsible citizenship. The applicants must obtain three letters of recommendation from members

of the OU community, a resume detailing involvement and leadership in racial understanding and breaking down cultural barriers on campus.

According to Townsend, "The tough part about the process was to look at yourself critically and answer the question: 'How have you helped interracial relations at Oakland University?' I believe that I have made a big difference at the University ... but this was the first time that I actually sat down and evaluated myself."

"I participate in many activities on campus because I care about people, not because of how it looks on a resume, or how other people will respond to it," she said. "I genuinely care about my peers,

and I think that I was able to express that very well in my application."

The annual awards banquet, which is held during OU's African American Celebration, honors the memory of the late civil rights leader. The banquet, which will be held at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, helps raise funds for the scholarships. Additional support is drawn from business and industry, community members and OU faculty, staff and students.

Since the award's inception, 40 students from a variety of majors have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

"Being honored with the award makes me feel like I am part of a legacy, it's a

real honor," said Townsend. "It means that I am a part of a group of students who are being honored for helping continue the dream."

Younis agreed with Townsend's opinion of the reverence of the award.

"Martin Luther King Jr. has always been a man that I have had a great amount of admiration and respect for," she said. "The work that he did in his lifetime and the example that he left for generations after him is amazing. His legacy is one that should definitely be preserved. To be recognized as someone who is striving to be a part of that is a great honor."

Making progress



Despite the chilly weather, work continues on the new Oakland Center entrance. Most of the framework is complete, and university officials anticipate the project will be finished by this fall.

Randy S. Dudek/The Oakland Post

Students, faculty express concern over impending war

By RANDY S. DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With war in Iraq all but a certainty, students, faculty and guests looking for intelligent discussion on the conflict convened in the Fireside Lounge on Monday at noon.

According to Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs and event emcee, the purpose of the forum was "to have an interactive discussion on the issues surrounding Iraq."

In addition to Franklin, the discussion panel included assistant professor of political science Peter Trumbore, history professor Don Matthews, political science professor Vincent Khapoya and senior Bretton Jones, political science.

All of the panelists were against the war, though to varying degrees. Trumbore was the least opposed, saying that while he believed that the reasons for war were justified, the Bush Administration had yet to make a sufficient public case for war.

Matthews described himself as "beyond skeptical," stating that there has not been any discussion of the cost of war, both to the Iraqi people, as well as the hit that our already fragile economy would take.

Khapoya was the most against the



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Political science professor Peter Trumbore (far left) discusses his views on whether the U.S. should enter into war with Iraq. History professor Don Matthews, Campus Greens President Bretton Jones and political science professor Vince Khapoya were also on the panel.

war, considering himself a strong opponent of war, though he noted that he was in favor of the first Gulf War, as it was wrong for Saddam Hussein to attempt to annex Kuwait.

One of the big topics of discussion between the panel and the audience

was the amount of, and the accuracy of the information that was provided by the mainstream American media.

When a student commented on the Bush Administration's frequent use of "sources" while never revealing

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Hitting the runway

The Association of Black Students will hold its third annual fashion show as part of African American Celebration Month this Friday at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show runs from 8-10 p.m.

This year's theme is "Stylin' in the Island."

The fashion show features models who are diverse in race, culture and gender.

They will be modeling clothes from popular stores that can be

found at most malls.

"The fashion show is a very successful event. It is not just for black students," said Ashli Bobo, president of ABS. "It is for everyone."

ABS was recently named "organization of the year" by other student organizations through the Center for Student Activities.

Admission is free for all OU students with proper identification and \$5 for faculty and staff. Non-students can attend for \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Tickets for the event can be picked up at the Center for Student Activities office in the basement of the Oakland Center.

According to Bobo, the ABS fashion show attracted 400 people in its first year and 600 people in the second year.

This year, Bobo said ABS is hoping for a record audience of between 750 and 800.

- Sola Olagbegi, The Oakland Post

Community criticizes OU's Board of Trustees

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The apparent Open Meetings Act violation by the Board of Trustees has drawn much attention from the surrounding community.

Six trustees of OU's eight-member Board were present at a secret Jan. 15 meeting and a luncheon that followed.

The Board said it met to hear a briefing on the state of higher education in Lansing. They called it an informal meeting and prevented the public from attending.

Shea Howell, interim director of the Rhetoric, Communication and

Journalism department, said higher education funding and likely tuition increases are of paramount importance to students, and they should have been allowed to attend.

"Because we are facing tight budget cuts, students had the right to insist they were part of that (meeting)," she said. "Student reps were not notified. What's that about? The people directly affected by these changes are students in the classrooms."

Sophomore Kristin Miller agreed that the meeting should have been open to the public.

"It's wrong. It's (the meeting) supposed to be public. Students care about what's

going on in their school," she said noting that she is concerned about the cost of tuition and how the university spends it money.

All governments, including the state legislature, must abide by the OMA.

According to State Representative John Garfield, even he and other members of the House have to count how many representatives are present, even at informal gatherings, in order to avoid having a quorum as outlined in the OMA.

"There are times we can't even have dinner together if there is a quorum," Garfield said.

Barbara Holder, a Rochester Hills City

Council member at large, said the OMA is something she and the council take very seriously and monitor closely.

"Anytime we attend public functions or even at one another's homes for entertaining, and there will be four or more of us ... we post the notification for the public to see," Holder said.

After the Jan. 15 meeting, Scott Barns, AAUP executive director, said he receives notification about upcoming BOT meetings via email. However, he was not alerted to the meeting.

According to Garfield, meetings must be posted 24-hours in advance so the public knows they are taking place.

He said regardless of the topic, the

BOT must meet openly to discuss why it is necessary for it to meet in a closed session.

Bryan Barnett, member of the Rochester Hills City Council and former OU Student Body President, said all Rochester Hills City Council meetings are posted at City Hall 24 to 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Barnett said the council is very careful not to violate the OMA. He said even an annual Christmas party held by one council member is posted at City Hall. The posting is labeled "social gathering" and lists the member's address and the

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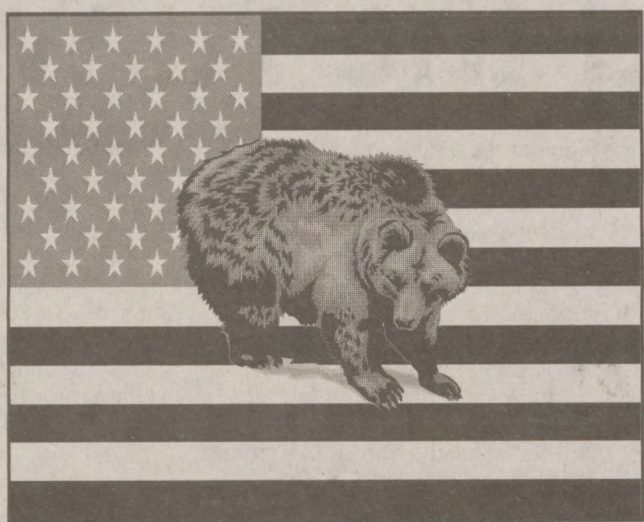
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Beer Lake: Then and now

Restructuring and beautification of pond bring up memories of what it used to be

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

The station wagon that was pulled in September, was the last interesting thing found in Beer Lake.

Simon Ren, an OU engineer and associate director of Facilities Management, said, "I know there's some interesting stuff we haven't gotten to," but added that at present nothing will likely turn up because the lake will not be drained completely. Four feet of mud remain.

But Beer Lake, made in 1967 as a water retention pond when Vandenberg Hall was built, has a rich history not forgotten by OU's community.

Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, said the pond was named Beer Lake because students used to store their beers in the lake to chill them.

She said in the 1990s there was controversy surrounding the name of the lake and added that a student suggested that former President Champagne change his name if the name Beer Lake was to change.

"I like it (the name) because it's OU tradition. I don't associate it with alcohol," Miller said.

She also recalls two Big Boy restaurant dolls showing up in the lake in earlier years.

The current restructuring of Beer Lake cost \$232,000 and is expected to be complete in the spring.

The work began during summer 2002

with repairs made on the bridge. Work on the shoreline is currently underway.

Rusty Postlewait, associate vice president for Facilities Management said, "There was a big problem with erosion. The normal water flow had made the slope of the lake steep and dangerous."

According to Postlewait, the inlet and outlet structure repair work became a priority.

Ren said two-thirds of the shoreline has been lined with boulders and the remaining third will be lined with geotextile as a solution for shoreline protection.

When the lake refills with rainwater, the level will be kept at two and half feet lower than previously, Ren said.

"In this way there will be a strong water retention capacity but the water will be let out more slowly meaning less damage downstream," Postlewait said.

Ren added that rainwater collected in parking lots on the main campus eventually drains into Beer Lake, which means during a storm, any litter also ends up in the lake.

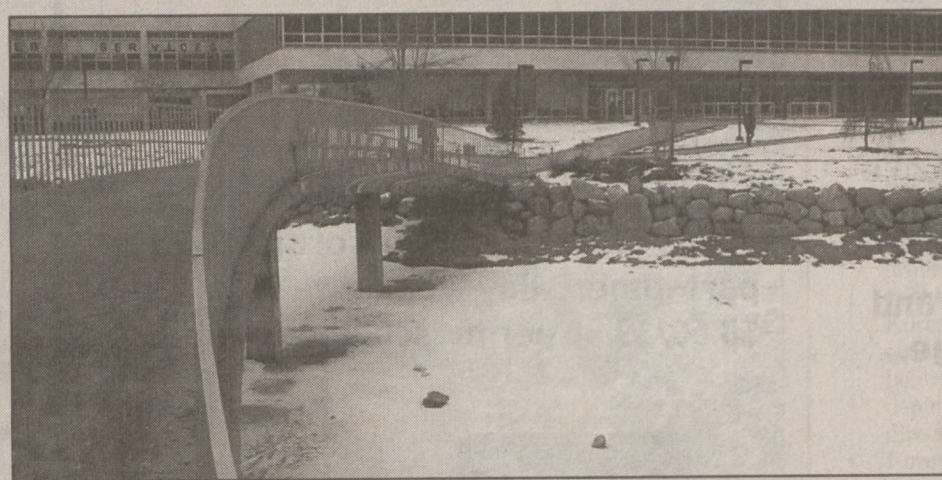
According to Postlewait, workers will plant trees in the spring shortly after the ground thaws.

Ren said the master plan includes cleaning Beer Lake's polluted water in conjunction with the Clean Water Act in neighboring jurisdictions but has no time frame on the project.

Perhaps when that is accomplished, Miller's idea of holding a WOCO canoe-racing event in the Lake will be possible.



Above: Beer Lake has been a staple on OU's campus since it was built in 1967.



Left: Stones have been brought in to support the banks of Beer Lake during the restructuring project.

Above: Kresge Library Archives

Left: Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

Educating students about sex

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

In this day and age, people realize that college students are going to be sexually active. The problem is some students aren't acting responsibly.

That's why the Golden Key International Honour Society is sponsoring the "Get Some" Sexual Responsibility Week Feb. 10-14.

According to the Center for Disease Control, people between the ages of 20-24 are at a higher risk for getting STDs over any other age group.

The purpose of the week is to inform students through information tables set up from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Oakland Center throughout the week. Free educational materials

about sexually transmitted diseases, using protection, testing and other topics related to sexual responsibility will be handed out.

Free condoms and condom key chains will also be distributed at the tables.

The tables will be staffed by members of Golden Key, as well as volunteers from the Pre-Med Society and the Student Nursing Association.

Sommer Stack, one of the committee chairpersons, said the overall goal of the week is to provide stu-

dents with the knowledge to be sexually responsible.

"It's about providing information and letting students make their own decisions regarding sexual responsibility."

Jean Ann Miller
Director
Center for Student Activities
and Leadership Development

"It seems that more and more people, aged 18 to 25, are contracting STDs at rising rates," Stack said. "This dangerous situation can be prevented when you are made aware. We would like to supply free condoms and information so that students may better protect themselves and be aware of the

dangers."

Spotlighted events will also be held during the week. One of these events, a panel discussion, will take place from 12-1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Lake Superior A room. Representatives from Graham Health Center, RAD, HAVEN, Common Ground and Planned Parenthood will be on hand for the hour-long discussion.

On Friday, the Center for Student Activities will sponsor condom BINGO from 12-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Later that evening, the week will end with a Valentine's Singles Mixer from 8 p.m.-midnight in the Gold Rooms of the OC. Although the name indicates only singles are invited, couples are encouraged to attend.

There will be no admission

charge, but everyone has the option of donating a brand new stuffed animal to Oakland Family Services. Food will be served, and a DJ from the Palace of Auburn Hills and DTE Energy Music Theatre will supply the music.

Games and activities will take place all evening, as well as a multitude of giveaways. Prizes include gift certificates (to restaurants, salons, golf courses and stores) and gift baskets, with a grand prize of a pair of Detroit Red Wings' tickets.

This is the first year the "Get Some" campaign will take place, but Stack says she would like to see it evolve into an annual event on campus.

Jean Ann Miller, Golden Key's advisor, introduced the Society to

the Bacchus & Gamma, a peer education network, "Get Some" Sexual Responsibility Week, and the students turned it into an OU event.

"We took the principles of the (Bacchus and Gamma) campaign and ran with it," Stack said. "All of the events and ideas have been our own creation, based upon the purposes of the B&G campaign. We want to provide the students with the knowledge and the tools. The rest is up to them."

Miller said she thinks it's a good idea to inform students without preaching to them.

"It's a great idea, especially since it's coming from peers," she said. "It's about providing information and letting students make their own decisions regarding sexual responsibility."

OUSC denies OUPD funds

Congress decides not to help finance repairs to broken blue lights on campus

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

OU Student Congress will not foot the bill for an emergency blue light repair. OUSC members voted down a bill to contribute \$725 to replace the speaker box component in the blue light next to Dodge Hall.

The speaker box has already been repaired, and OUSC has been discussing reimbursing OUPD since Lt. Richard Tomczak petitioned OUSC three weeks ago.

OUSC President Brian Tomina, senior, said, "I think it's a good idea. Safety is everyone's job, not just OUPD's."

Legislator Jeffrey Galecki, senior who introduced the bill after talking to Tomczak said, "This is an opportunity to show student support. It's not the ultimate way, but

it is a small way. Passing out T-shirts shouldn't be the only thing we (OUSC) do."

