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Retiring professor will stay involved

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Every year, journalism professor Neal Shine's wife asks him, "How much longer are you going to (teach)?"

The soon-to-be 75-year-old Shine has decided, after 35 years at Wayne State, the University of Detroit-Mercy (U-DM) and OU, it's time to answer that question.

Shine, who said the only health issues he faces are "whatever ailments that are attached to being 74 years old," believes it's just time.

He may be right, having worked constantly since 1950 when he joined the Detroit Free Press as a "copy boy," two years before he graduated from U-DM in 1952.

Shine continued at the Free Press until 1989 when he retired for the first time, but was asked to come back as publisher,

which he did for five years until 1996 when he retired for good.

Long before his retirement, Shine realized the importance of educating would-be journalists about the craft, not just theory. His own college experience fueled his decision.

"The journalism I was learning at the University of Detroit didn't have anything to do with the world of journalism," he said. "I love the business so much that I want to make sure the best people are attracted to it, that the best people come to it and the best people are ready to come to the newsroom, sit down and know what they're doing."

Taking a proactive approach, Shine began teaching one morning class, because he was working nights for the Free Press, at his alma mater in 1969.

A former student and coworker, along with the opportunity to teach a subject very important to him, brought Shine to OU.

At U-DM, he taught Jane Briggs-

Bunting, former director of the journalism program at OU, and helped her cut a job at the Free Press' copy desk, but the tables were turned in 1979.

Asking him to teach a course on ethics, Briggs-Bunting lured Shine away from U-DM, which chose focus on "practical journalism" instead of ethics.

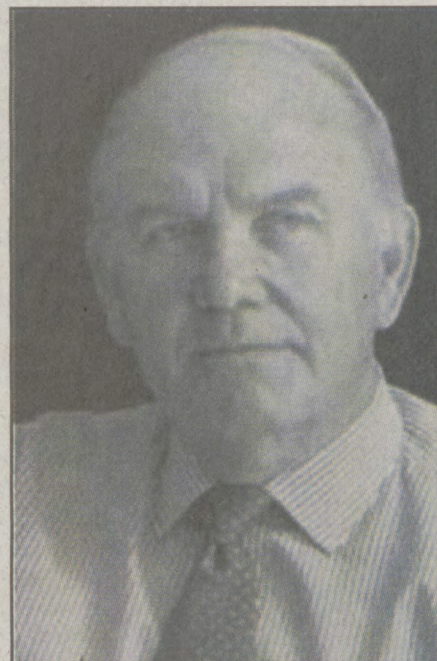
Its loss was OU's gain.

Shine was passionate about ethics because he was truly worried it wasn't being taught, even though publications began developing codes of ethics in the early 1970s.

"No one was talking about ethics in journalism, especially at the collegiate level," he said. "There are still too many ethical lapses in the media. It needs to be in the minds of young people."

Shine stressed that the First Amendment right to a free press doesn't give journalists free reign.

"Just because it's legal doesn't mean it's right," he said.



Courtesy of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism
Professor Neal Shine is retiring in mid-August after 30 years of teaching.

Briggs-Bunting, now the director of journalism at Michigan State University (MSU), said Shine was an invaluable resource.

"It's not from a book because he's lived it over time," she said. "Having Shine is like walking in quicksand. He really makes you think. He pushes and prods and pokes and tells stories, and the

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OUSC talks about dorms

Discussion topic is topic of discussion

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OUSC met Monday, Nov. 29 and touched on issues of segregation, campus safety and their own agenda.

The issue of racial segregation in the residence halls and student apartments was brought up.

Legislator Katie Miller brought copies of the resident application to show that nowhere does it ask students for their race or religion.

Shaquonda Binion, SPB chair, commented on the fact that people looking at the applications can see the name and make a determination that it is a "black name or a white name" and place students accordingly.

Most students do not apply blind (in which they are randomly put with roommates,) but rather already have roommates, halls and floors they request to live in. Miller said this leads to "voluntary segregation."

A member of the gallery, dorm resident and white male, Brandon Glatfelter, expressed his opinion on the topic.

"My floor is a primarily black floor. I had a white roommate who moved out after a few days." He feels the campus, especially the dorms, is very segregated.

Glatfelter feels a solution to the issue is to look at the placing method and the demographics of the residence halls, which have "International Floors" and even the student apartments, which have an "International Building."

Christina Rountree, a black transfer student in her first semester at Oakland, found many problems with the housing on campus, including being placed on an all black floor. She was hoping for some diversity.

Rountree said she was quite upset when she was waiting to register for housing and employees assisted three white girls who were in line behind her. Legislator Miller requested to talk with Rountree after the meeting about that issue.

Her idea to help get rid of segregation on campus is to encourage student organizations to promote the welcoming of all races of students. Rountree is a member of the Indian Students Association here on campus, although she is black, because she was interested in learning about their culture.

Legislators brought student replies to last week's discussion topic of "Do you feel safe on campus?"

"When I asked students I found they were more afraid of woodland creatures than anything else," said legislator Allison Cummings-Stuckman.

Legislator Mark Ewing observed just the opposite. When he asked students specific questions "they felt less safe," he said.

Residents feel safer than commuters, according to legislator Lindsay McCullough. She thinks "perhaps it is because res-

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IT program may fill void

By KIMBERLY SCHULTZ
THE OAKLAND POST

Students who are looking for a major to fill the void between computer science and management information systems may have some hope in the future here at OU.

OU's Senate met last Thursday and discussed a proposal for a Bachelor of Science program in information technology.

Ishwar K. Sethi, professor and chair of the computer science and engineering department, said many students think computer science is too mathematical and physical science oriented.

On the other hand, students think management information systems is too business and social science oriented.

Information technology would be in the middle of those two.

Sethi presented the proposal to the senate. The proposal, first introduced in the summer of 2003, would prepare students to solve problems in various settings using newfound technological strength and a comprehensive understanding of the information technology practice.

Students in this program would be required to either participate in an industry internship, an industry sponsored project or undergraduate research.

The program would also stress skills in technical communication, ethics and group work.

The information technology program will have 12 credits of upper division courses with a

concentration in that field.

With the addition of this program, the department of computer science and engineering would grow and expand along with the university as a whole.

Sethi said the program would bring in more students to the university without hurting the other major programs such as computer science and management information systems.

It would fulfill the information technology workforce needs in Southeast Michigan and even the Midwest region.

The U.S. Department of Commerce projects 70 percent of new jobs in the computer industry will be in information technology areas.

However, with the creation of a new program, additional staffing became the topic of discussion at the Senate meeting.

Gerold Grossman, professor in the department of mathematics and statistics voiced his concern that with the additional classes the major would need, more staff would be needed as well.

Grossman also mentioned that the prerequisites for classes required for the program were not included in the program courses.

In response, the budget committee voted at an earlier meeting to endorse the program, ensuring the numbers did work.

The discussion of the proposal concluded with additional revisions to be made and presented at the next meeting.

In other business, the Senate

OU keeps it close



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Senior guard Rawle Marshall had a career-high 31 points in a 95-87 loss to Marquette University at the O'rena last Saturday. Please see page B8 for detailed coverage of the game.

Out-of-pocket tuition drops

By ROQAYA ESHMAWI
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The average Michigan public university student's net cost of college tuition has decreased since 1998, according to a recent report released by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan.

Today's average student pays approximately 45 percent of nominal tuition and fees.

Increases in financial aid grants and federal tax credits have contributed to the decrease. Loans were not included in the analysis, because they must be repaid.

"Last fall's average tuition increases were kept well below the Midwest and national average for public universities," said Gary Russi, OU president and chair of the Presidents Council, at the State of the Public Universities Address at the

Detroit Economic Club luncheon held three weeks ago at Cobo Hall.

"This fall's increases were kept to the rate of inflation, around a modest two-and-a-half percent," he said.

Every year since the 1997-98 academic year, resident undergraduate students are estimated to have paid less than 60 percent of nominal tuition, referred to as "sticker price."

In fiscal year 2003, the nominal

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Best Approximation of "Net" Resident Undergraduate Tuition/Fees

	FY98	FY99	FY99	FY99	FY99	FY99
Nominal Resident Undergrad Tuition/Fee Rate	\$4,758	\$4,862	\$4,843	\$4,866	\$5,248	\$5,570
Grants and Federal Tax Credits per FYE Student	\$1,905	\$2,384	\$2,484	\$2,710	\$2,940	\$3,079
"Net" Resident Undergrad Tuition/Fee Rate	\$2,853	\$2,479	\$2,359	\$2,156	\$2,309	\$2,493
Net Tuition as Percentage of Nominal Tuition	60%	51%	49%	44%	44%	45%

NOTE: Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

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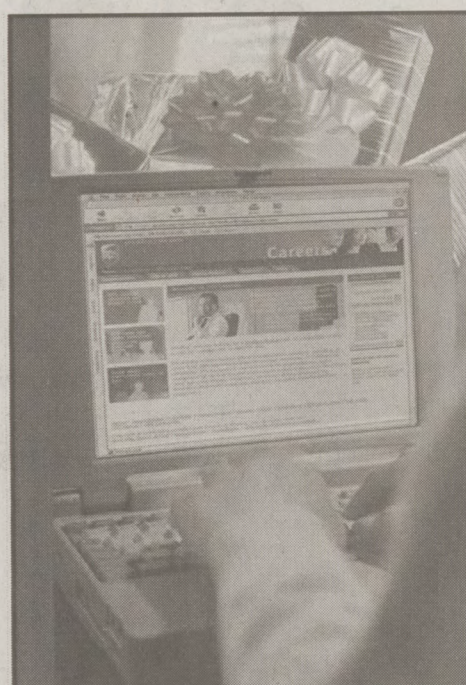
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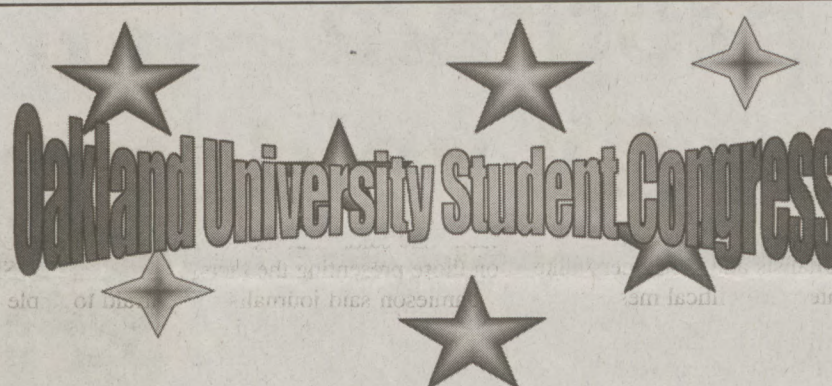
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U.S.: Containing Iraq turns into occupation

By ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The anticipated elections in Iraq that should take place in January have a slim chance of happening, said Weldon C. Matthews, assistant professor of history, at a lecture on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Matthews addressed the issue of America's lack of care for the costs of the war; not the financial cost, but the cost of civilian lives.

Civilian deaths in the Middle East are hardly ever publicized, he said, and when they are, the public is left wondering if the figures are accurate.

One estimate said there have been 17,000 civilian casualties in the Middle East, which Matthews said was "five times the number of Americans killed on Sept. 11."

The British Journal Lancet also reported that there were 100,000 civilian casualties from war.

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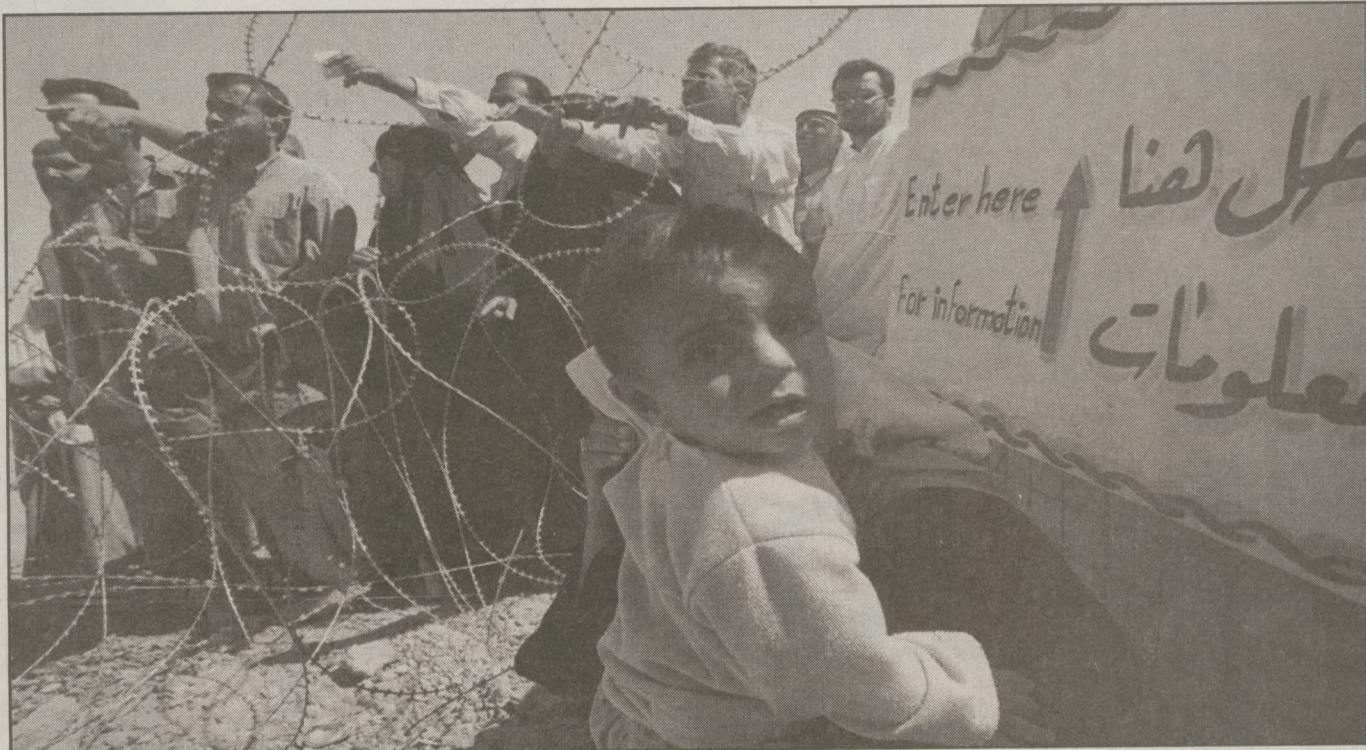


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An Iraqi woman waits with her child behind a fence outside the Abu Gharib prison near Baghdad, Iraq, on May 13, 2004. Along with other families, she was hoping to get an appointment to meet with relatives detained by the U.S. military. Professor Matthews said he believes the U.S. went from trying to contain Iraq to formally occupying the country and its people.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE

Media slacks in responsibility

By BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Kathleen Hall Jamieson presented four rules for journalists and consumers alike on how to interpret political messages.

Jamieson, the co-author of this year's community book, "The Press Effect: Politicians, Journalists and the Stories that Shape the World," addressed students, faculty and guests Monday evening in the Banquet Rooms of the OC, speaking on her book and the recent election.

A professor of communication and dean of the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of

Pennsylvania, Jamieson also spoke on the media's role in politics and campaigns.

"The press ought to be a custodian of fact," she said. "Put the burden of proof on those presenting the facts."

Jamieson said journalists are afraid to say either side is deceiving because they don't want to appear biased. Presenting the arguments and issues fairly should be their concern, she said.

With the press slacking in its responsibility, other means of checks and balances had to be formed.

That's one of the reasons Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, helped to form FactCheck.org, a site set up for journalists to investigate

the accuracy behind political assertions.

"Nothing FactCheck.org does is different than what a good press organization should do or that good ones actually do."

She did, however, recognize an example of the site going beyond its role and damaging politics in a way.

During the vice presidential debates, Vice President Dick Cheney cited, although incorrectly, FactCheck.org to rebuke claims made by John Edwards.

That was not the intention behind the site's formation, Jamieson said.

"We wanted Cheney to take on Edwards, not use a pseudo-rebuttal," she said. "We need to find a way to put the fact back in politics."

Using four political ads from the recent election, Jamieson gave four, of what she hopes will someday be many more, rules on processing political messages.

The first, "If it's scary, be wary," dealt with ads containing ominous music and evocative pictures.

Jamieson suggested the content of the ad be written out for more thorough understanding of what is actually being said.

"You're not going to ask questions if you don't write it out," she said.

Her second rule, "Before you accept a label, find out what it's labeling," cau-

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Thousands of people gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to demonstrate on jobs, among other issues, on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004.

Job Doc: how to get the job

By BLYTHE A. SIMMONS
NEWS WRITER

With the fall semester coming to a close and a good number of students graduating, it may be a good time to start thinking about career plans for after graduation.

As a college student, preparing to look for a job can become a daunting task,

especially in today's seemingly less-than-robust economic climate.

In order to get students on the path to success, The Post spoke with OU's resident "Job Doctor," Robert Thomas, director of the Career Services Center, to get some tips on how to attain the elusive first job after graduation.

Post: Have you found that the job market is really as bleak as it is said to be?

Thomas: No, especially not recently. We actually started to see an increase in college hiring back in the spring of 2004. There has been a definite increase in the number of requests for employers to come and actively recruit on-campus.

Post: As the Job Doctor, what problems do you find students suffering in finding a job?

