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INS tightens grip on international students

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

Starting tomorrow, international students across the country have more Immigration and Naturalization Service hoops to jump through.

By Jan. 30, all U.S. colleges must begin submitting personal and academic information about their international students to a new online INS tracking system.

"SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) is going to make life very difficult for international students at OU," said Dave Archbold, director of the International Students and Scholars Office.

New INS rules for men from Arab and Muslim countries require them to register annually with their local INS branch as well as their university.

Last month, 400 men were taken into custody in Los Angeles upon registering, and the INS arrested six students because they were not signed up for enough courses.

Since then, some international students are anxious about how SEVIS and the new INS laws will affect their academic and personal lives.

Senior Ahmad Jwania said he already paid more than \$40,000 for his undergraduate education in computer and electrical engineering. He said he is overloading on credits now in order to speed up graduation because he is scared the INS may decide to deport all students from the Middle East.

"I'm afraid to move from state to state because the INS has my credit card numbers," he said.

Jwania moved to the U.S. from Syria in 1998 and holds

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Email snag cripples campus

By DERRICK SOBODASH & REBECCA WYATT
THE OAKLAND POST

A down email server last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday caused frustration for many students, faculty and staff trying to perform everyday tasks using OU email accounts.

In an OU press release, Terri Rowe, director of Information Technology said, "The current email system we're using uses technology that dates back to the early 1990s."

The IT website stated that the problem had been determined on Thursday as a faulty RAID controller, a part which allows all of the server's hard drives to work together. This was causing data loss and other problems with the server.

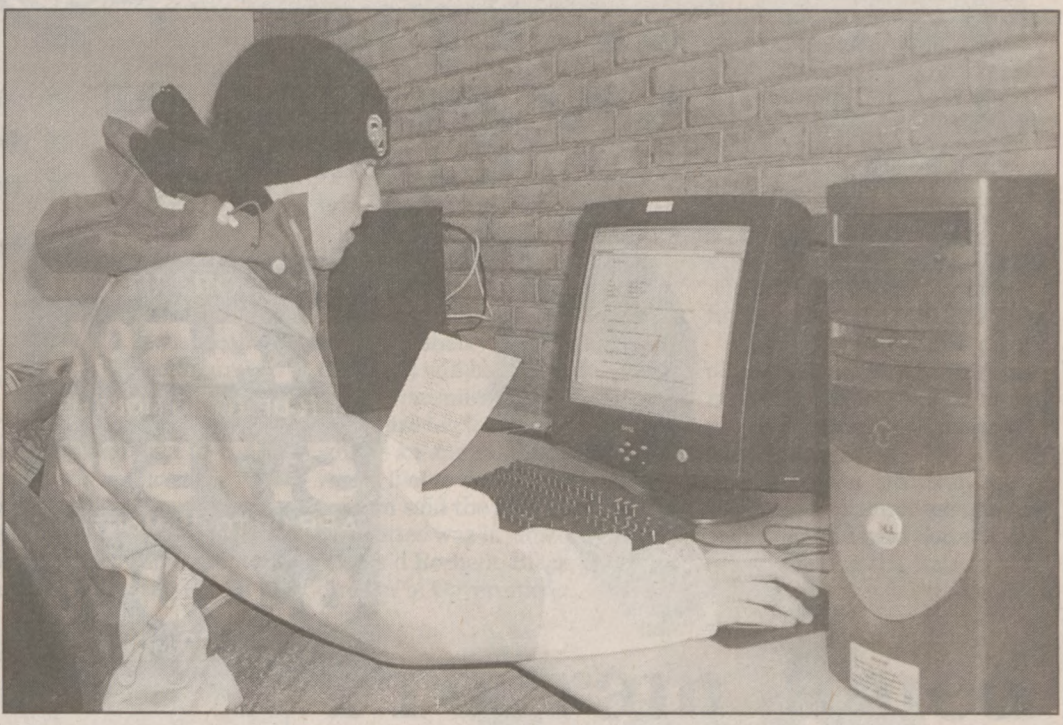
The website said, "Systems administrators applied an interim fix for the failed RAID array controller channel and dual failed disk drives."

According to IT's updates on the website, OU will experience another email outage when the replacement parts arrive so they can be installed.

Part of the problem stemmed from an overburdened system.

"A lot of people have very large mailboxes," Al Mehda, technician for IT, said. "It's possible a

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Sophomore Martin Moen said he only uses his OU email account occasionally, so he wasn't too disrupted by last week's email system failure. The problem, however, caused major headaches for the many students, faculty and staff who depend on OU email on a daily basis.

A priceless gift



Freshman Diana Walcott donates blood at the drive held in the Oakland Center Monday.

OU student invited to presidential address

In his State of the Union Address last night, the President spoke on the many challenges currently facing the U.S. and other countries.

Among those in attendance was OU junior Lenwood Compton, a member of AmeriCorps and Pontiac native.

Compton was invited as a guest of first lady Laura Bush.

"He was very excited," said Alberta Compton, Lenwood's mother. "He's never been to D.C. before."

Elizabeth Pellerito, senior and fellow AmeriCorps member, described

Compton as everyone's favorite member.

"He's always involved in everything and always has a positive attitude," she said.

When he met the president at Oakland County International Airport in October, 2002, she said Compton was very excited.

"I can only imagine what he's thinking right now," said Pellerito.

- Derrick Sobodash, Assistant News Editor

Community responds to secret Board meeting

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU staff and students have been very vocal after last week's article in *The Oakland Post* that described the apparent violation of the Open Meetings Act by the Board of Trustees.

Jeff Galecki, senior and student legislature for OU Student Congress, said there should never be a question as to whether the BOT is in violation

of the OMA.

"You should never have a gray line," Galecki said. "What they teach at this university is open ideas. That's not always the case on the administrative level."

He said he thinks problems that arise on campus are the result of OU's administration wanting to separate itself from the students.

"Issues on where the campus is going ... that affects everybody,"

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Post staff, adviser honored with journalism awards

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Oakland Post was recently announced among the recipients of the Michigan Press Association's 2002 College Newspaper Awards.

The Post's campus news editor won the top award in Division II, and *The Post* itself took second place in general excellence in its division for weekly publications at Michigan colleges.

Rebecca Wyatt won in the best non-deadline story for her article titled "Dorm fire safety questioned" which ran on Oct. 23, 2002.

"This entry stood out because of the staff's success in making a national story relevant to their community. Good investigative instincts, good use of human dimension," said the MPA website.

The feedback on the MPA website for *The Post* included praise for "Good relevant and informative news coverage. Strong editorial/opinion page. Useful

entertainment info for readers. Quality sports coverage ... good balance."

Another honor came to Jane Briggs-Bunting, adviser to *The Oakland Post* and journalism program director. She will be inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame at Michigan State University on April 12.

Briggs-Bunting earned the praise with a nearly 30-year career in upholding the Freedom of the Press as a media law attorney, former *Detroit Free Press* reporter, *Oakland Post* adviser and as an educator and department chair.

Steve Lacy, Hall of Fame chair and MSU's journalism department head, said Briggs-Bunting's selection was based on her commitment to the First Amendment and her "willingness to go to bat (for students)."

"Jane's a good journalist, an excellent educator, someone who's dedicated to journalism and training others. She's for sharing ideas and promoting their open flow," Lacy said.

Briggs-Bunting finds time to write and has penned children's books, freelanced for *People* and *Life* magazines and written law books.

Lacy said the Hall of Fame committee noted several things about her submitted portfolio, which contained testimonial letters of recommendation and writing samples from her career.

The Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame honors those who have accomplished exceptional journalism contributions in the profession, including educators, editors, reporters, publishers, photographers and owners.

She was nominated by two *Oakland Post* editors, several high school journalism teachers and media colleagues.

"I was completely surprised by this recognition," said Briggs-Bunting. "I am honored to join."

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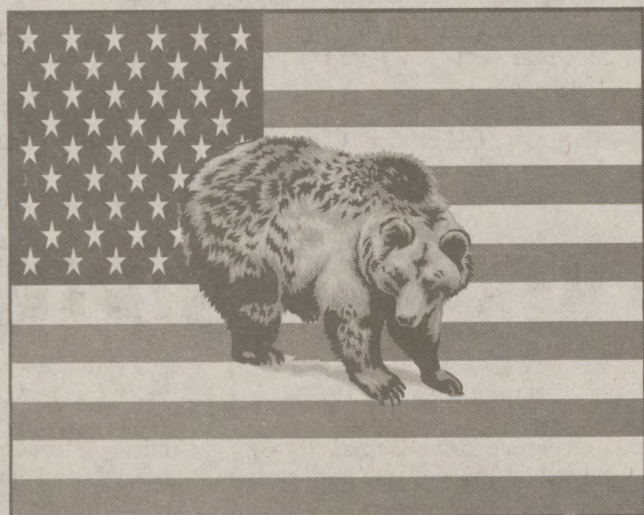
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Tasting a different culture

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The African American Celebration Committee is hoping more than 300 students will fill the Pioneer Room on Feb. 14 to experience its culture at "A Taste of Africa Gala."

"We are looking at this event to target all people, not just African American people," said Vanessa Bard, co-chair of the committee and assistant director of the Academic Resource Center.

Bard said the event is designed to teach people about the African culture through music, food and artwork.

The "festive environment" will feature live jazz, Caribbean and gospel music from OU students

and other outside music groups, she said.

Bard called this the "premier event" of "The Souls of Black Folk" celebration, which is taking place from now until March 15.

Jo Hairston, co-chair of the committee and administrative assistant in the President's office, said students have contributed to the artwork.

Hairston said three students from the Art and Art History departments did drawings for a calendar that will be available at the Gala.

"The students did an outstanding job," Hairston said.

She said the drawings support "The Souls of Black Folk" theme and all of the drawings submitted for the calendar are on display

in the Educational Resource Lab in the School of Education and Human Services building.

"We are marketing it also to the outside community and to all areas of the university community," Bard said.

She stressed that this event is for people of all ethnicities.

"People tend to think it's just for African Americans but it's

"There are so many ethnic groups on campus that don't know about one another's cultures. This is one way to learn about it."

Sidney Moore-Watkins
Student Co-Chair of the African-American Celebration Committee

Watkins, senior, student co-chair for the African American Celebration committee. "There are so many ethnic groups on campus that don't know about one another's cultures. This is

one way to learn about it."

Bard hopes the event will help create community on campus.

"It gives students the opportunity to come together with faculty and staff in a non-threatening environment," Bard said. "It will bring about more communication and people being more comfortable with each other."

Bard, along with committee member and Assistant Dean of Nursing, Sherry Abernathy, hope the event will be successful and that it continues on in the future.

"We are hoping that maybe it will be an annual event that they would like to do," Bard said.

Bard said the idea came as the committee was brainstorming. She said Rochelle Black, OU's director of Government

Relations, had been to this type of event over the summer, and the committee thought it would be something fun to have at OU.

Bard is urging students to get tickets early.

Tickets for the Gala went on sale Friday in the CSA office. The cost is \$10. Bard said the first 100 students before Feb. 7 will get free tickets. For more information call (248) 370-2400.

Bard said there will be plenty of other attractions at the Gala, including vendors selling and displaying clothing and artwork from Africa.

OU's African American Celebration Committee and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc are sponsoring the Gala.

Profs seek spots, too

Reserved parking only for select administration; students, faculty out of luck

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

Some professors at OU have been getting a workout along with the commuter students who have to walk across campus from remote parking spaces.

The open parking policy, which is on a first-come, first-serve basis, gives no preference to faculty or staff who do not have reserved spaces.

Lt. Richard Tomczak said that the university switched to an open parking policy in the early 1970s. Before then, students and staff were required to purchase permits.

A committee decided that an open parking policy would be the best option for the campus community.

"By providing as many available parking spaces as possible, we are doing the best job that we can to accommodate the university community," Tomczak said.

Phyllis White, special lecturer in the Music department, has no problem parking among students.

"Because I teach 8 a.m. classes and generally arrive at Varner before 7 a.m., finding the closest parking space to the door is never a problem for me. If I go out to lunch, I just use the structure

when I come back and it works out okay," White said.

Lt. Mel Gilroy said he is not aware of any effort by the faculty or staff seeking designated parking spaces.

"In the most recent discussions that I am aware of, the institution has reiterated its desire to stay with this format," Gilroy said.

Jewells DeGutis, junior, said he believes adding more reserved parking spaces for faculty would be a mistake.

"I don't think that it would be fair to students because it would waste parking spaces when teachers weren't using them," DeGutis said.

Reserving spaces for the entire teaching faculty would take up more spaces than the new parking structure on East Campus has, and seriously affect parking for students.

There are currently very few designated parking spaces around campus that require permits.

These spaces are generally issued exclusively to certain employees of the university based on the needs of their departments or organizations.

They include maintenance workers, vendors, head residents, recruiters and OU's president and vice president's staff.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Professors are not granted parking permits as part of OU's open parking policy. Permits are issued to employees on need and the department they work in.

Program aimed at professionals

By JENNIFER JONES
THE OAKLAND POST

A program geared toward advancing professionals' education in their field will be offered at OU in February.

"The program, being developed at present, will focus on topical areas that range from product design and development, to managing the supply chain, the coordination of a variety of projects ... to the continuous development of detailed product production schedules," said Gene Fliedner, associate professor of Operations Management in the School of Business Administration.

Product Life Cycle Management was developed by industry leaders and the SBA faculty to create a program that brings together interdisciplinary concepts with the ability to address stages of product conception from start to finish.

"The instructors developing the program have (a) tremendous range of experiences to bring a leading edge curriculum into the classroom," Fliedner said.

Fliedner said people from operations, finance, accounting and marketing will benefit from the program.

Sarah Prucha, the Executive Director of the Center for Executive and Continuing Education said that these classes

are being directed at alumni in the corporate world looking to further their education in their particular field.

Prucha said, "Since the program is targeted for working professionals in product life cycle management, most have at least a bachelor's degree and often a master's in engineering, business, finance, manufacturing, industrial management, etc. The focus is for individuals in the field who already have an understanding and some experience with some of the life cycle management processes and challenges."

