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Silenced soldiers

Student artwork provokes thought about war, human life

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Students, staff and faculty who frequent the fifth floor of Wilson Hall have probably noticed the unique monument and comment on the war in Iraq lining the hallways.

The piece put together last Tuesday by student artist David Shock, senior, asks a simple question, "What is the value of one human life?"

"It kind of escalates from there," said Shock.

The piece features a row of toy soldiers on their sides. Above them is a piece of adding tape with the writing "What is the value of one human life? What is the value of two human lives? ..." corresponding to each toy soldier.

"I like his choice of using adding tape," said Andrea Eis, special

instructor of Art History.

She said she thinks it shows a balance of how cold the numbers are, versus the loss of human lives.

There are 143 "human lives" depicted in this work, which is not a number significant to a particular day of the war in Iraq.

Shock said he went as far as he could physically and emotionally go.

"If I was done with it at 140, then I figured the viewer would be too," said Shock.

Shock said he wasn't out to disrespect the soldiers overseas, he wanted to ask a question.

"The piece itself I tried to keep neutral and let people make their own decision about it," he said.

Shock said there are two posters off to the side of the piece with his own views about the war.

He said working on the piece,

which only took several hours to put together, made him realize how hard it is to associate a certain number with human lives.

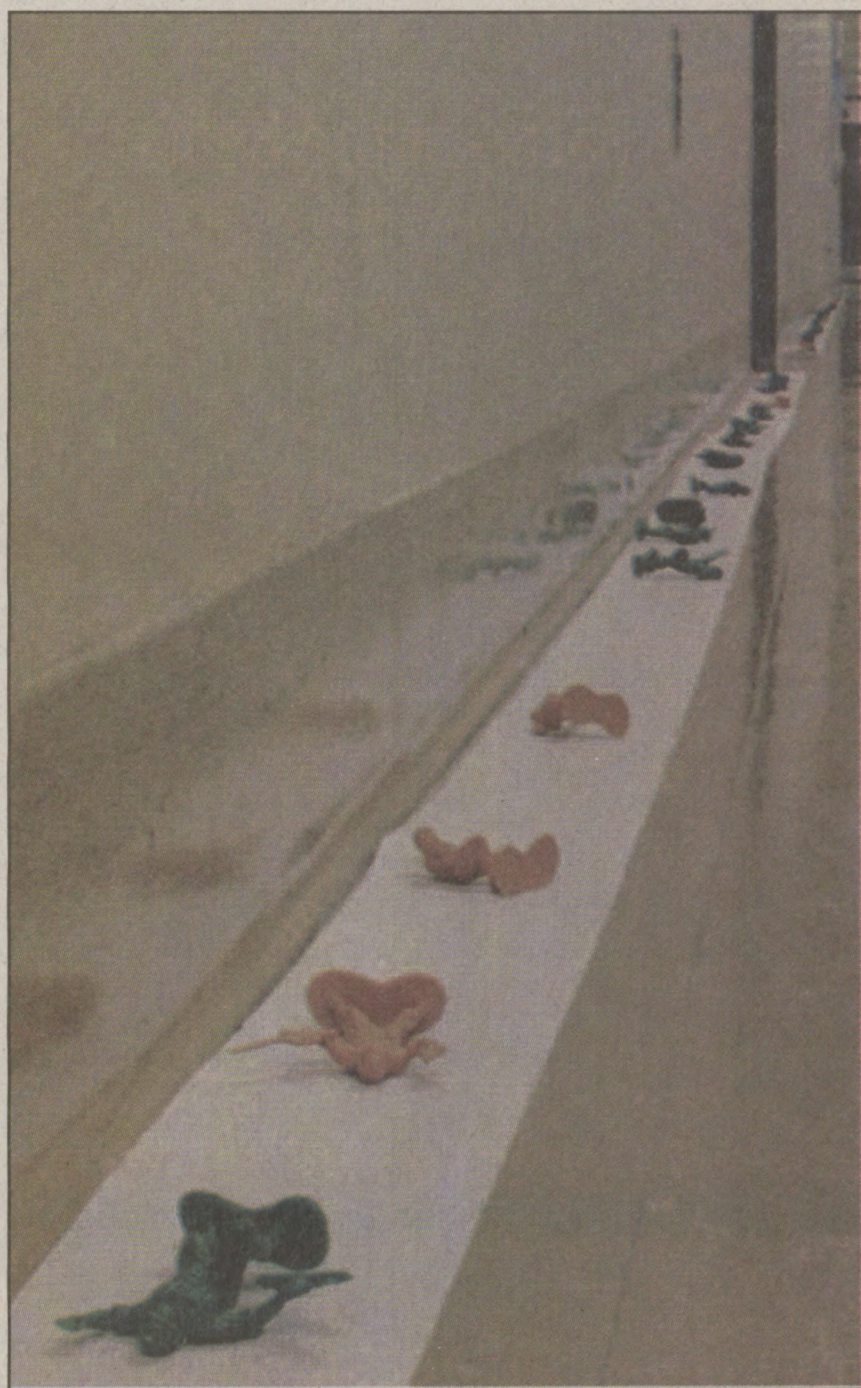
"I sort of became lost in the number," he said. "It's so far away ... (the death toll) is really hard for us to connect with."