Thomas: One problem I see is that

students are overworked and on a crash course to jam as much activity as possible into each day, which makes it difficult for them to include the career development process into their schedule.

Students need to realize that it takes time to build a career. This generation of students is very time-sensitive; they get their information in eight-second bytes.

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NEWS IN SHORT

Disability workshop to increase awareness

A workshop will be held next Monday to increase awareness about accessibility issues individuals with disabilities face in their daily lives.

"We're hoping to ... promote a more empathetic student understanding of how difficult and complex daily living can be for individuals with disabilities," said Daryl Montie, a physical therapy doctoral student involved in planning the workshop.

The workshop will include simulations that will "help those without disabilities realize in a personal way why we need to remove barriers and provide access," said Linda Sisson, director of disability support services.

"It's more about understanding why we accommodate rather than knowing what it's like to have a disability," she said.

The workshop also highlights abilities, according to Kris Thomson, chair of physical therapy.

OU alumna Cheryl Angelelli-Kornoejle, who won two bronze medals in the Paralympics in Athens, Greece, will be at the event.

Cinema to open on campus

Starting next semester, The Oak Cinema, an on campus cinema, will present eight public showings on consecutive Friday evenings.

The films will be shown in 201 Dodge Hall and are open to students, faculty and staff free of charge.

One of the goals, according to a proposal by Sherman Folland, associate professor of economics, is to "introduce students to films that offer a genuine learning experience."

Film night to discuss politics and society

Next semester a film night will be hosted two Wednesdays each month, in which the OU community is invited to watch films that address political, social and international issues.

A discussion will follow the screening of the film, and experts may attend to lead the discussions.

"The purpose of this project (is) to allow the audience to understand the ways that media shapes public thought and hence to become more critical media consumers," said Christina Morus, visiting assistant professor of communication, who is hosting the event.

Another goal is "to allow the audience to understand the ways in which the accepted history of a given event is mediated so that people can understand how their realities have been shaped," she said.

Important Dates

Winter express orientation will be held today from 5 to 9 p.m. in the OC's banquet rooms for freshmen and adult learner and transfer students.

To reserve a seat, please call (248) 370-4653 or e-mail gold@oakland.edu.

Classes, both on and off campus, will end Monday, Dec. 6 at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 is designated as a study day. Final exams will begin Wednesday, Dec. 8 and will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Fall commencement will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 in the Athletics Arena.

SAIL registration for Winter 2005 classes will be available through January 2, 2005.

~ Compiled by Roqaya Eshmawi
Campus News Editor

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Matthews also discussed the UN Security Council Resolution 687, passed on April 3, 1991.

The complex cease-fire resolution required Iraq to disarm all of its biological and chemical weapons and give up control of nuclear materials.

The resolution also "maintained the economic embargo

against Iraq established in Resolution 661 ... specified that the UN Security Council would lift the embargo when the council agreed that Iraq had met all its disarmament obligations," according to the Arms Control Association (ACA).

Matthews also discussed Resolution 688, passed on April 5, 1991, and its effects.

According to Richard F.

Grimmett, of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, it "condemned the repression of the Iraqi civilian population and appealed for contributions to humanitarian relief efforts."

In his lecture, titled "From Containment to Occupation: The U.S. and Iraq, 1990 to 2004," Matthews presented major turning points during the history of the U.S. and Iraq and the recent war.

"I am a historian, so I look this way," he said, pointing behind him, "not that way," pointing in front of him.

Matthews has a bachelor of economics from Wake Forest University. He obtained both his masters of Middle East studies and his doctorate in near Eastern languages and civilizations from the University of Chicago.

His research is aimed at the

modern Middle East, with an emphasis on the Palestinian National Initiative.

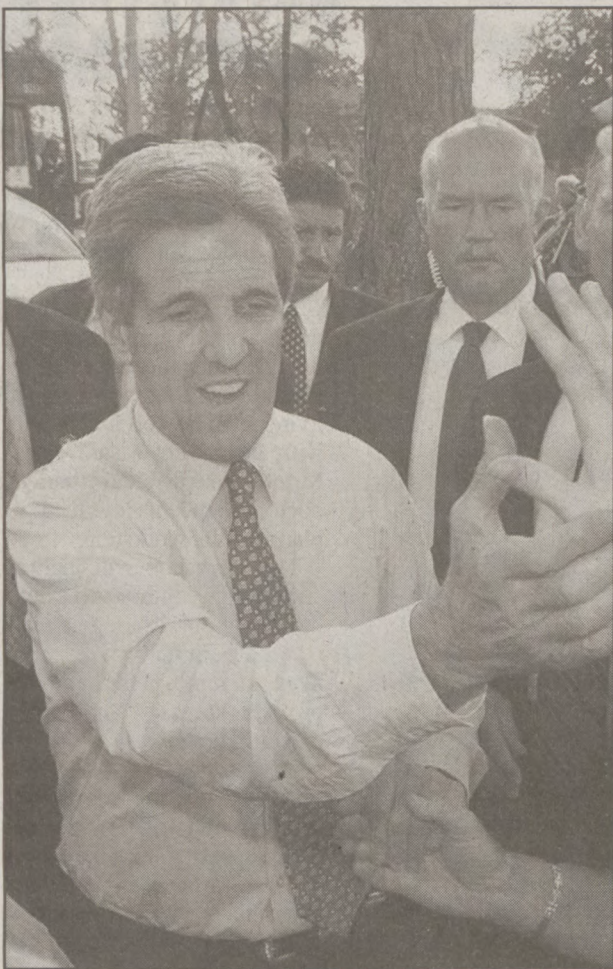
Matthews has published articles in the Arab Studies Quarterly and in the International Journal of Middle East Studies.

This was the third lecture in the History Comes Alive series, sponsored by the department of history, in coordination with the College of Arts and Sciences.

The next lecture will be given by Sean Farrell Moran on violence and nationalism in Irish history on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the OC's Oakland Room.

Admission is free, but prior registration is requested.

For reservations or more information, please call (248) 370-3511 or e-mail misztura@oakland.edu.



Jamieson said she helped form FactCheck.org, a site set up for journalists to investigate political assertions, because she feels the media has not lived up to its responsibility of presenting truth to the public.

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tioned against owning a label handed to you before you find out what's under it.

Just because evocative words are used, doesn't mean it's a catchall, she said.

With her third rule, Jamieson addressed exaggeration of political messages.

"The things you care about the most, are the things you can most easily be deceived about," Jamieson said. "On the same token, it is what you are most knowledgeable about."

She also reminded the audience "you're most likely to believe what you're already disposed to believe."

The fourth rule summed it all up, urging the use of the first three rules at the same time.

Jamieson continued to urge journalists to recognize their role as "custodians of fact."

"Get under the claims, discover the evidence and disclose it," she said.

During the question and answer session after her presentation, Jamieson skirted a question regarding her political affiliation.

She did address the debates and media bias, however.

She said the number of rules on the debates were embarrassing, but also conceded that they have improved in recent years,

especially in response time because of the moderator follow up.

Jamieson also said candidates should be allowed to ask each other questions.

When asked about bias in reporting, Jamieson said the problem is first definitional.

Grouping local news programs with national news commentaries creates the perception of bias, she said.

Labeling and personal preference have also further contributed to the growth of this bias-perception.

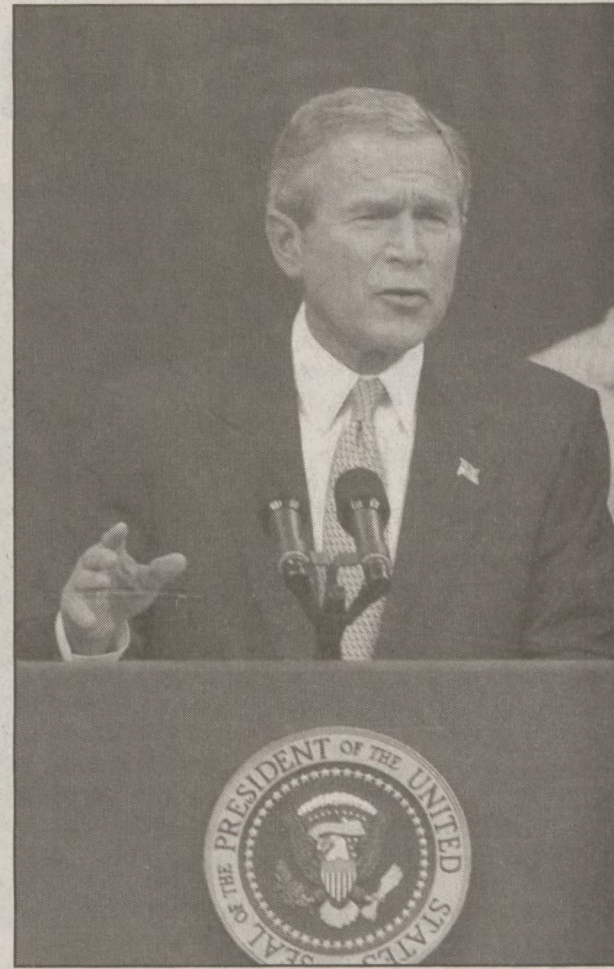
"Conservatives have gotten the phrase liberal bias added to our vocabulary," she said. "When you've got the label, you'll see the phenomenon."

The community book, "The Press Effect," is recommended reading for many of the rhetoric classes this year, continuing this year's "Celebrating the Liberal Arts Presidential Leadership" theme.

"This book was a great selection partly because politics pervaded the media in the lead-up to Nov. 2, and students became involved in what the nation was experiencing," said Cathie Breidenbach, special instructor in rhetoric.

"They felt part of the American political process and are aware of ways the media sometimes distort, slant and frame stories.

The book helps students become more informed and thoughtful consumers of media information."



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They have been bred to think that because career information can be communicated to them instantaneously, that they can make a career in the same second. Unfortunately, with jobs, it doesn't work that way.

Incorporating the career development process into your schedule as soon as possible alleviates a lot of job search problems after graduation.

Post: So, the key is to start early and plan time into your schedule. But at what point do you advise students to start the career development process?

Thomas: I like to see freshmen walking in here because students can begin gaining career experience as early as the summer between their freshman and sophomore years.

If a student comes in to see us two weeks before graduation asking us to help them to find a job, we might be able to help, but they will have already missed a lot of great opportunities for internships, co-ops and vital networking.

Post: "Internship" seems to be a key word with employers. Why?

Thomas: It's because both the student and the employer get to see what it's like for them to be an employee.

That's why the number one recruiting technique for employers is internships.

Some of the best internships are unpaid, college credit generating positions, that oftentimes turn into paid positions after graduation.

I know a lot of students at OU have to work part-time jobs for numerous reasons, but I would like to see more of them working in a more career-related position than waiting tables.

I know that the pay at an internship isn't always as good, but it pays off in the long run. Not only do employers today

want you to have on the job experience; they expect it.

Post: You also stress "networking" at Career Services. How can students widen their network of contacts?

Thomas: Career fairs definitely expose students to many industry professionals.

"This generation of students is very time-sensitive ... because career information can be communicated to them instantaneously, (they think) they can make a career in the same second. Unfortunately, with jobs, it doesn't work that way."

Robert Thomas
Director of Career Services

Gaining the internships I spoke of earlier opens a student's pool of contacts even further, because even if you don't get a job with the same company you interned for, you will form relationships with

people who may lead you to positions with other companies.

Also, our CAST (Connecting Alumni and Students Together) program partners students with alumni in their desired field of study, who can serve as (an) integral part of your network.

Finally, another important thing you can do to expand your reach is, as a student member, join a professional organization in your field.

Post: Is there any truth in the notion that "the best jobs are never advertised ... anywhere"?

Thomas: That statement ... does not necessarily ring true with entry-level positions.

The job market has definitely changed in the past ten years, where a lot of the new jobs are coming from small to medium-sized companies who are not yet

in tune with the formal job search mechanisms, like internship programs.

Many of the jobs that come open in these companies are advertised through word of mouth, which makes networking that much more important.

Post: What about internet job search engines like Monster and CareerBuilder? Are any of the "good jobs" advertised there?

Thomas: Definitely. It is often difficult to assess the success rate of larger search engines like Monster.com, but there are definitely great job opportunities available online.

Our campus job search engine, eRecruiting@ OU, provides many key services to students like getting students' resumes visible to employers, providing a detailed list of job postings made by employers and giving students access to on-campus recruiters when companies visit Oakland University.

Registering for the eRecruiting@ OU service only takes a few minutes and it proves very beneficial to students.

Post: What industries are

most actively hiring college students to entry-level positions?

Thomas: Health care, accounting and finance, marketing and (business) management are all very stable and thriving industries right now.

Also, government hiring has increased in security and protective agencies because of our need for homeland security.

Post: What is your final prescription for success in finding a first job after graduation, Doc?

Thomas: Students should put their career objectives higher on their priority list and place just as much emphasis on it as getting a degree.

This centralized approach yields positive results.

If you do all of this in three years, you will exponentially increase your chances of getting a job before you walk across the stage at graduation.

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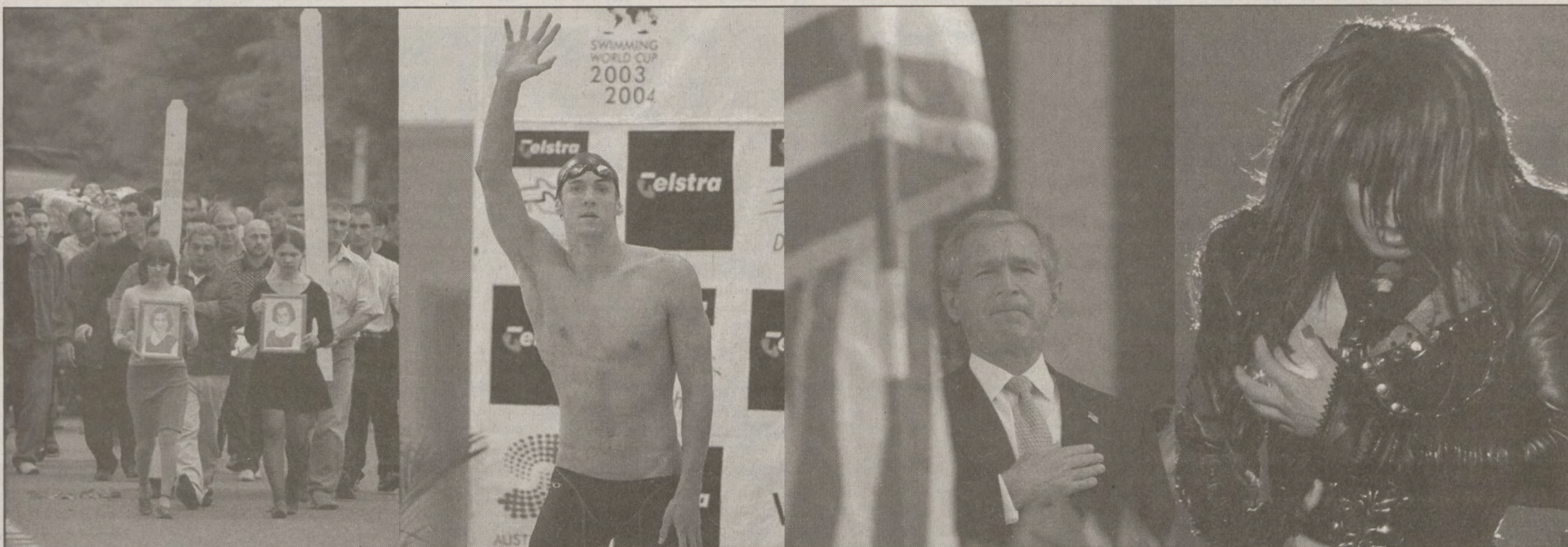
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Some memorable moments of 2004 include the funerals of those killed in Beslan, Russia, U.S. winning the gold in Athens, Ronald Reagan's memorial service and Janet's halftime show.

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Top stories

Feb. 1

Super Bowl halftime show provokes FCC regulations

Janet Jackson bares her breast after a 'wardrobe malfunction' on live television during the Super Bowl halftime show. Public outrage causes the FCC to institute a time delay on all 'live' TV programming and to institute stricter regulations. (Nov. 24) The FCC fines CBS/Viacom \$550,000 for the incident but CBS/Viacom settles, paying \$3.5 million for a number of incidents.

Feb. 29

Jean-Bertrand Aristide overthrown in Haitian rebellion

Rebels drive Aristide out of power after he refuses to step down until his term is up in 2006. (March 8) Boniface Alexandre, Haiti's chief justice, is sworn in as interim president. (March 16) After seeking exile in South Africa, Venezuela offers Aristide refuge. (June 1) Troops begin taking over from a U.S.-led multinational force.

March 11

More than 200 killed in Madrid terrorist attacks

At least 10 bombs explode on four commuter trains in Madrid during rush hour, killing 202 people and wounding about 1,400. (March 14) Spanish officials say they found a videotape on which al-Qaeda takes responsibility for the bombings. Police arrest three Moroccans and two Indians in connection with the attacks. (Nov. 16) The first trial in the bombings begins after a 16-year-old admitted to being paid to transport explosives. Eighteen others are also charged.

March 23

White House officials testify before the 9/11 Commission

Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld appear before a federal commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. (April 8) National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice tells the committee that President Bush was warned of suspicious activity by terrorists in the U.S. before the attacks. (April 29) In a closed-door meeting, President Bush and Vice President Cheney are interviewed by members of the committee. (June 16) The Committee reports no link between al-Qaeda and Iraq. The report suggests the White House reaction to the attacks was chaotic.

