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Blue lights still broken, OUPD seeks donation

By GAYLE ISSA
MANAGING/EDITORIAL EDITOR

OUPD suggested to OU Student Congress at its meeting Monday to pitch in to help pay for repairs and upgrades to the 11 Blue Light Emergency Phones on campus because of the budget crunch.

Lt. Richard Tomczak noted that not all of the 11 lights are fully functional.

"Close to every light needs something," he said.

OUSC member Jeff Galecki, senior, said, "It's shameful that this (the repairs) hasn't happened yet. It's taken the OUPD a long time to ask for the money."

The emergency buttons on the two newest lights outside Elliott Hall and the School of Education and Human Services building are not programmed to automatically dial 911. However, according to Tomczak, students can reach OUPD by dialing 3331 on the keypads.

As of 4 p.m. yesterday, no signs were posted directing people to call 3331 in case of an emergency, and there is still caution tape on both lights.

The blue light adjacent to Dodge Hall is still broken. Conti Technologies continues to work on this and it's a top priority for OUPD, according to Tomczak.

Problems are also occurring

with the blue light in lot P3, a lot on the north side of campus. That tower has a faulty volume control, but it does trigger a call to police he said.

Tomczak added that it's still functional, just not to its fullest capacity.

Blue Code, the manufacturer of the emergency phones, estimated the cost of repairs and bringing all the blue lights up to par at \$10,000, according to Tomczak.

Beyond the repairs, bringing the lights into the 21st century is the next step and will be completed within two weeks, Tomczak said.

Replacing faded lights, dull lenses and speakers is necessary

because some emergency lights are close to 10 years old.

"We're going to do it, and we're going to do it right," he said, adding that the funds to do so are available regardless of OUSC's decision.

"The lights will be fully operational within one to two weeks. We want them updated to their full potential."

At present, OUSC has no plans to provide the OUPD with any money, according to Vice President Michelle Jamian, senior.

"Student Congress definitely supports the repair of the blue lights," she said.

MBT loses another director

By KRISTIE FAVRO
& KANIKUA DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

Meadow Brook Theatre's future at OU became even bleaker with the unexpected resignation of its artistic director just days after voters defeated a ballot proposal that would have saved the theatre.

Debra Wicks, artistic director of the theatre, resigned on Nov. 8. Her resignation came only three days after Michigan voters defeated Proposal K, which would have raised \$46 million a year for the region's cultural institutions, including MBT.

Wicks had taken a leave of absence before the production "Witness for the Prosecution" opened in October. She and Wayne State University professor Anthony Schmitt worked on the murder mystery together.

According to Ann Ruppenthal, assistant director of Media Relations, Schmitt was head of Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre program for a number of years and has since retired. He has been hired as the new artistic consultant to MBT to finish out the season. Schmitt will direct the March production of "Wait Until Dark."

Schmitt said that when Wicks resigned, he became responsible for cast selection of MBT's productions. He declined to comment on Wicks' resignation.

Other people *The Post* contacted for this story also refused to comment, and at least one said he was instructed to not speak to any *Post* reporters regarding the resignation.

Although Wicks resigned more than two months ago, it only became publicly known within the last week.

Ted Montgomery, OU's Media Relations director, said the resignation was not made public earlier because, "I don't think we announce resignations."

The Post has received announcements of the resignation of other university officials in the past.

Ruppenthal said Wicks resigned for undisclosed personal reasons after serving as MBT's interim artistic director for three seasons.

She was named to the full time director position last year.

Ruppenthal said, "It's hard doing these types of stories because we're really unable to comment on personal resignations."

She added, however, that Wicks has not yet been officially replaced as of now and doesn't believe she is still on the payroll. OU's Personnel Department confirmed that Wicks is no longer on payroll.

Michael Gillespie, an associate professor for the Department of

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Preparing for life after college

By REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

January is Career Prep month, and Career Services has packed it full of activities to help students find jobs.

The month will include a diverse group of workshops and panels, according to Robert Thomas, director of Placement and the Career Services Center. Programs will include electronic portfolio development, tips on how to improve networking skills, resume writing workshops and career trivia. There will also be a career fair Jan. 30.

The goal of career prep month, according to Thomas, is to assist students with developing their abilities, tools and knowledge about seeking employment.

Previously, the career prep program was held over the course of a week, but Career Services found students were not able to attend a lot of the events due to scheduling conflicts.

"We want to give the students an opportunity to attend more of the events," Thomas said.

One of his projects is the electronic portfolio project.

With guidance from Career Services, students will develop a website they can use to provide employers with extra information including letters of recommendations, writing samples and other information pertinent to each individual's level of experience.

Career Services has the equipment and the staff to help students set up the electronic portfolio. It can even help students link it to their resumes, which can be placed electronically on the E-recruiting website. This



Wayne Thibodeau of Career Services talks with sophomore Shemeka Pearson about Career Prep Month.

event has already taken place, but by contacting the Career Service Center, students can enroll in another session.

"This puts the students head and shoulders above the other employee candidates," Thomas said of the electronic portfolio.

There will also be a higher education panel from noon-1 p.m. today in Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center, where professionals from a community college, a university and a liberal arts college will provide students

with information about jobs in higher education.

Thomas said the panel will highlight jobs at colleges and other higher education institutes that aren't teaching careers.

He said there are jobs in management of information systems, financial aid, student activities, counseling centers and business related fields.

There will be informational table in the OC all week.

"We will have all the information about the Career Service

Center, and what we are trying to do for graduates," Thomas said.

He said staff at the table will answer questions about anything related to careers, recruiting, career services and career fairs. He said this is meant for quick questions. There will also be handouts about the events during the month.

A career trivia event will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Fireside Lounge Jan. 28. The

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Student orgs to hold fair

By BRYAN CONNOLLY
THE OAKLAND POST

Students wondering how their student activity fee money is spent will have an opportunity to find out.

The Center for Student Activities is hosting a Student Organization Fair from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in the Heritage and Oakland rooms in the Oakland Center.

The fair is held every year at the beginning of fall and winter semesters. The goal is to expose new students to the variety of organizations on campus, and to help students get involved. There are currently 124 registered student organizations at OU.

"Student organizations often compliment the classroom because of the academic focus of the groups," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "Some groups help students stay connected spiritually and religiously, while others may connect students with similar hobbies."

This year's fair will have a Lunar New Year theme, with food and entertainment representing several Asian countries.

"Students involved in campus organizations have an edge over other students when applying for scholarships," said Miller. "There are also organizations that continue on into the professional world, giving students an opportunity to net-

work and make job contacts prior to graduation."

Among those are the Student Michigan Education Association for education majors, Society of Automotive Engineers for automotive interests and the Golden Key International Honor Society.

New organizations that wish to register with OU must have at least four OU students and one faculty adviser to be recognized. Student organizations receive perks such as office space in the student center and a website linked to the CSA website.

For more information, contact Jean Ann Miller at (248) 370-2400 or Christina Tierman at (248) 370-4334.

Battle of the brains

By RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Heritage Room of the Oakland Center will be the host of a prestigious tournament beginning at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 25, with teams battling head-to-head and the ultimate victors advancing to the Regional Tournament.

The event isn't the Super Bowl, or even anything to do with athletics. It is the sport of the mind, the College Bowl Campus Tournament. This will be OU's ninth time hosting the event.

"It's the perfect mix of academic and co-curricular activities," said Paul Franklin, director of Campus Programs. "Every college should have one."

College Bowl is organized and administered with the cooperation of the Association of College Unions International. The

Campus Tournament is sponsored by the Center for Student Activities.

Any OU student can enter a team into the campus tournament, providing they meet simple criteria. Teams consist of four or five players, leaving room for one alternate. Individuals who are not members of a team can sign up and be matched with teams needing players.

All team members must be registered for the Winter 2003 semester for three or more credit hours and carry a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above. Teams are limited to one graduate student, and all players are limited to six years of College Bowl experience, regardless of where they have attended school.

College Bowl is a question and

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Sample College Bowl questions

1) In 1994, he donated over \$2 million to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to create a film archive about the Holocaust. Because no commercial films will be collected, his "Schindler's List" will not be included. Name this director.

2) It's four regular sections are "News," "Life," "Money," and "Sports." Name this 13-year old Monday through Friday newspaper published by Gannett.

Answers will be posted on www.oakpostonline.com

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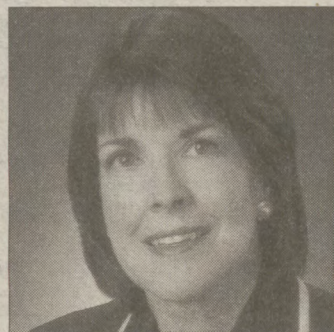
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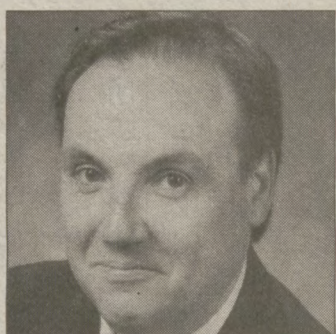
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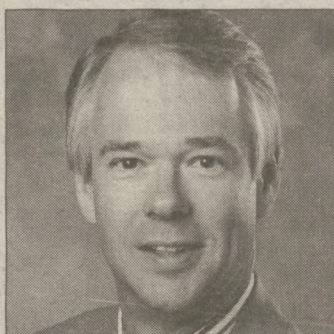
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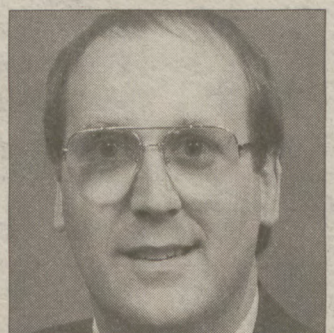
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NASA funds eye study

By KATIE STOUT
& REBECCA WYATT
THE OAKLAND POST

OU researchers may help get astronauts to Mars. Dr. Frank Giblin, professor of Biomedical Sciences and interim director of the Eye Research Institute, was awarded a \$150,000 grant in July from National Aeronautics and Space Administration to study the effects of radiation on the eyes and the research is under way.

Giblin and his team will be studying the effects of ultraviolet radiation on the lens of the eye, which can lead to cataracts. Cataracts are caused by a clouding of lens and can ultimately lead to blindness. Another goal of the project, according to Giblin, is to test the ability of various agents to prevent ultraviolet and X-ray induced effects on the lenses of animals.

Giblin applied for the grant from NASA. NASA is interested in the effects of radiation on the eyes, which can help it prepare for a possible manned trip to Mars. NASA is interested in the high levels of radiation that the astronauts may be exposed to, and the recent findings that the longer an astronaut is in space, the higher the risk for cataracts.

"The astronauts would pass through high levels of radiation in the Van Allen Space belt, and the levels of radiation on Mars are believed to be 800 times higher than on Earth," Giblin said. "NASA would like to have an agent that could be given to astronauts while in space to protect their lenses from the effects of radiation."

The team includes Giblin, Dr. Francis Simpanya and Giblin's research assistant, Victor Leverenz. They are working with Dr. Rafat Ansari from the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Dr. Ansari has developed an in-vivo Dynamic Light Scattering laser probe that can be used to measure the

size of protein in the lens of a living animal or person," Giblin said.

Ansari's laser projects a beam of 50 microwatts into the eye of the animal. The size of the proteins can be measured, when laser light is scattered back 180-degrees to a detector on the front of the laser probe.

"We will use Dr. Ansari's laser probe with my experimental animal models for cataract, using ultraviolet light and X-ray," Giblin said.

Giblin said all of the studies have been approved by OU's Animal and Use Committee.

"The money will be used to pay for supplies and the salary of a post-doctoral fellow for three years," Giblin said about the grant.

Simpanya is the post-doctoral fellow hired to work on the project. He started in October, 2002.

"Dr. Simpanya is an expert in the study of proteins using various techniques such as High Performance Liquid Chromatography," Giblin said.

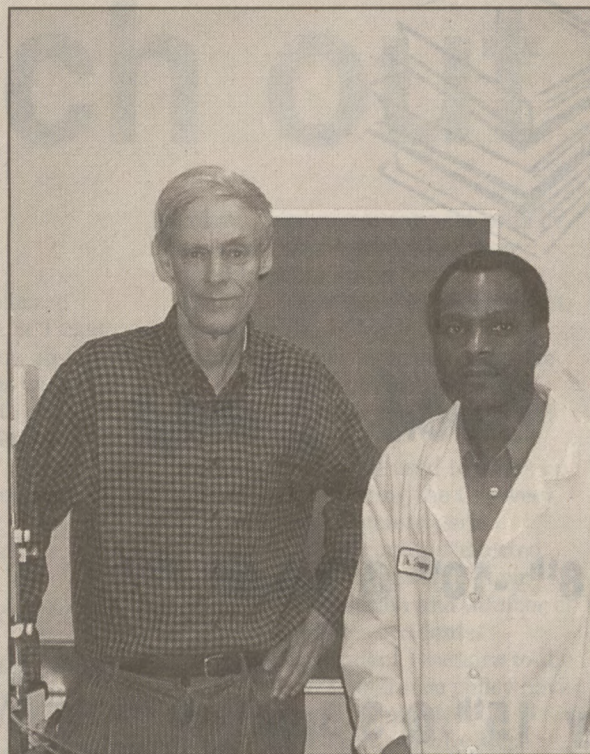
Giblin became interested in biology after a stint as a chemical engineer.

"I used to work for Procter and Gamble as a chemical engineer, but I once visited a biochemistry department at a university and became fascinated with what goes on in a living cell," Giblin said.

He decided to get a Ph.D. in biochemistry. During his studies at State University of New York at Buffalo, he worked on a project that involves studying the effects of ingesting methyl mercury, a poison deadly to humans that is found in some fish. Giblin found some of the methyl mercury ends up in the lens of the eye and can cause cataracts.

While working on this study, Giblin frequently consulted Dr. Venkat Raddy, who was the director of OU's Eye Research Institute.

That led to a post-doctoral position in 1974 and



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
Dr. Frank Giblin and Dr. Francis Simpanya are working on a project involving radiation and eyes. The results could help NASA send astronauts to Mars.

eventually a faculty position at OU for Giblin.

"I am now a professor of biomedical sciences and interim director of the ERI," Giblin said.

Giblin said for the first time this semester, a team-taught course on vision will be offered.

Giblin said the ERI faculty does not have formal teaching responsibilities, but must raise half of their own salaries through external grants.

He added that he has been funded for the past 25 years by the National Institute of Health and The National Eye Institute to study the lens cataract formation.

GHC helps OU quit smoking

By AMY KNAPP
THE OAKLAND POST

According to the American Lung Association, smoking-related diseases claim about 440,000 American lives each year.

Graham Health Center is hosting the ALA's "Freedom from Smoking" program from Jan. 14-Mar. 4. The program is designed to provide "a strong support system plus the tools needed to become successful (at quitting smoking)," said Kathy Pecha, GHC's nurse educator and facilitator of the program.

Though the program began yesterday, Pecha said people interested should call GHC because it is not too late to get in.

"Part of the class is educational, part is coping and reinforcement and the other part is relaxation techniques," she said.

According to Pecha, participants receive a booklet with information, helpful hints and coping exercises. The group meets from noon-1:30 p.m., Tuesdays in GHC.

