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Tuition lower, still up 8.5%

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees (BOT) approved a proposal last Wednesday to reduce this year's 9.9 percent tuition increase to 8.8 percent effective in the winter semester.

These budget adjustments came after the state legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm approved more than expected for the higher education budget. When all the money was divided up among all state universities, OU ended up with \$1.9 million more in the budget.

At that point, the administration proposed a revised budget to the BOT at the Aug. 6 meeting.

The board tabled the proposal because some members were unhappy some of the money was going to projects and not students.

On Sept. 10, the administration came back to the board with a new proposal to give the entire \$1.9 million back to the students through a few different avenues.

"It's a combination of rolling back the tuition rate, effective winter semester, by 1.4 percent ... and we are also proposing that we

put additional money into faculty so we can offer the sections needed to address

What this means for students

- The average student will save \$26.92 on tuition next semester.
- \$ 852,305 will be used to rehire some professors.
- The fall-to-winter tuition difference of \$420,000 will be used for student financial aid supplements.

our growing enrollment this year," said Lynne Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration. The average, 12-credit hour student will be saving \$26.92 over this

semester. However, students are still paying 8.5 percent over last semester.

According to Schaefer, since tuition rollbacks cannot start until winter semester, a one-time

tuition and fee revenue of \$420,000 will be generated this semester.

"Instead we are proposing to use that one-time revenue and put it into financial aid and probably extend it over a year or two to supplement financial aid programs," Schaefer said.

The proposal also calls for \$852,305 to go to restoring faculty lines that were cut as part of the original budget cuts in the spring.

"We had to eliminate 42 faculty positions ... this support will allow us to restore some of them to meet the demands of enrollment," said Provost Virinder Moudgil.

Moudgil's office has been dealing with phone calls from stu-

dents who were unable to get certain classes. Some classes aren't offered as much or at all since the spring budget cuts.

"Most or nearly all, 90 percent or more, of the e-mail or calls our office received were from students wanting to get the classes needed for the curriculum and some for this graduation," Moudgil said. "This will help some students graduate on time."

BOT student liaison Lenny Compton, senior, was concerned that this proposal did not include additional funding for student support services and student affairs, and he wanted to know what effect there would be.

Schaefer said money from the

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Tome finds home in Rht

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

For the first time in several years, more than a dozen of OU's Rhetoric professors are using a community book in many of the Rhetoric 150 and 160 classes.

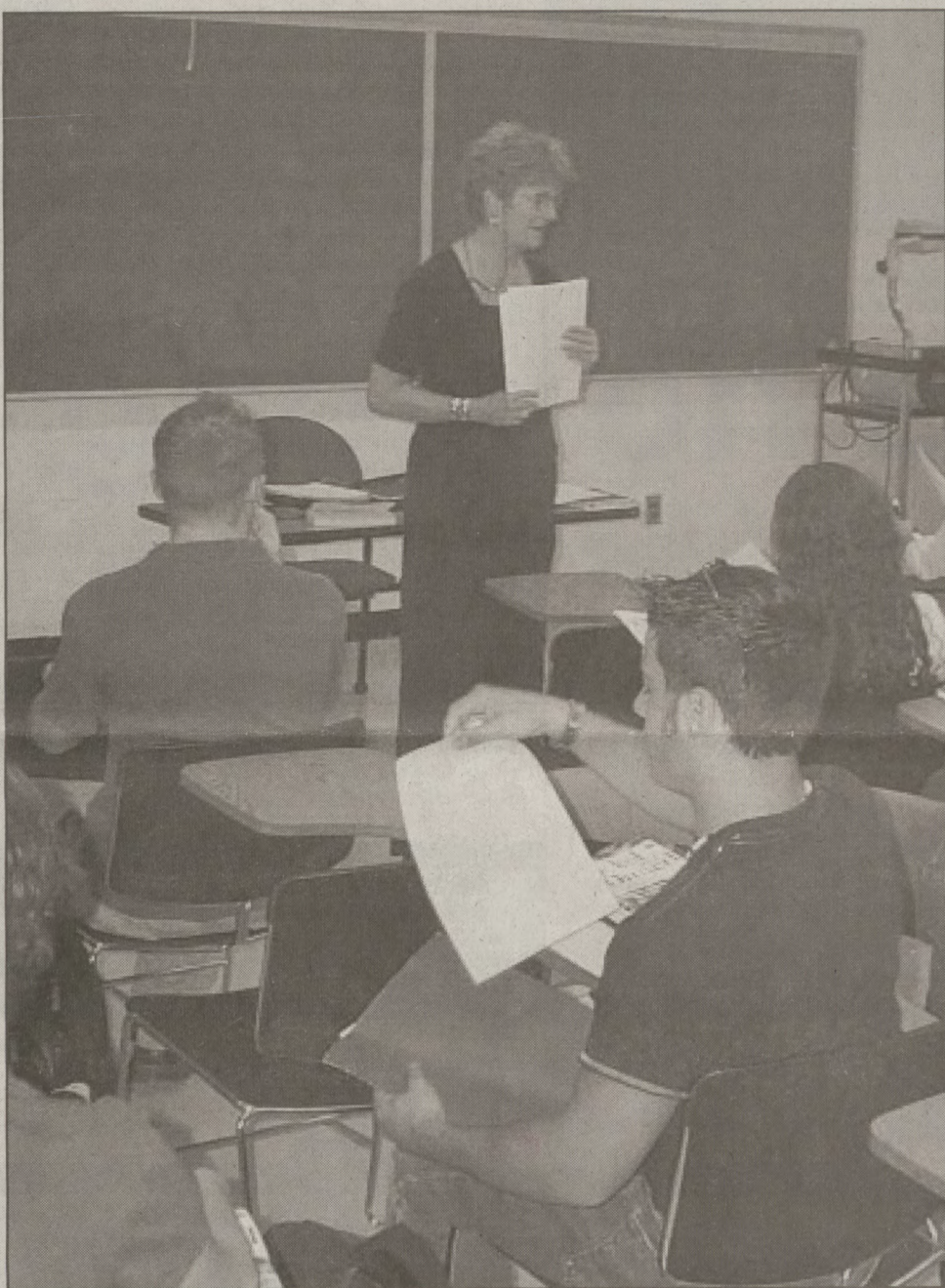
In this program, OU has a designated book for students to read, especially freshmen, said Special Instructor Cathie Breidenbach.

"Many years ago OU had a similar program, but it hasn't chosen a common book in a long time," said Breidenbach. "Other universities report that a community book program creates a sense of an intellectual community for the students new to campus, and provided a common ground for discussions and activities on campus."

The book that is being used in this program is Barbara Ehrenreich's "Nickel and Dimed."

"The book is highly informative and

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Cathie Breidenbach lectures to her class. Her class is one of many using the community book, "Nickel and Dimed."

SAFB revamps funding system

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The campus is expanding, the student population is growing and changes are taking place all over OU.

Along with the exterior modifications, organizations are also catering to a growing student population.

One of the bigger organizations that is changing with the times is the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB). The SAFB oversees the distribution of funds to on-campus organizations.

What does Student Activities Funding Board do for students?

- Provide preferred vendors list that offer discounts to students and organizations.
- Obtain discounted food and restaurant services for organizations.
- Lower travel and hotel rates for student orgs.

The six-and-a-half hour process was divided into 15-minute time blocks for each organization and the results should be posted sometime today.

The SAFB is in the process of having their guidelines approved but Gibson said the 17-page bill would take some time to put into practice.

The guidelines were compiled by a body of student and faculty members and were introduced at this week's meeting. Gibson said these rules would be an important part of communication between organizations.

The process by which organizations request allocations has been recently changed to adjust to the demands of a growing university.

Now, any organization that wishes to receive funds must present an application and detailed budget with monetary quotes and specifics for the board to review. SAFB will then hold hearings to decide on the distribution of the money.

Roxanne Gibson, SAFB chair, said, so far, there has been a positive response to the new system.

"People like this new process a lot better," she said. "It's more organized and it simplifies the process of requesting allocations."

The first of three budget hearings for the fall semester took place August 12 for the purpose of Welcome Week funding. SAFB approved the disbursement of \$12,440.13 at the first meeting.

The second round of hearings started Monday to listen to organizations proposals for events occurring through Oct. 12.

"The necessity of having these guidelines in place allows for the OUSC and SAFB to work collectively in order to support the events and organizations on campus," she said.

As the Chair of the SAFB, Gibson wants to be as helpful as possible to those coming to her.

"I want to make myself as accessible as possible," she said. "School is stressful enough without me adding to the confusion."

SAFB is also working on a Web site to inform students about news and guidelines as well as providing forms and information updated every Monday.

Currently, SAFB is in the process of acquiring and approving its board members. Everyone is welcome to apply as the only requirement is submitting a letter of intent outlining interests, available times, idea, and OU involvement to be approved by the voting board and the OUSC.

For more information on the SAFB or to apply to be a board member go to SAFB Office located in 62 Oakland Center.

Student files sex complaint

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

An alleged sexual assault took place between Saturday night and Sunday morning in Anibal Hall.

On Sunday, an 18-year-old female student filed a complaint with OU's Police Department (OUPD) against a 21-year-old male student, who she said sexually assaulted her, said Lt. Mel Gilroy of the OUPD.

Both students are residents in the dorms, said Gilroy.

On Tuesday, the prosecutor denied OUPD a warrant for the case, said

Gilroy. The denial was due to the fact that the victim did not want to press charges and there was insufficient independent evidence for the case.

He said the case is now closed for OUPD and will go on the Dean of Students' office.

Glenn McIntosh, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said when an incident is reported, they go on a fact finding mission to determine responsibility.

He said a decision is made based on what is found during the fact finding.

Possible discipline actions are outlined in the Student Handbook, he

said.

From 1999 through 2001, there have been three forcible sex offenses and one non forcible sex offense in the Residence Halls, according to OUPD's Web site, www.police.oakland.edu.

Crime statistics for 2002 have not been released by the FBI.

According to uniform crime report statistics from OUPD, last year there were no rapes on campus and two sex offenses.

With these statistics, a rape is defined as "forcible penetration with

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OU won't drop Ball after all

By AARON WALKER
& LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

It's official—this year's Fall Ball will be in full effect on Sat., Nov. 15, at Meadow Brook Hall.

After near cancellation, it was decided on Monday that the Ball would go on, said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities (CSA).

Miller said the Ball is an OU tradition that's been going on since the 1970s, but

was almost cancelled due to the change in the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) process.

Miller said the Student Program Board (SPB) came through with funding for the event. That benevolent act will allow the Fall Ball Committee to host another Ball.

Both students and administration are anticipating this year's event.

"Students kept coming to our office asking 'when is the

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Meadow Brook Ball Committee discuss plans for the upcoming dance Monday.

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HISPANIC CELEBRATION 2003: LA IDENTIDAD HISPANOAMERICANA (Sept. 15 – Oct. 1, 2003)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

Appreciating the "Latin American Identity"
Noon-1 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
Presentation: Estela Moreno-Mazzoli, Assc. Prof. of Spanish

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Kresge at the Movies: "Frida" starring Salma Hayek
Two FREE showings: Noon & 5 PM, Student Lounge, KL
Discussion to follow "Frida" facilitated by Estela Moreno-Mazzoli, Assc. Prof. of Spanish. FREE refreshments.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

The Glitz and Ritz of the "Carnival in Rio"
Noon-1 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
Presentation: Mary Karasch, Prof. of History

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

Inauguration of International Students and Scholars Office's Coffee Hour Series: "Bienvenue. Bienvenidos. Foon ying. Sushri akal. Willkommen. Witomy."
Welcome International Students to OU!!!
4-6 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
All are invited to a FREE reception welcoming our international students to the OU community. Presentation: panel of OU international students discussing their impressions of the United States.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Tour of Detroit's Mexican Town
10:30 AM, Meet in the Fireside Lounge, OC for directions or 11:45 AM, at Xochimilco's Restaurant in Mexican Town. Start with lunch at Xochimilco's (pay your own), walking tour to follow conducted by Ron Rapin, Assc. Prof. of Spanish

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

Poetry & Café, Noon-1 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
Poetry Contest sponsored by the SPB. Winners of the Hispanic Celebration 2003 Essay Contest announced. Enjoy a FREE International Coffee Bar along with original poetry presented by OU students.

