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Post files complaint against BOT

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Six members of OU's Board of Trustees were briefed on the state's looming budgets woes and its likely impact on higher education at a secret meeting last Wednesday in the Oakland Center.

The Trustees' closed door meeting was in apparent violation of the state's Open Meetings Act that requires public bodies, where a quorum of its members is present, to meet in an open session and to give advance notice of the meeting. A

quorum of OU's board is five.

Post reporters and others in the university community who tried to enter the room to observe the meeting were told they couldn't enter by Lenise Tucker, OU's director of Special Events, who was stationed outside the door during the entire meeting. Tucker also prevented the public from entering the Lake St. Clair room when the trustees moved there at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon.

As a result, *The Oakland Post* filed a formal complaint against the Board with the Oakland County Prosecutor and the Michigan Attorney General yesterday. The Jan. 15 Board of Trustees meet-

ing, which was attended by trustees Henry Baskin, Ann Nicholson, Penny Crissman, David Doyle, Dennis Muchmore and Rex Schlaybaugh, was not announced on the BOT website and no other methods were used to advertise the meeting to the public, as is required by law.

OU President Gary Russi, Director of Government Relations Rochelle Black and General Counsel Vic Zambardi were also in attendance.

Rhonda Hanna, one of the student liaisons to the BOT, said she was not notified of the meeting.

Board chair Baskin said he organized the meeting so the trustees could listen

to a briefing on the budget cuts in light of the state's financial deficit.

"I wanted a briefing from our lobbyists," Baskin said. "We're trying to determine ... where higher education stands on the food chain."

Media Relations Director Ted Montgomery said OU's lobbying firm, Kusmano, Kandler and Reed, made a presentation to the board during the closed session. Montgomery called the meeting an informal briefing and said the trustees did not have to open the meeting because of a precedent set with a 1999 Michigan Supreme Court case known as Federated Publications vs. the Board of Trustees of Michigan State

University.

However, John Ronayne III, an attorney with Kaiborski, Ronayne & Flaska in Detroit who specializes in media law, said discussing the budget situation in Lansing is not a valid reason to close a meeting.

"I don't know what Federated (Publications) has to do with it. That's about presidential selection committees," he said.

Mike Hiestand, a staff lawyer with the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., said that because OU was created by the Michigan legislature, not by the state Constitution like other schools, like

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Student smashes through sign

By ADAM L. NEAL
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

An OU junior returned to class yesterday still bruised from an accident last Wednesday that totaled her car and left OU's entrance sign a few letters short.

At approximately 4 p.m. on Jan. 15, a red Suzuki sedan driving at University and Squirrel veered off the road, hopped the curb and slammed into the entry sign made out of concrete and marble.

Behind the wheel was student Cadriah Searles, who doesn't remember any of it.

"The last thing I remember was driving north on I-75 past the Oakland Mall," she said. "The next thing was I was at the hospital."

After totaling her car, Searles left Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital that same night with minor cuts and bruises.

"I am still pretty sore," she said. "I do have a bunch of cuts and bruises on my knees and my right wrist."

All of her tests came back negative, and the only thing the doctors could come up with was low blood sugar, she said, which was at 54. She had not eaten anything all day.

A blood sugar level between 70-150 is normal, according to the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases website www.niddk.nih.gov.

Diabetes does run in Searles' family. While her mother is an insulin-dependent diabetic, she has not been diagnosed with diabetes though she has been tested in the past.

She returned to class yesterday after taking several days off to recuperate. *Please see CRASH on A7*



Junior Cadriah Searles was relatively unharmed after her accident on campus last Wednesday, but OU's entrance sign wasn't as fortunate. More pictures from the scene can be found on www.oakpostonline.com

OUPD steps down meter enforcement

OUPD's round the clock watch of the parking meters on campus has come to an end.

Lt. Richard Tomczak said after hearing feedback from students, faculty and staff, the general consensus was in favor of limited hours for metered parking.

Effective today, the parking meters along Wilson Blvd. and in the Oakland Center and O'Dowd lots will be enforced between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Three students expressed dissatisfaction with the 24/7-metered parking policy at the Nov. 4 OU Student Congress meeting. At the Jan. 13 meeting, Tomczak made the announcement that meter checks were off.

He said students will be able to park at meters free of charge during off-peak hours.

Sophomore Eric Berg said, "I think it's a fantastic idea. Paying for parking is inherently evil and should be abolished. In terms of convenience for students, it's a step in the right direction."

Junior Brian Welch, an OUSC member, said he is happy about the new policy.

"The university made a wise decision in not making the meters 24/7, and in doing so is providing a better service to OU students," he said. "It will make life at OU a little better."

— Gayle Issa,
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OUUPSA gets new contract

By RANDY DUDEK
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The OU United Professional Services Association, which covers workers in custodial, grounds keeping, skilled trades and the mail room, approved a new three-year contract Dec. 9.

The OUUPSA had been operating without a contract since Oct. 31 of last year.

According to Ray Wilcox, custodian II and former president of the OUUPSA, the deal was ratified "by well over 80 percent" of the representatives at the ratification meeting.

The deal includes a pay rate increase of 3.5 percent in the first year and a 2.9 percent raise in the second and third year of the plan. The new contract is retroactive to the expiration of the old agreement.

"I thought that considering the overall economy and the cuts at school, it wasn't a bad contract," said Dennis McClain, custodian II. "Naturally, we would have liked a lot more, but it was a pretty decent contract."

One allowance made by the OUUPSA was a slight increase in the co-pay amounts for prescriptions and office visits.

Under the plan chosen by most workers, a \$5 co-pay for all prescriptions has been raised to \$5 for generic drugs and \$10 for brand-name medicines. In the third year of the deal, that amount will increase to \$7 for generic and \$15 for name brand drugs.

One controversial provision of the contract was the implementation of a performance appraisal process.

"The performance appraisal system is a yearly review of a person's work," said Wilcox. "It can not be used for discipline. It had people a little nervous."

Union members were told that the appraisal process is intended to be a means of communication and will not be used as a means of discipline.

Considering the financial climate in the state, as well as the tight job market, Wilcox said that many OUUPSA employees were satisfied with the deal.

Athletics, Cooley focus of Senate meeting

By DERRICK SOBODASH
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The progress OU has made since it entered Division I in the NCAA was one of the highlights of Thursday's OU Senate meeting.

According to Jack Mehl, director of Athletics, when the move to Div. I happened in 1998-1999, OU had 221 athletes. In 2002-2003 the programs have 275.

The diversity of athletes has increased to where almost 15 percent are international students and 11 percent minorities in its eight women's and men's sports, Mehl said.

Future plans, according to

Mehl, are to enhance the outdoor sports facilities and develop a track and field program.

Mehl also debunked the rumors of men's sports being better funded than women's.

"Men's and women's sports are funded dollar for dollar the same," Mehl said.

The difference, according to Mehl, comes in outside funding, such as scholarships from the NCAA, which often leave the impression men's sports are better funded.

When OU made the move to Div. I, according to Mehl, it placed near the bottom of all NCAA men's basketball teams.

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Alumni Association welcomes students

By PAM AVOLEDO
THE OAKLAND POST

Students looking for an innovative way of networking with Alumni can join the Oakland University Alumni Association for students.

According to Jamie Simek, the

OAAA for students has been in the works since the summer, but is starting take shape and is recruiting students.

Simek began recruiting students last semester. She sent letters to the faculty and asked them for recommendations of students. Those students were

then contacted and asked if they wanted to join. The OAAA scholarship winners were also invited to be members. Now, membership is open to all students. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required before filling out an application. Simek said the organization, which is not yet named, will

allow OU students to interact with alumni and become acquainted with the university.

"It's an opportunity for leadership and lets students show their stuff. They can help get the constitution in place," said Simek.

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Marching on



Students march across campus Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy.

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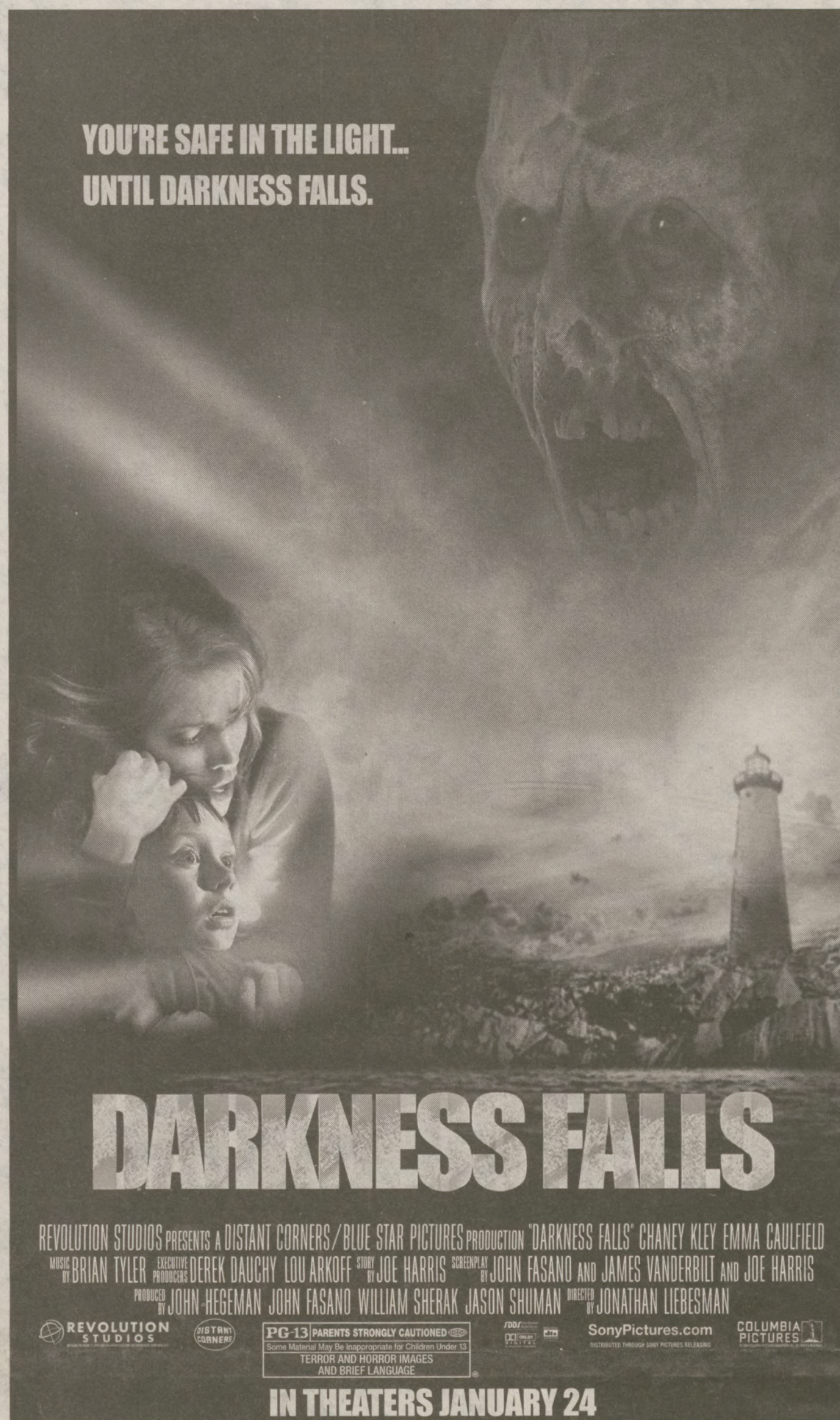
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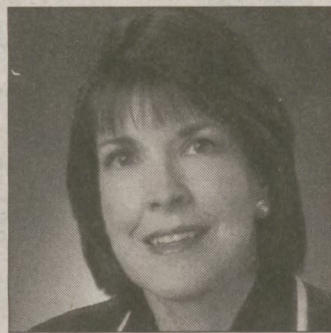
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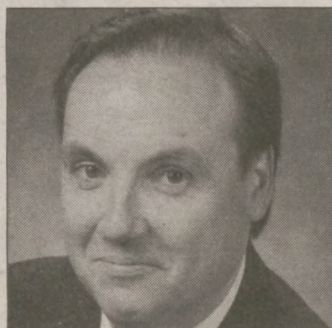
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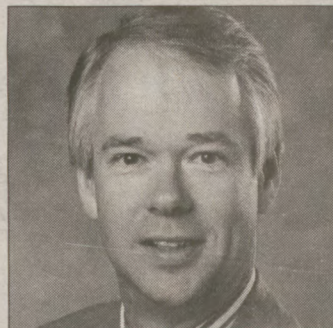
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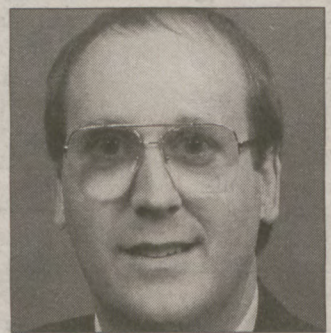
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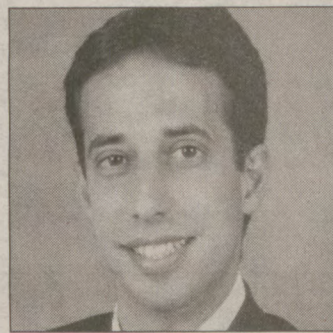
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Bleeding for a cause

By ADAM DEMENIUK
THE OAKLAND POST

The American Red Cross and OU have come together to save lives again this January. During OU's blood drive this past fall, 300 pints of blood were collected, according to Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs. The OU winter blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 27-29 in the Gold Room of the OC. The Red Cross issued a challenge to U.S. citizens to increase donations by 12 percent this January over last year's drive, according to a Red Cross press release. Red Cross recognizes January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. "Anybody who is 17 years or older, in general good health, and weighs 110 pounds or more can donate. Generally, (Red Cross) takes one pint of blood from each person," said Franklin. Blood supplies are critically low, according to Franklin. Marie Mangus, spokesperson for the American Red Cross' southeastern Michigan chapter said, "Currently, we have less than a two hour supply of O and B type blood. It's very critical that students donate to increase the blood supply to three hours. O's and B's are needed the most."