"The program sounds like a great plan to me," said Nina Loucks, senior. "With the cost of cigarettes today it would be much cheaper in the long run to join the program."

Pecha said the more times a person has attempted to quit smoking, the chances her or she will quit are greater.

"They get more tools each time they try (to quit), so their chances for long term success are much higher."

According to Pecha, 80 percent of the people who take the class aren't smoking at the end.

"The program is based on the idea of quitting cold turkey. The addiction is based on nicotine, so once the nicotine is out of the system (this takes 48 hrs.), you only have to deal with the habit," Pecha said.

"One of the tools (participants) learn is to set aside the money they would spend on cigarettes each week for a year, and then buy something big," said Pecha. She figured that if a person smoked a pack a day for one year the cost would be around \$1,800.

The cost of the program is \$50 for students and \$70 for staff and the general public. Pecha said that the price might seem like a lot, especially for students. But she said, "If they set the money aside they would be spending on cigarettes they could afford the class."

For more information please call GHC at (248) 370-2341.

Examining OU's 'math myth'

By JESSICA BOLES &
ASHLI BOBO
THE OAKLAND POST

Many college students across the nation have a fear when it comes to mathematics, and OU students seem to share the same feeling.

When randomly surveyed, 70 percent of students at OU say they believe the math courses offered through the university are difficult to pass. This rumor causes many students to complete their math requirements at other schools in the area.

According to Curt Chipman, professor of mathematics, between 25 and 30 percent of OU students complete math courses at other schools.

He said that many students go to other schools principally for two reasons, because they think that OU professors are too hard, or they hear the false rumor that the Math Department is under investigation.

After comparing the grade reports on seven equivalent math courses at OU and

Macomb Community College (MCC) for fall 2001, it appears that the "Math Myth" holds true for particular courses but not the math curriculum as a whole.

Fifty-seven percent, or 317 students enrolled in these MCC math courses passed with a C or better, and 56 percent, or 824 students did the same at OU. Course failures were about the same with 11 percent of MCC math students and 13 percent of OU students receiving Es.

When compared, however, the numbers for particular courses were not so close. MCC's MTH 137, Calculus for Business and Social Sciences, is equivalent to OU's MTH 122, Calculus for the Social Sciences. At MCC 90 percent passed

"Many students have a phobia of completing Math requirements at Oakland because of peer perpetuation of rumors and publicity."

Jack Nachman
Interim Director of the Math Department

MTH 137 with a C or better.

Comparatively, 42 percent enrolled in MTH 122 at OU earned a grade of C or better.

Eddie Dewalt, senior, said, "I took the equivalent class to MTH 122 at OCC and

I think that I performed much better than I would have at OU."

Another course, MCC's MTH 276, Analytic Geometry and Calculus III, had 33 students enrolled. Of those students, 88 percent passed with a C or better.

OU's equivalent course, MTH 254, Multivariable Calculus passed only 64 percent of students with a C or better.

"I don't think OU math is that bad, I passed MTH 254 with a 3.0 because I worked for it," said Kejuanna Culler, sen-

ior. "Math at any school doesn't come easy, you have to apply yourself."

The biggest difference in the number of failing students was between MCC's MTH 136, Finite Math I and OU's MTH 121, Linear Programming, Elementary Functions. Only 5 percent of MCC students failed, while 20 percent of OU students received 0.0.

"I understand that math is hard, but too many students fail math at OU," said Rashad Thompson, junior. "If you can pass math at OU, you can pass math anywhere."

When students take math classes at community colleges, they do not always earn the grade they anticipated. Some students end up failing and must repeat courses.

"What students don't know is that most colleges in the area use the same books and materials, so there aren't any major differences," said Chipman. "It seems like an attractive option to take math somewhere else, but there is no real

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NAACP re-organizes at OU

Student organization's event honors Martin Luther King's birthday

By DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

OU's newly reactivated chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is holding a banquet called Helping Our People Evolve at 6:30 p.m. today in Gold Rooms of the OC.

The banquet is held to honor the theme and message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose official birthday is today.

Bryonn Bain, a civil rights motivational speaker and poet will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Expected to attend is the Regional Youth Field Director of the NAACP, Ernest Coverson.

"We hope everyone decides to come out and hear the motiva-

tional civil rights speaker that SPB and NAACP is bringing to our banquet and we look forward to a productive and prosperous 2003 school year," Mandy Mullens, president of the NAACP-OU Chapter, said.

The banquet is open to the entire campus, but the Gold Rooms seating is limited to 150. Reservations are not required.

The NAACP was founded in 1909 to help minorities achieve social, political, financial and educational equality.

After being deactivated in 1997, the OU chapter was reactivated this semester in response to issues students had raised about retaining and attracting minorities to OU.

This year, the group plans to

have more events such as Town Hall Meetings to address scholarships and ethnic discrimination. The group is also planning a Talented Tenth Leadership Program, a program to help develop and nurture freshman and sophomores.

Right now the group has about 60 members and is seeking more people who want to get involved. Interested students should attend one of the activities or call Mullens.

"There's room for all," Mullens said. The OU chapter of the NAACP plans to have more activities next fall. For more information, contact Mullens at (248) 451-0304.

BOT Spotlight

By TIMOTHY M. LAFOREST
THE OAKLAND POST

Board of Trustee member Rex Schalybaugh has a busy schedule. He is the CEO of Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C., one of the nation's largest law firms, and is involved in many other business ventures.

A trustee since 1993, Schalybaugh once served as chair of the board. Although he is very involved in many activities, he said his primary interest is in higher education and called serving on the board a top priority.

"OU is moving in a positive direction which presents the board with many good challenges due to the university's

growth in areas such as expanded enrollment and facilities and services," Schalybaugh said.

He said he first became involved with the BOT because it gives him "an opportunity to make the community a better place."

Schalybaugh said he sees his greatest challenge as being able to "make certain that young men and women are as prepared as possible for society and ... trained and educated in skills that will help make them a success in today's world."

When he finds himself with some spare time, Schalybaugh likes to trout fish and is a golf enthusiast.

He and his wife of 31 years



Oakland University
Rex Schalybaugh

reside in Birmingham and have a daughter, 23, who works for a major advertising firm in New York.

Crime Watch

•Four students were issued tickets for minor in possession violations in Hamlin Hall last Thursday. After an anonymous call, a RA knocked on the room door accompanied by OUPD. All four students inside admitted they were under 21 and reportedly told police they had been drinking. All but one agreed to take a PBT.

•A woman told police she received harassing phone calls in her Anibal House from an unknown man Sunday night. The man on the phone asked for her by name then made sexually explicit comments and called back repeatedly. After several calls, she reported it to the OUPD. The calls resumed an hour later. The man called about

20 more times before the student unplugged her phone.

•A 23-year-old student discovered damage to his 1998 Chevy truck in front of the University Student Apartments Friday evening. The right, front, driver's side fender was smashed.

•A 43-year-old student parked in P-1 at noon and went to the OC Bookstore on Thursday. She

returned, left campus, and about a mile later noticed the front bumper and front driver's side blinker were damaged on her 2003 Toyota Camry. She drove back to campus and filed a police report.

•A 36-year-old woman student who was parking in P-32 the evening of Jan. 7 struck the truck of a 20-year-old student. At first

she thought she hit snow but then realized it was another vehicle. Her car received scratches on the passenger-side front bumper. The truck was scratched on the driver's side and suffered damage to the rear fender.

•A student in Hamlin Hall reported her laundry stolen last Thursday afternoon. She left the laundry for a half-hour and when

she returned it was gone

•A collision took place last Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the P-1 lot between two vehicles driven by a 19-year-old and a 26-year-old. The 19-year-old was reportedly driving when the 26-year-old made a right-turn. The 19-year-old received damage to his car's passenger-side front panel and lights.

Oakland University Student Congress



Fireside Book Swap

January 8th -10th @ 3-5pm

January 15th @ 3-5pm

January 17th @ 3-5pm

All "Book Swap" event dates take place in the Fireside Lounge located in the Oakland Center.

You can register your books at the event or in the Congress Office.

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Announcing

The 6th Annual All Campus Contest
in Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cash Prizes for OU Students

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W. E. Du Bois wrote: "Herein lie buried many things which if read with patience may show the strange meaning of being black here in the dawning of the Twentieth Century. This meaning is not without interest to you, Gentle Reader; for the problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color-line."

Submit an original essay or poem that addresses the question:

As a student at Oakland University, how can you make an impact to resolve the problem of the color-line in the Twenty-First Century?

CONTEST RULES

1. The written format cannot exceed 1,000 words.
2. Entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center. An entry form must accompany the submission. One entry per person.
3. All OU students are eligible to participate and win the cash prizes -- \$300 for first place, \$100 for second and third places. Winners will be announced at "The Souls of Black Folk ... The Celebration Continues" Reception on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, from noon until 1:00 p.m., in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.
4. All entries must be clearly labeled. All entries will be returned.
5. If you have any questions about the contest rules, please contact the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-2400.

Entry forms are available at the CSA Office, 49 OC, Dean of Students Office, 144 OC, 20/20 Information Center, OC, and Office of Equity, 121 NFH.

Oakland University Presents: The 2002-2003 Student Life Lecture Series

Tavis Smiley

Political Commentator, Author, and Host of
The Tavis Smiley Show on National Public Radio (NPR)



"Hard Left: Straight Talk About the Wrongs of the Right"

Friday, January 24, 2003

Noon at Meadow Brook Theatre

This lecture is free. Tickets are required and are available at the CSA Service Window. Tickets are going fast, so do not wait to get yours!

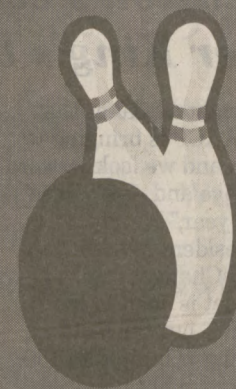
This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

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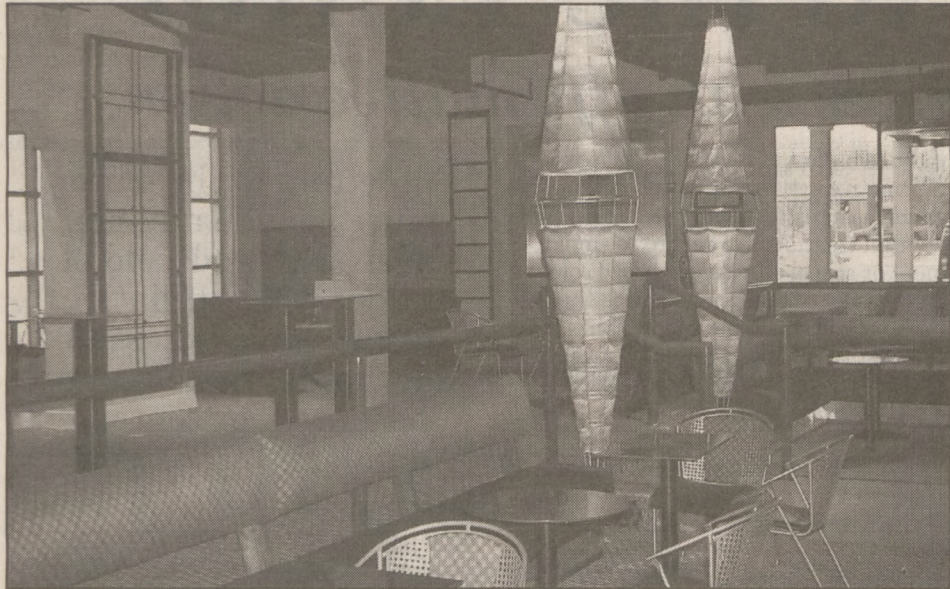
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Sevin, formally known as Sin, is trying to mimic New York style bars with its layout.

To Sin ... or not to Sin

BY SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

The grand opening of the nightclub Sin never came to be.

The club Sin had its grand opening, however it was under a different name.

Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne and several other Pontiac officials said the name "Sin" represented the city in a negative way, despite the club being opened for two weeks.

The club was renamed "Sevin," taken from the Brad Pitt film "Seven" and the seven deadly sins.

A new sign and promotional materials cost the club between \$30-\$40,000.

Sevin is located at 40 W. Pike Street on the site of former Baci Abracci restaurant.

Jamie Austin, manager and head bartender, said he wasn't thrilled with the name change but it made the city happy.

"It's better to go along with the city," said Austin.

As soon as Payne heard the name of the bar was Sin, he immediately wanted to talk to the owners in hope of renaming, said Payne's press secretary Georgette Johnson.

"We have a variety of people, culturally and economically, in the city," said Johnson. "Pontiac is a city of neighborhoods, families and very church oriented. The city wants to keep a balance."

Renovations cost \$1.5 million both in and out of the nightclub, said Austin. The two-story venue offers techno music, a jazz

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Speeders: watch out

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

During the first highly publicized two-week wave of the Click it or Ticket campaign, which ran from Nov. 25-Dec. 8, more than 19,000 violations were cited in Michigan, according to the state's Office of Highway Safety Planning.

In Michigan, 484 law enforcement agencies, including the Auburn Hills Police, have made seat belt citations a priority, according to the OHSP.

Since 1985, Michigan drivers and passengers in the front seat have been required to use seat belts. Children also must be properly restrained anywhere in the car.

However, until March, 2000, police could only cite seatbelt violations if they stopped the driver for other reasons.

Now police can stop and ticket drivers and passengers who aren't buckled up.

In 2001, 1,328 people were killed and 112,292 were injured in automobile accidents in Michigan, and less than half of the people killed were wearing seatbelts, according to the state's Traffic Improvement Association.

The rate of safety belt use has not increased since the law changed to primary enforcement, the TIA reported. Its goal is to have 90 percent of

Michigan drivers wearing seat belts by 2003, a goal that has already been reached by other states.

Michigan is currently at 82.9 percent, according to the OHSP.

Additional police were placed on the roads in 18 different counties in Michigan during the Click it or Ticket campaign.

Federal funds were used to make up for the extra cost during the two-week enforcement period.

The counties affected were selected by their population and number of vehicle accidents.

Student reactions to the zero-tolerance policy have been supportive.

"I can see why some people might think it is too much, but if they've ever been in an accident they wouldn't question the need for seatbelts," said Dre Thorington, junior.

Sara Swanson, junior, said, "I always wear my seatbelt, so it's never been a problem for me."

Eileen Weisse, director of traffic safety programs for the TIA, said, "We feel at this point in time, we have educated the public as much as possible on the importance of safety belt use. The most effective way to raise the states usage rate is high visibility enforcement waves with officers taking a zero tolerance approach to unbuckled motorists."

"... we have educated the public as much as possible on the importance of safety belt use."

Eileen Weisse
Director of Traffic
Safety Programs
TIA

Auto Show hits Detroit

BY REBECCA WYATT
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Many students attend the auto show to dream about the cars they want to buy one day. For an average college student, most of the cars the automakers are displaying are too expensive. However, this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit features cars that are more in the price range of students.

Between the 59 exhibits and the luxury cars, students will be interested to find many affordable cars.

The University of Michigan Ann Arbor and University of Missouri solar car and the U.S. Army's Tacom are among some exhibits.

Affordable new cars are not the only thing at this year's annual show. It also displays ideas of futuristic style vehicles and possible cars that the world could be seeing.

