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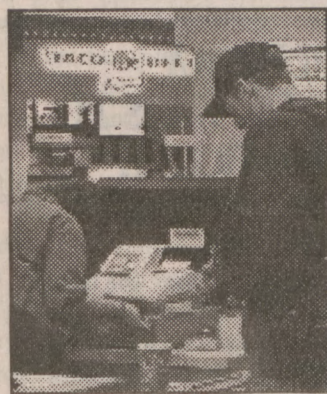
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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

Campus unions strive for long-term benefits

By DORCAS GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Campus unions did not
receive long-term medical ben-
efits, including the American
Association of University
Professors (AAUP), despite con-
tentions by its president.

However, Eileen Bantel,
president of the AAUP, said the
faculty union is the only one
without this provision in its con-
tract.

In May, the AAUP began
bargaining with the university

for a three-year contract. Among
the provisions, the union wanted
long-term disability benefits.

Willard Kendall, assistant vice
president of employee relations,
however, confirmed the AAUP is
not the only union currently
without medical benefits after
six months of disability.

It has been a standard prac-
tice for the university to exclude
the disability benefits from the
agreements of all five of the cam-
pus unions, he said.

Campus unions include:
AAUP, ACFSME, clerical-techni-

cal, Police Officers Association of
Michigan and the police
sergeants union.

According to Kendall, other
universities follow this proce-
dure, although he did not give
names.

"For most of my colleagues,
that's the practice," said Kendall.
"They can participate in a (med-
ical benefit) plan, but at their
own costs."

For union members who are
disabled for more than six
months, OU offers COBRA, an
insurance plan in which the

members pay the premium.
They can remain with the plan
for up to three years. After that,
they are responsible for finding
their own insurance plan.

The university does provide
long-term benefits for wages 60
percent of an employee's base
pay—however, some union offi-
cials believe that this is not
enough.

"The disability (pay) sounds
great, but when you have to put
most of that towards health
insurance premium, it's a bad
deal," said David Sczensny, pres-

ident of the ACFSME union.

Sczensny believes it will take a
major uproar by union members
in order for the university to
change its policy.

But leaving the benefit out of
union contracts has been a com-
mon practice for so long and is
so cost efficient to the university,
he doesn't believe it will change
anytime soon.

Susan Forgette, clerical-techni-
cal union president, agrees with
him.

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Student Congress State senators and legislators visit campus



Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

Senator Mat Dunaskiss made his way around the banquet hall introducing himself to the participants at the first Legislative Affairs Strategic Initiative Colloquium, hosted by OUSC last Thursday evening.

Backpage Feature

Frustration increases over library relocation

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

Since the Performing Arts Library
(PAL) was moved to Kresge in August,
to make room for the SBA lab, many MTD
students and faculty have expressed dis-
satisfaction at losing PAL's convenience.

"It's a major hassle. Music faculty and
students are all very upset about it," said
John Paul White, associate professor of
music.

The PAL collections and equipment,
formerly in 217 Varner Hall, were moved
to Kresge in August and divided according
to Kresge's cataloging system.

Some equipment was also moved, but
the bulk of it was left in Varner, awaiting
the renovation of the new MTD lab in room
237. The lab should be open to students at
the beginning of winter semester.

Some MTD faculty and students are
now complaining they can't find items
from collections, and that listening equip-
ment is scarce and incomplete.

They also object to the more complicat-
ed process of obtaining materials from
Kresge, and slow and erroneous tape dub-
bing.

Robert Facko, associate professor of
music, said, "I understood that this (move)
is going to make things much easier, and
that's not the case... Many people coming
to OU were impressed that we had a sepa-
rate library. Now we've lost (it)."

Edie Diggory, adjunct assistant profes-
sor of music, said the move had a very neg-
ative effect on students and faculty.

"It was a decision that was made with-
out understanding full ramifications," she
said.

"I teach a repertoire class, and I had to

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Mischievous groundhogs cause trouble near MBG

By JEANNE KIRKALDY
News Editor

Groundhogs, also known as
woodchucks, around the world
are probably worried about
whether or not they'll see their
shadows in four months.

After all, it is Feb. 12 the
groundhogs spring up from
underground with thousands of
viewers hoping they don't see
their shadows.

Legend states that if the
groundhog sees its shadow, then
winter will last six more weeks.

Groundhogs within the OU
community, however, have been

staying busy causing trouble and
worries.

According to Randy Drewry,
OU grounds supervisor, workers
at the Meadow Brook
Greenhouse (MBG) are upset
because the groundhogs are
causing damage.

Marvin Cook, owner of
Marv's Livetrap, said OU is
overpopulated with wood-
chucks.

Groundhogs around the
MBG are digging a lot of holes
and building tunnels underneath
the building, which is referred to
as undermining.

Cook said, undermining of

building floors and driveways
leaves no support and could
result in the structure falling
down.

Cook said, he has been trap-
ping "nuisance animals" for OU
for years when they become
destructive.

"If it's (the animal) not caus-
ing a problem, I don't mess with
it," he added.

Faculty working in the John
Dodge House, however, are
upset with the fact that OU has
decided to live-trap the ground-
hogs.

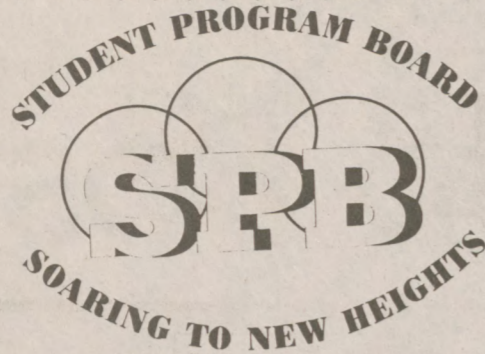
"It's bumming quite a few

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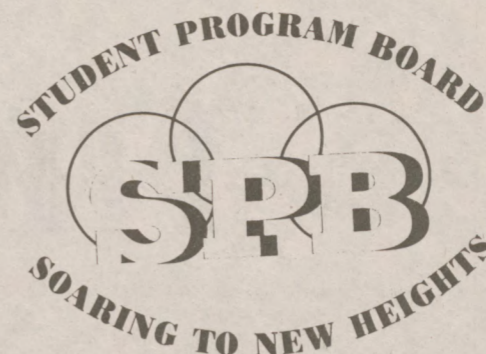


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CAGED AND CONFUSED: Seven groundhogs have been removed from OU in the past week due to the damage being caused to Meadow Brook Greenhouse

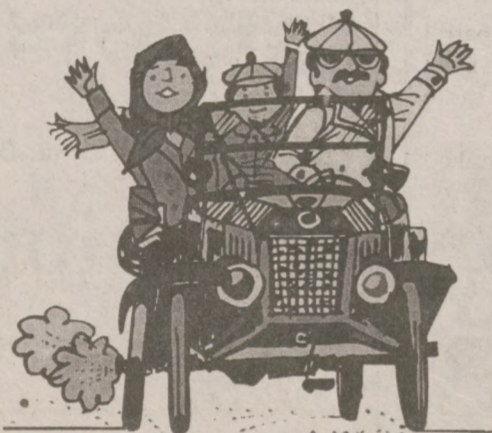


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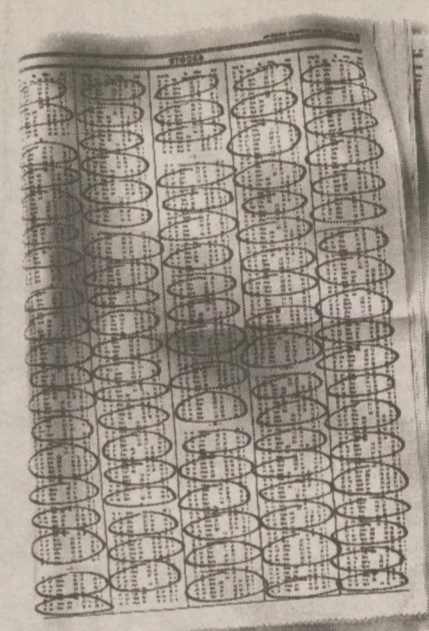
BUILDING ABBREVIATIONS

DHE—Dodge Hall of Engineering
NFH—North Foundation Hall
OC—Oakland Center
ODH—O'Dowd Hall
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CAMPUS NEWS

Fast Facts

• Graham Health Center has posted hand-washing instructions in public restrooms on campus. According to Karen Olsen, the GHC coordinator and medical practitioner, these instructions are there to remind the public of dangers of contagious diseases spread through hand contact, including, cold, flu, and hepatitis A. The instructions are also used to promote GHC to the campus community.

• Only one person ran for the position as Greek Council president. Andrea Zwolinski, Alpha Delta Pi member and former Council treasurer, was appointed as president on Tuesday. Though Alpha Delta Pi sorority member Diane Frkan and Theta Tau fraternity member Bernard Theison were nominated for vice president, the position was filled by Alpha Delta Pi sorority member Hillary Andrei. She was a last moment candidate.

• Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette was the guest speaker at the Student Congress meeting last Monday. Bissonnette talked about the budget, where the university funding comes from, the financial structure of OU and building projects planned for the future, including sidewalk enhancement.

• OU's Center for Business Excellence (CBE) will conduct a series of six professional development seminars October through December, held at the Holiday Inn-Select in Auburn Hills. The seminars will focus on various aspects of changing management practices in today's workplace. Dr. James B. Schiro, director and creator of the CBE, can be reached at (248) 370-3128 for registrations.



At about 5 a.m. Thursday Sept. 18, Ohio State Police called an OU student's mother to inform her that her 1988 Chevrolet was stopped 80 miles north of Kentucky.

Her daughter, who lives on campus, told police she parked the car outside Hamlin Hall, but discovered the car missing after she was contacted.

The daughter told police she drove the woman, who is suspected of taking the car, off campus the night before. She said she was taking her home, but while en route, the woman asked to visit her boyfriend.

The daughter said she agreed and drove around in search of him, but was unsuccessful.

The woman then claimed she had no place to sleep that night.

The daughter told police she parked the car in the large residence halls lot and told the woman she could sleep in it for the night. The daughter took the keys with her.

Early the next morning, Ohio State Police stopped the car. The daughter later verified the woman was driving and that she gave no permission to drive the car.

The daughter suspects the woman and her boyfriend were on their way to Louisiana.

The vehicle is a 1988 four-door burgundy Chevrolet. The license plate reads "JRD 665."

The case is still open.

CSC tops crime list

By REBECCA DEVANTIER
Staff Writer

The Campus Safety and Security Statement of Procedures and Information for 1996 was released this month, and with it came some bad news.

Criminal sexual conduct (CSC) offenses have gone up from zero in the past three years to six in the past nine months.

OU Police Chief Dick Leonard said one reason for this increase could be due to more reports, not more cases.

Despite these higher numbers, burglary is still one of the biggest crimes committed on campus. Since January 1997, nearly \$51,000 worth of various items were stolen, according to OU police reports.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said many of the burglaries happen in the residence halls. They are seldom witnessed, which makes it harder to recover stolen goods.

OU Police conduct follow-ups and look for patterns in hopes of deterring would-be thieves, Gilroy said.

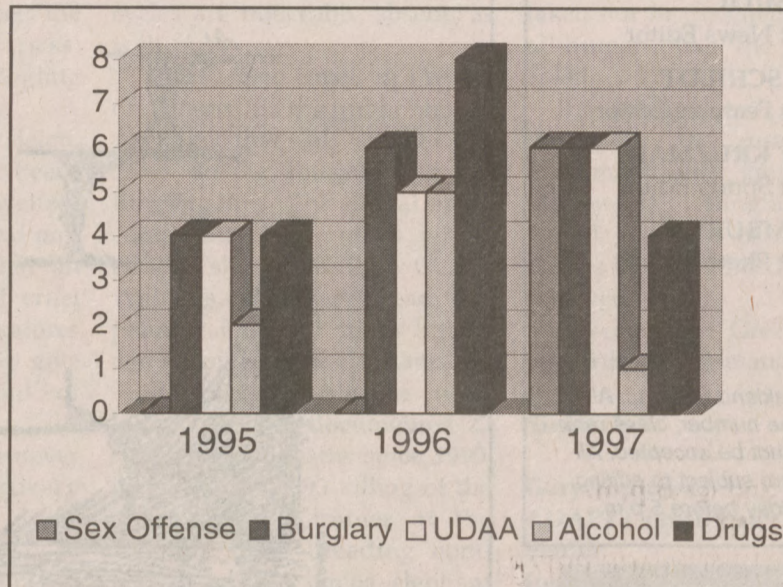
The Campus Security Statement, which is mandated by the secretary of

education, doesn't ask for statistics on the biggest crime at OU--larceny.