Tango Lessons, 8-10 PM, Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
FREE tango lessons by Lori Burton, Argentine Tango Detroit

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

Hispanic Night at the ERL
5:30-7 PM, Educational Resources Lab, 350 ED
Learn about the Mexican roots of Detroit through music, stories and dance performed by "Raices Mexicanas de Detroit" Children's Dance Troupe. FREE refreshments.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

Closing Ceremony: Fiesta Hispanica
4-6:30 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
FREE. Fun, food, friends, arts & crafts and dancing. Music by Broki's Echo Con Cache.

Essay Topic: "How does my cultural identity enrich Oakland University and society?"

1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50, 3rd Place - \$25
This contest is open to all currently registered OU students. Your entry is limited to 500 words or less. Entries will be judged on content, creativity, and cohesiveness related to the theme. Please submit your typed, double-spaced entry to the Center for Student Activities Office, 49 Oakland Center. All entries must be submitted by 5 PM, on Friday, September 26.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted for all returning and new student and Greek organizations for the 2003-2004 academic year. Pick up a registration form in the CSA Office (49 Oakland Center) and return it by September 27. Also, sign-up in the CSA Office for the Student and Greek Organization Officer's Training to be held on Saturday, September 27 from 9 AM until noon in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

RESERVATIONS FOR:

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Michigan Renaissance Festival (Sept. 20, 21, 27, & 28)
- The Music of The Phantom of the Opera (Sept. 18 & 21)
- Luciano Pavarotti (Sept. 21)
- Kiss Me Kate (Sept. 21)
- Triple Espresso (Sept. 28, Oct. 23 & Nov. 28)
- Sound of Music (Sept. 30 & Oct. 5)
- Mama Mia (Oct. 5, 9, 26 & Nov. 13)
- Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus (Oct. 5 & 6)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers (Oct. 7)
- Opening Night of the DSO and the Max Fisher Music Center (Oct. 11)
- Smokey Robinson (Oct. 12)
- Oscar Peterson and Branford Marsalis (Oct. 15)
- The Masked Ball (Oct. 22 & 24)
- Menopause: The Musical (Oct. 26 & Nov. 2)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Boston Celtics (Nov. 5)
- Disney on Ice: 3 Jungle Adventures (Nov. 15 & 16)
- Detroit Pistons vs. New York Knicks (Nov. 21)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the "Rockettes" (Nov. 28, Dec. 4, 11, 22, & 26)
- The Producers (Dec. 2, 21, 29 & Jan. 4)
- Kathleen Battle (Dec. 4)
- Nutcracker Ballet (Dec. 12)
- Les Miserables (Dec. 14, 21 & Jan. 2)

ON CAMPUS EVENTS: TICKETS AND SIGN UPS

- Seniors: Set Your Sails! (Friday, Oct. 3)

NEW: PHOTO DROP OFF

The CSA Service Window is offering a new service for you: Photo Processing Drop-off! Drop off your film for processing by 4 PM, Monday through Friday, and pick it up at your convenience at the CVS on the corner of Adams and Walton!

Are you interested in giving from your heart to save a heart??? Volunteers needed to work the Detroit Metro HEART WALK on Saturday, September 20, to be held on the campus of Oakland University. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Ann Miller at the CSA Office (49 Oakland Center), call her at (248) 370-4332, or e-mail her at jam@oakland.edu.



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For more information see
www3.oakland.edu/oakland/studentemail/

Grad student gets award

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

OU graduate student Aiyesha Ma was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium last May.

Ma applied to the Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship program last fall with a research proposal to develop methods that would help in automatically indexing satellite images.

"Although humans have an amazing ability to recognize similar textures and shapes, manual classification of images is time consuming and prone to errors," Ma's proposal stated.

According to the Michigan Space Grant Consortium's (MSGC) mission statement, its goal is to "foster awareness of education and research on space related science and technol-

ogy in Michigan ..."

The NASA sponsored MSGC was formed in 1989 and is led by the University of Michigan. It is composed of nine affiliate universities and colleges, including OU, Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University, to name a few.

The Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship program grant is awarded once a year to one undergraduate and one graduate student from each of the affiliate universities.

This is the first year Ma received a MSGC grant, but this is also the first year that she applied.

"I was excited," Ma said. "I thought my chances of getting it were slim."

The money Ma received is being used as her Research Assistant stipend to cover her living expenses so she can focus on her research.

She has already started working on her research.

"I am looking at defining shape and texture measures," Ma said. "That can be used to determine the similarities or dissimilarities between (satellite) images, which will allow me to group the images."

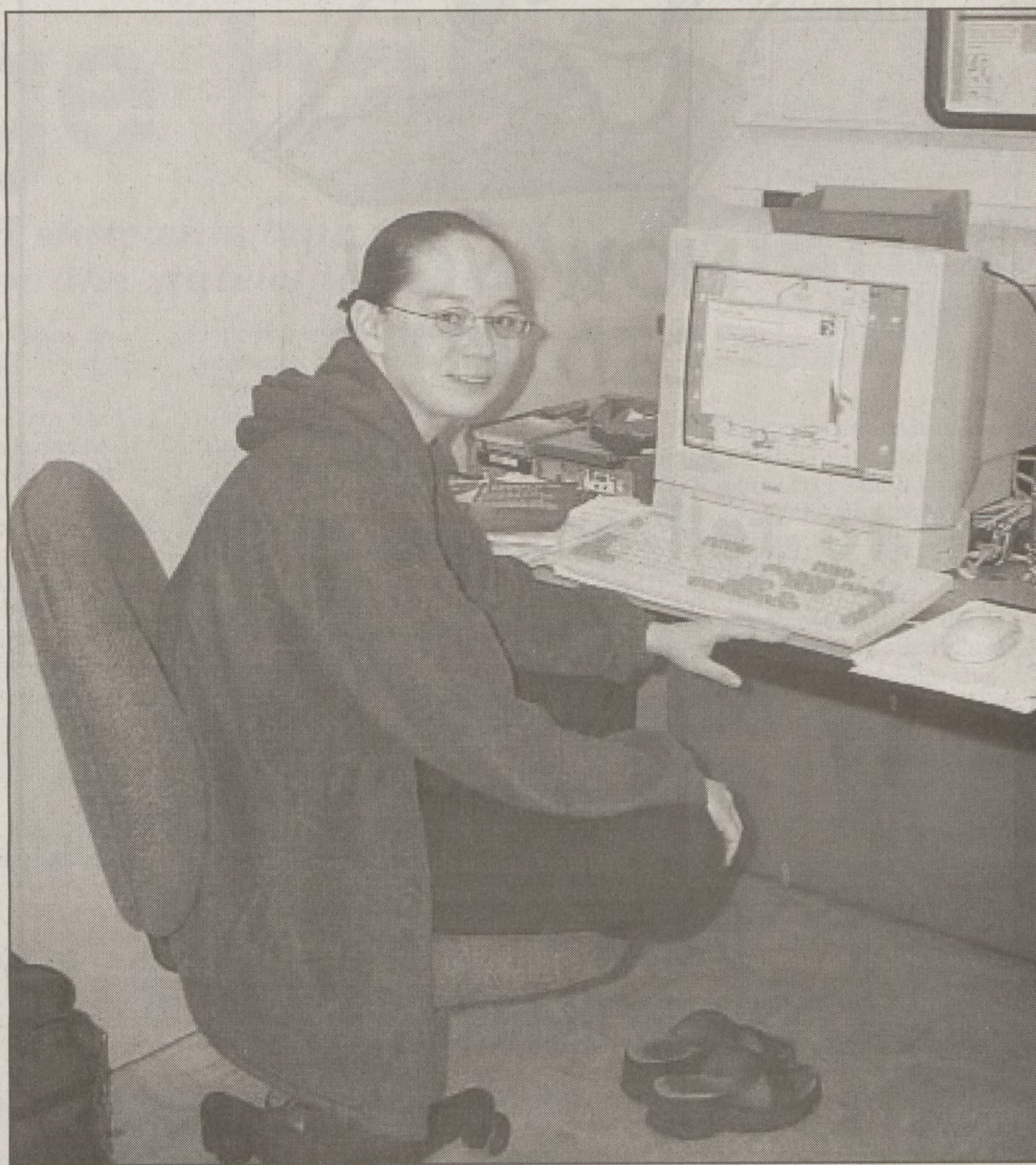
According to Ishwar K. Sethi, chair of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, and Ma's mentor, Ma first came to OU in the summer 2002 to participate in the National Science Foundation sponsored undergraduate research program for women.

"She is a great organizer," Sethi said. "She helped us run the NSF program again this summer by coordinating its activities."

Ma has been involved in Sethi's research team since last fall as a master's student.

Since then, she has participated in several projects

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Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
Grad student Aiyesha Ma works in a computer lab in Dodge Hall. Ma recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium.

OUSC goofs on elections

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Currently, there are 14 OU Student Congress (OUSC) legislative positions that should be filled as soon as possible, but a mix up by the OUSC is making that easier said than done.

Prospective legislators are required to fill out an application, have at least 50 stu-

dents sign a petition supporting them, attend three OUSC meetings and spend four hours in the OUSC office. Then the OUSC either approves or denies the students' requests.

This has always been done on a first come, first served basis until all open spaces were filled.

This year, however, that method is not working due

to an office error on the part of OUSC members.

Because of the lack of OUSC meetings in the spring and summer along with candidates turning applications into nearly every member of Congress instead of just one member, the OUSC has hit a roadblock.

According to the OUSC, because applications were

not dated, it is impossible to tell who turned in his or her application first. This would not be a large problem, but the number of approved applications has already exceeded the number of open spots and there are still applications that need approval.

Congress has been trying to come up with a way to remedy this problem fairly.

A number of ideas have been suggested but most have been rejected.

One idea was to have every candidate speak and then vote alphabetically whether to approve or deny.

Senior Kenton Lewis, OUSC vice president, said this would be unfair because the candidates who went first, those near the beginning of the alphabet,

would undoubtedly be approved because "each prospective legislator is qualified to do the job."

Lewis said he thinks the first 14 speakers would fill the spots and he, along with the rest of Congress, feels this is unfair.

While Congress has been trying to decide what to do about this mix-up, junior

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Nobel poet to read at OU

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is welcoming Linda Gregerson for the 16th annual Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading series sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Arts and Sciences.

This event pays tribute to Maurice F. Brown, a professor who taught at OU from 1961 until his death in 1985.

Gregerson and her husband, Steven, live outside Ann Arbor with their two daughters, Emma and Megan.

She is a professor of English at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where she teaches Renaissance Literature and creative writing.

Gregerson won the \$150,000 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Prize for her book "Waterborne" in April 2003. The Kingsley Tufts Poetry Prize is one of the largest prizes for which a poet is eligible.

She has also been acknowledged with the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, the Pushcart and Levinson Prizes, the Nobel Prize in Literature, MacArthur Fellows Program, National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

"Her work is contemporary but her poetry is challenging. She writes about events from the past, violent and dramatic historical situations," said Professor Edward Haworth Hoeppner.

Linda grew up outside the Chicago area and graduated in Ohio from Oberlin College in 1971.

She holds graduate degrees from Northwestern University, the University of Iowa and Stanford University.

She has also been an editor for the "Atlantic Monthly," and she was an actress with the Kraken Theatre Company.

"Her reading voice is extraordinary," said Professor Bruce Mann, chair of the Department of English. "She has experience in theatre, and during a reading, her poems come to life through her clear, precise and



Photo courtesy of English Department
Linda Gregerson will read her poetry at 4 p.m. next Wednesday in Banquet Room B in the OC.

expressive voice."

The book "Waterborne," describes the river that runs through her Ann Arbor property.

Her two daughters appear in this work, along with the woods and the brook that surrounds her house.

Gregerson will read from her book "Waterborne" at 4 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 24 in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center.

After the reading, a book signing will follow. The event is free and is open to everyone.

Her books "Waterborne" and the "Women who Died in her Sleep" will be available to purchase in hardcover for \$23 and paperback for \$14.

Changes for Journalism

By CHRISTINA PIERSON
& LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

Interim Program Director of Journalism, Mike Lewis said he has big shoes to fill, but is happy to do so.

The shoes are those of his predecessor, Jane Briggs-Bunting, who left OU in August to become Director of the School of Journalism at Michigan State University.

Lewis, an anchor and reporter at WDIV-TV 4 news also worked for newspapers, including *The Detroit News* for 10 years.

This is Lewis' third year of teaching at OU.

Lewis' schedule is busy, but he also finds time to be a student at Wayne State University where he is working to get his Ph.D. in communications.

He has already earned a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in journalism.

The latter helped him get a job at *The Detroit News*.

During 24 years at the university Briggs-Bunting continuously encouraged the recruitment of instructors, like Lewis, who worked in the field.