"The show is good for Detroit because the Big Three are here," said Eric LaMothe, engineering student, senior. "This is where engineering takes place and design starts. Even though only 5-10 percent of the designs actually go into production, you got to start somewhere."

One of the most affordable cars, the SRT-4, was introduced by DaimlerChrysler. It is scheduled for production in a few weeks and will cost less than \$20,000. It comes with a standard 2.4 liter DOHC turbo-boosted, 205 horsepower, in-line four-cylinder engine that goes from 0-60 m.p.h. in 5.9 seconds.

Aftermarket parts are readily available for the SRT-4. "One of the great things about the SRT-4 turbo is that enthusiasts will be able to get extra power out of it later through packages available from our Mopar Performance Parts group," said John Fernandez, director-Performance Vehicle Operations.

Saturn offers a car that it claims is for people "happy to be grown up, but not ready to settle down."

The 140-horsepower, 2.2 liter Saturn Ion comes in three different levels, 1, 2 and 3. The Ion ranges from \$11,995 - \$15,495. It replaces the Saturn SL and SC series cars.

Saturn will also be offering the Ion Coupe starting in late 2003. The Coupe will have two rear access doors in the back, which Saturn hopes makes it easier to get people and belongings in and out of the backseat.

The Ion comes with Saturn's dent resistant front fenders, doors, rear panels and bumpers. The OnStar system



Rebecca Wyatt/The Oakland Post
The convertible Volkswagen Beetle was tested and accepted in Miami before making its way to the NAIAS.

"The Ion sedan and quad coupe are going to re-energize the small-car arena," said Jill Lajdzak, vice president of Saturn sales, service and marketing. "These new models bring surprising levels of personalization and customer-friendly features to the segment, including a larger exterior, more interior room, a new powertrain, and enhanced ride and handling."

Volkswagen also brings another affordable car to its line-up, the new convertible model starts at \$20,450.

Many people, including Jason Carlock, a Roseville resident, said the convertible model reminds him a lot of the old Beetle.

Jens Neumann, a member of the Volkswagen AG Board of Management, said the convertible was tested in Miami and was well received.

"The Bug" features a 2.0-liter, SOHC, four-cylinder power plant engine that produces 115 horsepower at 5,200 revolutions per minute. The 1.8T, due out later this year, will have up to 150 horsepower.

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Top left: Viewers of the Mercedes-Benz SL600 can notice the new convertible top and coupe-style body that is not offered yet in the U.S.



Bottom left: A Japanese futuristic car has eight tires and can run off of electric power.

Richard A Rybka/
The Oakland Post



• If at any time Iraqi President Saddam Hussein rejects the U.N. Security Council while it is inspecting the country for weapons of mass destruction, U.S. President George W. Bush said he will use military force on the country. Bush said he has "no timetable" to how long U.S. troops will await orders. Even though the inspections could take up to a year, Bush said he is willing to wait. U.S. troops are assigned to the Persian Gulf region and will stay there until Bush instructs otherwise. The U.N. weapons inspectors are expected to check hundreds of different sites in Iraq before they are finished. The U.N. announced the possible yearlong inspection only days after more U.S. troops were ordered to the gulf region.

• Only if North Korea ceases its nuclear weapons program will the U.S. help the country's energy needs and quit isolating the country, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said Monday. The U.S. said it is waiting for North Korean officials to take "verifiable" and "irreversible" steps to ensure it has stopped its nuclear weapons program. Shipments of heavy oil to North Korea have stopped from the U.S. and allies around the region after North Korea admitted it was working on producing enriched uranium for use in a nuclear weapon. North Korean Ambassador Pak Ui Chun said he might allow the U.S. to see for itself that the country has stopped making nuclear weapons, but only if the U.S. will "renounce its hostile policy of strangling (North Korea) and stops its nuclear blackmail in relation to our country," CNN reported.

• British Prime Minister Tony Blair recently gave Iraqi President Saddam Hussein a stern warning to give up the country's nuclear weapons or face being disarmed by force. Blair said there is a direct threat to British national security. He said no matter what happens, Hussein will be disarmed. If that means sending British troops to do it, Blair is ready to do so. Blair said his biggest fear is having weapons of mass destruction fall into terrorists' hands.

• After Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visit to the controversial Yasukuni Shrine that honors Japan's dead war soldiers, China and South Korea have both lashed out at Koizumi in disapproval and anger. The shrine glorifies Japan's mistreatment of the Chinese during World War II, according to Beijing. Both China and then-united Korea suffered heavy loss from the Japanese military during the war, including thousands of civilians from both countries.

Global goof

• Diesel fumes will be the only odor around public buses in Bend, Ore. from now on. The city recently passed an ordinance banning anyone from a public mode of transportation if he or she "emanates a grossly repulsive odor that is unavoidable by other Bend Extended Area Transit customers." This goes for both the bus itself and the bus stop. "It's an effort to keep the riding experience as pleasant and safe as possible," City Attorney Jim Forbes told the Associated Press. Prohibiting people from releasing "highly objectionable odors" from his or her property is already an ordinance in Bend.

-Compiled By Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources

Fat-free food doesn't mean fat-free body

BY DERRICK SOBODASH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Many Americans are getting fat and their obesity has become a multimillion dollar health concern. Obesity has become an ongoing problem.

Over the last several decades, Americans have switched to reduced fat foods to combat the disease.

Despite this trend, a report from the American Heart Association earlier this year

showed obesity rates across the nation continue to climb.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 61 percent of adults are obese, a number that has doubled since 1980.

"Even people with normal weight who lose 10 pounds register a drop in blood pressure," said Joanne Talarek, nurse practitioner and coordinator at Graham Health Center.

Obesity doesn't just affect one's appearance, it affects overall health. According to Talarek,

it significantly increases the risks of heart disease, Type II diabetes, stroke apnea, frequent fatigue, sleep, joint pains and high blood pressure.

In a study done by the AHA, 8.8 million children and adolescents are considered overweight or obese. Obese people have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more and overweight people have one between 25 to 29.9.

BMI is the common ratio of weight to height. To find your BMI divide your weight by twice

your height. A full BMI chart is available at the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov.

"The risk of heart disease is 2.4 times higher for people who are inactive," said Melanie Young, communications director for the Michigan AHA. Inactivity is a danger not only to obese people but those of normal weight as well.

The AHA study suggests physical inactivity is most prevalent among women, older adults, the less affluent, African Americans

and Hispanics.

While the percentage of obese OU students is currently unknown, it won't be for long.

"We plan on doing a health behavior survey on campus in February," Talarek said.

The survey is prepared by the American College Health Association and will be given to randomly selected classrooms.

People look at heart disease and obesity as an older person's thing, but good health can start at a young age, Young said.

Editorial MLK resolutions

Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy is not easily matched. Few have accomplished his goals within race relations.

Perhaps we can all take a page from his book and find our niche in today's world. Chances are the majority of us won't leave a legacy as compelling as his. But we can all leave a mark. Resolve not to drift through life with no real drive.

Our own individual goals may not be as far-reaching as repairing race relations, but we do stand the chance of making the world a better place. In each person's own way, he or she has the ability to make a difference. And for OU students a good place to start is right here on campus.

No matter what field of study someone pursues, every person is ultimately faced with choices. Though often not comfortable choices, they can ultimately be very rewarding.

So while our actions may never change the world like Martin Luther King Jr.'s, if we help out one person in a time of need or work toward changing a societal problem, we are on the right track.

College is one of the best times to think about how to best channel our abilities and passions in a way that doesn't just serve ourselves but also serves our community and world.

Here are some *Oakland Post* New Year's resolution suggestions:

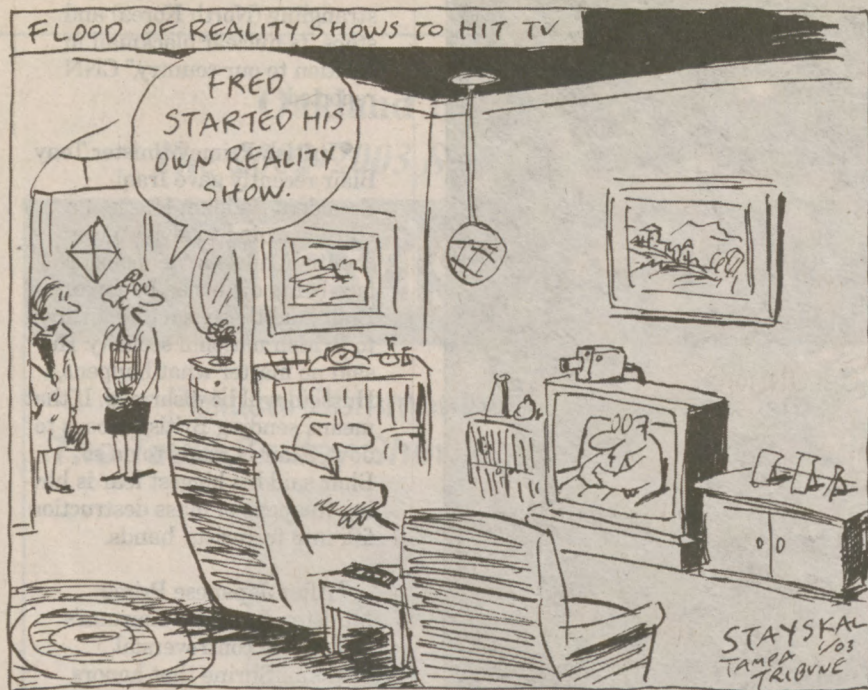
1) Participate in the OU celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s inroads into race relations. Personally commemorate the day by allowing his achievements to inspire the direction of all our relationships.

2) Motivate ourselves to learn about one ethnicity or culture that is not our own. OU offers plenty of diversity experience: African-American Celebration Month starts on MLK day and the Chinese Friendship Association is celebrating the Lunar New Year on Jan. 21.

3) Spend time thinking about the direction of our majors and how we can use our chosen careers to contribute to a society increasingly based on equality for all.

4) Devote an hour a week for someone who isn't a friend or a relative. Countless organizations need volunteers to survive and sparing some time is guaranteed to give us a new lease on life guaranteed.

These are some feasible ideas for a fresher outlook in 2003.



Letters to the Editor Student disagrees with affirmative action

Dear editor,

This is in regards to Laura Angus' "Yes" response to the question "Is affirmative action justified?"

She quotes the 2000 U.S. Census as saying that 26.4 percent of matriarchal families live in poverty while 13.1 percent of patriarchal families do the same. She then goes on to say that "These numbers show that men and women ... are not treated equally in the work force." How does she make that jump?

Maybe those numbers say that men are better at running families than women. The statistics you quote and your statement about them have nothing to do with each other.

Also, why does she think racism is all

right as a form of revenge? That's what affirmative action is after all. Affirmative action assures that some people get preferential treatment in regard to employment or school admissions based solely on the color of their skin. This is the definition of racism. Some people think that this institutionalized racism is acceptable because the ancestors of white people acted horribly toward minorities in the past.

Giving these minorities preferential treatment now, based solely on the color of their skin, doesn't fix that.

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Palestinians misunderstood



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Today the news is dominated by stories of recessions, Iraq and North Korea. It seems as though the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been swept under the carpet.

Nevertheless the plight of these people should never go unnoticed. Iraq is by no means the only problem in the Middle East - far from it.

It is vital to have a better understanding of the Palestinian mindset. Bush's Middle East policies are viewed as hard-line and not just by the Arabs they affect.

There is an obvious disparity between the ethical systems of Americans,

Palestinians and those few extremists. The American mindset suggests actions should be examined for their moral implications. Americans care as much about the process as the final result.

By contrast, it seems as though Palestinians - and in particular those few extremists - largely adhere to another psyche.

Suicide bombings are unjustifiable. The killing of innocent civilians is an atrocity with no excuses. But is there any rationality behind them?

It is undeniable that when an already desperate people are pushed into tight corners they inevitably do desperate things. And there is no one who has a working knowledge of the Middle East peace struggle who can deny that the Palestinians are a desperate people.

For suicide bombers, the

ends justify the means. Their end? Make the world pay attention to their quandary. Their means? Terrorism.

Sometimes I wonder how long it would have taken the U.S. to pay attention in the absence of suicide bombings.

But what people removed from the Middle East hotbed always fail to notice is that this is a last resort. After failed Camp David talks, U.N. peace agreements and the Oslo Accords, the displaced Palestinians have reached their limits. And they are protesting the only way they know how.

The Palestinians' dream of a promising future is being erased daily. As recently as Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon banned Palestinian officials from attending a summit dealing with the Palestinian authorities in the U.K. (to the cha-

grin of British Prime Minister Tony Blair).

More than half a century since the creation of Israel, tangible progress remains elusive. Historians will say that 50 years is nothing but a blip on the radar. A Palestinian living in the Middle East will say 50 years is too long for an entire people to live in desperation, destitution and misery.

Israel was created for the right reasons, among them the Jewish need for cultural security and reparations for their agony during the Holocaust. Likewise, Palestinian suicide bombers' behavior is wrong, but ultimately they are doing it for valid reasons. They are pushing for a solution in the only way they know. What measures might any of us be willing to use if we truly believed in our cause?

Help turn a frown upside down



TIM
LAFORREST

Guest Columnist

As I watch, listen or read the news today, I am barraged with images of war, revelations of corporate fraud involving many of America's top companies and, of course, the sagging economy. I found myself thinking there are lots of good companies and organizations that deserve to be mentioned, if for no other reason than to break up the monotony of the daily news. Most everyone is familiar

with the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots and area food banks. There are many more of these types of organizations that are just too numerous to mention. Let's take a look at one of my favorite organizations, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Since its inception in 1984, Make-A-Wish has been helping kids with potentially life threatening diseases try to enjoy life. The foundation's goal is to try to get the kids to forget about their seemingly endless array of trials and tribulations.

Its approach has nothing to do with pills or surgery. It uses questions like, "If you could meet anyone, who would it be?" or "If you could

have anything you wanted or go anywhere you pleased, what would it be, or where would you go?" These remedies, while only temporary, seem to replace the rather sullen looks on most of these kid's faces with grins and smiles. Smiling can make a person feel better.

Upon reading this, many may say that this all sounds great, but I am a student and don't have much money to spare. We all know that right now the economy, to say the least, could be better, and yes, the job market doesn't look promising, but it too will get better. I am by no means trying to say that these issues aren't important, because they

are. Some of these kids may get better. Sadly, many will not.

I gave a little bit of coin to this organization, and I got the form letter thanking me. Knowing that some child is going to benefit from my, as well as other individuals', contributions and corporate donations is a feeling that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Yes, there are many evil people and corporations out there, but it is important to recognize the good ones too. Make-A-Wish can really turn a child's frown upside down. If you would like more information please visit: <http://www.wishmich.org/>

Point / Counterpoint

Will Bush's recent economic plan work?

Yes

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President Bush's critics reacted in predictably uniform fashion to his latest economic proposal: Playing the class-warfare card.

Consider the president's call to end double taxation of dividends, which is sure to give the stock market a boost and improve American competitiveness. Under his plan, businesses will still pay tax on corporate income, but individual stockholders will not pay a second layer of tax on the income when it's distributed as dividends.