As of 9 a.m. yesterday, Tomczak had not been informed of OUSC's decision and could not comment on it. He said the Dodge Hall blue light was repaired in the last week of January. According to Tomczak, all blue lights on campus are now operating.

With regards to the bill, several opposing voices were heard.

Legislator Kenton Lewis, junior said he would prefer OUSC to do something original and then claim responsibility for it. This was said in response to OUPD's offer to place a plaque on the Dodge Hall blue light that would credit OUSC for its repair.

Echoing Lewis, legislator Lindsay Stover, junior, and Jonathan Parks, junior, suggested that OUSC pur-

chase a new blue light phone in the university student apartments vicinity where there is not one currently.

Legislator Jason Joyce, junior, who represents the Residence Hall Council, said RHC was against OUSC donating the money.

Galecki, though agreeing with some points his peers made, added that purchasing a new light is a project that could take up to a year.

Tomina reminded the body this was an attempt to be proactive and that was the reason Tomczak was invited to the meeting to address campus issues.

Tomczak said OUPD is now in phase two of its plan for the blue lights. Currently, work is going on to modernize the components of the systems and phase three includes upgrading the lights.

Getting personal

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Graham Health Center will be asking students some very personal questions in the coming weeks.

GHC will be distributing a health survey to students the week of Feb. 10 to learn a bit more about the student body so it can better adjust its programs.

The survey, which asks 58 questions, is called the National College Health Assessment and was developed by the American College Health Association. Many of the questions are very personal.

For example, one question asks the students to describe their sexual tendencies whether they be heterosexual, bisexual, gay/lesbian, transgender or unsure.

Some ask about drinking and sexual activity habits. According to Joanne

Talarek, Director of Graham Health Center, the tests are completely anonymous and optional.

"We go through significant hoops to ensure confidentiality," Talarek said. "A lot of times those assurances will encourage people to fill it out honestly."

The surveys will be randomly distributed to classes with a separate consent form, both to be returned at the next class meeting in separate boxes. She said about 2,000 students will be surveyed.

According to Talarek, students can opt-out of taking

the survey.

Students who choose to take the survey will receive coupons for a free soft drink at Pic 'a Deli and five free

tokens for the Bumpers' Game Room.

The consent forms will be used to select students for bigger prizes including coupons for local restaurants, a free massage in the Rec Center and free health assessments at the Rec Center.

"There will be approximately 40 prizes so the chances of winning something are pretty good," Talarek said.

"I don't think the sexual questions will be a problem," said Dave Renee, junior, after

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Crime Watch

•More than \$3,500 worth of computer equipment was stolen from 368 SEB, the math department office, between 5 p.m. Jan. 24 and 8 a.m. Jan. 25, Saturday. A staff member reported the items stolen at 8:15 a.m. the next day. Items stolen include an Apple Computer PowerPC G4, a

Dell computer, a floppy drive, two UniMice, a Zip drive and two keyboards.

•A cell phone, wallet and checkbook were stolen from a non-student's vehicle parked outside Van Wagoner Hall some time before 4 p.m. on Feb. 1. She parked there before a swim meet

earlier in the day and returned to find her Kiacera Blue cell phone, wallet and checkbook stolen.

•A non-student's brown, leather wallet and Nextel cell phone were stolen from the Rec Center between 8 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. on Jan. 30. The man placed the objects in his hat and put it

on the windowsill across from the basketball court. When the man returned at 8:50 p.m. his phone and wallet were gone.

•A student's 1996 Pontiac was damaged in a hit-and-run accident in the lot outside Van Wagoner Hall between 8 p.m. on Jan. 25 and Jan. 27. Her left,

front fender was damaged.

•A red 1999 Pontiac Grand Am was struck by another vehicle before 11 a.m. Jan. 27 in the SEB lot. The vehicle was parked when its rear bumper and driver's side were damaged.

•A Hill House student was found in possession of a knife at

10:45 a.m. Jan. 31. An OUPD officer received a tip that the student had a handgun. The officers went to the student's room to get permission to enter. Upon entering, no firearm was found though they did find a 5-inch knife. The student was sent to the Dean of Students.

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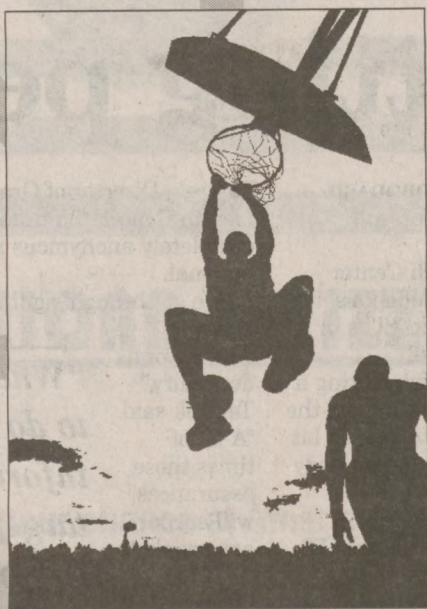
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Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards:

WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 2003 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards must be graduating seniors in April 2003 or have graduated in June, August or December 2002. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Nominees must be graduating in April 2003 or have graduated in June, August or December 2002. The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

Nomination forms are available at the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, or by calling 370-3352. Deadline for both nominations is Friday, February 14, 2003.

Seven die in disaster



Courtesy of KRT Campus
Pieces of the shuttle are scattered all over Texas.

By REBECCA WYATT & LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

The remains of the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of the space shuttle Columbia were found in northeast Texas Monday. The National Aeronautic and Space Administration said the condition of the bodies was not released out of respect for the families.

"We are treating the remains with the ultimate

respect they deserve," said Bob Cabana, director of flight crew operations. According to NASA, Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, lost contact with the space shuttle Columbia at about 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 16 minutes before it was to land at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL. Mission control said the shuttle was on its reentry glide path over Texas at the time communication was lost. A short time

later, debris began falling to the ground in the area around Dallas and Fort Worth. While the cause of the accident has yet to be determined, NASA is looking into the possibility that the heat-resistant tiles on the underside of the left wing were damaged by debris when a piece of insulating foam broke off and hit the left wing during lift-off. NASA did not notice what was thought to be an

"inconsequential" incident until the day after lift-off and, a spokesman said, nothing could have been done to repair damage to the tiles while in space. NASA said that as the shuttle started its descent the four temperature sensors on the left wing stopped sending signals to mission control. Sensors in the left wheel well began showing abnormal heating. NASA reported the shuttle began tilting at that time, possibly to counter-

act drag on the left side. Mission control received an acknowledgement from the crew of the tilting, but then communication ended. Some OU students had a strong reaction to the tragedy. "I was listening to the radio when it happened. It brought tears to my eyes," said Agnes Derbis, freshman. "It's pretty sad that the only reason we've heard about it is because it's a

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GLOBAL GLANCE

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell is speaking today at the U.N. Security Council to persuade them Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is not complying with a U.N. resolution to disarm. Powell is expected to present the Council with photographs and possible transcripts of intercepted conversations of Iraqi officials discussing cover-up procedures for the U.N. weapons inspectors. According to CNN, the intercepted conversations and photographs show evidence of a weapons program in Iraq. A resolution by the U.N. against Iraq has the country destroying any chemical, nuclear or biological weapons or face serious consequences.

The U.S. said it's not so distracted by Iraq that it has forgotten North Korea. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has signed a "prepare to deploy" order to send an aircraft carrier to the Pacific Ocean near North Korea. The "prepare to deploy" order is the preliminary step before the signing of an "actual deployment" order. This is a direct response to the North Korean military getting ready in case the U.S. attacks.

The U.S. is pressuring NATO member Turkey for its use of air bases and for the transit of U.S. troops through Turkey to Iraq in case of war. Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said he would ask parliament this week to let the U.S. use the military stations. The U.S. is wondering how long before the decision is going to be made because the country is preparing to celebrate a nine-day Muslim religious holiday next week. Some analysts said a secondary northern front to Turkey could shorten any war and reduce U.S. losses.

Even though Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Gadhafi is backing the U.N. with its weapons inspections in Iraq, he is asking both sides to act rationally and with respect for each other. Gadhafi said he doesn't want war and told Iraq if it cooperates with U.N. demands, bloodshed will not happen. He has also put no limit on the inspections in Iraq, unlike U.S. President George W. Bush. By urging Iraq to allow U.N. inspectors full access to the country, Gadhafi said he hopes there is no rationale for war.

After the state-run ferry sank off the coast of Gambia in September, African Prime Minister Idrissa Seck said Monday the death counts totaled around 1,800 instead of 1,153. This nearly 700-person increase was said without any explanation while Seck gave his annual formal address to the West African nation's legislature. Only 67 people survived the country's deadliest ferry disaster. The boat's capacity was 600.

Global goof

Nothing quite says "drinking and driving" like a police car with a Budweiser decal on it. Forget the traditional "protect and serve" logo, sponsors such as beer or tobacco companies could grab the spot. In an age where public entity budget cuts are a real thing, more than 20 city police forces have signed up for the police cruiser-billboard program. A North Carolina company is offering police departments new vehicles if each agrees to plaster an advertisement from books to beer on the side. Many people may think putting ads on police cars is a bad idea, but lack of funds may push for squad cars with logos as opposed to not having any cars at all on the streets.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal, Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources

Time to apply for financial aid is now

By ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The period when students are likely to get the most federal financial aid money for the next school year is coming to a close, and applying online is one convenient way to speed up the application process. FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, gives students across the country a shot at the \$67 billion in aid available for the 2003-2004 school year.

Students can pick up an application from the Financial Aid Office in 120 North Foundation Hall. However, according to Joyce Dudley, associate director of Financial Aid, the simplest way to apply is on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Even though the deadline isn't until June 30, Dudley recommends students apply in the next month to receive the most money possible from the program.

Dudley said she encourages students to use the government website because it is error proof.

If the FAFSA form is filled out incorrectly, the site will notify the user and give him or her a chance to correct the problem immediately instead of waiting days for the traditional mail system to send it back, possibly after deadline.

Mistakes on the traditional paper form can delay the process for weeks, she said.

The FAFSA form measures certain areas, including a family's income and tax records, to determine a student's level of financial need and then distributes money accordingly.

Dudley said OU has \$43 million in federal, state and university funds ready for allocation.

According to the Financial Aid Office's website, www3.oakland.edu/oakland/financialaid, roughly 35 percent of OU students receive some type of tuition assistance.

"There's just not a lot of money to go around, and we try to distribute it as fairly and accurately as possible," Dudley said.

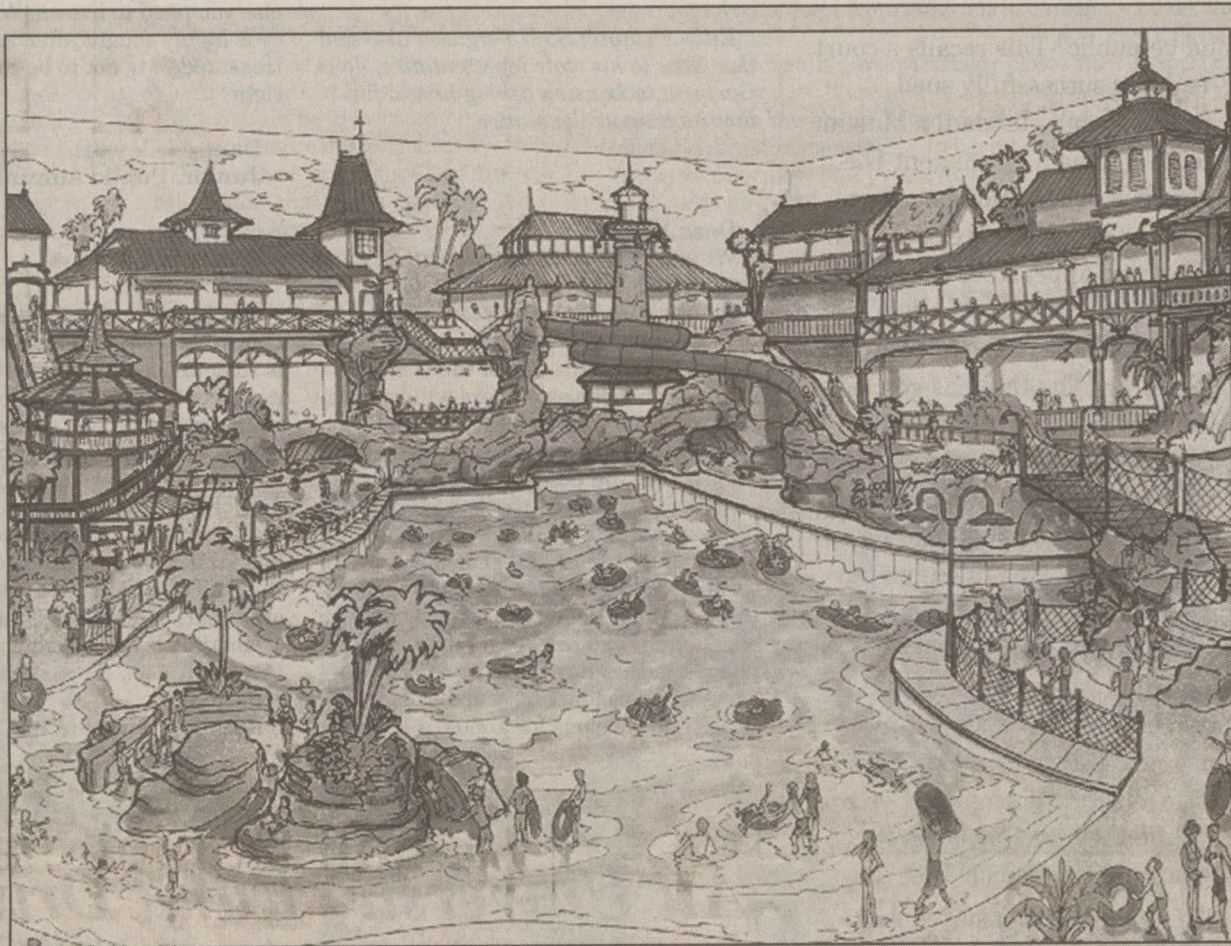
Applications for aid have been available since Jan. 1.

Dudley said everyone who applies and is eligible should receive some money, but she stressed the importance of filing early.