The blood shortage is due to the holidays, when many people have other obligations and blood donations dwindle, according to Mangus. The Red Cross' standard blood supply should be at a minimum of a "three day, 72 hour supply," Mangus said. "Each pint drawn has the potential to save three lives," said Franklin. "The best reason to give blood is because it saves lives." OU is challenged to recruit donors because typically the general population gives more blood than students do, according to Mangus. "On average, about two percent of the student population donates and five percent of the general population of eligible donors donate. Oakland University has done better than most other universities," said



Students have a chance to give blood on Jan. 27-29 in the Gold Rooms. The Red Cross and OU are asking students to give as blood supplies are critically low right now.

Mangus. Justin Labaj, junior, said some students have excuses for not donating blood. "A lot of people don't know about the blood drives. Many don't try to take the time out to do it. Others are afraid of the needle or the sight of blood. Also, some people may have not been able to give blood in the past, so they don't try again," he said. The pint of blood withdrawn will replenish itself within eight to 24 hours of donating and donors must wait at least 8 weeks before giving blood again, Mangus said. "I'd like for it to be more than just students giving

blood. Our goal is 300 pints, although I'd be happy with more than 300 pints," Franklin said. CSA recommends students who want to receive priority over walk-in donors make an appointment by Jan. 23. Appointments can be made online at the CSA website (www.oakland.edu/currentstudents/csa), or by calling CSA at (248) 370-2400. People can also sign up at donor recruitment tables in the OC. The Red Cross is also accepting financial donations and is collecting blankets for the homeless, a way for people who can't donate blood to still be helpful, Mangus said. For more information call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.semredcross.org

Bringing diversity to campus

Program helps encourage minorities to attend college

By LAURA ANGUS
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OU's King Chavez Park Initiative Program and the Wade H. McCree Jr. Scholarship Incentive program are working to encourage minorities to graduate from high school and move on to college. The King Chavez Park Initiative Program, which started in 1984, begins in sixth and seventh grade with classroom visits. In eighth grade, students are brought to OU's campus to see what college life is like. Many other universities, like the University of Michigan, participate in the program. It is designed to educate students from cities in their regions. OU brings students in from Detroit, Oak Park and Pontiac. Students are brought to OU almost every Tuesday and Thursday, depending on when the schools sign up. Candace Rodgers, the head coordinator of KCP's program at OU, said she thinks the program is successful, although too many students are seen to keep track of whether they go on to higher education. "I think (it's successful) just by student comments. They have a lot of questions about college," she said. During the extended day part of the program, KCP brings eighth grade and high school students to OU for four days during the summer. Students take mini-courses and live in the dorms to "get a taste of college life," said Rodgers. Many students said they feel the program is beneficial. Joi Durant, junior, a KCP mentor said, "I do feel it's a great program for students in high school to expand to second education."

Another program working to assist minorities in the area is the Wade H. McCree Jr. Scholarship Incentive program. If participants graduate from high school with at least a 3.0 GPA and a 21 on the ACT, they are offered a scholarship that pays for four years of tuition and fees to OU. Students are selected in the ninth grade to participate. During their four years of high school, the students are brought to OU for different activities, including sporting events and a science event. In order to maintain their eligibility, McCree Scholars must meet with a peer mentor weekly, maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA, take COM 101 and meet with a counselor once a month. Last year, the Office of Equity began running the scholarship program. "We've always informally mentored them once they arrived," said Gloria Sosa, director of the Office of Equity. "Last year was the first year we worked directly and formally with them." Sosa said she feels the change was appropriate as the KCP program specializes in college preparation and the Office of Equity specializes in the "recruitment and retention" of a diverse student body. Another benefit for McCree scholars is that they have a support in their counselors and mentors during their years at OU. "Students have a second home on campus," said Sosa.

Balancing family life

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Women frustrated with the task of juggling family life and work will be able to hear an expert's opinion on it in an upcoming speech presented by the Women's Studies program.

The speech will be delivered noon-1 p.m., Jan. 29 in the Lake Michigan Room of the OC, by Karen Markel, an assistant professor from the Department of Management and Marketing, in the school of business who has researched women in the workplace for years.

"The whole question is the double-day that women are expected to do, especially when they have young kids," said Suzanne Spencer-Wood, director of Women's Studies.

As women have entered the job market in the last century, they've taken on new roles without losing their old role of homemaker. This has put tremendous strain on women in today's workforce, Spencer-Wood said.

The speech will address the delicate work/family balance, the availability of "family-friendly" programs, and the impacts of these on employee stress levels and the workplace.

The Women's Studies Speakers speeches series was started by Spencer-Wood last year when she came to the department. This series was created to address feminist issues and make people aware of the women's studies program.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the speech. The Women's Studies department always has interesting topics in their presentations," Vesna Saveski, senior, said.

The speech is co-sponsored by the Department of Management and Marketing and the Student Program Board. Attendance is open to everyone.

For more information contact the Women's Studies department at (248) 370-3221.

Remembering MLK, Jr.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Students celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by reflecting on how he influenced their lives. Students were asked to give quotes and readings about King. It was just one of many events on campus to honor King.

Online classes offer students options

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU offers students an alternative to the four walls of a classroom, the online course.

According to Mark Ludorf, director of Instructional Technology Institute, there are 15-20 online class held by OU every semester.

Ludorf said more classes are being offered online.

The School of Nursing is offering the Registered Nurse program online.

Introduction to Russia, IS 260, has been taught from Russia by Nathan Longan, a former OU faculty member.

Linda Barc, sophomore, said she had the online Russia class and found it interesting because Longan used people living in Russia as guest lecturers on the culture and politics of Russia.

According to Ludorf, professors come to ITI when they want to offer a class on WebCT.

"We provide them training and support," Ludorf said. WebCT is a good way for teachers and students to learn outside the classroom, he said.

OU professors use WebCT, an internet-based program, to upload supplemental course material.

According to Barc and Ludorf,

the e-learning process has many perks for faculty and staff.

"One is that I find the quality of the education experience is better than it would be in the (traditional) class because everyone must participate," Ludorf said. "If I ask a question you can't hide in the back of the room with your head down and not answer."

Ludorf said the online class allows him to know more than just the students' names but also

a little bit about their backgrounds because they have to fill out information about themselves and participate more.

"Learning becomes a continuous process instead of a discrete one," Ludorf said.

It's also more convenient for students because the information is available 24 hours a day, he said and Barc agreed.

"The flexibility is great," Barc said. "It really helps not having

to be in a room every week."

According to Ludorf, however, there are some students who dislike the online classes.

"If you're a person that procrastinates, it's not for you," Ludorf said.

According to Ludorf, students will spend twice as much time taking the course and the faculty takes more time teaching.

"It's a different kind of

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Crime Watch

•Hamlin Hall RAs informed the OUPD they suspected several students had allegedly been drinking after midnight, Jan. 12. Two police officers accompanied the RAs to the students' room and were admitted to the room. The officers reportedly saw liquor in the room. All students submitted to a PBT. All but one were minors.

•Hamlin Hall's head resident informed OUPD he was holding two students for alleged MIP, Jan. 18 at 3 a.m. When OUPD arrived the students had already been released. The first student blew a PBT of .007 and was excused. The officer allegedly smelled strong alcohol on the second male, 18-year-old student. The student blew an alleged PBT

of .050 and was arrested and released on the scene.

•A student's OU personalized license plate was allegedly stolen from her blue, 1995 Chevy four-door between the evening of Jan. 12 and afternoon of Jan. 13 in the University Student Apartments parking lot.

•A new Hewlett Packard Deskjet 550 printer was allegedly

stolen from the Kresge mail room between Jan. 7 and Jan. 8. An OU staff member had ordered it but did not attempt to pick it up until Jan. 8. After finding it missing, the staff member sent email to other staff and checked with the computer staff to see if it had mistakenly been picked up by someone else. After that, the printer was reported stolen.

•Fourteen slabs of pork ribs and two boxes of chicken tenders valued at about \$122 were stolen from the Vandenberg kitchen between 5 p.m. on Jan. 14, and 8 a.m. on Jan. 15. The only suspect is a Chartwell's employee. No charges have been made.

•The OUPD has a suspect in an investigation into the gang graffiti found around campus

between September and December 2002. The graffiti words, "Pen" and "Dove," are reportedly nicknames. One of the men allegedly admitted to being responsible for the graffiti on the construction barriers west of the OC, the dumpster near building 7000 of the student apartments, the trash can south of SFH, and the trash can north of the OC.

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Surfing for license plates

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Drivers hoping to get a personalized plate no longer have to wait in long lines at the Secretary of State's office only to find out someone else already had the same idea.

Customers can now use an online service provided by the SOS called "Plate It Your Way." This new service lets motorists check the availability of personalized plates online at the SOS website www.michigan.gov/sos. Personalized plates are in high demand. Last year, the state

recorded more than 160,000 custom plates and they seem to be growing in popularity, according to the SOS.

This new service will let a consumer check plate availability at his or her own convenience and reduce the time and frustration previously associated with personalizing license plates.

Many residents aren't aware of the many choices and styles that are available.

Natalie Pawl, junior, was not aware there were 24 choices for license plates.

"I knew that there were three or four," she said.

The system allows the user to choose from the different 24-variety Michigan plate styles, including the traditional blue-and-white, university logos and special interest plates.

The user then enters the word, phrase or numbers he or she wishes to appear on the plate. If the combination wanted is not available, the user is directed to enter a new one.

Kelly Chesney, communications director for the SOS, said, "So far there has been tremendous feedback and residents really like it. It's a fun way to test out plate designs and

instantly see what the combination will look like."

Once a personalized combination is identified as available, information about ordering and cost is provided.

Customers can also print out a preview of their plate to take with them to a SOS branch office to order.

Even though the service can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the "Plate It Your Way" feature does not allow users to reserve or order personalized plates online. That can only be done at a SOS branch.

Chesney said reserving and

ordering personalized plates online is a possible the next step for the Michigan SOS website.

"We intend on doing it in the future," she said, but it will have to wait due to the agency's budget.

Kristin Chudo, junior, suggested more information on the website.

"They should put up a 'coming soon' section," to let visitors to the site know online reservation and ordering services are on their way, she said.

The Secretary of State also provides a number of other

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GLOBAL GLANCE

• A possible terrorist attack in Kuwait has left one American civilian dead and another wounded Tuesday morning. The two civilians were driving down the main road leading away from the U.S. military's Camp Doha. Terrorists may have been hiding behind a tree off the road and opened fire on the SUV the civilians were driving, hitting it at least 24 times. The driver was shot and wounded in the leg and shoulder. The passenger was fatally shot in multiple areas. The U.S. is assisting Kuwait authorities in the investigation.

• Nations across the world are urging the U.S. and the U.N. to be patient with Iraq while reports and investigations from U.N. weapons inspectors are still being processed. However, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Iraq is running out of time. Powell is urging the U.N. to stand firm against Iraq and not back down. U.N. weapons inspectors are expected to report to the Security Council next week. Powell insists Iraq does not understand the seriousness of this investigation. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw agrees with the U.S. and said patience is wearing thin and at some time patience will run out.

• The house of Laci Peterson, the pregnant woman who vanished while her husband was out fishing Dec. 24, was reportedly broken into sometime between Jan. 16-19 while her husband, Scott, had been out looking for her. The break-in doesn't appear to be linked to the kidnapping, which is "bizarre," according to Modesto, Calif. police. Nothing significant was taken, police said. Scott has not been named a suspect in his wife's kidnapping, however police have not ruled him out. The search is still going on to find Laci.

• A meeting in Pyongyang appears to be "successful" and "interesting" between Russian envoy Alexander Losyukov and North Korean leader Kim Jong II, according to Losyukov. He is hopeful a nuclear standoff between North Korea, its neighbors and the U.S. can be resolved. Even though details were not given from the six-hour meeting, Losyukov did say he presented a plan which North Korea would receive security guarantees and economic aid in return for stopping its nuclear weapons program after the country rejected a plan proposed by the U.S.