According to Gilroy, there were 130 larcenies last year alone. This year's reports state the number is already at 103.

But OU is also experiencing safety in other areas. No one has been murdered, and there haven't been any robberies in the past three years.

Alcohol arrests are also down from three in 1996 to one in 1997 (to date). Drug arrests were up in 1996, but Gilroy said five of the seven arrests were patrons of Silo X and were not OU students.



Gilroy attributes campus safety to a dedicated patrol force, community awareness, better lighting, the safety escort service to people's cars, and the blue light emergency phones.

OUPD also has had a bike patrol for the past five years. It has also been working to enhance the student cadet program, said Gilroy.

"We have consistently been ranked one of the safest campuses," Gilroy said.

More students enrolling means additional safety

By MIKE HOSKINS
Special Writer



LAW ENFORCEMENT: Officer Donald Blalock, far right, is now officially a member of the OU Police department after being sworn in by President Gary Russi yesterday.

Among the numerous OU students, professors, and faculty members, a new face will be seen around campus starting this semester. Officer Donald Blalock is the latest addition to the OU police force.

Blalock, a 29-year old Linden resident, was officially sworn into the police force Tuesday morning by President Gary Russi. He is the first new officer on campus in eight years.

With this year's increased student enrollment and new facilities on campus, Blalock will help maintain OU's reputation as one of Michigan's safest universities.

"I'm very excited about filling this position," said OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy. "The addition of a new officer on the street allows us to focus even more on what a patrol can do and to provide a, hopefully, increasingly safe environment for students."

While this is his first full-time position in law enforcement, Blalock does bring experience to his new position.

After achieving an associate's degree from Oakland Community College in 1993, he enrolled in the Oakland County Police Academy, and graduated in 1994.

He then moved on to a variety of temporary positions in Linden, Clarkston, and at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"Everyplace is different. I'm always learning something else no matter where I am," Blalock said. "Oakland University is more intense. I am amazed at how big it is, and

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Pipe breaks, facilities in OC close down

By KATHY GARDNER
Staff Writer

A water main break was responsible for the partial closing of Pioneer Court and the shortage of working restrooms around campus last Tuesday afternoon.

Water supplied to the OC, North Foundation Hall and South Foundation Hall was turned off from 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. while major repairs were completed.

As a result of the shutoff, many restaurants in Pioneer Court weren't able to prepare food, and most were forced to close. This left only pre-packaged foods and bottled drinks available for sale.

Restrooms were also closed in the affected buildings.

Emergency repairs took place Saturday, Sept. 13, the day the water main broke. But major repairs had to wait until Tuesday, according to Dan Niezurawski, associate director of plant maintenance and repair.

"We needed the ground to dry out," said Niezurawski. He said that the forecasted rain and overtime were also fac-



TRACTOR TALK: A watermain break that happened next to North Foundation Hall last Monday night, caused the food court and several restrooms to close down around campus for over three hours.

tors in the decision to postpone the major repairs.

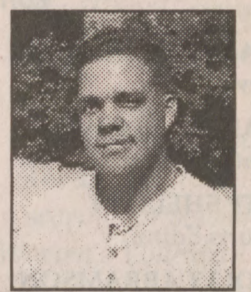
Students didn't seem to mind the inconvenience, though, as long as they could find a restroom.

Junior Alan Marin, marketing, did not realize that all the bathrooms were

out in SFH until he tried them on the first, second and third floors. He said the signs didn't say the whole building was affected.

"It was no big deal. I really didn't care, but I had to go to O'Dowd," said

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Bryan K. Barnett

Starting on the right track

Greetings! Well everyone, we are more than halfway through the month of September, and hopefully everybody is beginning to settle into the swing of things.

By now you should have located three very important things: a parking spot, your classroom, and perhaps most importantly, someone smart to sit next to in that classroom.

One thing that never seems to change, however, is just how busy everything gets around campus this time of year.

In fact, if I am not mistaken, it's about time for that first wave of quizzes and tests (always on the same day right?!).

Anyway, I want to take just a minute to tell you about what's happening with Student Congress (come on--keep reading).

We are off to a blistering pace and have experienced more success than even I thought possible. Here are just a few examples:

It started back in May with "OU Day at the Capitol." An immensely successful day in which our lobbying efforts resulted in direct savings for students on next year's tuition.

We continued our focus in Lansing this past week at our first ever Student Congress Legislative Affairs Colloquium. Members of Congress spoke directly to state senators and representatives right here on campus about OU's strategic initiatives.

Our "Meet and Greet" was also a tremendous accomplishment, as more than 100 students voiced their interest in Student Congress while enjoying some of the hottest chicken wings known to man. (If you were there, you know what I mean.)

Just three weeks into the semester and we have enjoyed three "first-ever" successful events.

But Congress is not just about major events. We currently have 22 members who are required to put in at least three hours a week working for you.

That is where we need your help. We need your ideas on what we can do to improve campus life.

Let me give you an example. Just the other day a student came to the office frustrated that nearly all of the clocks in North and South Foundation Halls are not on time.

This may seem somewhat trivial, but it is important to students who live and die by a strict schedule. Well, we made some calls and the situation should be fixed soon.

We have a completely new and enthusiastic team ready to face the challenges of the coming year. So we wait for your projects and comments.

With that said, I issue two challenges to you.

The first, to shelf all of the negative thoughts and feelings you may have had about Student Congress in the past. We are ready to prove them wrong.

This is a new year with new direction and focus. We will be finalizing our mission statement and publishing it very soon.

The second challenge--to keep your eye on us!!

By the way, for those of you who attended Convocation.....how is your "story" coming along??

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Small steps bring changes in status quo

Students have been criticized for years about their apathy in regards to university affairs. But one organization is working to change the negative attitudes by voicing students' opinions and taking the initiative to change status quo policies.

Student Congress and its Legislative Affairs Committee invited more than 40 students from OU and other Michigan universities, state legislators and OU administrators to take part in a colloquium to further OU's involvement in state government.

Legislative Affairs members addressed state representatives about changes students need to lower the cost of higher education.

Initiatives included eliminating taxes on textbooks and implementing a consistent and reasonable financial aid system.

For many years, a small group of Legislative Affairs members have taken trips to Lansing in hopes of making an impression that will hold over when appropriations are handed out.

But last May, more got involved. Approximately 75 students traveled to Lansing for OU Day at the Capitol. They met with state representatives to express the university's need for more state funding to lower tuition.

Usually OU receives lower appropriations, especially compared to University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

But this year proved slightly more successful, and every little bit helps.

In June, the Board of Trustees passed a tuition increase of 3.9 percent for 1997-1998 and 1998-1999. It planned on a moderate four percent increase in state appropriations.

Tuition increases almost every year, and the Board bases its hike on estimates of state aid.

But this year, OU got a surprise. It received news the state government was giving the university an extra one percent in funding.

As a result, the Board passed an amendment to its increase in June. Though tuition remained constant for this year, it will increase only 2.9 percent next year.

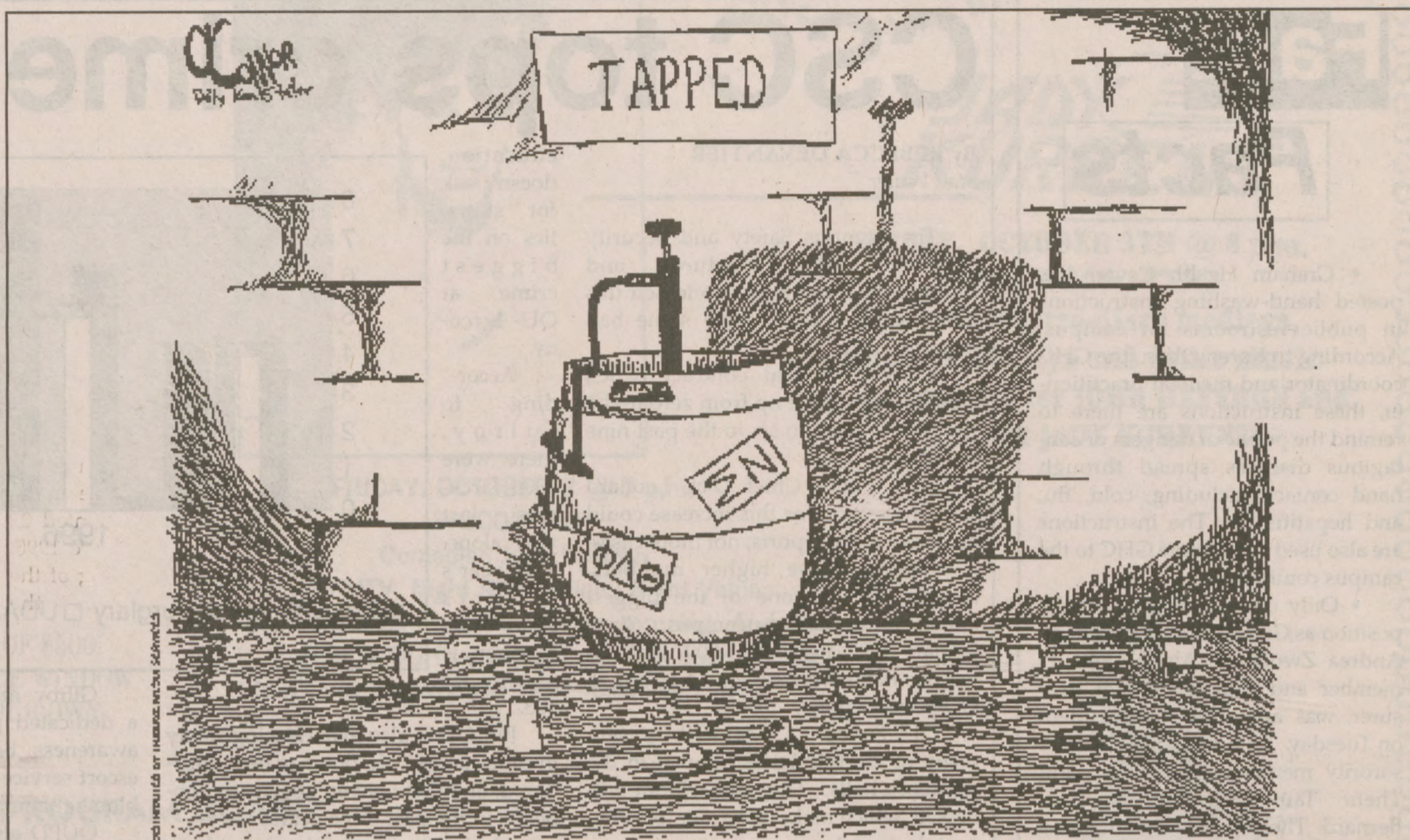
The university said it was passing its gift on to the students. Administrators said the students deserved a rollback, partly because of lobbying efforts in Lansing.

If student apathy is as bad as many say, the university would still be receiving any left over funds from the state, like it did just a few years ago.

Yes, many students find little time to attend Board meetings. And yes, even if time allowed, many students still would still walk away. After all, it's easier to turn your head than to get involved.

The steps may be slow, but some students are trying to make a difference. Let's try joining *their* bandwagon for a change.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Guest columnist's generalities limit students' freedoms

Dear Editor,

I am notably disturbed by Jeff Kingzett's "Guest Opinion" submission in the Sept. 17 issue of The Oakland Post. He was forthright in articulating his opinion of the tentative Bay Mills Indian Community casino, to be located within a (precariously close) three-mile distance from OU. His purpose was to inform the OU student body of this venture and encourage them to oppose its inception.

He states findings of "published reports," (which he fails to cite), which concluded that college students are among the most likely groups "to be victimized by the fast money casino seduction."

He proceeds to enumerate the findings of a group of Oakland County Commissioners, resulting from a visit with local officials and university professors in Mt. Pleasant, home to CMU.

These findings were detailed impacts of a local casino on the CMU student body, and were given as reasons to oppose the casino in question here. Needless to say, these reasons were reflective of the usual anti-gambling rhetoric, except specifically applied to a college-student population.