Eis said she thinks the work is related to how Americans keep hearing the death totals and they keep adding up. She said as viewers walk around the hall, they know which numbers are coming up, and stop paying attention.

"I felt guilty when I stopped reading the numbers," she said.

Eis said there has been a lot of positive feedback for the work.

"There's been a lot of talk about how it makes you think about it (the war) differently," she said. "You sort of become active with the space."



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The art piece by David Shock takes over the fifth floor of Wilson.

Commuter celebration

By KATIE STOUT
THE OAKLAND POST

With many students on campus being commuters, the Center for Student Activities (CSA) is trying to get more students involved with Commuter Week.

"Students can feel disconnected when they don't live on campus. We're giving them the opportunity to become more involved," said Amy Karaban, a graduate intern in charge of Commuter Week.

Commuter Week will be held from Nov. 24-25, which is the week of Thanksgiving break, and will include different speakers, games and events.

The CSA is also planning on creating a new student organization that

is about and includes commuters. Voting for a name for the new organization will be part of the festivities planned for the week.

"I can't do much on campus because nursing takes up so much of my time," said Paul Ranella, a nursing student. "If I had the time, I would be much more active on campus. You don't meet anybody when you commute because you come for class and then leave. I think starting a new student organization is a good idea."

Karaban said the CSA is going to let the students decide the name of the new organization.

"We want to advocate for commuter students. We want to give them the opportunity because it's not easy to begin a stu-



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Commuter students make up most of OU's student population. These students, who drive in from a variety of cities, will be celebrated during Commuter Week.

dent organization without some help," said Karaban.

The CSA is also planning on distributing a commuter newsletter throughout campus that deals primarily with commuter student issues.

Safety and security on

campus will be discussed from noon until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, in the Fireside Lounge.

The OUPD will provide students with tips such as walking to and from your car at night and walking to class. Also, Chris

Condie from ITS will be speaking to inform students on Internet safety from their homes.

The CSA is also planning on hosting Commuter Jeopardy. The questions will be based on

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Liaison: buck stops at BOT

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

Board of Trustees student liaison Rhonda Hanna addressed OU's Student Congress (OUSC), Monday night to report on the activities of the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Hanna's address focused on the role and function of the BOT, and

on the role of the student liaisons to the BOT.

"The BOT has jurisdiction over everything that relates to OU," Hanna said, including control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds.

The BOT meets the first Wednesday of each month, alternating formal sessions and working sessions.

Hanna reported the following issues: the approval of a collective bargaining agreement between OU and OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the approval to proceed with an agreement between OU and the OU Police Officers Association of Michigan, the approval to proceed with an agreement between

OU and the OU Police Officers Labor Council and the approval of FY 2004 Financial Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees.

Hanna answered questions from the legislators regarding the relationship between the student liaisons and the BOT members.

"Trustees are open to what stu-

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College, students resolve class cancellation

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The dispute over a class in the Modern Language Department was resolved last Wednesday with the decision to cancel one section of German 115.

Ten German majors were upset by a possible cancellation of German 455, a translation class, and took their complaint to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

Mary Papazian, associate dean of CAS and English professor, said the department looked at enrollment trends from the past three years in other German courses and managed to free a professor for the translation class.

She said there were usually enough empty seats in each of the German 115 classes to condense it to one class.

"We try to encourage departments to look at those things," she said.

"We want to maximize the availability of courses."

She said the German 115 class will not overfill, because it should not reach the cap.

"So you're not affecting the quality of teaching at all," said Papazian.

Barbara Mabee, German professor and chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, said she would have liked to keep the two sections of German 115. She said there were

already five students enrolled in the canceled German 115 class.