Global goof

• Some go for the world record of how many clothes pins one can clip to a face, others try to see how long they can jump on a pogo stick without falling, but a company in Japan is going to try to go the distance two days after Valentine's Day. Sexual distance, that is. Bakky Visual Planning, an adult video company, is looking for men who "want to have sex," a Bakky spokesman said. The company is setting up an unidentified female porn star who agreed to break the Guinness Book of World Record of having intercourse with 251 partners in just 10 hours. There are rules such as no unprotected sex and a maximum five-minute time period. Bakky is nervous about the process because only about 20 people have applied, however a spokesman said, "If we don't get enough people (to break the record), we'll let those who are capable of doing so to saddle up as often as they can until we get past 251 times."

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
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Information taken from
various news sources



Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard demonstrates how a taser works. His department may be using tasers by summer.

Tasers may be in future for police

By CASEY CURTIS
THE OAKLAND POST

After two years of debate, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard will be placing a new weapon in the hands of his deputies. Not larger, more elaborate guns, but tasers.

A taser is a weapon that shoots an electrical signal throughout a region. When it hits an article of clothing or the human body, the person loses neuromuscular control for a total loss of about 30 seconds, allowing police to stop a uncooperative suspect without using lethal force, according to a distributors website www.stungunsandtasers.com.

More than 1,800 law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. and Canada use tasers, but until December of last year, it was illegal in Michigan for a police agency to use one.

Bouchard said after looking over various studies on the use of tasers, it would benefit both the deputies and society.

"It makes sense because in a number of situations, it will save lives and prevent injuries," he said.

The taser, which is being purchased from the Michigan Taser Distribution in Jackson, will knock even the toughest

person down, according to Bouchard.

He said that the taser was tested out on a deputy who was willing to be the guinea pig.

"He jumped right up and said, 'wow, does that work!'" he said.

Bouchard said although the bolt of electricity received is enough to render a person helpless, it has no permanent physical damage to the body.

"It basically prevents the muscles that will allow you to fight and punch and run from working," he said.

No permanent damage can be done to the heart, lungs, or brain, Bouchard said.

Luke Smith, junior, said he is pleased with the idea of using a weapon that is not fatal.

"I think if it prevents (police) from pulling guns, and the tasers are not fatal, they're fine," he said.

Deputies must be trained in using the tasers, which includes class work and advanced field training with the taser itself.

The tasers look almost identical to a handgun, but deliver a five-second shock instead of a bullet, according to Bouchard.

He said the situation the taser would help the most would be when deputies

confront a person who is impaired due to drugs.

"It allows even somebody extremely erratic, incoherent and volatile who is under the influence of drugs to be controlled," he said.

Bouchard also said up until now, the only option deputies would have to defend themselves is his or her gun. He feels the tasers give them a better option to end a conflict peacefully, with no one getting killed.

Christy Bores, freshman, said the tasers might also put an end to officers getting killed in the line of duty because they may not be pulling their guns as much.

"I believe it would be beneficial in helping prevent the accidental deaths of officers by the perpetrator," she said.

Lt. Richard Tomczak of the OUPD said it is not even considering implementing the use of tasers.

"Even if we did, we would have to do a lot of research before we recommended our officers to carry it," he said.

Bouchard said as soon as the department can get some firm prices and get the cost down as low as possible, the sooner the tasers will be put into place; possibly as soon as this summer.

NEXUS lane makes border crossing easier

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Detroit-Windsor Tunnel began accepting applications last Monday for its NEXPRESS Added Value program, a new express lane that allows participants to bypass manned inspection booths.

The new lane could potentially cut tunnel travel time in half. NEXUS lanes have already been opened at the Blue Water Bridge and borders in Buffalo and Blaine, Washington. The Ambassador Bridge will have NEXUS lanes opening this month.

Commuters who want to take advantage of the system must apply for a government-issued I.D. card that will eliminate routine questioning at the booths. The card will work at all NEXUS locations across the country.

According to the Ambassador Bridge Company, the

card features a chip containing the personal information of the NEXUS participants including what vehicles they have registered to cross the border. This information is read electronically as NEXUS users drive through a NEXUS lane, then displayed on a screen viewed by border guards.

If everything checks out the vehicle will be allowed to pass through the border without the driver being questioned.

This may seem like a great plan to alleviate border traffic, the question still looms on whether NEXUS will help with the regular flow of traffic.

Regarding the impact on NEXUS' overall bridge traffic, "it really hasn't done a lot to relieve that area," said Morris Hall, department manager of the Blue Water Bridge, which already has a NEXUS lane in operation. "A lot of our traffic is commercial."

Please see NEXUS on A7

Applications are
available online at
www.dwtunnel.com



The NEXUS lane is supposed to elevate backups and traffic woes between the U.S. and Canada.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Editorial

Trustees avoid openness

When *Post* editors noticed Trustee Ann Nicholson entering the OC Wednesday, we knew something was up because no Board of Trustees meeting had been announced.

When we tried to enter the room Nicholson was in, we were prohibited from doing so. Some waited outside the door. At the end of the meeting, six of the eight trustees filed out of the room.

For obvious reasons, a meeting of OU's BOT, which makes all major decisions for the university, is of great of importance, not just to reporters, but to the community at large. Beyond that, Michigan law mandates open meetings of public bodies.

With OU likely facing double digit budget cuts and students a double digit tuition increase, that secret gathering, informal session, or whatever other explanation the Board gives it, was a meeting with a quorum of the trustees present on a topic of critical interest.

Calling it a briefing about higher education cuts and the new state legislature is certainly of interest to the OU community and is certainly not a valid reason for meeting behind closed doors.

If all they were doing was getting a briefing, there was no call for the shroud of secrecy. Beyond that Michigan law mandates open meetings of public bodies.

This blatant disregard of our rights as students at a public university is extremely disturbing.

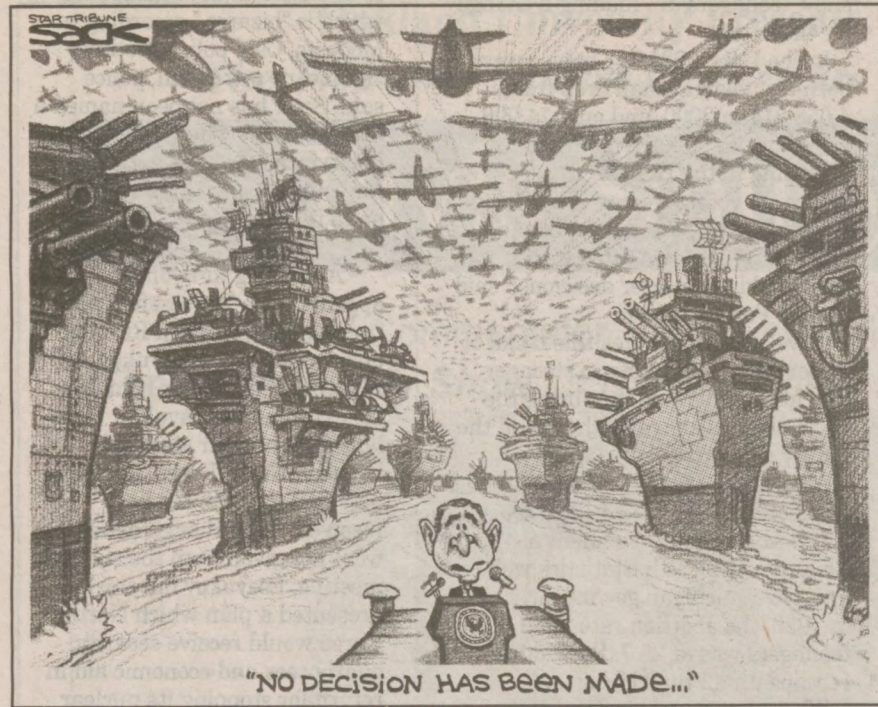
The Michigan Open Meetings Act is law for a reason. Its intent is to prevent governing entities from making decisions on behalf of other people without an opportunity for scrutiny.

Now we have no way of knowing what, if anything, was decided ahead of time at that meeting. *The Post* and anyone else would be hard-pressed to find a sheet of paper proving the meeting even occurred without the lucky coincidence of spotting the OC calendar.

It's one thing hiding from the media, but we are also students, interested in learning about how universities operate.

This makes us recall a recent decision made at the December BOT meeting. OU's car show, "Concours d'Elegance," will now be operated by an outside company. The decision was unanimous and made with very little discussion. It makes *The Post* wonder whether the decision had already been made behind another set of closed doors in another so called briefing.

This flagrant violation and disregard of the OMA, by the BOT, should send up red flags to everyone on campus.



Letters to the editor

Reader appalled by Post's treatment of Russi's raise

Dear Editor,

I am appalled at your article titled "Russi's Paycheck Grows" and appalled at your cheap placement of it next to the budget cut article. It seems that you should be teaching young people about the value of education, and instead you are slighting Dr. Russi's abilities to run the university as a business and his extensive experience and educational background.

It is true that budget cuts are difficult waters to maneuver, but do you want the best person at the helm to steer you through the difficulties, or the least expensive, least qualified person?

Your students should be proud of their university and its leadership. The article should have been titled "Dr. Russi takes minimal cost-of-living raise and continues to lead the university." To dramatize giving up a paltry 4 percent raise and bonus equating to \$12,000 as something that would help the budget is ludicrous and degrading to anyone who aspires to leading educational environments and managing complex organizations. The young man in the bookstore who equated the raise to his yearly salary obviously doesn't know why he is going to school.

Let your students know that there is value in education and working hard in the real world.

Kathleen Heck
Rochester Hills resident

Dear Editor,

The article "Palestinians misunderstood" that Gayle Issa wrote in the Jan. 15 edition of *The Oakland Post* was amazing. The opinions she expressed were so similar to the ones I often express to my friends and relatives. I normally use two examples to define this particular situation.

1) When a leopard chases a deer, as soon as the deer realizes it has no other way to go, it turns back and tries to attack the leopard (by kicking). But it's unfair to blame the deer for its last minute resort. The Palestinian situation is similar to that. These people have been cornered for the past 50 years and their attacks cannot be differentiated from the deer attacking a leopard.

2) Let's imagine a hypothetical situation in which the Red Indians acquire some scientific technology that makes them the most powerful people in the world. How will the other people living in the U.S. respond if the Red Indians start evicting them by force with the help of the newly acquired technology? My point is if we feel 200 years gives us some legitimacy, here we should be supporting the Palestinians who have more than 700 years worth of claim to the place they live.

I would love to hear more unbiased opinions like that.

Midhun Babu
MBA

Dear Editor,

I was talking with a group of other students, and we are all baffled at the dramatic increase in the ticket prices at the AMC Forum 30. It's a movie theater a lot of OU students go to, and we are all outraged that the price of student admission had been raised in increments from \$5 to the now \$6.50. We are wondering why this movie theater suddenly thinks that students have more money to spend. Isn't the "student price" supposed to give students like ourselves a break on ticket prices, considering we give them the most business?

Jennifer Roman
Senior

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FEATURED COLUMNISTS

Erosion of civil rights worrying



MICHELLE JAMIAN

OUSC Vice President

While in American we value our rights to privacy and a non-invasive government, threats against our security are real and are now making us think differently about the value of protection.

However, with that value comes a cost.

Are we willing to forgo the traditional privacy and independence of living almost anonymously to protect ourselves? And what does that mean?

Possibly, a national identification card, internet surveillance and a home bared to the government's eyes.

How will it change us, will they know what we've done, and where we've been?

Will they replace drivers licenses with the national ID card for ID checks when credit card purchases are made?

Included in the effort to provide homeland security is the right to search with virtually little just cause.

Under the old system of justice a search warrant had to be obtained from a judge, and there was the obligation to knock on your door before coming in. As citizens we were protected.

Under the Homeland Security Act, there will be a "no-knock" policy where the government will have the right to barge in if there is a perceived threat.

I see the government's new take on protection, but I also believe that as a citizen of this country, I have certain rights.

The national ID proposal and Operation TIPS designed by the Bush Administration and the Department of Justice, would basically turn our neighbors into government spies. Fortunately it was rejected by Congress.

The national ID plan released earlier this year, called for the national standardization of state driver's licenses, a de facto national

ID.

Operation TIPS, as proposed by the Department of Justice, sought to actively enlist a network of government informants among utility workers, cable technicians or anyone else whose jobs grant them easy access to private homes.

While I venerate the decision to repudiate TIPS and the national ID card, I maintain that our Congress and the public will have to scrupulously monitor the new Homeland Security Department to safeguard privacy, avoid undue secrecy and protect due process rights.

Yet these are not the only ways in which we will be directly affected.

Time and time again we have heard the idea of internet surveillance.

John Poindexter, a high-ranking Reagan administration official, gives us a new reason to be concerned. We have learned to operate thus far knowing the possibility of each email being tracked.

However, with Poindexter's

proposed Total Information Awareness program, intrusive and unnecessary government supervision of our households is inevitable.

The program will lay the foundation for a massive database of private sector and government information, capable of producing the cyber details of each American's daily activity on their computer.

So called "non-traditional data sources," including credit card transactions, hotel reservations and even prescription drug receipts could then be monitored by our government in order to detect behavioral patterns suggesting terrorist activity.

Now I ask you, does this infringe on YOUR civil liberties? I believe it infringes on mine.

There is nothing to be left of the word privacy in the proposed future of the U.S. Constitution, protect me.

Point / Counterpoint

Should students wait before attending grad school?

No

BY MATTHEW HUDSON
POLITICAL SCIENCE/COMMUNICATION

Since I began my stint here at OU, there are a few things that I have noticed.