The list of impacts on the students was, of course, meant to provide an analysis of gambling and its negative consequence on a community. Since this list of impacts was written as effects of a gambling casino on a college student population, the gambling casino is necessarily being presented as the cause of these deleterious effects.

Thus, the casino in Mt. Pleasant was the: a) cause of fiscal irresponsibility, b) cause of

the "disastrous results," and c) due to the abhorrent nature of these elements, cause of subsequent compulsive gambler support groups needed to aid these victims of "fast money casino seduction."

I sincerely hope that most OU students are offended by this blatant example of what is essentially rabid paternalism. I also hope that OU students recognize this as an attempt to usurp a potential liberty, by denying all students a choice.

This paternalistic position is dependent on two key assumptions: a) some OU students might not have the intellectual capacity to rationally evaluate gambling as an entertainment option and b) regardless of whether a rational, conscious choice was made prior to entering a casino, once inside he or she may be devoid of the emotional stability and strength necessary to resist the "fast money casino seduction."

For the sake of argument, let's concede that this is inevitable the case for the misguided few. Mr. Kingzett proposes that these few "victims" constitute an adequate reason to justify denying all other students the choice of entering a casino, regardless of their competent thinking skills and responsible nature.

Therefore, the interest of protecting the irresponsible few, the personal liberty of all others is to be sacrificed. Mr. Kingzett attempts to add force to his argument by stating gambling as a cause of the "disastrous results" experienced by the unwitting, unwary, innocent few, hence the "victim" of phraseology. A casino is merely the context within which individuals make irresponsible decisions which happen to be exactly like the

irresponsible decisions they make outside the context of a casino.

Labeling those hurt by the gambling experience as victims denies the reality of autonomy and diverts one's attention away from personal responsibility. (Happily, we need not worry about personal responsibility; Mr. Kingzett and others of like wisdom and benevolence will eliminate any opportunity to test it.) Before anyone decides to heed the advice of Mr. Kingzett and formally oppose the potential casino, I ask that you pause for a moment and ponder the comprehensive implications of your actions.

Please consider the price society must pay in the form of a net loss of liberty in order to avoid allowing a few wayward individuals the opportunity to be irresponsible.

A gambling casino is merely one of innumerable contexts within one bent on self-destruction can accomplish it.

Do not be taken in by the deceptive appeal of this poignant example of paternalism. There are those who wish to decide for all others what is in their best interest, and to recruit allies in their quest. Appeals to emotion are utilized to generate support. The application of this paternalism must be diligently regulated by measuring it against the liberty it threatens.

Consider the consequence of not doing so... In Mr. Kingzett's own words, "It's frightening."

Sincerely,

Spencer Adrews
 Senior
 Philosophy

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to Robert Hodge's Sept. 17 letter stating his confusion over the objectives of the leafletting done outside the recent OU pig roast. I was one of the participants handing out literature.

In addition to our imparting facts about the environmental health and economic costs of animal consumption, we were also helping people to understand the animal rights movement.

Our system of human rights stems from a belief that central to every person's being is a potential physical and psychological experience in the world.

Depending on what happens to us, we experience safety and comfort, or fear and discomfort. In this way, all humans are "created equal."

Like humans, animals possess sentience, the capacity to experience the world through senses.

They are conscious of their existence, in the sense that they seek to avoid pain and suffering and maximize comfort.

A well-known philosopher of the

late 18th Century, Jeremy Bentham, expressed the sentience of animals this way:

"The question is not, can they reason? Nor, can they talk? But, can they suffer?"

Contemporary philosopher Dr. Tom Regan says that the philosophy of animal rights demands only that logic be respected.

For any argument that plausibly explains the individual value of human beings implies that other animals have this same value, and have it equally.

And any argument that plausibly explains the rights of humans to be treated with respect also implies that these other animals have this same right, and have it equally, too.

Joining this sentiment are Issac B. Singer, Dr. Albert Schweitzer and George Bernard Shaw, to name a few.

The goal of the human rights movement is to uniformly apply the same ethical code of treatment to all human beings, regardless of color or creed.

The animal rights movement asks to establish a basic code of ethics which

guides the treatment of all animal beings, or to expand our moral sphere to all life.

Working to eradicate oppression in all its forms benefits MAN by creating a more compassionate society, something which no one can argue we could use more of.

As for a simply put focus on the right of the pig roasting, it is easy to choose A or B on any menu.

As usual with students, some were clearly open to read the literature and reflect on just what is involved in bringing dead pig, chicken or cow to the table.

Incidentally, an open mind cannot justify anything in the name of tradition, including the notion that human slavery is just. Thankfully, more people are exercising their minds to be open to what best serves all involved.

Sincerely,

Juliana Harrison
 Animal Rights Protester
 OU Visitor

Animal Rights Defended

Letters to the Editor

Activist calls for boycott of well-known circus

Dear Editor,

The Joe Louis Arena will be hosting a house of horrors beginning Oct. 1, even though Halloween won't arrive until the 31st.

Dozens of enslaved and mistreated animals will be hauled in for five days of deplorable performances courtesy of the Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey and its animal-oriented circus.

However, by engaging in an animal-based circus, the Ringling Bros. will be in direct opposition with its own propaganda. Attempting to provide pleasure to children is magnanimous.

Yet, torturing animals to accomplish that goal is despicable.

Most people are unaware of violent, exploitative and immoral aspects of the circus.

However, the horrifying

images of chained elephants, lions and tigers being buffeted with blackjacks, iron bars, hooks and whips are etched on my mind.

These malicious acts have been caught on video, and I have watched them until nauseated.

Of course, these pictures are off limits to the public, so the spin doctors at Ringling can disseminate the duplicitous lie that circuses are fun and family-oriented.

Everyone must understand that circus abuse is rampant. In fact, it's a moot point.

Brutality is the only way to train a wild elephant, lion, tiger or bear. The pride must be beaten out of these majestic creatures. Then, and only then, will they acquiesce and perform stupid tricks for the public.

Even Henry North Ringling stated the truth about circuses in his book "The Circus King."

"It is not usually a pretty sight

to see the big cats (lions, tigers) trained. ... When the trainer starts off, they are all chained to their pedestals, and ropes are put around their necks to choke them down and make them obey. All sorts of other brutalities are used to force them to respect the trainer and learn their tricks. They work from fear," Ringling states.

Furthermore, physician, philosopher and Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Schweitzer once said exhibiting trained animals is abhorrent. "What an amount of suffering and cruel punishment the poor creatures have to endure in order to give pleasure to men devoid of thought."

It's quite ironic that I've never turned on "The Discovery Channel" and viewed a documentary of elephants in sequined accessories standing on one leg upon pedestals in the jungles of Tanzania or the waste-

lands of Asia.

Also, I've never seen the lions and tigers of Namibia jumping through rings of fire in order to occupy their leisure time. Moreover, North American Black Bears in yellow tu-tus riding tricycles are noticeably absent, as well.

There are no angels in a world of demons. So the public should not think that only smaller circuses do the abusing, and not Ringling Bros. The animal rights community has videos which clearly show Gunther Gebel-Williams, Ringling's head elephant trainer, and others hitting and abusing circus elephants.

The Elephant Alliance in La Jolla, Calif., has documented 22 circus-related deaths since 1990, including the 1993 killing of the head elephant trainer at the Ringling Bros. breeding compound, and 19 circus elephant deaths since 1994.

Plus, The Alliance has a copy

of an official USDA report citing Ringling Bros. for 83 violations from 1990-1993 of the Animal Welfare Act.

The animal rights community does not want to eradicate circuses. We only want the animals taken out so the circuses can be all-human, like the Cirque du Soleil.

If animals are ever freed from the circus, the animal rights movement only gains justice. Meanwhile, Ringling Bros. would lose tens of millions of dollars if animal freedom is ever achieved.

Boycott "The Greatest Show on Earth" and demand justice.

Sincerely,

Gary Yourofsky
ADAPTT President
Senior
Journalism

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the Sept. 17 edition of The Oakland Post, the scoring for sophomore Women's Volleyball player Jayne Humphrey was incorrectly stated. Humphrey did not drop a game in her match against University of Detroit. Also, the photo cutline for the Automotive Mechatronic Systems was incorrect. The correct room is 116 Science and Engineering Building. Look for an upcoming story in The Post.

Trap

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people out because we enjoyed them," said Theresa Allen, office assistant II of developmental services /donor records.

"We were pretty upset that they were taking them (groundhogs) away. We've watched these little ones grow up," Allen added.

Because the Developmental Services Office is located near the greenhouse, Allen said workers have a perfect view and are able to see when one of the groundhogs is trapped from where they sit.

"It's very hard to sit here and see the animal struggling to try and get out... We don't want to

see them sitting there," Allen said.

Marv's Livetrapp of Auburn Hills starting setting the traps approximately one week ago, said Allen.

Cook said, seven groundhogs have been trapped so far.

Once the groundhogs are trapped, Cook said they are relocated where they can't get back to OU.

Cook did not wish to give an exact location as to where the groundhogs are set free, but did say an area north of Oxford and White Lake are the two places where the groundhogs are freed without harm.

"These animals need to be put back out in the woods where they're not going to be around buildings or hit by cars," said

Cook.

The manager of the Meadow Brook Greenhouse was unable to be reached.

Allen said, there are many wild animals that the office enjoys, including a number of birds, red and fox squirrels, and chipmunks.

Allen doesn't believe anything will be resolved by removing the groundhogs.

"Something else is just going to move right in here," she said.

Cook said he has no idea how many groundhogs there are and said they will continue trapping until a groundhog isn't caught for a while.

"You are (OU) in no danger of having no woodchucks... no danger at all," Cook said.

PAL

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change the way I teach it (because) there is no listening equipment," Diggory said. "(The students) are three weeks behind because they can't get their material."

Diggory also said the move was badly timed, occurring just before the start of the semester.

However, Diggory said, "Kresge staff have been making a sincere effort to (help us)."

Facko said, "When I go over (to Kresge) to use collections, I'm finding so many shelving

errors."

Kresge Dean Suzanne Frankie said the Kresge staff has a greater workload and are doing their best to accommodate former PAL users.

The workload increased for the Instructional Technology Center staff as well, according to ITC Manager George Preisinger.

"The main thing (is) providing viewing and listening services, that existed at PAL," Preisinger said.

Indra David, associate dean of Kresge, said she has not received any complaints from the MTD faculty or students.

"I wish if there are complaints... they are brought to

me," she said. "I'd be delighted to get personal feedback."

David also said Kresge staff and administration is open to users' suggestions. She said most problems at Kresge are taken care of in 24 hours.

MTD chair Carol Halsted said it is too early to tell whether PAL's move has harmed the MTD department.

She said PAL was now farther away from Varner and MTD, but that it was the same system which will only take some getting used to.

"There have been complaints, but that's because everything is not set up yet," Halsted said.

Break

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Martin, laughing at the memory of going floor-to-floor, building-to-building, in search of a restroom during a class break.

At about 5:30 p.m., Pizza Hut Express re-opened.

A line 35 feet long formed instantly, said graduate student John Camelon, systems engineering. He went off-campus to get something to eat.

"It was an inconvenience, that's all it was," said Camelon.

Despite some delays, Niezurawski said that the actual break caused no damage to cam-

pus buildings. It occurred underground in the current dig site, which is on the northeast corner of NFH.

"There's no concern about damage costs. The only damage was to the line itself," said Niezurawski. He said the estimated damage was \$10,000 to \$15,000.

He said OU was lucky in that respect, because the campus is full of water lines which break from time to time causing even more problems.

"We're like a small city around here," he said.

Niezurawski said lines are fairly brittle, and when the ground moves, they are more susceptible to breaking.

Unions

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"Employers are looking to cut costs anyway they can," said Forrette. "We've never had it (long-term medical), but employees need it."

Although union officials agree that it was unfortunate what happened to Professor Stuart Wang, who was brutally attacked in 1995 and for whom the university pays no medical benefits, no officials have stated they would negotiate the medical benefit provision for their next contract.

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Officer

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I'm very glad to be here."

OU Police Chief Dick Leonard feels the same.

"We're pleased to have him on board. He surfaced as the best recruit out of nine because he has experience in both college and university environments. He has a good attitude and approach to the university, and I think he will work out well,"

Leonard said.

"What this is really about is the fact that we're getting the support to grow, to keep up with the growth of the rest of the university. We're getting that tenth officer and moving forward and able to then start honing our patrol activities. So you have both the institutional and the individual impacts of him," Gilroy said.