"One class' gain is another's loss," she said. "It was the best solution for the circumstances."

Junior Allison Johnson, who is a German major, said she is pleased that the German 455 class will be offered after all, and she signed up for it on Friday.

"All the students were happy," she said. "They get to take the class."

The Oakland Post will not be printed next week due to the holiday. We will resume publication with our final paper of the semester on Dec. 3.

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Student Life Lecture Board Presents:
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Rescheduled For:

Thursday, November 20
4 PM
Banquet Rooms, OC

Lecture is free and no tickets are
necessary. Seating is limited to the
first 600 attendees.

Native American Awareness Day

Thursday, November 20
Noon-1 PM
Fireside Lounge, OC

Come learn About Native American
teachings!

Demos and displays presented by the
Anthropology Club

Enjoy Native American food and arts & crafts!

'Twas the Night Before Finals
A Celebration of the Holiday Season
and Pre-Exam Stress Reliever

Thursday, December 4
11 AM - 2 PM
Gold Rooms, OC

Learn the dreidel game!
Win prizes!
Sing holiday carols!
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CSA SERVICE WINDOW

RESERVATIONS FOR:

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the "Rockettes" (Nov. 28, Dec. 4, 11, 22, & 26)
- Les Miserables (Dec. 14, 21 & Jan. 2)
- Lion King (May 27, 30)

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- Phi Beta Sigma's Blue and White Ball (Dec. 6)

PHOTO DROP OFF

Drop off your film for processing at the CSA Service Window by 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and pick it up at your convenience at the CVS on the corner of Adams and Walton!

COMMUTER APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, November 24

Safety on Campus and on the Computer
Noon-1 PM; Fireside Lounge, OC
Come learn from OUPD and the UTS department about these important topics!

Holiday Tea
4:30-6:30 PM; Fireside Lounge, OC

Tuesday, November 25

Info Blast
Noon-1 PM; Exhibit Lounge, OC
Stop by to pick up discount coupons and information on area businesses! Participate in games and win prizes!

Commuter Student Organization Social
4:30-6:30 PM; Fireside Lounge, OC
Interested in voicing your commuter student concerns? Come find out how to get involved!

OU Women's Basketball Season Opener (vs. CMU)
7 PM; O'Rena
Meet in Fireside Lounge, OC at 6:30 PM to go as a group. \$2 admission to the game!

Stop by the
CSA Office (49 OC)
on Monday and Tuesday to:

- Pick up a copy of F.A.C.T.S. (Facts About Commuting To School): A **NEW** Commuter Student Newsletter
- Play Commuter Jeopardy
- Vote on a name for the Commuter Student

Labs enough, for now

BY LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

With finals just weeks away, students are scrambling to complete papers, study for tests and research online.

With the opening of the 24-hour computer lab in the Oakland Center (OC) there are more public computers available on campus for more time.

Rakhi Roy, assistant director of Administrative Services for the OC said there are eight public computers in the lower level of the OC and seven in the main level of the OC. Eight more computers will be installed in the upcoming weeks, she said.

As of last week, the OC's network is up and running. Students need a wireless Internet card to access the net from their own computers in the OC.