She put many professionals in the classroom. Among them is



Courtesy of WDIV-TV 4
Interim Program Director of Journalism, Mike Lewis

Neal Shine, former publisher of *The Detroit Free Press*, who teaches Media Ethics and Feature Writing.

An attorney who specializes in the First Amendment law, Briggs-Bunting worked diligently to uphold freedom of the press.

Legal battles with OU's administration regarding the Open Meetings Act no doubt constitute a significant portion of her legacy.

Briggs-Bunting is not only a teacher but also an author of

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Police Beat

• A large construction truck rolled into two vehicles parked in the lot behind Kresge Library Thursday.

A witness said they heard a large crash around 5:45 p.m. and saw the vehicle roll forward.

OUPD found all vehicles

were legally parked and that there was no apparent reason for the truck to roll. All three vehicles were unoccupied.

There was front-end damage to the construction truck and rear end damage to one of the other cars.

• A Motorola cell phone was reported missing from 203 O'Dowd Thursday at 9 a.m.

The student claims she left the phone on a desk for 30 seconds while she went to the other side of the room.

When she returned to her

desk, the phone was gone. The phone is valued at \$75.

• A female student was walking outside Wilson Hall Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. when she fell.

She stated she was just focusing on something else and was not paying atten-

tion. The student had cuts on the forehead and under her eye and thought she may have had a broken pinkie. She was taken to Troy Beaumont Hospital upon request.

• A resident student had nearly 80 CDs taken from her car Sunday between 1

a.m. and noon.

The car was parked in the lot outside of Vandenberg. OUPD noticed a cut in the rubber of the passenger door frame and noted that as a possible break in point. The CDs are valued at over \$1200.



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LA IDENTIDAD HISPANOAMERICANA (HISPANIC-AMERICAN IDENTITIES)

September 15 - October 1, 2003

Monday, Sept 15

Opening Ceremony & Reception
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
Opening Remarks by Dr. Virinder Moudgil, Vice President for Student Affairs and Provost.
Keynote Remarks by Maria Elena Rodriguez, President of Mexicantown Community Development Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.
Details announced about the Hispanic Celebration 2003 Essay Contest. Topic: "How does my cultural identity enrich Oakland University and society?" First place prize is \$100; second place is \$50; third place is \$25.

Tuesday, Sept 16

Celebrating Mexico's Independence Day
Noon-1:00 p.m.
Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Wednesday, Sept 17

Appreciating the "Latin American Identity"
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The Giltz and Riltz of the "Carnival in Rio"
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Welcome International Students to Oakland University!!
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Saturday, Sept 27

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10:30 a.m.
Meet in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center for directions or 11:45 a.m.
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Start with lunch at Xochimilco's (pay on your own), followed by a walking tour conducted by Ron Rapin, Associate Professor of Spanish.

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COMING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE OC BANQUET ROOM

Student Life Lecture Board presents Soledad O'Brien, co-anchor of CNN's *American Morning* and former co-anchor of NBC's *Weekend Today*, speaking on "Diversity in Broadcasting." Soledad O'Brien is the daughter of an African Cuban woman and an "Irish" Australian man. In 1997, she was awarded the Hispanic Achievement Award in Communications. In 1998, she was named to *Irish American Magazine's* "Top 100 Irish Americans" list. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. She is a graduate of Harvard University.

Essay Topic: "How does my cultural identity enrich Oakland University and society?"

* First Place - \$100 * Second Place - \$50 * Third Place - \$25 *
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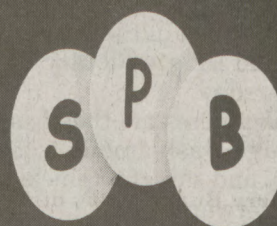
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Gay marriage ban

Oakland County Commissioners vote to uphold statewide ban, the first step to putting a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot.

BY KRISTY DROST
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students spoke out as the Oakland County Commissioners voted in the beginning of September to uphold the state resolution which bans same sex marriages. This is one of the steps towards putting this issue vote on the statewide ballot as a constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriages.

"I think that there was a reason (the ban) was put in place," Chris Ladkau, freshman, said. "I don't think it should change."

He said he believes the

Commissioners make responsible choices.

The Defense of Marriage Act of 1996, which was passed by former U.S. president Bill Clinton defines marriage as a union between one woman and one man.

The purpose of this act was to legally define the words "marriage" and "spouse." A spouse is defined by this law as the individual of the opposite sex in the marriage, either husband or wife.

Julie Munger, junior and president of the Gay-Straight Alliance at OU, said a ban like this would go against everything the nation stands for.

"This country was based on three basic rights: life, liberty and pursuit of happiness," Munger said. "If this ban on same sex marriages happens, it would inhibit our basic rights."

Laura Holmes, freshman, said it should be up to the individual who he or she weds.

"I think it's ridiculous. You can't help who you love," she said. "People shouldn't be punished for loving someone that society doesn't approve of."

Mike D'Angelo, freshman, agreed with Holmes.

"Who are they offending?" he asked.

Christiana Paige, junior, said, "Personally, I believe that mar-

riage is a covenant made between a man and a woman."

The commissioners voted 14-10 Sept. 4 to approve the resolution.

Upholding the ban were commissioners from White Lake, West Bloomfield, Oxford, Highland Township, Commerce Township, Royal Oak, Waterford, Rochester, South Lyon, Novi, Orion Township, Clawson and Farmington Hills.

The commissioners who opposed the ban were from Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Pontiac, Clarkston, Huntington Woods, Birmingham, Hazel Park and Farmington Hills.

Global Glance

• The entire east coast is keeping an eye on Hurricane Isabel, even Washington D.C. The hurricane slowly sweeping northwest and is in the vicinity of South Carolina at the moment. Congress is considering leaving Washington early due to the close proximity of the storm. Military ships and planes have been evacuated from the area. The storm is moving about 7 mph towards North Carolina and Maryland. Experts predict Isabel may hit North Carolina on Thursday afternoon.

• Preparation for the Oct. 7 recall election of D-Gov. Gray Davis in California was put on hold Monday by the federal appeals court. The court ruled that the preparation is hurried and constitutionally infirm because of several voting machines being nonfunctional. Rushing the election could result in about 40,000 votes not counted or miscounted the court said. The battle could head to the U.S. Supreme Court next. If the appeal is not overturned, the recall vote could happen as late as March 2004.

• Seven people were arrested in Iraq Monday for allegedly helping bankroll resistance to coalition forces. A U.S. soldier died from wounds when he was attacked, which led to the capture, according to the U.S. military. With the recent attack, 295 U.S. soldiers have died since the beginning of the war in Iraq in March.

• Iran's Atomic Energy Organization said it is committed to a nuclear non-proliferation treaty and will continue to allow snapshots of its facilities to be taken. So far, inspectors are only able to visit selected nuclear sites with the others waiting for approval. Gholamreza Aghazadeh, the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said his country is fully committed to the treaty's responsibilities.

• A fire at a maximum-security prison in the capital of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia has left officials investigating how 67 inmates were killed. The incident happened Monday afternoon at the Ha'ir prison. Even though the cause is not known yet, a committee has been appointed to investigate. The prison houses several hundred inmates.

• Wesley Clark, a former NATO supreme commander, is expected to announce his presidential candidacy today with the Democratic party. The retired general is going to launch his candidacy at his hometown of Little Rock, Ark. Clark's team will consist of veterans from former President Bill Clinton's and Vice President Al Gore's campaigns. He has also been a former CNN military analyst who led U.S. and allied forces in the 1999 air war in Kosovo.

Council seeks help

Volunteers sought to read to those lacking literacy skills.

BY TARA FUGATE
THE OAKLAND POST

College students may take reading for granted.

In fact, they may even resent having to do so much of it for their classes. But life is much more difficult for those with a different reading problem - illiteracy.

Even though Oakland County has the lowest rate of illiteracy among adults in Michigan ranging from age 16 and up at 10 percent, 47 percent of Detroiters, 36 percent of those living in Wayne County, and 15 percent of Macomb County residents lack the skills that are essential to daily life.

According to the Oakland County Literacy Council's Web site, www.oaklandliteracy.org, some lack basic reading, writing and simple computational skills.

However, there is help for these individuals. The Council's goal, which was developed in 1984, is to "deliver high quality, basic reading and English language instruction so that they attain their literacy goals, develop self-confidence, and become independent learners."

All programs and training sessions are free of charge to the community.

Currently, the Council is actively seeking volunteers. These volunteers vary in age and are trained in three sessions totalling the required 15 hours.

In these sessions potential tutors are taught 29 different strategies and approaches, in order to meet their students educational needs.

Freshman Theresa Abela said she even



Courtesy of the Oakland County Literacy Council

Tutor of the Year Coyce Uzelac shows her plaque with her student Herman Reese. The Oakland County Literacy Council is dedicated to helping adults better their skills.

though not knowing much about the organization, it would be beneficial to the community.

"I've never heard of this program, but I think it could be beneficial to both the students and the tutors ... it's something I'd be interested in," she said.

Derrick Gilford contacted the Council in

1997. Looking back, he said, "I was tired of struggling for words."

Like Gilford, many of the participants feel this way and contacted the Council in hopes of bettering themselves by learning to read and write.

"Learning to read has changed my life,"

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Foundation offers incentive

BY JIM KAISER
THE OAKLAND POST

As part of the Trees for America campaign, each new member joining the National Arbor Day Foundation this month and makes a \$10 contribution will receive many rewards. Special incen-

tives include 10 free White Pine trees, a subscription to the organization's bimonthly publication "Arbor Day" and a free book entitled "The Tree Book." The book offers tips and information about raising and caring for trees.

Members will also

receive discounted rates on the future purchase of trees.

"Our membership has been pretty steady," said Gary Brienzo, information coordinator for the Arbor Day Foundation. "However, every organization wants more members."

The organization now holds strong at about 1 million members and distributes around 8.7 million trees per year, according to Brienzo.

"Our goal is to get new members, get people interested in the Foundation and get trees into people's hands,"

Brienzo said.

The Foundation's mission is to help people plant and care for trees and encourage the celebration of Arbor Day.

For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation or how to join, visit www.arborday.org.

Tutors find CARE

BY ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

It shouldn't hurt to be a child. Everyday, a child is sexually molested and threatened to keep it a secret, beaten and lies in the Intensive Care Unit fighting for his or her life. Another child becomes a statistic on the growing list of child abuse deaths.

The Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County (CARE), located in Pontiac, is a prime leader in defending the children of the community.

Established in 1977 through a collaborative partnership of law enforcement agencies, the Junior League of Birmingham and the human service organizations, it first started in Oakland County to address child abuse and neglect issues.

Today, the Council is the only non-profit organization of its type in the county, whose exclusive purpose is the protection of children.

The Council has many programs that take

place in the CARE House including multi-disciplinary investigative teams for children to relate to details of sexual and physical abuse, crisis intervention assistance to provide victims and families support services, therapy for assaulted children and collaboration with community groups and serving children.

Larry Burke, prevention education director of CARE House, said the program is essential to Oakland County.

"We need a lot of volunteers to make a difference in the lives of kids," he said. "Last Tuesday CARE House held its annual Open House Day and 75 to 100 volunteers showed up."

He said the Council strives to provide the best environment for any child.

"When a child arrives at CARE House we want to put that child into a child-friendly environment," he said. "The volunteer then greets the child with a smile, and is comforting and sympathetic to that child."

Burke said volunteers can dedicate as lit-

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Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Larry Burke (left), director, prevention education and Pat Rosen, executive director, said they are dedicated to helping children.

Global goof

• A Canadian prison in Winnipeg requested 40,000 condoms for inmates last week, but that isn't the strange part. The Manitoba government requested the ban on 40,000 fruit-flavored condoms as requested by the inmates. The government said supplying condoms to inmates could help decrease the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. Officials said too many condoms may have been requested and the fruit flavor may not be necessary.

~ Compiled by Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from various news sources.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the Point/Counterpoint of Sept. 10 and it will be short and to the point. I do not think that the tragedy of Sept. 11 (which both sides bring up) is even relevant in this argument. The simple fact of the matter is that when you have no expectation of privacy in a public place; that is the very nature of that place being "public." And while the First Amendment may give you the right to assemble there is nothing in the Constitution that guarantees your right to privacy.

Danny Riley, Jr.
Senior
Public Administration

Dear Editor,

Liquidity and solvency are two words that mean a lot in today's society. What does that mean for students here at Oakland? Over the summer, the fiscal freedom that many student organizations had come to depend on went into question.