There's no question that a dividend tax cut would produce growth. Even Marxist economists recognize that investment is the key to long-run growth and rising wages. Yet the tax code punishes investment by taxing the same dollar of corporate income twice. Indeed, it's possible for the same dollar to be taxed up to four times. Discarding one of these extra layers of taxation will encourage businesses to invest more. This will lead to more jobs and higher living standards.

It also will mean higher stock prices. The value of financial assets is determined by how much after-tax income businesses can expect. Removing the second tax on dividends will increase that future income flow and help the stock market. Financial experts say the stock market could expand by about 10 percent under the Bush plan, boosting national wealth by nearly \$1 trillion - welcome news for workers who have watched their IRAs and 401(k) accounts shrink.

The current tax code also creates a perverse incentive for companies to hoard earnings. Why? Because the double-tax on the earnings they keep (capital gains) is lower than the double-tax on the earnings they distribute (dividends). The president's plan would end this anti-dividend bias, giving companies an incentive to attract investors by offering dividends instead of promising capital gains. This would improve corporate governance (fewer Enrons, anyone?) since firms no longer would feel as much pressure to boost share prices by making unwarranted claims about future revenue. Instead, investors would judge a company by the amount of cold, hard cash it pays its shareholders.

No

KEVIN MURPHY
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

The president's "economic stimulus" package may have profound effects on who pays taxes in the U.S. and on the federal budget deficit, but its name is an abuse of the language.

Basic economics says that in order to provide fiscal stimulus to a national economy, you cut taxes, increase government spending, or a combination of both. An increase in government spending has powerful effects because the injection ripples through the economy creating output, income, and new jobs. If we wish to stimulate the economy via a tax cut then this process can also take place as long as we add the caveat that the tax cut go into the hands of people likely to spend it. And there's the rub when it comes to the president's proposal.

The president's proposal has been costed out by the Treasury at \$675 billion over the next 10 years. About 54 percent of this cost will result from complete elimination of income tax on stock dividends. Another 43 percent of the cost comes from an acceleration of already promised cuts in marginal tax

rates previously due in 2004-2006. The proposed stimulus plan is therefore virtually all tax cut.

As noted, tax cuts are stimulative if they go to people who will go out and spend them. The elimination of income taxes on dividends will benefit the wealthiest Americans, i.e., those who hold stocks outside tax-sheltered retirement accounts. In essence, the Bush proposal will confer a windfall gain on individuals already holding stocks on an after-tax rate of return (i.e., fair) basis. Moreover, wealthy individuals have a low propensity to consume out of new dollars received, hence there will be little of the proverbial bang for the buck from showering tax reductions on them.

So what's the point of the Bush's economic stimulus package if it won't stimulate? At present, the economy may or may not be recovering from the recession. Judging from the lack of real stimulative punch in this package, my guess is that the President's advisors are betting that we are on the road to economic recovery (which is not a bad bet given the available economic indicators). If the economy is indeed recovering on its own, then you don't want to further stimulate it, for that could easily induce inflationary pressure down the road.

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Pontiac offers a smaller SUV breed, the Vibe. Starting at \$16,995, the Vibe offers a 1.8 liter, 180 horsepower engine with an available 6-speed manual transmission and front wheel drive.

Mazda unveiled its 2004 RX-8. It is a four-passenger sports car featuring the Renesis 250 horse-power engine.

The four-speed automatic version will be priced around \$25,000, the six-speed manual version will cost about \$26,680.

Lewis Booth, president and CEO of Mazda Corp., said the introduction of

the RX-8 Mazda is heading in a "stylish, insightful and spirited automobiles."

The auto show is open to the public from 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. now until Jan. 19. The show will also be open from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Jan. 20. The auto show is held at Cobo Center, located at One Washington Blvd. in Detroit. The price is \$12 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children under 12 years old are free.

For more information about the show, visit www.naias.com.

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the Music, Theatre and Dance, doesn't anticipate any disruptions in this season's productions.

"They're trying to keep things moving forward in the absence of the director, and the season is pretty well set," Gillespie said.

Senior Dave Hartzel was looking forward to taking THA 412, (Auditions) a class Wicks was scheduled to teach, and was shocked to find a substitute in her place on the first day of class.

"She's a professional the-

ater director, and I was looking forward to spending time with her to learn the business," said Hartzel. "But now I think I might drop the class since she isn't teaching it any more."

Hartzel became acquainted with Wicks through the American College Theater Festival, a national theater program in which student artists and theater departments are given the opportunity to perform their works for an assessment. Wicks was a guest respondent of the festival accord-

ing to Kerro Knox, assistant professor of the department of Music, Theater and Dance.

MBT ended the 2001/2002 fiscal year with a \$27,665 deficit and accumulated \$290,000 in debt over recent years. According to Peggy Cooke, director of Auxiliary Services, Proposal K would have provided MBT with \$680,000 annually.

- Associate Editor Randy Dudek contributed to this article.

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room and private facilities within its 21,000 square feet building. The cover charge is \$15 for men and \$10 for women. Access to the VIP room is \$100.

Downtown Pontiac is home to clubs such as "Tonic," "Have a Nice Day Café" and many others.

"We're trying to be an elite bar in Detroit," said Austin. He said the nightclub is aiming for an older upscale crowd and doesn't consider Sevin a club like most in Pontiac.

During warmer weather, a 220-seated patio will have reggae band performances.

A 2,000 square foot dance floor features an Avalon sound system and "intelligent lightening" offers an unbelievable light show, he said.

Sevin also offers a beauty salon that provides hair styling and make-up services by area stylists inside the club for late evening touch-ups.

Sevin is open from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for ages 21 and over.

For a break from the dancing scene, a martini jazz lounge is located on the second floor.

"Sevin was out of control this past weekend, people were waiting to get in the place for hours," said Karen Kas-mikha, senior. "Lines curved around the corner of the building. This is worse than Las Vegas."

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answer game of general knowledge. The game questions cover topics ranging from history, geography and religion to sports, literature and popular culture.

A match is broken into two separate seven-minute halves. The moderator reads a 10-point toss-up question, and the teams ring in to attempt an answer.

After a toss-up question

is answered correctly, the answering team has the chance to answer a bonus question, ranging from 20 to 30 points. On bonus questions, team members have approximately five seconds to confer before answering.

All questions and answers are provided by the College Bowl Company of Sherman Oaks, Ca.

The first place team wins

\$400 and the right to represent OU at the ACUI Regional Tournament, which will be held Feb. 21-23 on the campus of Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

More information can be obtained from Franklin at the CSA at (248) 370-2400 or by visiting the official College Bowl website at <http://www.collegebowl.com>

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advantage."

According to data results, OU students are not at an advantage or disadvantage when they take the equivalent to MTH 154 - Calculus at MCC. At OU, 50 percent passed with a 2.0 or better and 17 percent of students failed. In comparison, MCC's equivalent course, MTH 176, Analytic Geometry and Calculus I reported nearly the same numbers with 47 percent passing with a C or better and 16 percent failing.

Dara Turner, sophomore, said, "I was pretty upset when I took my math class at Wayne County Community College,

and I failed."

Students would benefit from completing courses such as MTH 141, Precalculus, and MTH 155, Calculus, at OU. Respectively, 10 percent and 15 percent more students passed with a C or better than in the equivalent courses at OU.

Sixty-eight percent of OU students taking MTH 256-Introduction to Linear Algebra passed with a C or better. In contrast 12 percent of students failed MTH 256. MCC's MTH 200, Linear Algebra had 31 students enrolled. Every student who took MTH 200 passed with

a C or better.

The math department has shown a decrease in the number of failing grades over the past year. The department is running experiments to develop ideas for improvement.

"Many students have a phobia of completing math requirements at Oakland because of peer perpetuation of rumors and publicity," said Jack Nachman, interim chair of the Math Department. "The department is continuously evaluating teaching performances and getting opinions from students. We always try to improve what we do."

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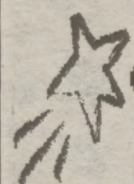
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Student Organization Fair - January 21

Are you looking for ways to get involved and contribute to your campus community? Come meet student leaders at the Student Organization Fair.

Student Organization Day will be January 21st in the Oakland Rm. and Heritage Rm. of the OC. This year's theme is the "Chinese New Year." There will be many Student Organization representatives available to speak with you and answer questions about their respective organization.

What a great way to get involved and learn outside of the classroom!

Student Organizations interested in reserving a table for this event, please stop in the CSA.

OU's Campus College Bowl Championship

This year's Campus College Bowl Championship will be held on Saturday, January 25 in the Oakland Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per team of four players. Sign up now at the CSA Service Window!

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A Interreligious/Intercultural Retreat for the Oakland University Community.

Saturday, January 25, 2003 at the Louhelen Retreat and Conference Center, Davison, MI 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Retreat is FREE for the OU community, and includes lunch.

Sign up at the CSA Ticket Window (49 Oakland Center) until January 17, 2003. Limited space available! Contact Sara Crampton in the CSA office with any questions (x2024 or crampton@oakland.edu).

OU's Winter Blood Drive

Oakland University is pleased to give Oakland University students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community an opportunity to make a difference. The annual OU Winter Blood Drive will be held on Monday-Wednesday, January 28-30, 2003. It will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each of the three days. Although walk-ins will be accepted, those who will donate are encouraged to make an appointment no later than Wednesday, January 23. This allows the Red Cross to assign its resources and staff effectively. One can make an appointment in one of the following ways:

1. Make an appointment on line. This can be done either by going to the CSA Website and clicking on make an appointment or, www.givelife@redcross.org. The sponsor is Oakland University and the access code is OUBLOOD.

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3. Sign up at a Donor Recruitment Table.

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- Porgy and Bess (March 16)

Tickets for:

- Tavis Smiley Lecture (January 24)
- Meadow Brook Winter Ball (February 1)

Sign-up for:

- SPB Bowling Night (January 17)
- College Bowl Campus Championship (January 25)
- CSA Interfaith/Intercultural Retreat (January 25)

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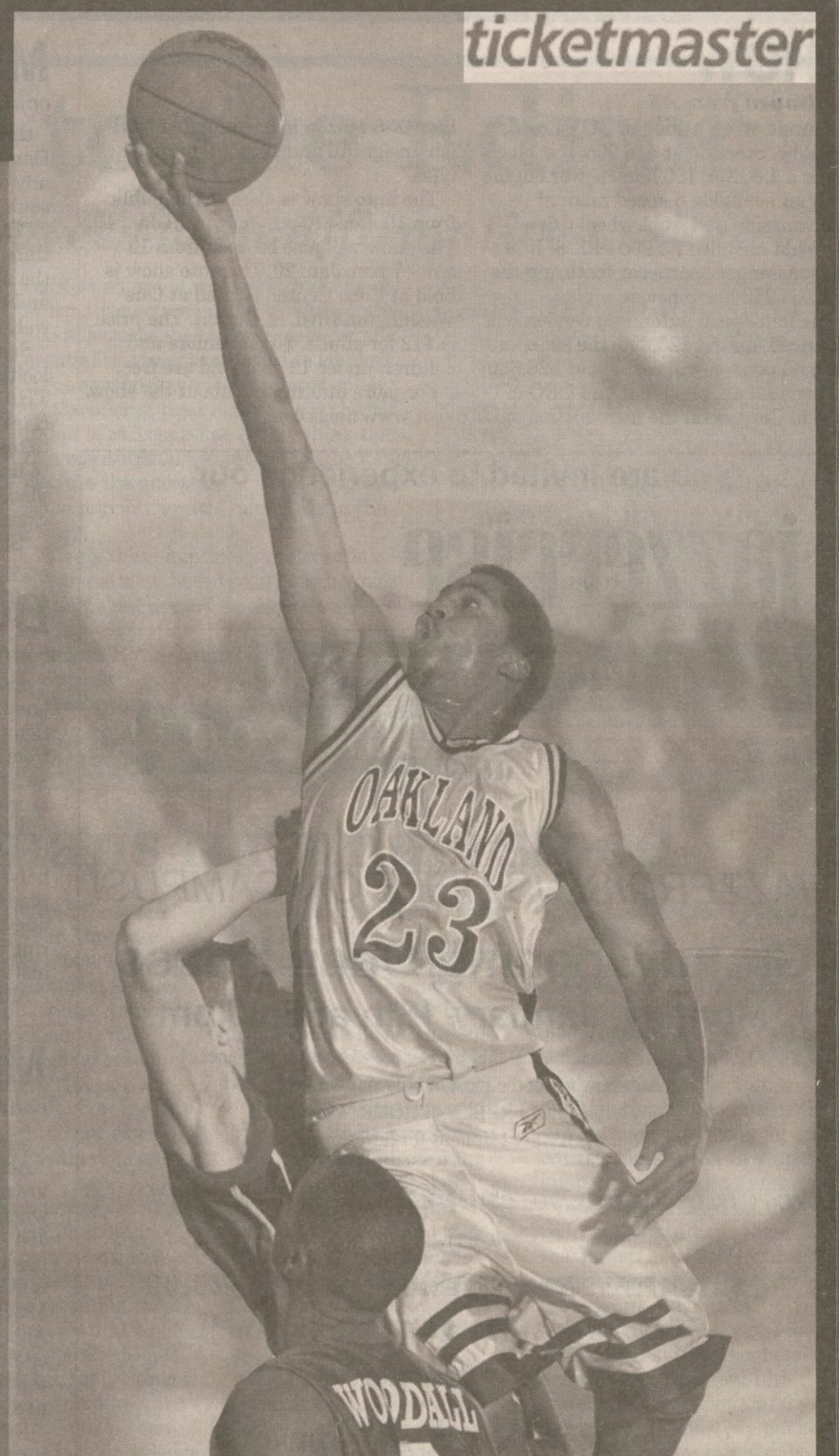
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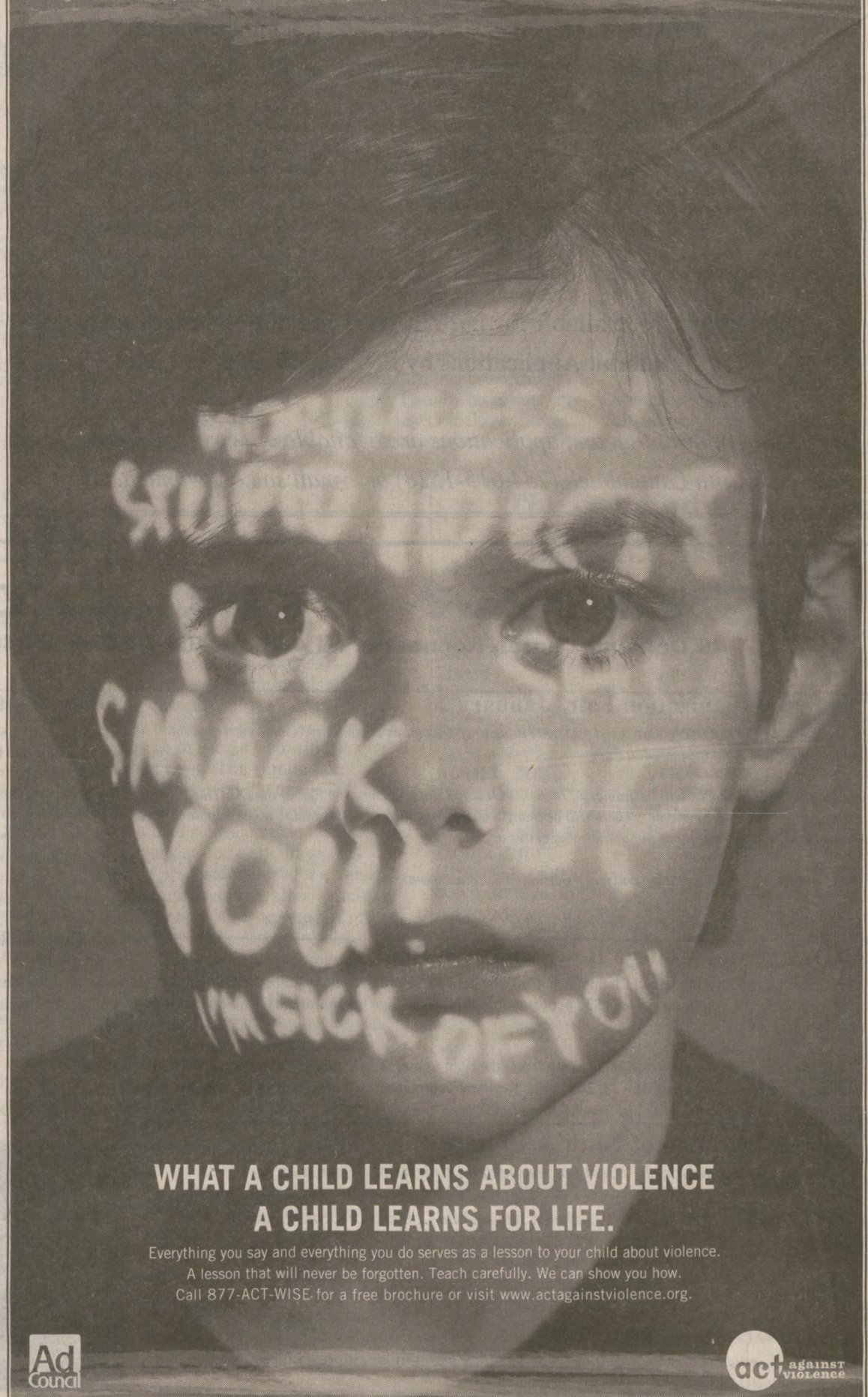
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Dance in the Rec