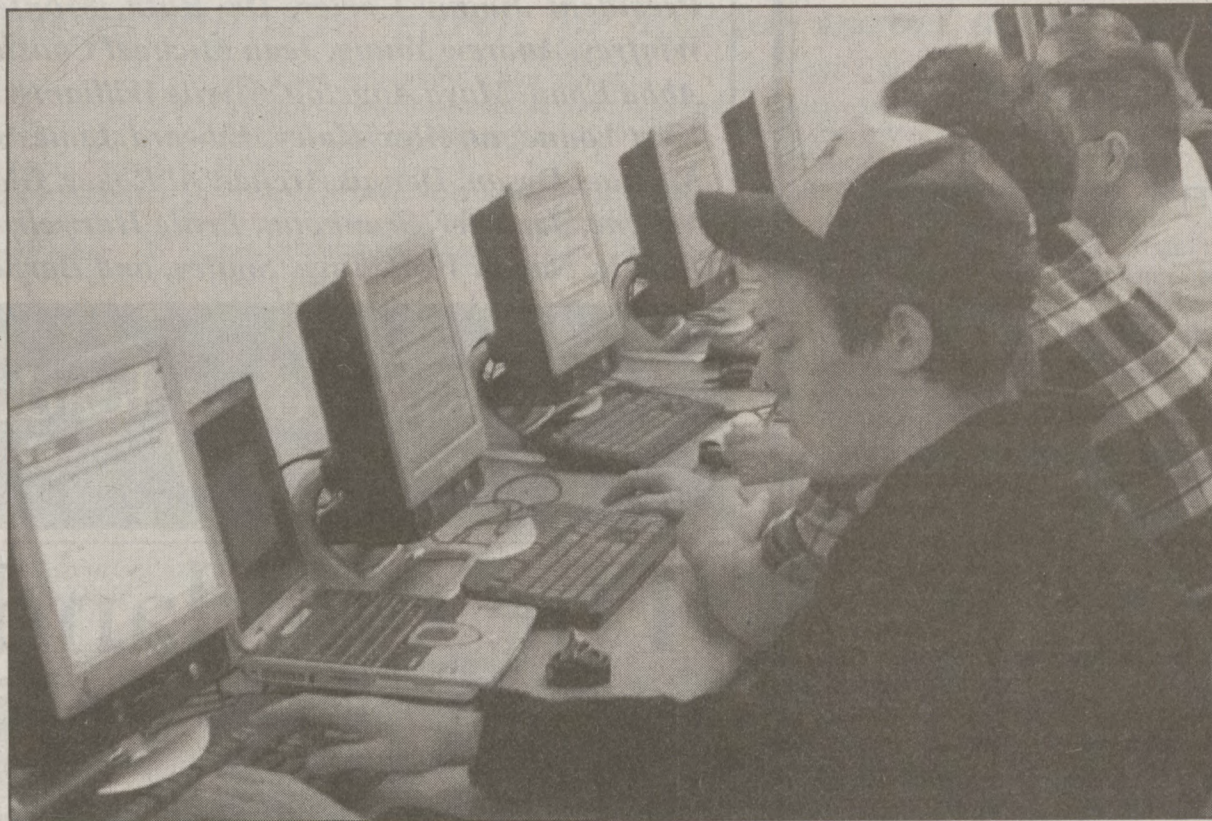
Roy said students need a 802.11B card, which is the standard that works with all of OU's wireless networks.

To access the door to the 24-hour lab after the OC closes, students need to swipe their ID cards at the south entrance near Café O'Bear's.

"At this point, we see a lot of traffic in our (public computer labs)," said Roy.

There are also public computers located in Kresge Library and Elliott Hall in addition to the computers in the OC.

Classroom Support and Instructional Technical Services (CSITS) manages the public computers located in Kresge Library rooms 129A, 129B and 130, said



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Students work in the lab in the basement of Kresge Library. This lab is one of several on campus.

George Preisinger, of assistant vice president CSITS.

"Our general sense is that there are adequate numbers of public computers available to our students," said Preisinger. "I have personally received no complaints from any student telling me they cannot find a public computer to assist them with their university business. I received one inquiry asking me about access to a 24-hour computer lab."

Student technician Alok Vimawala, senior, said there are 45 public computers at the Elliott Hall lab where he works.

"It's usually pretty full," he said. "There are 45 computers, so there is usually some room to work."

He estimated the Elliott Hall lab is 75 percent full during typical days.

"I think we have a decent amount (of computers), it's just that we need to let people know where they are," he said.

Vimawala also said he thinks there should be more public computers in the OC because they are more visible there.

"The university does a good job of providing computers to students ..." said Kayla McHale, sophomore.

Lisa Wallace, sophomore, said she lives in Hamlin Hall and never sees anyone in Hamlin's computer lab.

"Maybe people don't know about it," she said.

Sean Walters, sophomore, *Please see LABS on A8.*

Public labs and hours

• Oakland Center
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - midnight
Saturday: 8 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday: Noon - Midnight
*24-hour lab is now open

• Elliot Hall
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.

• Kresge Library
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. -11 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: Noon- 11 p.m.

OU moves toward individual ownership

Slowly but surely, OU is moving from university owned computer labs, to individual labs maintained by the individual schools and departments.

"One of the reasons the university is moving toward computer lab ownership by the schools and college and not by central support is due to the special software and computer application configurations that are needed to support specific curricula," said George Preisinger, associate director of Classroom Support and Instructional Technical Services (CSITS).

• There is a lab on the main floor of Hamlin Hall with 20 computers for dorm residents. The lab is open from 9 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. For more information, contact (248) 370-3570.