"We see this as a real show of support from the department, and we appreciate it," Gilroy said.

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ODH—O'Dowd Hall
VAR—Varner Hall
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Application deadline for both awards is October 3, 1997

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There are three types of people in the world: those that make things happen, those that watch things happen, and those that wonder what happened.

Come and watch us make wonderful things happen. Our next meeting will be: Monday, September 29th at 4:00pm in the Oakland Center Oakland Room

Special Spot
OUSC would like to thank Paul Bissonette, Vice President of Finance and Administration for his great presentation at the 9/22 Student Congress meeting.

Join us at our next meeting where are special guests will be:

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Congratulations to all of those who took the first step in serving the student body. We're sure you will do well.

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SPORTS

Volleyball Dominates the court

By STEVE MEYER
Special Writer

The Pioneers previewed Saginaw Valley State University at home before their road trip to Ashland University and Findlay University with a 3-0 game sweep.

Game one saw glimpses of tragedy when the Cardinals of SVSU took an early 5-1 lead on the Pioneers.

The hard hitting power of junior outside hitter Renee Williams and junior middle blocker Jennifer Nagel kept OU close, eventually overwhelming their opponent in the opening game 15-12.

Despite this win, game two started out much differently than the first. Neither team would let the other take control of the game as a "side out" war began.

Saginaw was determined not to let OU take a two game lead over them. Senior setter Nicole Zimmerman was in all the right places, set after set.

Zimmerman seemed to take the tempo of the game. Before anyone could blink, OU had a commanding 10-5 lead over SVSU.

With nothing left in their reserves, SVSU tried to rally back, but couldn't stop OU from taking the game 15-11.

With a two game cushion, OU brought SVSU in their knees from the start.

No Pioneer seemed to stand out. It was all around teamwork that gave OU a 13-5 lead over SVSU.

SVSU would not surrender, as they rallied back to close the score to 13-12.

OU mustered a last effort rally sending SVSU back home with a 15-12 loss. OU prevailed in straight games.

Williams stepped up to lead the Pioneers with 14 kills, while sophomore outside hitter Erica Brown added nine kills in the victory.

The team as a whole connected with 42 kills out of a possible 45.

Zimmerman shined with 29 out of 33 total team assists and led the team with 13 digs. Freshman setter Kim Shetler added 10 digs to the effort.

See VOLLEYBALL page 11



ABOVE THE NET: Junior middle blocker Jennifer Nagel takes matters in her own hands. The Pioneers played host to Saginaw Valley State University at the Bubble in a three game sweep by OU. OU then headed on a road trip to play former GLIAC opponents Ashland University and Findlay University.

Post Photo / Bob Knoska



Jeff Shelton

College athletes: Public domain or more red tape

"Alex, I'll take College Athletic Politics for \$100."

"The answer: Step One - Journalists calling an university's athletic department."

"Step Two - The athletic department in turn calls the student athlete for clearance."

"Step Three - The athletic department returns the journalist's phone call to give the athlete's phone number, so an interview may take place about a sporting event that was played out of state, over the weekend."

"Well, Alex, 'What is a waste of time?'"

"Oh, I'm sorry. The correct question was, 'What is the process for interviewing student athletes due to paranoia?'"

This is what it comes down to. All the red tape and pleasantries of phone tag, just to get a phone number of a student athlete who is registered in the student campus directory.

Universities need to realize the deadlines, stress and pressure journalists encounter to put out high quality newspapers.

For journalists, time is definitely precious. It can be our worst enemy.

If journalists can cut out the middle man, without unethically taking matters into their own hands, then why not?

A student is not protected by the university, so why should athletes be protected by their coaches?

When athletes decide to become involved with sports publicly, then they cross the line into the spotlight.

There is no private area where athletes can crawl in when they don't want the attention. Athletes are public property that everyone wants a piece of.

Athletes do not seem to mind walking out on the field or court to show the world their god-given talent.

But as soon as things start to go wrong, they look for their mommy to come and save them from the hungry media.

Journalists are not wolves dressed in sheep's clothing. They look for the truth in the static of loaded responses that are tossed to them during press releases or conferences.

It just seems logical. If you have the means at your disposal, then use it.

Universities should be grateful for common sense journalists who don't waste the time and valuable resources of their administration for inconsequential issues.

For sports journalists at OU, they have the support and enthusiasm of the entire athletic program.

The humor in all this is that a stereotype for journalists have been following them around since the first newspaper was established.

Sports journalists want to entertain, give their audience an interesting personal glimpse into the athlete's character.

We are impartial to our stories. We are not out to ruin an institution's or anyone else's reputation.

Journalists want to create win-win relationships with the athletic departments, coaches and athletes.

The model for such successful relationships should be followed like the one established between The Oakland Post and OU's athletic department.

Universities need to realize college athletes are "big kids" now. By now they should be able to talk to a few strangers.

OCC: A hill among mountains

By COLLEEN WRIGHT
Special Writer

OU's Women's Tennis team completely demolished OCC Sept. 17, winning decisively 7-0.

Senior Katie Kennedy wiped Jacqy Moore of OCC in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles.

The remaining singles lineup of No. 2 sophomore Kristie Mathews, No. 3 sophomore Jayne Humphrey, No. 4 junior Kelli Tragle and No. 5 senior Leanne McCarty did not surrender a game in any of their matches, blinding their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

"Our competition unfortunately has not been very challenging this season. We were hoping for more of a challenge with the switch to Division I," said Humphrey.

The No. 1 doubles match for the Pioneers proved to be more of a challenge but Kennedy and Mathews won 6-4, 6-2.

The No. 2 doubles match featured Humphrey and McCarty disposing of their rivals in straight sets 6-3, 6-0.

"Their (OCC) type of play was better suited to doubles, but they still weren't up to the level that we are

accustomed to," said McCarty.

OU is scheduled to play former GLIAC rivals Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University, along with Grand Valley Junior College on Sept. 26 and 27 at Grand Valley State.

"Next weekend will be a more challenging and demanding schedule," said Humphrey.

The Ferris State Bulldogs have been the nemesis of OU Women's Tennis for years. In GLIAC competition, the Ferris team was the top in the league for many years.

The switch to Division I has taken the women out of the running for the top spot in GLIACs.

OU has slowly but surely been gaining on the Bulldogs in the past five years.

Last year they finished third in the GLIAC competition, but Ferris won the tournament.

The match this weekend will give the Pioneers a chance to avenge all losses suffered to Ferris in the past few years.

"A win this weekend wouldn't be as satisfying as if it were in GLIAC competition, but would still be a great revenge," said senior Katie Kennedy.



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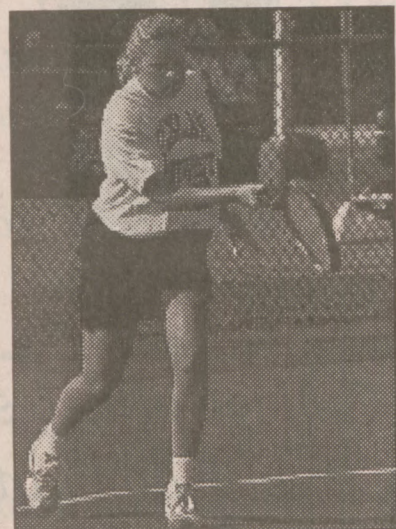
TAKING CONTROL: (Above) No. 1 doubles Senior Katie Kennedy and Sophomore Kristie Mathews disposed of their OCC doubles opponents in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

SERVING IT UP: (Right) No. 4 singles Junior Kelli Tragle serves up one of her many points in the OCC match. Tragle blanked her opponent 6-0, 6-0.



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PIONEER OF THE WEEK



Jayne Humphrey
Tennis
Sophomore

Humphrey has yet to lose a game in her singles matches. She has beat U of D - Mercy and OCC both 6-0, 6-0.

Humphrey is from Kokomo, IN and majors in management information systems. She and Leanne McCarty beat the No. 2 doubles team from OCC in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0.

Profiling the Black, Gold and White

Jennifer Nagel Volleyball

By SHERRY KRUZMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

OU is lucky. Many universities wanted her, and we got her.

Jennifer Nagel, middle blocker on OU's Women's Volleyball team was recruited by Syracuse University, MSU, Miami of Ohio and Kent State, just to name a few.

Head Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte was recruiting for Syracuse at the time that Nagel was deciding where to attend.

She turned their offer down and came to OU for its location and volleyball program. It has served her well.

She was Rookie of the Year in 1995, and was selected to first team All-GLIAC as a sophomore.

As a junior, Nagel's goals include staying positive in game situations, winning the rest of the games this season and staying a leader on the court.

She is an elementary education major, and says she has no problem balancing classes, daily practices and the rigorous game schedule.

The switch to Division I-AAA has not made much of a change in the volleyball schedule.

"The Division I school in Florida should be a good match up," she said. That is the only D-I school on their current game schedule.

She said the key to her success comes from her biggest fan. Her father has only missed one match the whole



time she has played at OU.

He is even planning to travel to Florida with the team. "I play my best when he's there," she said.

Nagel is very positive about the current team makeup and chemistry. She feels that, personally, she needs to improve her blocking and anticipate where the setter sets the ball.

Passing is the only thing she would admit as a strength.

Last season she led the team with 148 blocks and 269 kills.

She also played the entire 34 matches last season, playing in 124 of 127 games.

Off the court, she successfully balances school, practice and a social life with other OU athletes.

This past summer she played in a league with junior teammate Renee Williams, that too could continue after her career at OU has finished.

In the future, Nagel pictures herself teaching, but coaching volleyball will also become a major part of her life.

Jessica Mrozek Soccer

By ANDREA NOBILE
Staff Writer

People play sports for a myriad of reasons. They play for recreation, for glory, or for recognition.

Jessica Mrozek plays for a four-letter word- TEAM.

Mrozek, a senior nursing major, is a midfielder for the OU Women's Soccer team.

Her stats may say "captain," but she shies away from considering herself a standout player. Rather, she tries to be a team player.

This is her final year at OU in a soccer career spanning 14 years. At age 8, Mrozek began playing in a recreational league.

"I definitely liked it right away. I think I like it, because it is a team sport," she said.

The familiarity of soccer also helped her adjust to college life. "You meet a lot of people through it," she said.

Her athletic bio is riddled with Pioneer career records with 32 goals, 26 assists, and 90 points from 1994-96. Words like "All-American," and "All-GLIAC" jump from the page.

She was named the 1996 GLIAC Player of the Year. But when asked about her accomplishments, her voice humbled and she reverted back to her teammates.

"All those personal goals," she said, "aren't as meaningful. It is all about giving honor to your team."



"They're the ones who are feeding my goals. They're the ones who score with my assists."

She said her greatest honor as a player at OU came from her teammates.

"I think it was a great honor to be named captain my freshman year," she said.

She is caught on a cusp of change for OU sports that could alter everything.