The SAFB, the organization on campus responsible for funding events on campus, changed their guidelines and the process for allocating money. Much to the surprise of many groups, students learned that they had just a few short days to learn the new complicated process.

Did anyone profit from the change? A certain Greek organization found that the process set forth to monitor money gave them a new loop hole. As they prepared for their annual event,

to be on the Friday night of Welcome Week, they received \$7,000 from SAFB.

Is this fair? An event open to non-OU students received more money than most organizations receive in a year. How was this decision made and who made it?

It has come to the attention of this student that the Vice President of Student Congress and some legislators are part of the group in question. Was fundraising ever done by the group? What price did they pay for the advertising on and off campus they received?

I am not questioning the validity of the event, or the Greek organization that sponsored it.

In a time of such economic strife, at what cost to other organizations was the event? The Student Congress is here to fairly represent the student body, but students are not vocal in their attempt to remedy what they feel is wrong.

It is time to question our leaders and make our voice be heard. This is not just my campus, but also yours. Make the time to voice your opinion and make the issues that you feel are important heard.

Anonymous Student

Dear Editor,

On Thursday, I made my way to the fountain outside of Kresge Library to take a part in the ceremony marking the second anniversary of the tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on New

York City, Washington D.C. and rural Pennsylvania.

Taking band classes with Mickey McDonald, the trumpet player who played "Taps" and "America the Beautiful," I got there early to ensure that I would be at the front of the large crowd that I expected to show up in tribute.

That large crowd turned out to be only 30 people. And even that number was counting Mickey, the OUTV cameraman and Paul Franklin who coordinated the event.

Two years ago people talked about how Sept. 11 had changed their lives "forever," and that they were never going to forget the innocent people who died. Unfortunately, I knew that Sept. 11, like Pearl Harbor Day, would eventually become a footnote in our lives.

I'm just disgusted with most of us as Americans that we were able to forget such an unforgettable tragedy so soon.

Randy S. Dudek
Sophomore
Music Education

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Editor's View

Education quality jeopardized

As OU has gone through the recent budget cuts, the administration has insisted it is committed to maintaining the high level of education that students have always received here.

However, students should question whether they are truly getting the education they are paying for.

Last year, a lower division, resident, undergraduate student with 12 credit hours was paying \$1,750 in tuition minus fees. But a lot has changed since last year.

For starters, that same student is now paying \$1,923 in tuition. So what exactly is he or she getting for the extra \$173?

There are fewer professors. OU eliminated 42 faculty positions as part of the budget cut. This move closed many sections of classes forcing students to scramble to figure out how they would get required classes and still graduate on time.

Classes are larger. Professors around campus aren't collecting homework as frequently or assigning as many papers because they have more students in the class as in previous years and can't grade that many assignments. Other professors are giving Scantron tests and hoping students have learned the

critical thinking portion. All because classes at OU have become numbers games as opposed to places for quality education.

The faculty-to-student ratio is arguably up from last year's 19 to 1. Students are losing a lot of the one-on-one attention OU has always prided itself on. Some faculty have even cut back on office hours, giving students less of a chance to interact with them and ask questions.

It's clear students are paying more for less.

It's commendable the university was able to give all \$1.9 million in extra state appropriations it received back to the students, but it's just the beginning. If enrollment continues to rise the problem of less faculty

Editorial at a glance

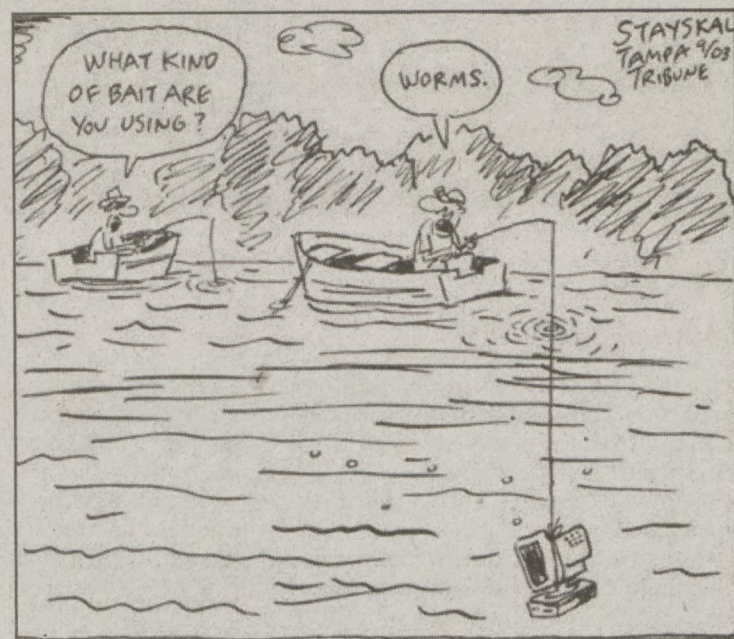
The Issue: OU has lowered tuition for 2003-2004.

Our stance: This is only the beginning. OU still has a lot to do to rebound from the budget cuts.

ty and more students could turn into a crisis. OU needs to find a way to give back the quality education OU students have come to know and deserve.

There is a silver lining for all the students that fit the "average" description. OU is going to allow you to keep \$26.92 in your pocket next semester.

Now, if the university can just find a way to offer enough class sections for you to graduate on time, that would be a real bargain.



Featured columnist

What has Congress been up to all summer?



ROXANNE
GIBSON

SAFB Chairperson

OU's Student Congress has come into the fall semester in "full effect." This year, Congress is looking to make changes and implement procedures to better the campus atmosphere.

Behind the scenes are the people who burned the midnight oil over the summer. The Executive Board of the Student Congress was nominated by President Jonathan Parks and Vice-President Kenton Lewis.

During the summer, OU set into a lull, but it was in that time that the eight Executive Board members were at their busiest.

Shaquonda Binion, director of Administrative Affairs, has been working with Brian Welch, director of Legislative Affairs, to create a format for the bills and resolutions passed by Congress and then organize them for easy access. She has also been compiling e-mail lists in order to communicate to the legislators and executive board the agendas, minutes and information that makes the Congress meetings run effectively.

Jim Gammicchia, director of

Financial Affairs, with the aid of the Center for Student Activities (CSA) office, has started a Student Resource Center with computers, a color printer and various other supplies for students. Jim's job has also been to put together the Student Congress budgets.

As Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB) Chairperson, I have been working hard with a focus group to redesign the allocation process entirely, allowing for a viewing of the broad scope of the semester in order to ensure the fair and equitable disbursement of funds. Through the process, I have created new forms for student organizations and have attempted to be as accessible and helpful to them while they adjust to this new process.

Shemeka Pearson, director of Student Services, has dedicated her time to working on discount services for students. She has also taken on the re-birth of the OUSC Newsletter. Furthermore, she is collaborating with Jim to put together a fully comprehensive web service for book swap, course evaluations and other user-friendly web access tools.

Brian Welch has been looking into sponsoring OUSC/CSA legal counsel for students to utilize at no charge. His continued interest in the Association of Michigan Universities has been apparent as he keeps Congress informed about legislation

that affects OU and/or the students, relayed in his weekly Congress reports.

Student Program Board (SPB) Chairperson April Cooper has already chosen an Executive Board and begun events for the student body. Weekly comedy nights, outdoor movies and patio concerts are just a sample of the events.

Congress welcomes Christina Tierman and Sara Crampton from the CSA office, as its new advisors. They have, in conjunction with the CSA office, offered OUSC members a workshop including information on running effective meetings and proper representation in all aspects that involve the student body.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the hard work of the President and Vice-President of the student body is apparent in their never-ending desire to introduce people to the Congress and the university through mentorship programs, a discussion board for easy access to information, and student aid. They encourage incoming freshmen to start on the right track and stay there, with Congress' help. They hope to build a strong backing of students to cheer on the OU athletic teams we are all so proud of.

The summer has been very busy for the Executive Board, as we welcome back our fellow Grizzlies. Come check out the Congress at 4 p.m. Mondays. Here's to a great year!

Point / Counterpoint

Should President Bush spend \$87 billion to rebuild Iraq?

YES

BY ADAM HITCH
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

President Bush wants money to rebuild Iraq. What is the problem?

He has done an admirable job in one of the most difficult times in our nation's history. He leads our country during a time when we cannot be assured a repeat of the Sept. 11 attacks will not happen.

He has confronted a dictator, Saddam Hussein, who contributed to threats against our nation and has stayed committed to keeping our safety.

Therefore, why should we not give him money to rebuild a destroyed country and successfully defeat this dictator? Leaving it in ruins will leave the country poor and desolate. They will turn to anyone who can help. If he is not dead, Hussein, or someone like him, can again rise to power.

Those familiar with history will know that the Nazis rose to power because the allies left Germany in ruins after World War I. Instead of rebuilding the country, as was President Wilson's plan, the European nations sought to make Germany pay for the war. They then watched as the economy collapsed and the people needed somewhere to turn, they turned to Hitler.

Oddly enough, after the Second World War the allies rebuilt Germany and now the country is a stable democracy. Since our president did wage war on this country, does he not deserve the opportunity to make it successful and prevent the same war from being waged against the same country and dictator by a future president?

The Iraqi people only know life under a dictator's regime. If we do not show them what life can be like in a democracy they will likely go to what they are familiar with. Does the United States want to be responsible for that?

NO

BY MICHAEL MCGUINNESS
THE OAKLAND POST

The monetary cost of American military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan currently stands at about \$166 billion. Now, President Bush is calling on Congress to allocate an additional \$87 billion to provide for continued operations in those foreign endeavors. This request is complicated by the reality of substantial budget deficits, as well as a stagnant economy.

Whatever one's opinion of the merits for entering these conflicts might've been, it is now essential for the American citizenry—the very individuals who are footing the bill both now and in the indefinite future—to openly scrutinize this irresponsible appropriation of tax dollars and demand change.

Since the Bush administration deemed it necessary to our "national interest" that we move with a military force into Iraq without a broad coalition of international support, they continue with their misguided international approach by forcing America to also maintain post-war Iraq rela-

tively alone.

This spells trouble for our American troops and our federal treasury. To ensure that this foreign involvement does not mean disaster for either, the United Nations must be brought into the efforts in a constructive way. With the international community working together to bring peace and stability to Iraq, both the financial and military burden will not be inappropriately shouldered by America.

If no one stands up and demands a different approach, the American people will be no more safe or secure than they were before the military conflict began, let alone before devastating terrorist attacks two years ago brought the stark reality of terrorism to the fore.

Rather, the spiraling costs of this foolhardy approach will saddle future generations with disastrous financial debts that they had no say in, as well as a more hostile global environment. Such continued irresponsibility on the part of the current administration, and the public officials who support their efforts, will wreak havoc on our nation's economic and political well-being for many years to come.

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Rainy Day Fund was being used to fund those services this year and students should not see any effect.

A total of \$50,000 from the proposal is also going to undergraduate research and \$100,000 to graduate student support, which Moudgil said students benefit from because it gives them research opportunities.

"We expect to effect at least 100 or more students," said Moudgil.

ASSAULT

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injury," said Gilroy.

The 2002 statistics will be edited and officially released by the FBI in mid- to-late October, said Gilroy.

Pamela Warner, staff psychologist at Graham Health Center said although the Health Center doesn't offer a support group for victims of sexual assault, there is individual psychotherapy.

She said the Center staff does refer people to Help Against Violent Encounters Now (HAVEN), a shelter and coun-

seling center for women. Also, the staff at Graham is not opposed to support groups.

"We'd certainly be open if there were an individual who wanted to form one," she said.

Warner said all the bounds of confidentiality are respected with patients unless they give written consent to release information.

She also said that victims of sexual assault have been treated by the Graham Health Center.

BALL

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ball?" said Miller.

Miller said she is excited about the event.

"It's not a prom, it's a very sophisticated and elegant dance," Miller said. "It's a ball for everybody and we would like to see a more diverse student body."

She said the Ball has been cancelled in the past.

President of the Meadow Brook Ball Committee Manal Addelgawad, junior, said she is excited that the dance will still go on.

"It's such a relief," she said. "We (would have) let so many students down."

She said the committee now has a lot of work to do to get the dance planned, and normally it has everything taken care of by June or July.

She said the theme for the dance is Midnight Masquerade. The dance is mostly planned as far as colors and decorations.

"We're taking it a step at a time because we want it to be perfect," she said.

For entertainment, there will be a DJ, character artist, painter, harp player and a table where students can make masks, said Addelgawad. She said SPB is helping

with entertainment.

"I think it's great," said Beth Saveski, sophomore, and member of the committee.

"I think it's good that it's not cancelled," said senior Rhonda Hanna. "More students can go. Students like the ball, it's an annual tradition."