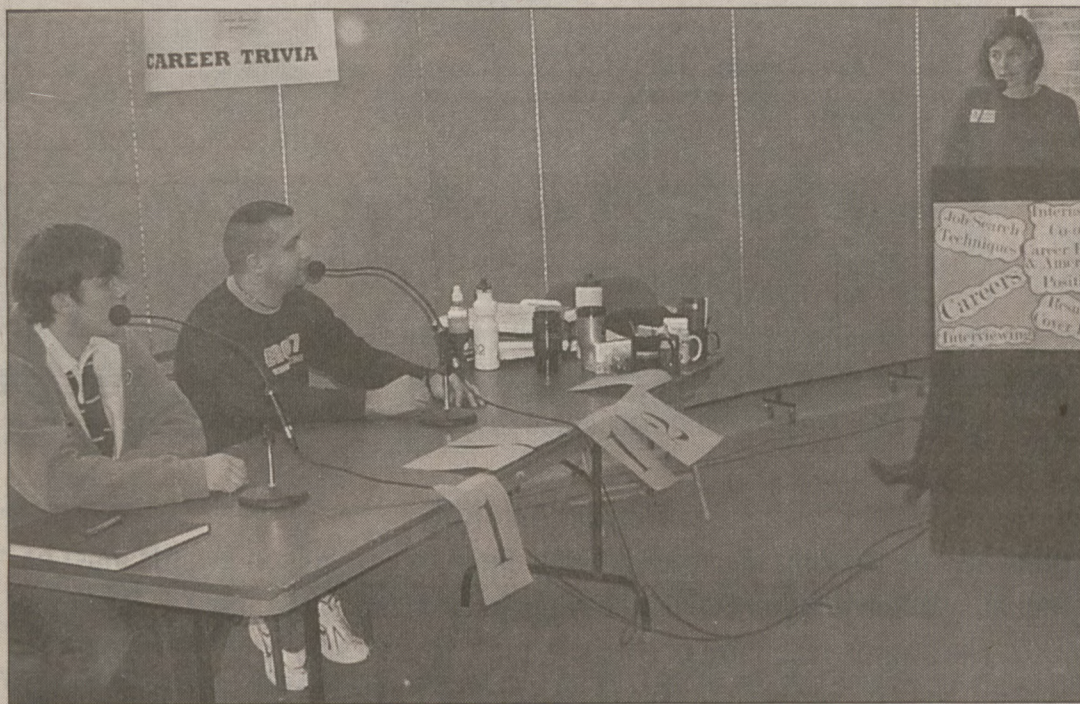
According to the CECE website, the classes will be held in a three-day workshop format. Course topics include managing integrated product development, collaborative supply chain integration, program and risk management, effective team management and practice and operations management.

"To further the learning experience, various industry leaders will be participating in class discussions as guest speakers," Fliedner said. "Class discussion will also benefit from an examination of contemporary research, writings and case analysis."

The courses are designed for students and alumni who are already in their field of work who wish to further their education.

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Learning about careers



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post

As part of Career Prep Month, Career Services held Career Trivia in the OC yesterday to inform students about finding a job. Career Prep Month ends with a Diversity Career Fair tomorrow and Mock Behavioral Interviews on Friday.

BOT Spotlight

By ANN ZANIEWSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Community service is one of Trustee Anne Nicholson's favorite pastimes and something she has been involved with long before her appointment to OU's board in 1994.

She is a tutor for Cornerstone Schools in Detroit and serves as chair of the 50th anniversary archives project for the American Association of University Women.

Nicholson was also a founding member of Grosse Pointe Citizens for Recycling, an organization that was instrumental in introducing curbside recycling to the Grosse Pointes.

Before moving to the Detroit area in 1972, Nicholson studied economics at Stanford University in California and spent time living in both England and Ireland.

Nicholson, who served as the

Board's chair in 2000 and 2001, and vice-chair two years previously, calls her time on the board "absolutely fascinating" because she has been interested in educational issues since she was a student herself.

She said she feels she brings a unique perspective to the Board because, unlike many of the other trustees, she is not an active member of the business community.

"We have attorneys, business people ... I provide a different voice because I'm not involved in business or law."

Nicholson said the most challenging thing about being on the Board is trying to balance the interests of students and faculty with the money available.

Nicholson has a particular interest in the Honors College and said she would like to see it develop and become a stronger presence on campus. She added



Oakland University
Ann Nicholson

that her favorite part about being on the board is attending graduation ceremonies.

"I love graduation. I love to see the students walking across the stage," she said. "Their faces just shine."

Nicholson, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, is married and has four adult sons.

Crime Watch

•A student's Dell laptop was reportedly stolen from 148 North Foundation Hall on Jan. 20 between noon-2:45 p.m. The office door had been left closed but unlocked. When the student returned to the office at 2:45 p.m. the laptop was missing. Her office mate was in and out of the office throughout the afternoon but

saw no one suspicious.

•A student's red 2000 Ford 2-door was damaged in P-34 by Dodge Hall in a reported hit-and-run accident, Jan. 22 between 10 a.m.-2:40 p.m. When he returned to his vehicle at 2:40 p.m., he found a large dent on the driver's side.

•Two MIP citations were

issued in the University Student Apartments Jan. 24 at 2 a.m. After reportedly spotting some containers of open liquor, the officers identified all occupants and offered those under age 21 a Preliminary Breathalyzer Test. Both students who were under 21 reportedly took the PBT and were issued citations.

•Four students and one non-student were issued citations for MIP Saturday night at 1 a.m. in East Vandenberg Hall. A resident assistant reportedly heard students talking about drinking alcohol before asking to enter their room. After entering, she reported seeing several bottles of liquor. She checked the occu-

pants' identification to determine the students' ages. All were reportedly under 21. OUPD officers arrived and offered students a PBT. All accepted.

•Two students and a non-student were issued MIP citations Jan. 26 at 3:24 a.m. in East Vandenberg. A resident assistant was investigating a report of loud

noise and asked to enter the room. The room reportedly stank of booze. He collected identification and called the OUPD. Responding officers offered the occupants a PBT. The two students and one non-student submitted. A second non-student refused to submit and was issued a citation for refusing the PBT.



Career Services Presents Career Prep Month

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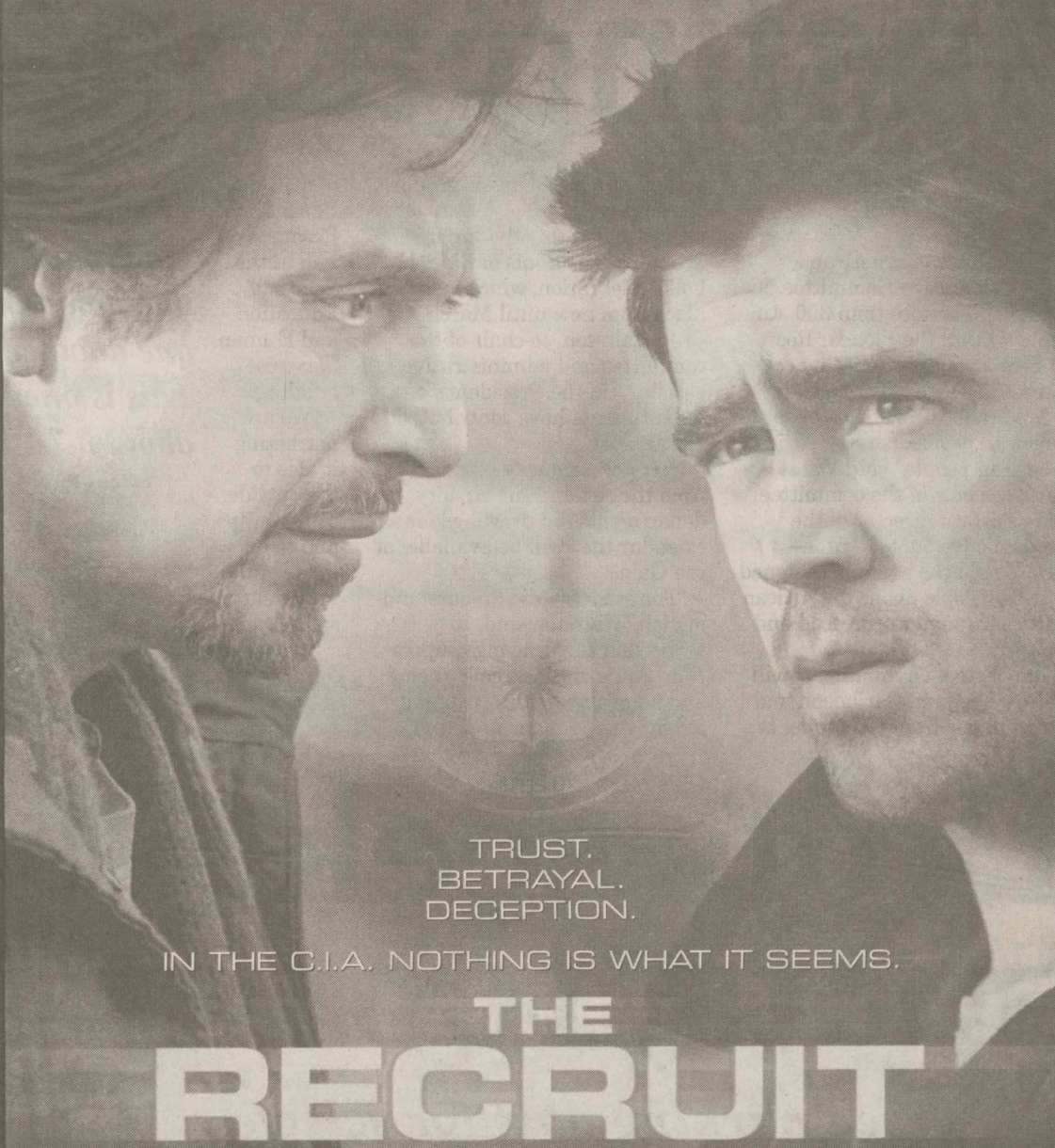
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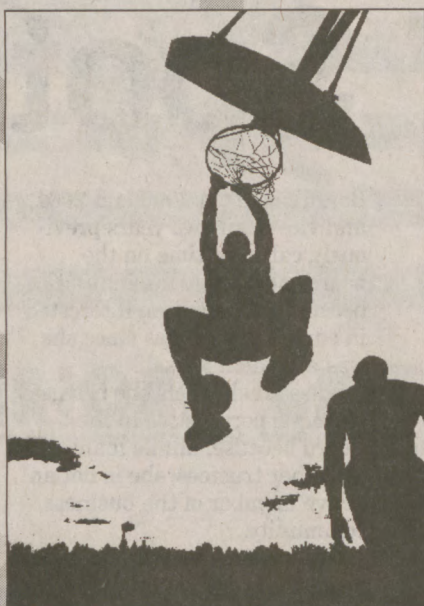


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HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

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

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

Cobo Hall to expand



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Guests at the Auto Show next year may see a larger Cobo.

By SOLA OLAGBEGI
THE OAKLAND POST

The Cobo Center in downtown Detroit will soon be getting a face lift, according to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and city officials. The price of the Cobo expansion, located on Detroit's Riverfront, is not yet determined. However, \$300 million is the set target, according to William Connellan, senior vice president of Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Cobo was named after former Detroit Mayor Albert E. Cobo

and was built in 1960. The first expansion occurred in 1989, increasing its original 400,000 square feet to 2.4 million square feet. The proposed face-lift would add another 300,000 square feet onto the facility to accommodate larger events, according to Connellan. Cobo is looking at a few different options for expansion, according to Cobo's Director Louis Pavledes. "We have several different options we could explore," Pavledes said. "We are not sure if we would demolish anything for the expansion, we need more

space. There is no space left." Cobo attracts about 840,000 visitors each year by hosting events such as the North American International Auto Show, which closed last week. It is equipped with many banquet rooms and more than 80 meeting rooms, which can accommodate from 30-10,000 people, according to its website, www.cobocenter.com. It is also physically linked to all downtown hotels and entertainment districts by the Detroit People Mover, the only elevated rail system of its kind in the country.

"I think the expansion of Cobo has both pros and cons," said Jequan Williams, sophomore. "The pro is that it offers more space for the different events, but the con is that this expansion comes at the taxpayers' expense." Williams said it would "benefit Detroit in the sense that it is improving a major social forum that houses numerous events." City officials said if larger groups picked Detroit for its events, there would be an increase in visitors and that spending would rise at businesses and increase city revenue.

GLOBAL GLANCE

• U.S. soldiers could be ready for war as soon as mid-February, the Pentagon said. This is a direct result of U.S. intelligence claims that senior Iraqi officials are hiding evidence of weapons of mass destruction programs and concealing weapons from U.N. weapon inspectors. U.S. administration officials said they have received information including photographs and "intercepts" from satellites. President George W. Bush talked about the situation in Iraq in his State of the Union Address yesterday. He said he is not calling for war yet, but the U.S. and its allies will prepare for military action, if necessary.

• A computer virus called the Internet "Slammer" worm attacked computer servers all over the world this past weekend. However, many businesses reported minimum or no damage when their computers were fired up Monday for the start of the work week. The "Slammer" did crash some Bank of America ATM cash machines over the weekend. Some were still out Monday in the southeast region of the U.S. The worm also slowed down Internet access. It is also being blamed for most of South Korea's Internet connection being lost over the weekend. It was the worst web sabotage in 18 months. Experts do not know the cause of the attack, but know it did hit a known vulnerability in Microsoft's SQL Server database software.

• Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is expected to appeal to the Labor Party to rejoin a national unity government after his Likud party was expected to win between 30-33 seats in an election held yesterday. The Labor Party, which is only expected to get between 18-19 seats, sparked the election by walking out of Sharon's unity government last October. Sharon wants to have a unified government with the Labor, Likud and Shinui parties. One of his reasons for the government is to give him more authority to back the U.S. and its decisions with the Middle East. He supports Bush's plan to create a Palestinian state.

• At least 18 Afghani rebel soldiers are dead after a fight with U.S. and coalition military forces Monday. The firefight is still going on in southern Afghanistan near the border of Pakistan. There have been no reports of U.S. or allied casualties. The battle is being called the largest military operation since Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. The fight broke out when U.S. Special Forces raided a walled compound. After detaining one Afghani and killing another, the Special Forces team was told about a larger group of about 80 rebel fighters in the mountains north of town and raided the compound.