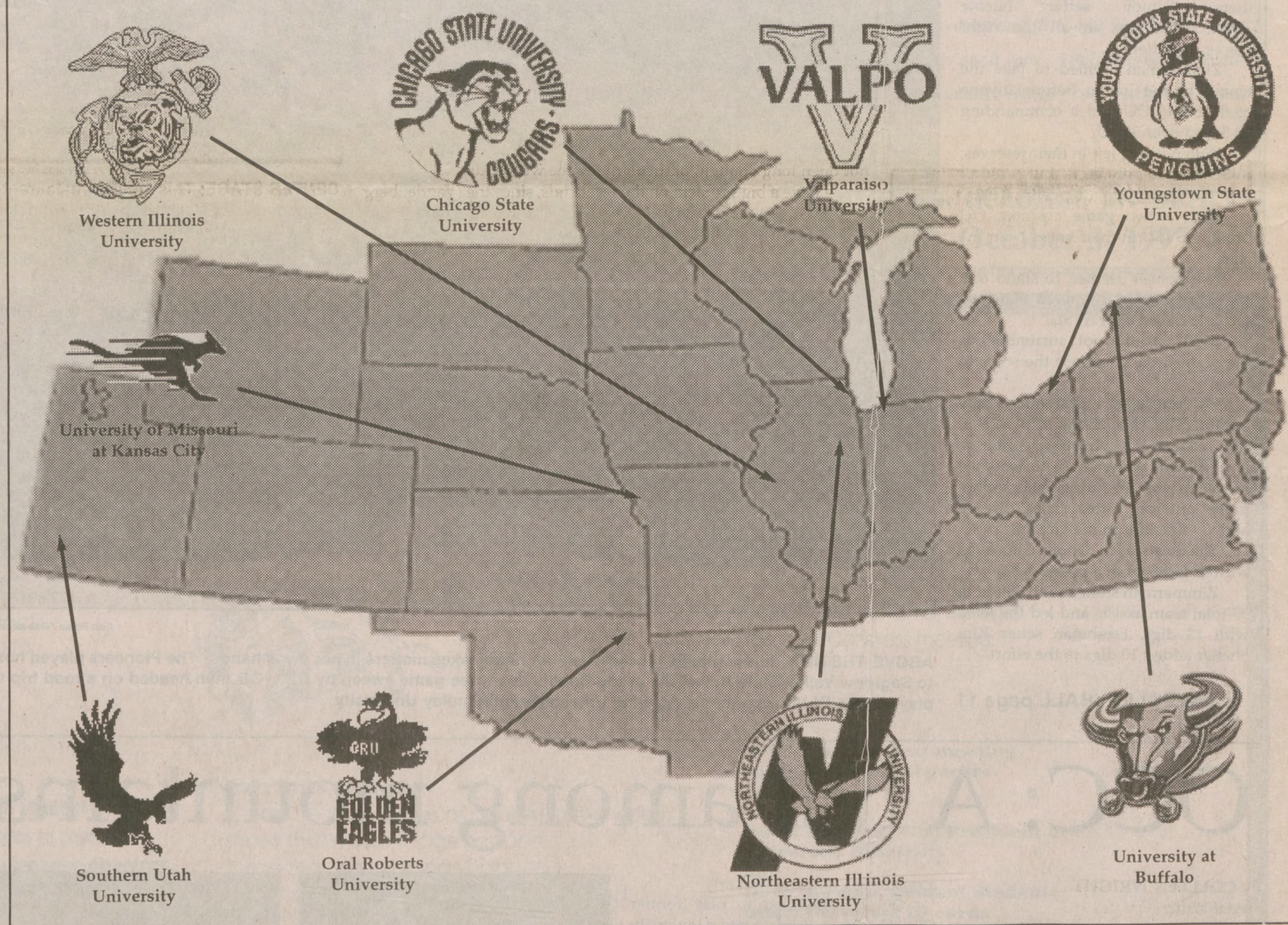
Next year, she will be gone, but the much-debated crossover to Division I-AAA will be finalized, which she said is a positive step forward for OU athletics and Women's Soccer.

Despite her positive outlook for women's athletics, she said she wished the program had just one more year in Division II so her team had a chance at a national title.

"I never had that opportunity," she said.

When asked how she rates herself as a player, she replied, "You're definitely only as good as your team."

OU ready for Mid-Continent Conference



PIONEER INSIDE TRACK SEPT. 17 TO SEPT. 24

Tennis

The Pioneers have dealt with a lack of budget funding this year. Women's Tennis has been pushed aside in athletics.

The team practices on faculty courts behind Meadow Brook Hall and play home matches at Rochester Adams High School.

"Many people do not realize that we do not have tennis courts that are suitable for competition," expressed senior Leanne McCarty.

There are no regulation tennis courts planned as part of the new recreation center.

Men's Golf

OU participated in the Detroit Titan Invitational on Sept. 15.

The Pioneers placed No. 10 at the tournament with a team score of 623.

Senior Dave Harris was the leading scorer with rounds of 77-76 for a 153.

The Pioneers participated in the Ferris State Invitational Sept. 19. OU placed No. 2 at the tournament with a team score of 616.

Senior Matt Joseph with rounds of 75-75 and freshman Tim Daulberg with rounds of 75-75 led the team.

Women's Golf

OU participated in the Lady Falcon Invitational at Bowling Green University Sept. 20-21.

The Pioneers placed No. 11 at the invitational with a team rounds of 332-340 totaling 672.

Senior Amy Hawkins with rounds of 77-85 for a 162 and freshman Kristin Smith with rounds of 81-83 for a 164 led the Pioneers in their first invitational this season.

The Pioneers will travel to Indiana to participate in the Troy State Invitational Sept. 28-29.

Special Events

Contestants will be chosen to participate in a serving contest at the Women's Volleyball matches this upcoming week against Siena Heights College, Concordia College and Rochester College.

Winners of the contest will receive restraint gift certificates by making a legal serve over the net between the second and third game.

A sign up sheet will be available at the entrance to the bubble for anyone that would like the opportunity to try their luck.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

• Women's Volleyball hosts Siena Heights College (7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 25

• Men's Soccer scrimmage at Madonna University (4 p.m.)

• Women's Volleyball hosts Concordia College (7 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 26

• Women's Soccer at University Detroit-Mercy (4 p.m.)

• Women's Volleyball hosts Rochester College (7 p.m.)

• Women's Tennis at Ferris State University (3 p.m.)

• Men's Swimming and Diving Black and Gold Intersquad Meet (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 27

• Women's Tennis at Grand Valley State University (10 a.m.)

• Men's Swimming and Diving Alumni Meet (12 p.m.)

• Women's Swimming and Diving Alumni Meet (12 p.m.)

• Women's Tennis vs. Grand Rapids Junior College at GVSU (3 p.m.)

• Men's and Women's Cross Country Alumni Race (TBA)

Sunday, Sept. 28

• Women's Soccer hosts Grand Valley State University (12 p.m.)

* Mid-Con Conference game

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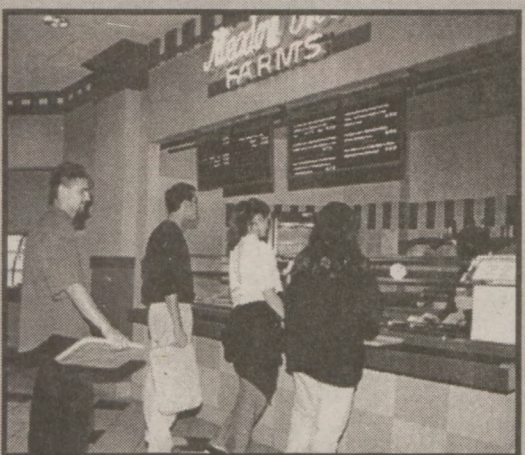
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BURGER KING: With a variety of foods, from breakfast to dinner, fast service, and good business hours, Burger King proves to be a favorite among students.



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DC SUBS: This is the place for you sub lovers. Italian, roast beef, and other subs are available for your watering mouths.



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MEADOW BROOK FARMS: This "Boston Market" style restaurant dishes up meals like those at Thanksgiving. Hot turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce is pleasing to almost anyone.



Post Photo/Laura Schildt

TIME TO EAT: OU students, faculty and staff pack Pioneer Court every weekday during lunch and dinner.

We prayed, we pouted, we received the Pioneer Court. Was it worth the wait?

By LISA COUCKE AND ANDREA NOBILE
Staff Writers

OU students have waited long and hard for renovations to the OC for a food court.

They dealt with pushbacks to construction dates, a change of food operators (from Marriott to Aramark) and nearly continuous construction for six months awaiting Pioneer Court.

The verdict?

Student response has been a mix of praise and criticism.

Many complained overwhelmingly that the restaurants were not open long enough, particularly on the weekends.

"I have a big problem on the weekends, since the (Vanderberg Hall) cafeteria is closed, so I have no choice but fast food," said freshman Craig Barrett, physical therapy.

Senior Katie Mossington, human resource management and Russian, agreed.

"They don't stay open late enough for people coming late at night. For me, I just wish they were open later," she said.

Sophomore Michael Caponi, undecided, agrees. When he arrives on campus, at 4 p.m., half of the restaurants are closed, he said.

Despite this criticism, students gave thumbs up to the convenience of the court campus food.

"It's convenient. I enjoy not having to go off campus," said senior Brian Roberts, general studies.

"The only choices are fast food at night, but it's better than (going off campus and) having to stop at McDonald's across the street," said junior Margie Diskin, business administration.

Variety also was a plus for students.

"There's a good variety," said graduate student Rob Stack, mechanical engineering.

Graduate student Stefani Mays, human resource management, agreed.

See FOOD page 12



Post Photo/J. Molly Abramson

TACO BELL: Making a run for the border? Better do it before 1:30 p.m. With Taco Bell's new hours, Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Taco Bell may lose their customers to more accessible restaurants.



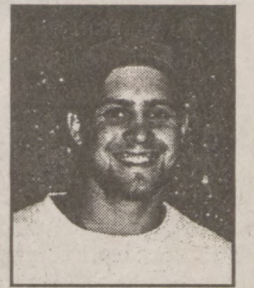
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CENTER STAGE: This smaller restaurant is a good choice for the health conscious eater. Its healthy foods are hard to pass up at lunch.



Post Photo/Jaime Shelton

PIZZA HUT: Don't worry pizza lovers. You can still get your personal pan pizzas with cheese, pepperoni or supreme. Ready made pizzas are available for fast service. Pizza Hut Express, located on the outside of the food court, is also open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. every evening except Friday.



Scott Neumann

Transfer student speaks out and seeks answers

Welcome to OU. Home of the Pioneers! Where our motto is "Sequitur virtute e canoscenza!"

Are you wondering what that means?

I will be honest with you. When I transferred to OU this year, I couldn't pronounce the university's motto, let alone decipher what it meant.

This was the first of many questions that I had, and the only one I found an answer to.

I am a lost transfer student searching for the answers to my list of questions.

I would like to be excited about being an OU student, but all of my enthusiasm seems to get buried under all of my questions.

I spent the previous two years of school at Macomb Community College (MCC), and I was extremely excited for the next step of my education, which was to register for classes at the university level.

The questions began rolling on the day of orientation.

I was on my way, but my transcripts were not.

So my first question as an OU student was, what happened to my transcripts?

Due to an unfortunate computer mishap, I was left to register without the knowledge of my prior classes and knowing which credits would transfer.

And the advisors were no help.

Well, I did manage to register, and soon my schedule came in the mail.

At this point, I was very excited for school to start, until the talk of a possible strike sounded across my television.

Would the teachers strike or would they teach?

I heard some teachers would hold class and some wouldn't.

I wondered what this would mean for me.

Fortunately, they resolved their conflict, and school was on the way.

Then came my next group of questions, "where did all the empty parking spots go, and would it always be this challenging to find a spot every day?"

I felt like it was the day after Thanksgiving, and I was driving around the parking lot of Hudson's at Somerset Mall.

At MCC, parking was hardly a problem. I guess the majority of students never showed up to class.

I am trying to stay positive, though. After all, my driving skills have drastically improved.

It has been a challenge adjusting to the transition from a community college to a university. And I am proud to say, I am up to that challenge.

After all, I am a Pioneer, and my school motto is "Sequitur virtute e canoscenza."

The only question I had answered was what the motto meant, "follow courage and knowledge!"

Scott Neumann is an OU transfer student, an education sophomore.

On the fourth and, if applicable, fifth week of the month the Features section will have a guest columnist. The next opportunity for a guest spot is Oct. 22.

If you are interested in writing a one time only column for the Features section, call 370-4266.

Remember that we reserve the right to reject columns. Writings must be of high quality, and the column must pertain to OU in some way.

OU student speaks about his trials, tribulations

By DAMON BROWN
Features Editor

Psi Chi, OU's psychological club, presented inspirational speaker Kenneth Briggs, an OU psychology senior, on Tuesday. Briggs is part of Psi Chi's bi-weekly speakers series.

"He is an excellent speaker," said senior Tobin Voight, psychology, Psi Chi member who asked him to participate in the series.

His speech dealt with problems in his life, ranging from

child abuse to homelessness.

"Stay on the right path and good things will come to you. If good things don't come, at least you will at least die an honest person," said Briggs.

He said he does not take his survival for granted, for it was in part based on luck, he said.

"I am not the rule, I am very rare," said Briggs.

"I have been able to find humor in rough times," he said.

Some students said they were inspired by Briggs.

"I enjoyed it. It was informative," said sophomore Kathy August, psychology.

"It is extremely interesting, for him to share such personal information to help out someone else. Some other people would be embarrassed," said 1975 OU alumni Caroline Spiller, sociology.

Briggs has traveled to various schools, speaking about his life struggles, and has appeared on "Oprah."

At 24, Briggs has dealt with many conflicts.

His mother and father both died by the time he was 12.