First is that I love college, not only because of all the normal stuff like how it enriches the mind or helps our social calendars, but also because it is keeping me from having to find the nine to five job I dread so much.

I think that sentiment is shared by most of my fellow Grizzlies. The second thing that I have noticed in my tenure here is that I don't really want out of college, I love it all, in fact: The learning, the friends, the unending search for knowledge, it's all great.

These two things along with other more obvious motivations are what have prompted me to elongate my collegiate career with an immediate stretch in graduate school after I am granted my bachelor's degree from our fine institution.

Isn't a society even a little messed up when you have to be declared a master at something just to earn \$40,000 a year? I'm gonna go ahead and vote yes on that one.

But sadly enough of society is taking the opposite approach, so it looks like the smartest move for me is to suck it up and have people calling me a doctor before I turn 26. What a kick that would be, eh?

With money as no object, what motivation does one have to put off graduate school? Well, as far as I am concerned, there is none. It is proven that not only do we learn better while younger, but we are also more adept at accepting other points of view than we would be just a few years down the road. So during this time that I, and hopefully a few soon-to-be-graduates are going through, I hope I can help your grad school questions with these few words.

If you are lucky enough to live in a world where money for school is no object then you would truly be better off going right through and becoming a master at whatever you love.

Because, above all do you really think a four-year degree is going to be enough when we are in our 30s, 40s and beyond? My vote is a serious no. So I hope I'll be seeing you in grad school soon.

Yes

BY BEN PHENICIE
SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ah, formal education – the safety valve for a society that is largely uncertain what the heck to do with its youth. College attendance boomed in the 1960s and 1970s along with the baby boom and, not coincidentally, when being an Art History major for five years kept you out of the killing fields of Vietnam. Youths were protesting in the streets, demanding social reform and sometimes radical change. Around the same time, there was suddenly a whole new crop of jobs that required bachelor's degrees. Hmm. Perhaps someone thought it was better to have us mellowed out under the burden of books and tests than trying to monkey wrench the system. This can not be proven and I will probably be sharply criticized for my idle conspiracy theorizing.

Of course, there is an upswing to having a highly educated society, as it has prevented such problems as low political participation, irresponsible business practices, and environmental pollution. Oh wait ... no it hasn't. Somehow giving a bachelor's degree

to everyone who can cobble together a few 15-page essays hasn't given birth to a new America. Inexplicable! What on earth can we do about this?

The conventional wisdom is to beat the dead horse further by sending us all to two more years of books and tests at a more advanced level. This is called Grad School and is now where everyone goes for the whole new crop of jobs that has suddenly sprung up requiring master's degrees.

To be fair, grad school, does have its time and place for certain professions: for doctors, ministers, lawyers and engineers, professional schools are crucial to gaining competency. But it is not clear why 17 years of formal education, kindergarten through college, should not be enough to make you employable at 80 percent or 90 percent of the jobs out there. Two weeks ago Mike Murphy warned us that graduating from college doesn't necessarily make you ready for real life. Why on earth should two years of more of the same get you ready for it?

Honestly, I have had enough of school. If I were to go to grad school in September, I would probably ralph on my first five hundred numbered syllabus. Certainly, as a teacher, I'll get there eventually. But for now let me at it. Real life, here I come.

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Scott Barns, executive director of the AAUP, is among a group of people who receive email notices from the BOT office about upcoming Board meetings. He said he never received an email about the Jan. 15 meeting and didn't know one was scheduled for that day until he passed by the

The BOT holds its regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month in Elliott Hall. The first meeting of 2003 was scheduled for Jan. 8 but was cancelled for undisclosed reasons.

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OUPD and Auburn Hills Police Department both arrived at the acci-

Repairs for the damages are expected to cost several thousand dollars.

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For Alicia Sossi, freshman, it is a chance to get involved.

An application can be obtained at the Alumni Relations Office in the Dodge House from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Other features include a voter registration page where Michigan residents

Chesney said the website and its new features are "certainly an indication of how technology can help the consumer."

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He said that the department did not want it to be a correspondence course where there was no face-to-face interaction and the isolation part of the

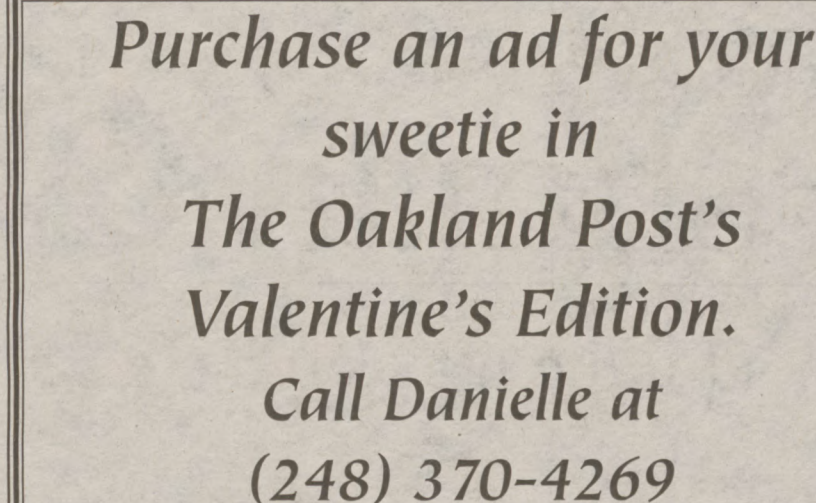
of offerings. I don't think OU nationally is different than the average," Ludor said. "I don't think we are leading the pack either."

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The next OU Senate meeting is Feb. 13.

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Applications take about six weeks to process. For more information about the NEXUS program, visit its website at www.ccr.gc.ca/nexus or call (866) 639-8726.



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Space is still available! Contact Sara Crampton in the CSA office with any questions (x2024 or crampton@oakland.edu).

Tickets are going fast, so do not wait to pick yours up!

Sign-up for:

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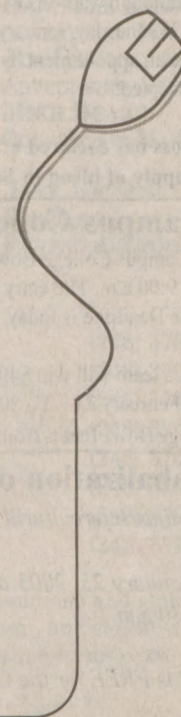
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Congratulations!

Kathryn Van Gorder, Jessica Horvath, Jeffrey Jerome and Christa Lenhardt gained additional benefits from Freshman OUtlook when they each received a \$250 gift check at the end of the fall semester for logging onto all 15 Fall 2002 messages.



Going Greek

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Many of OU's Greek organizations are actively recruiting new members. Students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority have many options from which to choose.

For some, going Greek, or joining a fraternity or sorority, can be one of the most important decisions a student can make.

Christina Tierman, coordinator of Student Organizations and Greek Life, said that she feels Greek organizations are valuable to the college experience.

"It provides an opportunity to get a family at college," she said.

OU's Greek organizations are active in many social, service and leadership events on campus.

"I think they are some of our busiest organizations," said Tierman.

Currently, the organizations are planning a Greek Week, for which dates have not been set.

The Greek organizations are changing from being completely social to striving to serve OU and the local community.

According to senior Jovana Koscica, president of Alpha Delta Pi, her organization is working to become more service oriented.

"I would definitely like to see us take a more active role this year in the community," she said.

The organization serves Ronald McDonald House and was part of the peanut butter and jelly sandwich-making event that was held last Monday.

Koscica said that this group has held the highest GPA title for the past couple of years and its members are active in other organizations around campus. It also has the largest membership and cannot currently accept new members.

"Women who would want to join Alpha Delta Pi are those who like to work hard and play hard," said Koscica. "Being with my sisters always brightens my day no matter how bad it may be."

If people are interested in getting more information, they can contact Jessica Brown, the recruitment vice president at jrbrown@oakland.edu.

Another social sorority with a service focus is Alpha Kappa Alpha.

According to president Brandi Barwick, senior, its core principles include education, family and leadership development. The organization gives out blue books and scantrons and serves the Salvation Army and food banks.

The organization also gives \$1,500 in scholarships every year, and sponsored a freshman seminar last fall.

Barwick said that women who want to be a part of a sisterhood and network should consider Alpha Kappa Alpha.



Photo courtesy of Gamma Phi Beta
Although the sorority is a social one, they work to serve the local community with projects like this.

Members of Gamma Phi Beta, one of OU's social sororities make Valentine's Day cards for residents of a nursing home in Shelby Township last January.

"If you want to work not only for yourself, but for others, you should get involved," said Barwick.

Since a national council controls Alpha Kappa Alpha's recruitment, it happens less often.

Interested students should check out Alpha Kappa Alpha events and see what the organization is like.

"It's a life time commitment," said Barwick. "Once you join, you're in Alpha Kappa Alpha for life."

Gamma Phi Beta is another social sorority at OU. Like Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta works to give back to the community.

In early April, students can "Throw a Pie at Gamma Phi," during Gamma Phi Beta's event to raise money for Campfire USA.

It also works for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Walk For Warmth and sponsors events like Safe Sex week at OU.

"We strive to promote the highest level of woman-

hood," said president Jennifer Janowski, senior.

The sorority offers prizes for good grades, study tables and scholarships in order to encourage academics in its members.

Gamma Phi Beta is also active in supporting the other Greek organizations on campus. Janowski said going Greek is important, so Gamma Phi Beta supports events that encourage that, not just itself.

Students who are interested in joining Gamma Phi Beta should contact Janowski at jennyljanowski@hotmail.com or at (248) 364-9421.

Theta Chi Fraternity is another social organization that focuses on community service. Its motto is "Extend a helping hand to all who seek it," said senior Chris Robb, president of Theta Chi.

The members volunteer their time to the American Red Cross and the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Upcoming events for Theta Chi include a Super

Bowl party Jan. 26, trips to Boyne and Daytona Beach and a beach party in the fall. Also, this week is their Rush Week.

"Students should go Greek because it gives people a life outside of class, dorms and the Oakland Center," said Robb. "The benefits of Theta Chi are friends for life, the best social life you can find, leadership opportunities, job connections, chapter house, respect and brotherhood."

One sorority that focuses primarily on service is Delta Sigma Theta. Working to give back to the local area community is the organization's main focus, said president Mandy Mullens, senior.

The members recently knitted scarves for homeless children, and have many upcoming projects. One upcoming event is called "Sisters, Let's Talk," and it is an open dialogue to discuss women's issues. This event will be held at a local low-income housing development. They also have a similar event on campus.

On Feb. 8, Delta Sigma Theta will sponsor its first annual Scholarship Ball. This is one of many events the sorority has planned for this semester.

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Frats play roller hockey

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Continuing the tradition of Mudbowl, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is planning a roller hockey game to broaden its athletic and social bounds.

For 15 years, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has competed against Theta Chi in the Mudbowl, which usually takes place in October. Sigma Alpha Epsilon won last year's game, 21-7.

Instead of facing the same fraternity in roller hockey, Sigma

Alpha Epsilon invited Sigma Pi to participate to get a different group involved, said Sigma Alpha Epsilon president Adam Mager.

The two fraternities will face off at 10 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Joe Dumars Field House in Shelby Township.

Mager said that the event has been in the works for a couple years, with his fraternity waiting for another group to agree to play in the game.

During the intermissions, there will be t-shirt giveaways, and Mager is looking into getting a

raffle license for the game as well.

The idea arose from some members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon not wanting to participate in Mudbowl for various reasons. The group set out to find an additional activity to keep more members involved.

"The main reason we have these events is because we have a lot of members that play hockey and football and many other sports," Mager said. "It is fun for everyone, even the people not playing. It also gets our name out

on campus."

Although the game will be played within the bounds of friendly competition, it will follow the rules of a real game.

There will be three periods of 15 minutes each, played in stop time (with the clock being stopped at whistles and stoppages of play).

Mager is hoping that 10 skaters will be on each team, along with a goalie for both squads.

No admission will be charged and all are welcome. For more

information, go to the Rush table in the Oakland Center hallway.

"The main group of people that come out to the events are Greek and any friends they might bring along," Mager said. "We do try very hard to get all students to come out and see why they should join a Greek organization or just have fun."

Joe Dumars Field House is located at the intersection of M-59 and Mound Rd.

CSA retreat update

The Center for Student Activities has changed the times of its Interreligious and Intercultural Retreat.

The Jan. 25 retreat will now run from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. The schedule has been modified to fit this time frame.

There is still space for this retreat, and the deadline has been extended to get tickets. For ticket information, go to the CSA ticket office or call the CSA office at (248) 370-4266.

Living healthy in 2003

By KRISTIE FAVRO
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

New Year's has come and gone and that means one thing: Time to follow through with all those resolutions.

Many people across the nation made an oath to lose those pesky holiday pounds this year, and it can be done healthily.

According to Joanne Talarek, certified nurse practitioner/coordinator at Graham Health Center, there are many ways to get in shape and looking great in time for spring break this year besides avoiding carbohydrates and trying to run marathons.

Talarek said the most important thing to remember is that losing weight is a slow process and should be done so as to not shock the system.