"Our recommendation is that people apply as soon as possible, certainly by March 1, so they don't lose out on anything," she said.

Dudley also warned against visiting websites that charge for the filing of a FAFSA form. There is no charge to fill out the application through the government site.

For more information, visit the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov or the Financial Aid Office's website, www3.oakland.edu/oakland/financialaid.



Courtesy of the Summit Place Mall
If approved, the indoor water park will be competing with neighboring Waterford Oaks' wave pool water park.

Waterford mall to install water park

After putting in an indoor children's play area, Summit Place is still looking for other ways to bring shoppers back to the dwindling mall.

By CASEY CURTIS
THE OAKLAND POST

Residents in Waterford Township and surrounding communities may be able to shop and swim at the renovated Summit Place Mall by March of next year.

With other malls increasing business in the area, such as the Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills, the mall at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph Roads has been seeing its business slump over the last several years.

The proposal for an indoor water park was made by Namco, the Los Angeles-based real estate company which bought the mall last year. This is the township's second attempt at revitalizing the declining

mall.

The first attempt came in the form of an indoor children's play structure, built late last fall in time for holiday shoppers to use. But revenue was still low, so there needed to be something else done, said Joe Tyree, general manager of the Summit Place Mall.

He believes adding the water park would be the best option.

"We looked at everything that you could think of, and the only one that made sense and that would make the most money was the water park," Tyree said.

According to Tyree, the water park would cover 80,000 square-feet and would be located in the vacant Montgomery Ward's area.

"We'll have slides, lazy river, (a)

wave pool. Everything you could imagine," Tyree said.

Right now, there are some malls across the U.S. that have an indoor water park, like the West Edmonton Mall in Ontario. However this will be the first one in Michigan.

The water park, according to Tyree, will cost approximately \$20 million to build, and will help increase revenue and employment in the township.

"It will allow us to bring people from farther away than just Waterford, and allow us to bring back tenants who have left because there will be a lot more people shopping the mall," he said.

According to Tyree, the admission would range from \$15-\$25, with a

Please see MALL on A7

Royal Oak Music Theatre dances no more



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
The Royal Oak Music Theatre will find out its new owner on Feb. 25 when it is auctioned off to the highest bidder.

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

After 80 years of business on West Fourth Street, the venue currently known as the Royal Oak Music Theatre will be closing its doors this month and auctioned off to the highest bidder Feb. 25.

The decision came after the city denied the theatre a dance permit in hopes that hosting weekend dance nights would create more revenue.

The theater building, long known as the Royal Oak Music Theatre, has been one of Metro Detroit's hottest entertainment fixtures.

"It's hard running a business from a distance," said Doug Kauffman, a partner in Nobody in Particular Presents, the Colorado-based parent company that owns the Royal Oak Music Theatre and owner of three other theaters in Denver. Kauffman said he's looking for another partner in the venture or to sell it out-

right.

The Theatre is a concert venue with live music. For the last six months, it has tried to obtain a permit so it could have dance nights on weekends and ultimately raise more revenue.

Royal Oak city officials allowed the theater a one-night only dance permit for New Year's Eve.

"A fight broke out," said Royal Oak City Commissioner Jeanne Sarnacki.

Something is bound to go wrong whenever a place that can hold that many people and serves alcohol together, she said.

The Royal Oak City Council denied the permit request last week.

The Theatre has a capacity of 1,700. However, in past years, it has been a display of trouble with hundreds of police calls due to fighting, Kauffman said.

The owners of Mt. Clemens' Emerald Theatre had plans to buy the Royal Oak Music Theatre, but the cancellation of the dance permit made them back out.

Dance night at the theatre has had a lot of complaints of disorderly conduct and numerous lawsuits, according to Sarnacki.

"It's been very costly and taxing to the community," she said.

Sarnacki also said the Royal Oak City Commissioners looked at the records of the Emerald Theatre, the interested buyer, and detected similar problems.

"You have to weigh the benefit of the community and the cost. It's too great of a burden for the community to bear," said Sarnacki.

Some students think there could be more done to the theatre to keep it around.

"I think it's stupid," Matt Wilson, junior, said about the closing of the theatre. "It brings a lot of people together downtown, and they shouldn't break it up."

Laura Davis, sophomore, also doesn't like the idea of selling the theatre

Please see THEATRE on A7

Editorial

INS treatment too harsh

After Sept. 11, the national consensus was that the Immigration and Naturalization Service must have better control on non-U.S. citizens who were in the country both legally and illegally. But the INS tightening its grip on non-U.S. citizens should not be done at the expense of human rights and civil liberties, especially for those in the process of becoming permanent residents.

For those people who voluntarily showed up at INS offices in California to register in December, the system grossly failed. Media across the country reported hundreds of men, some in their teens, were handcuffed, shackled and, according to their lawyers, even hosed down in jail.

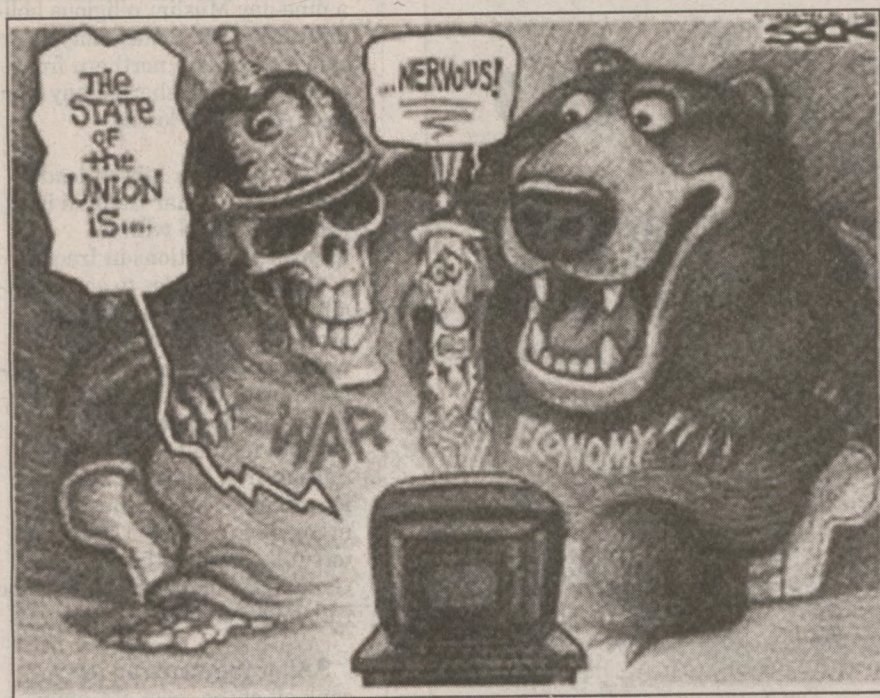
Immigrants with expired visas or those who didn't bring adequate documentation of their immigration status were detained. The INS said they were in violation of immigration laws, but it refuses to say how many people or who they were.

But shouldn't information of this kind be public? This recalls a court case last year in which *The Detroit Free Press* successfully sued Ashcroft for violating the First Amendment. Rabih Haddad, a Muslim from Lebanon who was in the process of becoming a permanent U.S. resident, was arrested on a visa violation. His deportation hearings were closed to the press and public for months until their closure was ruled unconstitutional by the Federal Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati.

Will international students' academic experiences in the U.S. be compromised permanently because of Sept. 11? The INS has started to systematically discriminate against men who are Muslims and/or have Middle Eastern ethnicity per U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft's order. Sept. 11 should not set a precedent for how men who believe in Islam or men who come from the Middle East should be treated. If this discrimination and invasion of privacy can happen to non-U.S. citizens it can definitely happen to U.S. citizens as well.

Some government officials want to control people's private lives, tap phones, track people's movements using credit cards and National ID cards, similar to what the Nazis required of the Jews in Germany before the Holocaust. The INS also has a new Internet tracking system called SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) in place to monitor students' behavior while they pursue a degree.

If we don't pay attention, a law may show up that jeopardizes our civil rights freedoms. But by then it may be too late to protest. The INS should reconsider how its doing business.



Letters to the editor

Reader troubled by apparent OMA violation

Dear Editor,

I personally find it very troubling that our school officials would deny public access to their meetings, as they are required to do, especially at such a crucial time. Our university (as well as all public universities) is facing budget cuts already in place by former Governor Engler and the possibility for more drastic cuts by Governor Granholm.

These closed-door meetings are a slap in the face to the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act, the Michigan legislature and the public's right to know what our Board of Trustees does with our growing tuition money.

Scott Ferguson
Senior, Political Science

Editor's note: Scott Ferguson also sent this letter to his state representative, John Garfield, in Lansing asking him to further investigate the matter.

Dear Editor,

While I agree with some of the views expressed by our esteemed Student Congress Vice President (Jan. 22 issue), I do believe she needs to pay closer attention to the Constitution of the U.S.

At the end, she says there will be nothing left of the word "privacy" in the future of the Constitution. I have read and re-read the Constitution and am unable to find where the word "privacy" ever existed in it. It is also my understanding that most states do not provide explicitly for privacy in their individual constitutions. No-knock policies when conducting searches are nothing new, police agencies have used no-knock warrants when conducting searches for drugs and weapons for almost a decade

now. Regarding the national ID proposal, any information that the federal government would be get from ID is information that is already out there. Have you ever filled out a credit card application? Opened a bank account? Bought car insurance? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, your social security number (SSN), address, credit history, bank activity, shopping habits, and all sorts of information are already out there for resourceful individuals to obtain. The people of our great nation give up their privacy the day they are issued a SSN. If you want privacy, you need to be born in a shack in the middle of nowhere on land with squatters rights, be home schooled, and sustained by bartering your homegrown vegetables for whatever you need to live on. While our privacy is highly sought after and greatly treasured, it is not to be confused with a right.

Danny Riley Jr.
Junior, Public Administration

Dear Editor,

Given the primacy of the faculty-student relationship in higher education, it is sometimes easy to forget the role of the support staff. It is not merely to register my appreciation for their work at OU that I write. Instead my thoughts go back to the recent Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

As with other national holidays, faculty and students had the day off. However, the staff at OU had come to work. With other national holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and so on, the staff do not have to come to work.

It is inconceivable to me that Martin

Luther King Jr. would have endorsed a holiday in which the advantages accrue to some but not to others. I find it a peculiar shame that this one particular national holiday is the occasion for staff to sit in the back of the academic bus.

Clark Iverson
Special lecturer, Rhetoric,
Communication and Journalism

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article printed in your paper on the book "Clear Body Clear Mind" by L. Ron Hubbard.

The writer of the article mentioned he would be interested to see scientific evidence on the program. I wanted to provide your readers with the information that there have been no less than 12 independent scientific studies proving the efficacy of the program.

Anyone wishing to view these studies may do so at www.detoacademy.org.

Two hundred and fifty thousand people have completed a program based on the book. For anyone that would like to increase their ability to think more clearly, or gain more energy in life, reading this book will tell one how this might be achieved through reducing the levels of toxins stored in the body.

Louis Steiner

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All University Fund Drive puts students first



TED MONTGOMERY
Director of Media Relations

Most of us who work at OU have students uppermost in our daily work lives and really care about helping them succeed. That's why we work here rather than in the corporate or commercial sector. So some of our compensation comes in the form of feeling good about helping students.

This past fall, OU employees went a little further. Some 400 of my colleagues dug into their wallets to personally donate to university programs that benefit our students.

For example, two OU alumni and employees split their gen-

erous gift and earmarked it for the English department, the Woodcock Legacy, the Women of OU Critical Difference Scholarship, the Athletics department, and the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Humanities Gift Fund. One employee who works in the John Dodge House donated to the upkeep of the greenhouse. From large to small, every gift makes a difference in the lives of our students.

The All University Fund Drive, which was held from Nov. 15-Dec. 31, raised a record \$167,490, a 39 percent increase over last year's Fund Drive total.

Kresge Library Dean Elaine Didier, Vice President for University Relations Susan Goepp and newly retired Budget and Financial

Planning Director Pat Nicosia spearheaded this year's effort. The breakdown of dedicated donations made by OU staff and faculty included \$148,765 in gifts to the university, \$3,123 to the Black United Fund and \$15,972 to the United Way.

For the third year in a row, President Russi matched each gift to the university with 50 cents on the dollar. If an employee chose to contribute \$10 per month to the university program of his or her choice, President Russi matched the \$120 yearly contribution with \$60, bringing the employee's total donation to \$180 for the year. Each contribution was tax deductible.

Those who earmarked their contributions to The United Way and the Black United

Fund know their money is going to many worthy causes.

Those who specified that their donation go to OU were able to choose from an extensive list of programs and departments that would benefit directly. In addition, scholarships that benefit OU students have been established and partially funded by the generosity of those who participated in the All University Fund Drive, this year and in years past.

It's a great tribute to the spirit and generosity of the OU community that even in difficult economic times, our faculty and staff opened their hearts and wallets to make life better for our students, surrounding communities and those who truly need help.

Point / Counterpoint

Are recent reality TV shows purely entertaining?

Yes

JUSTIN MULARSKI
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Over the past few years, spurred by the success of "Survivor," reality TV programs have made a larger mark on the TV landscape. While many of them have attracted huge viewing audiences, shows like "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire," "The Bachelor/Bachelorette" and "Joe Millionaire" have raised questions as to whether or not these shows are just harmless entertainment, or a symptom of a morally bankrupt America.

It's doubtful anyone turns to reality programs for moral clarity or intellectual fulfillment. People watch because the traditional offerings by the broadcast networks have become increasingly derivative, predictable and unexciting compared to the melodramatic cheesiness of reality programs.

The reality show that has been attacked the most for being immoral was Fox's disaster, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" While this show was perhaps the best example of classlessness ever aired on American TV, to call it immoral brings into question much deeper issues of mar-

riage, religion and the sanctity of both in modern American life, and that question is too important to be debated in relation to an exercise as empty and shallow as any reality show.

The most recent reality hit, another Fox offering dubbed "Joe Millionaire," has been attacked by some because the female contestants vying for the attention of "Joe" were told he was worth \$50 million, when in fact, he's just a regular Joe. This is perhaps mean spirited, but there are more important issues to worry about than the fates of a pack of gold diggers.