New hip-hop aerobics class offered

BY SANDARELLA BATRES
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Hip-hop music echoed outside Studio 897 in the Rec Center last Wednesday, luring students to peek through windows of closed curtains during the first class session of the new aerobics class.

The class is now offered in the Rec Center at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

Mila Padgett, fitness & wellness coordinator, approached Shaquonda Binion, junior and president of Intrigue, to teach the class.

Intrigue is OU's hip-hop dance club. The group performed at Midnight Madness in October and wowed the audience.

The class has been highly anticipated among students, according to Padgett.

"Students are talking about this class like crazy," she said.

Padgett said hip-hop is fun because it is a different style of dance.

"A lot of people here like to dance," she said.

The class is being offered once a week right now. Due to a huge demand for the class, it could be offered to two nights a week.

Padgett said that when Intrigue is done with practices for the year, the class might expand to two nights a week.

She said that a class could be possibly held on Sundays, in addition to the Wednesday session.

If class size increases, arrangements to occupy a bigger studio will be made, Binion said.

Binion said she was nervous about teaching the class in the beginning. Since the first session went smoothly, she was able to relax and have a good time.

The students said that they enjoyed class because it was fun.

Marla Rose, senior, said she's definitely coming back next week.

"It was awesome, I love to dance and had a chance to do it," said Rose.

Jenn Evans, senior, said she used to dance all the time, but



Sandarella Batres/The Oakland Post
Students get funky in Studio 897 in the Rec Center last Wednesday during the new Hip-Hop Dance Aerobics class. The class is instructed by Intrigue president, Shaquonda Binion, junior. The class is available on a drop-in basis, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

can't find time for it anymore outside of school.

She said that this class makes it possible for her to practice what she enjoys without leaving campus.

"The class was fun," said Evans. Becky Grewe, sophomore,

attended the class just to see if she can keep up with the fast paced moves.

"(It) made me feel coordinated, it was fun," she said. "I'll be coming back."

The Hip Hop Dance Aerobics class is offered on a drop-in basis.

Fighting hunger

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Three student organizations will be making approximately 1,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to distribute to more than 900 people, primarily women and children, at local homeless shelters, along with chips and pop.

The Golden Key International Honour Society, in conjunction with the Association of Black Students and the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, will sponsor the sandwich-making event on Monday in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Costco and Sam's Club stores are donating the chips and pop, Golden Key members are bringing the supplies and Alpha Delta Pi has been asked to bring the peanut butter.

The Association of Black Students will be holding many other events throughout the day, but will join the other volunteers around 1 p.m. when the event is scheduled to start.

Sandwich making should last about one hour, and then students will disperse to get the food to the shelters before dinnertime.

This community service activity supports Golden Key's yearlong theme of helping those less fortunate. At the Golden Key International Convention last summer, the OU chapter members heard Coretta Scott King encourage students to help the homeless community.

Contributing to the celebration of Martin Luther King Day, the members of Golden Key are taking the words King's widow delivered to heart.

"Martin Luther King had a vision," Golden Key president Emily Fulton said. "He had a lot of big things he passed on to us. We're the generation that can put those things into place and make a big difference."

For Alpha Delta Pi newly elected president, Jovana Koscica, the activity fits well into the sorority's plan to become more involved in community service, rather than just supporting social events.

"We're involved in a lot of social events on campus, and lately we haven't done very much with our philanthropy," Koscica said. "One of my goals this year was to get our name out there more as a community serving group than a social sorority."

The sorority's participation is understandable considering that a number of its participants are also members of Golden Key.

Alpha Delta Pi members also plan on getting involved with the Ronald McDonald House, either collecting money or getting involved at the house itself, later this year.

Golden Key invites other student organization to participate in the event and welcomes anyone else who would like to lend a helping hand.

"Hopefully, other societies will recognize the event and come to help us also," Koscica said. "We're hoping to get as much diversity as possible, to get to know different people and societies. We want to get together as a group and do this very good event, benefiting all these people."

Keeping warm

BY SANDARELLA BATRES
AND LAURA ANGUS
THE OAKLAND POST

Frigid temperatures can make even a walk from the parking lot or residence halls to class a health hazard this week.

The National Weather Service is forecasting highs in the low twenties and lows in the teens for the remainder of the week, with temperatures dropping to the single digits when factoring in the wind chill.

One serious risk from this weather is frostbite. Frostbite is a thermal injury to the skin, which can result from prolonged exposure to moderate cold or brief exposure to extreme cold.

According to firstaid.eire.org, areas of the body most prone to frostbite are fingers, toes, hands, feet, nose, ears and cheeks.

The signs and symptoms of frostbite vary depending on the severity of the case.

A person may experience pain, numbness, prickly sensations, firm, whitened skin areas, peeling or blistering, itching, swelling or discoloration of skin.

The treatment of frostbite depends on the severity of skin damage. Hospitalization may be necessary in some severe cases.

Joanne Talarek, nurse practitioner and clinical coordinator of Graham Health Center, said that they haven't seen any cases of frostbite this winter, but if they did

they would send the patient to a hospital's emergency room.

If students think they have frostbite, they should move indoors to a warm environment as soon as possible. They should not rub the affected area as this can cause further damage due to the presence of ice crystals in the skin cells.

Gently re-warm the affected body part by placing it against a warm body part, like placing hands under arms, or warming with lukewarm water or warm blankets.

People who think they have frostbite should see a health care provider for evaluation as soon as possible.

Talarek advised students stay warm and dry during these frigid days.

"Keep your head, hands and feet covered, keep your faces and noses covered if you're outside for a prolonged time," she said.

She also advised students to wear waterproof footwear.

The website firstaid.eire.org said that prevention is the key to avoiding frostbite. The site advises against going outdoors for prolonged periods in severely cold weather.

Also, students should cover vulnerable body parts such as cheeks and nose with a scarf and wear loose fitting, warm, layered clothing. Students should also wear mittens instead of gloves and warm wool or insulated type socks.

Caffeine, tobacco and alcohol leaves the skin more prone to ther-



Marek Olech/The Oakland Post
Sophomore Kirsten Jorgensen Temperatures are expected to drop into the teens this week, and students need to protect themselves from the harsh weather.

mal injury, so avoid them when going outside. If students' clothing gets wet while outside, it must be changed immediately. Students should check skin every 10-20 minutes for signs of frostbite.

Students at OU are doing what they can to protect themselves this week.

Paula Gonoll, junior said she's going to wear several layers of clothing to keep warm this week.

"I'm going to bundle up," said Gonoll.

Courtney Fons, sophomore, usually walks to all her classes but this week will do a lot more driving to stay out of the cold.

She plans to wear running tights under her jeans to stay warm.

Mark Mazzara, senior, said he'll protect himself from the elements by wearing turtlenecks this week.

OU choir harmonizes

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The Gospel Choir of OU will host its annual "College Nights" concert, one of their biggest events, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the Shotwell Pavilion.

The GCOU was created more than 25 years ago. As early as the 1970's, this group of young ministers has been spreading the word of Christ through the melodic harmony of their voices.

Founded by Julius Austin, a former OU student, GCOU was established as a ministering organization that provided spiritual enrichment not only to the university, but to surrounding communities as well.

"Julius just wanted to see people being saved ... practicing the word of Christ," said Andrew Gaines, sophomore, and a second year member of the choir, "and sometimes, the best way to understand God is through music."

Whether it's religious relief or good music people are seeking, the Gospel Choir is known to give a great performance.

"I love to hear them sing," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities. "The blending of their voices sounds so beautiful ... you can tell they put a lot of heart and soul into their music."

Miller also said the group has proved to be one of OU's "shining stars, an organization that anyone would be proud to be a member of."

With about 45 members currently, the group is seeking more singers.

"We want to be more diverse, and there's always room for more," said Randi Clark, sophomore.

Clark has also been a part of the choir for two years, and she is a member of the Lighthouse Community Choir on campus. She has loved music ever since she can remember.

"I love to sing, and I love music. I think it's beautiful to hear all types of different voices

come together to create a song," Clark stated.

Gaines, who feels the choir has progressed a great deal since last year, couldn't agree more.

"We're getting better and better each practice, and it's not just a choir, we're a family," he said. Gaines said that the choir is like a blessing to him.

"When you're down and depressed, they uplift you," he said. "No matter what you're going

through, there is always someone there to help you out. I get to be around all these loving people while doing the one thing I love."

Gaines says that although he is currently majoring in journalism, his true love is music. Since the age of seven, Gaines has been singing in his church choir, and he hopes to make it a career someday.

"I want to release a gospel CD some day and write all of my own music," said Gaines. "The choir is really helping me to achieve that goal."

The GCOU is open to all students. To get involved, students should go to GCOU's open rehearsals from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday nights in the Oakland Center.

The GCOU also sponsors numerous activities to help others strengthen its relationship with Christ.

The GCOU, as well as other gospel choirs, including those from University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University, will present a vast selection of gospel music during the "College Nights" concert.

Some of its other upcoming events include Winter Concerts, Gospel Skate Jam, Bowling Night, Movie Night, Dr. Martin Luther King March as well as others.

For more information, contact Jean Ann Miller at (248) 370-2400 or visit the choir online at oug-choir@aol.com.

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Andrew Gaines
Sophomore

Students gather to examine cultures

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

As part of the Spirituality in Service Program, the Center for Student Activities is sponsoring an Inter-religious and Intercultural Retreat Jan. 25.

This free event will last from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Participants will meet in the Oakland Center to carpool to the Louhelen Retreat and Convention Center in Davison.

According to Charles Mabey of

the campus ministry, the idea for this event came from discussions held by him with Sara Crampton, the coordinator of student leadership development and Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA.

The idea grew out of the Spirituality in Service programs, which are normally held on Saturdays for four hours.

During the retreat, participants will spend the day learning about many different religions and cultures.

One of the main events will be a panel discussion, which will consist of representatives from different religions.

Representatives will be from the Muslim Student Association, a Christian organization and the Jewish Student Organization, as well as other on and off campus organizations.

There will also be a breakout session, when participants choose from three different programs. The topics will include "Spirituality," "Cross Cultural

Communication" and "Gender, Religion and Culture."

Other topics that will be covered during the day include "Christian versus Non-Christian," and the difference between a culture and a religion.

The MSA's representative, Sumeera Younis, sophomore, said, "I think it will just be a great opportunity to go and learn about different religions and cultures."

Miller said that since Sept. 11, there has been a lot of focus on

Middle Eastern cultures and religions.

She said one goal of the retreat is "to demystify different religions."

The usual Spirituality in Service programs strive to educate students on different cultures and religions.

"(The retreat) is an opportunity to expand on that," she said. She also stressed that this retreat will not be religious based.

"You're not going to pray,

you're not going to a service," she said. "It's just an opportunity to learn."

Students, staff and faculty interested in this event must sign up in the CSA office by Jan. 17 although that deadline may be extended.

There is limited space, and spots will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

"It's for any student ... who's interested in learning about faith and cultures," said Crampton.

"So, really it's for anyone."

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event will teach students what they need to know about finding a job by putting it in game form.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 30, a Diversity Career Fair will be held in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Thomas said the career fair can help students find career-based jobs at whatever level they need. This includes internships, summer employment and full-time career employment.

He expects more than 40 companies at the career fair. He said the goal of the career fair is to give "students the opportunity to interface for employment opportunities."

The career fair also gives freshmen, sophomores and juniors the opportunity to talk to alumni and get advice about what they should be doing in school to prepare themselves for a career, Thomas said.

He advised students to bring several copies of their resume.

According to Thomas, the career fair is a little more informal than a job fair. Employers

don't expect students to dress up. However, Thomas said seniors looking for permanent full-time positions should take this more seriously, and he would recommend dressing in at least business casual.

Students will also be given the opportunity to test their interview skills during the mock behavioral interviews from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 31.

In the interviews, students are asked to draw from their history to prove they have the characteristics for the job.

Students can sign up for these interviews in 275 West Vandenberg Hall or by calling (248) 370-3250. Students should dress professionally and treat these interviews seriously.

"It's not an easy job market," said Thomas.

He said nurses are doing well, accountants are doing fairly well and teachers are doing okay, but the graduate population is not doing so well overall.

"The more places they post

their resumes, the broader the exposure they get," he said.

Start with the career services website, he recommended. There are links to other resume posting sites such as Monster.com.

Employment agencies and temporary firms, like Kelly Services, are also a way to go when looking for a job, he said.

Thomas also suggests going to other career fairs such as the Michigan Collegiate Job Fair and the Diversity Job Fair. To find out the dates contact the career services center.

This career fair isn't designed for health care professionals and teachers. There was a health care fair held in the fall and there is one coming up in April for teachers, Thomas said.