She said it's healthy to lose about one to three pounds weekly, and heavier people need to realize that it will take them longer to lose

weight. They shouldn't assume that it's okay for them to lose more weight just because they have more to lose. Everyone should do it at a slow rate regardless.

"People should just make doable changes to their lifestyle if they want to lose weight," said Talarek.

She said this can be as simple as grabbing a bottle of water instead of a soda, or a piece of fruit instead of junk food.

According to Talarek, it just takes a little advanced planning and some getting used to.

Talarek also said that drinking eight glasses of water a day is important in healthy living and weight loss.

"The body does all its chemical reactions in a saline solution made mostly of water, so being well-hydrated important in metabolism," she said.

Talarek also encourages exercise in a weight loss program.

"People should be getting about 30 minutes of aerobic exercise a

week," said Talarek. "More is better, but not too much. Over exercising is a sign of an eating disorder."

Junior Sarah Roterman said she plans to play lacrosse this semester.

"It keeps you active, and therefore you tend to stay in shape," she said.

For students who have a busy work schedule, or don't have time to join a sports team, Talarek said one of the easiest exercises is walking.

It doesn't have to be long it can be as easy as parking across campus and walking there and back. Another tip is to take the stairs instead of the elevator.

For students who do have a break in their busy day, a great resource is right on campus, the Rec Center.

It's a state-of-the-art workout facility with workout classes, free weights and cardio machines.

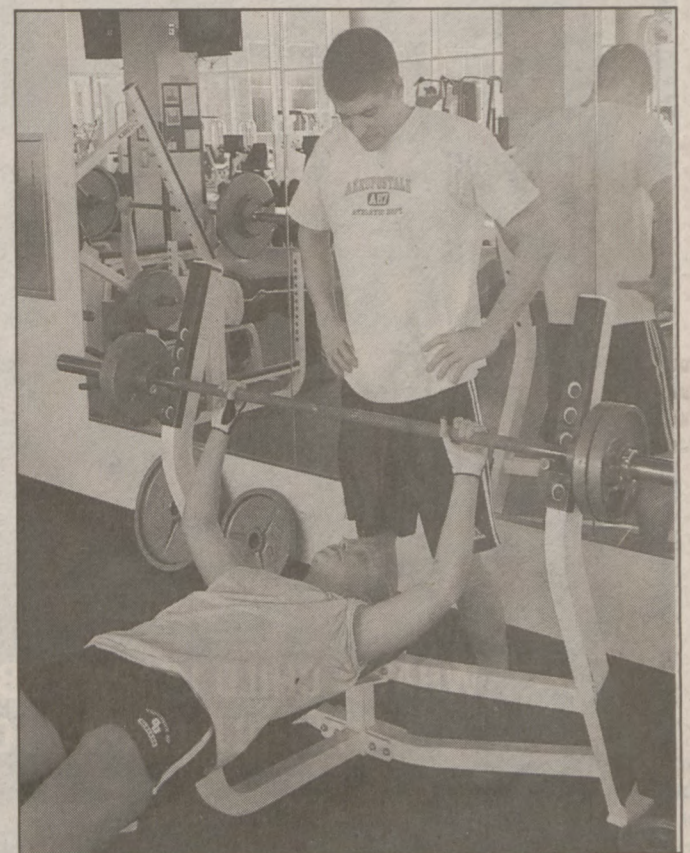
For students who are concerned about their health but don't know

where to start, the Rec Center also provides group sessions, personal training, fitness assessments, nutrition counseling and equipment orientation. Massage therapy sessions are also available.

Students should not choose the more unhealthy weight loss options, stressed Talarek. Crash dieting and dietary supplement pills, among others, are unhealthy and usually not approved by the FDA. They can cause more harm than help.

Talarek also said that students should not restrict or deprive themselves, they should just make small changes and the results will follow. For more information on living healthily, visit the Graham Health Center's website and look for its Health Links.

Also, for more information about the Rec Center facilities, you can email rec@oakland.edu or call at (248) 370-4REC.



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Chris Walters, a senior from OCC, and Jillian Carlsen, junior work out in the Rec Center. The Rec Center offers state of the art equipment for OU students who want to get in shape.

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Shaw, Chesterton face-off

Reenactment of historic debates in MBT

By KIMBERLY R. PATRICK
THE OAKLAND POST

The Great Debate, "GBS vs. GKC", between literary giants George Bernard Shaw and G.K. Chesterton, will be sure to entertain a Meadow Brook Theatre audience with a theatrical reenactment of their legendary battle of wits and ongoing debates concerning religion, politics and diet.

The free event will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Shaw will be played by Brian Murphy an OU English professor, and Arthur Beer of The University of Detroit-Mercy, a frequent Meadow Brook Theatre performer, will play G.K. Chesterton.

Murphy played Shaw in "Dear Liar." His success in this role served as his audition, and inspired Bruce Mann, chair of the English Department, to approach him to play this role.

"Murphy was born to play the role of Shaw," said Mann. "Beer is one of the most acclaimed actors in Detroit."

Mary Bremer is an award winning director and actor, as well as a professor of U-D, Mercy and Beer's wife. She will direct and narrate the performance.

The motivation to bring Jean Morpurgo's adaptation to OU, said Mann, is to support the residency of the Shaw Festival of Canada and its production of "Candida" at Meadow Brook Theatre.

"(It is) an exercise in bringing a source of intellectual history to life," said Murphy, explaining the reason for reenacting the debate.

The adaptation is based on excerpts from letters, conversations and debates between Shaw and Chesterton made into a script that pits one against the other.

The play was performed last year at Niagara on the Lake at

the Shaw Festival and recorded by CBC.

"This (play) is about the birth of the modern age, (posing) questions about evolution, religion and where society should go," said Mann.

Although Murphy is "sympathetic to Shaw," his alliance to Shaw's debate issues basically ends there.

Murphy considers himself politically more a "garden variety American Liberal," not a socialist like Shaw, and said he would "describe myself as a mystic."

Shaw was a socialist in favor of gradual socialism, where no one owns property.

Murphy said that Shaw was an advocate of the Modern British Labor Party and the Fabians, a group that was responsible for the creation of the socialist state.

A self-proclaimed atheist, he believed in the Creative Evolution and the Life Force, something tapped into as a substitute for religion.

Chesterton was a liberal in politics who believed in Distributism, the ownership of private property and distributing wealth more freely.

He believed in following Christian values and was more conservative than Shaw.

They disagreed about religion and politics. However, "they genuinely liked each other and, in a general way, respected each others' opinions," said Murphy.

These social and religious differences were at the core of their debates.

The debates served as a traditional venue for both writers to express their frustrations and to encourage and challenge critical thinking from their audiences.

Their goal was to create a better society, but viewers should not be fooled by the seriousness of the subject.

The play is riddled with constant puns and humor. Although both men wanted to upset and change society, their ideas are presented in a fun manner, with endless witty jabs exchanged throughout the play.

The audience is encouraged to participate in the exchange by showing favor for one orator's comments through applause and verbal approval as prompted

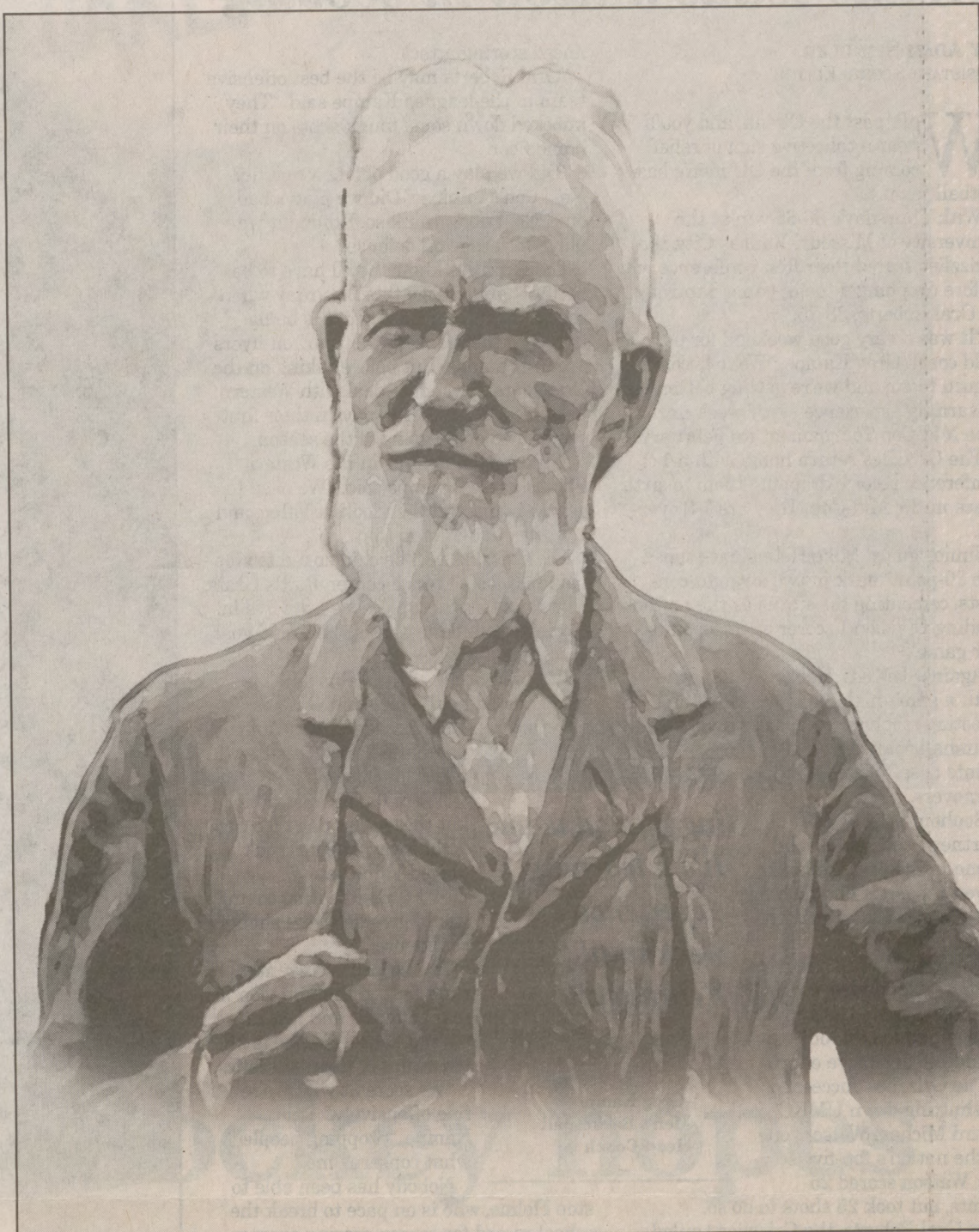


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Historical debater George Bernard Shaw (above) will be played by OU professor Brian Murphy in Saturday's theatrical staged debate at Meadow Brook Theatre.

throughout the play.

In England, the Oxford Union would invite people to argue contemporary issues and would end the debates with a division of the house. The people would leave the hall and return to one side or the other to cast their vote and show their allegiance.

As it was then, the audience is

meant to be the judge now.

This interaction gives the play a flair driving these concerns from script to audience consciousness through their participation.

Admission is free to "GBS vs. GKC" which is cosponsored by the Department of English, Meadow Brook Theatre and the College of Arts & Sciences

Distinguished Programs Fund.

This one-time, hour-long event takes place at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Meadow Brook Theatre.

For more information, call (248) 370-2250.

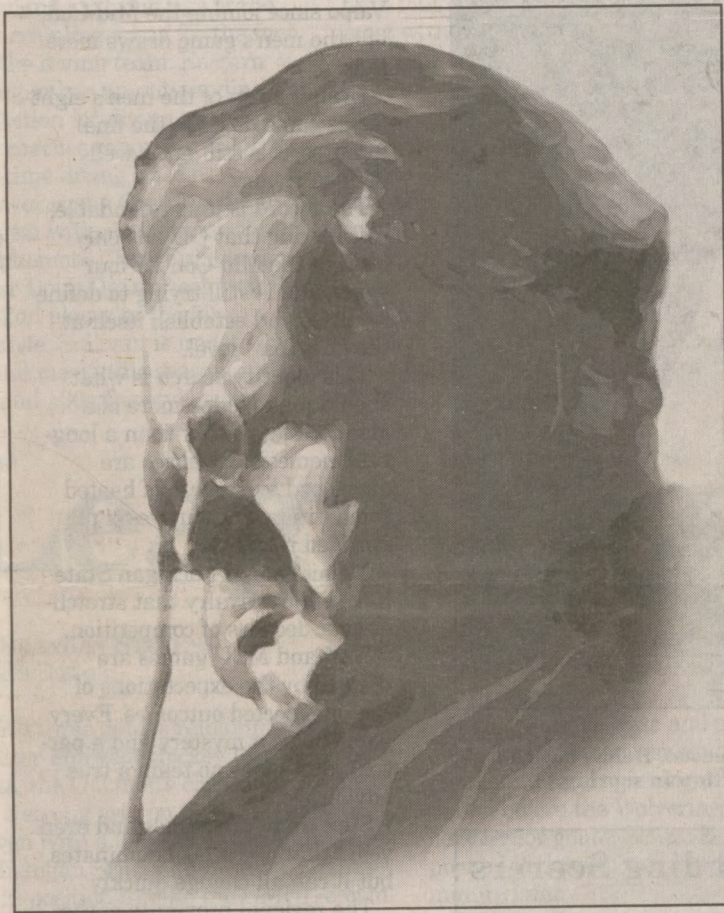


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University of Detroit-Mercy's Arthur Beer will play G. K. Chesterton (above) during the Battle of Wits performance in Meadow Brook Theatre. Chesterton and Shaw were famous for their debates on everything from diet to society.