Tickets will go on sale Oct. 8 in the CSA and will be \$40 per couple and \$20 for single. Students are allowed to bring a non-OU student as a guest.

Only 300 tickets can be sold, and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

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including the construction of "a predictive model for cardiac surgery patients to predict the outcome."

"I guess what makes her stand out is her commitment," Sethi said. "She is willing to take responsibilities and has a capability to work with minimal direction."

Each year the MSGC offers several fellowships and programs that support NASA strategic interest and mission, including summer programs.

For more information, consult their website www.engin.umich.edu/dept/aero/msgc/index.html.

DIMED

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proves that you really need a college education to make something of yourself in the future," said freshman Miranda Chaundy.

Chaundy also said her professor assigns the class to read a chapter a night, and then they will write about that chapter on the next meeting.

The basis of the book is whether a low waged worker can really get by in America. Ehrenreich posed as a middle aged, uneducated divorced homemaker with no present job skills.

She worked as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nurses' aid and as a Wal-Mart sales associate. Her experiment spanned three states and she talks about her experiences in each one.

The book raises various questions of social, politi-

cal and economic issues worthy of discussion, research, writing and events.

"The book is very hypocritical, she's not truly in the situation that she presents herself to be in," said freshman Tara Sullivan. "She has backup money, eats meals every day, and isn't living out of her car. She's just viewing what she sees, she's not experimenting."

The activities that will be happening on campus centered around the book include a videotaped presentation of her appearance on campus last March that will be viewed at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 23, in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center (OC).

Also, there will be a Faculty Panel Discussion at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in Banquet Room

A in the OC discussing whether the working poor can get by in America.

"(The book is) extremely relevant, but especially to the students," said Glen Armstrong, adjunct professor who is new to OU. "She's so detailed in explaining her experiences. Everything is in first person, and it clearly states what she went through."

Breidenbach said the faculty hopes to send the message that the university is an appropriate forum for investigation and debate of important issues.

"We want to encourage students to think about public policy and to be able to express their viewpoints clearly and persuasively," said Breidenbach.

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Brian Welch, director of Legislative Affairs reminded them that this shouldn't have been an issue.

"We already have a procedure in place," Welch said. "We just failed to follow it."

He said he feels the ideas about speaking and voting alphabetically or randomly are unfair.

"Students shouldn't be penalized for our mistake," he told OUSC at the meeting Monday.

While a solution still hasn't been presented yet, steps are being taken to correct this problem now and in the future.

All applications are now to be turned in to Jackie Claiborne of the Research and Review Committee to be dated and filed.

"It's in the hands of Research and Review now," said OUSC President, senior Johnathan Parks.

The next OUSC meeting will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

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teacher but also an author of children's books, and she has written articles for "People," "Reader's Digest," "Sports Illustrated" and "Lifetime."

She also worked at The Detroit Free Press for 10 years.

Briggs-Bunting was also instrumental in helping to raise money for the two journalism computer labs on campus.

Lewis said he is interested in continuing the strong tradition of teaching students to become working journalists.

He also said he wants to teach students to be able to tell stories in any form of media including print, broadcast or online.

"I'm interested in good storytelling, whatever the platform."

COUNCIL

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Gilford said.

The program is not only rewarding to the students, but for the tutors, as well, according to member Don Ketai.

"You find a sense of accomplishment and self-worth," he said. "I really enjoy the response of my students and the accomplishments that they are able to make."

For more information about the Literacy Council, contact Cathy Weiss at (248) 232-4664 or visit its Web site www.oaklandliteracy.org.



Photo Courtesy of The Oakland County Literacy Council
Literacy Council student, Ahmed Ihshebah works with tutor Jan McKenna. The Council helps local adults learn to read.

CARE

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tle or as much of their time as they want, but the Council needs at least 75 volunteers to run the program.

There is a Nurturing Program that meets every Tuesday for children age 5-11 with their parents. CARE House provides a free meal and daycare to younger children. The program goes for 15 weeks and is seeking about a dozen volunteers.

Thursdays mark the Parents with their Teens program, with teens from ages 13-18 in the program. It runs twelve weeks and is free.

The many volunteer opportunities include child assistants for the interview, family support and nurturing programs, members for development, marketing, prevention, intervention and treatment.

For more information or to volunteer, contact CARE House at (248) 333-0999 or visit www.carehouse.org.

Photography Editor Wanted

The Oakland Post is looking for someone with photography and graphic experience to head up the photo department.

The photo editor is responsible for delegating pictures for each issue to photographers, shooting pictures, developing film and digital prints, scanning pictures and using Photoshop to size all pictures for the paper and the web.

Job requires spending Monday and Tuesday at The Post and take pictures throughout the week.

If interested, or for more information, contact Rebecca at (248) 370-4268 or e-mail editor@oakpostonline.com.

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'Retrofit' showcases local artist

By **LUISE BOLLEBER**
THE OAKLAND POST

The first exhibit of the season at Meadow Brook Art Gallery is entitled "Retrofit" and showcases the work of Ann Arbor artist Sharon Que.

Her sculptural works of cast bronze, iron, wood, stone, rubber and silver leaf are exquisitely crafted.

The sculptures, both free-standing and wall-hung, also possess an organic quality with the varnished, dark woods softening many pieces.

Several pieces suggest some sort of function. "Test Stick," a small hanging piece made of cast bronze, steel, glass and gold leaf, looks like it could be an ingenious, early 20th century invention.

One could imagine discovering it in an antique store. It has an aged, useful yet playful nature.

Que sometimes combines vastly different media within her pieces. Hard steel mingles with rich wood and smooth marble.

The separate elements, however, merge seamlessly as though they were meant to be.

The title "Retrofit," reflects Que's philosophy of her work. According to the artist, she takes objects, reworks them, and brings them up to date. They become reapplied as opposed to being merely a hodgepodge of different objects.

For the most part, her pieces are not premeditated. They evolve after she begins working on them, taking on a life of their own.

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Que draws inspiration from her surroundings in the machinery barn/studio next to her home, and also from her travels abroad.

Although she does not create sketches and renderings of her ideas on paper, she frequently employs drawing into her pieces with etching on glass, metal and wood.

Que incorporates found objects into her work, but also uses these objects as models for fashioning "new and improved" versions.

A few pieces depict small illustrations of hands, painted with egg tempera, which is reminiscent of Russian icon painting.

The tendency to search for meaning and compare with the known is one way to view this body of work.

But it invites purer speculation as well. A quick glance would not do this show justice.

If you're interested in hearing Que speak about her work, there will be an Artist Talk on at 3 p.m., Sunday, September 21 at the gallery.

"Retrofit" runs through October 5. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Admission is free.

An outdoor sculptural piece by Que is also viewable on campus. It is installed in Varner Memorial Garden, just west of Varner Hall.

Log onto www.oakland.edu/mbag for information regarding upcoming exhibits and events at Meadow Brook Gallery.

The gallery is located in Wilson Hall across from Meadow Brook Theater.



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Sharon Que's "Everlasting, 2003," is made of oak, boxwood, egg tempera and steel.

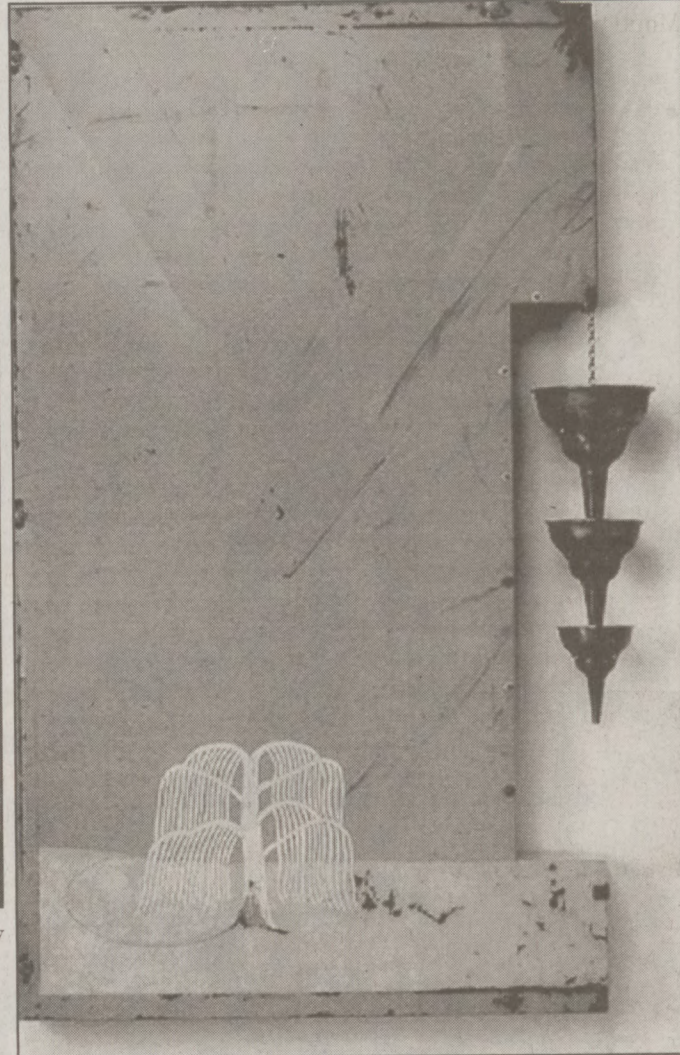


Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Art Gallery
Sharon Que's "Ternary, 1999" can be viewed until Sunday, Oct. 5.

Walk for a cause

By **TRACY ESTES**
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Thousands of people will be entering the OU grounds Saturday with hopes of helping to save lives.

The American Heart Walk, an event that helps raise money for heart research projects and educational programs, will be hosted by OU for the fourth time in the event's 10-year history.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept 20 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Participants will be walking 1 to 2.5 miles amidst all the festivities available. Walkers will be collecting donations from friends, families and co-workers.

Exercise displays by Mila Padgett, assistant program director of the Department of Campus Recreation, will take place during the event.

Fire safety displays by the Ferndale Fire Department, free massages and counseling about taking care of injuries will also be available throughout the day.

Children will have an opportunity to have their faces painted by the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, jump on a moonwalk, rock climb and run through a serpent maze.

"We are expecting at least 20,000 participants this year at the American Heart Walk," said Cindy Hawken, American Heart Association senior director of communications.

\$1.65 million for research studies on the heart and strokes is the goal to reach.

"The money raised at the walk will be spent to educate people on the risks of heart disease," said Joan Love, assistant director of the office of admissions and team captain in the Heart Walk.

"How important it is to diet and exercise and all the things that go along with trying to maintain a healthy heart," she said.

Love's father died of a heart attack and before research was so important. Doctors did not know what his cause of death was.

"My father's death is my motivation to help others and that is why I walk," she said.

Love needs 10 participants to walk with and

each must raise a minimum of \$100.

"Last year I was a top walker and raised over \$1000," Love said.

Students are proud that their school is hosting the event.

"The Heart Walk is a great way for OU to bring people together in order to benefit the community," said Kristen Donald, senior.

"I am definitely happy to be a student where people care so much."

Sponsors for the event include Subway and NutriSoy. Among the participants are Jared Fogle from Subway and employees from St. John Health, OnStar, Standard Federal Banking, and Home Depot.

The Detroit Free Press, WDIV and WNIC will be the media sponsors for the Heart Walk.

"We are very thankful to Oakland University and all the staff and student volunteers that make this was a reality," said Hawkin.

For more information on the American Heart Walk, visit the American Heart Walk web site at www.heartwalk.kintera.org/detroit.