April 30

Photos of abuse by American soldiers at Abu Ghraib spark outrage around the world

CBS's 60 Minutes broadcasts graphic photos, taken in late 2003, of American soldiers grinning as they abuse Iraqis in the Abu Ghraib prison. (May 5) In interviews on Arab television, President Bush calls abuse and deaths of Iraqi prisoners "abhorrent." Bush upbraids Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld for not informing him about the photos earlier. (Oct. 22) The highest ranking U.S. soldier charged in the abuse scandal was sentenced to eight years in prison. Six other members of the 372nd Military Police Company were also charged.

June 5

Former President Reagan Dies

Ronald Reagan, the 40th president, dies at age 93. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for several years. (June 11) World leaders gather in Washington, D.C. for Reagan's funeral.

June 16

Pistons win championship

Team effort and defense prevail as the Detroit Pistons humiliate the L.A. Lakers with a 100-87 win in Game 5 to become the 2004 NBA champions for their first title in 14 years.

June 28

U.S. hands over power to Iraq

L. Paul Bremer III, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, formally transfers sovereignty to Iraqi prime minister Iyad Allawi, who then formally takes the oath of office. (June 30) Americans hand over legal custody of the former Iraqi dictator and 11 of his aides. The U.S. will, however, retain physical custody of the prisoners.

July 1

Saddam Hussein and his aides arraigned

Former Iraqi president and 11 codefendants are arraigned on charges of crimes against humanity. Hussein's trial date is set for sometime next year.

July 16

Martha Stewart sentenced in stock-tip scandal

Martha Stewart is sentenced to five months at Alderson Prison Camp in West Virginia and fined \$30,000 after being found guilty of four counts: obstruction of justice, conspiracy and two counts of making false statements.

Aug. 13

Summer Olympic Games kick-off in Athens

The XXVII games open amid heightened security and sluggish ticket sales. (Aug. 21) U.S. men's swimming team wins the gold in the 100m medley relay, setting a new world record time of 3:30.6.

Sept. 1

Charges dropped in Kobe Bryant criminal case

Prosecution drops rape charges against L.A. Lakers' basketball star when his accuser says she will no longer cooperate after being embarrassed when her name and photos were accidentally released to the public.

Sept. 1

More than 300 killed in Russian school siege

Armed Islamic militants, most of them Chechen, take more than 1,200 children, parents and teachers hostage in an elementary school in Beslan. (Sept. 3) The standoff ends in tragedy when about 340 people die as the militants detonate explosives inside the school.

Sept. 4

Florida gets hit with barrage of hurricanes

Florida lived up to its reputation as hurricane alley this season, with four storms pounding the peninsula in six weeks. Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne and Ivan left Florida with more than \$2.5 billion worth of destruction.

Oct. 10

Christopher Reeve dies

America's real-life Superman was remembered nationwide and honored for his work in spinal cord and stem cell research. After a nearly fatal accident in 1995 left him paralyzed, he became an advocate for medical research.

Oct. 21

Red Sox win the World Series after 86-year drought

The Red Sox Nation celebrates a World Series Championship and puts the Curse of the Bambino to rest. Boston ran off eight straight wins to take the title, four against the Yankees and the final four against the Cardinals to sweep the Series.

Nov. 2

George W. Bush reelected

America witnesses one of the highest voter turnouts in history, and the election hinges on Ohio. (Nov. 3) Sen. John Kerry concedes to Bush, giving Bush enough electoral votes to win the election. President Bush also wins the popular vote by 3.5 million, or 51 percent.

Nov. 4

Yasser Arafat's condition worsens

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat travels to France for treatment for stomach and blood ailments and slips into a coma. (Nov. 11) Arafat dies in Paris. The Palestine Liberation Organization elects former prime minister Mahmoud Abbas as its leader.

Nov. 12

Laci Peterson murder case comes to a close

Scott Peterson is found guilty of first-degree murder of his wife, Laci, and second degree-murder of his unborn son, Conner. The verdict leaves Peterson facing the death penalty or a life sentence.

Nov. 19

Pistons-Pacers game ends in brawl

An on court incident turns into a near riot after players and fans exchange punches leaving several people injured. Pacers star Ron Artest is suspended for the remainder of the season and Jermaine O'Neal is suspended for 25 games. Pistons' center Ben Wallace is suspended for six games.

~Compiled by Elizabeth Gorecki, Local News Editor

of 2004

Other memorable moments include the Pistons winning the championship, devastating hurricanes in Florida, Saddam in court and the revolt in Haiti.

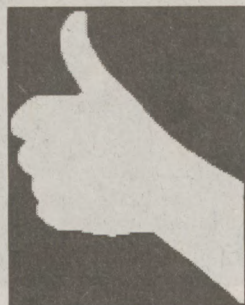
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Is the Internet a good place to find a date?

ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER



Do I consider Internet dating a foolish way to meet people? Absolutely not! Some people say, "You never know what kinds of creeps you will meet on the Internet."

However, they could be the same creeps you would meet at a bar or party or anywhere else. Just because you meet them in person first, does not make them any more normal than someone you would meet online.

Another comment is "If people have to resort to online dating, they must be desperate."

Not true either. When I went searching online, it was not because I was desperate. Rather, I wanted to meet new people that I may never have met if it wasn't for online dating.

There are things to keep in mind while online dating. Don't give out information to a person if you aren't comfortable yet. It's the same if you were at a party and someone asked you for your number. If you didn't want to, you didn't have to give it to them.

Another thing is talk on the phone first, pick a neutral public place to meet the first few times and always tell someone where you are going.

Toward the end of high school, I was not interested in the same boys I had known since elementary school. I needed to expand my horizons.

Instant messenger and chat rooms were quite popular and fun ways to meet new people. Summer vacation before senior year, I began talking to guys on the Internet.

After a few weeks of chatting online, I exchanged phone numbers with a guy. We began talking every day on the phone. Then, we met for lunch. He lived about two hours away so we decided to meet at a popular restaurant midway. It was great!

He looked just like the picture he sent me a few weeks earlier, and we had the same great chemistry in person that we did on the phone and online. We ended up dating for a few months, and he took me to my homecoming, even though he graduated three years prior.

I was excited about this new way of meeting guys. So when I came to OU, I expanded my meeting places to online dating sites. My favorite, though, was singlegrizzlies.com. This is a site dedicated strictly to students and alumni of Oakland University.

I have met a few guys off this site that I ended up dating. None of them were 30 years older than what they claimed, nor were they psychotic. In fact, they were all normal!

One guy did, however, lie about his height. He was about 8 inches shorter than what he claimed in his profile. He was a really nice guy, and I could understand why he put that, because if girls saw he only was five feet tall, they might not give him a second glance.

For everyone who thinks online dating is crazy, I say you are only crazy if you haven't tried it.

BY BRENDAN J. STEVENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF



Over the years, the Internet has developed into a very helpful tool, providing information with the click of a mouse.

Real time news sites help increase awareness of the world's happenings and Internet searches have helped drive research to a new level.

At the same time, the World Wide Web has turned in to a haven for online matchmaking. But is that a good thing?

The term "blind date" used to refer to the usually awkward encounters set up by mutual friends. An explanation of why they would be "so good for you" was almost always a predecessor to the event.

Eventually, dating classifieds appeared in publications. These blurbs try to "sell" a person to someone else in order to make them appear appealing enough for the reader.

The Internet has taken this phenomenon to a whole new level, mostly by greatly increasing its scale.

Currently, there is actually an "Internet Dating Directory" that separates a number of sites by different categories. So instead of getting ink all over your hands by flipping through a newspaper, you can keep clean with a few clicks on the Web.

A person can find sites in their region, be redirected to chat sites and even get links to adult sites. How is that helpful?

While I am an avid user of AOL Instant Messenger (IM), that's as far as my online dating excursions have gone, mostly because I don't know what, or who for that matter, is out there.

The Internet is a helpful tool, but hardly a concrete source. There is deception on a number of levels.

Not only can some homemade Web site fool researchers with inaccurate information, but people can easily misrepresent themselves at the cost of others.

There's no way of knowing if "JaneDoe2004" is really the super model from Sweden she claims to be, or if she is really a he misleading me ... I mean everyone using IM.

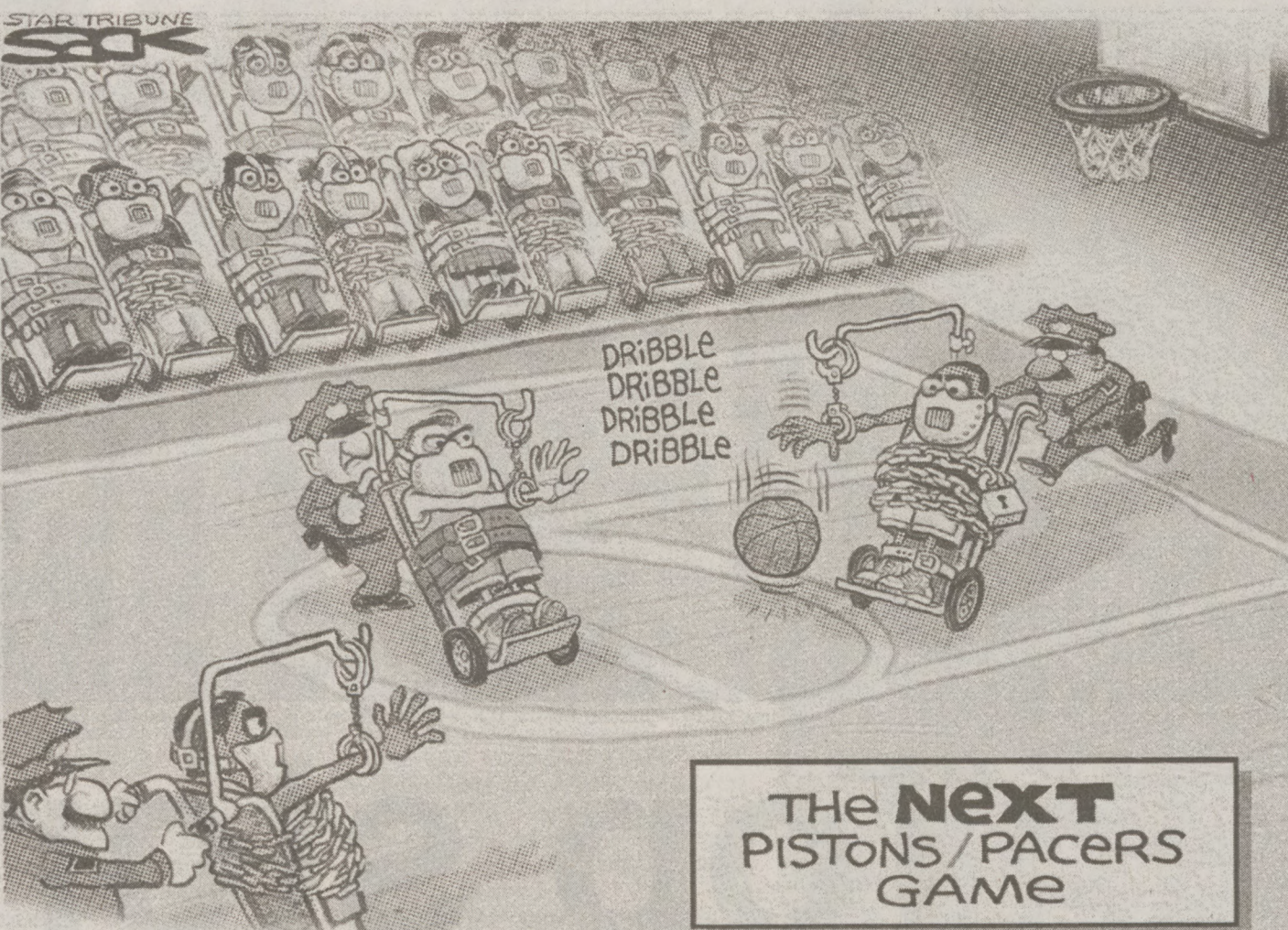
The same concerns go along with meeting people through Internet dating sites. There's no universal way of monitoring to make sure people are posting pictures of themselves or providing accurate information.

While it's true that there are many successful stories from people who met online and are happily married, it's hard to believe there aren't a number more stories of people who have suffered because of this quick and easy dating tool.

I may be old-fashioned, but it seems like getting to know a person face-to-face rather than through empty words on a computer screen would be much more fulfilling.

But this may all be the distressed ramblings of a guy who still hasn't gotten any replies to the profile his coworkers set up on an Internet dating site.

It's got to be the picture!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closed minds, fear holding America back

Dear Editor:

I wanted to thank The Oakland Post for printing the article about my experiences in Iraq. It is important for students to know about the dangerous realities on the ground there.

However, I wanted to bring up an issue that wasn't included in the printed version of the article. I was discharged from the United States Army because I disclosed my homosexuality.

I would be serving in Iraq right now if I was still pretending to be straight, or "in the closet" as it is termed. This harmful policy makes no sense.

It is the same mindset that existed when minorities and women were barred from service. If Americans want to help defend their country, they should not be turned away because of their homosexuality.

The fear and hatred of homosexuals is harming the strength and safety of our country at home and abroad.

America can do better and we all need to recognize that gay people are not a plague, but productive and beneficial members of our communities.

Geoffrey Hampson
Freshman
Secondary education/history
Army Veteran

Voter fraud going widely unreported

Dear Editor:

Substantial evidence of massive election fraud in Ohio and other states in 2004 exists, but yet the national media largely refuses to report on the issue.

The Green Party and the Libertarian Party are paying for an official recount in Ohio, and not even this fact is reported.

Several U.S. Congressmen (including John Conyers of Michigan) are demanding an investigation.

Besides allegations of widespread voter intimidation and voting obstruction by Republicans, there is also evidence of outright rigging of voting machines by the Republicans.

For instance, one area in Ohio reported over 4000 votes for Bush when there were less than 700 voters.

In addition, paperless voting

machines systematically recorded a significantly higher number of votes for Bush than exit polls and other evidence indicated actually occurred, although such discrepancies did not exist in precincts with paper ballots.

This issue is much deeper than Kerry or Bush; it's about democracy and the right to have our votes count.

You don't have to be a Green or Libertarian to oppose fascism, but silence condones dictatorship.

Protesting the election fraud could be the most patriotic act we can possibly do.

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Legislator speaks out against attacks

Dear Editor:

I have been factually misrepresented in your two previous issues.

I have not written a letter to the editor about Student Congress or the Proposal 2 issue ... until now.

Again, I go on the record and state that I voted "No" on Proposal 2 and personally lobbied against its passage.

It continues to amaze me how I am vilified by many of the "No on 2" crowd despite the fact I delivered multiple informed votes for them.

I did not go out and tell people how to vote, but actually explained the ballot language to them and its long term ramifications.

I never said in the 11/3/04 edition of the Post that Congress was "hung up" or "stagnate." I stated my opposition to Congress canceling a regularly scheduled meeting. If you don't believe me, read the article.

The problem was not the "reactionary legislation" that followed the passage of Resolution 05-05. It is Resolution 05-05.

Rather than educate students about Proposition 2 as I wished we would have, we simply told students to vote against it.

This was all a waste of time as congress' job is to deal with student policy, not random ballot proposals before the voters of our state.

Taking such a position has caused great anguish on campus. Many in the legislature and on the Parks/McGuinness administration were totally oblivious to the 25 or so students who came to express concern about the passage of Resolution 05-05.

That is roughly the number of students who spoke to Congress

all last year.

Canceling the meeting was wrong because congress shut the door on the student body for one week as no formal presentation could be made to them.

How come all the leaders on congress who did such a noble thing by passing such a resolution were then afraid to stand up and defend the vote they cast to their constituents?

I guess it was natural progression after these leaders decided to close the "Comments from the Gallery" section of the meeting on Oct. 25 which allows anybody to come forward and address them.

Now I agree that it is time to move forward. But first we must ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTS. However, congress can't seem to do this.

I repeat that the problem is Resolution 05-05. Notice I did not say was, because these leaders in our student government remain very angry.

They are upset that any opposition was present to this resolution and by the results of Nov. 2. So much so that they have set out to suppress, destroy and defame those who were in anyway a hindrance to what they wanted regarding Proposal 2.

If we aren't going to move beyond the decision made at the polls by the voters of this state or officially apologize for the mess we have created, congress needs to at least put Proposal 2 behind them before doing any more business.

Rather, from the time Resolution 05-05 passed, every single issue that has come before congress has turned out to be a referendum on said legislation.

To these leaders, how one should vote on legislation is determined not on its language, but whether I or a few other individuals bringing forth the issue.

I am doing my part to correct the problem by looking at every single issue individually and what it is seeking to do. Thus, different legislators receive my support on various initiatives.

I wish that some of the issues I would like to raise do not continue to be blocked from making the agenda or do not receive any support in meetings simply because I was not part of the official "coalition of leaders" that stood up and supposedly did the "right" thing on Proposal 2.

Let's pull that mission statement out, which states that we "encourage students to voice their ideas," out of the corner in the conference room and get it back on display in front of the office; where it was before I utilized it in my presentation before congress on Oct. 25.

Congress isn't a special interest resume building program. It is

where we deal with campus policy affecting students. I challenge our student government to prove to me that it is not the former.