Perhaps the only thing immoral about reality TV shows is that they aren't really reality at all. While the shows aren't scripted or directed as a regular theatrical piece would be, no one who knows they are on camera constantly is going to react in any way that is necessarily similar to how they are in real life. But it's the outbursts, temper tantrums and crocodile tears that make these shows entertaining, and that's how they should be thought of. America is a country free of the repression of propaganda laden state television, and in exchange for that freedom, there are dumb shows like "Joe Millionaire."

But remember, there is also the freedom to change the channel.

No

DANIELLE KHOURI
ADVERTISING MANAGER

I'll be the first to admit that reality TV shows are there for entertainment. But, I'm also the first to admit that they have gotten out of hand.

We went from innocent shows like "Survivor" to "Joe Millionaire" and "The Last Resort." Viewers realize these shows exist for entertainment, but the fact still remains these are people's lives. With new reality "love" shows, the whole entity of reality TV has gone from awful to appalling. "Joe Millionaire" raises more than just a few moral questions. These women are portrayed as gold-digging sluts but it is possible they aren't. Like most of the people on these shows, they are probably just looking for a way into Hollywood.

People tune in week after week just to see these women being made fools of. It's entertaining, but, at the end of the show, these are still real people with real lives.

If some guy lied to a woman in real life, everyone would say he was vile, deceitful and unworthy of the woman's time and affection. But

because you put "Joe" on TV and surround him amidst beautiful, devious women its acceptable and entertaining.

Just when we thought reality television couldn't get any worse, we are given "The Last Resort." Not only does this show exemplify all that is morally wrong with reality TV, it airs on the ABC Family Channel.

The show sends couples to a Hawaiian tropical island where they have to decide whether to stay together or break up. Some of these couples have children and have a whole week-end to decide.

What kind of family show is that? I wouldn't want my kids watching it.

What kind of society have we become when we send married couples to an island for a weekend to decide the fate of their marriage? What kind of message does that send to our children?

Some of these couples have children, imagine turning on the TV as a kid to see your parents trying to decide whether to stay together or break up.

Reality television is no longer just about entertainment. It is now about people, their feelings, and their families. We have just taken reality a step too far.

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looking at the ACHA sample survey. But, he added, that's a lot of questions for five tokens.

Collecting the information is just step one of GHC's plans.

"We need to have a minimum of a 40 percent return rate in order to have accurate data," Talarek said.

The information contained in the survey will be pooled with national data and data from similar schools to OU to help the health center to improve its services in both health and counseling.

"What we want to do with that information is target our educational programs and our health behavior intervention so that we can improve the status of student health so that the health center can better serve the needs of the student population," Talarek said.

This will be the first year OU has participated in the ACHA survey. According to the ACHA website, the survey began in Spring 2000 after a two-year pilot program.

"We hope to start doing (this survey) every five years," Talarek said. "That way we're looking at a new population each time."

Students interested in what other questions the survey asks can find a sample copy at the ACHA website at www.acha.org/projects_programs/assessment.cfm.

NASA

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tragedy," said Nicole Phillips, junior. "You wouldn't hear about it otherwise."

Ebony Stokes, junior, said the government has more information than what it is releasing.

"Honestly, I don't know too much about it, I've been sick all week," said Ebony Stokes, junior. "I think they know more about it than they're telling you."

The International Space Station and the fate of the space program are now in the forefront of NASA planning.

THEATRE

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because the city didn't allow it to have a dance permit.

"I think it is a bad idea," she said. "That will probably take away from the city's business."

"They could at least regulate it with more security and less alcohol," Orvilla Bygrave, junior.

Orvileta agreed with her twin sister, Orvilla, and said, "The next best thing is downtown (Detroit)."

Sarnacki hopes the theatre will remain a vibrant cultural institution.

"It will require deep pockets and a good vision," said Sarnacki.

WAR

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anything specific about them, Trumbore agreed, feeling that if the U.S. had the proverbial smoking gun, that they probably would have shown it to everybody.

"There is no smoking gun, but we (the U.S. government) do have a lot of smoke to show you," said Trumbore.

Matthews added on to Trumbore's opinion, noting that the U.S. also isn't sharing the supposed information with the U.N. weapon inspectors in Iraq.

Another discussion topic was the difference between the way the U.S. is dealing with North Korea, a country that is known to have nuclear capabilities, and Iraq, who is merely accused of trying to obtain them.

The panelists noted that this difference shows the world that the only way to prevent American bullying would be to develop the bomb.

Though the gathered crowd totaled more than 50 people at its strongest, some students would have liked to have seen greater interest, especially considering the likelihood of war breaking out very soon.

"Look. We're sleeping; we're reading books. This is a college campus. There were about 20 students here, and we could be at war tomorrow," said sophomore Jesse Holman.

I'm even more grounded in my beliefs now that these educated gentlemen are all opposed to the war. I'm curious to see what effect the war will have on the upcoming election. Who would vote against the president while we're at war?"

MALL

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discount to township residents.

Although Tyree said he is confident the water park will be beneficial, some students disagree due to the competition with the Waterford Oaks, an Oakland County Park, which is located about a mile down the road.

Anthony Taylor, senior, lives right outside Waterford Township.

"I don't think it's a wise decision because we have a very nice water park right down the road," he said. "I don't think it will do anything but decrease business even more."

Sophomore Matthew Reinke also agreed and

wants the money to be put elsewhere.

"I think the \$20 million for the water park should be used to make the place look better," he said. "It could be used to bring more businesses in. I don't think the water park's a wise decision."

The decision will be made by the Township of Waterford later this month to see if the park is a go.

If the proposal goes through, the park could be in place as soon as December, Tyree said.

BOT

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times the council members are expected to visit. It also notes that no official city business will take place at the gathering.

A meeting of four of the seven Rochester Hills City Council members constitutes a quorum. Barnett said even if only two council members are getting together, the meeting is posted in case more members decide to come.

Recently, student journalists at Michigan State University experienced similar problems with closed meetings on their campus.

Editor-in-Chief of *The State News* Kevin Hardy, a junior, said reporters from the paper were removed or kept from entering two meetings on campus.

"I think any time a governing body closes its doors to public eyes it creates doubt about the practices of its members," Hardy said. "Elected officials have a responsibility to keep their constituents informed, and by not doing so is poor political policy."

Garfield said the reason the BOT gave to *The Post* for meeting in private can't be justified.

"That should not have been a reason to violate the Open Meetings Act or the Freedom of Speech," Garfield said.

In 1992, the BOT created committees that were meeting in secret. *The Oakland Post* organized a petition drive urging the BOT to open its meetings, and a committee encouraging openness was formed after 1,400 student, faculty and staff signatures were gathered.

As a result, the BOT passed a resolution to adopt a policy of meeting in public.

In the coming weeks, *The Oakland Post* staff will be circulating a petition around campus to encourage the BOT to reaffirm its commitment to openness. A copy of the petition can be found on page B2.

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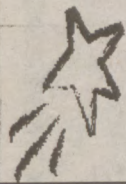
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"The Souls of Black Folk"

February 5

Student Program Board: Step Afrika!
8:00 p.m. - Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

February 7

Department of History: "African Americans in the Cities Since 1970: Image and Reality" by Dr. Kenneth Kusmer from Temple University
Noon - Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Music, Theatre and Dance: "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" *

Directed by Karen Sheridan, Associate Professor of Theatre
8:00 p.m. - Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall (also this week on February 8 & 11)

Association of Black Students: "Stylin' in the Island" 3rd Annual ABS Fashion Show *
8:00-10:30 p.m. - Shorwell-Gustafson Pavilion

February 10

Department of Human Resources Development & Honors College: *The Voices of Black Folk Expressed Through Poetry*
6:30 p.m. - Honors College, 112 Vandenberg Hall

February 11

Center for Student Activities & OU Bookstore: *Literary Influences of Black Folk*
Noon-1:00 p.m. - OU Bookstore, Oakland Center

Office of the President: Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Banquet *
6:00 p.m. - Shorwell-Gustafson Pavilion

February Current Events Panel

Monday, February 10

Noon in the Fireside Lounge

The Center for Student Activities would like to invite you to come program that would be held monthly to discuss state, national and world events. Because of the fast paced events that affect the campus community, we hope that this format will be an interesting and informative way to have students learn and discuss the events, which surround them. The panel will be: Peter Trumbore, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Weldon Matthews, Assistant Professor of History, Rochelle Black, Director of Governmental Relations, as well as others that will be invited to focus in on the previous months events.

Literary Influences of Black Folk

Noon-1:00 p.m. - OU Bookstore, Oakland Center

OU Faculty will read selections from their original works or of noted African-American writers in an intimate coffeehouse atmosphere. An international coffee bar and a display and sale of African-American Literature will also be offered.

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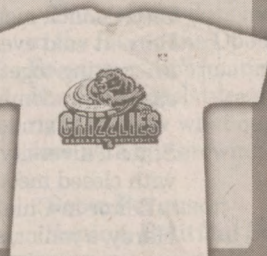
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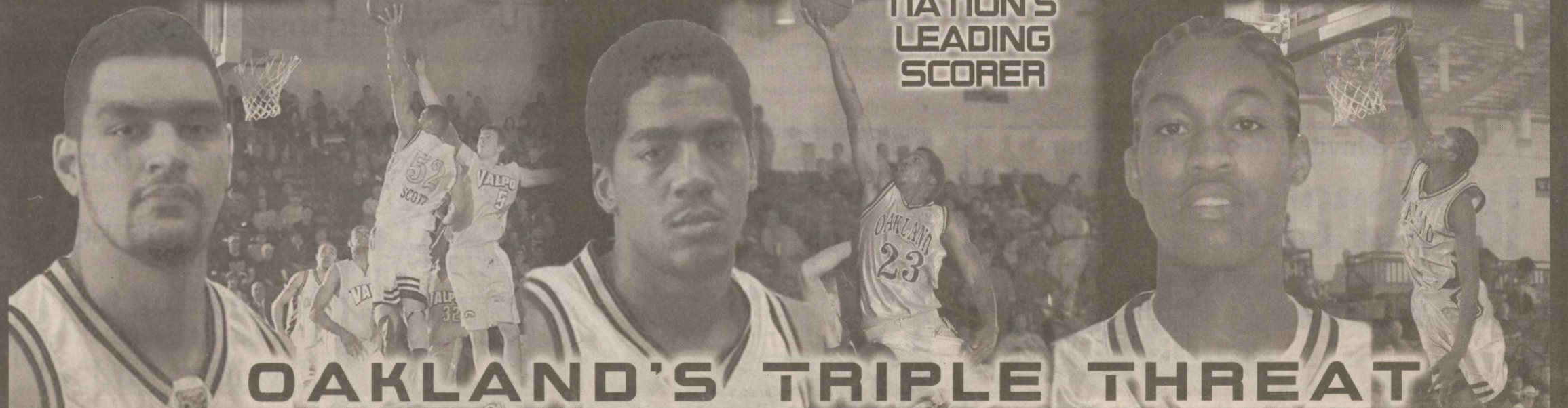
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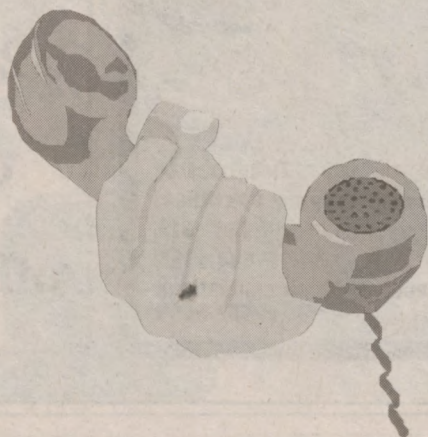
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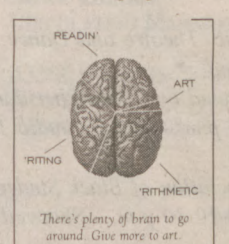
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Charter class celebrates 40 Planning for reunion celebration underway

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

In 1959, 550 eager students walked through the doors of a new university, Michigan State University-Oakland.

Now, 44 years later, they are coming back to celebrate their class reunion.

OU's campus began as only North and South Foundation Halls and a small Student Union, where the Oakland Center is now.

Nearly everything the class did, and will do, is historic. The upcoming class reunion is one of a few formal reunions held. Beverly Donato Miller said it's sometimes more like a responsibility.

Miller was a member of the charter class. She graduated with a degree in education, but 10 years later she came back to OU for the legal assistant's program.

She was active on campus, but in spite of the dorms getting built in her junior year, she was a commuter all four years.

Many of OU's students were commuters even after the dorms were built, she said, many students did not want to stay and get active after class, but she did as much as she could to be involved.

"It was certainly to my advantage in the long run," said Miller of her activities. "I learned great lessons."

A. Michael Deller was also a part of the charter class. He majored in Russian and is now the director of the Library Network of the Library Cooperative.

Ed and Evelyn Gehres were part of the charter class. They met during their time at OU. Gehres did not graduate with the majority of the charter class, and Mrs. Gehres did not start with the class.

They now live in Pennsylvania, where Gehres is the Executive Presbyter in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Mrs. Gehres is the vice president and chief development officer of the New Jersey Presbyterian Homes Foundation. She is the first woman to hold that title.

Their time at OU was a period of construction on campus. Gehres said that during the class' freshman convocation, which was held in the cafeteria in the Student Union, there was construction going on behind a curtain to get everything ready for the school year.

One of the outstanding things about the charter class, and OU in the late 1950s and 1960s, was the education. According to the Gehres' and Miller, the expectations were much different in those times.

"We were supposed to be the Harvard of the Midwest," said Miller.

She said that the difficulty of the classes threw everyone off, and she said she thinks many of the faculty did not get what they expected with the charter class.

She said she heard many had never taught freshmen, but they built good relationships with the students.

Mrs. Gehres said, "I think the group of people who created the first curriculum were incredible people."

Gehres said one example is students had to take two years of foreign language, no matter what. If students could test out of

the first two years, they had to take the third and fourth years. If students could test out of the third and fourth years, they had to move on to a different language.

He said there were also requirements like western and non-western studies, social studies, math, science and others.

"There wasn't a lot of time to take the other stuff," he said. Many students could not start their majors until late in their junior year.

They said the curriculum challenged the students to ask questions and find their own answers.

Gehres said one day in his Western Studies class, the students were all diligently taking notes when the professor slammed his book down and asked the students why they just accepted what he said as fact.