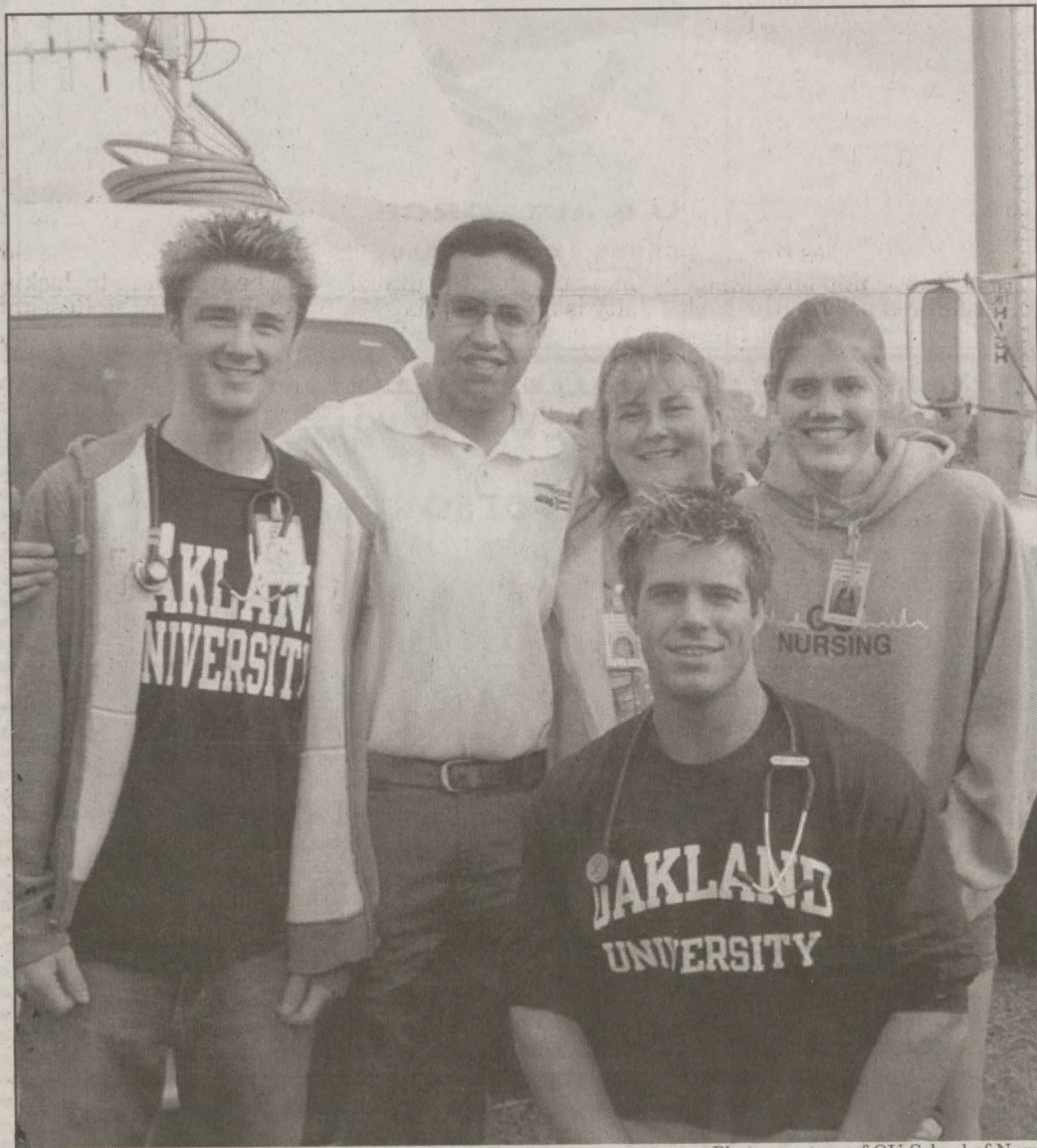


Photo courtesy of OU School of Nursing
From L to R: Brandon Harding, Jared Fogle from Subway, Adam Schmid, Sherry Feyers, Jessica Greenwood. Harding, Schmid, Feyers and Greenwood are students at Oakland University's School of Nursing who participated in the American Heart Walk last year.

Greek Week offers chance to meet orgs

13 Greek orgs and five days of fun

By **TRACY ESTES**
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Greek Week is just around the corner. From Tuesday, Sept. 23-Sunday, Sept. 27 the Greek chapters are getting fired up to celebrate their commitment to their Greek organizations.

With a weeks worth of events planned, 13 different Greek organizations on campus will unite and work together to show the student body that there is more to Greek life than just fun and games.

"We want to promote Greek life on campus in a positive way to show the students what it is all about," said Julie Wojciechowski, sophomore, Greek Council Chairmen and Vice President of the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority.

The purpose of Greek Week is to bring everyone together, whether they are Greek or non-Greek from the student body, said Wojciechowski.

Greek Week events range from philanthropy to sports and include activities such as Greek Feud, which is similar to the game show Family Feud, and Mock Rock, which will include two rounds; one with lip synching, and one with step dancing.

There will be a celebrity look-a-like contest at intermission.

"Greek Week is creating more on campus awareness for

Greek life and mainly shows other people what we are about," said Seth Anderson, senior and New Member Educator for Theta Chi.

Getting to know the Greeks is the point of the celebration for the student body.

"Mingle with the Greeks" and "Greek Pride Day," will entail the Greeks coming out to show the other side of Greek life and let the students at OU meet and catch a piece of the fun.

The biggest event of Greek Week is "Greek Olympics." Different chapters will be competing to see who is the strongest and most organized group.

Some of the Olympic events will include, water balloons, potato sack races, tug-of-war, volleyball and basketball. There will be a presentation of trophies after all the events are over.

The sponsors for the Greek Olympics include Pepsi and local Detroit radio station, 93.1 DRQ.

"Rumor has it, Jason the 300 pound intern will be here for this event," Wojciechowski said.

Not only have all the organizations worked hard to make Greek Week possible, but they also have to think about promoting themselves at this time for newcomers.

All the the Greek organizations will be placing their names on floatation devices and then tossing them into Beer Lake, where they will foalt for the week, an idea pro-

posed by the Theta Chi Fraternity.

"The sisterhood is cool and I want to be part of it," said Katie Williamson, sophomore and hopeful pledge.

Williamson will be participating in Greek orientation this week and if chosen by a sorority, will definitely be part of the Greek Week fun.

Greek Week participants include, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Chi, Alpha Delta Pi and Zeta Phi Beta.

"We are looking forward to getting together with all the Greeks to show that we are unified," said Star Thomas, senior, secretary and historian for Zeta Phi Beta.

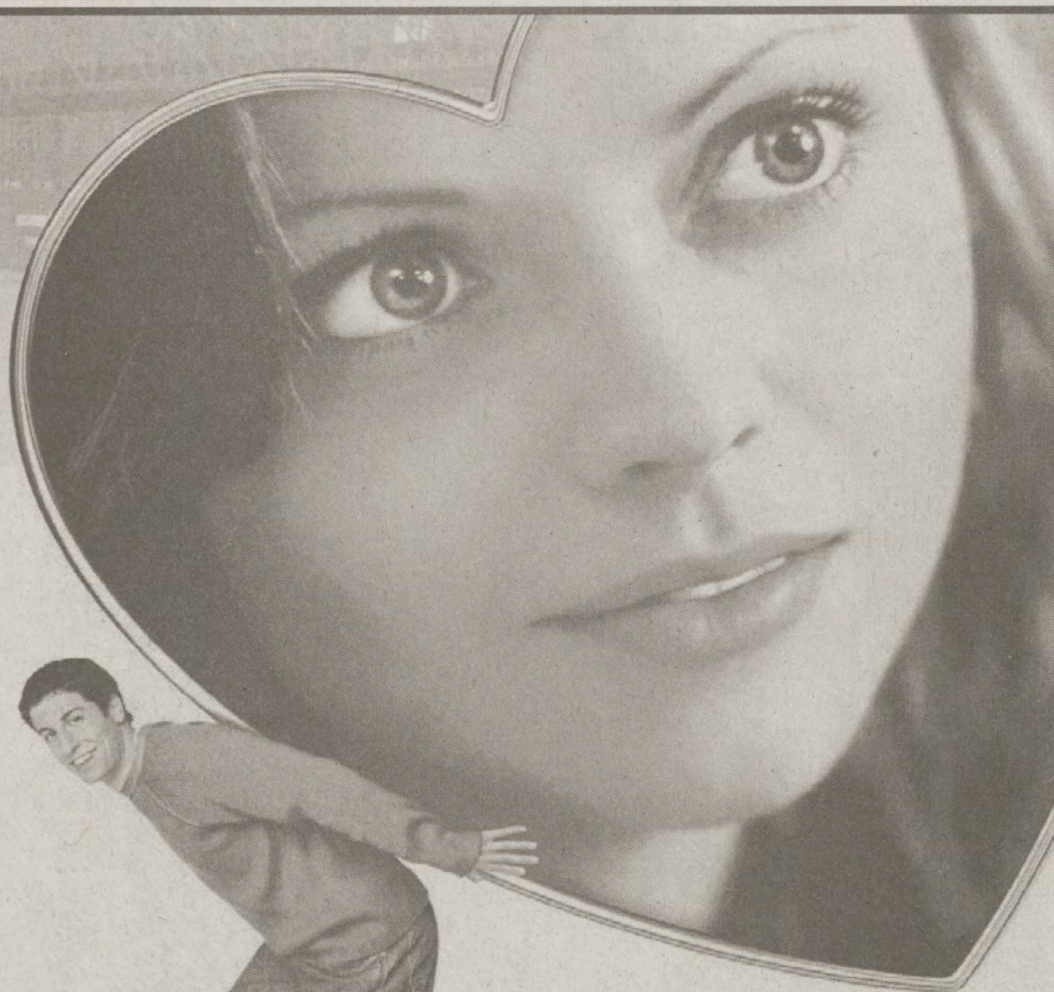
OU students and staff are welcome at all the events, free of charge. Food and beverage will be available as well.

"We encourage people to come and take part in Greek Week. It is very fun and we can see our Greek Life expanding by leaps and bounds in the next few years."

Greek life began as early as 1776 with Phi Beta Kappa at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, now a prestigious honors college for upperclassman.

The week's events include, Mingling with the Greeks, Greek Fued, Mock Rock, Greek Pride Day and the Greek Olympics.

"It is going to be a great week and we are looking forward to it," said Wojciechowski.



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Soothing jazz and poetry combine

By JIM KAISER
THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland Center will be alive with the sounds of soothing jazz music and poetry, Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Running from 8-10 p.m. in the Oakland Center, in the Oakland Room, Phi Beta Sigma will be holding their seventh annual Jazz and Poetry Night.

The event will include a D.J. who will play jazz and classical music while students read the works of their favorite poets, as well as their own works.

"We want people to sit back, relax, listen to the jazz and poetry readings," said Calvin

Gilbert, senior and president of Phi Beta Sigma.

According to Gilbert, the atmosphere will be extremely relaxed and open, and will offer students a well-deserved break from the stress of classes.

"We want everyone to get together, relax and let everyone enjoy the company of one another," said Gilbert. "It's also a great way to meet new people."

He added that the event has been a huge success in the past and said he is confident that the turnout this year will be just as good.

"Our turnout is excellent," said Gilbert. "Every semester we do the event it is packed. So many people attend, we run out of chairs."

Food and beverages will also be served, including chicken tenders, fruits, cookies, brownies and juices.

"Listening to poetry sounds like fun," said Kelly Long, junior. "I also love meeting new people."

Melissa Hesson, junior, agreed. She said, "It sounds like it might be very inspiring, and I think it would be a great way to meet more diverse people."

"There isn't a lot of stuff to do on campus," said Andrew Chapman, junior. "This sounds like it would be very interesting."

The event is open to both students and faculty, and there will be a sign up sheet for those wishing to read at the event.

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Wednesday, Sept. 17

Th Student Program Board will be hosting a lecture, "Help Me Harlan," from noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

Thursday, Sept. 18

There will be a panel discussion about careers in life sciences from noon-1 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center.

Friday, Sept. 19

Friday Night Live with Michael Dean Ester will be at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 20

The American Heart Walk will be taking place at 7:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Grounds.

Monday, Sept. 22

The "Marketing Yourself to Employers" seminar will take place at 5-6 p.m. in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center.

The Center for Student Activities is hosting a current events panel from noon-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

Friday, Sept. 26

The Fall Career Fair will take place at 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms, of the Oakland Center.

St. John Fisher's Fall Hiking Retreat will start today and run through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Monday, Sept. 29

Tango Lessons offered from 8-10 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center, of Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Oct. 3

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

The Alumni Charter Class reunion will take place starting today and ending Sunday, Oct. 5.

Park and Watch

By SANDARELLA BATRES
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

They may not be cruising in their cars but students will still have an opportunity to showcase them in the first ever Sigma Alpha Epsilon showcase at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 in OU parking lot 11.

"We were trying to think of an event that stands out from the Pig Roast and the Beach Bash," said Kevin Horak, senior and Sigma Alpha Epsilon president.

The men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be converting the parking lot into a drive-in theater for one night.

A car show will bring many who enjoy cars together and give them the opportunity view them.

After a chapter vote to determine what movie

would be shown, all were in favor of the hit movie, "Gone in 60 seconds," which will be shown at 9 p.m. from a 15-foot screen provided by Great Outdoor Movies in Rochester.