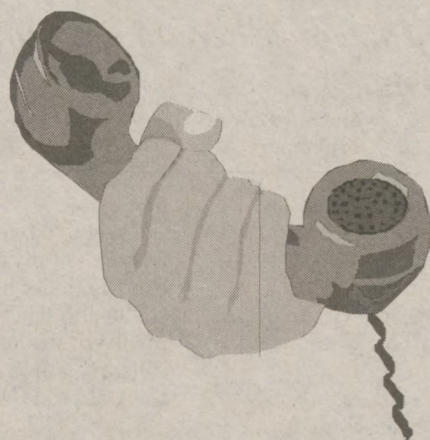
The State of Michigan has job postings as well. The state lists jobs on its website.

For more information, call the Career Service Center at (248) 370-3250 or visit the website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices.com.

The Oakland Post is looking for a circulation manager to distribute the paper Wednesday mornings.

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Women getting R.A.D.

BY STEPHANIE TOMOVSKA
THE OAKLAND POST

OU will offer a women's self-defense course to its student body and surrounding areas starting Monday, Jan. 20.

The R.A.D., or the Rape Aggression Defense system, founded by Lawrence N. Nadeau, is a program offered at OU that teaches women self defense tactics and techniques they can use against many types of assaults, like rape.

R.A.D. is the only self-defense program ever to be endorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

According to a R.A.D. pamphlet, one of every four women has been assaulted during their years at college and one in every three women has been assaulted in their lifetime.

The R.A.D. courses are geared toward teaching women of all ages and abilities on "awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance," while teaching them hands-on defense techniques.

OUPD Officer Terry Ross has been running this program on campus for the past five years.

"Our program at Oakland is very successful," said Ross. "We put a lot of time into this."

Ross is certified in all of the R.A.D. systems - Basic Physical Defense, Advanced Self Defense, Aerosol Defense Options and Key Chain Defense Options.

The basic course consists of lecture, discussion and self-defense techniques. The Advanced Self Defense course builds on the basic class and adds defense against weapons and firearms. The Aerosol Defense Options and Key Chain Defense Options teach women how to use aerosol and impact weapons.

Ross and OU are looking into making r.a.d.KIDS also available as a program offered at OU. This would be free for boys and girls up to age 12.

"Hopefully, in the future we will offer (it) to our community. It is expensive to create, but well worth it," said Officer Ross.

There is also a R.A.D. class for men, which was created in March, 2001, but it's not offered at OU.

Three OU alumni, Janece Hayes, Robin Blalock and Dana Wygle, volunteer to help Ross during the training sessions.

Hayes is a strong supporter of this "pro-women organization."

She said that everyone should take the program because it instills confidence in women and they feel empowered after taking it.

"R.A.D. graduates walk out of this class taller, and don't rely on an object to defend themselves. They can take care of themselves and be responsible for their own safety."



Photo courtesy of OUPD
OU is offering a women's self defense course in the Rec Center starting Jan. 20. Women will be taught basic self defense techniques and strategies. This class is open only to women, and is free to OU students.

Blalock also agrees that the program helps women. She wishes that they could help more people than they do.

"I wish we could get to people before they're assaulted, then after."

Any woman can become a R.A.D. instructor. Men can also become R.A.D. instructors, but they must have a law enforcement background or be willing to allow for a complete background check.

Classes are offered from 7-10 p.m. in the Rec Center.

Sponsors of the program include the Rec Center, Dean of Students, OU's Residence Hall, MSU Federal Credit Union and the OU bookstore.

The program is free for OU students and costs \$20 for non-students. The course includes six classes, three hours a night and two books; a workbook and

reference manual.

The program also offers a "free lifetime return" for graduates, allowing them to go back to any R.A.D. program anywhere it's offered and participate in the class for free.

Prior R.A.D. students refer most class participants. More than 600 people have gone through this

three-week program and hopefully more will become participants in this successful program that teaches women to take an active role in their own self-defense.

"It's unfortunate that we need to teach our women how to fight. It is every woman's right to be safe, and we want to make women survivors not victims," said Ross.

For information and scheduling

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Schedule of R.A.D. classes

Session I

Monday, Jan. 20
Wednesday, Jan. 22
Monday, Jan. 27
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Monday, Feb. 3
Wednesday, Feb. 5
7-10 p.m. in the Pioneer Room

Session II

Tuesday, March 11
Thursday, March 13
Tuesday, March 18
Thursday, March 20
Tuesday, March 25
Thursday, March 27
7-10 p.m. in Pioneer Room

Session III (Advanced)

Tuesday, April 1
Thursday, April 3
Tuesday, April 8
Thursday, April 10
Advanced 7-11 p.m. in Pioneer Room

Reviews

Laughs at MBT

BY MARCIA K. HAMILTON
THE OAKLAND POST

Playgoers in the Rochester area will not have to travel far to see a performance by the renowned company of the Shaw Festival.

Shaw's Artistic Director Jackie Maxwell's staging of George Bernard Shaw's "Candida" opened last at Meadow Brook Theatre.

The production represents Meadow Brook's first residency by the Shaw Festival.

In conjunction with MBT's presentation of the Shaw Festival's production of "Candida," the English Department is sponsoring three post-show conversations and a special dramatic reading.

Post-show conversations are scheduled for the matinee performances on Jan. 19 and 26. A special stage reading based on the legendary debates between playwright George Bernard Shaw and author G.K. Chesterton will be presented at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Post-show conversations and the special reading are free to the public.

Set in London during the 1890's, "Candida," is one of Shaw's most successful theatrical works. It is a comedy and a mystery, as viewers will see as the plot unfolds.

Played by Laurie Paton, the main character is Candida Morell. Her husband, James, is a popular Christian Socialist clergyman. Eugene Marchbanks is an 18-year-old idealistic, homeless poet who is taken in by the Morells.

Her husband believes that Candida is forced to choose between him and Eugene after sparks fly between the two.

Paton delivers a beautiful performance as Candida Morell. She charms the audience, as well as her male suitors in the play. Her eloquence and polished manner contribute to the confidence her character projects.

Mike Shara's performance as Eugene Marchbanks will have the audience laughing out loud at his clumsy, childlike antics.

As the play progresses into more serious dramatic parts, Shara does an excellent job of reminding the audience the play is a comedy.

Each character in the play has a different perspective on marriage, politics, honesty and the mental condition of the other characters.

Socialistic and capitalistic views collide as Reverend James Morell, brilliantly played by Blair Williams, and Candida's father, Mr. Burgess, played by Bernard Behrens, spar with each other.

Each character has an egocentric opinion about



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre
The company of the Shaw Festival presents the comedy "Candida" Jan. 8 - Feb. 2 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

how people ought to think and behave and accuses the other of being mad because of his or her beliefs.

The lovely set, lighting, and music enhance this memorable performance by the Shaw Festival theatre.

"Candida is an interesting example that is really about the ideas of its time," said Brian Murphy, Professor of English and associate director of the Honors College.

Murphy participated in a panel discussion with Jackie Maxwell in the opening performance of "Candida" and hosted a post-show conversation, "Aestheticism and the New Woman," on Sunday, Jan. 12th.

Professor Murphy will be seen in the special performance, Shaw vs. Chesterton on Saturday, Jan. 25th at 2 p.m.

Concurrent with the "Candida" production, the Shaw Film Festival will feature the "The Devil's Disciple" at 7 p.m. today, "Caesar and Cleopatra" at 7 p.m. on Jan. 22 and, "Major Barbara" at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29.

All films will be shown in the Honors College Lounge in Vandenberg Hall.

Student tickets are available for productions of "Candida." Ticket prices for the general public range from \$19 to \$38.

Student rush tickets are \$7 for OU students. Students can buy up to two tickets the day of their show.

There will be a sign language performance for the hearing impaired at 8 p.m. on Jan. 22, and an audio described performance for individuals with sight problems will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Contact the theatre for more information on show times or log on to www.mbttheatre.com.

Learning from art

Russian icons on display in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery

BY KRISTIE FAVRO
THE OAKLAND POST

Before the days of action-packed movies and high-paid athletes, idols took on a more spiritual and faithful meaning than many idols hold today.

At the Meadow Brook Art Gallery's newest exhibit, "Mind and Matter: Russian Icon Painting," portraits of various saints, wonderworkers and samovars, a form of Russian tea set, from the 19th and 20th centuries are on display.

Eduard and Juana Kotlyarov of Bloomfield Hills loaned these pieces to the gallery from their personal collection.

The idea of religious figures as idols is not something completely gone today.

Junior Matt Swanson said, "I grew up seeing Christ and the cross as being icons."

When standing in the gallery, the viewer sees an overwhelming sense of holiness about the images.

The faces are filled with such life, it's obvious that their creation was much more than a vision, but a way of putting prayer into an image.

The paintings have faded and cracked, but the brilliance of their colors, the vibrant reds and shining golden hues, add warmth to their eeriness.

According to a piece written by Assistant Professor of Art History Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, "The power of the icon derives from its theological importance as a window, or point of entry, into the world of the spirit."

When created, the paintings weren't just acrylic or oils on canvas like many pieces of work today, but took weeks of preparation.

All parts of the piece, from the base they are started on to the varnish that they are protected in, are all hand-made from minerals, plants and animal products.

Not all pieces were limited to the use of the wood panel.

Many were also covered in a metallic layer with the paintings allowed to show through from the certain areas, crating harsh lines that separated the coldness of the metal and the softness of the



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Art Gallery
"Detail from Icon with Saints: St. Michael" is one of the interesting and inspiring works from the "Between Matter and Spirit: Russian Icon Painting" now on exhibit in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

faces and bodies peering through.

The two mediums, paint and metal, give the paintings even more of a softness.

When looking at them, their images aren't lost in a sea of colors. The viewer's eyes go straight to their faces and the detail and craftsmanship is just unbelievable.

Not only is the physical creation of the icon an important step, but also the prayer and spiritual aspect of the creation.

The iconographers who created these masterpieces were usually Orthodox monks who devoted their life to living according to the ways of the church.

They weren't typical artists who pursued their own imagination's visions, rather they were people who followed "strictly fixed rules that governed not only the process of the painting, but proper spiritual groundwork in prayer and obedience," according to Machmut-Jhashi.

Even though the content of the display is entirely of an Orthodox Catholic nature, students should not distance themselves from it.

Junior Mike Zajac said, "I think people should enjoy what the campus offers to them. Just because you aren't of a certain religion doesn't mean you can't enjoy learning something new and becoming a little more cultured."

According to Meadow Brook Art Gallery Director, Dick Goody, there has been a 24 percent increase in student traffic in the afternoon and an upward trend is suspected in the future.

"I'm quite amazed that a small school like ours is able to have such wonderful pieces of art displayed for our leisure, and yet so many students don't take advantage of it all," he said. "Let's get more students in here."

The exhibit is located in 208 Wilson Hall and is free to everyone.

It will be running from Jan. 10-Feb. 9. The gallery is open from noon-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Women sweep weekend

Women win two, men conquer in lone meet

By DAN NELDER
THE OAKLAND POST

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams recovered from their losses in Washington by conquering the Lords and Ladies of Kenyon College at home on Friday, nailing their first victories of the new year with scores of 124-81 for the men and 142-90 on the women's side.

The women's team also had a second win on Saturday against the University of Miami of Ohio Red Hawks, 168-125.

Kenyon's two teams were outswam in almost every area by the Golden Grizzlies who, despite a few close calls, won an overwhelming majority of events.

The day began with a sweep of the 200y medley relay events by both the men and women.

Sophomore Karoline Freytag and Senior Danielle Ward continued by bagging a 1-2 finish in the 200y freestyle, along with Andrew Coupland who finished first in the men's race.

Next to score a first place victory was junior Oksana Strelets in the 50y freestyle.

The men's 50y freestyle saw an outstanding 1-2-3 sweep by swimmers sophomore Chris Sullivan, senior Doug Drazin, and junior Sean Broadbent.

OU dominated the rest of the meet with 1-2 victories in several freestyle events and wins in the two final relays as well.

Line Jensen, who recently arrived from Denmark, made her OU debut by finishing first in the women's 200y individual medley, besting teammate and second place finisher junior Tanya Korniyenko.

Korniyenko was not to be outdone, however. In her next event, she placed first in the 200y butterfly, pacing the competition with a victory margin of nearly three seconds.

Freshman Ehud Segal captured OU's next event crown with a dominating performance in the men's 200y butterfly.

Winning her second race of the day, Strelets bested her competition in the next event, the 100y freestyle.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Line Jensen, a recent arrival to OU, swims hard during her second place finish in the 100y butterfly race in the women's meet against the University of Miami-Ohio on Saturday. This weekend's meets were Jensen's first competitions since joining the team over Christmas.

Sullivan and Broadbent continued OU's dominating team performance with a 1-2 finish in the 100y freestyle.

Sophomore Tara Berringer gave the Grizzlies their fifth straight event victory by winning the 200y backstroke race.

Coupland became the third OU swimmer to capture the title in two individual events and recorded the team's sixth straight event win with a first-place finish in the 200y backstroke.

OU swimmers took both the 500y freestyle crowns, with Ward winning it for the women and junior Tony Smucler finishing on top for the men. Those two victories pushed the Grizzlies' run to eight event wins in a row.

The meet ended much like the rest of the day had progressed

when the OU men's 200y freestyle team defeated its competition by over three seconds in the day's final race.

Freshman Linda Keskey carried the Grizzlies' reign to the diving board where she won both the 1- and 3-meter diving competitions.

"Kenyon was a little tired because it's a long trip to get here," said head coach Pete Hovland. "But I thought we swam real well in our own pool, and, overall, we were pleased with the weekend."

Saturday's victory over the Red Hawks was, unfortunately, not an evenly matched contest.

Miami-Ohio was weak, using only half of its roster on Saturday. The other half had competed against the University of Cincinnati the night before.

"They're the perennial champs of the American Conference," said Hovland. "They're a great team, and they're the kind we look to measure up against, and so I was hoping that they would bring their 'A' team, but unfortunately we didn't get it."

Swimmers junior Shelley Aurit, sophomore Lindsay Unrath and freshman Maria Musialczyk had 1-2-3 sweeps in both the 100y and 200y breaststroke events.

Strelets emphasized OU's dominance of the Red Hawks, winning all three races she competed in, the 100y backstroke, 50y freestyle and 100y freestyle.

Ward (500y freestyle), Korniyenko (100y butterfly) and freshman Erin Meredith (200y backstroke) also swam to individual crowns for the Grizzlies.

Jensen continued her debut weekend, placing first in the 200y freestyle and second in the 100y butterfly against Miami-Ohio.

"She helps boost the morale of everybody," Hovland said. "She helps us in some areas where we were not as deep as we would like to have been before and will definitely help us come February (National Independent Conference Championship)."

Only the men are in action this week, competing at 1 p.m. Saturday at home in the Aquatic Center against Eastern Michigan.

Both the men and women will travel to New York to face off against the St. Bonaventure University Bonnies on Jan. 24.



ADAM SPINDLER

Assistant Sports Editor

NFL's not always pretty, but still #1

Oops. They did it again.

For the second time in as many weeks, NFL refs managed to alienate an entire city of football fans. The Pittsburgh Steelers' faithful joined their New York Giants' counterparts in loathing the evil zebras who put an early end to their teams' improbable playoff runs.

When a trigger-happy ref made a wholesale purchase of Tennessee kicker Joe Nedney's flop job, he granted the Titans something the Giants had been denied the week before: a second chance at a game-winning field goal.

Bummer, huh?