The professor, the late George Matthews, told Gehres' class members that their job was to think and challenge.

He said whenever he is idly taking notes, even now, he remembers that day and starts thinking critically again.

"I've never forgotten that incident," said Gehres.

Deller said he feels his education at OU contributed highly to his success in his field.

One reason for this, he said, is his Russian professors challenged him to excel in his study of Russian.

"All of the (Russian language) faculty had made a pact, so that when we entered their class the first thing they said to us, in lovely Russian, (was) 'We don't understand English anymore,'" he said. "That gave us the ability to use the language conversationally very well."

Early in his career, he was accepted into a graduate Russian language program at Northwestern University. In speaking proficiency, he was placed with native Russian speakers, which he attributes to his professors at OU.

Another memorable feature to their time at OU was the presence of Matilda Wilson in their lives on campus.

"You would be spending time in the Student Union, and Mrs. Wilson would appear," said Gehres.

He said she would ask students what they thought of the school and what problems they had.

"She was a part of our lives," said Mrs. Gehres.

Gehres also recalled celebrating Wilson's birthdays. For her 80th birthday, some of the students stole MSU's bell from the East Lansing campus, which was rung for touchdowns.

"She was so taken by it, she rung the bell 80 times," he said.

Miller recalled a student who had won the Miss Alaska competition starting with the charter class.

She had no place to live before the dorms were built and Wilson let the student live with her.

"We knew Mrs. Wilson was supporting us," she said. "I felt like she really had a great interest in what happened on campus."

Deller also has fond memories of Wilson. During his senior year, he was head of the class ring committee. At the senior dance, held at Meadow Brook Hall, the students' rings still hadn't arrived.

Wilson wanted to do something for the students of the charter



Students gather on the Beer Lake bridge and swim in the lake in this photo taken in the 1960s. Students could even swim in the lake back then, as it was new and less polluted



class, so she bought their rings for them without them knowing about it, he said. To the shock of everyone there, at the dance she presented the students with their rings, each one had a diamond in it.

According to the Gehres, Mrs. Wilson had the mold for the rings destroyed, so only the charter class students could have those rings.

In 1961, during the class' junior year, the first dorms on campus opened. According to the couple, Fitzgerald House, for the men, and Anibal House, for the women, were home to many students and a lot of mischief.

They said the women had a curfew of 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on Saturdays. Sometimes, the women would call the men and they would order pizza for them.

"Since the doors locked at 10:30 (p.m.) they couldn't take deliveries," said Gehres.

He said the guys would then pass the pizzas through the window, piece by piece on paper towels, since the opening of the screen was too small to fit the box.

Another mischievous group was called the Phantom or Night Divers, he said.

A group of students would break into the Lepley Center, what is now a part of the Rec Center, while it was still being built in late 1962 or early 1963 and go swimming in the pool a few times a week.

Administrators knew about the hijinx, so the students were told that the acid level was too high for them to swim safely.

He said the group would use their OU education, and the

drive to question everything instilled in them, and chemistry majors took samples of the water to test the acid levels, and found it was safe.

He also said that electrical engineers would turn the lights on, since the switches weren't installed yet, and there were even students acting as life-guards.

"People were using what they were learning," said Gehres.

Students from this class went on to do many things, according to the couple. Mrs. Gehres said that there are many professors, writers, artists, linguists and other professions represented in the graduating class.

Also, they said many charter class grads went on to a lot of success early in their careers.

Mrs. Gehres said, "We were taught to ask questions, while

others were taught to memorize."

Now, this group will reconvene, to share the memories of their college days.

According to Miller, no firm date has been set but it will be a weekend event.

She said one possible plan is to recreate one of the first social events of their freshmen year. She said the reunion committee is thinking about having a bonfire on a Friday night.

Other plans include a dinner and dance in Meadow Brook Hall and a brunch with current OU professors to find out what's going on at OU now.

According to Jamie Simek, assistant director of Alumni Relations, the reunion is tentatively scheduled for the fall.



Left: A student enjoys her dorm room in this photo taken in 1964. The first dorms, Anibal and Fitzgerald House, were built by the charter class' junior year. Above: The OC seems barely recognizable in this shot taken in 1967. According to a label on the back of the photo, it is a shot of the OC Patio.

Congress: Show us what you got

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

OU Student Congress is looking for students to show off their talents at its first ever "American Grizzly" competition, OU's take on the hit TV show "American Idol."

There are many academic scholarships offered through OU. OUSC decided to give away a scholarship based on student talent.

Congress is under its budget by \$500. Because of this, OUSC decided to turn the money over to the students, said Jonathan Parks, Scholarship chair.

Auditions will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the Gold Room C of the OC and Feb. 12 in the Heritage Room of the OC.

A five-student panel will be judge the talent. Congress wanted to emphasize that with \$500 at stake, the judging process will be a serious atmosphere,

but not as harsh as Simon Cowell from "American Idol."

All OU students are eligible for the scholarship.

"If you have talent, show it," said Parks.

The winner will be presented at the Golden Grizzlies home game against Oral Roberts during half time, Thursday, Feb. 13 in the O'rena.

"We want to open it to different talents," said Elizabeth Zahra, publicity

director. "It's a spin off from American Idol."

Students' performances are limited to five minutes or less.

Shelby Jones, senior, said the talent show was a good idea.

"It gives people a chance to get a scholarship even if they don't have good grades," said Jones.

Frances Melistas, freshman, said she doesn't have any talent to try out, but knows a lot of students who will.

"It sounds cool," she said.

This is a great opportunity for OU students to show off their talents and get rewarded for it, said Earnest Wilson, junior.

For more information, students should contact the OUSC in the basement of the OC or at (248) 370-4290.

Petition to Oakland University Board of Trustees

We, the undersigned members of the Oakland University community, petition this board to hold both its formal and informal sessions in public, open to the university community, except where closure would be permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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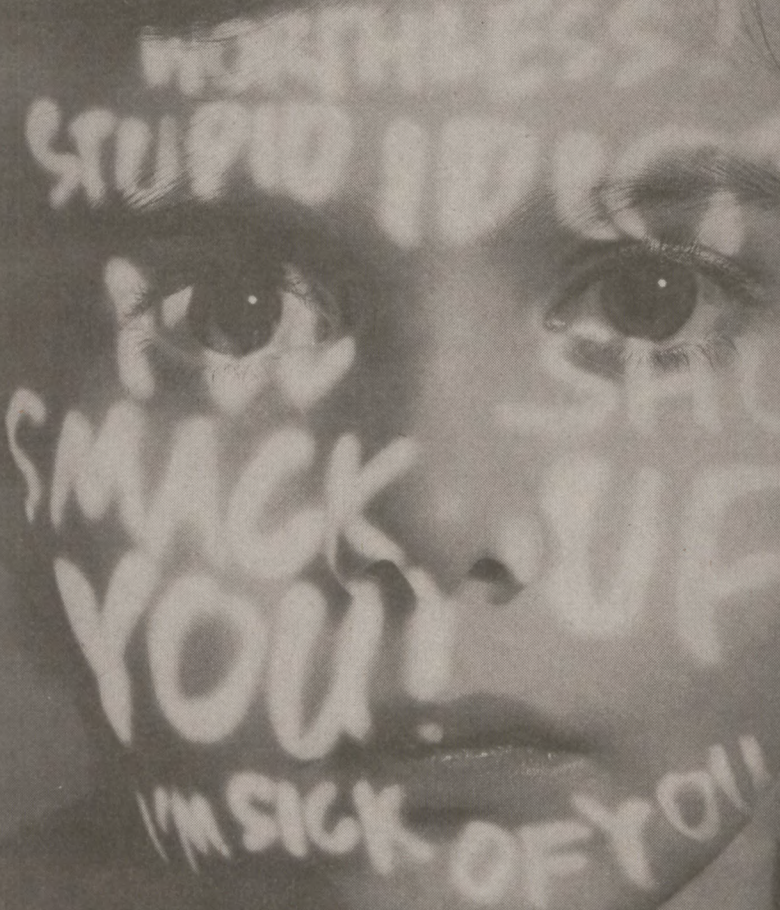
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Art on display

By KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Students from all over campus will have a chance to show off their talent at the upcoming First Annual Student Art Gallery, sponsored by the Student Program Board.

From noon-2 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the Fireside Lounge of the OC, different pieces of art will be on display for all students and faculty to view.

According to Heidi Knaus, Visual and Performing Arts Chair for the SPB, this will be a chance to let students show off their skills, whatever they may be.

Although this is Knaus' first year as chair, she is optimistic for her upcoming student events.

"This event is for the students and by the students," said Knaus.

Last year Knaus held another gallery of artwork, but this year she says it will be quite different.

In the previous event, there was a competition where the pieces were judged, but this year the event is all about letting the students show off their hard work. It's about pride in what one can accomplish, not to be critiqued by others.

According to Knaus, this is a great opportunity for students to really shine, which happens to be this year's theme.

"No one will be censored," she said.

Knaus believes the gallery is a great way to let people show how talented they are without having to be in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, which is selective in their gallery choices and nearly impossible to get work into the exhibits.

So far, there are quite a few students who have signed up to take part in the event. One designs costumes and travels with them all of the country.

Knaus said the deadline for signup is Feb. 7. Anyone who wants to be a part of the gallery still has plenty of time to sign up.

Although the program is student-based, Knaus said she is "totally open to working with professors as well. It's all about tapping into the resources right here on campus. There's talent right here in front of our faces, whether it's students, faculty, or the custodial staff."

One exciting feature of the event is that all one has to do to be a part of this gallery is sign up. It's completely free to be a part of and to view. The SPB will also offer free refreshments to those who attend.

Other events the SPB have held include poetry contests, as well as the upcoming "Step Afrika!" performance which will be held at 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Pioneer Food Court and Casino Night which will be held from 7-11 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Gold Rooms.

These events are free and open to everyone.

According to Jean Mick, Chairperson of the SPB, she enjoys the challenges that come with all the event planning.

"It takes a lot of promotion, publicity and planning," said Mick. "We provide a life for the campus, which sometimes can get really boring."

The SPB holds many events throughout the semester to make campus life a little more exciting. To pick up an events calendar, just stop by the office in room 49 in the Oakland Center or call (248) 370-4295 for more info.

CSA offers discount tickets

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Students interested in off campus professional theatrical events are now being offered discount tickets to the Fisher Theatre, the Fox Theatre and the Detroit Opera House through the Center for Student Activities.

Discount tickets for shows, like Fisher Theatre's "Beauty and the Beast," "Lord of the Dance" at the Fox Theatre and the Detroit Opera House's "Rent" are available. Other shows include "Dead Man Walking," "Die Fledermaus," "Bring in the Noise, Bring in the Funk," "Annie" and "Don Giovanni."

The CSA is offering discount tickets for many other shows. Interested students should check the schedule on the CSA bulletin board in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Also, a discount for some programs and events at the Palace of Auburn Hills is being offered.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs, said the CSA gets the discount by purchasing blocks of tickets, receiving a group rate for the seats. The CSA reserves blocks of seats, tries to sell as many as possible and buys the tickets after the closing date for CSA's ticket sales.

"It's an absolutely wonderful way of being introduced to professional theatre in Detroit, besides Meadow Brook Theatre," said Franklin.

He said the discount allows some \$68 tickets to be sold for only \$20.

Also, the Student Program Board supports this by giving the first 150 students who buy tickets costing more than \$15 an additional \$5 discount.

Freshman Stephan Woloszczuk said he would definitely take advantage of the offer, "because we get a discount, and family would want to go and stuff," he said.

For more information, go to the CSA ticket window in the basement of the OC or see the bulletin board across from the CSA window.



Photo courtesy of the Music, Theatre and Dance Department
Swordplay, action, excitement and humor are all parts of "Zastrozzi," which opens in Varner Studio Theatre Feb. 6. Another Varner show, "for colored girls ..." will open on Feb. 7.

Swordplay, suicide

Two new Varner shows open this Thursday and Friday

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Two new shows will hit the Varner stage this week. One with a flurry of sword fights on Feb. 6, and the other an empowering address to all of humankind opening on Feb. 7.

The first is George F. Walker's "Zastrozzi" directed by John Manfredi, adjunct instructor of stage combat.

Manfredi described the show as a battle between good and evil, although the line between the two is blurred.

"The playwright George Walker makes the evil character very attractive," he said.

The lead character, Zastrozzi, spends the show fighting against his enemy Verezzi because of what Manfredi calls a "miscommunication."

"He fights against everybody," Manfredi said. "The action of the play is him bent on revenge against Varezzi."

Manfredi said, "In actuality he's battling against the aristocracy, he's battling the status quo, he's battling himself, he's battling religion."

The show contains action and drama, but Manfredi said there is also humor. He also said there are a lot of sword fights in the show.

"There's a lot of swordplay, there's a lot of sex, there's a lot of humor," he said.

Karen Sheradin, associate professor of theatre in the Music, Theatre and Dance Department, said many of the actors in the show had taken three years of Manfredi's stage combat class and became certified stage combatants.

According to Sheradin, the choice to do "Zastrozzi" was made because of these student stage combatants.

"We asked ourselves, 'Who do we have to feature doing what they just learned?'" she said.

Patrick Butcher, senior, plays Varezzi in the show. He is also one of the students who took the stage combat classes.

He said students should see this show because "it's short, it's very entertaining, there's lots of swordplay and humor."

The show contains adult material. Opening Feb. 7 is "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf," written by Ntozake Shange.

Sheradin, the director of the show described it as a "choreopoem." She said it is an African American all-female, seven-person show. The characters are delineated by the seven colors of the rainbow.

Each of the seven represents differ-

ent women, she said. Through poetry, monologue, song and movement, the characters express the lives of women.

She said some of the events are traumatic, but there are touching and humorous stories told during the show.

"It's a good show for letting people know they are not alone," said Sheradin. "It's a very solid piece that speaks to all humanity."

The all-student casts consist of Scheherazade Berry, My-Ishia Cason-Brown, Soyini Cowan, Angela Gary, Sherita Humphrey, Joi Olden and Krystina Swann.

Sheradin said the show was selected because last year she found there were a lot of minority students in the 400 level acting styles class.

"That was the first time that ever happened," she said. "We've never had that many African American people in Advanced Acting."

She decided to choose minority focused plays for this year's season. Earlier this year another African American focused play, "Les Blancs," was performed by the MTD Department.