A D.J. will be playing all types of music, from dance to rap.

The event is free and after a few hours of music, food and car gazing, the moon will appear and the movie will begin.

Students and guests are asked to bring blankets and chairs for themselves.

Horak is anticipating about 400 students will participate in the event.

Anyone interested in showing off his or her car in the event can contact Kevin Horak at kphorak@oakland.edu

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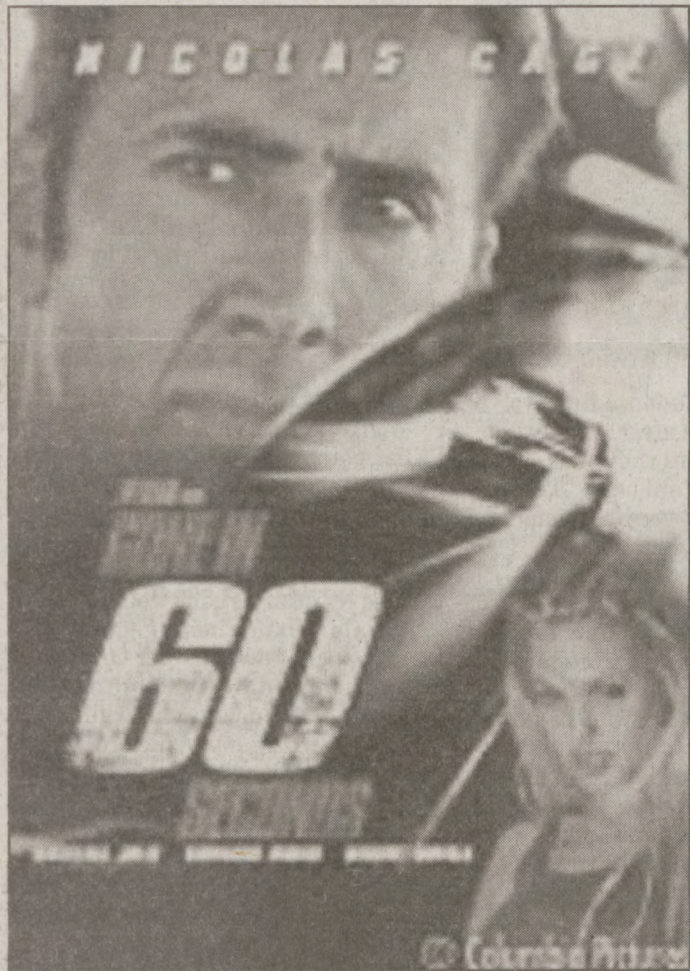
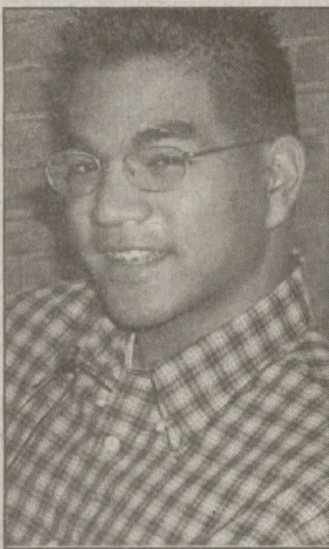


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"Gone in 60 Seconds" will be shown at the "Showcase."

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What was the last movie you've seen?



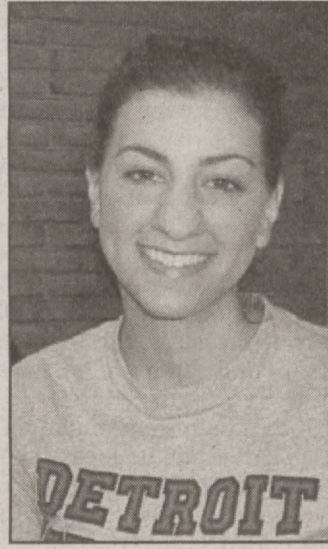
Heather Felske
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"I saw 'Spirited Away'.
It's an anime."



Alec Fell
Junior
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"American Wedding."



Jenny Poma
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"Swat. It was action
packed and Colin Farrell
made it even better."



Steve Monato
Freshman
Pre-Med

"Once Upon a Time in
Mexico' with Antonio
Banderas."



Brian Lewis
Freshman
Music Education

"I guess the last was
'Jeepers Creepers 2'."

Coming up:
All teams are in action this
week, read how they did!

Sports

About Sports:
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Without a home

BY ADAM HITCH
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Junior tennis player Kelly O'Keefe says, "I was talking to a women's basketball player the other day and even she, an athlete, did not know we had a women's tennis team."

Believe it or not OU has a women's tennis team.

Obscurity and these women are synonymous as they are one of the least recognized teams on campus.

The University community has a reason for this lack of identity and also a solution.

The community believes the answer is due to the lack of facilities on campus. A quick survey of schools show the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western and Eastern Michigan Universities, Wayne State University, and the University of Detroit-Mercy all have facilities on campus.

Mid-Con schools such as the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Southern Utah University, Valparaiso University, and Western Illinois University also have facilities for their tennis team.

Currently, the team plays at the Rochester, Adams and Stony Creek High Schools. Indoor matches are played at Lifetime Fitness.

There are differing opinions on what will come first support or facilities. The tennis team and athletic department have different theories on this question.

The athletic department argues that increased interest and support in the team will lead to tennis courts being built. The tennis team argues tennis facilities need to be built for interest and support to grow.

"Not having facilities on campus affects the team drastically. The team lacks an identity and it makes it hard to get the recogni-

tion or sponsors with nothing to show, senior netter Kelly Cole said.

If facilities were on campus then the team would be more likely to have an identity with everyone including students and the athletic department."

Senior Brittany Maxey says the lack of identity is felt by the team.

"I think everyone on campus would be a great advantage to our team. It would allow the rest of the OU community to come out and support us at matches, Maxey said.

Having tennis courts on campus would also make us feel like we are a university team. Playing off campus, we feel a lack of university support."

Cole also said the lack of facilities forces them to change clothes in parking lots before practices and matches.

The team does have an idea on how many courts they would need.

"We would need at least six courts to call home and be able to host matches," junior Marianna Perin said. "Ideally, we would need 16 to host tournaments and the courts would be inside a bubble to protect against weather."

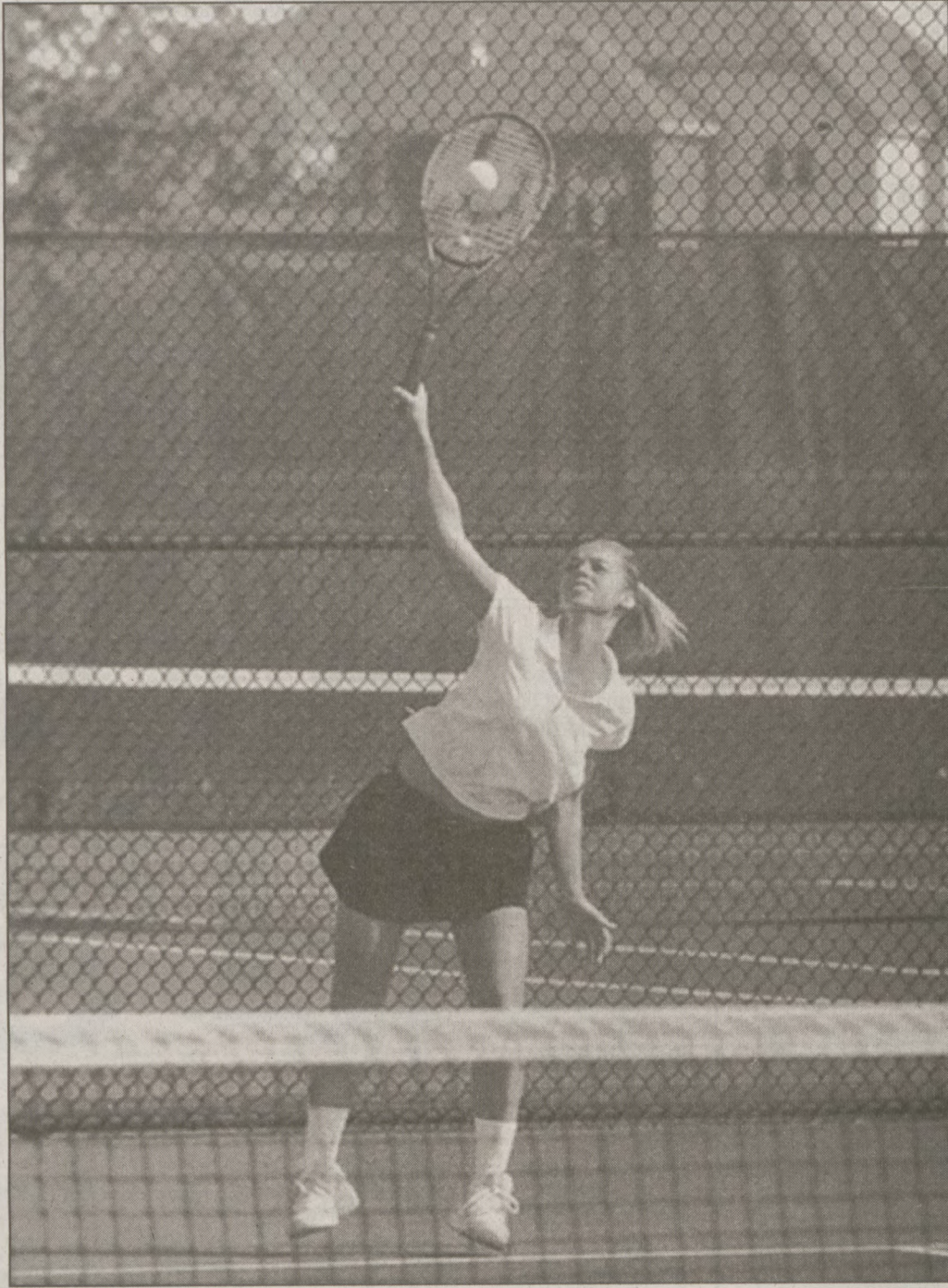
As the tennis team argues facilities will lead to support, the athletic department argues that only support will lead to facilities.

Athletic Director Jack Mehl said that the *Post's* inquiry about the lack of facilities for the tennis team was only the third inquiry in his eight years as athletic director.

The other two were from a student and staff member.

Mehl and Assistant Athletic Director Denise McGee cite a survey conducted by the athletic department every couple years to read the needs and demands of the student body.

According to Mehl and McGee every year tennis facilities fall very low on the list. They're greatly



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Sophomore Emily Kahanak serves in the OU women's tennis team's season opening home meet, which took place at Stony Creek High School, a few miles from OU.

overshadowed by a stadium and track.

Mehl said, "There doesn't appear to be a monstrous need, if there was it would be seen in more questions and initiatives. Inter-collegiate athletics is not enough, there needs to be academic support."

McGee and Mehl cite the growing student population on campus as a possible way for tennis courts to come to OU. As the population grows so will the demand for outdoor facilities.

Greg Jordan Director of

Campus Recreation confirmed the lack of inquiries about tennis facilities.

"In my seven years at Oakland I have only been asked about tennis courts on two occasions," he said.

Seemingly, the most effective way for the tennis team to have facilities is through a more outspoken demand from the student body.

Mehl and McGee said the university bases its priorities on needs and demands, especially when money is in short supply.

"The students have to be the catalyst, if they want them they will get them," Mehl said. "The faculty is very responsive to the students."

Mehl and McGee did mention, as well as Jordan, that tennis facilities are on their department's "wish list."

Tennis facilities could be an important asset to the tennis team. If they get them will be determined by the student body.

The ball is in the students court.

Lions' bandwagon fans hit the dirt

Thump.

That was the sound of all the fans who abruptly hit the ground as they missed the bandwagon the Lions' season-opening victory created.

The beloved warriors in Honolulu blue and silver kicked things off with a win, over the formidable Arizona Cardinals of all teams, and once again people believed things were ready to turn around.

Nuh-uh.

It does not pain me in the least to say these terribly redundant words when it comes to my views on the Lions: I told you so.

Well maybe I didn't tell each of you individually, but if you had talked to me I would have.

While the Lions did put up 42 points against the Cardinals in Week One, some glaring statistical depravities triggered my lack of excitement in the victory.

Second-year quarterback Joey Harrington did throw four touchdown passes; but none of them were over 15-yards and three capped off drives of 36 yards or less.

That means that the Lions' offense was the benefactor of punt returns by Eddie Drummond (or a lackluster punt coverage team by Arizona) and a bumbling Cardinal offense.