• The Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism Department (RCJ) maintains two computer labs that are open to journalism students. RCJ has a PC lab in 105 Vandenberg Hall and a Macintosh lab in 207 O'Dowd Hall. For information, contact (248) 370-4120.

• The School of Nursing maintains a PC lab for nursing students in 219 O'Dowd Hall. For information, contact (248) 370-4079. Printing is not available in this lab.

• In 302 and 314 Hannah Hall, the School of Health Sciences has PC labs for Physical Therapy and Industrial Health and Safety students. For information, contact (248) 370-4041.

• Disability Support Services maintains a computer lab in 233 Kresge Library. It is equipped with voice recognition software, and other software for disabled students. This lab is open to all students. For more information, contact (248) 370-3266.

• In 165 Education & Human Services Building, there is a PC lab which is used mainly for classes, but open to students between classes. For more information, contact (248) 370-4109.

For more information on public computer labs, check out www2.oakland.edu/csits/labs.cfm.

~ LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Leaders in training convene

BY RACHAEL BARNETT
THE OAKLAND POST

While OU has an abundance of programs for freshman, new students, future students and seniors – sophomores and juniors, on the other hand, may feel somewhat neglected.

OU's Leadership Program is exclusively geared toward these mid-level students.

"It's designed for sophomores and juniors as a real hands-on program that will enhance their classroom learning and also give them some good skills for the workplace," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs.

The charter class is made up of 16 students with a variety of majors. The students attended a two-day leadership retreat and will attend seven informational

sessions intended to enhance their skills.

The retreat was to get the students acquainted and give them hands on activities.

"We did a scavenger hunt on campus where you look for leadership examples in places like the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Nursing, I had a good time," said junior Miya Perkins, Leadership Program member.

The first session focused on communication. It included a visit to WDIV-Local 4 television station where they got to witness the morning newscast, a stop at the new Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit and a meeting with Garry Gilbert, executive editor of The Daily Oakland Press and special lecturer at OU.

Gilbert gave the students exposure to

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Birds shooed from campus

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

With winter approaching, most birds seen on campus are migrating south. Those that have not yet left, survive the cold by finding a warm spot to nest.

Unfortunately, one of those spots is inside the cooling towers on top of Varner Hall.

This can lead to several problems if it is not prevented. That is why a few months ago, maintenance workers installed an audible bird deterrent unit.

According to William McGrath, a skilled tradesman at Plant Maintenance, there haven't been any problems yet, but it's better to have the unit in place before anything happens.

The bird deterrent uses high pitched frequencies or audio clips of predator

birds to keep smaller birds from building nests in the surrounding area.

Grover Tighe, Utilities Operations manager, said the coolant towers on Varner Hall use water to absorb heat. The heated water sprays out and warms the surrounding area.

"The birds love it," said Tighe.

If any part of a bird's nest got into the water in the towers, it could create blockage and damage.

So far, McGrath said the unit has done a perfect job of keeping birds away. No problems are expected when the weather warms up and birds return to the area.

According to Tighe, the unit cost between \$200 and \$250.

At this time there are no plans to add additional units or other measures to deal with birds or other animal pests.

OU's fitness put to test

BY KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND PRESS

The first annual Cardiovascular Health and Fitness Challenge will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Rec Center.

The Physical Working Capacity test, which will be used at the challenge and takes only 12 minutes to complete, determines the participant's VO2 Max, or the amount of oxygen their body uses in one minute.

Directly associated with quality of life and life expectancy, VO2 Max is used as an indicator of overall cardiovascular fitness.

The recently created Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention (WHP) program will mainly operate the event.

The WHP Student Society, Graham Health Center, the

School of Nursing, the Exercise Science Program, the Rec Center and the OU Employee Wellness Program will be working in collaboration with the WHP program.

Participants will have the option to walk, jog or run the track during the 12-minute test, depending on their fitness level.

Dr. Stafford Rorke, associate professor and director of the WHP program, said the target audience for the challenge includes everyone.

"You don't have to be an athlete to do this," Rorke said. "The idea is to see how far you can get in 12 minutes."

A free OU water bottle, compliments of the WHP program, will be given to the first 150 participants who finish the test.

VO2 Max is primarily determined by genetics.

The challenge is free to all students and staff. It will be offered in two sessions to help accommodate everyone. The morning session will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the evening session will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20

Changing lifestyle habits, such as quitting smoking, can dramatically increase it.