Without parents, he and his six siblings were split up in foster homes or living with relatives.

At that point, he moved to Gulfport, Miss., where he had an abusive stepfather.

He ran away and took a bus to Pontiac, where he was homeless, living with relatives when he could, but often living in empty refrigerator boxes.

He managed to get himself together, "with the help of

many people," he said.

He said, regarding his survival, that it is 50 percent luck, 25 percent doing the right thing, and 25 percent help from other people.

Briggs is currently an office assistant with the Detroit Lions, and is in charge of Walk and Roll at the Dome, which raises money for inner-city youth.

He recently signed a biographical book deal and is working with director and actor Eric La Salle ("E.R.") on his life story.



OU EVENTS

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance present "On the Move" in Varner Hall on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Zero will perform at the Magic Bag on Thursday at 8 p.m.

On Friday, local rock bands Slot, Morsel and Ebling Hughes will perform at the Magic Bag at 9 p.m.

The Palace of Auburn Hills will host Clay Walker wsg Kevin Sharp, Lee Ann Womack and Mark Wills at 6 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, Luther Vandross wsg Vanessa Williams will perform at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Atwater Block Brewery along with 89. X and The River host the Bloxtoberfest '97 on Friday and Saturday.

The Camber Music Society of Detroit presents "Amici Sextet" at 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall.

The Backstreet Boys will perform at the Royal Oak Music Theatre at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra begins its "Mark of Excellence" broadcast season on on WQRS-FM 105.1 every Monday evening at 8 p.m.

THEATRE

Meadow Brook Theatre hosts "Over the Tavern" until Oct. 12.

Rumors, a play by Neil Simon, will be at the Riggendale Players.

The Fisher Theatre presents "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk" on Tuesday through Oct. 26.

FILM

The Detroit Opera House presents Aida, the first opera of the new season until Sunday.

OTHER

The Detroit Association of Black Storytellers presents a story telling concert and workshop at The Museum of African American History on Friday and Saturday.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, the Rochester Hills Museum will host a walking tour through town, starting at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Silo X, the haunted attraction, will be at C.J. Barrymore's on Hall Road and in New Hudson on Grand River Avenue until Halloween.

The Co-Lateral Dance Collective presents the 17th annual Fall Dances at 8 p.m. on Friday.

The Michigan Lupus Foundation is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Walk for Lupus at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Metro B  ach Metropark.

Peacemaker, a Dream Works production, starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman, premiers Friday.

'Over the Tavern' entertains all

By LAURA SCHILDT
Assistant Features Editor

Meadow Brook Theatre opens its 32nd season with the hilariously entertaining play "Over the Tavern."

Playwright Tom Dudzick decided after years of entertaining family and friends with his real life stories to develop a play based on his experiences.

On opening night, his knee-slapping version of growing-up over the family's tavern while attending a Catholic school had the audience roaring with laughter.

Throughout the performance, the audience's ability to relate to the Pazinski family and their many problems provoked many howling laughs.

If you have a girl-crazy brother, a self-conscious sister, a stay home mother or a hot-headed father, relating to the play is easy.

Or, maybe you were like Rudy (Casey Purcell) questioning everything in life especially his catechism lessons.

Set in the late 1950's in Buffalo, New York, it realistically confronts many typical family issues such as who was supposed to bring home dinner.



PLAYING AROUND: Casey Purcell (left) and Margaret Goodman make their Meadow Brook Theatre debuts in "Over the Tavern, a comedy about a Catholic family living over their tavern.

However, saying this was just another play about someone's everyday-life wouldn't do it justice.

The play begins with a mean nun, Sister Clarissa (Margaret Goodman), drilling Rudy with several catechism questions while in after school detention.

The audience laughed at Rudy answering questions like "why God made people" with his own creative thoughts like "to have fun."

Most of Rudy's entertaining thoughts were provoked by his admiration for Ed Sullivan while entertaining family and friends with his imitation of the

comedic host.

Everyone, including his mother, Ellen (Denise Dailey McCauley), finds Rudy extremely funny except Sister Clarissa and his hard-working father who did not take the time to get to know his family.

Even with many serious topics on the table, humor

Facts

What: "Over the Tavern"
by Tom Dudzick

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre

When: Sept. 20 to Oct. 12
Matinee, Evening, Twilight

Tickets: \$22 - \$32 at box office
Student discounts available

spreads throughout the play.

The best way to describe the play is a cross between the "Honeymooners" and "All in the Family."

For example the extremely hot-tempered man of the house loves blowing off steam with numerous fighting scenes taking place in the kitchen, all while generating lots of laughter.

The audience confirmed their approval of the play and the cast's performance with a standing ovation when opening night came to an end.

While the entire cast was excellent, Purcell, a seventh grader from Lake Orion, was sensational as he stole the show in his Meadow Brook debut.

Soap box derby has OU burning rubber

By DAMON BROWN
Features Editor

OU has become populated with "Speed Racer"-wannabes as students gear up for the Weekend Of Champions at OU (WOCOU) Pioneer 1000 soap box derby. The event takes place Wed., Oct. 1.

Coordinator of Inter-Cultural Programs at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (C.S.A.L.D.) Felicia Bumpus, with the WOCOU committee, is organizing the five-day celebration of which events last from October 1 - 5. Though in its third year, WOCOU is hosting new events, like the soap box derby.

"I wanted something innovative, yet childlike," said Bumpus. The cars, based on the soap box cars made by the Boy Scouts of America, will be engineless, but they must be designed with a brake and a seat belt. Design specs are provided.

The race itself will be from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Pioneer Drive, near married student housing. Racers will begin

near the upper soccer fields at hilltop and will ride down past Anibal Hall.

First, second and third prize will be \$200, \$175 and \$100, respectively.

"A roving trophy, like the Stanley Cup, will be given, with new names added to it (annually)," she said.

Currently, seven student organizations are participating, including Greeks and engineering societies.

Society of Automotive Engineers President (SAE) and mechanical engineering junior, Chris Diccico said

SAE will enjoy socializing. Aaron Malgeri Sigma Pi President Senior Communications and French

"It will give us a chance to meet with other organizations," he said.

Sigma Pi President communications and French senior, Aaron Malgeri looks forward to the activity.

"We'll get it to run down the hill. I just hope we don't flip over!"

For safety, hay will be placed along the race track.

Bumpus said that it is not too late for other organizations to join.

"If an organization can get their car in order on time, they are more than welcome to get involved," she said.

New associate director at MBT

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

Debra Wicks wears comfortable clothes of warm, earthy colors, and a pair of silver crescent-moon earrings to match her wide, shiny smile.

She looks calm, in spite of a high stress level due to her recent move to Michigan and Meadow Brook Theatre.

Wicks is MBT's new associate director. She arrived on campus at the end of July, brining an excellent resume, wisdom and experience of 20 years in the business.

Still, she maintains the enthusiasm of a teenager.

"It's been a very busy few weeks," she said.

"It's been a great deal of work, but I'm still smiling... and I showed up at work today," she said.

Underneath her tired benevolence, Wicks has quite a history of trailblazing. She is an outspoken and active feminist, has organized protests to fight racial discrimination, has been ousted by the Catholic church for doing a controversial play.

She also has been attacked for addressing gay issues through her work.

For her, even the negative reactions to her work are positive.

"What theatre has caused, and I think it's a wonderful thing, is the reac-

tion," Wicks said. "If theatre made you react- if you are forced into an action- isn't that living?"

Also, Wicks said she spent the last decade "moving up" from directing

plays written by African-American women (which she, as an African-American woman, "understands") to directing plays by European-American men.

She is also one of roughly five women in the

country to direct plays by August Wilson ("The Piano Lesson").

"(The plays I direct) are still primarily (written by) ethnic men, but at least I've 'crossed over,'" she said. "Acceptance is a long term goal. The world won't change overnight."

Wicks presently lives among OU students in Hamlin Hall. She is enthusiastic even about her temporary home, because she said she enjoys learning about students' interests.

"In the last 20 years, I've been trying to combine professional theatre and academia," she said. "I do believe that... salvation of professional theatre

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THE REEL DEAL

'A Thousand Acres' deals with a million problems

By SHERRY KRUZMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Incest . . . Child Abuse . . . Breast Cancer . . . Suicide . . . Adultery . . . Deception . . . Alcoholism . . . Secrets.

Three sisters growing up on a farm without a mother. In a nutshell, this is basically the entire, depressing story of "A Thousand Acres."

The division of the thousand acres of land in Iowa pulls the sisters apart, as their own already dysfunctional families unveil each other's secrets.

"A Thousand Acres" begins with Larry Cook (Jason Robards) forming a corporation by dividing his land among his three daughters.

Like real sisters, each character has her own personality.

Ginny Cook Smith (Jessica Lange) is the oldest and most optimistic daughter. She makes it her business to take care of everyone and make everything better.

Rose Cook Lewis (Michelle Pfeiffer) is the middle daughter. She is a strong minded mother of two girls who says what she thinks.

Caroline Cook (Jennifer Jason Leigh) is the baby of the family and the only daughter who has dared to leave the family farm to move to DeMoines, Iowa, to become a lawyer.

Your high school English teacher would be in metaphorical heaven. It's

"A Thousand Acres"

Wait for the video

out of 4 points

told with flagrant foreshadowing and simple metaphors. Unfortunately, the secrets aren't buried very far under the surface. They are easily revealed.

Although the movie is depressing and predictable, the acting is phenomenal. These are future Academy Award winning performances.

Pfeiffer and Lange are incredibly convincing as the two sisters blamed for the breakup of their family.

Robards is disturbing and manipulative. On his farm, he is king. His family and in-laws are absolute subjects to their master.

At the beginning, there is an absolute loyalty to the family. As the secrets come out, one by one, the loyalty blurs.

The shifts in family and community loyalty are the only unpredictable aspects of the plot.

What appears to be a division between father and his youngest daughter unfolds into a calculated deception against the other sisters.

Rose, as the strength of the story, refuses to let things lie. She is the one who forces Ginny to face reality and act



THREE SISTERS: Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer and Jennifer Jason Leigh play sisters in the drama "A Thousand Acres."

on it.

This is not the kind of entertaining performance that we have come to expect from Michelle Pfeiffer. She is very believable but far from entertaining.

If you are expecting another "One Fine Day," then keep waiting. She isn't portrayed as the beautiful character you want her to be. She is tired and heavily burdened by her oppressive father.

Depending on your idea of entertainment, you might want to skip this movie. If you are looking to have fun on

Friday and enjoy your night, then pick something else.

If you don't mind dealing with every horrible issue that a family could face, then this is an excellent choice.

Be prepared to think, and feel and cry. Be prepared for impeccable performances and moving, emotional scenes and a thought provoking story.

If you want an entertaining movie experience, then save the \$7 and wait for its release on video.

Volleyball

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"The girls are working real hard and are pulling together well, considering they had a tough pre-season and the Bubble is tough place to play in," said Head Volleyball Coach Steve Schulte.

With a home win in their pocket, OU trudged down to Ashland University trying to add another win.

The Pioneers were able to steal a five game match from Ashland.

Game one of grudge match between Ashland and OU saw the Pioneers fall 12-15.

OU bounced back in game two 15-4 and game three 15-8 to take a 2-1 game lead.

Ashland pulled a couple of tricks out of its bag, upsetting the Pioneers 13-15 and drawing them even in game four.

In game five, the Pioneers showed Ashland they were not going to lay down and die. OU

controlled the game from the onset, finally winning 15-7.

The leaders in kills against Ashland were Williams with a bone-crushing 22 kills followed by Nagel with 11 kills.

Zimmerman once again showed her setting ability as she tallied all of the teams 44 assists.

Unlike Ashland, Findlay University posed much less of a threat to the Pioneers, as they beat them in straight games 15-4, 15-11, 15-8.

Game one seemed as if the Pioneers didn't even have to break a sweat, while in game two Findlay put up a better fight.

Game three ended up to become a sequel to game one, as the Pioneers wanted to pack for home.

Findlay couldn't come up with any power of their own, as OU swept the match.

Much like SVSU and Ashland, Zimmerman shined with 27 out of 30 total team assists.

The Pioneers, after a two game road trip, upped their record to 7-9.

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development is the new name for Campus Information, Programs and Student Organizations (CIPO).

GET READY FOR WOCOU (WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY)

Wednesday, October 1

Student Organization Day Wednesday October, 1 10-3 p.m. WOCOU tent

Discover the extra-curricular and social activities offered by OU's 100 registered organizations, gather freebies, and learn how to become more involved on campus.