Global goof

• Many look in the classified ads to find a possible spouse, some use dating services and others may use the Internet with chat rooms or websites. Not Steve Horowitz, 53, of Cedar Springs, Mich. Last month he decided to go about it a completely different way ... by posting a large, portable sign in his yard that read "WIFE WANTED." And he actually had about 60 women respond to the sign, but only went out with three of them. Horowitz said he was so taken with one woman at their lunch meeting that she may be the one for him.

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Local News Editor

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Fuel prices on rise

By KANIQUA DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

With gas prices continuing to rise, some students may consider car pooling more than ever before.

Although the price of gas is down 4.7 cents this week, according to www.autoclub-group.com, the average for self-serve unleaded fuel, now at \$1.49, is 37.8 cents higher than it was a year ago in Metro Detroit. AAA Michigan surveyed about 300 gas stations and found in the Metro Detroit area alone, fuel prices are ranging from \$1.37 to \$1.56.

AAA Michigan Spokesperson Jim Rink said Michigan motorists might as well get used to it.

"We can expect high gas prices throughout the next several weeks," Rink said.

Rink said the question of "why" is the most popular question he receives from motorists. He said there are

Gas Saving Tips from AAA

- Slow down. Even a five-mile-per-hour decrease affects gas mileage.
- Keep tires properly inflated.
- Give your vehicle a full tune-up, as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Car pool whenever possible.
- Get your oil and oil filter changed regularly.
- Don't let the vehicle idle for more than a minute.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Megan Sturmer, sophomore, fills up her Volkswagen Beetle at the Amoco on University Road for \$1.59 a gallon.

major reasons the gas rates are well above average.

"The strike in Venezuela and the possibility of war with Iraq are keeping gas prices up," Rink said. "The U.S. is not getting its shipments, and 14 percent of our oil supply comes from Venezuela."

Rink also said since Michigan is a peninsula, it costs more to get gas shipped here because there is a higher price for delivery.

Regardless of the reasons, Wesley Cleland, junior, still said gas prices are too high.

"I hate going to the gas station," he said.

Although he did admit that his Pontiac Vibe gets pretty good gas mileage, Cleland said, "Paying \$1.53 at most gas stations around here is just too much."

In comparison to previous years, Cleland may have a point.

Statistics show over the last decade gas prices have increased by almost 50 cents, according to AAA.

In 1993, the annual average in Michigan for unleaded fuel was \$1.06. Even in 1999, gas prices were still \$1.16, according to AAA.

The Michigan Carpool Parking Lot Program started in the early 1970s during the energy crisis. It started with the pilot program only having 11 carpool parking lots.

Today there are 216 carpool lots across the state with 8,000 spaces, and about 2,500 vehicles use the system on an average weekday, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

More information on this program or other carpooling programs, or for more tips on how to conserve your fuel, visit *The Oakland Post* website www.oakpostonline.com.

Family-owned newspaper sold

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

The African-American newspaper chain Sengstacke Enterprises, Inc., owner of the Detroit-based *Michigan Chronicle* and three other newspapers, was sold to Real Times LLC last week.

Ever since former owner John H. Sengstacke died in 1997, the family-based chain has been on a downward financial spiral. Numerous investors have tried to purchase the company for the past six years.

Real Times made the winning bid. It is a Chicago-based multimedia company that has Detroit and Chicago-based investors. The company will immediately pay \$3 million in cash, an additional \$3 million plus 12 percent interest over five years and a final payment of at least \$2.5 million.

It will continue the Sengstacke Enterprises chain's reputation of strong African-American newspapers, according to Shaun Wilson, representative for Real Times.

"Our goal is to increase circulation and focus our investment," he said. "We are making our whole movement towards a solid foundation and enhance content."

Wilson also said the company has a strong focus on community.

"We really want to increase our circulation with the *Michigan Chronicle* to expand in various communities with Detroit," he said. "But Detroit is not the only targeted com-

munity, there is also Southfield, Pontiac and the Flint communities."

Technology will also be improved at the company, Wilson said.

Kurt Cherry, former financial broker and current chief financial officer for Real Times, is pleased with the transaction.

"We have the strategic vision and know there are tremendous growth opportunities at all of our newspapers," he said. "We fully expect each of these properties to grow, over time, with our dedicated efforts in the 21st century."

Sengstacke took over the Robert S. Abbott Publishing Company after his uncle Robert died, changed the name and became vice president and general manager.

Sengstacke Enterprises owned four African-American publications; the *Michigan Chronicle*, *Chicago Defender*, *New Pittsburgh Courier* and *Memphis Tri-State Defender*.

The combined readership of the chain is 522,000, with the *Michigan Chronicle* as the largest and most profitable newspaper, according to a press release.

Each newspaper will continue to operate independently, but will share combined resources.

Each of the newspapers have won numerous awards such as the most read African-American newspaper in America credited to the *New Pittsburgh Courier* and having the most extensive African-American archives in the country credited to the *Chicago Defender*.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
The AMC 30 Forum in Sterling Heights is a local movie theater some OU students use.

Local movie theater raise student price

By JILLIAN QUINLAN
THE OAKLAND POST

The AMC Forum 30 recently raised its ticket prices. The price of a regular ticket increased from \$8-8.50, and the price of a student ticket increased from \$6-6.50.

AMC Forum 30 feels the increase, which happened in September, is justified.

"We review prices and make adjustments to match market conditions," said Rick King, spokesman for AMC. "AMC is one of the very few companies to offer a student discount, and we have done that constantly since 1969. It has always been \$2 off the top ticket price."

He also said prices are set individually for each market and each theater.

There is a review twice a year to see if the prices should be raised so it is possible there

could be another increase soon, according to King.

AMC Forum 30 is not the only place students will be paying more. The new Uptown Palladium Theater in Birmingham doesn't even offer a student rate.

"It's not intended to dissuade students from coming to the theatre," said Todd Cochran, vice president of operations for Uptown One. "Honestly, some studios say we have to pay full price, so even if we give a discount to students, we would have to pay full price to the studio."

Some students at OU feel the increase is unjust.

"I think it's unfair that they raised the prices when we are poor college students and have no money already," said Chellie

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Editorial

Student representation minimal

Rhonda Hanna, student liaison to the Board of Trustees, was not invited to the meeting two weeks ago at which six of the eight trustees were present.

The trustees heard a budget briefing that could not have existed without talk of the inevitable tuition hikes.

Possible double-digit tuition hikes are of paramount importance to students, but where was student representation at the meeting?

In ideal circumstances, Hanna would have been present at the meeting so that she could develop a presentation for OU Student Congress so that our student leaders would have the opportunity to make a statement, implement a plan and take a stand on something.

Instead, when Hanna voiced her concern to a top-level administrator, she was told she could trust the BOT.

Meanwhile, OUSC President Brian Tomina, who is unsure of the legality of the meeting, remains convinced that the BOT always works in the interest of students.

But this begs the question, why were no student leaders there representing students' interests during talks of budget cuts?

Students should be trusted with information and the ability to assess it, think about it critically and form an intelligent opinion.

Isn't that what a liberal arts college education is about – the free and open flow of information?

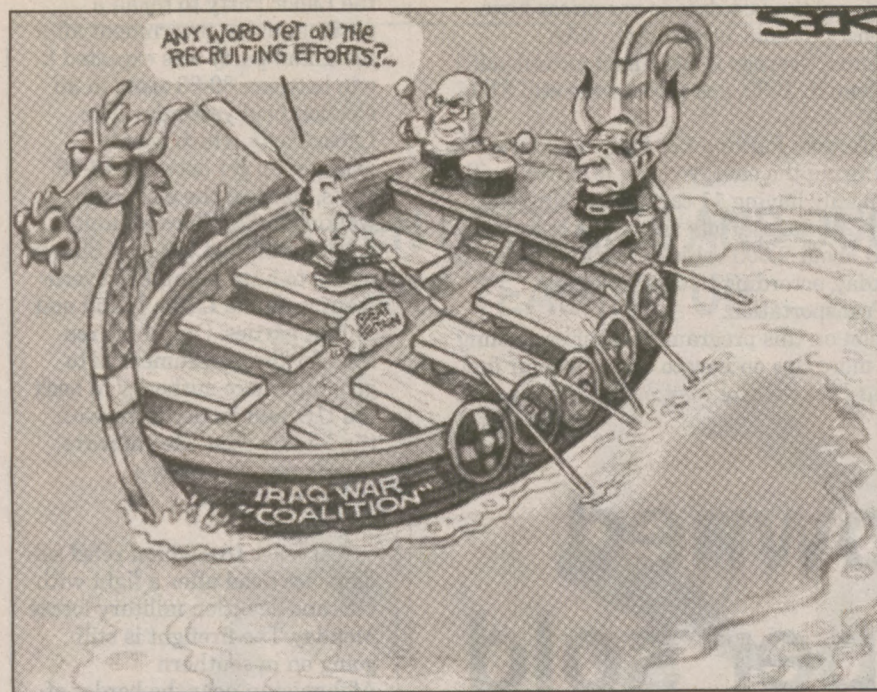
When issues that pertain to students are on the table, a student contingency needs to be present.

Student leaders operate as liaisons between the general student body and the powers that be. But ultimately student leaders have one sole purpose: student advocacy, being a voice for the 16,000 students' voices that go unheard every day.

In matters of controversy between students and administrators, after failing as a buffer, student leaders' first obligation is to the students.

The OUSC members at their Monday meeting treated the issue with little attention. The meeting weighed heavily on internal business and in the final minutes this matter of vital importance to the students was brought up. During the meeting it was evident some legislators were unaware of the apparent Open Meetings Act violation by the BOT.

Students aren't going to be pleased when they have to pay a double-digit tuition increase next year, and it all happened right under the noses of our student leaders.



Letters to the editor

Readers disagree with Russi's raise

Dear Editor,

This is a reply to Kathleen Heck from Rochester Hills who was "appalled" at the article titled "Russi's paycheck grows." I don't know about you Kathleen, but I know what I go through at the beginning of each semester when I have to struggle and run around so I can pay tuition, room and board. You said the president's raise was a "paltry" \$12,000. It might be paltry, measly, small and inadequate to you, but to the majority of the students I know, that amount is not paltry at all. Why does the president need a raise? He already earns six figures, why the heck does he need more?

I'm upset because a lot of students are struggling to pay tuition and our university president is getting a raise. Don't you know that tuition and possibly room and board will be increased again at the end of this semester?

I understand Russi is doing a fine job but my grievance is that I struggle to pay high tuition and room and board. I find it frustrating that someone's salary is being raised at my expense.

Frustrated student

Dear Editor,

In response to the Jan. 22 letter written by a local Rochester Hills resident, I have some thoughts for her on priority, leadership and timing issues regarding President Russi's recent raise.

Yes, I do agree that people should earn raises if they deserve them.

Yes, I do agree that it is probably a very difficult job to manage a multi-million dollar business such as a university. And, yes, I agree someone should get a raise if a business' budget permits.

I do not agree, however, that everyone who deserves a raise receives one. In tough economic times such as these, raises seem to be few and far between in the "normal" everyday business world – at least from my limited experience.

Many people must sacrifice their own personal luxuries – like free cars and pay raises for the betterment of the business.

When you are in charge of a university, that seems to be the highest priority. Aren't students' educations the priority? With that, isn't successfully maintaining educational staff, services and programs the highest priority?

Again, a four percent raise being described as "paltry" is one perspective. To many others, it very well may be "extreme" when held up to other budget dilemmas the university is facing.

When services are slashed and tuition is continuously hiked and when new buildings and "amenities" keep going up – it seems to me that a true leader might recognize the poor timing and humble him or herself enough to decline the raise, or at least donate it back to the university where it originally came from.

That is one of many lessons students have the chance to learn in college. Maybe if those "aspiring to lead educational environments and manage complex organizations" learned this lesson, those individuals might be more respected members of society who respectfully earned the praise they deserve.

Michael W. Hoskins
OU Alumnus/former Post editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to letter "Reader Appalled by Post Treatment of Russi's Raise." The writer of this article seems to allude that Russi deserved this raise because of the work he does as the president of OU.

The problem from a student's perspective is that we have almost no proof of this "work" he does. I am a junior who has lived on campus for three years, and over the last two years I have been very involved in student organizations and government. It has been my experience that President Russi seems to do plenty

of work for OU to an outsider looking in. But from an insider's view he seems to do everything but serve the needs of the student body.

He refuses to make appearances at student events and the few times he does seem to be awkward, forced and brief. Most students have no idea what he does. The one time I did see him at a Student Congress meeting, he gave information that later proved to be incorrect.

The majority of the students I talk to think President Russi is a lame duck president, and from my experiences it is hard to deny the evidence. If President Russi wants students and newspapers not to take shots at him, perhaps he should start interacting with the students and let us know that he actually does work for us. The more he doesn't talk to students, the more he seems uninformed of the students' needs. In turn, this makes students cynically wonder why our constant tuition hikes coincide with campus-wide budget cuts, meanwhile Russi receives a hefty salary increase (I know tuition would most likely still be raised even if he had not been given a raise, but that is not the point).

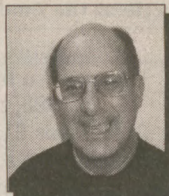
From the perspective of many students on this campus, Russi positions himself in such a way as to promote a shady, insensitive, out-of-touch businessman. This may seem harsh, but part of his job is public relations and obviously with the students, he is failing.

Jeremy Kopp
Junior

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FEATURED COLUMNISTS

Why students don't want to be profs



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Few students become professors. Have faculty not set a good example? Here's a tongue-in-cheek list of reasons:

10) We dress in casual clothes: Generally, les professeurs-hommes wear jeans or unpressed pants, shirts without ties, and the ever-present tweed sport jacket.

9) We drive older model cars than our students: I remember holding a picket sign during a strike. As students entered the campus, I observed that nearly every student drove a fancier car

than I did. One student slowed his car and screamed at me and two colleagues "get a real job." Ouch!

8) We have small offices: A typical faculty office has 80-100 square feet. With the clutter found in most offices and a student or two in the mix, you almost feel claustrophobic.

7) We're often past 30 when we take our first job at a university: In the sciences, a new Ph.D. is required to take two to three low paying post-doctoral fellowships, each of two to three years in duration. But, the earning capacity of a physician is far superior, unless you are a Professor of Athletics, i.e., a football or basketball coach at a major university. My Uncle Sammy told me to seek a position with the great John Wooden at UCLA after I finished a

stellar basketball career as an unknown guard on a Division III basketball team. So much for following advice.