Coinciding with the day of the challenge is the American Cancer Society's 27th Annual Great American Smokeout Day. Representatives from Graham Health Center will be on hand to give out infor-

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Police Beat

• A resident student was taken to POH Medical Center after passing out twice Sunday. The student told OUPD she couldn't eat without getting sick for four days and had been feeling dizzy.

• A fight between a recently estranged couple

resulted in an arrest Nov. 16. The female resident student forced her way into her ex-boyfriend's room refused to leave. Since she initiated the fight and it was a long relationship between individuals living in the same building, police had probable cause for an arrest.

• An accident in the main parking lot in front of the Foundation Halls occurred Nov. 14 when two students were backing out of their parking spots. No one was injured but both cars were damaged.

• A female resident student filed a complaint

against her ex-boyfriend who she claims has called her more than 300 times and showed up at her campus residence twice since October. OUPD advised her to get a Personal Protection Order and file with local law enforcement as well as OUPD.

• OUPD was called to Fitzgerald Hall at 3:30 a.m. Monday because roommates, who have been having disagreements since the beginning of the semester, were arguing. One is allergic to mold and thinks his roommate "smells like ass and that is what mold smells like," and couldn't

sleep because the radio was too loud. The other thought his roommate was going to break his radio that night. They went to the Housing Department Tuesday to discuss different arrangements.

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Surfing for airfare

Students go online to search for holiday travel deals

By HEATHER CLEMENT
THE OAKLAND POST

It's lurking right around the corner: winter break. Many OU students will scatter to the four corners of the continent to enjoy their holidays at home or in other warm locales.

As preparations are made, the questions of how to get there and how much it will cost can cloud the vision of some students.

E-tickets have gained popularity in the last few years and can make the check-in process at airports much more efficient. An e-ticket is a copy of flight plans printed off a personal computer after purchasing a ticket online.

Purchasing a ticket online can also provide students with cheaper airfare, but only if

they know where and when to look.

Sophia Jarjis, freshman, is seeking plane tickets for her and her family to go to Las Vegas.

"We have been looking on the Internet and with travel agents," Jarjis said. "We haven't decided yet, because we have not found a good price."

When searching for an airline ticket online, there are several ways in which to compare airfares. Going directly to an airline will save the traveler time but not always money.

The Oakland Post conducted an unofficial study with the Detroit Metro Airport as the departure city with several major destinations across the country including round trip airfare for the two week winter-break time frame.

For a flight from Detroit to Miami, U.S. Airways had the lowest fare overall, with ticket prices as much as 55 percent less than other airlines. A flight from Detroit to Los Angeles on America West was as much as 37 percent less than other airlines.

"I've been trying to get to Miami for Christmas," said Mark Jackson, senior. "Airfare is horrible."

Jackson said he has tried the Internet, called the airlines directly and checked with travel agents.

"It is good if you have to stay a week or if you leave on a Tuesday," he said.

Jackson said the prices were good last year. A round trip ticket to Miami cost him \$130. The lowest price to be found online to Miami this year was on U.S. Airways, and

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Global Glance

• All 620 U.S. helicopters in Iraq are under review for additional protective measures as soon as possible. After five helicopters crashed and 39 U.S. troops died since Oct. 25, Army Secretary R.L. Brownlee sent out a hand-written memo that said cost is no object to get the best defensive system, and signed it, "This is URGENT." An advanced defense system was asked to be immediately installed on at least half of the 90 transport helicopters in Iraq that have an older system.

• Arnold Schwarzenegger was officially sworn-in as California's 38th governor yesterday and wasted no time with his first duty. Just hours after taking oath, Schwarzenegger signed an order rolling back a 300 percent increase in the state's vehicle registration fee. The "car tax," a \$4 billion increase imposed earlier this year in hopes to bring the state's \$38 million budget shortfall to \$8 million. Schwarzenegger, 56, asked the people of California to, "put the rancor of the past behind us and do the extraordinary." It took about six weeks after former Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was recalled for Schwarzenegger to be sworn in. California's new first lady, Maria Shriver, read a passage from the work of poet Maya Angelou.

• After convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad was found guilty of capital murder and three other charges Monday, prosecuting attorneys continued Tuesday to argue the death penalty. The jury, made up of seven women and five men, also found Muhammad, 42, guilty of committing a murder in an act of terrorism, conspiracy and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. He is the first person to be convicted by Virginia's terrorism law, which can lead to the death penalty. Testimony just started in the trial of Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, after Muhammad's six-week trial. Malvo is suspected to be Muhammad's accomplice in 10 sniper shootings in the Washington D.C. area.