The Detroit ground attack was even less intimidating, as six different rushers averaged less than three yards per carry (66 yards on 23 rushes).

Even the defense effort was less than inspiring. While 'holding' the Arizona defense to a 'mere' 24 points, the second highest point total of all losing teams in Week One, the Lions' defense was much less than an impenetrable wall.

Taking away the four scrambles by quarterback Jeff Blake, the Cardinals rushing game averaged 4.8 yards per carry, only stopped by the team's need to pass because it was trailing.

Supporting my cynicism was what I believe to be the Lions' Achilles Heel: Their pass defense.

Against a team with a league wandering quarterback and a virtually no-name corps of wide receivers, Detroit's defense allowed 344 yards of passing offense.

Instead of sitting on the edge of my seat, I reclined and waited for the inevitable.

Week Two was a wake-up call for the bandwagon fans of Detroit. The Lions are still rebuilding.

Harrington played like the young quarterback he still is against the Packers, which is expected. Sure, he threw for 241 yards, mostly because he threw the ball 55 times, but he completed less than half of his attempts and his leading receiver was reserve running back Shawn Bryson.

After showing a weakness against the pass in Week One, the Lions' defense followed up with a poor performance against the run in Week Two, allowing the Packers to rush for 200 yards as a team.

I know that my observations seem cynical and biased, and they are. But that doesn't change that this will be a season of slow growth for the Lions.

With a young quarterback, no starting running back and a deprived defense, the Lions are still working on putting the pieces together to have a successful NFL program.

So, as the team continues through its season and wins more games as it inevitably will (five more if my prediction is correct), I plead with fans to take things for what they are worth. No more, no less.

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Rivalry ends in draw

BY ALAN BOJAKOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Aggressiveness and team spirit were displayed all over the OU soccer field on Saturday as the University of Detroit Mercy Titans took on the OU Golden Grizzlies in a double overtime 2-2 tie.

"They are gonna knock you over, they don't like you," said head coach Gary Parsons after his junior mid-fielder Shahar Ktovim was looking for a penalty from the referee after being thrown to the ground over a fight for the ball at mid-field.

There was nothing going for either team in the scoring category in the first half of the game.

What was seen by the 120 fans in recorded attendance was nothing but exciting, hard nosed, in your face defense that kept the score 0-0 after the first of official play.

"The team worked hard in the first half.

Local teams get up for these kinds of games and Detroit is a tough team," said team Co-captain and senior defensive standout Jason Perry.

"Tough teams can make us think to much which can make us mess up at times. We were trying to play long ball instead of the short game which is our strength," Perry later added.

"Both teams are great and both teams are playing very hard so far in the first half," said head referee of the game Ted Grigoriov.

"I'm happy with the first half of play.

People start to get tired in the second half and that is when things start to happen," said Parsons.

That is just what happened when Titan junior forward Ablaye Camara scored the first goal of the game by squeaking one by OU star goalkeeper Jeff Wiese.

The Golden Grizzlies answered right back when junior mid-fielder Bret McNabb scored



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Sophomore forward Mike Matalavy watches as sophomore forward Chris Edwards' goal sails past the goalkeeper to give OU the lead. The University of Detroit-Mercy scored late to tie.

his first goal of the season by putting a header past Titan senior goalkeeper Jason Hamilton.

"The corner kick came out and I saw the goalkeeper off line and I got it past him in the top corner," said McNabb.

Ktovim assisted McNabb's goal.

Soon after the Golden Grizzlies tied it up, OU sophomore forward Chris Edwards blasted the ball through traffic for his third goal of the season.

McNabb assisted Edwards' goal.

"McNabb made a great pass and I just tried to keep the kick low," said Edwards.

Unfortunately for the OU hopefuls, that is not how the game ended. Titan senior mid-fielder Nicholas Sanchez assisted freshman mid-fielder Andrew Ornoch in sneaking a goal by Wiese.

Parsons' work never stops during a game. Whether he is helping the players with their positioning or constantly and studiously writing things down in his notebook, Parsons is always hard at work.

"I work on projects for half time. I write things down that we need to work on in practice and what individual players themselves need to work on," said Parsons.

"We need work on the zone stepping up, working the corner, speed and ball control," said Parsons when talking about his team's preparation for the next game.

The Golden Grizzlies next game will be held at the OU soccer field on the Lower Fields as they take on the Broncos of Western Michigan University at 4 p.m. today.

OU also takes on Akron University at home at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Senior leads team

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior cross country runner Kristie Kieffer is finishing her OU career in impressive fashion.

For the second straight week, Kieffer took home the women's 5K individual title at the Grizzlies' weekend competition. Junior Melissa Nasers' second-place finish, OU's third consecutive sweep of the top two spots in women's competition, displayed the squad's consistency this season.

Junior Adam Frezza capped his steady improvement of the young season, having already notched a third and second place finish, with a 25:08 and an individual crown in the men's 8K race.

"(Frezza)'s big goal was to run under 25 minutes," OU cross country coach Paul Rice said. "We've only had maybe one person run under 25 minutes in the 8K. He did kind of lead the race from start to finish. If he had someone to chase or push him, he would have been right there."

In the women's race, Kieffer set a new OU record with a time of 17:39, breaking her old record of 17:51, on her way to the first-place finish. Once again Kieffer dominated her competition, defeating second-place finisher Nasers by 23 seconds.

"(Kieffer) is fired up. This is her last year and she really wants to be our first national qualifier. She has some big goals and she knows she has to run well early to get there."

The one-two finish by Kieffer and Nasers led OU to a third-place finish in the team standings with 96 points, trailing host Bowling Green State University, 69, and Central Michigan University, 33.

Rice said that Kieffer and Nasers, who are roommates, work well together which has helped fuel their success.

"As Kristie goes I think Melissa will go with her," he said. "They each have good training partners. I don't think they could ask for a better situation than being together. I wouldn't rule her out to be right there with Kristie to qualify for nationals."

The three other scoring female runners for the Grizzlies all finished the race in under 20 minutes, placing them in the top 55.

Freshman Laura Fisher ran to a time 19:25 and a 36th place finish, followed by junior Sarah Kane with a time of 19:34, placing her in 41st. Sophomore Marissa Montgomery rounded out the squad with by placing 52nd with a time of 19:51.

The men's squad fared even more successfully, falling just short in a second place finish to the University of Cincinnati. The top-finishing Bearcats ended with 31 points while the Grizzlies had 39 total points.

Behind Frezza, the remaining four OU runners in the men's race gave each other stiff competition.

Senior Jason Bruscha finished only 6-tenths of a second ahead of junior Luke Williams as the pair finished in fifth and sixth places, respectively. Bruscha crossed the line with a time of 25:43.27 and Williams stopped the timer at 25:43.87.

Wrapping up the Grizzly competitors was another close race between teammates. Junior Paul Kulisek barely edged fellow junior John Cook by less than a second. With times of 26:25.21 and 26:25.95, respectively, the duo captured the 14th and 15th places.

Both squads will continue the season, with hopes of continued success, Friday at the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

Kieffer will have a taste of tougher competition at the Spartan Invitational, Rice said.

"We need to get her into some races with some girls that have qualified for nationals before," he said. "She can gain some confidence at the level by just getting into that competition."

The meet will be the teams' final tune-up before the Notre Dame Invitation on Oct 3. That meet is a significant test for the Grizzlies because Southern Utah University, the team that has dominated the Mid-Con in recent years, will also be competing.

Volleyball wins first of season

Last season, the OU women's volleyball team took 18 games to notch its first victory. This year, the Grizzlies accomplished the feat in their second game.

Friday, OU defeated Saint Francis University 3-1 in its opening contest of the Cleveland State Invitational.

Later that day, the Grizzlies dropped a match against host Cleveland State, being shutout by the Vikings, 3-0.

OU wrapped up the tournament with a 3-1 loss to the Mountain Hawks of Lehigh University.

Results for Tuesday night's contest against Bowling Green State University were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

This week, the Grizzlies will compete in the Western Michigan Invitational and play three matches from Friday to Saturday. OU also faces Central Michigan University on Tuesday.



Head coach Nick O'Shea directs his team through a practice earlier this season. The team had a tough time in California this past weekend dropping both matches to Loyola Marymount and the No. 4 ranked University of California Los Angeles Bruins.

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Escape from L.A.

By **ADAM HITCH**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The OU women's soccer team was not "California dreaming" this weekend as they dropped a pair of matches to Loyola Marymount and UCLA.

Friday night's action pitted the team against the host Loyola Marymount. The offense was nowhere to be found as the Grizzlies dropped the match 1-0.

Goalkeeper Sarah Buckland had another outstanding game making five saves only allowing Kellie Schroeder's shot in the 66th minute to get past her.

The host Lions out shot the Grizzlies 16-2 in the game, highlighting the visitor's offensive woes.

"Friday's loss was disappointing," Head Coach Nick O'Shea said. "Maybe it was the travel but we did not play as well as we should."

On Sunday afternoon, OU played its second game of the tour-

namment against the No. 4 ranked UCLA Bruins.

Shelley Piccirillo supplied the offense with two goals but the opponents were just too strong. The Bruins high-powered attack put six shots behind Buckland on way to a 6-2 victory.

Aside from Piccirillo, the offense was again nowhere to be found as the Grizzlies managed only three shots in the first half, and none in the second giving the UCLA goalie tandem of Lombardo and Criscione plenty of rest.

The Bruins offense was the opposite as they took 15 shots in the first and a dozen in the second.

Head Coach Nick O'Shea was optimistic in defeat on the team's website.

"It was a good game," he said. "We gained lots of experience today. Our players stepped it up and played very well against a good team. We played teams with different styles and the travel was a good experience."

The losses drop the team's record to 2-3-1, their next game is at 4 p.m. on Friday at Eastern Michigan.

Golf aces set career marks

By **BRENDAN STEVENS**
SPORTS EDITOR

While they may have played a state apart, the OU men's and women's golf squads saw golfers finish in the same place this weekend.

At the Bulldog Fall Invitational and Ferris State University, junior Brian Stuard led the men's squad to a victory in its season-opening tournament.

Stuard captured the individual title, shooting two sub-70 rounds for a five-stroke victory.

On the first day of competition, Stuard tied a career low by shooting a 69 to tie for the opening round lead. He did himself one better to wrap up the tournament by firing a 68, setting a career low.

"He's just kind of getting into his own," head coach Dave DeWulf said. "He's a junior and that's the time the good one's start getting great."

All five competitors finished in the top 25 for the Grizzlies, giving the team a two-stroke victory with a school record two-round total of 579.

"It was very exciting," DeWulf said. "It was a terrific thing to happen for all of our young guys. It was a team effort where everything went well for us."

While he was not eligible for the team score because he was playing as an individual, true freshman Charlie Kluesner had an impressive tournament, posting an even par 144 and finishing in a tie for fifth place.

For the women's squad, senior Mara Mazzoni came out on the top end of a tiebreaker at the Lady Falcon Invitational to take home her first career individual win.

Mazzoni's career two-day low of 151, set last week at the Cardinal Classic, did not hold up for long, as she bested the mark with a 147 this weekend. Her first round score of 72 was also a career low, demolishing her old mark of 75.

"I think she knows this is it for her and she is trying to make the most of it," DeWulf said. "Expect she'll win tournaments and shoot even par. She will get better and it will be more fun when we

post the team scores that are up there near the leaders."

Two of the team's better golfers were absent from competition this weekend because of a personal commitment and eligibility concerns, DeWulf said.

In a close team OU finished in eighth place with a score of 858, two strokes back of Western Ontario University and Youngstown State University.

The young blood for the Grizzlies continued to gain experience as freshmen Stacy Goins tied for 15th place and Christina Cirbario ended the tournament in a tie for 35th.

"They (the freshman) are getting an idea of how good the top level of competition is," DeWulf said "That just inspires them to get better and work hard."

Jenny Riley, yet another freshman for OU, and senior Sarah Stark rounded out the Grizzly lineup finishing 49th and 50th place, respectively.

Both the men and women continue the 2003 season at the Butler Fall Invitational on Monday and Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Grizzly Calendar							
Unshaded games denote home contests.							
	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21	Mon 22	Tues 23
Men's & Women's Soccer	(M) Western Michigan 4 p.m.		(W) Eastern Michigan @ 1 p.m.		(M) Akron 1 p.m. (W) Centenary @ 2 p.m.		
Tennis	Wayne State @ 3 p.m.						
Women's Volleyball			Western Michigan @12:00 p.m. Central Florida @ 4:30 a.m.	New Orleans 4:30 p.m.			Central Michigan 7 p.m.
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