The Music City Mishap hasn't gotten the same publicity as the Frisco Fiasco, probably because sports writers were exhausted from all the ref-bashing they had done the week before.

One prominent Detroit sports writer outdid himself in chastising the NFL for its mistake.

After the Niners got away with Grand Theft Wild-Card, said columnist threw a red flag of his own.

"The NFL has a long way to go in proving that it's America's game," he said.

And: "It would never happen in baseball, America's true national pastime."

Now, I realize the Lions have made us all gluttons for punishment. But embracing baseball as our pastime in the year 2003 is masochism redefined.

This is a sport so bored with itself that a hopping monkey stole the show at this year's World Series, and the hot topic this off-season is whether or not Pete Rose's lifetime suspension should be lifted.

The old ball game can't even capitalize on its summer sports monopoly. This past season it had to beat us over the head with its 10 Greatest Moments, just to distract us from NFL Training Camp.

If Rose is re-instated, it will only confirm that baseball is a game fixated on its past, unable to admit the mistakes of its present.

The NFL, meanwhile, is quick to atone. The ink barely had time to dry on the Monday morning papers before the league publicly admitted the officials' mistake in penalizing the Giants for an illegal man downfield.

That gesture may fall well short of noble but seems almost heroic next to baseball's stubborn arrogance. To this day, the Major League bigwigs probably believe stopping the All-Star game early was a good call. Apologize to the fans? Keep dreaming.

The NFL deserves credit for refusing to turn a blind eye to its own blemishes while baseball practices denial.

Which sport is more compelling? The one where Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez won't play at the end of the season because he's afraid his arm might get sore? Or the one where quarterback Steve McNair plays hurt to lead his Titans to the AFC championship?

Best moment in the Steelers-Titans dogfight: Pittsburgh challenges a call, and the head official gets on the mike and says he doesn't think it's reviewable, *but he'll go double check.*

How refreshing. Before a stadium of rabid fans and a national television audience, the ref reviews the play and reverses the call. Give me that kind of honesty and humility over the illusion of perfection any day.

No doubt football's grand finale will have its' share of controversial calls and high drama. The kind baseball would kill for.

We'll watch from the edge of our seats - Steelers and Giants fans included. We'll throw our annual going-away party for football, and toast the king of sports - warts and all.

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Defense falters in defeat



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior forward Kelly Williams forces his way to the hoop in an earlier game against Air Force. The Grizzlies started conference play with a disappointing loss at IUPUI Saturday.

By ADAM SPINDLER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Defense, defense, defense.

They say it wins championships, and OU men's basketball coach Greg Kampe has emphasized it from day one.

Saturday night, the point was driven home - literally - by the Jaguars of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, as the visiting Grizzlies (6-7, 0-1) dropped their conference opener, 96-82.

Sluggish defense and poor strategy were to blame as the Jags converted on 65 percent of their shots, including 77 percent in the second half. Twenty of IUPUI's 35 field goals came on layups or dunks.

Five players scored in double figures for the Jaguars, led by senior forward Antwoine Lewis' 19 points.

"Our defensive effort was horrendous, and that includes the game plan and preparation," Kampe said. "That starts at the top."

In preparing for the smaller, quicker Jaguars, Kampe decided not to play junior center Jordan Sabourin, and the 7-footer's defensive presence was sorely missed.

Six-foot-eight freshman Shawn Hopes also did not play.

"We didn't have size in there," Kampe said. "They're a small team, and they got by us. It was the wrong way to do it. Once we got behind, we started pushing."

Junior guard Mike Helms led the Grizzlies with 28 points, and sophomore forward Cortney Scott chipped in 21 points.

Trailing by nine points at the half, Kampe had little choice but to keep his scorers in the game - and Sabourin on the bench.

"Falling behind, we decided to go with the lineup we thought would score the best," Kampe said.

That plan backfired but proved educational.

"Maybe the biggest positive is that we learned we can play good offense and lose," he said.

Taking a young, inexperienced team on a three-game road trip to open the conference season is no easy task, but Kampe refuses to use the road as an excuse for losing.

"It's something we've got to learn," he said. "We have to play whether there's nobody there or a thousand people there - to learn how to win on the road, and to understand that comes on the defensive end."

Freshman point guard John Floyd continued to struggle, prompting Kampe to limit his minutes.

"Floyd's just struggling right now," Kampe said. "Freshmen struggle at times. He's started the last two games, and he's been given the opportunity. He just has to play better. We need him."

Floyd wrenched his back in a collision with another player before the Jan. 4 game at Illinois, and hasn't fully recovered. Injuries aside, Floyd's problems may stem from a lapse in confidence.

"I think right now he's questioning himself," Kampe said, adding that he would continue to utilize Floyd in a reserve role.

Freshman guard Pierre Dukes saw increased playing time, logging 32 minutes to Floyd's eleven. Dukes managed 15 points, six assists, and no turnovers.

Floyd will be benched for this Thursday's game at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Kampe is considering starting Dukes in his stead.

Sabourin will return to the starting lineup in what his coach considers a must-win game.

"We have to get a win at Kansas City," Kampe said. "The fact that we have yet to win a road game this year... we've just got to find a way. I don't care if we win by half a point."

The UMKC game will present another defensive challenge for the Grizzlies; stopping one of the nation's top scorers in Kangaroos' guard Michael Watson.

Watson is averaging 24.9 points per game, but Kampe thinks sophomore Rawle Marshall, who ranks eighth nationally in steals, will be up to the task.

"It'll be a classic matchup," Kampe said. "A guy who can really defend versus a guy who can really score."

The Grizzlies counter with their own scoring threat in Helms. The dynamic junior guard currently ranks second in the nation at 26.4 points per game.

OU ends its three-game road trip at 8 p.m. Saturday against Oral Roberts before heading home to take on Western Illinois University Jan. 23.



Senior guard Katie Wolfe tries to drive past the University of San Diego defense in a game earlier this season. OU currently has an overall record of 4-9, with a 0-1 conference mark.

Mid-Con starts with road loss

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Costly turnovers down the stretch and an inability to defend in the post sent the OU women's basketball team home with a loss in its Mid-Con opener against Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis, 76-65.

Trailing by only two with eight minutes to play, the Grizzlies went scoreless and turned the ball over five times in the next five minutes of play and fell behind by 10.

For the game, OU (4-9, 0-1) committed 22 turnovers to only 11 for IUPUI. This might be expected for a team that give significant playing time to many underclassman, but the turnovers have come from players at every position and year.

"It was unforced turnovers," head coach Eileen Shea-Hilliard said. "We've struggled with that at times this year. We had a combination of unforced turnovers and we also missed some open jumpers. That made it tough."

Senior forward Tiffany Kyser led IUPUI and all scorers with 32 points, hitting all 14 of her free throw attempts to lead the Jaguars over the Grizzlies.

"Kyser had a lot of (attempts) because we couldn't handle her," Shea-Hilliard said. "She got her points in all kinds of situations. She'd take advantage of someone handling the ball loosely and get a steal and an easy layup. It was a combination of everything."

Kyser's perfection from the charity stripe was accented by her team's overall ability to get to the line, as

IUPUI attempted 33 free throws to only 20 for OU.

That statistic is deceiving, however, because 14 of the free throw attempts came in the final two minutes, when the Grizzlies were intentionally fouling.

Senior guard Katie Wolfe paced the Grizzlies, recording 28 points in the conference loss. She hit seven of her eight free throw attempts and also grabbed nine rebounds.

Wolfe currently ranks first in the Mid-Con, averaging 21.6 points per game.

Sophomore Amanda Batcha padded her conference-leading rebounding average by hauling in a game-high 12 rebounds, seven of which were offensive, giving OU a 44-33 advantage over IUPUI for the game. She also set a career-high with four blocked shots.

"That's one thing we have talked about, that we need to do a better job on the boards," Shea-Hilliard said. "For the most part we did, but the ones we gave up were big ones and gave up two points."

Three other OU women tallied double digits in points. Freshman guard Jayme Wilson contributed 14 points, and guards Romica Clint, senior, and Anne Hafeli, freshman, added 10 each.

The Mid-Con's leading shot blocker, IUPUI freshman forward Brooke McAfee, rejected four more shot attempts to go along with 15 points for the Jaguars.

Another IUPUI forward that contributed points in the paint was senior Jessica James, who added 13 points in the win.

Before the contest against the

Jaguars, the Grizzlies were leading the conference with a .394 three-point field goal percentage, but a four of 19 performance knocked OU down to fifth place in the league.

Shea-Hilliard has consistently started Wolfe, Batcha, Wilson and Clint this season, but the fifth starter has rotated frequently.

Juniors guard Jasmin MacAlpine and forward Sarah Yaksich have started eight and four games, respectively. Sophomore Leigh Tully has also been in the opening lineup one this season and junior guard Bobbie Beiszki picked up her first start of the season against IUPUI.

"Different people offer different things, and I just have to decide, ultimately, what it is I want to go with," Shea-Hilliard said.

OU continues its conference opening three-game road trip at 3:05 p.m. Saturday against Oral Roberts University. The traveling continues at 8 p.m. Monday when the Grizzlies take on the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

Shea-Hilliard has a simple plan for this weekend's games: get better.

"We need to continue to work on the things we've talked about," Shea-Hilliard said. "Either increasing or cutting down."

"If you take care of the things you talk about, wins come. Right now I just want us to play hard and be a better team than we were last Saturday," she said.

The team's conference home-opener is at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 25 against Mid-Con rival Valparaiso in the first game of a men's and women's doubleheader in the O'rena.

Defense, ranking hold strong

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two wins over top-ranked opponents have given the OU men's club hockey team the upper hand in the Central Division of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

After earning its first-ever number one ranking in early December, the Golden Grizzlies have kept a stranglehold on the top spot by defeating fifth-ranked Ferris State University Friday, 8-3, and Central Michigan University Saturday, 2-1.

In its first contest of the weekend against FSU, it appeared as though Bulldogs had the emotional advantage when they jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first period.

At that point, starting goalie senior Shaun Zeldes was pulled from the game after allowing the three goals in five minutes. Sophomore Chris Ballach replaced Zeldes, and proved to be the spark OU needed.

The Grizzlies scored one goal before the first period ending and went into the intermission trailing by two. In the locker room, head coach Craig Furstenuau inspired with his players by urging his team to prove they earned the number-one ranking.

"We needed to remain calm but intense," Furstenuau said. "I told the guys that we were being an embarrassment to the fans and ourselves. I told them that they were better than they showed out

there."

Furstenuau continued his speech by challenging his players to look within themselves and to do what was expected from them. He asked his players if they were going to give up or dig down deep and prove to everyone how the team earned its number one ranking.

The team responding by shutting out the Bulldogs for the remainder of the game and scoring eight unanswered goals to come away with the win.

"I am very proud of this team for rallying behind one another and pulling together as we made a comeback."

Craig Furstenuau
Head Coach
OU Club Hockey

and we proved that we were the better team.

"We haven't been trailing very much all season, so it was nice for this team to learn how to overcome adversity."

The victory over FSU held special importance, not only because of the Bulldogs' high ranking, but also because it is a conference opponent.

The win put the Grizzlies' Greater Midwest Hockey League record at 6-0 for a total of 12 points. Currently, the University

of Michigan is in second place with 11 points, but the Wolverines have already played nine games.

With one more win in the conference, OU can clinch no less than a share of the league championship.

Saturday's contest against CMU was not a GMHL game, but was important nonetheless because the number-one ranking was potentially at stake. The Grizzlies and the Chippewas each received five first-place votes in the early-December poll.

Pride was also at stake for OU. CMU was the only team in the Division II ranks of the ACHA that the Grizzlies had lost to all season, dropping the two teams' meeting in October, 7-3.

OU tasted sweet revenge in the grudge match in a game that progressed completely differently from the early-season meeting.

In a tightly fought contest, neither team was allowing the other to create offense opportunities. Both teams excelled playing within their own defensive systems.

The Grizzlies did capitalize on one of the very few chances in the first period, however, when the junior forward Ron Kolito beat the Chippewa goaltender assisted by his line mates.

A hard-hitting second period housed many body checks but showed no change in score, and OU took the one-goal lead into the third period.

Early in the final stanza, CMU evened up the score and was able to turn the tides in its favor. The Grizzlies weathered the storm and began to swing the momen-



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Junior forward Carmelo Russo carries the puck past center ice in the OU club team's earlier win over the University of Michigan. The Grizzlies take on U-M in a crucial conference game Friday night.

tum in their direction.

Hard work and gritty determination resulted in a power play for OU with less than eight minutes to play in the game. The Grizzlies were able to capitalize on the one-man advantage when senior defenseman Karl Borgquist's blast beat the CMU goaltender.

OU's defense tightened up in the final minutes of the game, and the Chippewas were given very few chances to tie the game up.

Ballach started the game and earned his second straight win, allowing only one goal in nearly

60 minutes of playing times in the last two contests.

The two wins pushed the Grizzlies' unbeaten streak to seven games. The team has won six of those seven, earning a tie in the remaining game.

This weekend, OU continues its quest for a third consecutive national championship appearance and first-ever GMHL title this weekend against more top-ranked competition.

Friday, the Grizzlies will deal with their first test of the weekend when they face-off against conference foe U-M on the road. The win could vault OU to the

league championship.

The contest against the Wolverines will also factor into overall ranking because U-M currently holds the third-place ranking in the Central Division.

Only the top four teams from each division (West, Central, Southeast and Northeast) earn a bid to the national championships in Los Angeles.

At 8:30 p.m. Saturday New York University will take on the Grizzlies at the ONYX in Rochester, Mich.

NYU is currently ranked fifth in the Northeast Division of the ACHA.

All over the sports map and beyond

By RANDY DUDEK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

• High school basketball sensation LeBron James is driving a brand new \$50,000 Hummer (with three televisions and a video game hookup), which is causing an uproar in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

What? Just because his car costs more than most of his teachers make, that doesn't mean that something illegal is going on.

• Like the Ottawa Senators before them, the NHL's Buffalo Sabres filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday.

Unlike the Ottawa Senators, the Buffalo Sabres are not leading their division, do not have the most wins in hockey this season and do not have the legitimate excuse of a weak Canadian dollar.

• Two headlines side by side on the web version of USA Today on Tuesday stated (United Nations

Secretary General Kofi) "Annan: Give inspectors time to work" and "Two armadas heading to (Persian) Gulf"

So much for that Compassionate Conservatism that G.W. was talking about.

• According to prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr., the 17-year old suspect in the Washington D.C. area sniper attacks tried to extort \$10 million from the U.S. government to stop the shootings.

It almost sounds like the police were okay with the murders, but once he wanted to get paid for his work, then, and only then, was the line truly crossed.

• The centerpiece of Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty's inauguration celebration was his hockey team's 6-2 win Thursday over a team of Democrats.

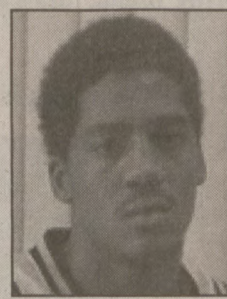
The low point was when former governor Jessie "The Body" Ventura made a surprise appearance in the second period and brainied Pawlenty's goalie with a steel chair, ending his shutout bid.

GRIZZLY SPOTLIGHT

Junior guard Mike Helms currently ranks second in the nation with a 26.4 point scoring average.