• After five weeks in a drug rehabilitation center, Rush Limbaugh returned to his conservative talk radio show Monday claiming he denied himself who he was, but is now back on track. He announced he was going to the rehabilitation center back on Oct. 10 after a comment made as an ESPN sports analyst on Oct. 1. The comment was about how the media just wanted to see a black quarterback, such as Donovan McNabb, succeed. He said the most important lesson learned from his rehab was not to be phony. Limbaugh said, "The truth is back on the airwaves," and promised his listeners the conservative views from the past will continue to be broadcasted. His broadcast reaches an estimated 600 markets and 20 million listeners a week.

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• It was a dicey decision, but it had to be made for mayoral duties in Washington Terrence, Utah after a tie in the Nov. 4 election. Incumbent Mark Allen and challenger Robert Garside each received 724 votes during the election process. The Utah rule said any ties must be decided by drawing lots - anything such as flipping a coin or drawing a name out of a hat. Each candidate agreed to role a pair of dice with the highest number winning the seat. Allen won with a combined total of five beating Garside's pair of two's. Both said the outcome was fair.

~ Compiled by Adam L. Neal,
Local News Editor

Information taken from
various news sources.

Casino games come to bars

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Spending the evening at a bar or restaurant with friends may become more exciting with the introduction of Michigan Lottery's Club Keno and Pull Tab games.

The Michigan State Lottery has kicked off a new program to help generate funds and avoid hassles with budget cuts. The new club games are expected to bring in an additional \$50 million to the annual \$1.6 billion the lottery generates for public education throughout the state.

"Adding these games into newer places will help increase revenue for the state," said Lottery Commissioner Gary Peters. "The funds generated from the games will go towards the state school aid funds."

Club Keno is not a new game, having been played in casinos, but now it has expanded availability. Gambling is slowly becoming a more social event, he said, and this way people can enjoy a meal and possibly earn some extra money at the same time.

Licensed bars and restaurants are now putting these games into their businesses. There are a variety of cash prizes available to customers and playing is cheap. The top



David Kilkenny/The Oakland Post

Erin Sesko participates in the Club Keno game at Muldoon's Tavern. He is one of thousands of people to find the new machines in Michigan bars.

prize for Club Keno is \$100,000 and it costs \$1 each play.

Different amounts can be wagered per drawing and customers can purchase up to 20 drawings per game. Much like the regular lottery, customers must choose numbers and try to match some or all of them in order to win.

"So far we have 752 businesses in Michigan with the games, and 1,000 signed

up waiting for terminals to be put in," said Stepheni Schlinker, director of public relations for the Michigan Lottery. "Pay out at restaurants or bars is up to \$600, anything more and customers would have to go to the regional office."

Because Club Keno and Pull Tabs are considered gambling, the legal playing age is 18 or older.

Please see BARS on A8

Program puts youths first

By KATIE MANIACI
THE OAKLAND POST

Most people may be unaware that in Michigan alone, more than \$7 billion is owed in child support to more than 650,000 children, according to the Child Support Division of the Attorney General's office (CSD).

Michigan is ranked only behind California and Texas on the list of the amount of child support owed.

In an effort to decrease the amount of unpaid

child support, the CSD created a campaign called PayKids.

In Michigan's six largest counties, there are more than 40,000 cases outstanding in which more than \$40,000 is owed, according to the PayKids Web site, www.paykids.com.

The PayKids Foundation is a non-profit organization that was implemented by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox in September 2002.

"Mike Cox believes that a good model for this program is MADD (Mothers

Against Drunk Driving)," said state spokesman Mike Doyle. "He wants to establish a credible threat. In the past, deadbeat dads have never had much of a reason to worry."

Parents pictures are posted on the site that owe child support. The program consists of a billboard campaign featuring a phone number and Web site.

Doyle emphasizes the importance of changing the perception of deadbeat parents in the public eye.

"For 20 years, drunk

drivers have been considered criminals," he said. "Deadbeat dads have been thought of as unethical, but not as criminal."

"The Attorney General wants to turn the perception of deadbeat dads as criminals because that's what they are."

Doyle said the program has been successful so far, especially since it went online.

"Since the Web site was created on Oct. 16 of this year, we have received over 15,000 hits," he said.

Doyle also said hundreds of people have

applied for assistance.

"We have also been having daily removals of most-wanted names, meaning those deadbeat dads have had police catch up with them," he said. "Or they have been turning themselves in out of fear."