"It's a terrific thing to find some vehicles for our minority students," she said. "You don't get to do that unless you have the actors."

The show is a part of African

American celebration month, and the first scene will be performed during the closing ceremonies in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

Because of the subject matter of the show, Sheradin recommended patrons of the performances be older than 16.

The shows are going to be performed on the same set, which allows them to be performed one right after another. Because of this, Sheradin said that the light and set crews had to design two different shows at the same time.

Students designed all of the lighting, sets and costumes for the shows, she said.

"Students really run the show," she said.

"Zastrozzi" will be performed at 8 p.m. on Feb. 6, 13, 14 and 15 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 and 9 in the Varner Studio Theatre.

"for colored girls ..." will be performed at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 8, at 10 a.m. on Feb. 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 and 16 in the Varner Studio Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. All tickets for the 10 a.m. matinee are \$5.

Luck be a lady at OU

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Students will find themselves transported to Las Vegas when they walk into the Oakland Center Saturday night.

The annual Casino Night sponsored by the Student Program Board and Residence Hall Programming will be held from 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. on Feb. 8 and 9 throughout the OC.

Students will be able enjoy casino games, Make Your Own Music Video, psychics and a hypnotist during this free event.

SPB's Lecture and Special Events Chairperson, Demetrius Gary, sophomore, said there will be about \$2,400 in prizes given out.

"This is probably our biggest event of the year," he said.

According to Gary, prizes include a Palm Pilot, a digital camera, a TV, gift certificates and many other prizes.

Janece Hayes, Residence Hall program director, said students participating in Casino Night will need their student IDs in order to receive tokens.

The tokens are free, and will be given to the students when the sign in.

Students will sign up and present their IDs in order to get their cup of tokens.

Everyone starts with the same number of

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tokens.

Gary said students will be able to play a variety of casino games including slot machines, roulette, Big Wheel and card games with tokens.

Hayes said at the end of the night, participants exchange their tokens for tickets, which will be used in a raffle for the prizes. She said the more tickets students have, the more chances they have to win.

For the raffle, participants will write their names on their tickets and then put them in buckets for the prizes they want.

Students can put as many tickets into which ever buckets they want, she said.

As in all casinos, winning prizes comes down to luck, though.

Hayes said, "I've seen people put all of their

tickets into one bucket and not win anything."

This is one of the more popular events on campus. Hayes said it usually draws around 500-600 students every year.

"I think (students) have a lot of fun," she said.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs said the event has gone on for about 20 years.

He said RHP and SPB have worked together on the event for the last 15 years.

RHP and SPB work together off and on for many events throughout the year, he said.

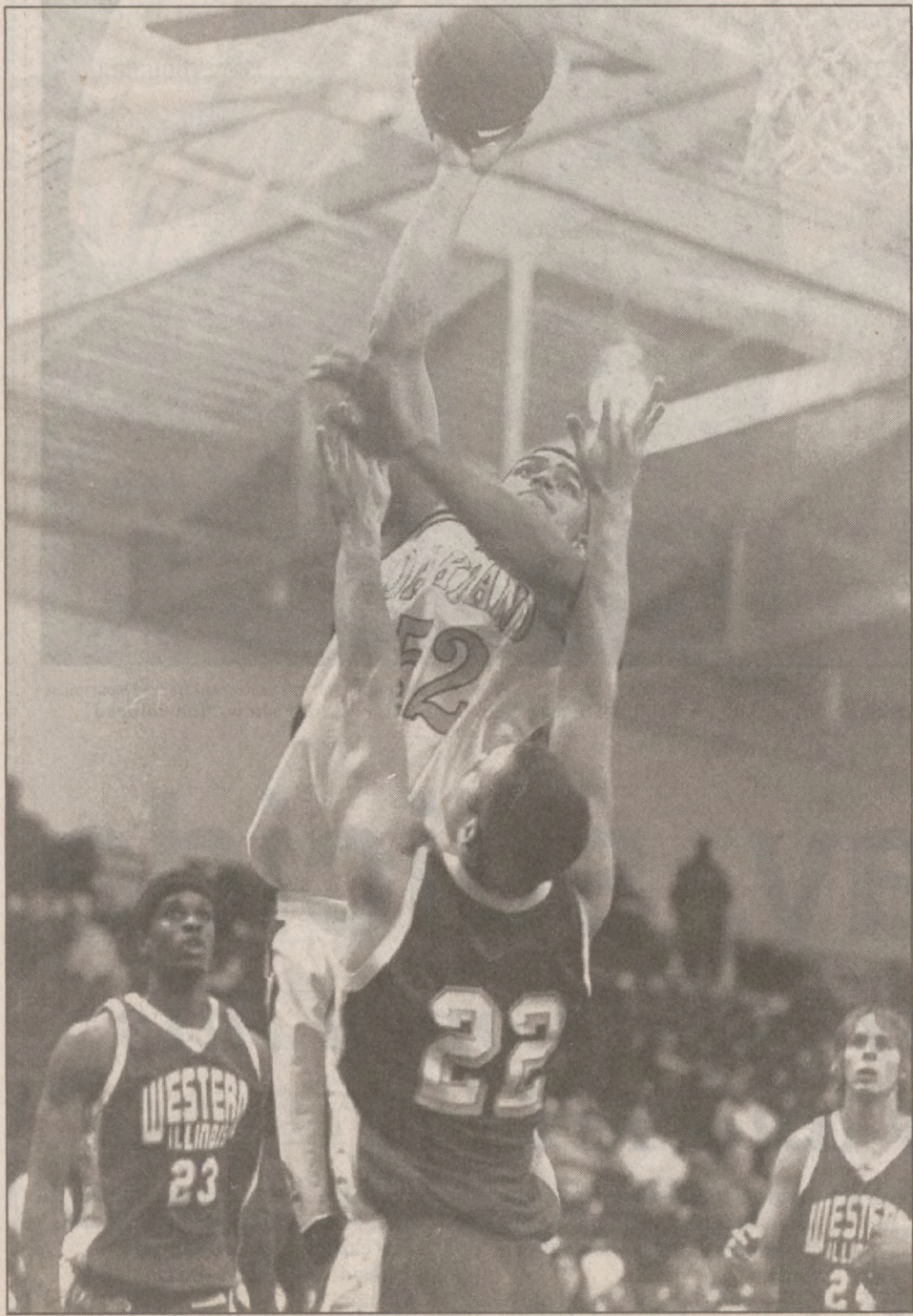
One example of their collaboration is the groups collaborated in bringing Jimmy Fallon for Friday Night Live last semester.

"I think it's an important thing," he said. "We want to make campus more fun."

Casino games can be found at 8-11 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, Make Your Own Music Video will be held from 8-11 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. in the Oakland and Heritage rooms students can speak to Psychics and hypnotist Michael Anthony will perform from 12:30-1:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Food Court.

Students may bring one guest, but only OU students can win prizes.

Road yields two wins



Sophomore forward Cortney Scott elevates over a Western Illinois defender earlier this season. Scott is averaging 14.6 points and eight rebounds per game.

BY ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After his team narrowly escaped the O'rena with a two-point victory over the Grizzlies two weeks ago, Valparaiso coach Scott Drew predicted that OU men's basketball would soon become "the team nobody wants to play."

That time may be coming sooner than anticipated.

With a pair of road wins over Chicago State University and Southern Utah University this past week, the Grizzlies cemented their status as Mid-Con title contenders.

Thursday, the Grizzlies handily defeated cellar-dwelling CSU by the score of 90-71. Junior guard Mike Helms had a game-high 32 points, and sophomore guard Rawle Marshall chipped in 20.

Marshall also swiped five balls, and ranks seventh nationally with an average of three steals per game.

Sophomore forward Cortney Scott tallied 18 points and three steals, and freshman point guard Pierre Dukes had a solid game with 15 points and five assists.

Saturday night, the Grizzlies headed west to battle SUU, narrowly pulling out an 85-83 win.

Helms led all scorers with 28 points, but also committed eight turnovers and fouled out in the final seconds. Helms maintains a slim lead over New Mexico's Ruben Douglas for first place in the national scoring rankings, a distinction that has earned him constant double-teams from opposing defenders.

"He's the leading scorer in the country, and people are coming at him," said Kampe. "They're beating him up. They're holding him. They're knocking him down, and they're getting away with it. That leads to turnovers. At times Mike's been careless with the ball, but, overall, I think he's played fine."

Meanwhile, Scott fell just short of another double-double, scoring 18 and pulling down eight rebounds. Kampe said the Grizzlies have benefited greatly

from the 6-foot-8, 260-lb. forward's bulky post presence.

"That's something we've not had for many years," he said. "To have somebody who's big and strong in there, who you know you can go to and get a basket, it's really big for our team - and our players are starting to learn to find him."

Dukes, splitting time with freshman John Floyd at the point, had 11 points to go with five assists. Floyd hit two key three-point shots and Dukes nailed another to open up a double-digit half-time lead over the Thunderbirds.

Progress at the point guard position has been a major factor in the Grizzlies' recent success. Dukes, in particular, has impressed his coach.

"With more minutes, he's getting more stability, and his play has really improved," Kampe said. "I like the way he's playing right now. He's really playing solid for us. He had a great week."

The Grizzlies are currently fourth in the Mid-Con with a 4-3 conference record (11-9 overall). They have won four of their last five games, and play five of their last seven contests at home.

More importantly, they are finally starting to play as a team.

"We understand our roles now," said Kampe. "We're starting to form a kinship, and guys are learning to look for each other on the floor."

Entering the stretch run, Kampe and his team have high hopes.

"We've got a chance to get some momentum going and make a run," the coach said. "It's a very positive mindset right now. We're sitting in a situation where we can make a splash. February's the big month."

The Grizzlies will have a chance to avenge some earlier conference losses in the coming weeks. They host Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis 6 p.m. Saturday. IUPUI defeated the Grizzlies by 14 points in their first meeting of the season.

Oral Roberts comes to town at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The Grizzlies fell to the Golden Eagles by 13 earlier this year.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

LeBron isn't the one losing out on suspension

When I was in high school, the only gifts I got were on my birthday and Christmas.

Then again, I never had overwhelming basketball talent, or skills in any other sport really.

Now, high school basketball phenom LeBron James is going to receive a lot more than two "throwback" jerseys.

James was ruled ineligible to compete in high school basketball competition by the Ohio High School Athletic Association last week after it was discovered he accepted the two jerseys as gifts, worth more than \$800 from a Cleveland store.

The suspension not only will keep James out of high school basketball action the remainder of the season, but it also forced his school, St. Vincent - St. Mary, to forfeit its win over Butchel High School on Jan. 26.

The decision comes at a horrible time for St. Vincent - St. Mary, which was ranked No. 1 by USA Today, having gone undefeated before James' suspension.

Still, the punishment is very small for James, the all-but-guaranteed top choice in this summer's NBA draft. Now, James is possibly free to sign his shoe contract deal a little earlier.

Adidas and Nike have been fighting over James' rights since it became known the high schooler would declare for the draft after graduating. The upcoming contract, whether it be now or later, will result in a nearly \$20 million payout for the youngster.

In one year of high school work, I only made \$2,000. Isn't that ridiculous?

Now the interview process for an agent to represent the soon-to-be No. 1 pick can quicken so that James' first NBA contract will be worth even more.

There will be a slight sting as James watches his former teammates falter without him in the lineup. Unfortunately, James' absence has already been felt by St. Vincent - St. Mary, who barely beat Canton McKinley High School, 63-62, Sunday.

And there was a possibility, with James in the lineup, that the Fighting Irish could have taken the national high school basketball championship. But those chances are basically gone.

It's sad that James and his former teammates won't be able to contend for that national title, but there is a bright side to the dilemma.

James has reportedly promised each of his teammates a new car when he turns pro.

The recent events aren't going to ruin his career or his reputation. He is a teenager who accepted a rather pricey gift without knowing better, which he returned.

There is truly no harm in what he did, and it's not a new event.

High school athletes have accepted gear in the past, so why James being punished? It's not difficult to see why.

James is on top, and people around him are going to find ways to get him.

He's been in the spotlight for quite awhile. The OHSAA just finally melted him.

Yet, it makes little sense, because the OHSAA may suffer the most out of any of the parties involved. Its highest-price commodity is now off the market.

James has already participated in a couple of pay-per-view events and pre-sold tens of thousands of tickets, but now that cash flow has been clogged.

There is a chance that James will resent the suspension and not donate large sums of money to his high school or get his jersey retired (aka Tracy McGrady) when he becomes an established pro.

The OHSAA went out of its way to cheat itself out of a ton of money.

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Women stretch winning streak

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Starting the conference 0-3 could have easily put the OU women's basketball team down in the dumps. Instead, the Grizzlies have persevered and won four straight games.

"We've started playing smarter," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "We started cutting down on our mistakes, especially on defense."

The two most recent wins in that streak occurred this weekend when OU braved two close contests to push its Mid-Con record above .500.

"Anytime time you can get two wins on the road, it's a good thing," Shea-Hilliard said. "It doesn't matter if it was pretty or not. They were two different teams and two different games."

Saturday, the women fought back from a double-digit deficit to squeak out a victory over Southern Utah University, 69-67.

After trailing by as many as 11 in the first half and 10 early in the second half, the Grizzlies gained

the momentum and built a lead of 13 points with less than five minutes left in the game.

The Thunderbirds fought back by capitalizing on OU's poor free throw shooting down the stretch, and tied the game on a three pointer with 12 seconds left in regulation.

Just as hope seemed to fade away for the Grizzlies in the closing moments, sophomore forward Amanda Batcha spotted senior guard Katie Wolfe alone underneath the basket where she sunk an uncontested layup with five seconds remaining on the clock.

Wolfe was the offensive star of the game, racking up a game-high 23 points on 10 of 20 shooting from the field. She also recorded six rebounds, all defensive, in the close win.

Freshman guard Anne Hafeli contributed 16 points, hitting four of her nine three-point attempts.

Guards Romica Clint, senior, and Jayme Wilson, freshman, added 10 points each to the victorious offensive effort.

Batcha once again made her presence known on the boards,

hauling in a game-high 12 rebounds.

OU tipped off against Chicago State University Monday night, coming out on top in another close game, 60-55.