In last week's loss to Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, Helms scored a game-high 28 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out two assists.

Helms scored 43 points in a win over Texas Southern University earlier this season, just two shy of his career best mark of 45, recorded in a win over Western Michigan University last year.



-Brendan Stevens

Senior guard Katie Wolfe has taken her role as the team's leader this season after missing the first three games due to a suspension carried over from last year.

She is leading her team and the Mid-Con, scoring 21.6 points per game. Wolfe also leads the conference in three-point field goal percentage and three-point field goals made.

She ranks in the top ten in assist to turnover ratio, field goal percentage, assists per game and free throw percentage, as well.



-Brendan Stevens

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION DAY Monday, January 20, 2003

ABS Annual Campus March

Sponsored by the Association of Black Students
11:30 a.m.-Noon

Meet at the First Floor Lobby, Vandenberg Hall

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

Keynote Speaker: Robert Thornton, CAS '77,
Program Officer, The Skillman Foundation

Free Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social

Announcement of the 6th Annual All Campus Essay Contest
in Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sponsored by the Association of Black Students and Division of Student Affairs
Noon-1:00 p.m.

Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

OU Community Service Project: The 2nd Annual PB&J Day

Spend the afternoon making 1000 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches
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Bring your favorite Martin Luther King, Jr. quote to read
and reflect on how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has influenced your life.

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7:00 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

African-American Celebration 2003

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ART IN OUR SCHOOLS.

NO WONDER PEOPLE THINK LOUIS ARMSTRONG WAS THE FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON.

It's a long way from the Apollo Theatre to the Apollo program. And while his playing may have been "as lofty as a moon flight," as *Time* magazine once suggested, that would be as close as Louis Daniel Armstrong would ever get to taking "one small step for man."

But as the jazz musician of the 20th century, giant



Armstrong left his footprints on the jazz world, wearing lace-up oxfords.

leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with



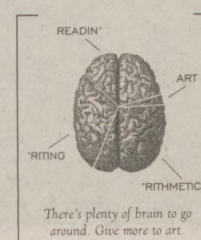
Instead of a giant leap, Louis Armstrong delivered one giant free-form crazy jazz groove for mankind.

the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make

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If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at AmericansForTheArts.org. Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.



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Freshman OUtlook

OU's student success program!

Freshman OUtlook delivers weekly tips, advice and resource links right to your Oakland e-mail address to help you succeed at Oakland University. By the end of the winter semester, you will receive 30 brief messages - 15 each semester.

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Some Freshman OUtlook topics include:

- Campus services: When and where to go
- Technology on campus
- Time and stress management
- Preparing for: spring break, finals and your sophomore year

This interactive, Web-based program is free to you. So, don't be left behind. Join Freshman OUtlook and start your college career off right by learning what you need to know to achieve academic and personal success!

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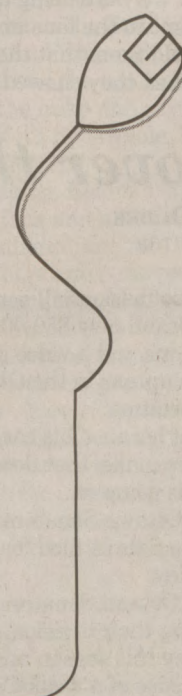
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Congratulations!

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.



Student Spotlight

Sumeera Younis

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

From a small child in a little Pakistani village to a strong woman championing awareness at OU, sophomore Sumeera Younis has come a long way.

During her time at OU, Younis has been active in many organizations on campus. From the Muslim Students Association to the Women's Issues Forum, she devotes her time to raising awareness and learning more about the world around her.

"That is why I love doing all the things I do and being so involved," said Younis. "I get to meet so many people and that is such an eye opening experience."

Until she was five years old, Younis lived in a small village in Pakistan. When her younger sister was born, her family decided it was time to leave the country.

"We were dirt poor in Pakistan," she said. "We really had no future there."

Her uncle lived in the U.S. and sponsored her family. The family pooled its small savings in order to make the trip, and Younis' mother sold her wedding jew-

elry in order to pay for their tickets.

Once in America, Younis' parents worked hard to give their children better lives.

"They started working at restaurants during the day and they took night classes just so we could have an education, so we had any hope for the future," said Younis.

Many of Younis' relatives still live in Pakistan. She said this is hard, not only because of the turmoil of the Middle East, but also because of the distance between them.

Younis is double-majoring in women's studies and sociology, a path she started on several years ago.

"After high school I was really getting into Islam," said Younis. "One of the big misconceptions about Islam is that women are mistreated within it, and I started researching about women within the context of Islam."

This research led her into looking into women's history in America, and she developed a passion for these studies.

Although raised a Muslim, Younis was never serious about her faith until she began her studies.

"I guess I was Muslim by name my whole life, but it was towards the last year of high school and into college where I really feel I became Muslim," she said.

Last year, Younis began wearing a scarf over her hair, a common practice among Islamic women. Although many see this as oppression, Younis has a very different opinion. She said that she adopted the practice for feminist reasons.

"One of the biggest things is the beauty standards women are held to is just ridiculous, and it was kind of like 'Whoa, I'm prescribing to that too,'" said Younis.

Younis said that wearing her scarf does have its disadvantages.

"We're like a billboard for Islam with the scarves on," she said. "So all of your actions are interpreted as 'Oh, this is something Muslims do.'"

Recently, Younis received the Keeper of the Dream Award, a \$5,000 scholarship awarded to someone who follows in Martin Luther King Jr.'s footsteps. This inspired a lot of pride in Younis, as King is one of her heroes.

"He's someone I have always looked up to," she said. "And to be recognized as



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Younis works hard in her Student Congress Office where she serves as the director of Student Services.

someone following his legacy I think is pretty honorable."

Although her graduation is still a couple of years away, Younis has big goals. She wants to go to law school and ultimately work in international human rights advocacy. She also would like to get a Ph. D. in Islamic studies some day. On top of all of this, someday she also wants to have a family.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Jan.15

• The Shaw Film Festival: The Devils Disciples will be shown from 7-9 p.m. in 112 East Vandenberg Hall.

Friday, Jan.17

• The SPB Bowling Party will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills.

• Alpha Kappa Alpha's Hair Show will be held from 7-9 p.m. at 201 Dodge Hall.

• A video on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be shown all day in the Honors College, Kresge Library, Oakland Center, and Recreation and Athletics Center. The film will also will be shown Jan. 20.

Saturday, Jan.18

• OU Bumpers Games Room Championship Tournament/ACUI Qualifying Tournament will be held at a yet to be announced time in Bumpers Games Room in the basement of the OC.

• SPB Rhythms Den: "That One Guy" is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

• The Petrella Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, Jan.20

• The ABS All Campus Unity March will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the first lobby in Vandenberg Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

• Shaw Film Festival: 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. in 112 East Vandenberg Hall.

• Men's basketball vs. Western Illinois at 7 p.m. in the Recreation and Athletics Center

• Student and Greek Organizations Training will be held at 5 p.m. in Lake Superior B in the OC.

Friday, Jan. 24

• SLLB: Tavis Smiley, political commentator and host of the his show on National Public Radio will speak at noon at the Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall.

• Friday Night Live will feature comedian Auggie Smith at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Cafeteria

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Email questions about school, love and life to life@oakpostonline.com, and look for answers next week's new advice column!

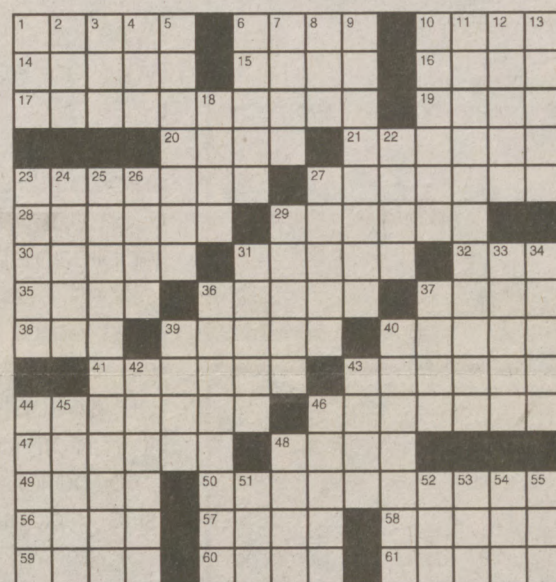
FISHBOWL by Robert Witchger



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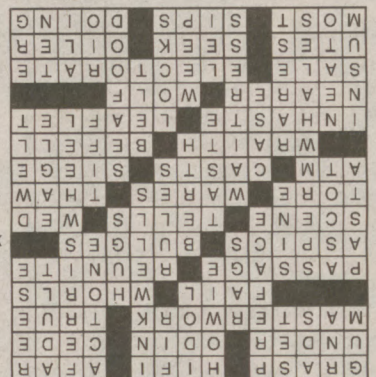


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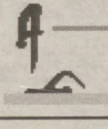

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Grizzly Sports Calendar

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
 6-7 0-1 Sixth Place		8 p.m. UMKC		8:05 p.m. Oral Roberts			
 4-9 0-1 Fifth Place				3:05 p.m. Oral Roberts		8 p.m. UMKC	
 4-10 0-1 Fourth Place				1 p.m. Eastern Mich. (Men Only)			
 16-4-2 6-0-1 First Place			TBD Michigan	8:30 p.m. New York Univ.			

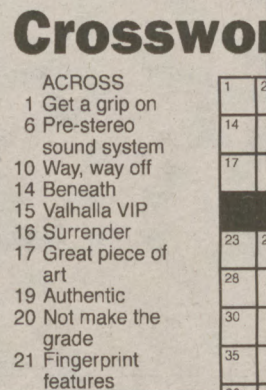
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What fads will be made fun of in 20 years?



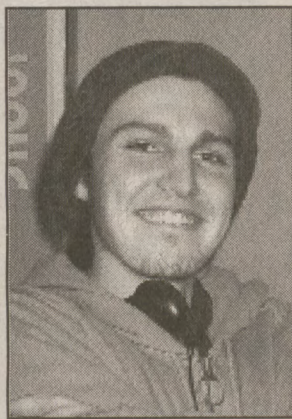
"Pointed boots and doo-rags"

Lauren Mulvahill
Sophomore
MIS



"Robe sweaters and pre-ripped jeans."

Kelly A. Cole
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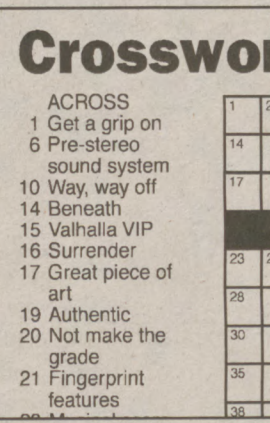


"Thongs"

Scott Cottrell
Sophomore
Spanish

"SUVs"

Jenn Evans
Senior
Political
Science



"Coogi sweaters"

Andrew Gaines
Sophomore
Journalism

Student Affairs

Updating OU

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER

Be all that you can be in 2003! This time of year we reflect on things we've done in the past and new ideas for the future, like taking care of our health. Let Graham Health Center help you stay on the 'Good Health Track'. If you've resolved to eat healthier or quit smoking call us for an appointment at ext. 2341, and let us help you start the New Year off right!

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103 North Foundation Hall
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Want to find out walk-in tutor availability? Check out our online walk-in tutoring schedule at
<http://www3.oakland.edu/oakland/asc/walkin/default.asp>.

CAREER PREP MONTH

January 14-31, 2003, Oakland Center
Graduating, looking for a summer internship, or just have questions about careers? Career Services is here to help! January is Career Prep Month at Oakland University! Attend career-related events such as electronic portfolio workshops, career Jeopardy, Resume Workshop, Information Panels, Mock Behavioral Interviews and the Career Fair. All activities will take place in the Oakland Center. Check out Career Services website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices for dates and times of all activities.

Congratulations Office of Equity's Oakland University Trustee Academic Success Program Students
You achieved the highest cumulative GPA for a freshman year cohort with a 3.24!

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND Summer 2003 Jobs

Applications available in room 261 South Foundation Hall for the following:

- Head Resident (graduate students or degreed adults only)
- Peer Mentor (6 positions available)
- Tutor/Teacher Aide (6 positions available)
- Nightwatch Person (1 position available)

For more detailed information regarding these positions, stop by or call 248-370-3217.

CAMPUS REC HAPPENINGS

Fitness Classes—Already began last week on Wednesday. Classes will run now through April 5th. All group exercise classes 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.

The Fitness Department is also offering massage and acupuncture 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.

Women on Weights—After all that holiday binging, there is a personal trainer waiting to motivate you to get back into shape! Sessions are based on one-hour increments. Join W.O.W.—otherwise known as Women On Weights. This program is designed specifically for women who want to learn more about strength training. If you are not sure what kind of condition your body is in, you can schedule a fitness assessment. For any further information, contact Mila at 248-370-4910.

Nutritional Services now offer a diet analysis and nutrition counseling sessions for students and non-students. You can improve your overall wellness by modifying your food intake. If you are interested, contact Mila at 248-370-4910 to make an appointment with a dietician.

Intramural Sports—The season is beginning again! Rally volleyball and men's/women's basketball registration is due by the 17th. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center and contact Jeremy for any further information about intramural sports at ext. 4913.

THIS WEEK

January 15—Careers in Higher Education. Have you ever thought of working for a university, community college or private college? If you answered yes check out the *Careers in Higher Education Panel* entitled "Today's Technical Job Market: Keys to Successful Entry" on Wednesday, January 15 from noon-1 PM, Fireside Lounge. There will be technical recruiters and OU alumni giving key tips to aid engineering, computer science, and MIS students in gaining employment. Reserve your seat today via email to Crystal Turner at cturner@oakland.edu.

January 15—Wellness Wednesday, 12:05-1 PM, Pioneer Room of the Rec Center. The Benefits of Acupressure by Dr. Yu Fang, M.D. Do you have muscle spasms, reoccurring headaches or body aches that just won't go away? Learn the benefits of acupressure, what it is and how it works. You do not have to be a member of the Rec Center to attend this presentation. Please call or email Mila at 370-4910 or Padgett@oakland.edu to reserve a seat in helping to improve your overall well-being. Please bring your lunch. A \$5 acupressure coupon will be given to all attendees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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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Notice of Opening: Certified Personnel. The following teaching opening exists in the District for the 2002-2003 school year.
HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Applicants who are interested and qualified are asked to submit a letter of application no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2003, to Kari Frank c/o Human Resources Dept., Fitzgerald Public Schools, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

Misc.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is seeking motivated students to begin a chapter on campus. 3.0 GPA required. Contact info@salhonors.org

As of September 5th, there is a AA/Alanon meeting every Thursday in the Graham Health Center Conference Room at noon. This meeting replaces the Wednesday noon meeting from last year.

Jobs

Interested in Obtaining Experience in the Health Care Industry??? Excellent opportunity for Pre-Meds, Pre-Nursing, and Allied Health Students. Get paid while getting experience! For more information call (248) 968-2058 or send resumes to shaju_j@yahoo.com

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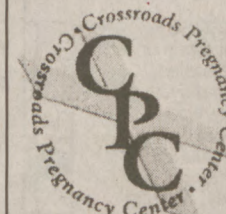
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