Thursday, October 2

Pioneer 1000 Soap Box Derby 2-4 p.m. Pioneer Drive

Cheer on the seven-person racing teams as their home-made soap box derby cars (cars with no engine) race down the upper athletic field on Pioneer Drive.

Student Program Board All Campus Talent Show 8 p.m. WOCOU Tent

Laugh, dance, and be moved by the diverse talents of OU students and staff competing for a first place cash prize. Sign yourself up for the competition at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (formerly known as CIPO) service window if you have a talent of your own to show off.

Friday, October 3

Novelty Games

2:30-7:00 p.m. Outside WOCOU Tent

Test your competitive skills and race against friends on the oversized, sport-related, air-filled games located between North Foundation Hall and the Oakland Center. All activities are free!

University Picnic

5-6:30 p.m. food served WOCOU Tent

ARAMARK fires up its biggest grills and finest barbecue dishes for one giant FREE picnic that shows OU's appreciation to students, faculty, and staff. Hey you football fans! Meet 5 of your favorite football players from the Detroit Lions. \$1.00 draft beers, with proper identification, available at Pioneer Court.

Q 95.5 Radio Personality and Comedian,

John Heffron - 7 p.m. WOCOU Tent

Heard daily on Q95.5, in the morning; seen at the hottest local comedy clubs; and performing at colleges across the nation, John Heffron's family-oriented comedy routine has opened for performers such as Tim Allen and Robin Williams.

Magician, Jady Kurrent

8 p.m. WOCOU Tent

Jady Kurrent has been electrifying audiences across the nation for the last 12 years with their unbeatable combination of today's most popular dance, R&B, hip-hop and crossover music. It's impossible to sit still when Jady Kurrent takes the stage.

Saturday, October 4

Student Program Board Road Rally 3-7 p.m.

Unscramble codes, decipher riddles, and follow the clues through Rochester using a car, a pen, and a team of four, to win up to \$600 in prize money, \$20 per team.

Magician, David Williamson

8 p.m. Vamer Recital Hall

SPB presents David Williamson, a born showman and one of the world's most outstanding sleight-of-hand artists. He will dazzle you with his unique and delightful brand of entertainment, blending heart-stopping magic with side-splitting hilarity. Tickets available at 49 Oakland Center service window. \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for non-students.

HISPANIC AWARENESS WEEK

Wednesday, October 8

MUSIC-SONGS-DANCES

Noon and 2:40 in the Fireside Lounge

Classical Hispanic Dance, South American Folklore, Popular Melodies, Fiery Flamenco and the Sensuous Argentine Tango.

Political discussion: The Status of Puerto Rico 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge

Thursday, October 9

Hispanic Business Forum: Doing Business in Latin America

Noon in the Fireside Lounge

This forum will explore the viability of developing markets in Hispanic countries, as well as issues related to NAFTA. What does it take to succeed as a business in Latin America?

"Hispanic Voices"

7:00 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

Friday, October 10

Latin American Taste Fest and Mercado

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Oakland Center Heritage Room.

Taste free samples of Hispanic foods while experiencing the beautiful paintings, sculptures and glass artistry, melodies, and mercado (marketplace) of the Latin American world.

Who is Pioneer Pete?

It could be you. Come into The Center Office 49 OC and pick up an application.



The Center's Service Window

The Center's Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have:

- *Film Processing
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- *single envelopes
- *Commuter Student WOCOU Picnic Tickets

Sign up and get tickets for the following SPB events:

- * sign up for Oct. 2 - All Campus Talent Show
- * sign up for Oct. 4 - SPB Road Rally
- * tickets for Oct. 4 - David Williamson's Magic Show
- * sign up Nov. 7 Murder Mystery
- * sign up for Nov. 11 Mock Rock contest

Student Affairs EVENTS

UPDATING OU:

• The Department of Campus Recreation has received numerous requests for information on where students (and employees) are able to work-out, since the construction of the new recreation center has eliminated space in the old Lepley Sports Center. The following four locations have special OU rates this year:

--Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, located on the east campus.

--Powerhouse Gym, located on the corner of Squirrel and Walton/University.

--World Gym, located 1/2 mile east of campus on Walton.

--Body Techniques, located on the corner of Tienken and Rochester Road, just north of downtown Rochester.

• Feeling sad, unable to concentrate, get going and experience pleasure in your life? Sign up to participate in the National Depression Screening Day Program sponsored by the Counseling Center on October 9. For more information, please contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465.

• Paid internships and co-ops are now available in all majors. Contact the Experiential Education Office in 371 West Vandenberg Hall or call 370-3213.

• Interested in a Rhodes or Fulbright Scholarship? Attend the Scholarship Forum on Sept. 25 in the OC Gold Rooms, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, please visit the Skills Center in 103 North Foundation Hall or call 370-4215.

• The WXOU Radio Station has over 70 students involved in broadcasting this Fall. Be sure to listen to 88.3 FM for the hottest sounds in college radio, campus news, and Oakland University sports coverage. For more information, call WXOU at 370-4273.

• Applications now being accepted for the Commuter Involvement Awards. Any commuting student with a 2.5 gpa or higher, carrying at least 12 credits and who is involved in campus activities is encouraged to apply. A total of 20 awards are available. Call the Dean of Students Office at 370-3352 for information and an application.

• Applications are now being accepted for the Enhanced Campus Involvement Award. These awards are for students returning to OU for a second, third or fourth year who have a renewable scholarship. For details, call the Dean of Students Office at 370-3352.

THIS WEEK:

• The Health Center is sponsoring a "How Much Do You Know About Your Health?" quiz show on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. in the Hamlin Hall Lounge. All students are welcome to attend.

• The Department of Campus Recreation is now sponsoring "Open Recreation" in the Bubble for OU students and employees. The "Open Rec" hours are: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 9 p.m.-midnight Monday - Friday; 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

• The Department of Campus Recreation is sponsoring "Aerobics" in the Bubble for OU students and employees. Aerobic sessions are on a drop-in basis and no advanced sign-up is necessary. Aerobics are scheduled 12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Monday - Friday in the Bubble. For more information, please contact the Department of Campus Recreation at 370-4REC.

• Seniors: Set Your Sails: Some highlights from the Seniors: Set Your Sails program: Sept. 20-26:

--Health Careers Job Fair: Wednesday,

Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., OC.

--Law School Pre-Law Seminar: Thursday,

Sept. 25, 10 a.m. - noon, 125 OC.

--Career Fair: Thursday, Sept. 25,

noon - 3 p.m., OC.

--Profession and Grad School Forum:

Thursday, Sept. 25, noon - 3 p.m.,

Fireside Lr.

• ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER BROWN BAG STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR SERIES, Noon - 1 p.m.

--BALANCING YOUR ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE:

Friday, Sept. 26, 128 OC

--NOTE TAKING: A BETTER WAY: Monday, Sept. 29, 125 OC

--PROCRASTINATION: HOW NOT TO PUT THINGS OFF: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 125 OC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Student Organization Day: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• WOCOU, Weekend of Champions OU: Oct. 2 - 4.

• Intramural Softball is coming!! Entries available Oct. 1. Play begins Oct. 10. Pick up entry forms at the Department of Campus Recreation, 261 SFH.

• WOCOU Volleyball entries available at Department of Campus Recreation, 261 SFH!!!

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Wicks

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that... salvation of professional theatre may be its association with academia."

Wicks said she plans to form a stronger bond between MBT and OU, through cooperation and internships with the department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

She also has fostered this relationship through campus workshops, and a series of pre-show lectures introducing audi-

ence to play, which she hopes to arrange with the Honors College.

"Theatres that exist on university campuses have a better opportunity of survival, particularly for developing new work and contemporary theatre," Wicks said.

"Professional theatres will continue to survive doing the classics, but how does something become a classic?" said Wicks.

"I think we forget that we've got to develop the work of (today as well)," she said.

Wicks, a Missouri native, has been a professional actress for 20

years, and a director for ten years. She has over 12 years experience as university educator, and has been an administrator for six years at three different theaters.

Wicks' previous teaching, directing and acting positions include, among others, work at Iowa State University Theatre, Tarkio College in Missouri, University of Missouri, and the Muni Student Theatre Project.

Last year, Wicks left the acting, directing and teaching position she held for three years at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, because the workload became

overwhelming, she said.

However, she worked at four different theaters in the following six months, until she got an offer from MBT.

MBT's artistic director Geoffrey Sherman, whose previous associate director left in January, has known Wicks' work since their cooperation during his days at Portland Repertory Theatre.

He also employed her to direct "The Piano Lesson" at MBT two seasons ago.

"I knew she could do a great deal for (MBT)," said Sherman.

"I've had an eye on her since

I saw her at the theatre in Portland," said Sherman.

Wicks said she enjoyed working at MBT from the start, and recognized MBT's venture to introduce contemporary theatre to its audience.

"I think what I saw at the time was a wonderful possibility for (MBT) to make some major jumps in the next few years," Wicks said.

"Also, at this point in my life, it's time to dig in and fight new battles."

Food

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"I think it's nice and has a lot of options," she said.

The cost of the food is a bit more than regular restaurants, said students.

"I think it's a little more expensive," said freshman Steffany Miller, biology.

Junior Beth Strausbaugh, psychology, said she is amazed by the price of bottled water.

"(Bottled) water is \$1.19 or so. Just for some water!" said Strausbaugh.

Students also seemed to have a problem with server congeniality.

"I think they could be friendlier, like the cashiers saying 'hello' or 'thank you', on a regular basis," said senior Chris Hatton, finance.

"The servers don't look at you. It's just 'What do you want?' Then they slap it together," said Strausbaugh.

Some students also said communication is sometimes a problem.

Miller said, "I went to Burger King and ordered what I wanted. Then the lady said 'So you want a ketchup Whopper?' I said 'No.'"

Pioneer Court also was slow in service, said many students.

"When I got lunch, everyone else was getting lunch, so I had to wait a little while," said freshman Kari Allen, undecided.

"The service was good, but kind of slow. They were friendly, but slow. It needs to be a little bit faster," said senior Rachel Ratliff, communications.

Senior Kristen Glinka, human resource management, noticed that sometimes there aren't enough workers.

"I have a complaint regarding the population. It's like you have to put it in your schedule when you can eat at certain places," said freshman Dave Kroon, undecided.

Overall, no one student was completely pleased with the food court.

This does not mean, however, that they regret it being here, said Kroon.

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Grab a byte

Computer Centers' Hours

Whether you're an evening number-cruncher or you like your PCs in the a.m., there's an Oakland University computer lab open when you need it. Here's the scoop on

- how to set up a student computer account
- when and where to use a computer on campus
- numbers to call for more information

Access is best during week-ends. Don't put off your assignments — the last two weeks of classes are extremely busy.

Other labs on campus are open to students in certain classes. Please check with your department, school or college for additional labs and lab hours.



For more information on Academic Computing Services (computer lab hardware, software, hours, dial-up support):
<http://www.oakland.edu/acs/>
To look up OU modem numbers and information about connecting by modem:
<http://www.oakland.edu/acs/dialup/>
For a list of OU computer labs:
http://www.acs.oakland.edu/oakland_info/ou-lab-list.html

Getting started
To obtain a new computer account at Oakland University, you must be registered for classes and have a valid picture ID. Students may obtain a computer account two days after the end of each registration period for which the student has registered for classes. Please refer to the Schedule of Classes for registration end dates. These periods include early, regular and late registration.

- Go to the monitor counter in the Kresge Computer Center, 129 Kresge Library.
- Use the registration terminal and follow the instructions on the screen to apply for your computer account.
- After you've registered, go to 128 Kresge Library with a valid picture ID to pick up your account confirmation sheet.

Normal office hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Following policy
Contact the Kresge Computer Center for a copy of OU's policy on the use of University Electronic

Information Resources. It explains the proper way to use Oakland's system.

Finding a computer & computer lab hours
The following computer centers are open to all OU students. Again, access is best during weekends.

Schedules
Dodge Hall of Engineering*
Phone: 4565, 4385
Hours: M-Th 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun noon-11 p.m.