Full of Pride

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

OU's Pride Forum: The Gay/Straight Alliance is currently gearing up for winter semester. It recently had its first meeting of the year and is planning many upcoming events.

One event is Gay Awareness week, which is tentatively scheduled for the first week in April.

Although the Pride Forum has always been an active organization, it has not always been a public group since its creation about ten years ago.

According to President Julie Munger, sophomore, the Pride Forum is now moving toward becoming more like a support group for students at OU.

"In the past, we dealt with the politics of being gay," said Munger. "Now, dealing with the issues of being gay or straight is more important."

Munger said that the organization was a small group last year, but it is growing this year.

She also said, "It's easier to deal with being a support group because we are so small."

"It was started to create a welcome environment for gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender students, staff and administrators," said communications professor Shea Howell, the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism department interim chair and former adviser.

Howell said national statistics report that about 10 percent of Michiganders are gay, bisexual or transgender.

"I assume OU is not different in those regards," she said.

Howell also said there are no civil rights protections for these populations in Michigan.

Since this group is facing that challenge, the Pride Forum is doing what it can to provide a haven for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender populations at OU.

"There needed to be a group that says it's a welcome environment for students, faculty and staff,"

said Howell.

One of the organization's historic political victories came early in mid 1990.

For three years, with the support of virtually every student organization on campus, the Pride Forum pushed the OU Board of Trustees to put sexual orientation protection in its bylaws.

"After three years, going to every BOT meeting every month, we did it," said Howell.

Thanks to the forum, OU students, staff and administrators received needed civil rights protection on campus.

Today, the organization sponsors dances, movie events, educational forums and chalking on National Coming Out Day Oct. 11.

Through all of this, a major goal is to educate the students of OU.

"I think for one it allows students that are involved to feel that they can help educate others," said Rahki Roy, advisor and assistant director of administrative services in the OC. "They are not trying to promote a gay lifestyle, they are working for equality."

Former president Ed Putnam, sophomore, said the Pride Forum strives to dispel stereotypes.

"We try to bring gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues to light," said Putnam.

Munger said that she thinks it offers an opportunity for students to meet new people.

"It's a safe haven on campus," said Munger.

"We're trying to teach acceptance."

The organization meets at noon every Thursday in the OC. The meeting rooms differ weekly.

Interested students should check the "What's Happening" board in the OC to find out where the meeting is held.

There are also social gatherings called "Buzz" at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at Caribou Coffee on Adams Rd. and Walton Blvd.

Everyone is welcome to attend these weekly events.

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Rahki Roy
Pride Forum:
Gay/Straight Alliance
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'Souls' display kicks off



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

"The Souls of Black Folk" display in Kresge Library is available for students to view through Feb. 21. The display features literature and music for the African-American 2003 Celebration.

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"We do a whole bunch of things," said Mullens.

The organization promotes high scholarship and sisterhood, with GPA requirements and a focus on education, economics, physical and mental health, political awareness and involvement and international awareness and involvement.

"We're looking for strong women with a strong sense of self and the spirit of activism," said Mullens.

Students who are interested in joining should contact Mullens at mrmullens@oakland.edu.

Other greek organizations include Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi

Sigma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta.

Tierman said that most of the groups are currently actively recruiting new members. "Now's a great time to join," she said.

Men tally Mid-Con win

Helms leads nation in scoring

BY ADAM SPINDLER
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Walk past the O'rena, and you'll hear a collective sigh of relief coming from the OU men's basketball team.

With Thursday's 86-65 win at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Grizzlies scored their first conference win, before dropping a tough game Saturday at Oral Roberts, 88-75.

"It was a very good weekend for us," said coach Greg Kampe. "We're becoming a good team, and we're getting better. It's a learning experience every week until (the Mid-Con Tournament in) February."

The Grizzlies return home with a 1-2 conference record, dropping them to sixth place in the Mid-Con. They are 7-8 overall.

Junior guard Mike Helms has topped the 30-point mark in two straight contests, cementing his status as the nation's leading Division I scorer at 27.5 points per game.

Against UMKC, Helms led the way with a game-high 39 points on 11-of-18 shooting. Sophomore guard Rawle Marshall contributed 16 points despite five turnovers.

Sophomore forward Cortney Scott had a solid game in the post, grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out nine assists to go with seven points.

While his team's offensive output was notable, coach Kampe credited the win to what he called an "outstanding" defensive effort.

The Grizzlies succeeded in shutting down UMKC guard Michael Watson, one of the nation's top-five scorers. Watson scored 25 points, but took 25 shots to do so.

At Oral Roberts, the Grizzlies trailed most of the way, but kept it close, cutting the deficit to five with 10 minutes remaining. But from that point on, they were out-rebounded 15-9, including a stretch where the Golden Eagles grabbed four straight offensive boards.

Oral Roberts totaled 49 rebounds to the Grizzlies' 33, but Kampe isn't alarmed.

"That's the first time all year we've been spanked on the boards," the coach said. "One of the things we've been able to do this year is rebound. We're searching for an answer for that."

Helms scored 30 points in the loss, and Scott recorded his first double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Despite running their offense effectively, the Grizzlies couldn't stop Oral Roberts' bal-

anced scoring attack.

"Oral Roberts may be the best offensive team in the league," Kampe said. "They knocked down some tough shots on their home floor."

"Did we play a good defensive game? No, I don't think so. Did we play a bad one? No, I don't think so. I thought we played average on defense."

The Grizzlies know they'll have to be better than average this Saturday when they host Valparaiso in what is being hyped as the "game of the year" on flyers around campus. But before taking on the Crusaders, they must deal with Western Illinois, at 7 p.m. Thursday, in their first conference home game of the season.

"I like our matchups in the Western Illinois game," Kampe said. "We need to get that win, and then look at Valpo, and our guys understand that."

The Grizzlies will be challenged to stop Valpo's 6-foot, 11-inch center, Raitis Grafts, who ranks in the conference's top five in scoring, rebounding, blocks and field goal percentage.

The magnitude of the Valpo game is compounded by the fact that OU has never beaten the Crusaders, but Kampe doesn't feel the pressure will affect his players.

"We're 0-8 against them, but these guys don't look at it that way. They haven't played Valpo yet."

"I think (beating them) would give us a real shot of confidence."

The Grizzlies currently rank first in the Mid-Con in team offense, and last in team defense. Kampe is all too aware of these statistics.

"We score at will. We're fine offensively," said Kampe. "Stopping people is what concerns me."

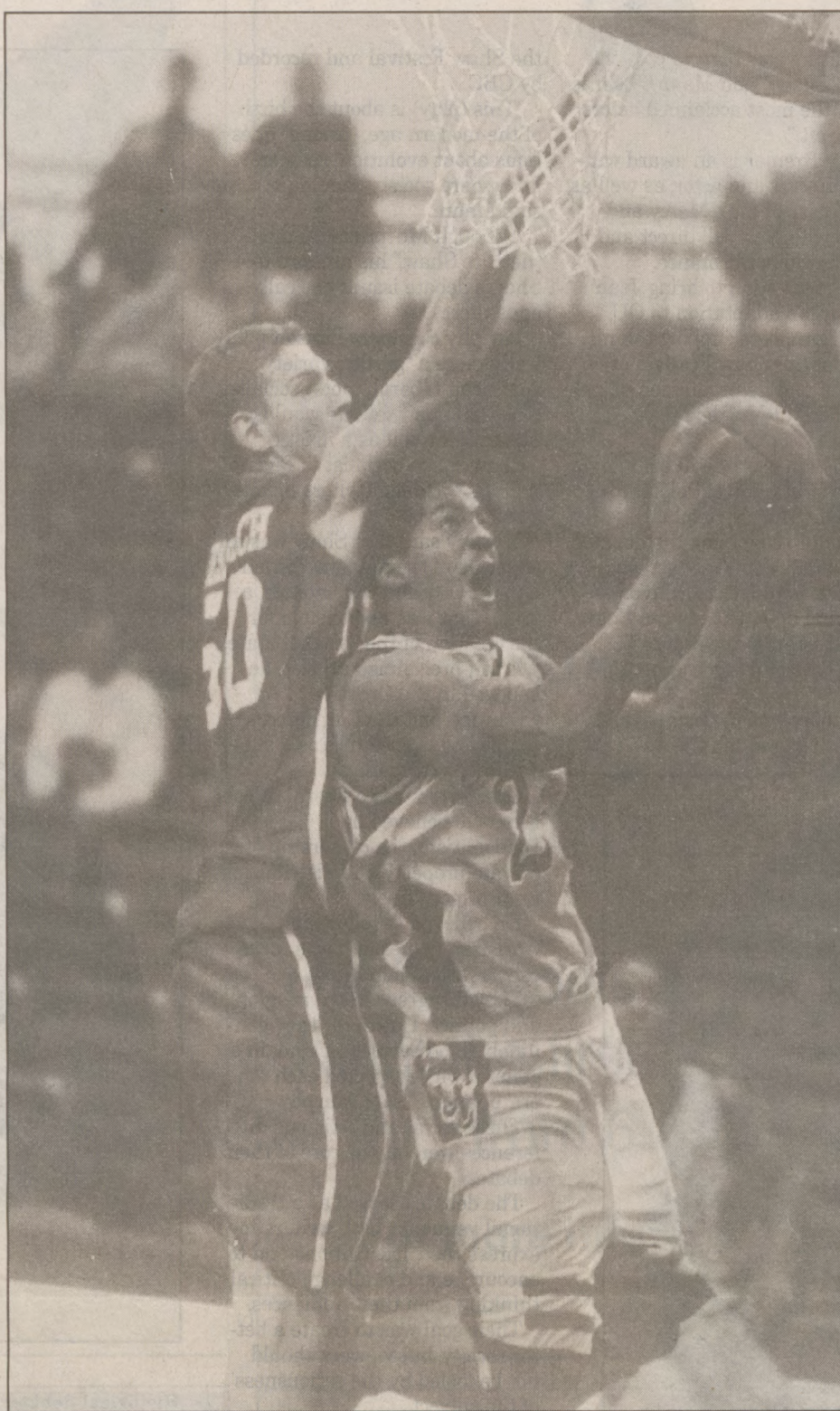
Nobody has been able to stop Helms, who is on pace to break the school record for season scoring average, currently held by Carvin Melson. Melson averaged 27.2 points during the 1971-72 season.

Having the nation's leading scorer on his team is just fine with Kampe, but it's Helms' efficiency that the coach finds most encouraging.

"Mike gets to the free throw line, and he scores in different ways," Kampe said. "He doesn't throw up 25 shots a game to get his points. He's shooting those good numbers because he's taking good shots."

"He's a very, very talented player, and it all goes back to the fact that he's doing it the right way."

Their record is a game shy of .500, and they're still searching for their first big win, but Kampe and his troops are



Junior guard Mike Helms sneaks by a defender earlier this season. Helms has shot nearly 50 percent from the floor on his way to leading the nation in scoring.

upbeat as they lick their wounds from the tough road trip.

"We survived," Kampe said. "We didn't play our way out of contention. Now we need to play our way into it."

With eight of their final 12 games at home, Kampe likes his team's chances of making a title run in the Mid-Con.

"I like where we're at right now," Kampe said. "We may be a little bit behind right now, but we have a chance to catch up. We still hold our own destiny."

NCAA Leading Scorers

1. M. Helms	OAKLAND	27.5
2. H. Domercant	EASTERN ILL.	26.4
3. K. Clark	ST PETERS	26.2
4. R. Douglas	NEW MEXICO	25.7
5. M. Watson	UMKC	24.5

Stats courtesy of ESPN.com



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Rivalry renewed for another year

With the Mid-Con basketball home opener scheduled for tomorrow night, excitement is filling the air.

Although this might be enough in itself to get fans in the O'rena stands for the weekend, Saturday's men and women's doubleheader against Valparaiso is adding to the fervor.

Valpo is coming to town, and what some may call a rivalry is being renewed once again.

Still, the teams' match up may be considered a questionable rivalry for a few reasons.

Since joining the Mid-Con, the OU men's basketball team has yet to beat Valpo in eight games in four years.

The women's team has compiled a record of 5-3 against Valpo since joining the Mid-Con, but the men's game draws more fans.

Even if a few of the men's eight losses came down to the final minutes, it is still not a well-defined rivalry.

The record is understandable, considering that OU has only been in the Mid-Con for four years, and is still trying to define rivalries and establish itself at the Division I level.

This identity search is what should make Valpo more of a giant to slay, rather than a long-time nemesis. Rivalries are developed over years of heated competition, not four years of lopsided results.

Michigan and Michigan State have built a rivalry that stretches over decades of competition.

U-M and MSU games are defined by the expectations of the unexpected outcomes. Every game holds a mystery and a persona that gives no team a true advantage.

Sure there are games and even years that one school dominates, but it can all change quickly.