Doug Merriam
Senior
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OUSC legislator

At a time when America needs

Drop in numbers of foreign students represents lost opportunity

all the friends it can get, the country is missing out on one of its best opportunities to cultivate good will and an appreciation for the democratic way of life.

The inevitable post-9/11 falloff in foreign college students has finally materialized. The Institute of International Education this month reported that foreign enrollment at U.S. colleges and universities dropped 2.4 percent last school year.

In losing those students, by sending a message that would-be visitors are unwelcome through laborious visa applications that even the secretaries of State and Homeland Security acknowledge take too long to process, the United States discards a valuable asset for better global relations.

Last week, as he welcomed a group of mid-career professionals spending a year studying in the United States, retiring Secretary of State Colin Powell offered strong testament to the power of such programs:

"You will leave a part of yourself here in America and take a part of America that will be with you always. This exchange enriches us all. Share what you learn about America and about yourself with all of your friends and your family members and your fellow citizens. Most importantly, always work to advance the search for greater understanding through openness and exchange."

That is why getting students here is so important. Powell and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge have said they know deflecting students is a problem and they're working hard to clear the way.

But not effectively enough. America is losing valuable opportunities to create a host of unofficial ambassadors.

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FAREWELL COLUMNS

Veteran Postie says her goodbyes



**TRACY
ESTES**

Assistant Life Editor

In the past four years, I have written numerous articles for The Oakland Post and have given you, my fellow students, yet another voice to read. I have learned throughout my education in journalism to leave out my own thoughts; readers want the news. However, this is my shining moment, to say goodbye to all

my classmates, professors and readers to whom I give great thanks for standing by me for the past four years.

We should all be thankful that we were given a tremendous opportunity to attend such an inviting place as Oakland University. Though there have been many bumps along the way toward the path of my graduation, I can tell you all, there is something at the end of that tunnel worth striving for.

When I joined The Oakland Post in 2002, I had no idea what I wanted to be. Our professors are always telling us to join clubs, groups, sororities or fraterni-

ties to meet new people and open up our options for future endeavors. Honestly, I didn't want to join anything, but I'm sure glad I did. We are given these opportunities for a reason, and as a graduating senior, I would like to say that those professors were right and their advice is worth everything.

College is a time to make something of yourself. It's the time to step away from the drama and petty problems we may have dealt with as kids. I have heard a lot of people say they were scared to graduate and become adults. We are all adults now and forever and

the real world is a reality. What you do in college will be with you the rest of your life and it is important that although we may make mistakes, we learn from them and we grow.

Aside from cramming for tests, finishing up homework, buying those overpriced textbooks or sitting through lectures, it is such a powerful feeling to know that I did all this, have so much to show for it and have made many lasting memories to take away with me. Where ever your path may lead you, be thankful and happy that is just another completed milestone in your life.

As for my future, I am working hard to get those resumes and cover letters out to help me get a job in the journalism field, I'm busy planning my wedding to my fiancé on June 18, 2005 and I will be hopefully working toward my Masters degree in the next few years. I can't speak for everyone, but I feel I have received all that was given to me throughout my college education and I give much thanks to those that helped me along the way. Good luck to everyone in whatever you may choose to do and remember to never settle for anything but your best.

OU ends up being the right decision



**VIRGINIE
PEROV**

Life Editor

Until three years ago, I had never heard of OU. The day I enrolled in the journalism program, I still wondered whether it was the right school, the right degree, the right professors and the right students.

Two weeks from now, I will be grad-

uating and I finally know my choice could not have been better. OU was the perfect fit for me. Despite pressures from family and friends to attend a more renowned school, I followed my instincts, in this case for the best.

OU has something to offer that bigger schools don't have: A sheltering feel combined with an academically challenging atmosphere.

Professors and other members of the staff are approachable, knowledgeable and supporting. I owe them my success in achieving graduation.

I could not have done it without their encouragements.

My first year at OU, I heard and read so many times about the benefits of getting involved on campus, how one would develop friendships, feel part of one "big family" and develop skills one would not have the opportunity to develop in class.

But for the first semester, I ignored the message, went to class, studied at home, talked to few people and generally kept to myself.

Today, my only regret is not to have

been involved sooner, with The Post or other organizations.

I have come to realize these experiences - besides being a lot of fun - make you grow, teach you to socially interact and improve your self-confidence.

At the very least, they make students more marketable, but in most cases, they also create good memories and good friends.

So don't be afraid! Talk to the student sitting behind you in this boring ECN 200 class, get to know your counselor, sign up for something fun, because if

you don't, you will miss out on the great opportunities OU has to offer.

Today I am a little sad.

Graduating is like leaving home and all the friendly faces that have brought comfort to my hectic student life.

But I am mostly excited to put in practice the skills I have gained so far, and show the world what kind of professionals OU can produce.

Thank you to all my professors, all the students at The Post and everyone involved in the Leadership Institute.

Good luck to every one else!

GUEST COLUMN

Shortage has helped educate



**JOANNE
TALAREK**

*Director, Graham
Health Center*

Perhaps you are among the millions of people in the U.S. who did not qualify for a flu vaccine this year.

Perhaps you do not usually get a flu shot.

Either way, the vaccine shortage has probably heightened your awareness of flu and other communicable diseases.

Influenza is a viral infection of the upper respiratory tract and can be mild or severe.

In some cases the infection or its complications can lead to death. In any

given year, five percent to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu.

More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and 36,000 die. Certain people are at higher risk for developing serious flu complications; this includes the very young, the elderly and those with certain chronic health conditions, especially cardiac and pulmonary problems and pregnancy.

That is why the Center for Disease Control (CDC) included these groups in their Interim Influenza Vaccination Recommendations for the 2004-2005 Influenza Season.

At Graham Health Center (GHC) we notified all our patients with chronic illnesses and publicized vaccine availability across campus for those who qualified under the CDC guidelines.

We administered nearly 150 doses of the influenza vaccine. Although GHC did not stock the inhaled FluMist, some have found this alternative vaccine available through their primary care provider.

Although vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu, there are many other ways to prevent the spread of infection and to boost your immune system.

Good hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of most respiratory and gastric infections.

When soap and water are not available, the hand cleansing gels are considered a good alternative.

In addition, the CDC recommends you cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and avoid

contact with people who are sick.

If you are sick, it is best to stay home and do not attend class.

Does all of this sound familiar?

More of the "things your Mama taught you" will help keep your immune system strong and keep you generally healthy.

Start with plenty of sleep, a balanced diet, fluids, exercise and fresh air.

A daily multiple vitamin will also help. Some things that will compromise your immune system include alcohol, smoking and stress.

Finally, should you become ill with the flu, the use of antiviral medications may reduce the severity of infection when taken in the first 48 hours.

If a close contact or someone you live with develops the flu, antiviral medica-

tions taken early may prevent the illness from spreading to you.

Consult GHC or your medical care provider if you develop symptoms. Flu symptoms include fever (usually high), headache, extreme fatigue and muscle aches, dry cough, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose.

Complications include pneumonia, dehydration, worsening of certain conditions such as asthma, congestive heart failure and diabetes.

To date, 28 states have reported low, sporadic flu activity while 20 states have reported no activity thus far.

If you would like more information, visit the CDC Web site at www.CDC.gov/flu.

EDITORIAL

College sports provide haven

In the wake of the mêlée that broke out near the end of the Nov. 19 game between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons at the Palace of Auburn Hills, there is a healthy alternative.

A cheaper and relatively closer alternative.

In fact, it's right here on campus.

Okay, well maybe it's not the National Basketball Association (NBA), but it's still entertaining and much more cost effective.

OU's basketball teams and the O'rena are the place to be now that the NBA has proved too violent for children.

Well, maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but from the clips on ESPN of kids crying after the brawl you would think so.

The overwhelming media attention of the riot made Detroit fans look like the worst in the world, even though the game was played in the suburbs.

It's time for Detroit and suburban fans alike to reclaim their good name and band together to enjoy quality, wholesome entertainment. That's where OU's college basketball comes in.

Collegiate athletics has generally been the blurred yet squeaky clean version of professional sports.

While the talent level may be lower because the great players are spread out between higher numbers of teams, more athletes are competing for the love of the game rather than a hefty paycheck.

The Golden Grizzlies display that love of the game by competing for a budding Division I university and helping steamroll through that transition.

A team atmosphere is developed and nurtured by both the men's and women's squads.

Head coach of the men's team Greg Kampe has dubbed the phrase "it's all about the pass" as one of the unofficial mottos for this season, showing the commitment to taking the extra measures needed to succeed.

The women's team and head coach Eileen Shea-

Hilliard work hard to not only put points on the board, but have shown dedication toward excelling in the classroom and in the community, as well.

These are the kinds of student-athletes OU should be proud to have represent its community.

Enjoying the splendor that is collegiate athletics is an experience no one should be without while attending college, for the first, second or ninth time. It's almost a guarantee that the encounter will leave a craving for more.

This isn't just about school spirit, although there is a level of pride and excitement that grows from sitting in the stands, cheering the team.

It's also about recognizing the dedication of people who epitomize what it is to be a student-athlete. Just as it is an accomplishment to balance school with a full-time job, so is what these amazing young people do.

This isn't a phenomenon limited to the basketball players. Every athlete who can achieve stability despite the chaos that is balancing school and sports is truly extraordinary.

It's not about wins and losses on the field, court or course.

Collegiate athletics are about a much deeper and purer tradition; one that can invigorate fans of all ages.

Take advantage of the opportunity to become a deeper part of the OU community, because, with \$20 season-ticket packages and student prices of \$2 per game, it costs too little to ignore the benefits.

Although the Pistons players can call the Palace home, the O'rena is not just the home to the Golden Grizzly teams and athletes.

When a fan purchases a ticket and takes their seat, they are taking ownership that is just as much theirs as it is the players'.

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idents feel like OU is their home."

Legislator Montrell Porter, who is also an OU Police Department cadet, informed OUSC that "students can call OUPD for an escort to their car ... a jump start, gallon of gas or a tow truck."

In response to legislator Miller's proposal to take action and "not just talk," Financial Affairs Director, Jim Gammicchia, started a focus group to address the issue of campus safety, in which many legislators volunteered to join.

Gammicchia plans to ask the OUPD or the Auburn Hills PD for assistance in the matter.

The OUSC then took nominations for the next topic of discussion. A motion by Ewing was made to suspend the discussion topic of the week indefinitely from the agenda.

"We should be talking to students about all issues, not just deciding on one issue" a week to discuss, Ewing said.

SAFB Chair Charity Jones said "we added it (discussion topic of the week) to get a feel for what students were thinking." She added that when legislators actually go out and talk to students and bring back issues for discussion, it is beneficial.

"We need to focus on ... ways we can change that, ... utilize our com-

mittees and holding committees accountable ... lets talk, but also do something about it," said Duane Hurt, public relations agent.

An OUSC meeting was also held Nov. 22.

Ewing proposed a resolution to call upon the Michigan legislature to amend Public Act 118.

The act is a Michigan law that requires the same address be used for voter registration and drivers license purposes.

Public Act 118 affects students of Michigan who do not live in close proximity to their voting address.

Legislator David Stuckey said of the recent presidential election, this was a problem not only for OU students, but for students all across Michigan."

OUSC voted to urge the state of Michigan to reconsider the act to allow students to vote in their temporary address' precinct.

For example, if a student's temporary address is the dorms or student apartments, but their permanent address is somewhere else in the state, they would have to go vote in the precinct for their permanent address.

However, OUSC is urging that the state amend Public Act 118 and allow students to vote in the precinct of their temporary address.

In other business:

• Bill Mullas, Katie Miller and Adam Panchenko were approved to be members of the research and review committee.

• Jillian Key and Kristina Butler were approved by OUSC as new legislators.

• The discussion topic of a fall break for students before the Thanksgiving break was sent to the research and review committee and will be discussed again on the Dec. 6 meeting.

• The residence halls adopted the firehouse across from campus and provided them with a Thanksgiving dinner.

• A book swap Web site will be up soon for OU students to sell or trade their books with other students to save on costs.

• OUSC voted on the topic of "what could be done so you feel safer on campus?" to discuss for the Dec. 6 meeting.

• Wednesday, Dec. 1, is World AIDS Day.

• There is a College Democrats meeting and also SAFB's last meeting for the fall semester today, Dec. 1.

• SPB is hosting a stress-free zone event Thursday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m.

• At noon on Dec. 2, there will be a Women's Issues Forum meeting.

• The Gay Straight Alliance's holiday party will be Sunday, Dec. 5.

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net result is that people come out of that class with a much better moral barometer, and that's important."

Shine has been a mentor to Briggs-Bunting, and she is proud to say she convinced him to join the OU community.

"I recruited him years and years ago," she said. "He'd been my teacher and I knew what a terrific job he'd do. He fulfilled that promise and much, much more."

"If I could clone Neal Shine, I would in a heartbeat, every university in the country would be better for it."

While she may be at MSU and understands Shine's situation, Briggs-Bunting recognizes that he will be missed.

"I think it's good for Neal," she said. "It's a major loss for Oakland University and the students who won't have an opportunity to have him for class."

When he joined the faculty full time after retiring from the Free Press, Shine began teaching feature writing, a decision he made based on his own enjoyment of the journalistic genre.

"I like to do it (so) I thought if it's this much fun to write features, it

must be fun to teach other people how to do it," Shine said.

As always, the growth he saw in his students through the course of a semester is what Shine appreciated.

"It pleases me to see young people not have much idea in September about how to construct a feature, and then have most of them get it by December," he said.

The students are what Shine will miss the most, especially what he learned from them, even though he believes college students today share many of the same concerns he had when in that role.

"I find out a lot about what's on their mind, what they're thinking and what they're up to these days," Shine said. "I found out a lot about what frightens them, what hopes they have...and I'm encouraged by what I hear."

Shine is in contact with many of his former students, writing recommendations and being a reference.

"I enjoy teaching and I really enjoy students," he said. "I will still be a reference for students. That will be my link to the university."

Although he has always spent the winter semesters in Florida rather than teaching, and is a frequent traveler, Shine is excited to take a trip

he's been missing out on for years.

"There's a French restaurant in Florida, the owner of which takes a small tour of people to France to visit the great restaurants of France in the fall," he said. "We get great food and great wine. I'll be signing up as soon as I get there."

But Shine will not disappear completely from the OU scene, having agreed to help with some programs still being formed, and stating his readiness for whatever needs to be done.

"I still have a great deal of affection for OU," he said. "I think it's a great school and I think it's a treasure for this area. I was honored to teach among such great faculty."

There is one thing Shine won't miss, however.

"I won't have to spend much time wiping goose poop off my shoes anymore," he said.

Shine used to answer his wife's question about his retirement by saying, "when I wake up in the morning and say, 'god, I have to go to school today and I don't want to.'"

Still, though he claims he's never woken up feeling that way, Shine will add the fall to his travel schedule and finally answer his wife with "Now, dear."

Presidents Council contacted Hank Price, former Michigan House Fiscal Agency associate director, to perform a similar study on available data from Michigan colleges.

Based in Lansing, the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, is a nonprofit, higher education association that serves the 15 state universities of Michigan.

The primary mission of the council "is to advocate higher education as a public good and to promote its collective value in serving the public interest and the State of Michigan," according to its Web site.

but overlooked component of the total cost of higher education," said Mike Bolous, executive director of the Presidents Council, according to an OU press release.

"Political involvement, in the form of tuition caps, makes it harder for universities to provide university resources to students, which may result in higher net tuition costs for many students," he said.

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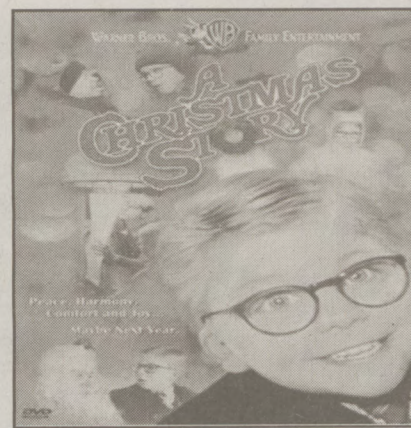
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Opinion

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

After the tryptophan induced nap, the gauntlet of "Black Friday" and the realization that those pants are just a little tighter, it's upon us - Christmas. The rain turns to snow, radio stations start their continuous festive music and families will begin the traditions that will build the anticipation for Dec. 25.

Of those traditions, none are more universally enjoyed than watching Christmas movies. For that reason, here are the top ten Christmas movies of all time.



"A Christmas Story" is part of many students' Christmas memories.

Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

"A Christmas Story" (1983)

The All-American Christmas. "You'll shoot your eye out" rings true for every boy who ever wanted a BB gun. Ralphie's school days and run-ins with neighborhood bully Scut Farkus bring back memories of childhood. Yet the best part of this movie comes with the acting of Darren McGavin as Ralphie's dad. His love of a leg lamp may override anything else in the movie. Except maybe that pink bunny suit.



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"Christmas Vacation" features Chevy Chase.

"Christmas Vacation" (1989)

Chevy Chase in his prime. Only two years after "Caddyshack," Chase gives an extremely funny performance. Alongside cousin Eddie and his dickie, the Griswold family Christmas turns into a burnt tree disaster. Only a bonus check and a new pool would be enough to save Christmas. Chase's character is that over-obsessed relative who wants everything perfect and tries way too hard during the holidays. It may be the Christmas movie that hits closest to home with most families - that is if it wasn't for ... the number 2 Christmas movie.