6) Publish or perish is taken literally: To publish, one must write well. When my students have been authors on papers, most did not want to do it again. Hey, writing scientific papers isn't for everyone.

5) We know a lot about a little: My children know this applies to me. I know a lot about the workings of the retina of a rat (my particular animal model), but if something happened to their eyes I quickly told them "let's go to the Doctor." When they wondered why I could not help them, I said, "I am a rat doctor!" Sad, but true.

4) Salaries are good but not great: If they were, I wouldn't be writing this Top-10 List.

3) To many people, a Ph.D.

means something other than Doctor of Philosophy: I once asked a room full of undergraduate students what Ph.D. stood for. Among the answers was one from a student in the back who said, "Phony Doctor." That hurt. I never again have asked the question. My graduate work was done in Physiology, so Ph.D. is particularly appropriate for me: Doctor of Physiology, as it would be for the faculty in Physics, Psychology, and Political Science.

2) We're just teachers: To most students "professor" is just a fancier word for "teacher." If I believed this, then I would not have gone for a Ph.D. I would have followed my uncle's advice.

1) And for the last item: I ask students to send their reason(s) to *The Post*.

Point / Counterpoint

Do SUV drivers inadvertently support terrorism?

Yes

JUSTIN MULARSKI
POLITICAL SCIENCE

While the average SUV driver is not a terrorist, by owning such a vehicle, there is a chance that the driver is inadvertently helping fund terrorist organizations. Any vehicle requiring numerous weekly fill-ups only furthers the dependence of American drivers on foreign oil, most frequently bought from countries like Saudi Arabia that possibly have ties to al-Qaeda.

One way to keep SUVs and be sure the fuel economy isn't lining the pockets of terrorists would be for the government to make sure that automotive companies take responsibility for the vehicles they produce.

Congress took a stab at this last year when they tried to pass a regulation that would hold automotive manufacturers to stricter fuel economy standards. Unfortunately, this measure was blocked by those with ties to the oil industry, who would lose money if Americans were less dependent on their product. Senator Trent Lott went so far as to show Americans a picture of a Chevy

Metro (a roller blade with a stick shift) and tell them that this is what they would have to drive.

While automotive companies may not be forced to more strictly regulate the fuel consumption of their vehicles, many have taken the responsibility to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles and alternative energy sources on themselves. Ford will introduce a hybrid version – a vehicle that runs on an electric motor powered by gasoline rather than frequently recharging their Escape SUV. This will be followed in short order by hybrid versions of the Jeep Liberty, Saturn VUE and Lexus RX 300.

Sure, Americans want their SUVs, but those who lived through WWII probably felt like butter and sugar once in a while, too. If this is the wartime America the president wants us to think it is, is it too big a sacrifice to ask the populous to have an open mind to explore alternative transport? If Detroit is ready to turn out cars, trucks and SUVs that are both environmentally friendly, mechanically sound and of the same style and design of the cars they presently enjoy, shouldn't Americans be ready to try something new?

No

RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Detroit Project, a grassroots campaign to change the driving habits of consumers, has released a television commercial campaign claiming that SUV owners help support terrorism.

The spots aren't airing in Michigan, though the Detroit metro area was on the original viewing plan. The Los Angeles-based group blames the lack of local TV time on the corruption and power of the automobile lobby. However, blaming lobbyists is ignoring that the entire premise of the commercials is a load of hooey.

Not to make light of the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, but I don't recall seeing footage of al-Qaeda driving a Ford Excursion into the World Trade Center. The Detroit Project might as well accuse United and American Airlines of supporting terrorism.

There is a large group of Americans who are directly responsible for providing terrorists with weapons and training. Some of them might even drive SUVs. I'm speaking, of course, about taxpayers.

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BOT

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Galecki said.

In 1992, a similar situation involving the BOT and a violation of the OMA occurred.

The *Oakland Post* took the lead by organizing a petition drive urging the BOT to open its meetings. At that time the BOT had created committees that were operating in secret.

A committee encouraging openness was formed after nearly 1,400 faculty, staff and students signed the petition asking the BOT to "open all meetings of the board, especially standing committee, to allow the free flow of information to the university community."

The committee recommended that the Board adopt a policy of openness. The BOT approved the resolution on March 4, 1993.

Junior Rhonda Hanna, one of the student liaisons to the BOT, said she heard about the BOT meeting from *Post* editors who called her on Jan. 15 after the meeting. Hanna said she isn't permitted to attend meetings if they are closed, as this meeting was. She added that she is on the same level as students and has no special privileges to meetings.

Hanna is convinced the BOT "didn't handle any official business."

"The Board was being briefed (on higher education cuts), and I don't know why students have to be there," Hanna said.

However, Hanna said she thinks information is important.

"I would always like to know what's going on," Hanna said.

Hanna admitted she really does not know what went on at the BOT meeting that day.

"In regards to the BOT, they should make themselves a little more accessible to students," Galecki said.

He said OUSC is always encouraging students to attend its meeting, but the BOT doesn't make similar efforts.

"If those trustee members don't think they need to engage in conversation with the university, then maybe they shouldn't be on the Board of Trustees," Galecki said.

Hanna said her job as student liaison is to

bring the student input to the BOT. She said the BOT has been receptive to the students' opinions.

"When there is an issue coming up, we try and get student support," Hanna said citing the OC expansion as an issue that the students were really involved in when it came to the BOT.

Other students have voiced their concerns over the inability to connect with the BOT, the body that makes all the decisions regarding OU. Allison Lingenfelter, a recent graduate and former reporter and news director for WXOU radio, said her concerns over the BOT have been going on for years.

Lingenfelter said her attempts to contact the BOT members to discuss current issue on campus went unheard.

"I was there (at the BOT meetings) as a radio journalist who wanted to bring attention to issues on campus," Lingenfelter said. "They didn't want to talk about issues on campus."

Lingenfelter said the BOT was having secret meetings when she was news director and she is frustrated to hear it is at it again.

"If all they were talking about was budget cuts then why weren't you (*The Oakland Post*) allowed in," Lingenfelter asked.

Lingenfelter said it would be different if the meetings were closed because of national security, but the BOT is discussing things the students would be concerned about.

"It (BOT) is a public body using public funds at a public university, and it is required to give 24 hours notice of the meetings," said Zvonko Blazeovski, OUSC legislator and Research and Review Chairperson. "This wasn't done, and this is a violation of the open meetings act, to my understanding."

For more information on the BOT's apparent OMA violation, visit www.oakpostonline.com.

INS

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an F-1 student visa. He was unaware of the registration requirements and registered with the INS in Detroit nearly three weeks late.

"The INS gave me a hard time because I was late. They treat people like sh**," he said.

He waited for six hours before being questioned and then officials demanded his credit card numbers.

"They are keeping track of my movements and know where I'm spending my money," he said.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Jwania has been unable to visit his brothers in Canada. Prior to Sept. 11 he was able to travel to Canada with his U.S. visa.

"They have to do this, I guess," he said. "They have the reason. They're afraid. But it is too much. They think all people from the Middle East are terrorists."

Jwania said he is also concerned about receiving money from his parents who still live in Syria. Before winter recess his parents wanted to transfer \$1,000 to his U.S. bank account. But in order to transfer money from that part of the world they had to reroute the money via Paris and open an account there.

A contingency of OU students from Muslim and Middle Eastern countries is on the list of people requiring extra scrutiny: six from Egypt, three from Pakistan, two from Indonesia, two from Lebanon, two from Syria, one from Saudi Arabia, one from Qatar and one from Iran.

"The list of countries keeps growing and includes nearly the whole Islamic world," Archbold said.

Archbold said he used to monitor students himself, but with SEVIS he must consistently work in conjunction with the federal government.

The information the government is collecting falls into 19 categories including academic, personal and financial information about the students and their dependents. If children are born to one of these students, that information must be reported directly to the INS.

Archbold no longer has discretion in regard to students' I-20s. These are academic documents intended to prove that students are maintaining academic status.

Archbold used to be able to make a decision individually if students dropped below the minimum credit load (12 credits for both fall and winter terms) but now he must report to the INS. Students who fall below the minimum credit requirement now have to apply for reinstatement.

Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder said, "We are very sympathetic as a university to these students. They must report on a regular basis and maintain full-time status otherwise they are vulnerable to deportation. The rules are cumbersome."

The INS has been under a mandate to create a computerized system since 1996. Pressure increased after Sept. 11 when investigators learned some of the hijackers entered the U.S. on student visas.

Schools cannot accept new international students until they comply with the new INS laws. Information on international students who are already enrolled is due to the INS by Aug. 1.

EMAIL

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lot of (these) people are trying to log in."

These email problems made things difficult for people working on campus.

"The lack of a stable email environment is a critical reason why the university has supported the implementation of a new email system," said Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, in a memo to the OU community.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, said she did things the old-fashion way while email was down.

"I printed some of the stuff and delivered it," Miller said. "I needed to make sure some of the information got to people in a timely fashion."

At a recent OUSC meeting, Miller said the university is urging all students to use their Oakland.edu email accounts so OU can more effectively communicate with students. She questioned what would happen when everyone is on the system and something like this happens.

The problem did not affect online classes.

Gerard Jozwiak, director of Academic Computing Services, said the WebCT program that is used for online classes has its own mail and discussion boards independent from the email system.

The hopefully permanent fix to OU's email problems will be in place soon.

A new email system, which will cost \$626,000, was approved by the Board of Trustees at the Dec. 4 meeting and will be in place by the end of February, according to IT's website.

IT is posting information on email availability and the status of the new system on its website at www.oakland.edu/it.

For more information on the new email system, visit www.oakpostonline.com.

PROGRAM

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tion in that specific field. No degree is required, but basic knowledge of the field would be beneficial to the student. Students may take one class or all five. Classes will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Two classes will be offered each month and will be held in Elliot Hall.

The Society of Automotive Engineers has endorsed OU's program and is a partner in it.

Students, SAE members and OU alumni who enroll in any course will receive a \$100 off of the \$1,595 cost for each of the five courses.

For more information to enroll or for detailed course descriptions, contact (248) 370-3128 or visit the web site at www.sba.oakland.edu under Product Life Cycle Management.

THEATER

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Punzalan, junior.

Star Theatre in Auburn Hills at the Great Lakes Crossing mall has the highest price around the OU campus at \$7 for a student and \$8.50 for a general admission. However, the best local theater price for students is the same theater company that offers the highest price.

The Star Theatre in Rochester offers a student discount at \$6.25 and a general admission price at \$8.25.

"I feel it is something nice we can do for the community," said Claire Malo, regional director for Star Theatre. "I hope the students will be able to take advantage of it."

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"The Souls of Black Folk"

January 30
Career Services: Diversity Career Fair
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January 31
Department of History: "Souls of Black Folk" by De Witt Dykes, Associate Professor of History
Noon - Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Akanke' African Dancers and Drum Troupe: "African Odyssey"
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

February 1
Tours of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Underground Railroad at the Second Baptist Church in Greentown
9:00 a.m. - Meet in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

February 4
Center for Student Activities: The "Soul Food" of Black Folk
Noon-1:00 p.m. - Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Education Resources Lab: A Coretta Scott King Award Book Celebration - The Art of African American Storytelling and Pictures
5:30-7:00 p.m. - Educational Resource Lab (ERL)

Association of Black Students: "Music, the Souls of Black Folk"
8:00 p.m. - Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

OU's Winter Blood Drive

Today (Wednesday, January 29) is the last day of OU's Winter Blood Drive. It will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms until 9:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be accepted. All OU students and employees are encouraged to make a difference by donating blood

The Red Cross has declared a "Blood Emergency" and is in critical need of blood. There is less than a one day supply of blood in Southeast Michigan!

The next OU Blood Drive will be Monday- Wednesday, April 7-9, 2003.

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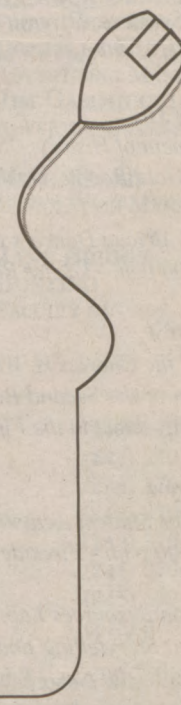


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Cultural groups abound at OU

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Each year OU adds another name to its long list of multi-cultural organizations. Now numbering 18 groups, most were formed to educate fellow students.

Drita Gjellaj is president of Albanian American Student Organization which is one of many groups that began September 2000.

More students join every semester to help promote Albanian culture, said Gjellaj. Currently there are roughly 40 active members.

Through bake and candy sales, the group's focus is raising money for the Gjergj Kastrioti scholarship fund.

The fund is named after an ancient Albanian. The scholarship is offered to OU Albanian students needing help receiving an education.

The group is still new and learning, said Gjellaj. It has plenty of ideas and are taking it one semester at a time, seeing what works best.

While the Albanian organization focuses its attention primarily on students of its own ethnicity, Individuals for the Advancement in Bohemianism embraces all cultures.

President and co-founder, Jerry White, junior, began spreading the message one year ago.

Bohemianism is about meeting different people and trying different lifestyles, said White. The group doesn't concentrate on exploring one specific culture but interacting with all, he said.

"It's an alternative lifestyle, embracing everything," said White. The *Pinko-Commie Rag* newspaper is the most tangible work the group produces each semester.

Members should be distributing the next issue throughout the campus in mid-February.

Pages of political commentaries, personal stories and poems are published in the paper. Articles are submitted from students and faculty.

"We embrace all international culture," said White.

Many of the members are nearing graduation, and the club is recruiting underclassmen to join to keep the organization alive.

"We don't have representatives from every culture, we aspire to know every culture and language," said White.

Students wanting to improve their fluency in French often join the French Club, another international organization on campus. The French Club's main goal is gathering together students interested in

French.

Amy Miller, senior, joined because French is her major, though joining is not a requirement for the major.

"I wanted to share different experiences with the culture and other French enthusiasts," said Miller.

She said it is hard urging friends to go with her to French plays, movies and restaurants. Becoming a member of the club is helping her explore and expand her interest for the language with others.