The regional proximity of the two universities makes the rivalry even stronger.

Valparaiso may be in Indiana, but the school's fans do not usually make a large showing at games played here on campus, and OU students do not usually make the trip down.

A rivalry is defined by more than just two teams meeting on a yearly basis. It goes down to what each game played between two schools means.

It's about pride. It's about bragging rights. It's about more than just winning another game.

That's where the "classic" OU-Valpo match up lacks in the rivalry category.

Valpo does not appear to care more about playing us than they do about playing anyone else in the Mid-Con. It's sad, but true.

Don't misunderstand the point of this column though. Anything that put fans in the seats to support OU athletics is something that everyone on this campus should support.

But it is still a valid question to challenge where OU rivalries should exist.

Any school that we want to establish a rivalry with should share the same general collection of varsity sports as OU. And those that read this sports section on a weekly basis (thank you by the way) know where that rivalry should be: the University of Detroit-Mercy.

They don't have football. We don't have football. They have basketball. We have basketball. Someone should be able to do the math on that one.

There is no reason these two teams should not play in every shared sport, every year. Attendance for those games would easily be worth it.

Until then, however, OU should not create false rivalries to make up for a poor ability to understand what rivalries are truly about.

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Women's skid reaches four



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Freshman guard Anne Hafeli takes the ball inside in OU's game against the University of Detroit-Mercy earlier this season.

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two losses this weekend pushed the OU women's basketball team's losing skid to four games, including a 0-3 record to begin conference play.

In the midst of the losing streak, the Grizzlies have been getting beat a variety of ways. This weekend's losses were no different.

Saturday, OU dropped its contest against Oral Roberts University, 86-65, in a game where all of the Golden Eagles participated.

Monday night's game against the University of Missouri-Kansas City was the exact opposite. One player carried the Kangaroos to victory, 69-63.

The Grizzlies controlled the game in the first half against UMKC on Monday, allowing the Kangaroos only one single-point lead throughout the half.

As the second half began, however, OU came out stagnant and did not score until UMKC had built up a six point lead.

One main reason the Kangaroos were able to pull away in the second half was the offensive outburst of sophomore guard Katie Houlehan, who scored 23 of her career-high 35 points after halftime.

Houlehan hit 12 of her 16 shots, including a 6-8 performance from behind the three-point arc in the personal-best performance.

"It was a combination of a

defensive breakdown and a big player making some big plays," OU head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said.

The Grizzlies were able to creep their way back into the game, gaining the lead with just under four minutes to play in the contest, but UMKC put together another offensive run and hit clutch free throws down the stretch to claim the victory.

A bright spot in the close loss was the four OU starters who reached double-figures for the game. Senior guard Katie Wolfe led the Grizzlies with 19 points and also grabbed nine rebounds, all of which were defensive.

Sophomore forward Amanda Batcha recorded her second double-double of the season by recording 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior guard Romica Clint added 14 points and freshman guard Jayme Wilson chipped in with 10 points in the loss.

Another OU freshman guard, Anne Hafeli, fouled out with more than three minutes to go in the game, but tallied eight points before leaving.

The Grizzlies could not overcome the total team effort of the Eagles. All 13 of the ORU women who saw playing time Saturday recorded points.

"Oral Roberts has a nice program," Shea-Hilliard said. "They have kids that can come off the bench and contribute. There wasn't a fall off when their bench came into the game."

While OU did have four

women in double figures, to the Eagles three, only eight players scored for the Grizzlies.

Even more detrimental to the OU effort was that, beyond the Grizzlies' top four scorers, no woman scored more than three points.

Hafeli became the third different OU player this season to lead the team in scoring by recording a game-high 20 points.

The point total is a new high in her short college career.

Clint added 14 points and eight assists in the loss.

Wolfe and Wilson contributed 12 and 11 points, respectively.

A bigger surprise than the top-heavy scoring may have been the rebounding difficulties the Grizzlies had against ORU.

The Grizzlies were outrebounded 33-24 overall, and 12-5 in offensive boards by the Eagles.

With more than seven minutes remaining in the first half, the Grizzlies were within one point of the Eagles, but ORU went on a 10-0 run to pull away and never looked back.

The conference home opener will finally take place for the Grizzlies at 3:30 p.m. Saturday when Valparaiso University comes to visit the O'rena.

"There's a good rivalry going on," Shea-Hilliard said.

"Valparaiso is a quality team. It should be a good game."

At 5:30 p.m. Monday night the home stand continues against Western Illinois University.

Grizzlies drowned at home

BY DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

For a coach used to winning, it's never easy to watch a team perform below its capability.

Head coach Pete Hovland wasn't the only one disappointed with the Saturday's grueling loss by the men's swimming and diving team to the Eagles of Eastern Michigan University.

The final score of 149-88 was a defeat that brought the men's dual meet record to 6-4 so far this season.

"We don't like losing to Eastern," he said after the lopsided defeat.

The meet started off badly when OU's 400y medley relay team was disqualified due to a false start in the day's first event.

"In a meet this close you can't have that," Hovland said. "Eastern is one of the top teams in the state, you make a mistake and they'll punish you."

The Eagles punished the Grizzlies with their powerhouse roster, dominating in the longer distance events and also in diving. Eastern Michigan has won 19 of its last 20 Mid-American Conference championships.

Hovland said that one of the most crippling areas for the men was the diving team. Eastern Michigan has an outstanding reputation for diving, with full time coaches compared to OU's part-time diving coaches.

However, the Grizzlies did not go down without a fight.

Sophomore Chris Sullivan and senior Doug Drazin took both 1st and 2nd places in the 50y freestyle. Sullivan is undefeated in dual meets this season in the 50y and 100y freestyle events

and was last week's Mid-Con Athlete of the Week.

Freshman Scott Dickens bagged two 1st place crowns in the 200y individual medley and the 200y breaststroke, finishing well ahead of his competition in both races.

Dickens returned recently from Sydney, Australia where he represented Canada and OU in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival, winning gold and silver in the 50y and 100y freestyle races.

"Our core of individual swimmers is doing real well," Hovland said. "We only have two seniors, which makes us a young team."

Freshman Ehud Segal grabbed a solid first in the 200y breaststroke ahead of EMU's John Bartlet with a time of 1:52.77.

Freshman Andrew Coupland was edged out of first by a hair in the 200y freestyle by the Eagles' Jeff Luhn.

The 100yd freestyle was the best event of the day for OU, with Sullivan, junior Sean Broadbent, and Drazin nabbing a 1-2-3 finish.

Not to be bested in their own pool, the 400y freestyle relay team of Broadbent, Eric Lynn, Drazin, and Sullivan earned a hard fought victory to end the meet with a strong finish.

"I think we swam as well as we have all year," Hovland said. "This just shows that we still have a ways to go yet."

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving squads are in action this weekend, competing together against two tough opponents.

Friday, both teams face off against St. Bonaventure University, traveling to New York to take on the Bonnies.



Freshman Scott Dickens swims in one of his event victories in OU's tough loss to Eastern Michigan University. Dickens recently competed in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival, and returned with victories in the 200y individual medley and 200y breaststroke.

Weekend competition continues Saturday when the Grizzlies meet up with the University of Pittsburgh in the Panthers' Trees Pool. Diving events begin at noon and the swimming races start at 1 p.m.

"It's going to be a tough road trip," Hovland said. "We stack up well against St. Bonaventure, but Pittsburgh is going to be a challenge for us."

The two teams return to the OU Aquatics Center when they host Michigan State University on Feb. 1.

In the past, both squads have held their own against OU's big brother.

The two teams are preparing themselves for the National Independent Championship Feb. 26 – March 1 with their remaining meets.

The women won the championship last season, while the men finished in third place.

League foe slows hockey hopes

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

With three games remaining against Greater Midwest Hockey league opponents, the OU men's club hockey team has a strong grip on the conference title.

Even with a 7-4 loss to the University of Michigan Friday night, the Grizzlies are in position to take the GMHL crown, and also qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II National Championship.

OU rebounded on Saturday night when visiting New York University fell to the Grizzlies' wrath, 6-2. NYU is currently ranked fifth in the Northeast Division of the ACHA.

Friday night's game was bitter disappointment for OU head coach Craig Furstenau, who was upset by his team's effort against a conference rival.

"We were by no means mentally prepared for that game, and it showed," Furstenau said. "I can honestly say that we played the worst we've played all season and still had chances to win. The team got outthustled, outhit and outscored and we got what we deserved."

The Grizzlies jumped out to the early lead when freshman Matt Schafka scored an unassisted goal with more than at the 14:26 mark of the first period.

U-M quickly responded, however, with a goal of its own just 15 seconds later to tie the game.

Both teams' defense and goaltending held strong for the remainder of the first period and the beginning of the second period before the Wolverines once again beat senior goalie Shaun Zeldes. U-M pushed its lead to two less than a minute later.

Hope was renewed for OU just 14 seconds later, however, when junior forward Ron Kolito was credited with his first goal of the night when a Wolverine defenseman accidentally cleared the puck into his own net.

The lead was pushed back to two with eight minutes remaining in the second period when U-M tallied its fourth goal of the game.

Kolito brought the contest back within one on a well-placed shot and helped take the Grizzlies into the second intermission only trailing by one.

The game was put out of reach when the Wolverines recorded two goals in the first 10 minutes of the third period.

Sophomore forward Ryan Teasedale was the beneficiary of a Kolito assist, his third point of the night, scoring a goal near the midway point of the final stanza, but U-M responded less than 20 seconds later to defelate any chances of a comeback.

Furstenau tried to look on the bright side of the lopsided loss, hoping his team can learn from the defeat.

"Sometimes a team needs to get their heads handed to them as a reminder that there's still a lot of work to be done," he said. "You can't play every game of the season perfectly. Sometimes these things happen."

Saturday night against NYU, OU used a mixture of lines and dressed some new players in the non-conference victory.

"This was a game where I was mixing up line combinations in order to get people going offensively again," Furstenau said. "There were some lines that have not played together all year. I tried some people in situations they normally don't get, in order to see how they handled themselves."

The Grizzlies jumped out to a two-goal lead in the first period with goals by freshman Toshi Gunn and junior Eric Wojno, and a scoreless first period by sophomore goalie Chris Ballach.

NYU scored late in the second period to bring the game within one and knocked on the door late in the second period, but Ballach made a terrific save to maintain the lead.

Sprawled out on his stomach with a NYU player knocking on the door, Ballach used his stick to keep a puck from sailing into a wide-open net.

From that point on, OU took it to its visitors, said Furstenau.

The Grizzlies outscored NYU 4-1 in the third period to skate away with a victory.

Wojno recorded his second goal of the game less than two minutes into the final stanza. Brian Bellioti, Ryan Teasedale, who also had an assist in the third period, and Will McMahon finished off the scoring for OU.

Schafka was a playmaker for the Grizzlies, tallying three assists in the win. Kolito and junior Nick Shenduk added two assists each, with senior Karl Borgquist and junior Dan Olesky also recording helpers.

"We had a little more jump on Saturday, but at times we did not execute," Furstenau said. "I was happy with the third period, and I hope the guys will take that confidence and momentum going into this week's difficult road trip."

The road trip Furstenau mentioned starts this Thursday when OU faces Michigan State University on Thursday in East Lansing.

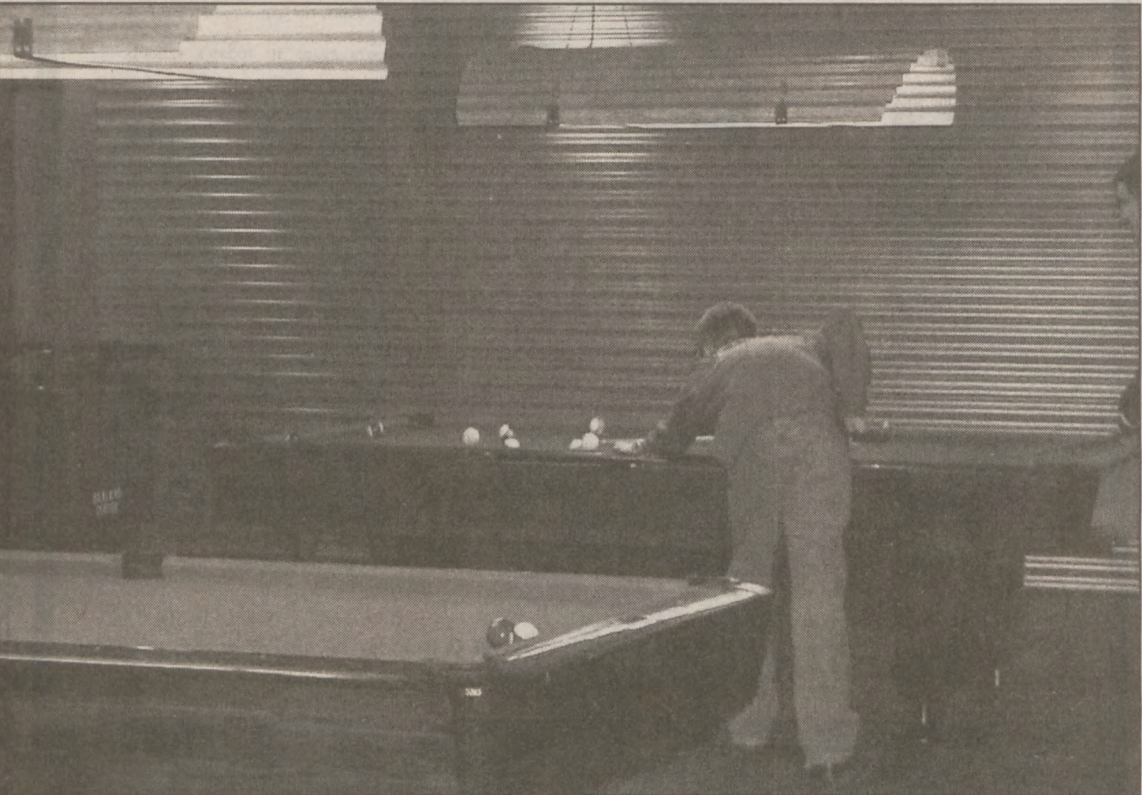
Immediately afterwards, the Grizzlies will ride the bus for two games against the University of Illinois on Friday and Saturday.