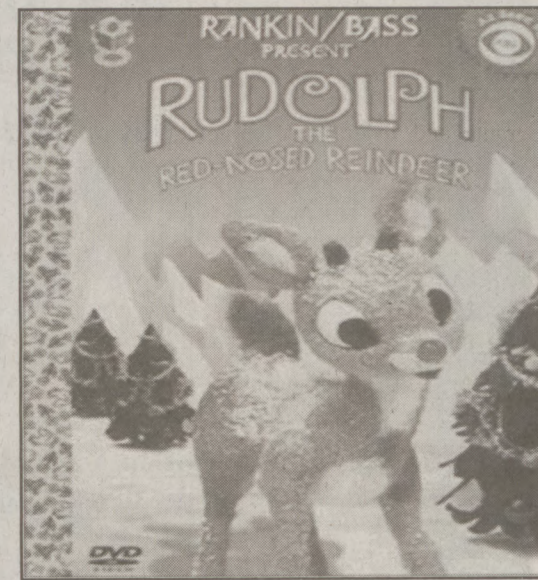


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"Rudolph" is now a Christmas classic.

"Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" (1964)

We learn the song as soon as we are able to talk. Hermey, Yukon Cornelius, the Island of Misfit Toys - everything in this movie is recognizable and a current staple of the holiday season. Sam the Snowman's narration and performance of "Silver and Gold" are only upstaged by Hermey and Rudolph's, "We're all Misfits."

"Scrooged" (1988)

This movie is Bill Murray's best work outside of "Groundhog Day." It's a modern day Dickens' tale about a greedy television executive who is visited by three ghosts. Murray's character has the chance to see what life would be like if he kept on his current path. This was also one of Richard Donner's best-directed films.



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"Scrooged" is a modern Dickens' tale.



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"Elf" and Will Ferrell might turn into a classic.

"Elf" (2003)

This is at number ten because it was only made last year. One of the biggest things about Christmas movies is staying power - you'll see it down the list. Nevertheless, Will Ferrell is at his best in a story of a boy who grew up in the North Pole and comes to America seeking his true identity. James Caan is extremely funny in his role as Ferrell's dad. It's a fantasy story that rides the emotion of Christmas and has a happy ending.



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"It's a Wonderful Life" is still a touching movie.

"It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)

Talk about staying power. In black and white, this film represents everything about human emotion. From women to a guardian angel, this film lassoed the moon. James Stewart as George Bailey going up against the evil Mr. Potter to keep the Savings and Loans business. Who could forget Bailey's child saying, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings."



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"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" has become an animated Christmas classic.

"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" (1970)

The first of two animated films on the list. Narration by Fred Astaire and the voice of Mickey Rooney as Kris Kringle should be enough to get you to watch. When the conniving Burgermeister Meisterburger schemes to rid his town of toys, it's up to Kris Kringle to keep the toy flow in place. Originally made for television, this classic is very popular among younger kids.

The animated movie or the Carrey version, "The Grinch" is a crowd pleaser. Photo courtesy of www.imdb.com



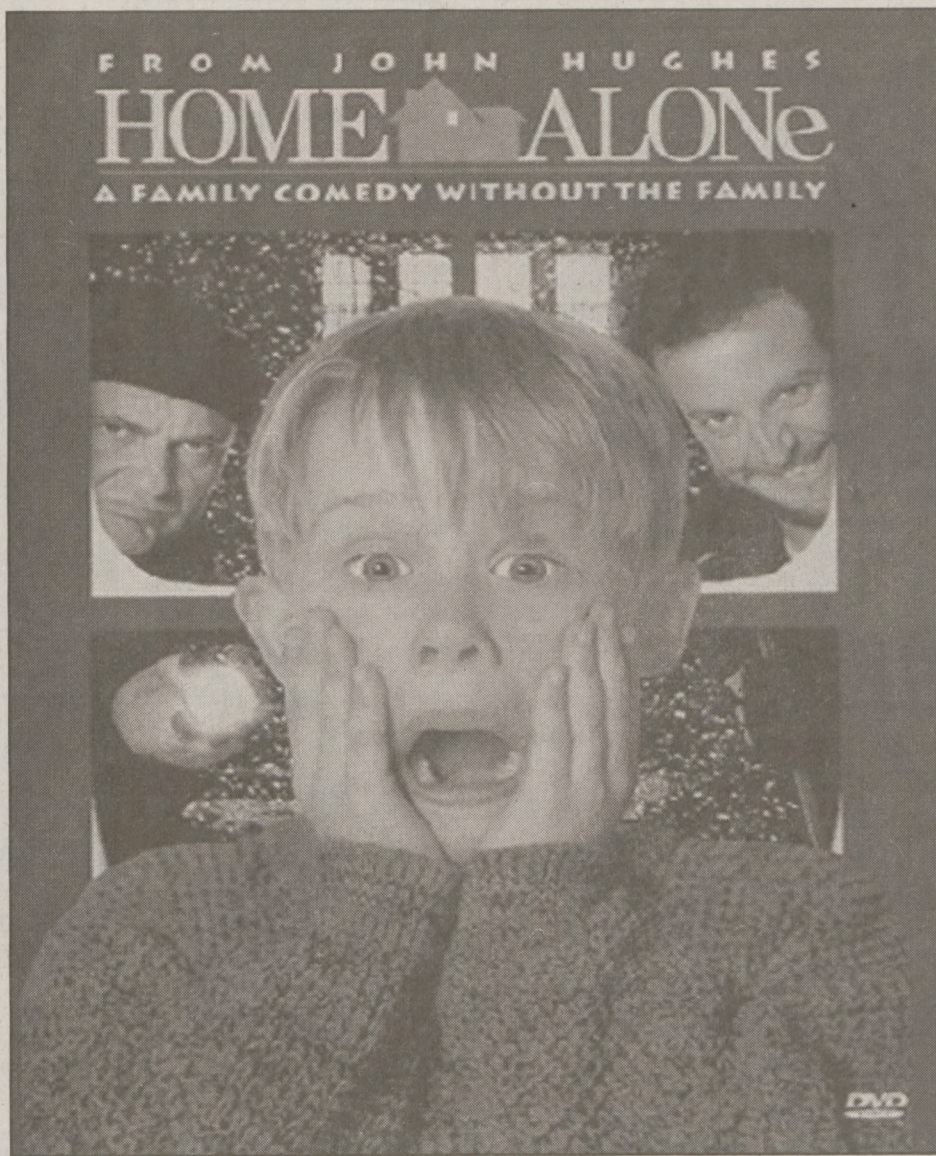
"The Grinch" (2000)

I know I will get some arguments, but I like watching Jim Carrey act, more than the old cartoon. No one knows physical comedy better than Carrey and he was the only one that could pull the grinch off. With Ron Howard's direction of an unbelievable set display, the film puts you in a fantasyland. What makes the film great is that the narration by Anthony Hopkins includes much of the original Dr. Seuss book dialogue.

Top 10 Christmas Movies

"Home Alone" (1990)

Finally, the best Christmas film of them all. A boy gets his dream to be home alone for Christmas, yet has to defend his house against would-be burglars. Daniel Stern and Joe Pesci couldn't have been cast more perfectly. All kids would want to set up those traps in their home just to see what would happen. As good as the movie is, it has something more: The best Christmas soundtrack of any film. All the classic songs can be heard throughout the movie including "Jingle Bell Rock" while a Michael Jordan cardboard cutout strolls through the living room.

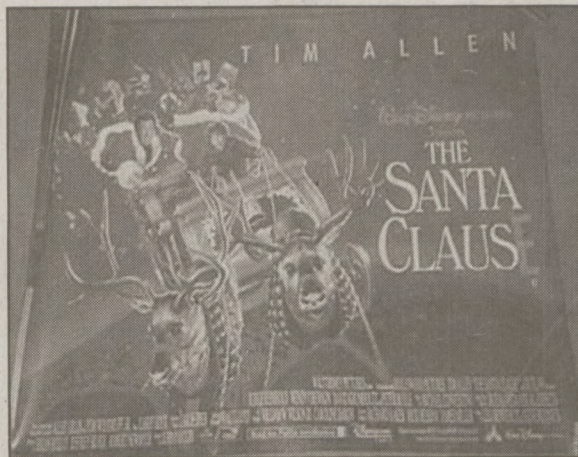


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Top: "Home Alone" is still very popular today. Right: "The Santa Clause" features Tim Allen, the "Home Improvement" TV series main character.

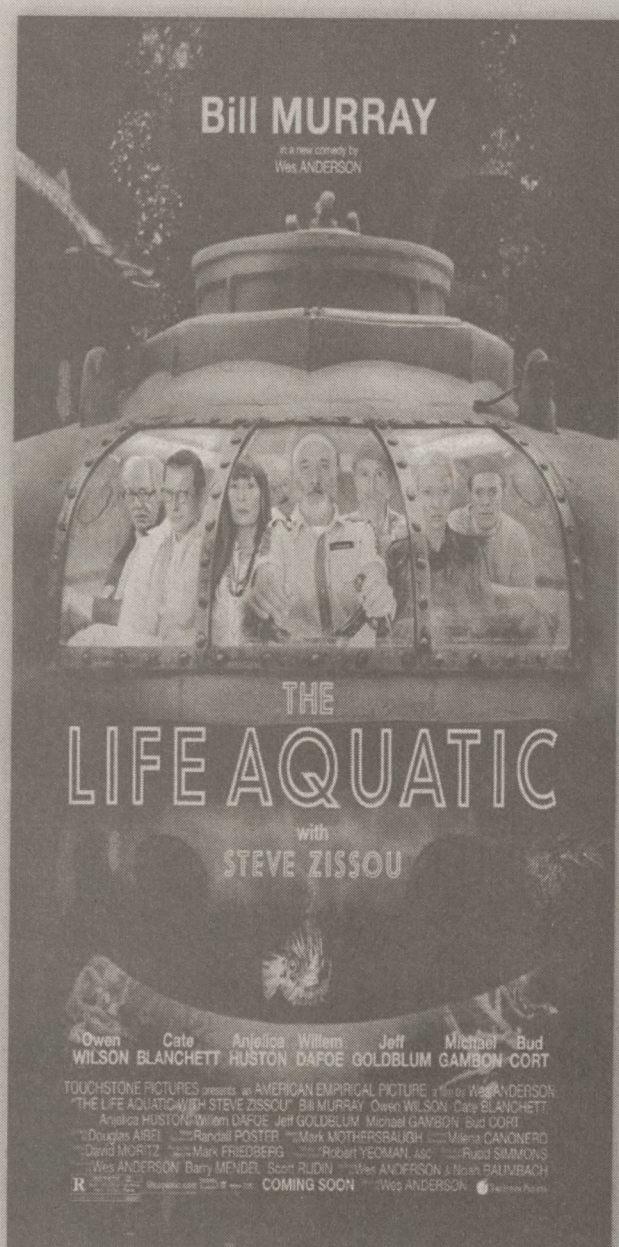
"The Santa Clause" (1994)

It finally answered the question as to how Santa makes all those deliveries in one night. And honestly, who wouldn't want to be Santa and get to live at the North Pole? Every time Tim Allen's character makes fun of Neal's sweaters, you're reminded of his constant torment with "Home Improvement's" Al.



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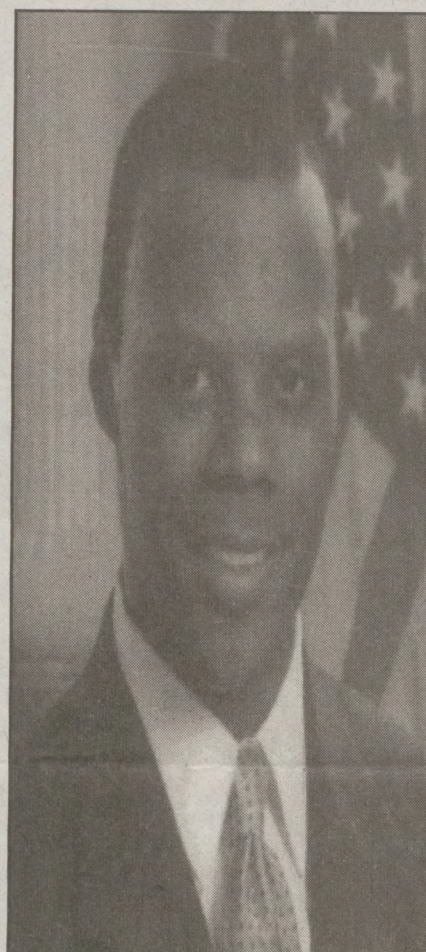
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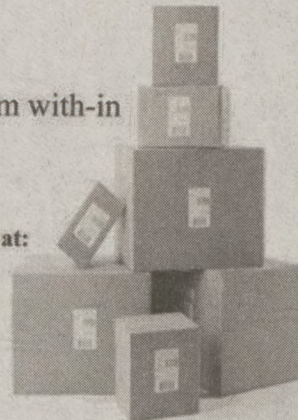
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Racing for a cause

BY ALLISON BRUNNER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

In January, months of training and fundraising will all come to a close for seniors Lucy VandePutte and Heather Haney from OU.

They will travel to Phoenix, Ariz., for four days to run in the P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon as part of Train To End Stroke, an initiative organized by the American Stroke Association (ASA).

Train To End Stroke is an endurance training and fundraising program that has

raised over \$27 million for the ASA since its creation in 2001.

Participants train for six to eight months to run or walk a full or half marathon at various locations in the country, including Orlando, Fla., Dallas, Texas, Phoenix, Ariz. and Hamilton, Bermuda.

"I thought it would be a great challenge. I wanted something that would make me commit to training, and I also liked the idea of having a coach, a team and a goal to look forward to. I was also really excited to raise money for a very worthy cause,"

VandePutte said. This is her first marathon.

According to the ASA, stroke is the number three killer and a leading cause of disability in America.

The ASA focuses on reducing disability and death from stroke through research, education, fundraising and advocacy.

VandePutte and Haney are each raising \$3,500 for this marathon.

The amount of money runners must raise for the run depends on the marathon's location.

For instance, Arizona runners will have

For more
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to raise a minimum of \$3,500, while in Bermuda, the goal was set at \$5,000.

VandePutte and Haney are both only a couple hundred dollars shy of their goal and have a little over a month left to gather the remainder.

Anyone interested in helping the students reach their \$3,500 goal can contact VandePutte at levandep@oakland.edu and Haney at hlhaney@oakland.edu.



Taking part in "Black Friday"

BY DUSTIN FRUCCI
THE OAKLAND POST

The last time I ran the gamut of emotions — I'm talking ecstatic, angry, sad, upset, the whole deal — I had just bought my first car and was in an accident not two hours later.

One would think going through all those emotions is a unique situation, a once in a blue moon occurrence.

Well, it's not.

I spent what is affectionately known as "Black Friday," with my mom and sister shopping from five in the morning to just past noon. This experience taught me how much can ride on a purchase as simple as holiday socks.

Our first stop was Best Buy, where at least 300 people in line circled the building. The objective: Getting an iPod that was being discounted \$90. Lucky for us Best Buy handed out slips for the specific items we were after, and there was no problem getting the iPod.

Mom — ecstatic. Me — a little hungry.

There were a few ugly scenes at the first store when customers toward the end of the line weren't given slips for the product they were after. Resentment among them turned into verbal wars. Christmas spirit was definitely in the air.

Unfortunately, we ended up on the other side of the fence at the next stop.

FYE was doing the same kind of ticketing for their items. We didn't get there in time and the DVDs my mom was after were gone.

Mom — somewhat angry. Me — patience running thin.

Our last stop is kind of misleading. A mall does not actually constitute a single stop, and little did I know we would be visiting every store within its doors.

Thankfully, the good people of "ignorance and no respect village" were also visiting at the time, providing some sort of entertainment.

Seriously, people will take things out of each other's carts.

After hitting all the stores that you would expect in a mall, we sorted things out in the parking lot.

Mom — exhausted. Me — dragging myself to the car.

"Can you believe she took that doll out of that girl's cart?" my sister asked. "Some people will do anything to get the item they covet," my mom replied.

She then turned to me, "So, what did you think?"

I'd rather be a Pacer fan wearing a Ron Artest jersey on monster truck night at the Palace than to ever go through that again.

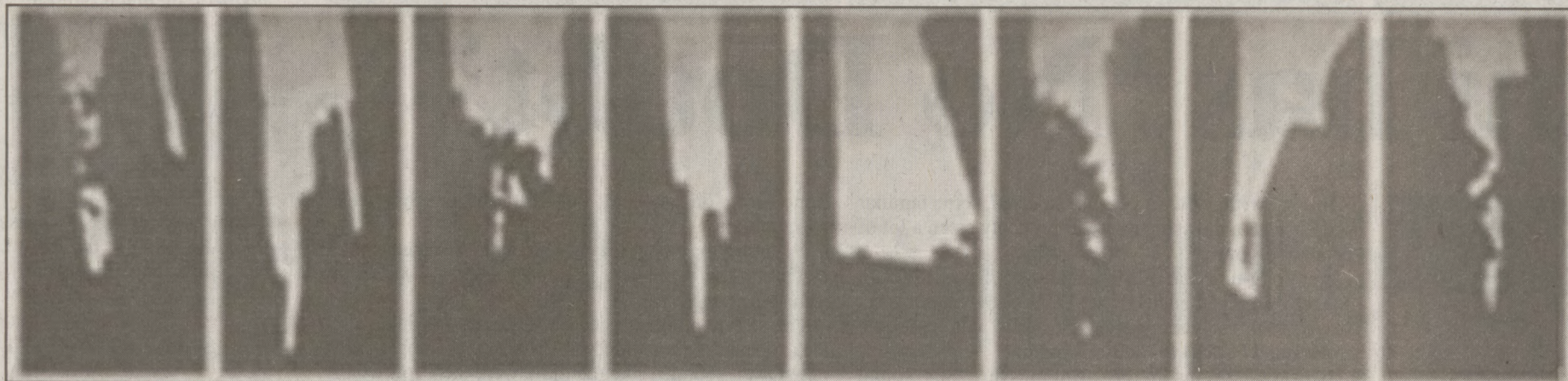


Photo courtesy of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.
"Study for BETWEEN 40 AND 60" by artist Susan Goethel Campbell will be on display at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery until Dec. 19.