Every month, members attend the Detroit Film Theater to view a French language film. Meetings are held every two weeks at a coffee shop close to OU. Students wishing to practice their French are welcome to attend, said Miller.

The Indian Students Association of OU has been active since 1996. The association strives to educate students about Indian culture, said member Sownya Didugu, senior.

At 6:30 p.m. on March 8 in Varner Recital Hall, the group's hard work will be showcased. It will hold its yearly performance featuring Indian culture, food and dance.

"We go all out for the show," said Didugu.

Macedonian students are coming together, bringing awareness that they have their own identity separate from Greeks, said Zvonko

Blazevski, senior, president of the Macedonian American Student Association.

Blazevski said Macedonian is an ethnicity, a nationality of its own, and Macedonians want it to be recognized as just that. Each organization has a purpose, a goal to aspire to reach.

"We are our own separate people," said Blazevski.

Although this organization is still relatively new, it is determined to spread its message.

Members of all ethnicities are welcome to join to help educate others, said Blazevski.

The Chaldean American Student Association was established to unite all Chaldean students at OU and to educate all students about its culture, said Priscilla Konja, president.

Chaldeans are second and third generation Middle Eastern Catholics.

CASA raises money for incoming Chaldean freshmen needing education assistance.

Its next objective is a service project volunteering at a yet to be decided soup kitchen or other place in need of workers.

Students who wanted to educate others about African culture started

Ankanke, said Krystal Johnson, junior.

This group has participated in a number of events including the African World Festival at Harp Plaza in Detroit, the ABS Fashion Show, International Night and African Odyssey.

Its main goal is to develop a sense of spiritual connection with Africans living in America.

"(We want) to provide art and history of African dance and culture," said Johnson.

Pakistani students unite for bigger causes.

"Our needs differ from third world necessities," said Shaheena Raheem, senior, president of Pakistani Student Association.

The organization was formed to add to OU's cultural diversity.

Its main focus is raising money for Pakistani cities in need of medical and educational facilities.

"Every 20 minutes a woman dies in labor (in Pakistan)," said Raheem.

At the end of February, the group will host an EID fundraiser dinner.

All proceeds go to Sahara NGO, a volunteer organization that equips Pakistani hospitals and schools with supplies.

Another event to look forward to is the Pakistani culture show, which includes dancing, food and a fashion show in the end of March.

As a new club without a set agenda, the Polish club is having fun attending church festivals, restaurants, polish charity events and museums.

Andrea Zarczynski, junior, said it started two years ago to maintain and explore the cultural involvement of its members and ethnicity.

She said the club is looking forward to International Night and presenting Polish dancing and food.

Other multi-cultural organizations include the Association of Black Students, the Spanish Club, NAACP, Multicultural Business Student Alliance, the German Club, the China Club, the Chinese Friendship Association and Fuerza, a Latino organization.

The event most of these organizations look forward to the most is International Night. This year, it will be held from 7-11 p.m. on April 11.

Through International Night, held every year, members educate others. This event showcases international student organizations on campus. Dinner, entertainment acts and display booths represent each culture.

Most of the organizations on campus are scheduled to participate this semester, said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities.

Students interested for more information can contact individual student organizations through www.oakland.edu and look under the student activities listing.

"We embrace all international culture."

**Jerry White
junior
Individuals for the
Advancement of
Bohemianism president**



(Far above) Linda Ivezaj, junior, and Kristina Ivanaj, grad student, participate in the Albanian American Student Organization display at the last year's International Night. (Above) Students dress up for a Chaldean celebration of the Chaldean American Student Association. Currently, with 18 multi-cultural organizations, OU students have unique and exciting learning opportunities. From the Association of Black Students to the Pakistani Student Association, there is a large range of different cultures to learn about.

Lunar New Year sweetens winter

Student organizations celebrate ancient Chinese holiday

By KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

As the month of January goes by, some students on campus are so focused on keeping warm that the thought of what they will do for the upcoming Chinese New Year probably didn't even cross their minds.

Despite what many think, there's more than just the Jan. 1 New Year celebrated by Westerners.

At midnight on Feb. 1, 2003, the Chinese culture worldwide will celebrate the year 4700, the Year of the Goat.

When asked what he was doing for the holiday, junior Matt Swanson said, "Honestly, I didn't even know it existed."

The Chinese calendar goes back centuries before the Julian Calendar of 12 months used in the West today.

It measures time based on the astronomical movement of the sun, moon and stars.

The calendar has been tested numerous times by various scholars and has been determined highly accurate, even more so

than the 12 month calendar.

According to Richard Stamps, associate professor of Anthropology and adviser of the China Club, the Chinese New Year is like taking Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and combining them into one huge holiday.

It is full of feasting, gift giving, parades, fireworks and, most importantly, family time.

To start off the festivities Chinese people celebrate much like Westerners do on New Year's Eve.

This is the biggest day of the 15-day celebration.

When the clock strikes midnight, people open all their windows and doors to let out the old and welcome in the new. There are fireworks, singing and exchanging presents.

Among the festivities come rituals and customs the Chinese perform to cleanse their homes and rid them of the past year.

On New Year's Day, it is considered bad luck to break anything like a glass or plate.

No sweeping is allowed all day, and if things are swept, they are

to be pushed into the corner and not removed until the celebration is over.

According to Stamps, one of the most interesting customs is the removal of a picture of a "Kitchen God."

This icon is a brightly painted figure of a god that is placed in the kitchen to watch over the family all year.

"Candies are taken and rubbed on the images' lips," said Stamps. "Then it is removed from the kitchen and brought to a type of altar where it is burned, much like Christians do with candles. It is a solid, but then is transformed into a gas and goes to heaven." The image then tells how sweet

the family he has been watching over is, ensuring a safe year ahead for the family.

Another tradition is actually nothing more than a color.

"Red is a special color to the New Year festivities," said Stamps, "People buy red clothing,

decorations, and children are given money by family in red

"(The Chinese New Year) is like combining Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years into one big celebration."

**Richard Stamps
Associate Professor
China Club Adviser**

envelopes."

An important food to the Chinese at this time is fish.

The Chinese word for fish is similar to the word for health, so many fish orientated dishes are prepared so ensure their health

for the upcoming year, Stamps said.

"There is an old family tradition. The grandfather will take the family tree book off of the shelf and talk about the family's ancestry," he said.

Family is a very important part of the Chinese daily life, and is especially celebrated during the New Year.

On the last day of the celebration there is the Lantern Festival. This includes a large parade with children carrying lanterns for everyone to see.

Families also compete to see who has the biggest, brightest and best lanterns. The lamps can be seen all over the cities and towns in a great amount.

Stamps said because this is such a long holiday, people can't take all 15 days off. The modern world doesn't allow them to abandon their jobs for that long of a time.

Stamps said, "Planes must be flown, phones must be answered and emails must be read, but they are given time off and school breaks are even scheduled around the holiday like ours are

between fall and winter semesters."

To get a taste for the culture, the Chinese Friendship Association is planning Chinese New Year event at 4-6 p.m. on Feb. 14 in the OC.

Ledong Li, adviser of the Association and assistant professor of education said this event will be in conjunction with the Coffee Hour sponsored by the Office of International Students.

The Chinese Friendship Association is active on campus in other aspects. Li said its members have formed sports teams and are involved in many international organizations and events.

Students who are interested in learning more about this unique holiday and the Chinese culture, the China Club is always welcoming new members to educate and inform said Stamps.

Daniel Brenner, president of the China Club, said "We haven't mobilized anything for the club yet (for the New Year), but we will probably have something informal."

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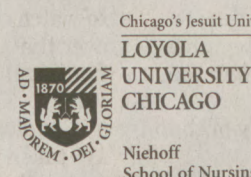
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Weekends in the dorms



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Students gather in Hamlin Hall's lounge for the Super Bowl Party last Sunday. Cheers and jeers could be heard throughout the building during the event, which was sponsored by the Anibal House Council, Fitzgerald House Council and the Hamlin Hall Council.

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With 1,560 residents in OU's dorms, some may expect lots of campus events for students on the weekends. But, according to many, this is not the case.

"I go home every weekend," said junior Sasha Johnson. "I have to work."

According to Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing, approximately 700-800 meals are served on weekdays in Vandenberg Cafeteria, while only 300-375 meals are served on weekends.

This, she said, isn't entirely reflective of how many students are on campus during the weekends, but it shows that many students do leave.

Janece Hayes, program coordinator of the Housing Office, said most dorm residents live within 50 miles from campus. Because of this, she said it's understandable many students go home.

She also said that the more programs scheduled, the more students stay for the weekend.

"Our goal is to increase population (on the weekends)," she said.

Many students enjoy the benefits of

the programming, and some stay on campus strictly for the events.

"I think it's a good thing, because it brings a lot of different floors and buildings together," said Heather Peters, senior Resident Assistant. "It's good way to meet new people."

Some events, like the FYI informative events are also valuable. The FYI events focus on informing students on different topics.

"They entertain and educate at the same time," she added.

Freshman Brandon Haas usually stays on campus during the weekends.

"I have a lot of friends who stay," he said.

He usually goes to basketball games and events like the Super Bowl party held last Sunday night.

"Big group things like this are always fun," he said.

In spite of these efforts, some students see a lack of things to do during the weekends on campus.

"When there's parties up here, I go to them," said Shayla Caldwell, junior. "But usually there's nothing to do on the weekends, so I work a lot."

Hayes said if students want to see an activity or event, they should do something about it.

"If you don't see something you want, start it," she said. "That's the best way to put your student dollars to work."

Residence Halls Council President Jason Joyce, senior, said he thinks the students who stay on the weekends are upperclassmen, more than freshmen.

"Their classes demand them to stay here," he said.

He also said students who do leave for the weekend probably feel there isn't much to do on the weekends, or they want to spend time with their families.

"It's really up to individual students of what they want to do," he said. "I think we have the programming that keeps people on campus."

One event put on for residents of the dorms was the Super Bowl party held in the Hamlin Lounge last Sunday. The lounge was full of dorm residents enjoying free refreshments and the company of their peers. The event was sponsored by the Anibal, Fitzgerald and Hamlin House Councils.

Each residence hall has its own council. Governing those is the Residence Halls Council and above that is the Housing Office.

Joyce said students who want to get involved or make a suggestion for a possible program, should go to any of the councils' meetings.

The house councils meet on different nights and the Residence Halls Council meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in Hamlin Lounge. The members have allotted time for suggestions and other discussion.

If students want to suggest something to the Housing Department, Hayes is another person to contact.

On top of creating new events, Hayes also encourages student involvement.

"If you bring me an idea, I am going to put you to work," she said.

She said students could also get involved through the Student Program Board and any student organization.

Big upcoming events in the residence halls include Friday Night Live on Feb. 7, Casino Night on Feb. 8 and Midnight Breakfast on Feb. 18. There are many other events going on around campus, students can go to www.oakland.edu for more information about all of them. Students can also check out the calendar, the Low Down, in *The Oakland Post* every week.

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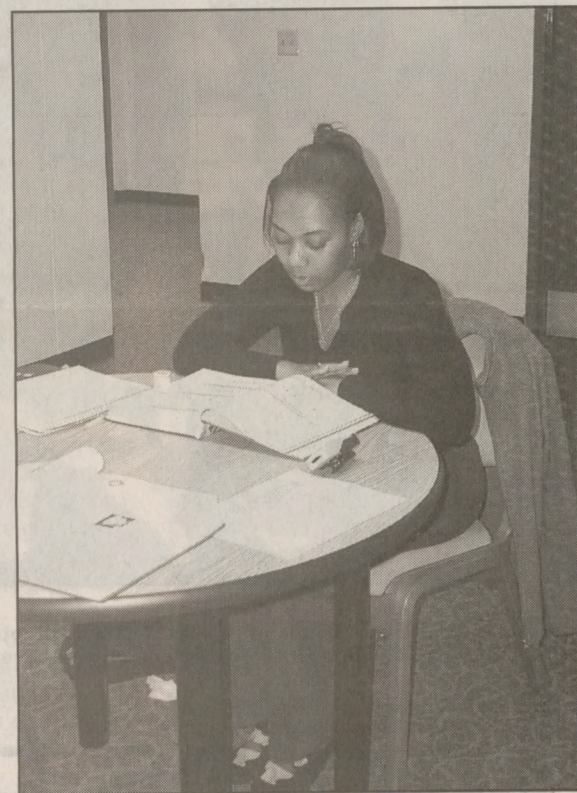
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Shayla Caldwell, junior, studies in North Hamlin's second floor lounge. Although she enjoys campus events, she says there isn't often a lot to do during the weekends.

Making a difference

By KIMBERLY R. PATRICK
THE OAKLAND POST

Circle K, the college branch of the Kiwanis Club, is a relatively new community service organization. OU's Circle K group was founded by Circle K President Heather Gruszczynski, senior.

Kiwanis Club is the rotary club version of the organization Key Club is at the high school level and Circle K is at the college level.

The OU Circle K organization has approximately 10 members, but is not chartered yet because membership is not large enough to qualify at this time.

Circle K is celebrating its third year on campus with a strong sense of optimism.

Secretary Jennifer Banasiak, sophomore, said, "We just became an official OU organization. One of our goals is to increase members, and our main goal is to do community service."

Brooke Nowakowski was vice president of Circle K during the 2001-2002 school year and the fall 2002 semester.

For the last four years, Nowakowski has been actively involved in the Logan Elementary Christmas Party through the Key Club at Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township.

More than 300 student-guests included kindergartners, first and second graders.

Nowakowski's parents came as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to hand out the gifts to Logan Elementary students.

At Logan, nearly 90 percent of the students live below the poverty level, so the Christmas gifts and visit from the volunteers make a significant difference in the lives of these children.

Each child receives gifts including a \$5 toy, stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons, two reading books, a toothbrush and toothpaste. All gifts are provided through member and corporate donations.

The day is spent doing crafts, frosting cookies, singing songs and reading books.

"In the month of December, my basement turns into a little elf factory," Nowakowski said.

In addition to the yearly Christmas Party, Circle K and the Key Club at Eisenhower High School developed a project in which they raised more than 30,000 books to create a library for Logan Elementary.

Universal Trim, Inc. in Madison Heights, an automotive company where Nowakowski's father is employed, was a corporate sponsor of the project that provided monetary contributions to help purchase the books. A portion of the money was used to buy books from the Rochester Library's used book sale.