Updated rankings will be released on Friday and will include games through Jan. 20.

GMHL Standings	
Team	Points
1. Univ. of Mich.	13
2. Oakland	12
3. Miami (Ohio)	7
4. Indiana	5
5. Mich. State	3
6. Ferris State	2

ACHA Rankings (voting points as of 12/13/02) (first place votes in parenthesis)	
Northeast	
1. Siena College	13 (2)
2. Stony Brook Univ.	14 (5)
3. Penn State Univ.	20 (0)
4. Westfield College	22 (2)
Southeast	
1. Miami (Ohio)	7 (8)
2. Indiana	14 (1)
3. Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania	23 (0)
4. Liberty	24 (0)
Central	
1. Oakland	12 (5)
2. Central Mich.	15 (5)
3. Univ. of Mich.	21 (0)
4. Illinois Division II squad	37 (0)
West	
1. Colorado	8 (5)
2. Colorado State	14 (2)
3. Weber State	14 (1)
4. Univ. of Utah	25 (0)

Bumpers qualifying competition ready



OU students practice their pool skills in Bumpers Game Room, located in the basement of the Oakland Center. Bumpers will be the host of a tournament that will send four students to Toledo, Ohio.

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Bumpers Game Room may be known as a place for students to kill time during long breaks between classes, but it is becoming much more.

This Friday, Bumpers will be hosting billiards and table tennis tournaments with substantial rewards for the winners.

Each sport will have men's and women's tournaments, meaning there will be four winners.

All four of the winners will get an all-expenses paid trip to Toledo, Ohio to compete in the Association of College Unions International Region 7 Championship.

Rich Zizek, Assistant Director of Operations for the Oakland Center, said that 22 universities in Ohio and Michigan participate in the ACUI Region 7 championship.

The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University are three Zizek specifically men-

tioned.

The game room has annually participated in this regional competition but is adding table tennis as a new wrinkle this year.

All the costs of transportation, lodging, meals and entry fees for the Feb. 14-16 tournament will be paid for by Bumpers.

The University of Toledo will host the ACUI Region 7 tournament, which will include more events than the ones Bumpers is hosting.

Bowling, foosball, euchre, spades, chess, Scrabble and backgammon tournaments will also be head at the competition.

There is also a 3-on-3 basketball tournament included in the festivities.

Bowling and billiards tend to be the most competitive and participated in events at the championship.

Nine-ball is the game of choice in the billiards tournament. Four students must compete in each of the events for the winners to be eligible for the Region 7 championship.

Female participation has been a problem for the competition in the past and is appearing to be a problem once again this year Zizek said.

He also said that, if necessary, Bumpers will send the top two finishers from the men's events, but that four people will be going to Toledo for sure.

All people who wish to participate must register by tomorrow. There is a \$3 fee to compete in the events.

The billiards' tournament will begin at 11 a.m., and the table tennis tournament will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Each of the four tournaments will be in a round robin format.

If any OU student claims the championship in Toledo, Zizek said he is hopeful that Bumpers would be capable of picking up the tab for the trip to the national tournament, as well.

"I would imagine that we would love to take care of whatever we can," Zizek said. "This is something great for not only the student but for OU."

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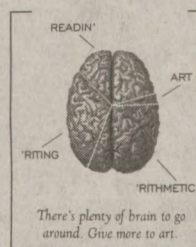
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Student Spotlight

Corey Gross

By Laura Angus
Campus Life Editor

An art history student's fascination with Russian culture and art recently helped him win one of 30 grants from the University Student Research Scholar Program.

The grant will assist Corey Gross, senior, with his research on Russian icon paintings.

His teacher, Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, encouraged him to apply for the grant.

"I wasn't even aware of it," Gross said. "She told me I should apply for it, I mean, what's the worst that can happen?"

With an art history major and a studio art minor, Gross said he has been interested in the field throughout his life.

When Gross was in high school, he became interested in Russian artwork.

"It began with (Kasimir) Malevich when I was in high school," said Gross. "And all the painters that I was looking into hap-

pened to be Russian."

Gross then began to spend time studying the Russian culture.

"It just became my thing," he said.

Gross has taken two years of Russian at OU and most of his favorite artists are Russian.

About a year ago he joined a study abroad program and went to Russia for a semester. One of his former professors was with the program and suggested it to him.

While there, he lived like a normal college student in St. Petersburg, taking classes and living in a dorm. He and the other participants studied Russian language, culture, history and art during the semester program. They would also go on "field trips" to Estonia and to Russian cities such as Moscow.

With the arrival of the "Between Matter and Spirit: Russian Icon Painting" display in Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Gross had another opportunity to work with this art form.

He wrote a short essay on how the works were made that were featured in the MBAG catalog.

Although he appreciates the art work, it's not for the spiritual value most have for the Orthodox Christian icon paintings.

"It's really funny because my own beliefs are almost the exact opposite of that," he said.

In addition to studying art, Gross spends time painting. Some of his works featured in the student show last year.

Gross is also involved in La Pittura, the art history student group, and the Golden Key Honor Society.

Since Gross has to pay for school without assistance, he has not been as involved with these organizations this year as he has been in the past.

Currently, Gross plans to study at the Art Institute of Chicago after graduation. He wants to pursue art or art history in some form, but is not sure how yet.

"In this field, I suppose I can't be too



Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
Gross works on a project in Wilson Hall. He is an active painter and is interested in Russian art work.

picky," he said.

He said he would enjoy teaching on a college level, working in a museum or pursuing his own artistic work professionally.

THE LOW DOWN

- Wednesday, Jan. 22**
- The Shaw Film Festival is offering a 'Caesar and Cleopatra' viewing from 7-9 p.m. in 112 East Vandenberg Hall.
- Thursday, Jan. 23**
- "The Roots of Jazz: A Discussion about the Roots of Jazz" and a demonstration of jazz music will be held at 4 p.m., 112 East Vandenberg Hall.
- The men's basketball team will play Western Illinois at 7 p.m. in the O'rena.
- Student and Greek Organizations will hold a training session at 5 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B in the OC.

- Friday, Jan. 24**
- SLLB: Tavis Smiley, political commentator and host of the Tavis Smiley Show on National Public Radio will speak at noon in the Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall.
- Friday Night Live will feature comedian Auggie Smith at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Cafeteria.

- Saturday, Jan. 25**
- The Globalization of Faith & Culture Interreligious/Intercultural Retreat will be happening from 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., at the Louhelen Retreat and Conference Center in Davison.
- The Gospel Choir will perform at 7 p.m. in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

- The men's basketball team will play Valparaiso at 6 p.m. in the O'rena.
- The women's basketball team will play Valparaiso at 3:30 p.m. in the O'rena.
- Monday, Jan. 27**
- The men's basketball team will play Texas A&M at 7:30 p.m. in the O'rena.
- The women's basketball team will play Western Illinois at 5:30 p.m. in the O'rena.

- Tuesday, Jan. 28**
- The SPB will be hosting Comedian Pete Dominick at noon in the Pioneer Food Court in the OC.
- Karaoke Invasion will be held at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.

- Thursday, Jan. 30**
- Intrigue Dance club presents "Hip Hop Phenomenon." The dance performance is at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.
- The Diversity job fair will be held from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the OC.

- Friday, Jan. 31**
- Akanke' presents African Odyssey. A performance of the birth of musical rhythm and dance will be held from 7-9 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.
- A lecture called "Souls of Black Folks" will be given by De Witt Dykes, associate professor of History, noon in the Gold Rooms in the OC.

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FISHBOWL by Robert Witchger



Grizzly Sports Calendar

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

	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
7-8 1-2 Sixth Place		7 p.m. Western Illinois		6 p.m. Valparaiso		7:30 p.m. Texas A&M- Corpus Christi	
4-11 0-3 Eighth Place				3:30 p.m. Valparaiso		5:30 p.m. Western Illinois	
			TBA St. Bonaventure	12 p.m. Pittsburgh			
15-5-2 6-0-1 Second Place		TBD Mich. State	TBD Illinois	TBD Illinois			
4-4-1 4-4-1 Unavailable			8 p.m. Northern Mich.	10 p.m. Northern Mich.			

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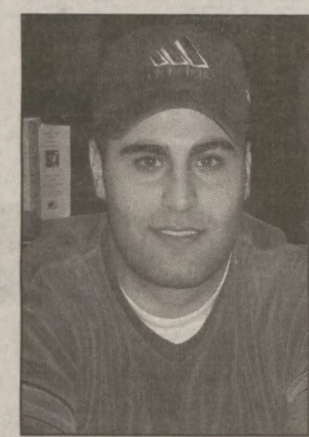
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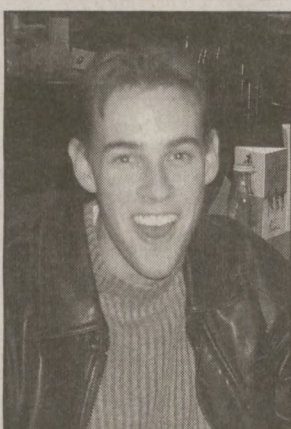


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"My dad would whoop my a**"

Randy Shafo
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Economics

Tattoos and piercings
"The industrial ear piercing is my favorite because it's unique."

Leslie Schiemann
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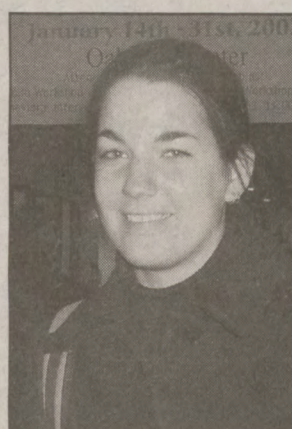
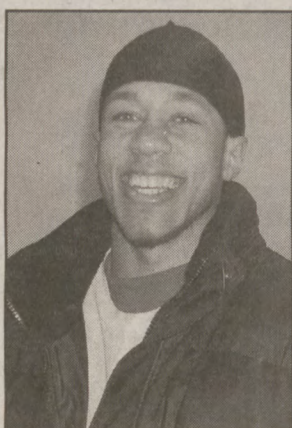


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"I wouldn't want it to show up in a job interview."

Erik Cronenworth
Grad Student
Mechanical Engineering

Brand and tattoo
"They represent my family and blood."

William Muller
Sophomore
Sociology



None
"There's nothing in this world I like enough to have on my body forever."

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January 14-31, 2003, Oakland Center

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Campus Rec Happenings

Fitness Classes

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

Massage and Acupressure Therapy

The Fitness Department is also offering massage and acupressure therapy sessions at student and non-student rates. This is a great way to relieve stress and tension throughout the semester. For an appointment please contact Mila at 248.370.4910.

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Intramural Sports

The intramural sports season is beginning again! Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center and contact Jeremy for any further information about intramural sports at 370.4913.

This Week

Friday, January 24

RHP's Friday Night Live Comedy Series presents Auggie Smith with J. Chris Newberg, 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria. When Auggie Smith takes the stage get ready for a non-stop barrage of fantastic rapid-fire comedy. His show is always filled with raw-edged intelligent laughs. His credits include "New Faces," "Dangerzone" and "The Nasty Show." Warming the crowd for Auggie is an international performer with a cult following, J. Chris Newberg, aka "The Commander." Free admission and refreshments.

Friday, January 24

ACUI Region 7 Qualifying Tournament, OC Games Room with billiards starting at 11 AM and table tennis starting at 2:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 28

CAREER TRIVA, noon-1PM, Fireside Lounge, OC—Think you have what it takes to be a contestant? All are welcome to test their knowledge and win prizes while learning about careers, job searching, and more.

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.

Upcoming Events

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. Expecting to interview with employers on campus this semester? Students will have the opportunity to practice behavioral interviewing skills by participating in a mock interview in the Oakland Center (part of Career Prep Month, sponsored by Career Services Dept.). Advance registration is required. To schedule your 30-minute interview session, visit our office at 275 West Vandenberg Hall, or call 370-3250. To learn more about behavioral interviewing, visit the Career Services web site at www.oakland.edu/careerservices.

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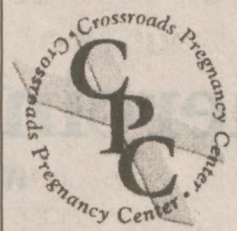
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