Location	Computer type	Computer model
240**	PC	• Gateway P-100
242**	PC	• Micron P-166 MMX
241**	Macintosh	• Power Mac 6100/60
243**	Macintosh & PC	• Dell P 133i • Power Mac 6100/60 • 2 workstations for people with disabilities (1 Mac, 1 PC)
245**	PC	• Micron P-166 MMX

* Also available in Dodge Hall of Engineering is a PC lab with P-233 MMX computers, Room 164, open 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. weekdays. Call 2216 or 2200 for more information. This lab is managed by the School of Engineering and Computer Science.
** Managed by Academic Computing Services

Kresge Library
Phone: 4565, 4385
Hours: M-Th 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sun 1 p.m.-11 p.m.
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Location	Computer type	Computer model
129A Blue Room*	PC, Macintosh	• Micron P-166 MMX • Dell P-133 • Power Mac 6100/60 • Power Mac 7600/132 • Power Mac 7200/120 • 17-inch NCD color X terminals • Microtek color scanner
129B Red Room*	PC	• Gateway P-75

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Varnier Hall
Phone: 3515
Hours: M-Th 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun noon-5 p.m.
Hours may change

Location	Computer type	Computer model
217**	PC	• Gateway P-133 • HP Laserjet 4Si MX

** Managed by School of Business Administration

O'Dowd Hall
Phone: 4128, 4121
Hours: T & Th 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Hours may change

Location	Computer type	Computer model
207***	Macintosh	• Power Mac 7100

*** Managed by Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism Department and Mathematical Sciences Department

Vandenberg Hall
Phone: 5453
Hours: M-Th noon-midnight
Fri noon-6 p.m.
Sun 6 p.m.-midnight
Hours may change

Location	Computer type	Computer model
First Floor	PC	• Gateway Pentium

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Science and Engineering Building
Phone: 5268
Hours: M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Sculptures enhance campus decor

OU fortunate to have art donated

By LISA VALENTINE
Special Writer

You may not think of campus as being a showcase for outdoor sculptures, but OU is fortunate to have many pieces donated for display.

Some sculptures, such as the "Saints and Sinners" in front of Kresge Library and the "Motherswell" in front of South Foundation Hall, have been donated.

Debra Watson, manager of Meadow Brook Art Gallery, said many universities would like to have the amount of outdoor sculptures OU has.

"We are very fortunate to have sculptures of this magnitude on campus," she said.

The university is also fortunate to have them all donated, she added.

In addition to these two, there are also six other sculptures located on the far east side of campus near Sunset Terrace and Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds.

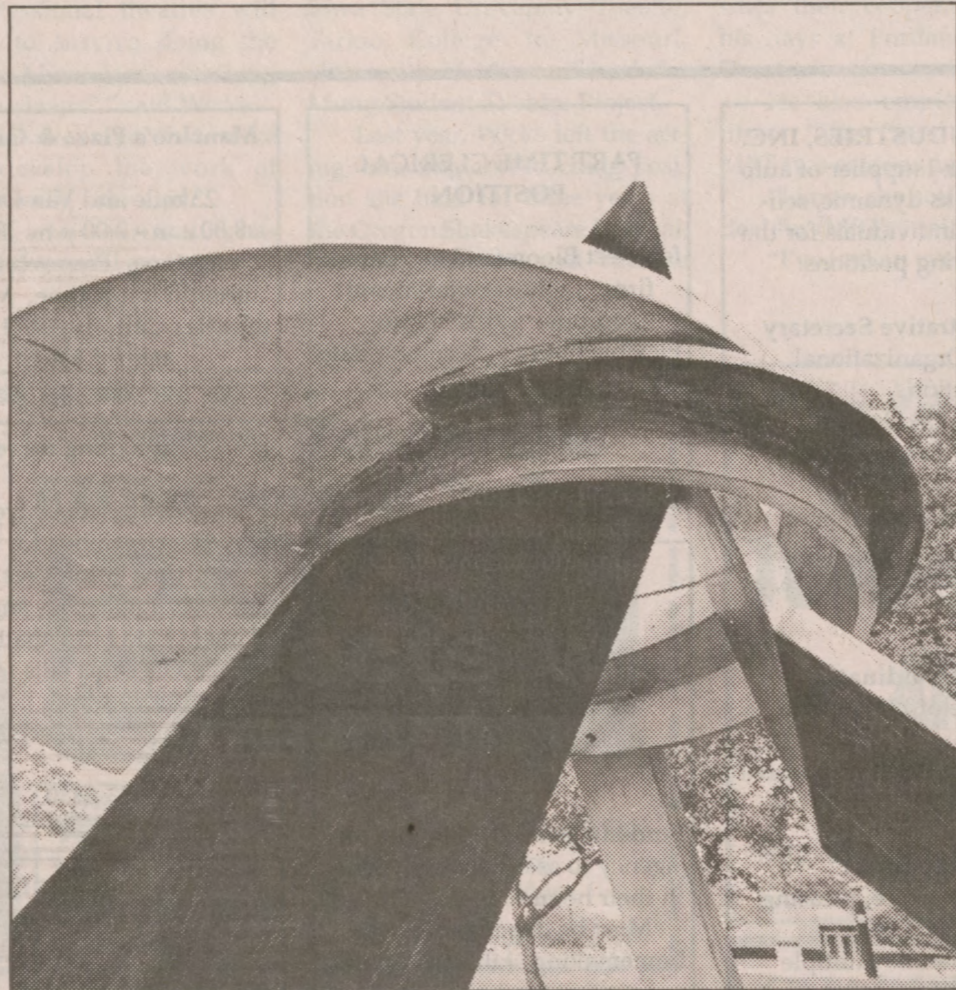
They were the winning pieces chosen during a competition held in 1981 for Michigan artists.

Retired Meadow Brook Art Gallery Curator Kiichi Usui began OU's respected collection of contemporary outdoor sculptures with these six pieces by artists Mel Leiserowitz, Hanna Stiebel, John Piet, Sydney Atkinson, Tom Bills, and David Barr.

The contest entries were judged by a jury and all of the entrants were professional artists, she said.

The competition was a collective effort between the artists, OU and area businesses and industries.

Many businesses provided materials and assistance that helped artists to create the sculptures they wouldn't have had the resources to create other-



WINNING SCULPTURE: The "Motherswell" sculpture, located in front of South Foundation hall, is one of the winning pieces from the 1981 contest.

wise.

Although there have been other recent offers for donations of large-scale sculptures, OU does not have the space for them, nor the money to accommodate fountain sculptures, Watson added.

Despite the lacking area, Watson said the director of the Honors College, Brian Murphy, has expressed an interest in having an outdoor sculpture placed near the curved windows of the Honors College facility in East Vandenberg Hall.

Murphy said he is interested in having Joe Wesner, "Motherswell" sculpture artist, design a piece for the Honors College.

He said he was always struck by the sculpture and found it "very organized and charming. (I like) the sheer kind of look... 'It's very good,'" he said.

Murphy said Wesner has a piece he would like to show to OU, but funds still need to be raised for the project.



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FOUNTAIN MAGIC: The "Saints and Sinners" is a set of seven sculptures in front of Kresge Library. It is the only fountain that can be found on campus.

Film Festival promotes AIDS awareness

Women's Studies explore impact of disease on female communities

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

The Women's Studies Concentration will present its 15th Annual Film Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27 in 156 North Foundation Hall, under a theme "Journeys to Community: Women, AIDS and Film."

Women's Studies Film Festival is a yearly event which addresses current issues affecting women's community and its representation in film.

According to film festival committee chair Natalie Cole, associate professor of English, this year's topic is more than appropriate.

The Oakland Press reported last week that AIDS is the No. 2 killer of persons between the ages of 22 and 45 in America, Cole said.

English professor Robert Eberwein, film festival committee member, said, "In the last two weeks, the newspapers have carried stories about the decrease in the number of AIDS cases. But the number of new cases among women continues to increase. Could anything be more timely than our film festival?"

The film festival is a day-long event, lasting from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. One of the films shown will be a Hollywood feature "Boys on the Side," with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker, and Drew Barrymore.

The other will be the independent docu-

mentary film "DiAna's Hair Ego," about the growth of the South Carolina AIDS education network, and the winner of many awards at documentary film festivals nationwide.

Dr. Alexandra Juhasz, assistant professor of media studies at Pitzer College in California will speak on issues facing women with AIDS.

Juhasz is a writer and producer whose work focuses mainly on feminism, gay community, AIDS and sex education.

There will be time for follow-up discussions, in which the audience is invited to participate.

"With representations of AIDS on the rise in film, television, stage plays, literature and art, this year's festival allows us an informal forum for the discussion of this difficult subject," Cole said.

She said those who attend the festival are experienced film-goers in their own right and offer wonderfully diverse perspectives in their comments.

"We like to have a blend of film scholarship and open discussion at our festivals, and in the past, we've had a congenial mix of experts and novices, academics and lay persons, leading to an exciting dialogue," she said.

According to Shea Howell, professor of communications, Women's Studies Film Festival originated 15 years ago from a project of the Ken Moris Labor Center, an administra-

tive unit set up to provide university resources for women and minorities in labor force.

The center came up with the idea to present women and labor in film, and this became the topic of the first film festival.

"They wanted to show women filmmakers, and films about women," Howell said.

With increasing numbers of non-traditional female students enrolling at OU, interest in Women's Studies is greater than ever, Cole said.

Since 1991, Cole said some of the topics featured include films and lectures by female independent filmmakers, films by international female directors, films on women and work, and films on family and race.

The festival was previously funded by grants from Michigan Humanities Council and the OU Special Project Grant, as well as contributions from individual academic departments, Cole said.

However, since 1995, the College of Arts and Sciences has provided the funding.

"Certainly Dean (David) Downing's support... indicates the value (Women's Studies have) at a university with a tradition of giving its students a strong liberal arts education," Cole said.

General registration is \$10, or \$7 for students and seniors, and includes morning coffee and light lunch. For registration, call (248) 370-2420.

Student org asks help from campus

By LISA VALENTINE
Special Writer

Have you ever thought about saving a life?

Members of Community Action Reaching Everyone, CARE, are asking members of the OU community to volunteer to do just that by signing up to be organ donors.

The idea came from CARE member and outreach chair Kristi Buk, a communication senior. Buk became motivated to organize this project because of a personal tie her family has to organ donation.

When Buk's cousin Derek was eight years old, he suffered liver failure due to an unknown virus.

Buk said Derek visited four different hospitals within two days and was finally able to receive a liver transplant at Wylers Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Derek underwent two different transplants, six months apart. His first liver came from an 18-year-old boy in Wisconsin and the second one was from an unknown donor.

She said that without the generosity of organ donors, Derek would not be alive today.

"It's such an easy thing for people to fill out," Buk said. "And it can really make a difference."

Evelyn Commings, data specialist for The Gift of Life Donor Registry in Ann Arbor, said that there is a great need for organ donation in Michigan.

"The list of people waiting (for organs) gets longer and longer," Commings said.

In Michigan, 273 people received a donated organ in 1997, and 95 people died while waiting on the list for an organ, Commings said.

However, Commings said, there is a common misconception that being an organ donor means medical staffs will put forth less effort in saving your life in case of an accident.

Commings said two totally different teams of doctors deal with the saving of a patient's life and finding organs for transplants.

She said this means that the two separate teams don't mix interests in their work, and therefore the doctors looking for organs don't affect the choices other doctors may make to save a patient's life.

"Our biggest job is trying to dispel that (misconception) because it is simply not true," she said.

CARE members will have a table set up in the OC on Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again on Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Drivers' license stickers and donor registration forms will be available to become a donor for Michigan.

Buk said that since the organ donation program started, about a year and a half ago, 5,000 people in Michigan have registered. According to Buk, CARE hopes to add at least 100 additional donors to this count.

Congress connects with Lansing



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STUDENT RIGHTS: Bonefacio De La Rosa, OU congress member, spoke about congress' role in the implementing of safety measures around campus.

The first Legislative Affairs Strategic Initiative Colloquium had a good turn-out with approximately 35 in attendance

The Legislative Affairs Committee of Student Congress turned the tables on state government last week, asking representatives to come to campus, instead of students going to the capital.

At its colloquium held Sept. 18, about 35 people attended to hear speeches regarding OU's position in Lansing. Topics discussed included eliminating taxes on textbooks, increasing state appropriations and having a voting member on the Board of Trustees.

Students from CMU, WSU and U-M Dearborn attended to give an all-around student perspective.

State Senators Tom Middleton and Mat Dunaskis and Representative Penny Crissman also attended.