"We also did a huge book drive in the Utica Community Schools," said Nowakowski.

Eisenhower's Key Club worked with seven elementary schools and one middle school collecting books that Nowakowski loaded up in the Universal Trim, Inc. van and delivered to Logan.

The elementary school doesn't have a library because it doesn't have a room to house the books.

Instead, a hallway is lined with locked cabinets in which the books are stored.

Librarian Chris Ronewicz is a partially paid volunteer who has developed the library program for students to check out books.

Each child receives a Ziploc freezer bag with his or her student information. Students can check out two books at a time.

Logan Elementary is located in Mexicantown in southwest Detroit, and 60 percent of the students are Hispanic.

Since many of them speak Spanish, even in the classroom, Ronewicz has created a section in the library for bilingual books.

Last fall, Circle K held a school supply drive for Logan. School supplies were donated by members and purchased through financial donations received from members and corporate sponsors.

To raise money for other groups, scavenger hunts with teams of 5-8 people went around campus neighborhoods collecting 50 items on a list

that included household items, toys, games, school supplies, paper products and nonperishable food items.

The donations were delivered to the Salvation Army Pontiac Rescue Mission.

In October, 2001, the scavenger hunt was so successful that three pickup truck loads of donations were delivered to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

The next scavenger hunt will be in the spring.

In the future, Banasiak said the group is interested in doing community service once a month at Waltonwood Assisted Living in Rochester Hills.

"(We will) probably just to visit with the people because we haven't really set this in stone yet, it's just an idea," she said.

Now is the time to plan on getting involved in the two bigger upcoming events planned this winter semester.

The first is an "Empty Bowls" dinner where people purchase a bowl of soup for \$5 and the proceeds go to people in need. It will probably be held in the Rec Center in March.

In late March or early April, a scavenger hunt will be held in Rochester neighborhoods. Circle K sends out a flyer a week in advance informing the community on what it is doing and the type of donations needed.

The donations will be distributed to charities. Circle K meets monthly at noon on the third Tuesday of each month.

For those interested in attending, check the OC daily events posting for the room number. Emails advising meeting schedule and location will be emailed to members.

To get involved in or to contribute to Circle K, contact Heather at (586) 463-1462, Jennifer at (248) 528-3964 or email cki_ou@hotmail.com.

Its next meeting will be held at noon on Feb. 18 in the OC.

African stepping

By SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

African dance and drumming influences even today's modern dance. OU's Akanke African Dance Troupe will present "African Odyssey," the birth of musical rhythm and dance this Friday.

Many student organizations will be performing at this event. Students should look forward to seeing Intrigue, Sigma's, the Indian Association and Middle Eastern Dance Group. There will be a bass guitar player, African drumming, break, tap and hip-hop dance, said Krystal Johnson, junior, president of Akanke.

"Akanke wants people to know that musical rhythm originated in Africa and to show how it has been applied to main stream art forms," said Johnson.

The show will open with Akanke African dancing and drumming.

Ivy Horn, assistant director of the Academic Skills Center, said other acts will represent how their dances intertwine with African stepping.

This performance is put on to educate people about step movements that originated in Africa as a form of communication. Drumming was a form of communication for former enslaved Africans during slavery, said Horn. It was the way to get messages across one plantation to the next.

"Students will walk away from this performance learning something they didn't know," said Horn. Students will be able to relate different ethnic dancing to one another. "The pattern will bring forth a connection," she said.

The presentation will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 31 in the Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are free for OU students and \$2 for non-students.

Men take two of three



ADAM SPINDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Empty seats at O'rena defy explanation

The tubas were jumping. That's right – the tubas. As the OU men's basketball team clung to a slim second-half lead in Saturday's heart-breaking loss to Valparaiso, three guys in the pep band disregarded all chiropractic logic and began jumping up and down, oblivious to the weight of the hulking tubas strapped to their backs.

It was quite a sight – but then, this was the Valpo game.

For once, Saturday night at the O'rena actually *felt* like a Saturday night. As tipoff neared, good seats were harder to find than affordable OU gear.

Okay, maybe not *that* scarce. But take my word for it – even press row was packed.

Valpo coach Scott Drew was impressed with the turnout, calling the O'rena a "great environment" and a "super place to play."

He was obviously unaware that only two days earlier, in a key conference win over Western Illinois, attendance was less than 1,200.

Drew might also have been surprised to see the poor turnout against Youngstown State earlier this month. The official count was 1,185 but for coach Greg Kampe, it felt more like "one hundred thirteen of our closest family and friends."

Saturday's game showcased what a few loyal fans have witnessed all season long: a team with guts and talent, trying desperately to overcome their inexperience and play together.

On one possession, Grizzlies' guard Mike Helms drew a hard foul from Antti Nikkila, Valpo's 7-foot Finnish monster. Helms, barely six feet tall, was instantly up in Nikkila's confused grill like Rocky staring down Ivan Drago. The crowd ate it up.

Two nights earlier, only a fraction of that crowd saw Helms throw down one of his signature 'you've-got-to-be-kidding-me' dunks. A play that would have caused bedlam against Valpo received only a smattering of applause against Western Illinois. Why?

Going into the Valpo game, average attendance at home games was down by nearly 500 from last year.

Fan support for the women's team is even worse, despite the fact that it won the Mid-Con and made the Big Dance last season.

Don't think the players haven't noticed – or that they aren't affected. Low attendance never justifies losing, but athletes and coaches alike are finding it harder and harder to hide their disappointment.

With the high talent level on the men's roster, a legit home-court advantage would be a huge boost. Forward Courtney Scott, for one, would like to see more crowds like Saturday's.

"It was really encouraging," he said. "I was happy to see all our fans out tonight. I think if we had this support every night, we'd be a difficult team to beat at home."

Center Jordan Sabourin agreed, saying: "We're not used to it, you know ... we don't get many fans. It hyped us up."

This team, so used to being forgotten and ignored, wanted nothing more than to give their fickle classmates something to remember.

They did – just not the way they'd hoped. Win or lose, Oakland University hosted one of the best college hoops games of the season – in any conference.

Eventually, the Grizzlies will be on the other side of the heart-break. Eventually, they'll nail that last-second shot. Eventually, the future will be now.

Will you be there to see it? You can bet those guys with the tubas will.

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Junior center Jordan Sabourin rejects Western Illinois' Bobby Carter Thursday night. Sabourin has been a strong defensive presence in OU's last three games.

By ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In three home games over a span of six days, the OU men's basketball team experienced a roller-coaster ride of highs and lows, and – surprise – ended up at .500.

Western Illinois came to town this past Thursday for the season's first conference game at the O'rena. The Grizzlies cruised to a 75-62 win, bringing their season record to 8-8.

Junior guard Mike Helms, who entered Thursday's game as the nation's leading Division I scorer, netted only eleven points while shaking off a case of the flu. He dropped to second in the national scoring rankings.

Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall picked up the slack with a double-double, contributing 25 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore forward Courtney Scott added 17 points in a strong defensive effort, and freshman guard Pierre Dukes solidified his role as starting point guard with 12 points and aggressive defense.

The Grizzlies held the Leathernecks to under 40 percent shooting, racking up ten steals on the night.

The focus then moved to the Saturday's much-hyped showdown with Mid-Con power Valparaiso. For the majority of the game, Helms was unstoppable. But when he and his teammates needed it most, his shot just wouldn't fall.

Trailing by two with less than one second remaining, Helms heaved up a 30-footer that would have done the impossible: beat Valpo for the first time in nine tries.

As 3,215 fans rose to their feet, Helms fell to the hardwood and attempted to will the ball through the net.

"As soon as I saw it hit the backboard, I thought it was going in," he said.

It didn't. Valpo escaped with a 72-70 victory, dropping the Grizzlies to 8-9 and leaving them to ponder what could have been.

"I cannot describe how badly I wanted to win tonight," said the dejected Helms. "I would rather we had gotten blown out than lose by two points."

The desperation three-pointer wouldn't have been necessary if not for an ill-timed turnover by freshman guard John Floyd, which forced the Grizzlies to foul Valpo's Joaquim Gomes with 4.5 seconds left. Gomes hit both free throws, sealing the Crusaders' victory.

Helms led all scorers with 37 points, but committed nine costly turnovers.

Tables turn for Grizzlies

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

While junior guard Mike Helms of the OU men's basketball team is making a splash as the nation's leading scorer, two women are quietly making their mark on the country, as well.

Senior guard Katie Wolfe and sophomore forward Amanda Batcha are doing what they do best, and the numbers are starting to earn them recognition.

Wolfe is currently average 20.7 points per game, ranking her 15th among the nation's top scorers.

Batcha may not have become the scoring threat Wolfe has developed into over five years at OU, but she may have found her calling. The emerging star is averaging 10.5 rebounds a game, also placing her 15th in the country.

Both showcased their individual skills, and how they fit into the team effort, as the women's basketball team snapped a four-game losing streak and earned its first two Mid-Con wins of the year.

The losing skid was halted by a come-from-behind effort that led the Grizzlies over Valparaiso University, 53-46, on Saturday.

By allowing only 46 points on defense, OU had its best defensive game of the season, besting the previous low of 52 points against Mississippi.

The mark would not last long, however, because the Grizzlies performed even better on defense Monday night against Western Illinois University, defeating the Westerwinds 63-45.

"We're playing better (defensively)," OU head coach Shea-Hilliard said. "We're playing smarter. That's something I have asked for awhile, is for us not to

keep getting beat on the same thing."

Shea-Hilliard was less than surprised that her team finally put all the pieces of the puzzle together.

"I have a good team, and I've said this for the last couple of weeks," Shea-Hilliard said. "We just haven't played well. We played wonderfully down in the Bahamas (over Christmas Break). I've seen what we can do. It's just a matter of us playing well again."

Wolfe broke out of her own mini-slump Monday night, scoring 22 points on nine of 14 shooting, including a four for seven performance from three-point territory.

"Katie got us going," Shea-Hilliard said. "Katie did some things that I've been asking her to do for awhile. Come off screens and shoot without even thinking about it. Taking people to the basket and not being so willing to pass out."

Freshmen guards Jayme Wilson and Anne Hafeli continued their maturing process, scoring 19 and 16 points, respectively. Both shot well from the behind the arc, hitting five of their nine combined attempts.

Hafeli thinks she and Wilson have become comfortable with their roles, especially when the duo needs to pick up the slack when Wolfe is on the bench resting or in foul trouble.

"I think that Coach has made us comfortable with it," Hafeli said. "We still miss (Katie's) leadership and presence out there. We all work together."

Batcha once again dominated the glass, grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds in OU's second straight win.

Wilson hauled in an impressive seven rebounds from her guard position, while Hafeli and

junior forward Sarah Yaksich added four each.

The Grizzlies dished out 18 team assists, compared to the Westerwinds' eight, led by senior guard Romica Clint who had a game-high five helpers.

The losing streak was stopped two days earlier, however, when OU fought back to overcome a night where both teams shot poorly.

Valparaiso shot only 31.6 percent from the floor, while the Grizzlies fared little better with a 39.6 field goal percentage.

OU went into halftime trailing by five points, but improved its shooting dramatically in the second half to overcome the deficit and pull away.

After shooting 24 percent in the first half, the women hit more than 56 percent of their shots in the second half to come away with the seven-point win.

Although all the players involved had difficulties scoring, three Grizzlies recorded points in the double figures.

Hafeli led all scorers with 15 points, with Wilson and Wolfe adding 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Batcha bolstered her rebounding statistics by grabbing 12 boards, and Yaksich hauled in six of the team's 38 rebounds. It almost seemed like a new team had arrived home from the road trip to win two consecutive games and snap the four-game losing streak.

"We know we have talent, but we just weren't playing together," Wolfe said. "You see teams turn around all the time, and it was just our time. We were sick of losing. We started practicing harder and practicing better. It turned around for us, and we've got to keep it going."

There is still a lot of work to be done, however, as the women are



Senior guard Katie Wolfe tries to fight off Valparaiso defender Jeanette Gray in OU's 53-46 victory over the Crusaders Saturday.

still seventh in the Mid-Con. But a victory over Valparaiso and giving Western Illinois its first league loss is a good start.

"After losing those three (conference) games we were down," Wolfe said. "Yet we knew we had to come out and win. We never thought we'd turn things around this well, but we'll take it."

Scott had his second double-double of the season, tallying 11 points and 12 boards.

Valpo center Raitis Grafs was benched early in the second half after collecting his fourth foul, and the hot-shooting Helms took over, netting 22 of his points in the game's second stanza.

The Grizzlies led by six with five minutes remaining, but managed only three field goal attempts – a lay-up and a dunk by Marshall, and Helms' last-second miss – from that point on.

Kampe knew something was wrong when he saw his team abandon the plays he had scripted for them down the stretch.

"We called a bunch of timeouts trying to set up plays, and we didn't execute them. Their pressure bothered us. We didn't handle it well."

At times, the Grizzlies seemed more comfortable coming from behind. "I don't think we knew what to do when we got the lead," said Helms. "We were just careless with the ball."

The Grizzlies took out Saturday's frustrations on Monday's opponent, Texas A&M - Corpus Christi. Helms scored 31 points en route to an 87-74 victory over the visiting Islanders in OU's last non-conference game of the season.

The win avenged a late-December loss at Corpus Christi, in which Helms got into early foul trouble and was limited to eleven points. Helms' Monday-night performance made the previous loss a distant memory.

"I think Mike had something to prove (tonight)," Kampe said. "I don't think I've ever seen him come out and say 'I'm scoring' the way he did."

Helms got help from Scott and Marshall, who contributed 16 and 17 points, respectively.

Kampe impressed upon his team that this game was a "watermark", and that they could not afford to pout after the disappointing loss to Valpo.

His players took that message to heart. The Grizzlies enjoyed double-digit leads for most of the game, and in their coach's words, "defended the heck out of" their opponents.

With two straight games of 30-plus points, Helms is again the nation's leading scorer with an average of 27.1 per game.

Monday's win evened the Grizzlies' record at 9-9. They are 2-3 in conference play and begin a two-game road trip 8 p.m. Thursday at Chicago State that will extend to 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Southern Utah.