Talent covers walls

BY LUISE BOLLEBER
THE OAKLAND POST

Art students are required to take drawing classes, even if they intend to study painting, printmaking or other art forms. This is so because drawing skills are foundational to becoming a good artist. But somewhere along the line, drawing tends to fall to the wayside as less important and less exciting than painting or photography.

"Super-Sized — Drawn to Completeness" the exhibit currently on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery aims to question the notion that drawing is mainly for sketching ideas rather than destined to be an end product. Curated by Douglas Bulka of the Detroit Institute of Arts, this show features large-scale drawings by Michigan and New York artists.

In addition to the sheer scale of these drawings, an impressive feat in itself, the uniqueness of each artist's vision makes for a delightful tour of the possibilities of drawing.

New York's Joseph Stashkevitch created four huge still-life drawings of fish, a rather mundane subject that becomes fascinating and even a bit disturbing at this monumental scale. At approximately 60 x

60 inches each, they are drawn with utter precision, which makes them even more confrontational.

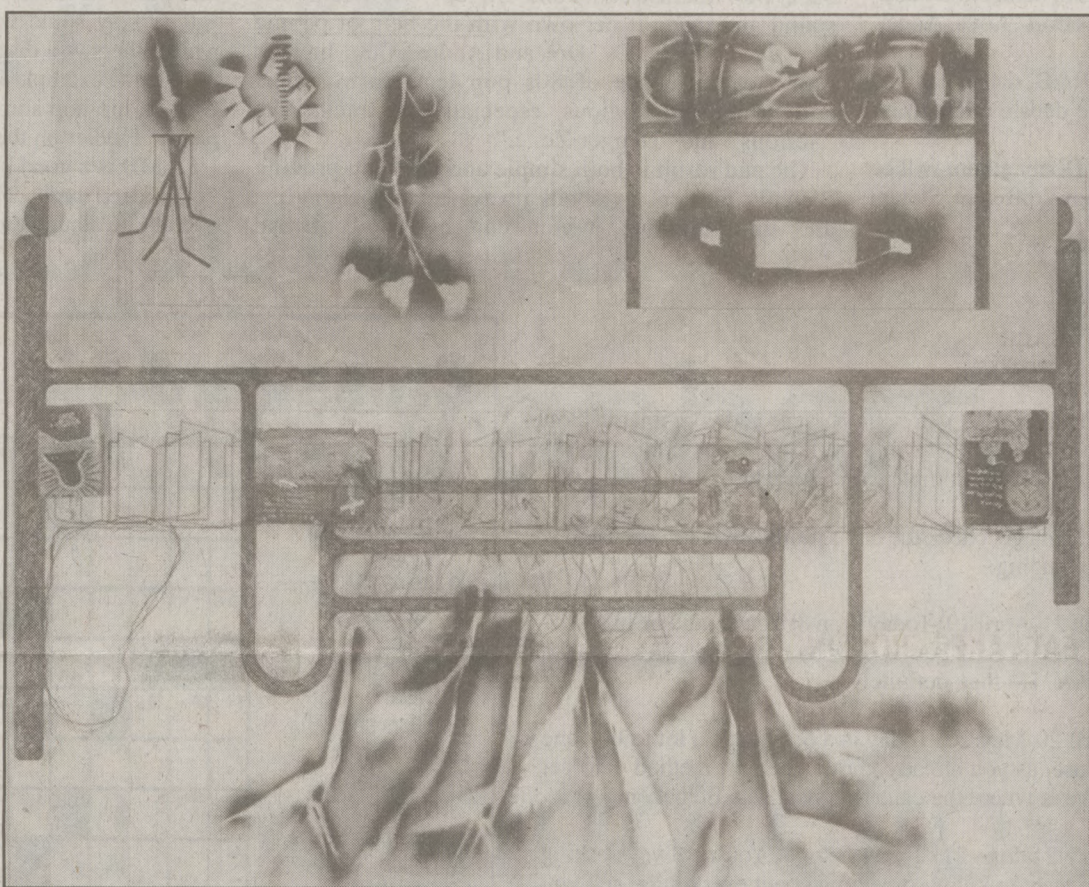
Susan Goethel Campbell's atmospheric renderings of the sky evoke a dreamy feeling. "BETWEEN 40 AND 60" is a drawing spanning the entire length of one wall in the gallery. It is drawn on a large scroll of paper and features the sky and what could be either silhouettes of skyscrapers or western canyons and cliffs. The artist draws with brushes dipped in viscous etching ink and builds up layers of medium to achieve soft tones.

This exhibit will challenge viewers' ideas about what constitutes a drawing. Larry

Cressman's "drawing installations," as he calls them, feature pieces of paper pinned to the wall. In "Wall to

Wall #2," Cressman crafted hundreds of graphite-coated strips of paper and attached them to the wall in a random fashion. The pieces of paper themselves become the lines or marks and the wall becomes the 'paper.'

Tony Hepburn is a sculptor who uses drawing to explore ideas for his sculptures. Hepburn's drawings in this show, however, are finished works. They were created in response to the death of his wife,



Photos courtesy of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Top: "Retablo" from Tony Hepburn.
Right: "Untitled" from John Newman.

and contain references to her life as well as her illness. Throughout the drawings are outlines of medical instruments, pill bottles, IV tubing and other hospital paraphernalia. They also include flowers, which his wife loved. These drawings are powerful reminders of life and death.

This exhibit also features colorful china marker drawings by John Newman, a mixed media series by Gordon Newton, acrylic on plywood drawings by John Richardson and "architectural" drawings by Stephen Talasnik.

Drawing gets its due as an end in itself in this interesting and mesmerizing exhibit. This collection of stunning and colossal works will run through Dec. 19.

Super-Sized runs through Dec. 19. There will be a panel discussion Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the gallery on The Intimacy of Drawing. The panel will feature curator Douglas Bulka, Director of Meadow Brook Art Gallery Dick Goody, and the artists Larry Cressman, Tony Hepburn, John Richardson, Stephen Talasnik, and Susan Goethel Campbell.



Holiday cheer is welcomed

BY JULIE WOJCIECHOWSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

The Center for Student Activities will bring some holiday spirit to the OC this Saturday with its annual Winter Wonderland.

Student volunteers and campus organizations will create a holiday-style carnival for the children of OU students, faculty and staff, inviting the surrounding community to join in this fun event. "It gives the surrounding community

a chance to take part in a family-oriented OU event and take advantage of what the university has to offer," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development for the Center for Student Activities.

According to Crampton, the event is being publicized by flyers distributed to the St. John Fisher Church, Five Points Church, Will Rogers Elementary School and the University Apartments.

The event has been sponsored by the CSA for several years.

"It also gives parents a safe place to bring their children so they can participate in the many activities the volunteers coordinate," Crampton said.

Booths with holiday stories, cookie decorating and other arts and crafts will be featured at the event.

OU student Jennifer Banasiak, who is a part of Circle K Community Service Organization and Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, participated in Winter Wonderland last year. "My favorite part is the children com-

ing and having fun," Banasiak said. "There are a lot of different fun things they can do."

This year, Banasiak will be decorating cookies with Circle K and Alpha Kappa Psi for the event.

Participating student organizations include REACH, Circle K, Alpha Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and many other independent volunteers.

Santa will also be making an appearance at the Winter Wonderland.

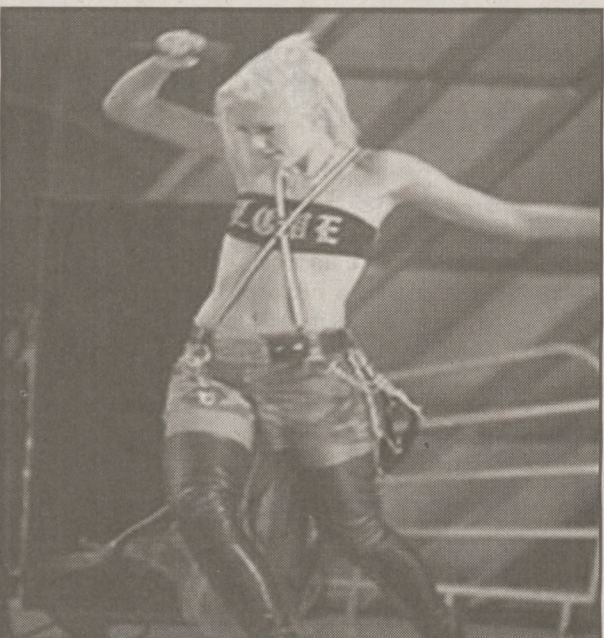
"Most attendants' favorite part of the event is a cross between cookie decorating and visits with Santa," Crampton said. "Both are very popular events."

Last year's attendance was estimated at 50 children.

"This year we hope to see at least 100 children attend," Crampton said.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 in the OC Gold rooms from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Winter Wonderland is free to everyone.



Stefani has 'No Doubt'

Opinion

By Andrew DuPont The Oakland Post

Gwen Stefani, leader of pop-ska band No Doubt, has released her debut solo effort "Love, Angel, Music Baby" (LAMB.) The album is an eclectic mix of R&B, dance hall and 80s synth-rock that is sure to cause debate among fans and music buffs. Those expecting just another No Doubt album will be largely disappointed to see just how different Stefani sounds on her own.

Instead we have what is to be expected, some familiar sounds with a new spin that will probably catch a lot of people by surprise. Any long-time fan of Stefani knows that each album sounds different than the previous. No Doubt has always strived to infuse various styles of music with their own sounds and LAMB follows this trend. Nostalgia seems to be bringing the '80s sound back into mainstream, and Stefani has taken that sound and made it her own with the help of people like Eve, NERD, Dr. Dre and Andre 3000, but the unspoken influence of 80s pop legends Madonna and Prince are obvious, especially on tracks like "Serious" and "Danger Zone." The end result is both simple and brilliant, proving Stefani's musical style will always be chameleon-like and unpredictable, which can be good or bad

depending on who you talk to; Everyone has their own opinion. If you're bored by repetition and the predictable assembly line of modern pop music, LAMB will be a refreshing break. The variation and musical creativeness outshines the lack of mainstream sound, but if you were hoping the new Gwen sounded like the old Gwen, then you won't find much on LAMB you'll enjoy. It's likely some will embrace LAMB's eccentricity, while others will dismiss it as just plain weird. A prime example sure to be in future debates is "Rich Girl," a hip-hop sounding team-up with Eve that samples a "Fiddler on the Roof" song. LAMB is a good buy for the music lover. The deep lyrics listeners are used to are gone, but overall the album's vibe will grow given the chance.

By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Dec. 1) Stretch your legs and your imagination this year. Your influence is growing, and so are your options. Travel looks good, especially to complete old obligations.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8: You should be in a marvelous mood. The difficult part is over by now, and you can make time for romance. Do that, definitely.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6: There's a lot to be done around the house, as you already know. The best method is to get it done now, that's where the controversy arises. Be patient.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8: You're always asking questions. You want to know something about everything, and you might. This project takes work, however, so you'd better get back into the inquiry.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7: Work smart and creatively for the next couple of days, and earn a lovely bonus. Romance may have to be postponed, but not ignored. Stay in touch.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8: You're attracted, and attractive. That's about as good as it gets. This is also a lovely time for communication. Make contact.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6: Dig your treasures out of the attic and use them to brighten your home. You'll be doing some entertaining, and that's a good enough excuse.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today is a 7: You learn a lot from your friends, and vice versa. Meet with them now and get the latest facts, as well as the latest gossip. It's good to be prepared.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7: You're drawing attention from higher-ups, so be your most charming. Sugarcoat the insightful comment you've been saving up to tell them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8: Money can be a nuisance, but it is nice to have. Conditions are good for figuring out what's actually in your account, and how much you'll have to pay out. It's good to know.

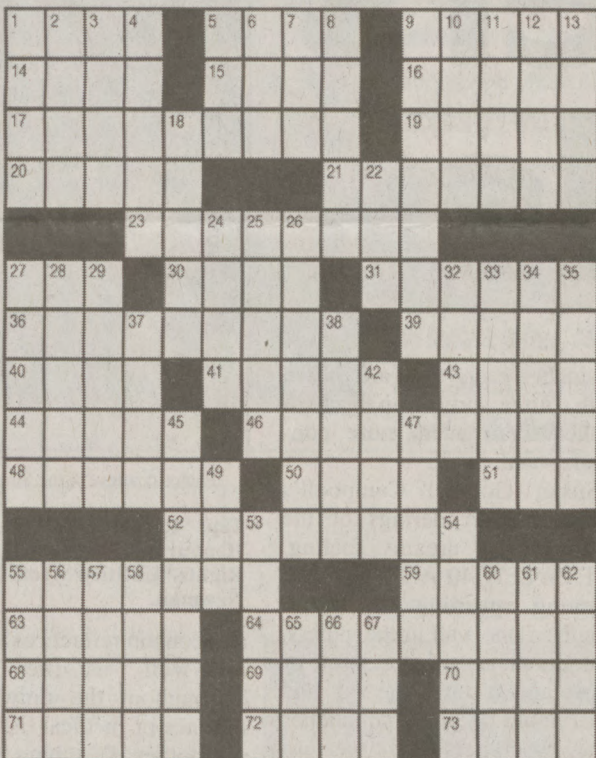
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6: Confer with a wise partner before you go shopping, so you'll be able to get the most for the least. It's a game you can win, with a little help from a friend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7: If you can keep from arguing with a very stubborn person, or maybe two or three of them, you'll learn some valuable facts. That ought to be enough to pique your curiosity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7: The work may not seem rewarding yet, but don't abandon the effort. You won't have to wait until you get to Heaven, you'll profit much sooner.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Lived hand to mouth
 - 5 Cowardly Lion player
 - 9 Israeli PM Itzhak
 - 14 Backside
 - 15 Notion
 - 16 Musical piece
 - 17 Defiant
 - 19 "Guys and _"
 - 20 Night's rest
 - 21 Salesman's offering
 - 23 Tide pool site
 - 27 Clinch
 - 30 Cairo's river
 - 31 Consumers
 - 36 Document destruction devices
 - 39 Trick alternative
 - 40 _ du jour
 - 41 Broom stroke
 - 43 Puccini tune
 - 44 Bumped, as a bid
 - 46 Sharpening
 - 48 High regard
 - 50 Composer Stravinsky
 - 51 Needle hole
 - 52 Wizard
 - 55 Destroyer escort
 - 59 Veggie dish
 - 63 Nearby
 - 64 Parade group
 - 68 Concerning
 - 69 College credit
 - 70 Movie dog
 - 71 Proceeds on
 - 72 Mall event
 - 73 Collective pronoun
- DOWN
- 1 Drops the ball
 - 2 Ship length
 - 3 Loosen up
 - 4 Finishes dishes
 - 5 Illuminated
 - 6 Oklahoma town
 - 7 Coop denizen
 - 8 Dustin in "Midnight Cowboy"
 - 9 Beef or lamb
 - 10 At the summit
 - 11 Cow's mate
 - 12 At rest
 - 13 Highland loch
 - 18 Go through an allowance
 - 22 Exist
 - 24 Helps out
 - 25 Oodles and oodles
 - 26 Rogue church member
 - 27 Publish
 - 28 Uses an axe
 - 29 Become violently active
 - 32 Waste catcher
 - 33 Unworldly
 - 34 Showering
 - 35 Put on
 - 37 Fencer's instrument
 - 38 Suitable material?
 - 42 Indigent
 - 45 Purifies seawater
 - 47 Iron
 - 49 Incisive comment
 - 53 Puzzle type