The Grizzlies led by as many as 11, but cold shooting in the closing minutes of the first half allowed CSU to creep back into the game. The cold shooting continued into the second half, when the Cougars grabbed their first lead of the game with more than two minutes remaining.

OU found its groove in time to gain a slight advantage as the two teams battled back and forth down the stretch. A jumper by Wilson and four free throws by Hafeli allowed the Grizzlies to pull out the victory.

Only Wilson, who led all scorers with 25 points, and Hafeli, who scored 13 points in the win, recorded double digits in points for OU.

OU begins a three-game homestand at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the O'rena against Indiana University - Purdue University in Indiana.

Five of the team's remaining seven games will played at home.



Senior guard Katie Wolfe gets caught in a double team in OU's home-game against Valparaiso this season. Wolfe is 18th in the country, averaging 20.2 points per game this season.

OU leads Commissioner's Cup

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Four conference titles have catapulted OU to the top of the Commissioner's Cup standings one-third of the way through the school year.

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams, the men's cross country squad and the men's soccer team all captured Mid-Con crowns in the first portion of the league season.

Currently, OU is 6.5 points ahead of Western Illinois University, which is in second with 40 points.

Rankings are computed by awarding points in association with a team's place in the Mid-Con at the end of the year.

Eight points are given to the team that finishes in first place, seven to the second

place finisher, six to the team third in the final standings and so forth.

If a team does not compete in a particular sport, no points are awarded.

"It's an award that recognizes overall excellence in one's athletic program," Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-Con Commissioner, said. "It rewards schools that compete in a broad range of sports and are successful in those sports."

Although OU has the advantage now, it will likely drop in the standings as the year continues.

Even with the lead, the Grizzlies will only compete in seven of the 12 remaining sports.

"Clearly, we've dominated the fall sports for a number of years," Jack Mehl, OU Athletics Director, said. "We are not able to retain that success throughout the

year. We just don't compete in as many sports as other schools in the conference."

OU does not compete in any of the four indoor track seasons, nor do the Grizzlies have a men's tennis squad.

Mehl said OU would not add sports just to be more competitive in the Commissioner's Cup race, but would rather listen to the students.

"Every couple of years we survey our student body," Mehl said. "We're due for another one next year. We prefer to be responsive to our students rather than the competition."

Steinbrecher doesn't think that schools that don't compete in all the sports are necessarily hurt in the competition.

"It's their prerogative," he said. "It just forces schools to put a higher importance on performing well in the sports they do

compete in."

Second-place WIU will compete in all of the remaining sports, the only school to compete in all 19 Mid-Con sports.

Valparaiso University is in third place in the Commissioner's Cup standing with 38 points, and will compete in all the remaining sports except men's and women's golf.

The men's teams are leading the way for OU, placing first in the men's standing with 24 points. WIU follows in second with 19 points.

The women's squads are not slack, however, trailing only Valparaiso in the standings. OU has 22.5 points, 1.5 behind the Crusaders.

OU has never won the Commissioner's Cup nor finished first in either the men's or women's all sports standings.

Grizzlies split with Spartans

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

A large crowd of spectators, bearing the visiting green and white apparel, filled the seats at the OU Aquatics Center on Saturday to witness a victory by the OU men's team over Michigan State University in what was its most exciting meet so far this season.

OU head coach Pete Hovland was very pleased.

"Anytime you beat a Big Ten team, a school of Michigan state's caliber, it's nice," he said. "I'm real pleased that this late in the season, as tired as everybody is, they were able to raise their level to meet the competition."

The women's team also competed vigorously, but fell to MSU 111-131.

The men's score stayed close throughout the meet, coming down to the last event, the 400y freestyle relay.

The climax came in the fourth leg of the final relay. MSU's 'A' team had pulled ahead of OU, but the Grizzlies' anchor, sophomore Chris Sullivan, closed the gap, winning the meet for OU with a new season best.

The meet ended with a score of 124.5-117.5, bringing the men's dual meet record to 8-5.

Jim Lutz, head coach of MSU's team, said that the outcome of the meet was not a surprise.

"Pete does a great job here," Lutz said. "That would be my ego talking if I said I was upset with my team today. I felt like we really battled."

There were a number of unexpected performances that made the victory possible for the Grizzly men.

The 400y medley relay squad consisting of freshman Eric Lynn, Scott

Dickens and Ehud Segal, as well as sophomore Chris Sullivan, started the meet off well for OU, winning the event with a season best time of 3:22.74.

Junior Sean Broadbent and senior Doug Drazin finished 1-2 in the 50y freestyle, leaving third to senior Nick Defauw of MSU.

Segal picked up a first place win in the 200y butterfly with a time of 1:55.19.

Dickens won two vital first places in the 200y breaststroke and 200y individual medley, besting Spartan freshman Ian Clutten in both events. Dickens and Clutten are two of the top freshmen breaststrokers in the country.

The dramatic victory would not have been possible, however, without outstanding performances by others on the team, including sophomore Blaine Dolcetti, who swam a 1:56.96 in the 200y individual medley, nearly beating MSU's Clutten with a new personal best time.

Freshman Bryan Steele took third in the 200y butterfly, earning some much needed points for the team while shaving more than two seconds off his personal best time.

Freshman Andrew Coupland set a new season-best in the 200y backstroke, winning second place, followed closely by Segal who took third.

"We had some people step up and do some things that we really didn't expect," said Hovland. "Today was a team effort, and my hat is off to those guys who stepped up for us."

Other swimmers who stepped up to challenge the Spartans were Sophomore Mike Parish with a fourth place finish in the 50y freestyle and Doug Fiore's fourth in the 200y

freestyle event.

Another key to the win was the season debut of two divers on the men's side. Sophomore Scott Wygal and freshman Rafael Fauza will be participating in remaining meets this season and will fill what was a major void in the lineup.

The women's team also battled hard against the Spartans, with a few individuals setting season bests.

Senior Danielle Ward set a new top time for OU in the 200y freestyle and also went on to win the 500y freestyle.

Junior Tanya Konrinyenko won the 200y butterfly with a time of 2:07.56.

Junior Oksana Strelets and freshman Line Jensen finished 1-2 in the 100y freestyle. Jensen also took first in the 200y individual medley.

It was senior day for the women, being their last home dual meet of the season. Ward and fellow seniors Jessica Lao and Jordan Longhurst were recognized for their hard work and leadership during their years at the OU swimming program.

The women now have two weeks before defending their title at the National Independent Conference Championships hosted by OU from Feb. 26-Mar. 1.

The men have one more dual meet at home against Notre Dame on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. before they compete at the NIC.

Sullivan and Ward were named Mid-Con Athletes of the Week.

Ward was the seventh female swimmer honored with the title, and it was her third time.

Sullivan has been the only male OU swimmer named Athlete of the Week, but this is the fifth time this season he has been honored.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Freshman diver Linda Keskey executes a dive in the women's close loss to Michigan State on Saturday. Keskey is the Mid-Con's top diver in both the 1- and 3-meter competitions.

Postseason preparation begins



Photo courtesy of www.oaklandhockey.org
OU men's club hockey players celebrate after a goal in the team's game against the University of Michigan earlier this season. The Grizzlies have much to celebrate as they prepare for nationals.

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

In the world of sports, there are no guarantees.

But the OU men's club hockey team all but assured itself a berth in the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Tournament with a 13-2 win over Saginaw Valley State University on Friday.

Although the final season rankings were released after this edition's deadline on Tuesday evening, the lopsided victory should give OU the first or second ranking in the Central Division of the ACHA.

The top four teams in the four divisions receive berths into the national tournament.

Such a high seeding, along with the team's performance in last year's national tournament, has the team excited about the event this year.

"The whole team throughout the season is finally paying off," junior forward Nick Shenduck said. "Throughout the last few years, we haven't gotten respect as a team. Finally, this year, we've proven ourselves."

Shenduck said the difference is noticeable from the players to the coaches.

"There's more depth," he said. "We've got a new coach. Just the way he is running practices is more disciplined."

Saturday, the Grizzlies thoroughly dominated a weaker SVSU team, which is ranked in the lower part of the Central Division of the ACHA.

"We kept pouring it on," Shenduck said. "But they were kind of a poor team, obviously. You're going to get that kind of result when a second place team plays a thirteenth place team."

Sophomore forwards Ron Teasedale and Justin Jagels led the way for OU, each recording a hat trick and an assist.

Shenduck added two goals for the Grizzlies, with the remaining five goals being scored by five different players.

Four forwards tallied two assists each, contributing to the offensive onslaught.

Juniors Joe Chagnon and Sean Trueblood, along with senior Geoff Acree and sophomore Ryan Teasedale, tallied two helpers.

The win showcased the depth

that has helped OU succeed this season.

Senior defenseman, and the team's captain, Karl Borgquist sat out the game because of the flu. Junior forward Ron Kolito did not play due to a disqualification.

The final absence was senior goalie Shaun Zeldes, who was a healthy scratch as he rests for the upcoming games.

Going into the last weekend of regular season action, the Grizzlies have gained the momentum necessary to carry them through the Greater Midwest Hockey League playoffs and the ACHA national tournament.

This weekend, OU goes on the road to face two conference opponents. The Grizzlies must win one of the two games to earn a one or two seed, and a first round bye, in the upcoming GMHL playoffs.

Friday, goes on the road to face off against Indiana University, and then wraps up the regular season on Saturday against Miami University in Ohio.

Commission doesn't call for Title IX overhaul

By LARRY EICHEL
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
(KRT)

WASHINGTON - A sharply divided federal advisory commission on intercollegiate athletics finished its work on Thursday without urging the Bush administration to make a fundamental overhaul in the way it interprets Title IX.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics did, however, approve a number of complex proposals that would, in the view of some Title IX proponents, result in reduced opportunities for women and girls.

And those who make the case that male athletes often have been made to suffer in the name of Title IX compliance said the recommendations sent a clear message that change must come.

"This commission advanced a bunch of obfuscated proposals that would not harm male athletes and would harm female athletes - it's that simple," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation. "For anyone to think these weren't bad, come on."

But Mike Moyer, whose National Wrestling Coaches Association filed suit

last year challenging the current interpretation of the law, saw progress: "I think the White House should be pleased by the broad-based consensus that the status quo is no longer acceptable."

A 1972 amendment to a federal education law, Title IX required colleges to give men and women equal opportunity to participate in sports.

Heading into Thursday's meeting, it had been widely anticipated that the commission would alter the key standard in Title IX enforcement, proportionality, requiring that participation by gender in varsity athletics closely track a school's undergraduate enrollment.

That did not happen. A call to abandon the standard outright was voted down decisively. The group rejected other proposals that would have let the varsity female participation rate fall as low as 43 percent - and still qualify as compliance.

Even so, the key recommendations that were adopted addressed the concerns of critics of Title IX, not the supporters. Among them were these:

Allowing institutions to use interest surveys as a way of demonstrating compliance with the law. It is widely

believed that such surveys would find more interest in sports among men and could be used to justify directing a reduced share of athletic resources to women.

Letting schools refrain from counting walk-ons for Title IX purposes. Since far more non-scholarship male students walk onto college programs than do women, this would work to the advantage of men in compliance calculations. It would reduce the need for schools to put lids on the size of men's rosters.

Counting each team as having a set number of slots, regardless of how many students actually are on the squad. For instance, if soccer teams were deemed to represent 20 slots, men's and women's teams would be considered inherently equal for Title IX purposes, even if the women's team had 18 players and the men's 25.

Eliminating "non-traditional" students from the base against which proportionality is measured. Surveys show that most of these students, generally defined as being over the age of 24, are women.

Urging the Department of Education to look into new methods by which colleges and universities can demonstrate Title IX compliance. Critics of the cur-

rent methods think that any change would be a change for the better.

Graham Spanier, the president of Penn State and a commission member, characterized the report as "a very strong overall statement of commitment to Title IX, and some common-sense ideas about increased flexibility."

Said commission member Donna de Varona, who sought to preserve the gains made by women, "It could have been a disaster, and it wasn't."

Also to be included in the report, which is to be delivered to Education Secretary Rod Paige next month, is a proposal on which the 15 commissioners deadlocked at 7-7 with one member absent. That recommendation would, in the name of simplicity, replace the proportionality standard with a 50-50 rule, from which a three percent variance would be permitted.

In other words, any college or university would be considered in compliance if 47 percent of its varsity athletes were women, regardless of the enrollment numbers. More than 55 percent of undergraduates are female.

The commission was formed last June in response, in part, to the wrestling lawsuit. Over the last 20 years, at least

171 men's wrestling programs - as well as swimming and gymnastics programs - have been scrapped by colleges and universities, with Title IX requirements often cited as a reason.

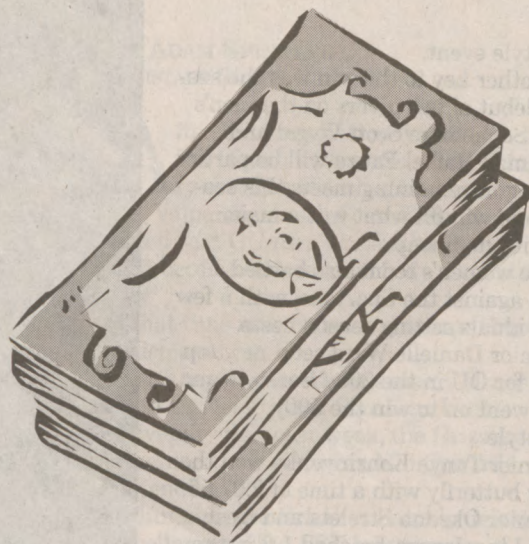
James Moffatt, executive director of the College Sports Council, said he believed the proposals, if adopted by the Bush administration, might prevent the elimination of other programs in the future.

Enacted in 1972, Title IX has promoted huge growth in women's sports. The number of female athletes has grown from about 32,000 in 1972 to 150,000 this year, according to the Education Department.

The meeting itself was a tense and sometimes chaotic affair as the commissioners waded through overlapping and often contradictory proposals.

In the end, the group, chaired by Stanford athletic director Ted Leland and former WNBA star Cynthia Cooper, moved through the voting so rapidly that the commission members often had little idea what they were voting for.

Several members explained their votes afterward by citing language in recommendations that simply wasn't there.