Swimmers near end of season

BY DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

The weekend road trip was equal parts cruel and kind for the men and women's swimming and diving teams who both beat St. Bonaventure in New York, but fell to the highly ranked University of Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Both the men and women's teams set a number of pool records at St. Bonaventure, including Line Jensen on the women's side, breaking Notre Dame's Tanya William's record in the 100y butterfly with a time of 57.83.

On the men's team, sophomore Chris Sullivan broke the record of 45.79 in the 100y freestyle. Freshman Scott Dickens set a record in the 200y breaststroke while sophomore Martin Moen took the 100y breaststroke record.

The men's 200y relay team also broke a pool record during their win against the Bonnies, getting a time of 1:24.52 over the previous record of 1:25.03.

There were a number of 1-2-3 sweeps for the OU men, including the 200y butterfly, the 200y backstroke and the 100y freestyle races.

The men won with a score of 175-119.

The women's team had a close match against the Bonnies which came down to the 200y freestyle relay in which OU's A-team, consisting of junior Oksana Strelets, sophomore Karoline Freytag, sophomore Holly Miller, and senior Danielle Ward won by less than a second, ending the meet 153.5-146.5, also breaking a pool record.

The half of a point came when Freytag tied for fifth with Stephanie

Karl of St. Bonaventure in the 50y freestyle, both finishing in 25.69 seconds. It was Ward who took the crown in that race by a hair ahead of Paige Crimmin of St. Bonaventure, who then edged Ward out of first in the 100y freestyle race.

Jensen took first in the 400y IM with a time that almost broke OU's previous school record.

"I thought Friday night that they did a very good job," head coach Pete Hovland said. "I think we were hoping that they would carry some of that momentum into the meet against Pittsburgh."

Unfortunately the momentum wasn't enough to defeat the Pittsburgh Panthers' men, currently ranked 18th in the country.

The Panthers were relentless against the tired Grizzlies especially in the distance and diving.

Though their team was defeated, a number of individuals came through in their events.

Sullivan and Strelets captured first in the men and women's 50y freestyle races. Strelets also took a crown in the 100y freestyle.

Freshmen Andrew Coupland beat Pittsburgh's Andrew Patrizzi in what was the closest race of the meet, winning by a mere .09 of a second.

The Grizzlies finished strong with an outstanding performance by Scott Dickens, who after a number of grueling meets and a trip to Australia, swam a 1:51.99 in the 200y IM, the fastest time in OU school history and also a Mid-Con record for this season.

"It's very motivating for the guys and girls to know that you have people swimming season-best times in dual meets like that, those are the kinds of things that keep us motivated and

focused on our goal of the championships at the end of February," Hovland said.

Dickens superb performance was followed by close victories for both the men and women's 200y freestyle relay teams with Pittsburgh right on their tails.

"We didn't expect to beat Pittsburgh," Hovland said. "They are ranked top 25 in the county so it's a program that we're looking to measure ourselves against, and it's a team that I don't think in the next year or two that we can't beat."

The teams are now back from the road and are hosting a meet at 1 p.m. against Michigan State University.

MSU has vastly improved its roster from last year and will be a challenge for OU to beat.

"It's definitely a rivalry that kids highlight on their schedules in September," Hovland said. "There are a lot of little motivating factors there that hopefully make this a meet where they'll step up their performances."

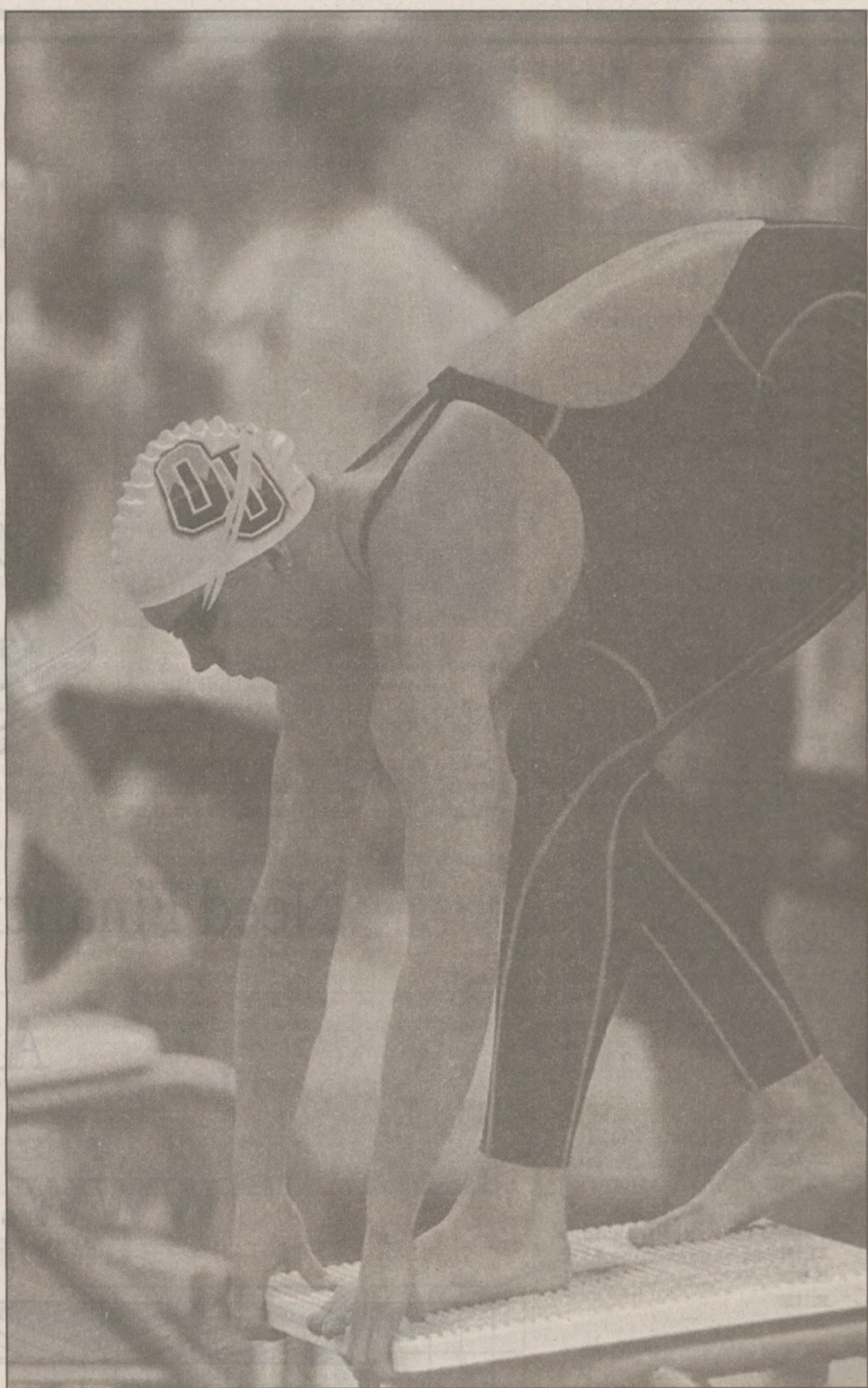
The squads are only two meets and less than a month from the National Independent Conference Championship.

The four-day competition will take place at the OU Aquatics Center.

Last year, the men's team placed third out of the seven competing schools. It was the third straight year the squad finished third.

The women are the defending NIC champions, defeating five other schools at last year's competition.

A championship capped off the continuous improvement the women have shown in the last five years, finishing fifth, third and runner-up twice.



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Junior Oksana Strelets gets set in a meet earlier this season. Strelets took first in three events in Saturday's loss: the 50y and 100y freestyle, and the 200y freestyle relay.

Club secures national bid

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

A win and an automatic share of the Greater Midwest Hockey League title eluded the OU men's club hockey team yet again when the Grizzlies lost to Michigan State University, 7-2, on Thursday.

OU followed up the lopsided loss with a 5-1 victory over Illinois University on Saturday, and a 3-3 tie with the Fighting Illini the following evening.

The undefeated trip to Illinois did, however, clinch a top four ranking in the Central division of the American Collegiate Hockey Association for the Grizzlies. The ranking secures OU's invitation to the ACHA National Tournament, which will be hosted by the University of Southern California and held from Feb. 26-March 1.

Tom Ricketts, the team's general manager, is excited about the extra time to prepare for the trip.

"Throughout the entire season I have been really pleased with the team's performance, both on and off the ice," Ricketts said. "There is a lot of preparation involved, from travel plans to fundraising, to team and individual skills preparation."

Friday night's game saw a tightly fought contest that took a 1-1 tie into the second intermission. Trailing by one in the second period, the score was tied when defenseman Karl Borgquist netted a power play goal to knot the score at one.

The Grizzlies' then exploded in the third period to score four unanswered goals.

Forwards Eric Wojno, Sean Trueblood, Justin Jagels and Ryan Teasedale scored during

the offensive onslaught.

Furstenau had a bad feeling heading into Saturday's game because he thought his team was too confident going into the rematch.

The Fighting Illini jumped out to an early 2-0 lead before the Grizzlies were able to pull within one by the end of the first period.

In the second period, OU scored two more goals to push ahead for the first time in the contest. The score remained in the Grizzlies' favor until late in the third period.

With less than a minute to go in the game, OU was called for a penalty that gave Illinois a one-man advantage. The Illini then pulled their goalie for an even stronger advantage.

A faceoff deep in the Grizzlies' zone resulted in a three-man advantage for Illinois when OU's

center lost his stick after the puck was dropped.

As time began to wind down, the Illini threw the puck at the net where it struck a skate and went into the net with 16 seconds remaining.

"The goal was kicked in, but the referee did not see the kick, so it counted," Furstenau said. "I'm not upset with the ref, I am disappointed that we did not execute. We never should have been in that position."

Thursday night, however, was not as successful for the Grizzlies. In Furstenau's words, "The team forgot to arrive at the rink."

OU came out sluggish in the first period, but was able to keep the game close and only trailed 2-1 at the first intermission.

In the second period, the Grizzlies could no longer hold the dam and the floodgates

opened.

One main reason the Spartans were able to open up the game was their success on the power play. MSU scored five of its seven goals on the man advantage while OU had no goals on the power play.

"Our passes were off, the lines did not click, and they capitalized on all of our mistakes," Furstenau said. "It's my fault for not having the special teams prepared."

The loss keeps the Grizzlies in second place in the GMHL with 12 points, trailing only the University of Michigan which has compiled 13 points. OU has two conference games remaining, while U-M has none, leaving first place open for the taking.

The Grizzlies will take on Saginaw Valley State University at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the ONYX in Rochester.

Grizzly Spotlight



The Oakland Post would like to send warm congratulations to Tom Ricketts, general manager of the OU club hockey team, and his wife Kristin for the safe birth of their third child.

Adam Modesto Ricketts, pictured above, was born at 11:39 a.m. Friday.

He weighed in at eight pounds and six ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Tom said that all three of his children are future Grizzlies.

We wish the Ricketts family the best of luck, and hope that the parents are getting enough sleep!

Students head for regionals

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Four OU students are heading to Toledo, Ohio to compete in the Association of College Unions International Region 7 Championship in the table tennis and billiards events.

The three day event will take place on the campus of the University of Toledo from Feb. 14-16.

The two top finishers from both the nine-ball and the table tennis tournaments held Friday in Bumpers Game Room will make the trip.

Tim Alverson took first in the billiards tournament and Jeff Kinser placed second.

Kinser, senior, is excited about the all-expense paid trip.

"I think it's great," he said. "It's a nice gesture, because the qualifying money alone would not be enough for that kind of trip."

Bumpers not only awarded the prize money for the tournament on Friday, but is also going to pay all costs of transportation, lodging meals and any entry fees.

Sophomore Irfan Baftiu, sophomore, won the table tennis tournament and also earned a trip to Toledo.

Baftiu said that the event was fun, not so much because he won, but also because it brought people together.

He still thinks that the event could have had better participation if more students had known about the competition.

"It should have been announced better," Baftiu said. "I have a bunch of friends who are very good at table tennis, and they didn't know about it."

Vamsi Divi finished second in the table tennis tournament and will also be making the trip to Toledo.

Rich Zizek, Assistant Director of Operations for the Oakland Center, was pleased with the tournament and the overall success of the event.

"It was a fairly good turnout," Zizek said. "Hopefully one of our guys will move on a little further."

Twelve people competed in the billiards tournament, and nine students participated in the table tennis competition.

Offense stutters in losses

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two strong defensive efforts were not enough to help the OU women's club hockey team record a win this weekend, as the Grizzlies fell to Northern Michigan University, 3-0, on both Friday and Saturday.

Although the scores may have been the same, the two games were played very differently.

In Friday's loss, OU (4-6-1) was unable to capitalize on the offensive opportunities generated. It was much different in the defeat Saturday, however, when the Grizzlies were unable to put many shots on the NMU goaltender.

OU head coach Shana Osler said that her team was on the defensive most of Saturday night.

"We just couldn't really generate anything," Osler said. "We didn't really have good control of the game. There wasn't a good flow to the game offensively."

Osler also said that the team was slightly short-handed at forward which hurt the team's offense.

Still, the defensive effort could not be discounted, and Osler was quick to commend her team's play in the defensive zone.

"I thought the defense played really well," Osler said. "I think they had a better game (Saturday) than they did (Friday). They cut down on shots, which is something we have been working on."

"We've been working on stopping the break out and just having a man back. I think that they really got that down and did a great job

with that this week."

Junior goalie Jane Lemaux played well in both games, as she has done all season. This is the first year Lemaux has been a member of the club team, although it is far from her first year as a hockey player, having played the game for seven years.

Having a solid goalie backstopping the team makes everyone more confident, team captain senior defenseman Laura Cunniffe said.

Cunniffe, who has played with Lemaux on summer league teams before and has been trying to get the goalie to join the club for a couple years, finally succeeded.

"It's unbelievable," Cunniffe said. "She's given new life to our defense and to our team all together."

The improved confidence that Lemaux has given the team was apparent in this weekend's games when the Grizzlies stepped up to the physical play of the Wildcats.

"We really stepped it up," Cunniffe said. "They were getting it really physical with us, and I think we gave it back to them. The first period was a little sluggish, but we were able to step it up and hold them off. As soon as we got our momentum going, we were unstoppable."