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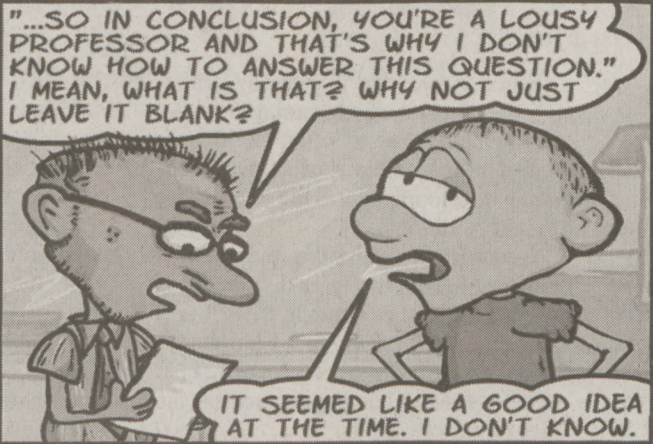
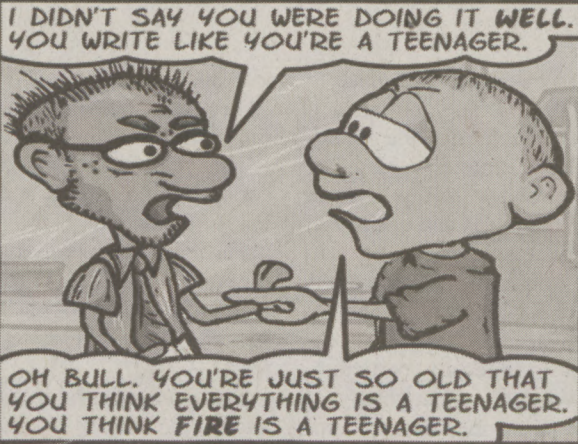
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- 1 LIVED HAND TO MOUTH
- 5 COWARDLY LION
- 9 ISRAELI PM ITZHAK
- 14 BACKSIDE
- 15 NOTION
- 16 MUSICAL PIECE
- 17 DEFIANT
- 19 "GUYS AND DOLLS"
- 20 NIGHT'S REST
- 21 SALESMAN'S OFFERING
- 23 TIDE POOL SITE
- 27 CLINCH
- 30 CAIRO'S RIVER
- 31 CONSUMERS
- 36 DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DEVICES
- 39 TRICK ALTERNATIVE
- 40 DU JOUR
- 41 BROOM STROKE
- 43 PUCCINI TUNE
- 44 BUMPED, AS A BID
- 46 SHARPENING
- 48 HIGH REGARD
- 50 COMPOSER STRAVINSKY
- 51 NEEDLE HOLE
- 52 WIZARD
- 55 DESTROYER ESCORT
- 59 VEGGIE DISH
- 63 NEARBY
- 64 PARADE GROUP
- 68 CONCERNING
- 69 COLLEGE CREDIT
- 70 MOVIE DOG
- 71 PROCEEDS ON
- 72 MALL EVENT
- 73 COLLECTIVE PRONOUN

DOWN

- 1 DROPS THE BALL
- 2 SHIP LENGTH
- 3 LOOSEN UP
- 4 FINISHES DISHES
- 5 ILLUMINATED
- 6 OKLAHOMA TOWN
- 7 COOP DENIZEN
- 8 DUSTIN IN "MIDNIGHT COWBOY"
- 9 BEEF OR LAMB
- 10 AT THE SUMMIT
- 11 COW'S MATE
- 12 AT REST
- 13 HIGHLAND LOCH
- 18 GO THROUGH AN ALLOWANCE
- 22 EXIST
- 24 HELPS OUT
- 25 OODLES AND OODLES
- 26 ROGUE CHURCH MEMBER
- 27 PUBLISH
- 28 USES AN AXE
- 29 BECOME VIOLENTLY ACTIVE
- 32 WASTE CATCHER
- 33 UNWORLDLY
- 34 SHOWERING
- 35 PUT ON
- 37 FENCER'S INSTRUMENT
- 38 SUITABLE MATERIAL?
- 42 INDIGENT
- 45 PURIFIES SEAWATER
- 47 IRON
- 49 INCISIVE COMMENT
- 53 PUZZLE TYPE

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THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Last issue for the semester of The Oakland Post.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. today through Friday in the lobby of Pawley Hall.

Today is "World AIDS Day" and there will be an informational seminar from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. There will be speakers from the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project to answer questions and offer free HIV/AIDS testing.

Friday, Dec. 3

Friday Night Live welcomes comic Kivi Rogers to OU at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

Saturday, Dec. 4

There will be a campus tour for prospective students and their family members from 10 a.m.-noon. Please meet in the Oakland Room of the OC.

The Winter Wonderland will be held from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC. OU students, faculty and staff are invited and welcome to bring their children to this free holiday carnival. Visit with Santa, make a few holiday crafts and enjoy some wonderful refreshments.

Monday, Dec. 6

Fall classes end at 10 p.m.

The OUSC meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

The Student Writers of OU workshop will be held from 6-8 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B of the OC.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

The Beatles Discussion Group will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 112 Vandenberg Hall. Join English professor Brian Murphy and Ted Montgomery, OU media relations director, as they continue their ongoing discussion on music and the cultural impact from the Beatles.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Final exams begin today and end Dec. 14.

Thursday, Dec. 9

The Winter Express Orientation and Registration for new students will be held from 1-5 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Saturday, Dec. 11

The Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk/MSU Federal Credit Union Day will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall. General admission is \$20 and faculty and staff with proper OU ID will receive a discounted ticket price of \$12.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Winter commencements for August and December graduates will be from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Athletics Arena. Check the OU Web site for more information.

The "Just Friends" 21st Annual Christmas Celebration is from 8 p.m.-2 today and tomorrow at the Belle Isle Casino. There will be dancing, live entertainment, food and refreshments. Dress to impress. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information, contact Robert Thornton at (313) 534-6195.

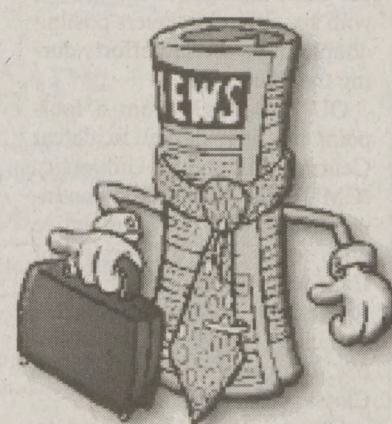
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Piggott leads Grizzlies to Odwalla Classic title

By **BRENDAN J. STEVENS**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A number of players have contributed during the OU women's basketball team's three-game winning streak.

Although most of the team's core returns from last year, the team is still getting comfortable, head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said.

"With having most everybody back, it's just having a few newcomers and a couple new coaches to work in. We're moving in the right direction," she said. "It's just everybody getting used to each other."

The Golden Grizzlies have averaged more than 74 points per game during the road stretch, with six different players posting double digit scoring efforts during the three wins.

OU came back from a four-point halftime deficit to defeat Central Michigan University (CMU), 74-70, and then continued its trip with two consecutive wins over the University of California-Riverside (UC-Riverside), 68-58, and San Francisco University (SFU), 82-65, to capture the Odwalla Classic championship.

Guards Anne Hafeli, junior, and Nicole Piggott, sophomore, have been the steadiest scorers, averaging 16.7 and 22.7 points, respectively, through the course of the streak.

After playing a significant role coming off the bench last season, Piggott has started the last three games. She posted a then career-high 21 points in a win over UC-Riverside.

But that was just a taste of what was to come when Piggott piled up 37 points in 38 minutes against SFU.

"Nicole has always had a great upside," Shea-Hilliard said. "She's a kid I knew could give us 20-25 points a game. It was just a matter of where to play her and how to get it out of her."

Shea-Hilliard said starting Piggott at forward gives the Grizzlies a quickness advantage and creates match up problems for opponents.

"It's kind of back to the days where we had a smaller lineup when Katie Wolfe was here," she said. "People aren't able to match up with (Piggott) well at all when she's at the four."

SFU head coach Mary Hile-Nepfel said while watching film, Piggott was one player who stood out because of her ability to do intangibles.

"Watching her on film, she was the one player I liked," she said. "Even though she's only a sophomore, she was a player I thought could hurt you."

With the Odwalla Classic title on the line, the Grizzlies struggled out of the gate and went into halftime trailing the Dons of SFU by five, 38-33.

OU's defense turned the tides in the second half, forcing SFU into 14 turnovers. Ball movement and smart play also helped the Grizzlies to the 17-point victory.

While Piggott kept the game close with 27 of her career-high 37 points in the first half, Hafeli led the charge in the second half, posting all 17 of her points.

The junior guard hit her five shots, all three-pointers, and knocked down two free throws to help the Grizzlies outscore the Dons 49-27 in the second half en route to the Odwalla Classic crown.

Hile-Nepfel said she thought the two teams matched up well, but OU was able to execute down the stretch, when her squad was not.

"I don't think we got enough people involved offensively down the stretch," she said. "I felt going into the game, the teams were pretty even and the game would come down to who executed down the stretch, and it was (OU)."

Senior forward Amanda Batcha added 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds, and senior center Petra Manakova pitched in with 11 points and six boards.

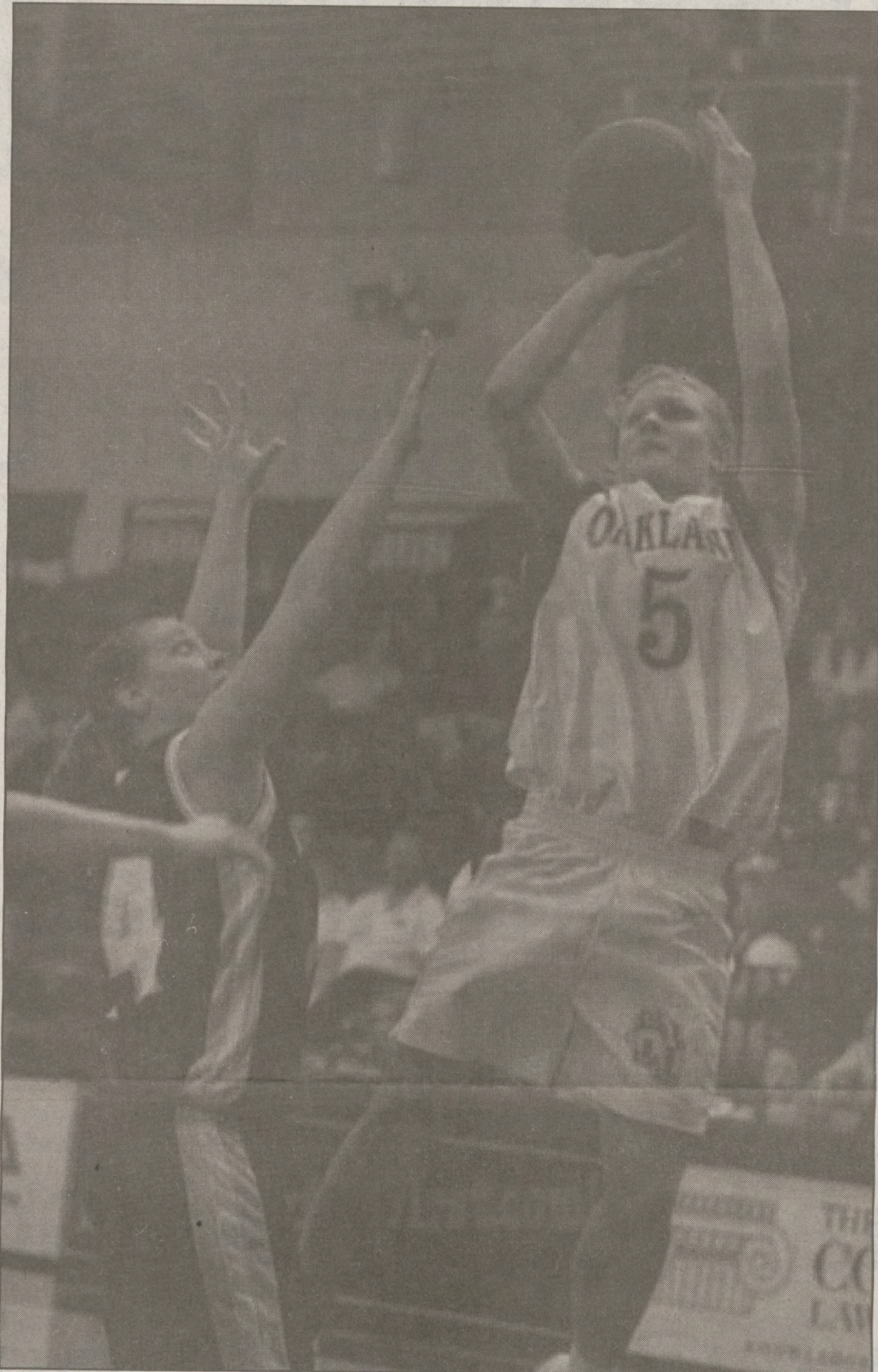
Despite shooting 2-of-12 from the field, junior Jayme Wilson added to the offense with a team-leading six assists.

Wilson, who has been playing through injury, hasn't been able to provide her regular offensive production, but is still providing leadership and stability, Shea-Hilliard said.

Sophomore guard Joya Puryear spearheaded the defensive effort with four steals.

To get the championship game, OU moved past UC-Riverside with a 10-point victory.

The Grizzlies jumped out of the gate, leading by double digits



Sophomore Nicole Piggott takes a jump shot in a game against Western Illinois last season. Piggott scored a career high 37 points in OU's victory over San Francisco in the finals of the Odwalla Classic.

for most of the first half, allowing them to take a 17-point lead into halftime.

While OU faltered slightly in the second half, getting outbounded by UC-Riverside 26-14, the team maintained its double-digit advantage to seal the

win.

Wilson led the way with 17 points and three more Grizzlies added 10 or more points. Hafeli contributed 12, sophomore guard Bonnie Baker netted a career-high 11 points and Piggott scored 10.

Batcha hauled in a team-high eight rebounds. Batcha also displayed her passing ability, dishing out six assists.

Results from Tuesday's contest against St. Mary's College of California were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

Women look to continue win streak

By **BRENDAN J. STEVENS**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A pair of sub-.500 teams are next on the docket for the surging OU women's basketball team.

The Golden Grizzlies were riding a three-game win streak going into Tuesday's game against St. Mary's College of California after capturing the Odwalla Classic with wins over San Francisco University and the University of California-Riverside.

OU will look to continue its winning ways against Illinois State University (ISU) on Friday in Normal, Ill. against the winless Redbirds, although ISU plays Ball State University tonight looking for its first win of the season.

Six-foot senior forward Katie Donovan, who has posted a team-high 19 points per game in the first three contests, leads the Redbirds.

Donovan showed tremendous improvement from her sophomore to junior seasons, going from 7.4 to 19.9 points, leading the Missouri Valley Conference and ranking 19th in scoring nationally.

She is an all-around player, ranking in the top 15 in seven categories, including 3-point percentage, rebounding and assists.

Sunday, OU will play its first home game of the season against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UW-M).

Senior forward Teri Huff stands 5-foot-10 and leads the Panthers with a 14.8 scoring average, having stepped into the starting rotation after coming off the bench as a key reserve last season.

The Grizzlies will then play three more games, two at home, before wrapping up their non-conference schedule against the University of Michigan at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 in Ann Arbor.

OU kicks off conference play against Oral Roberts University on Jan. 3 in Tulsa, Okla. and tips off against Valparaiso University at 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 in the O'rena.

Swimmers set for championships

By **DANA UTZ**
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

OU will be hosting the Mid-Continent Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in the OU Aquatic Center.

For the past five years, the women have been crowned Mid-Con Champions. This year, although they lost many key swimmers due to graduation, they are hoping for another year as the Mid-Con Champions.

So far this season OU is undefeated, beating teams such as the University of Akron, Wright State University, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Toledo and Northern Michigan University.

Some of the key swimmers to look out for are senior Karoline Freytag, junior Line Jensen and sophomore Melissa Jaeger.

The men have also won five consecutive Mid-Con Championship titles.

They have lost only one meet this year against Wright State and won against Wayne State University and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Some of the leading swimmers this year will be freshman Zoltan Horvath, freshman Ryan Kish and junior Nick McCollum.

This year the men will be swimming without Chris Sullivan.

The teams that will be competing this weekend are Valparaiso University, Western Illinois University, Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) and Centenary College.

Valparaiso

On the men's side, the Crusaders beat Butler University and Lewis University and lost to Wisconsin-Green Bay University.

They came in fourth out of eight teams at the Dennis Stark Relays, fifth out of seven at the Indiana Intercollegiate, second out of five at the Eastern Illinois Invitational and fourth out of six at the Ball State Invitational.

The women have defeated Butler University and Lewis University and lost to Wisconsin-Green Bay University.

They also came in fifth out of six at the Dennis Stark Relays, fifth out of eight at the Indiana Intercollegiate and fourth out of five at both the Eastern Illinois Invitational and the Ball State Invitational.

Some swimmers to look out for this year are sophomore breastroker David Peterson and junior freestyler Britt Nelson.

Western Illinois

On the women's side the Westerwinds have won only one meet this season, against Eastern Illinois University.

They have lost to the University of Saint Louis, Illinois State University and the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC).

The men have only had three meets so far this season and did not manage to gain a victory in any of them.

Look out for sophomore breastroker and IMer Madeha Farrar at the Mid-Con Championships.

Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI)

For the women, IUPUI has won one meet against Butler University but lost in the other dual meets against Northern Colorado University, Evansville University, the University of Miami (Ohio) and Xavier University.

The Jaguars did come in third out of five at the Eastern Illinois Invitational and third out of eight at the Indiana Intercollegiate.

The men were able to beat Evansville, the University of Saint Louis, Butler and Northern Colorado while they were defeated by Miami (Ohio) and Xavier.

Freshman Taylor Williamson, sophomore Brian Wheeler and junior Ryan Orzechowicz will be a strong assets to their team at the championships.

Centenary

The Gents have defeated Texas-Christian University, McMurry University and won the Hendrix Classic so far this season.

They have lost to Trinity University and when they swam McMurry for the second time they could not come up with a win.

The women's team is 1-4 with their one win against McMurry University.

Centenary has a talented freshmen class. All of their star performers so far this season have been freshmen.