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Student Spotlight

Peter Varon

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Being a college student involved in extra-curricular activities is already a great challenge for many. But to Peter Varon, a 22-year-old Bloomfield Hills native who's been playing baseball since the age of six, it's no sweat. During OU's 2003 baseball season, Varon will play first base and is the team captain. Not only does Varon play for OU's baseball team, he is also a member of the National baseball team in Greece for the second year in a row, and will be a participant in the Olympic games in Athens in 2004. Varon loves baseball, it has have been a part of his life as long as he can remember. With more than 100 games played, Varon still vaguely recalls the first time he stepped onto the field in his blue and white Franklin Cowboys Little League jersey.

"I was so nervous," says Varon. "I'll never forget that feeling because I still get it to this day." With his brand new baseball bat in hand, preparing to stand in the exact same position that he practiced so many nights before, Varon stepped up to the plate. Never in a million years did he imagine just how far that first step would take him. Now a member of the Greek Olympic team, many would say that Varon has mastered the sport. Yet, he takes little credit for this accomplishment. "I owe it all to my grandmother," Varon said proudly. It was about two years ago when Varon's grandmother saw an article in the paper about trying out for the Greek Olympic Team under the supervision of the Baltimore Orioles. She made phone call after phone call. Weeks went by, but they remained patient. Eventually, Varon was selected for the National Team in Greece.

"I was so excited," Varon recalls. "I felt like I was handed the opportunity to represent my country and my family all at once." The team played in the Hungary Pool B Championships, and they won the entire thing. Varon remembers that moment clearly in his mind. "It was great ... it was the biggest moment of my life and probably always will be," Varon says. After playing on an Olympic team, Varon says, the competition in college teams is much tougher. "Many people wouldn't think so, but my games at Oakland are much more competitive than those in the Olympics," Varon said. "I love playing for Oakland ... the team is like a family, and I get to play all year round." All of that playing has paid off. Varon has been named Most Valuable Player, selected for the All-Conference First Team, and the All-Tournament Team. Baseball is his true love, and it's the

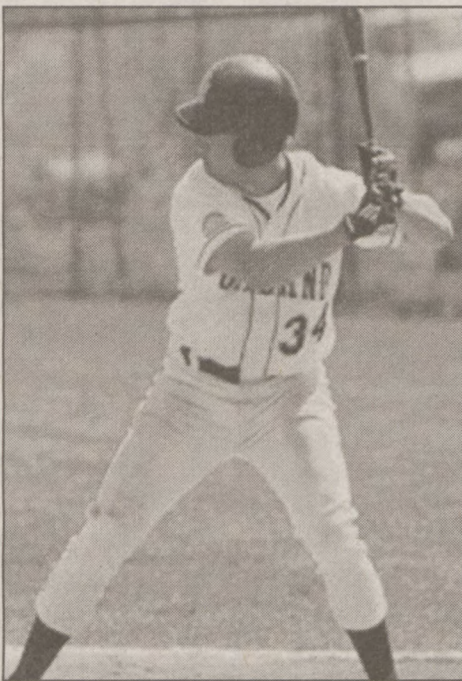


Photo courtesy of OU Sports Information
Varon plays firstbase and is captain of the OU Baseball team.

area he hopes to make a career of someday. With a glow in his eyes and determination in his voice, Varon said, "I've dreamed of playing baseball professionally since I was a kid. I don't even care which team I play for, I just want to play ball."

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Student Program Board presents "Step Africa!" at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the Oakland Center.

Feb. 7-8, 11-12, 15-16

The department of Music, Theatre, and Dance present, "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf" At 8 p.m. in Varner Studio Theater.

The department of History presents Dr. Kenneth Kusmer from Temple University in Detroit lecturing, "African Americans in the Cities since 1970: Image and Reality," at noon in the Gold rooms of the OC.

Residence Halls Programming presents Friday Night Live at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall.

Association of Black Students presents "Stylin' in the Island," an annual fashion show from 8-10:30 p.m. in Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Saturday, Feb. 8

SPB, Residence Halls Programming and Center for Student Activities present an OC Late-Nighter featuring Casino Night, Psychics, make your own music video, midnight pancake breakfast, and a hypnotist, from 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. in the OC.

Monday, Feb. 10

The Department of Human Resources Development and the Honors College present, "The Voices of Black Folk Expressed through Poetry," at 6:30 p.m. in 112 Vandenberg Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

OU Student Congress presents "American Grizzly." The student talent show will hold auditions from 6:30-9 p.m. in Gold Room C of the OC.

The Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. at in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

OU SC holds the second day of auditions for American Grizzly from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Heritage room of the OC.

A Student Art Gallery will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Fireside lounge in the OC.

Thursday, Feb. 13

There will be a lecture about survival tips for spring break featuring Condom Bingo at noon at a yet to be announced location.

The Honors College presents, "The Roots of Rap," at 4 p.m. in 112 Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Feb. 14

The African-American Celebration Committee & Delta Sigma Theta Sorority present, "A Taste of African Gala," featuring music, art and food from 4-8 p.m. in the Rec Center.

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FISHBOWL by Robert Witchger

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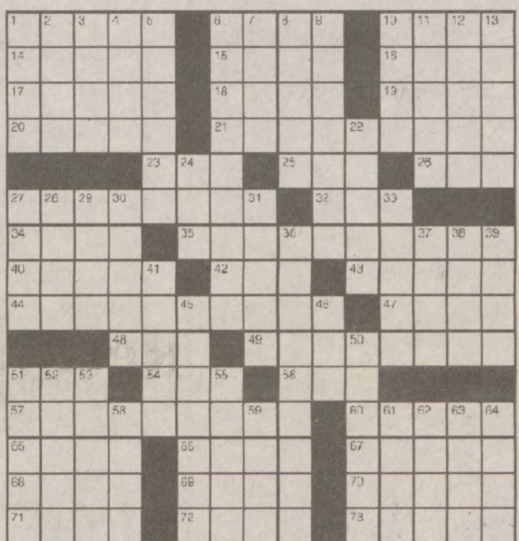
Grizzly Sports Calendar

Games shaded in gray denote home contests. Records and standing in bold denote Mid-Con. Records and standings in *italics* denotes league.

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11-9 4-3 Fourth Place				6 p.m. IUPUI			
				2 p.m. Notre Dame			
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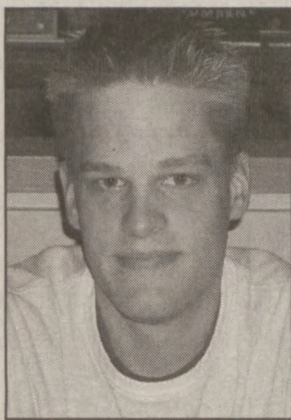
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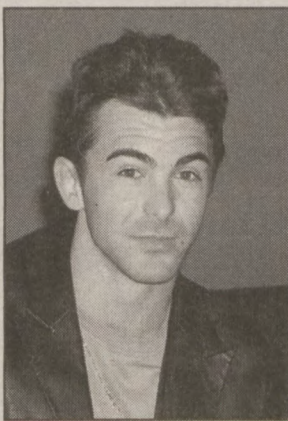
OU says ...

Should we continue with manned space travel?



"The accident was unfortunate but the only way to learn is to try."

Keith Swanson
Sophomore
Mechanical
Engineer



"It would be stupid to stop now."

Kirk Lauter
Senior
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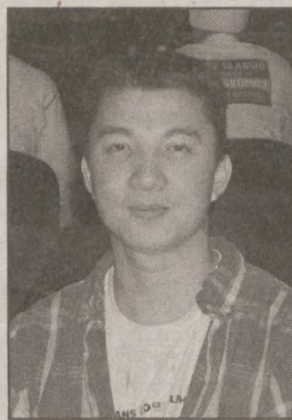
"We didn't stop in '86, so why stop now?"

Chris Pepoy
Senior
Mechanical
Engineer



It was a horrible accident, but how would we learn without it?"

Alex Chamasrour
Freshman
Business



"We shouldn't stop."

Hanh Ho
Senior
Mechanical
Engineer

Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

2003 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards

2003 Human Relations Award

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Please see display ad elsewhere in this edition for more information. Application deadline is Friday, February 14, 2003 for both awards.

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Graham Health Center is sponsoring the National College Health Assessment survey beginning Monday, February 10, 2003. This is a national research effort designed to allow college health centers to generate data and prevalence rates at their institutions on issues such as alcohol and tobacco use, sexual behavior, body weight and mental health. Students' responses will contribute to information to be used to improve health services and direct programming for both the Graham Health and Counseling Centers. Surveys will be distributed in randomly selected classrooms and will remain completely anonymous. If you are selected to receive one of these surveys your participation will be important to help improve healthcare and health education at Oakland University.

DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Now hiring Peer Mentors (7 positions available) and **Nightwatch Persons** (1 male, 1 female) for the KCP Extended College Day Program at OU (a residential four week summer program for high school students interested in OU). Peer mentor positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying room and board and a \$275/week stipend. Nightwatch positions run June 30th-August 1st, paying a \$225/week stipend. For both positions, must have a 2.5 minimum GPA and sophomore class standing by end of spring term. Must agree to a background check and commit to all four program weeks plus training. For applications and more information, come to 103 North Foundation Hall. Interested persons should speak with Candace Rogers.

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND Summer 2003 Jobs

Applications available in 261 South Foundation Hall for the following positions:

- Head Resident (graduate students or degreed adults only)
- Peer Mentor (6 positions available)
- Tutor/Teacher Aide (6 positions available)
- Nightwatch Person (1 position available)

For more information stop by or call 248-370-3218

Campus Rec Happenings

Intramural Sports 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Anyone with a Rec Center membership (which includes students) can participate. The tournament is Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 9 AM. Registration forms are available at the Rec Center and due by February 7, 2003. Come and have some fun.

Fitness Classes

All group exercise classes at the Rec Center are free and available on a drop-in basis. If you are not familiar with the basic step aerobic moves, you can attend an "Intro to Step" class Monday-Thursday. In addition to the regular exercise classes, specialty classes such as Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi, Triathlon Training, and Deep Water are now offered. Please pick up a group exercise schedule at the Welcome Center for more information.

Massage and Acupressure Therapy

The Fitness Department is also offering massage and acupressure therapy sessions at student and non-student rates. This is a great way to relieve stress and tension throughout the semester. For an appointment please contact Mila at 248-370-4910.

Please visit the Campus Recreation website for complete information on everything the Rec Center has to offer at www.oakland.edu/unit/campus_rec.

This Week

Wednesday, February 5

Wellness Wednesday presents Herbs, Supplements and Your Health. Hosted by Dr. Bob Jarski and sponsored by Campus Recreation in the Pioneer Room of the Rec Center from 12:05-12:55 PM. Supplements and herbs can be a great holistic approach to your health but educating yourself on herbs is essential to their appropriate use. Dr. Jarski will discuss herbs and supplements for general health, their effect on your body and how to find the best remedy for you. A basket of goodies will be raffled off.

Friday, February 7

RHP's Friday Night Live Winter 2003 Comedy Series presents Vince Morris. Sleek, brash and charismatic are just a few of the words to describe Vince Morris' clean style of comedy. With his strong stage presence and natural ability to captivate an audience, he quickly rose to the top of the local scene. Vince made his first national television appearance on BET's Comic View. This national exposure led to Vince's success as one of the country's hottest young comedians as well as a showcase at the prestigious Montreal Comedy Festival. 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria, free refreshments and admission.

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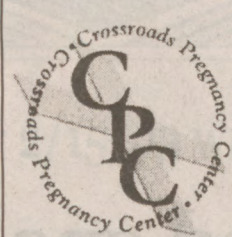
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As of September 5th, there is a **AA/Alanon meeting** every Thursday in the Graham Health Center. Conference Room at noon. This meeting replaces the Wednesday noon meeting from last year.

Misc.

Roommates Wanted!!!

Rochester teacher looking for two female roommates to share brand new Oxford home. House faces lake and golf course. 25 min. to OU. Dogs welcome. Call Christine at (248) 236-9665.

Car for Sale

1999 Honda CR-V EX, white, 34,500 miles, excellent condition, loaded (AC, CD, alloy wheels, many extras), \$13,900, call (248) 591-7338 (Royal Oak).

Need Benefits?

Call (586) 615-8749

Jobs

Interested in Obtaining Experience in the Health Care Industry??? Excellent opportunity for Pre-Meds, Pre-Nursing, and Allied Health Students. Get paid while getting experience! For more information call (248) 968-2058 or send resumes to shaju_j@yahoo.com

Childcare Provider Needed in our home M, T, and Th., 8:00 a.m.-5:30p.m. for one infant beginning app. Feb. 1, 2003. Call Lisa at (248) 620-9568.

Looking for Responsible Female to watch our 3 children. Approx. 15 hours/week. Must be a non-smoker and must be able to drive. Please call Sheryl at (248) 763-1856.

Notice of Opening:

Certified Personnel. The following teaching opening exists in the District for the 2002-2003 school year. **HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER.** Applicants who are interested and qualified are asked to submit a letter of application no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2003, to Kari Frank c/o Human Resources Dept., Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

Bartender Trainees Needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. (800) 293-3985 ext. 198

Part-Time Receptionist wanted for Farmington Hills law firm. Work in a pleasant professional atmosphere. Please fax resumes to (248) 539-5360.

Boys & Girls Club Part-Time Instructor Position \$7-\$10 per hr. Call (586) 566-5516

Domestic Help Needed Perfect for female student with day classes! Be a Live-in housekeepers/driver for Bloomfield Hills family with school-age children. \$300/week. Car required. Non-smokers only. (248) 931-3017

Piano Accompanist wanted for elementary school choir in Rochester Hills. Thursday 4-5 pm rehearsals. Pays \$25 per hour. Contact Andrea Piejack @ (248) 394-1492

Spring Break

Spring Break 2003 with STS Americas #1 Student Tour Operator. Sell Trips earn cash Travel Free. Information/Reservations (800)648-4849 or www.ststravel.com

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Clean Cut Reliable Student with good driving record for summer outdoor work in the Mt. Clemens area. 5-6 days a week, \$400-\$500 per week. Please call (586) 783-1577. Ask for Ryan

Child Care Center in Rochester Seeking Creative Individuals!!! Flexible hours available now. Get experience. Ask for Todd or Mary at (248) 652-1132

Misc.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is seeking motivated students to begin a chapter on campus. 3.0 GPA required. Contact info@salhonors.org

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Models Wanted!!!

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