With nine games remaining, OU is currently fourth in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association, with nine points. The team trails NMU (29 points), the University of Michigan (14 points) and Michigan State University (13 points).

Even though NMU is one of the best women's club teams in the country, Osler thinks that her team could have beaten the

Wildcats, and that the Grizzlies must win their tough remaining games.

"I definitely think that, although this is probably the best team in the league right now, I still think that they were beatable," Osler said. "We've got to get wins against teams like Michigan State and the University of Michigan that are certainly, I think, more beatable than this team."

Cunniffe thinks the Grizzlies need to play more consistently to take down the bigger schools in the conference.

"These are some incredibly tough teams from incredibly big schools with a lot of support from those schools," Cunniffe said. "I think the way that we've been going, we're doing great."

"I think one of our biggest problems, though, is consistency. We'll lose really bad in our first game and then we'll kill them the second game."

An example is the team's only other games this calendar year, both of which were against MSU on Jan. 10 and 11. In the Friday night contest, OU was beaten 7-2, but the women came back to take down the following evening to tie the Spartans, 1-1.

MSU is the defending champion of the CCHA.

Four of the remaining games will be played next month, all on the road. The Grizzlies play back-to-back games against Notre Dame on Feb. 7 and 8 in South Bend and then face Western Michigan University on Feb. 21 and 22 in Kalamazoo.

The season will finish up in March when OU faces MSU in two games and U-M in three contests.



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Student Spotlight

Jeff Zawacki

BY ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Jeff Zawacki doesn't need a reason to run. He can't imagine a better way to maintain good mental and physical health.

Now, he and two other OU students are using their favorite recreational activity to save lives.

This April, Zawacki and his running mates, Melanie Pieknik and Jane Chagot will travel to Tennessee to participate in the Nashville Country Music Marathon.

As part of the Michigan chapter of the national Team in Training program, Zawacki and his running mates are each required to raise \$2,800 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Jeff has brought in close to \$900 in individual donations since signing up for the marathon in December.

Team in Training has had more than 30,000 volunteers since its inception in 1988. It has championed several worthy causes.

In addition to fighting Leukemia, the group has raised funds to battle Hodgkin's

Disease and myeloma.

The program provides coaching, training and travel opportunities for runners who agree to meet a fundraising goal.

Each team in the marathon will run on behalf of an "Honored Hero," someone who's a current Leukemia patient or survivor of the disease.

Zawacki hasn't met his "Honored Hero" yet, but is looking forward to connecting with the benefactor of his team's efforts.

"It's gonna be sweet," Zawacki said. "Our Honored Hero is actually going to travel to Nashville with us and hang out. It'll definitely be something I'll always remember."

Zawacki's team has been training hard to get in shape for the 26-mile marathon, but raising the necessary money has been the biggest challenge. The members have been working hard to find other business sponsors, sending out countless letters and even standing outside grocery stores ("like a bell-ringer," Zawacki said) to solicit funds.

"When I started this, I thought, 'Oh, it won't be that bad, it'll be like \$100 from 28 people'...but it's hard. It's really hard. I'm

really surprised right now, how much work I've put in. I think it's going to feel really good (to meet that goal)."

The runners are hoping for a fundraising boost from an upcoming partnership with Whole Foods Market, which has agreed to contribute five percent of all its February 5th sales to the cause. The store is located on the north side of Walton Blvd. just west of Livernois Road, near Bruegger's Bagels and Caribou Coffee.

Zawacki estimates around 70 percent of his free time goes to training and fundraising.

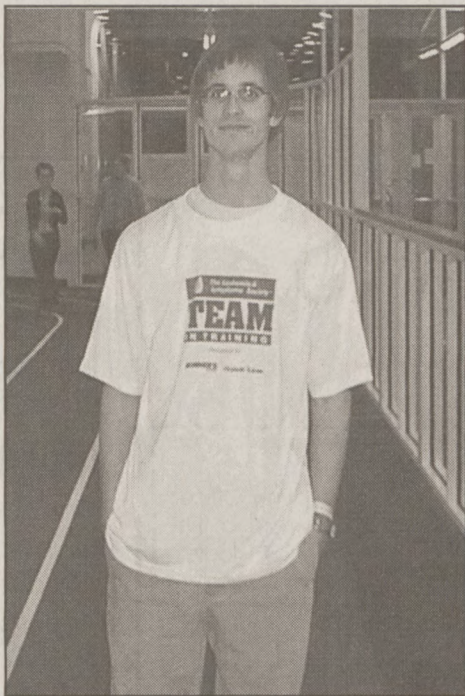
"I might be able to catch a movie on a Friday night, but that's about it," he said.

The team will spend four days in Music City, leaving on a Friday to take in the sights and prepare for Sunday's race.

One of Zawacki's personal long-term goals is to run a marathon in each of the fifty states.

So far, he's completed marathons in Detroit, MI, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. Whether or not he meets that goal, Zawacki is a runner for life.

"Running makes me very calm," he said.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Jeff Zawacki will run a marathon in April to assist the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As part of the marathon, he has raised close to \$900 for the society so far.

"I get a very tranquil feeling from it. You can either think about everything, or you can think about nothing at all. It's time to yourself."

For more information about the Team in Training program or the Nashville Country Music Marathon contact Zawacki at filmstripnarratah@hotmail.com.

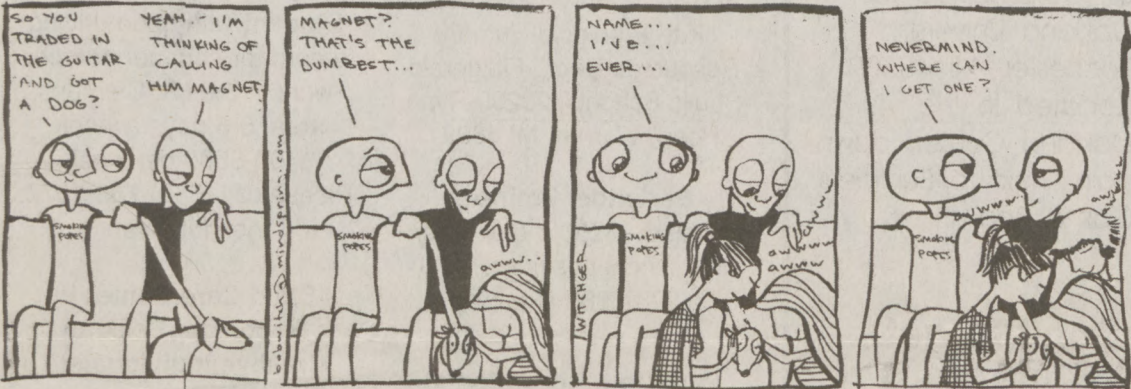
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- The OU Winter Blood Drive will go from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the OC.
- Thursday, Jan.30**
- The Diversity job fair will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the OC.
- Intrigue Dance club will present "Hip Hop Phenomenon." The dance performance is at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.
- Friday, Jan.31**
- A lecture called "Souls of Black Folks" will be given by DeWitt Dykes, associate professor of History at noon in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

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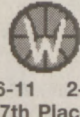
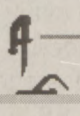
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Grizzly Sports Calendar

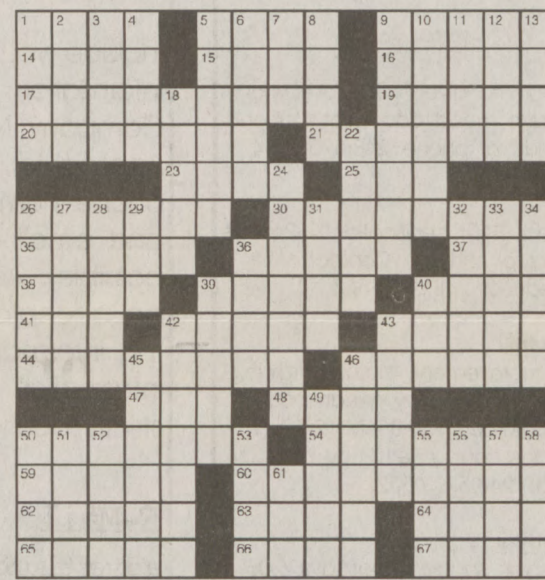
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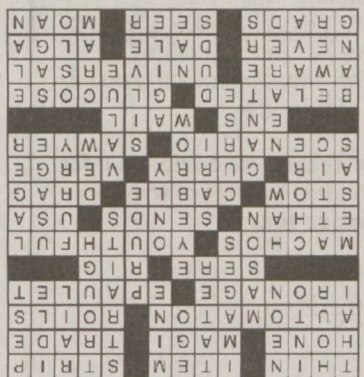
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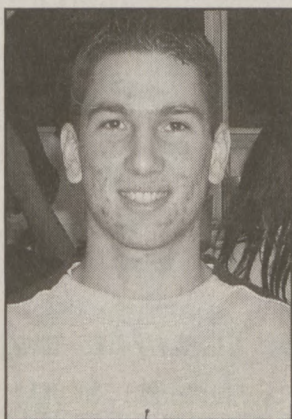
OU says ...

Where's a cool place to hang out on campus?



"The OC, to check out all the ladies."

Adrian Martin
Senior
Communication



"The OC. The food there is better and most people are there."

John Floyd
Freshman
Communication



"My apartment. It's secluded, has cable and everything I need."

Starla Thomas
Junior
Medical
Laboratory Sciences



"The Rec Center. There's always something to do."

Januari Street
Junior
Sociology



"The basement of the OC. There's a TV."

Nicole Phillips
Junior
Nursing

Saturday, Feb.8

SPB, Residence Halls Programming and CSA present an OC Late-Nighter featuring casino night, Psychics, make your own music video, midnight pancake breakfast and a Hypnotist. It will held from 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. in the OC.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

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

Wednesday, Feb. 12

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

Saturday, Feb. 1

The Meadow Brook Winter Ball is from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in Meadow Brook Hall.

Tuesday, Feb.4

The Center for Student Activities will present the "Soul Food" of Black Folk, from noon-1 p.m. at Fireside Lounge in the OC.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

SPB will present "Step Africa!" at 8 p.m. in Pioneer Food Court

Friday, Feb.7

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

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

Student AFFAIRS

Updating OU

2003 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards

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

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Do you have the flu? The Influenza "flu" virus lives in your lungs. It is a respiratory illness usually including sudden onset of headache and/or body ache, dry cough, chills and fever. It used to be that if you had the flu, you just had to ride it out and get plenty of fluids and rest. These are still important, but now there are prescription medications that can help in the early stages of the flu. Graham Health Center encourages you to see your health care provider within the first 48 hours of illness because these medications need to be started right away to be effective. Call us at ext. 2341 for an appointment.

CAREER PREP MONTH

Now through January 31, 2003, Oakland Center Graduating, looking for a summer internship, or just have questions about careers? Career Services is here to help! January is Career Prep Month at Oakland University! Attend career-related events such as electronic portfolio workshops, career Jeopardy, Resume Workshop, Information Panels, Mock Behavioral Interviews and the Career Fair. All activities will take place in the Oakland Center. Check out Career Services website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices for dates and times of all activities.

Campus Rec Happenings

Oak Diving

Mondays-Thursdays for all ages. Learn to dive or improve your existing dives. Contact Tony Venticini, head coach at Oakland University. Email venticin@oakland.edu or phone 248.370-3134.

Scuba

Next session is February 15th and 22nd (PADI certification). Price is \$169 for OU students, \$199-\$209 for all others. Contact Mike Rossi at pooldoc@oakland.edu or 248.370.4534.

Masters Swim

All ages 18-80+. Swim fast, stroke improvement, triathlon training or just have fun! Everyone's welcome. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-9:30 PM, Friday 6-8 PM, Saturday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Contact Mike Rossi at pooldoc@oakland.edu or Teri Eudy at eudyteet@oakland.edu or call 248.370.4532.

Water Aerobics

Have fun and stay cool while getting in shape. Tuesdays 6:05-6:50 PM (deep water) and Thursdays 6:05-6:50 PM (shallow water). Contact Mlle Padgett at Padgett@oakland.edu or 248.370.4910.

Lifeguard Training

Tuesday and Thursday starting 1/30/03 through 3/6/03, 5:30-9 PM. American Red Cross certification. Contact Mike Rossi at pooldoc@oakland.edu or Teri Eudy at eudyteet@oakland.edu or call 248.370.4532.

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

This Week

Wednesday, January 29

11AM-1PM, table in hallway near food court, OC—Career Services staff will be on hand to critique your resume prior to the Diversity Career Fair. Questions? Contact Career Services at (248) 370-3250.

Diversity Career Fair

January 30, 2003, 11AM-3PM, Oakland Center
Learn about full-time, internship, and co-op opportunities. Open to all majors and all students. Bring extra copies of resumes, business dress recommended. Over 50 participating companies can be viewed at www.oakland.edu/careerservices. A faculty panel on diversity in the workplace will be held from noon-1PM in the Fireside Lounge. Find out how students can successfully excel in a diversity-rich work environment. For more information call Career Services at (248) 370-3250.

Friday, January 31

Mock Behavioral Interviews. Need to prepare to interview with employers before you graduate (or for a career-related job this spring/summer)? Students will have that opportunity this **Friday, January 31** (the final day of Career Prep Month) when **Career Services** hosts its annual Winter Semester **mock behavioral interviews**. Each interview is followed by the opportunity for constructive feedback and a discussion with the interviewer. **Advance registration is required and participants must be prepared to submit a resume at least one day prior to the interview.** Don't delay—to schedule your 30-minute interview session, visit our office at **275 West Vandenberg Hall** or call **370-3250**.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 5—Wellness Wednesday presents Herbs, Supplements and Your Health. Hosted by Dr. Bob Jarski and sponsored by Campus Recreation in the Pioneer Room of the Rec Center from 12:05-12:55 PM. Supplements and herbs can be a great holistic approach to your health but educating yourself on herbs is essential to their appropriate use. Dr. Jarski will discuss herbs and supplements for general health, their effect on your body and how to find the best remedy for you. A basket of goodies will be raffled off.

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

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

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

Notice of Opening: Certified Personnel. The following teaching opening exists in the District for the 2002-2003 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Applicants who are interested and qualified are asked to submit a letter of application no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2003, to Kari Frank c/o Human Resources Dept., Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

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

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

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

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

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

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

Misc.

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