Some of them to look for are freestyler and breastroker Lori Van Pingel, freestyler, backstroke and IMer Dustin Meyers and freestyler, flyer and IMer Sara Hansen.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post
Melissa Jaeger will be one of OU's top swimmers at the Mid-Con Championships.

Grizz Gang gives advantage

BY AARON WALKER
THE OAKLAND POST

With spirited chants, gestures, signs and clothes, the Grizz Gang student section cheers on the Golden Grizzlies during men's and women's basketball games.

This group is always present at home games in the O'rena.

Sometimes, a faithful few will even travel to away games to root for the black and gold.

Students who sit in that section generally wear clothing displaying OU or the Golden Grizzly logo.

This level of excitement, and open expression of it, helps liven up the atmosphere in the O'rena.

Dozens of students cheering against visiting teams also makes things tougher for the opposition.

When asked about the impact the Grizz Gang has on the games, students responded:

"I think the mascot and the Grizz Gang are exciting. They really get me involved, and the pep band is awesome," Stephanie Pazdro, political science, junior said.

"Games are way fun when everyone is involved. It wouldn't be the same without the student section," Robyn Hall, communications, junior said.

"It increases camaraderie and provides a sense of togetherness. It gives a positive energy to the game," Danny Lewkowicz, psychology, junior said.

Twelve OU basketball games will be televised this season, and the cameras always zoom in on the more lively areas of the arena, especially the student section.

The camera loves creative signs and costumes, too.

If you want to help root for the Golden Grizzlies, come to basketball games at the O'rena with your OU or Golden Grizzly apparel and look for the crazy fans in the South bleachers.



OU's home crowd watches intently as senior forward Courtney Scott looks for an open man against Marquette University.

Home court advantage will be very important for OU this season, as it looks to make its mark in the Mid-Con.

100 free tickets will be given out for each OU home game at the Grizz Outlet Store in Vandenberg Hall.

Get your free ticket and you could end up on T.V. in one of OU's five televised home games.

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The Oakland Post

Penalties costly

BY DANA UTZ
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OU's men's club hockey team played a pair of games at Indiana University (IU) last weekend.

The Golden Grizzlies tied the Hoosiers the first game, 6-6, but dropped the second game 8-6.

OU dug itself a hole early in the first game against IU.

"The players were giving up and not playing to the best of their abilities," head coach Craig Fursteanau said. "We were just playing a bad game."

IU allowed OU to get back into the game in the third period and tie the game.

"The third period was a great improvement from the beginning of the game," Fursteanau said.

Sophomore Scott Elder played

well and helped the team come back to get the tie, Fursteanau said.

But he was not happy with the team's mental game.

"We had a lot of penalties throughout the game," Fursteanau said.

OU was not able to turn things around in its second game against Indiana, falling 8-6.

"We were again not playing a good game," Fursteanau said. "We had bad defense and could not get the puck in the net."

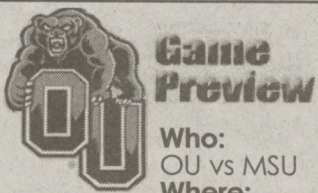
The loss was only OU's second of the season dropping its record to 12-2-1 overall.

Despite the loss, Fursteanau said some of the players leading the team were senior forward Dan Oleksy and senior defenseman Ron Teasdale.

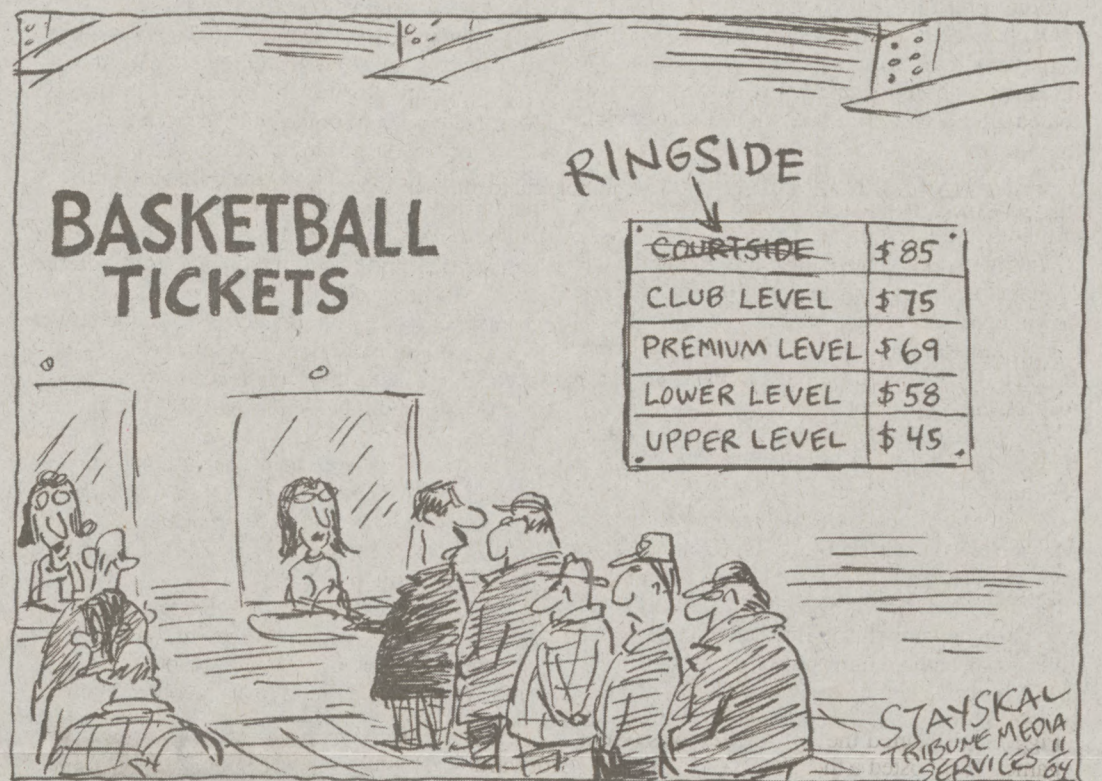
OU hits the road for its next

two games against inter-state rivals.

The Golden Grizzlies face Michigan State University on Saturday and then takes on U-M on Dec. 11 in Ann Arbor.



Who:
OU vs MSU
Where:
East Lansing, Mich.
When: Dec. 4
What: Two of the top teams in the ACHA face off. OU will look for pay back from earlier this season, when MSU handed the Grizzlies their first loss of the season.



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Diener leads Marquette to victory over Grizzlies

By DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior forward Rawle Marshall had a career high 31 points, but it was not enough to defeat Marquette University, as OU fell 95-87.

Playing from behind almost the entire game, OU could not complete a comeback.

"I'm very, very disappointed in the outcome because you don't play these games to feel good about your team," Kampe said. "You play the games to win, but I thought the kids played their hearts out. I felt we had a chance to win, we just couldn't finish it."

OU was able to pull within two, 60-58, midway through the second half and had a chance to tie when sophomore guard Kris Krzyminski was fouled after a steal. But Krzyminski missed both free throws.

The Golden Eagles then went on a 12-4 run to give them a 72-62 lead. OU could not come closer than five the rest of the game.

"In my mind, I believe that kind of told the tale of the game," Krzyminski said. "If I knock those down, I feel we win the game."

Free throws were not OU's problem, however. In fact, OU went 24-29 from the line for a respectable 83 percent.

The Golden Grizzlies were also able to rebound the Eagles 44-38 and had 22 offensive rebounds.

OU's main concern was its inability to contain Marquette's outside shooting. The Golden Eagles shot 48 percent (13-27) from behind the arc.

Senior guard Travis Diener led the team with four from downtown and finished with 23 points, five assists and one turnover.

"I heard (Dick) Vitale say that Diener could be player of the year," Kampe said. "There's no question in my mind. We are going to play a lot of the best players, but I don't know anybody that affects the game like him."

OU did not fare as well from three point land, hitting 7-24 for 29 percent.

Marshall said he thought he could have shot better, but there are always some good things that come out of a loss.

"We hung in there with them throughout the game and we just couldn't pull it out," Marshall said. "Now, we have to figure out how to finish games."

Senior forward Courtney Scott was almost two different players against Marquette. Scott had only four points and one rebound in the first half, but finished with 24 points and nine rebounds.

"One of the things that we always talk about is we want to run our offense through (Scott),"

Marquette 95

Oakland 87

Kampe said. "I think we run a better offense when he touches the basketball."

Kampe also said he thought Krzyminski became the kid he recruited against Marquette.

"He played the style of ball we brought him here to play. He helped spark us," Kampe said.

Krzyminski finished with a career high 12 points in his first game at the O'rena. Krzyminski also led the team with seven assists.

Freshman forward David Carson also matched his career high (10) in his O'rena debut.

Sophomore forward Dameon Mason led Marquette with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior forward Marcus Jackson also posted a double-double for the Golden Eagles with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Grizzlies hit the road for their next four games, with the first three against teams in the Big 12 Conference.

First, OU takes on Texas A&M University at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

OU then faces the University of Missouri at 2 p.m. on Saturday, which will air on Comcast Local.

The Grizzlies end their Big 12 trip against Kansas State University at 8 p.m. on Monday. The game will air on Fox Sports Detroit.

OU's next home game is against North Dakota State University on Dec. 20.

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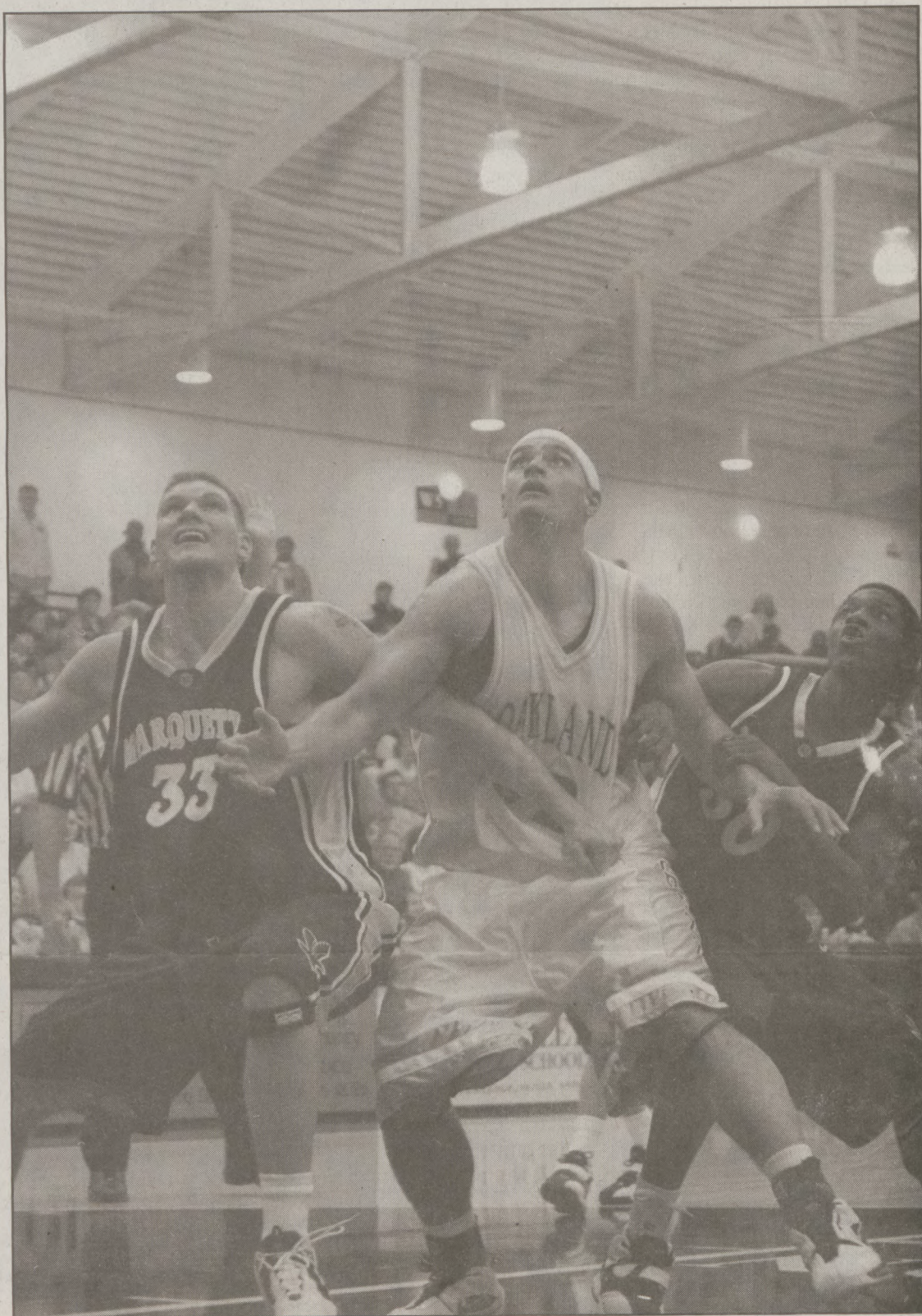


Game Preview

Who: OU at Texas A&M
When: Dec. 1

Where: Reed Arena
What: OU will look for its first victory of the season against the Big 12's Aggies.

Who: OU at Missouri
When: Dec. 4
Where: Paige Sports Arena
What: OU attempts to avenge last year's 90-85 loss at the O'rena.



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Senior Courtney Scott goes for a rebound against Marquette. Scott finished with nine rebounds and 24 points.

Schedule is deceiving



DAVE PEMBERTON

Sports Editor

Sometimes the media can be very critical of teams when they are losing.

OU's men's basketball team is now 0-3, but it shouldn't be criticized, it should be applauded.

The Golden Grizzlies have faced a team that went to the Elite Eight last year, Xavier, a team picked to win the national championship, Illinois, and a team with one of the most dynamic point guards in college basketball, Marquette.

OU's win column is still empty, but it has been in position to win two of the three games.

Not bad for a team relying heavily on freshman.

Head coach Greg Kampe took the initiative to create such a tough schedule and his team should benefit from it.

Moral victories may be one of the most overrated things in sports, but improving by playing the best talent is not.

"We're learning to shoot against this type of talent, so when we get in our own league, we will feel much more comfortable taking shots," Kampe said.

Many coaches worry their team's ego could be hurt, so they schedule easy wins against inferior opponents.

Kampe just wants his team to survive the non-conference schedule.

"I think we have a chance to be pretty good, but we have to survive these next four games," Kampe said. "I think if we can do that we are going to be a lot better team than we thought."

"I don't think anybody else in the country is playing the type of schedule we are."

The next four games are all on the road.



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Senior DeMarcus Ishmeal guards Marquette's Travis Diener in OU's loss to Marquette.

Gamblers would likely say it's not wise to bet on OU returning home above .500. But OU will return a better team and more prepared for its conference schedule.

A road trip to Southern Utah or Chicago State does not look as daunting after you have competed at Xavier and Illinois.

Dan Oppland and Ken Tutt don't seem as hard to defend once you have faced Deron Williams and Travis Diener.

This is not a knock on the Mid-Con, but the talent level is not as high as the opponents OU will face before conference play.

The non-conference schedule is not an assurance that OU will walk right through the Mid-Con, however.

Last year is a testament to that. But as long as the team continues to learn from its mistakes, they could surprise people.

OU's fate will likely rest on the shoulders of Rawle Marshall and Courtney Scott, but if the supporting cast can come away from the tough schedule a little more experienced, then it should be deemed a success.

If not, OU can always play Hope College and Saginaw Valley next season.

Men's Basketball Notebook

OU milestones.

Junior forward Rawle Marshall's career high 31 points against Marquette moved him into 20th on OU's career scoring list.

Marshall (1,097) passed John Ely (1,085).

Marshall set another milestone with his two steals against Marquette. Marshall is now fifth on OU's all-time steals list. He was tied with Chris Howze.

Marshall currently has 148 steals during his three seasons at OU.

Rematches

Last year OU defeated Texas A&M 90-58 at the O'rena. The Aggies will look for revenge when they face the Grizzlies tonight at the Reed Arena.

Texas A&M is currently 3-0 this season and have defeated their opponents by an average of 38 points per game.

They are led by junior forward Antoine Wright, who is averaging 18 points per game.

OU will also have a rematch against the University of Missouri. Last year the Tigers defeated OU 90-85 at the O'rena.

The two teams will play Saturday at 2 p.m. with the game will airing live on Comcast Local.

Missouri is 3-3 so far this season.

They are led by sophomore forward Linas Kleiza, who is averaging 15.2 points per game and 8.2 rebounds per game.

Quotables

OU head coach Greg Kampe looking at the stat sheet after the Marquette game:

"If you would have told me we would rebound Marquette by 12, get 22 offensive rebounds, Rawle was going to have 31, Courtney 22 and we were going to only have six turnovers; I would have thought we would win."

Kampe on Kris Krzyminski's missed free throws that would have tied the Marquette game:

"You got a guy playing in his first home game ever. He's playing tremendous, but those are his first two free throws of the year."

"I expect him to be an 80 percent free throw shooter. It just happens. It's part of being a young team. It's part of the learning experience, but you don't get Marquette at home very often. You don't get them in a position where you can win very often, so it hurts you."

Krzyminski on his first three Division I games:

"I kind of look back at the Marquette and the Illinois games, and I think a couple of years ago I was watching these teams on TV. I know I'm competing with the best, and it's what I've worked so hard for. It's a great experience and I just try to have as much fun as I can."

—Dave Pemberton
Sports Editor