Anyone interested in the program or needing assistance in obtaining overdue child support can contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office at (866) 729-5437 or visit www.paykids.com.

Police get grant for added patrols

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
& ADAM L. NEAL
THE OAKLAND POST

More than 17,000 people are killed by a drunk driver each year in the U.S., according to AAA, and Detroit area police are hoping to reduce that number with an additional grant the department received for the holidays.

The Detroit area police will receive more than \$600,000 in traffic safety funds. This money is to be spent specifically on safety belt use and to reduce the amount of drunk drivers behind the wheel during the holiday season.

Oakland, Wayne and Macomb County sheriff's departments will also receive some of the \$1.9

million distribution from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning for more patrols during the holidays.

"It's a good idea to get enforcement out on the streets during the holiday season because then the roads will be safer to travel,"

said Mike Furdock, freshman.

Programs such as Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click it or Ticket and You

Drink, You Drive, You Lose will be enforced during a number of holidays in the upcoming

year. Michele Compton, director of the Oakland County chapter of Mothers Against

Drunk Driving in Waterford Township, said the money will hopefully help keep drunk drivers off the road with extra patrols.

"We don't care how we get people off the road as long as they are not on the road driving drunk," she said. "If you can't go out without drinking then stay home and don't go out on the roads."

The crackdown includes paying police officers overtime in certain areas to get the drunk drivers off the road during the holiday seasons.

"This will keep the people on their toes," Compton said.

Added Patrol Dates

SAFETY BELT

• Nov. 17 - 30, May 24 - June 6

DRUNK DRIVING

• Dec. 19 - Jan 4, June 25 - July 11

OUSC

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dents have to say," Hanna said. "We like to think that they take it into consideration."

Hanna strongly encouraged students to apply for those two positions. Student liaisons serve for a two-year appointment, beginning in June each year.

"The liaison positions are definitely effective," Hanna said. "It's a way to have students' voices heard."

In other business:

- Congress approved a resolution authorizing the use of the Student Congress' name on the Law Council's "Residents' Privacy Rights" handbill. This handbill,

reviewed and verified by lawyers as well as Chief of OUPD Samuel Lucido, defines students' residents' privacy rights. Legislator Jacquelin Claiborne said she sees this pamphlet as a complement to the rules of the dorms. The timetable regarding the distribution of the handbill to OU students was not specified.

- Another resolution approved by Congress specified the composition of the Constitutional Commission created in the past few weeks. OUSC Director of Administrative Affairs, Shaquonda Binion, as well as Publicity Coordinator, James Ellout, and Vice-

President, Kenton Lewis were selected to occupy the executive seats. Legislators Matthew Edwards, Jacquelin Claiborne and Montrell D. Porter were approved for the legislative seats. Legislator Mario Hagar was also nominated. No other students applied to be on the Constitutional Commission and two seats remain open.

- Felicia Bumpus, manager of the University Student Apartments, as well as Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing will speak at the Nov. 24 OUSC meeting to discuss students concerns with the dorms and apartments.

- Also scheduled to speak at the Nov. 24 meeting is Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center. The discussion will focus on the new chairs in the Fireside Lounge, the unfinished construction around South Foundation and the programming in the Fireside Lounge.
- The Congress also reminded the students that a discussion board is available for students to address the Congress with issues and concerns. For more information, consult OUSC Web site www.oakland.edu/org/ousc.

DRIVE

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how much students know about OU, and small prizes will be awarded.

To wrap up the first day of Commuter Week, the CSA is hosting a holiday tea in the Fireside Lounge. It will provide students an opportunity to relax and de-stress before finals begin.

On Tuesday, outside the Exhibit Lounge in the OC, information and coupons will be given away from retailers.

The CSA has realized that many commuters do not live in the surrounding area, so much of the material will be given away will be from areas other than Rochester.

Commuter Jeopardy will once again be played, as well as the voting for the name of the new commuter organization.

The week will finish at 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge with a social. After the social, everyone will walk over to the Rec Center to cheer on OU Women's Basketball team at their home opener as they play Central Michigan.

PHONES

project and the timeframe for it was short.

"We knew, for many reasons, that there would be problems, but we, and the vendor who did the work, did not anticipate the volume of problems," said Rowe.

After the migration was complete, Rowe said there were 500 trouble tickets for problems with the phones.

"We have 137 still outstanding. Of that 137, 77 tickets are from the actual switch migration and the rest are tickets on regular repairs and moves-adds-changes that were delayed due to the switch migration," Rowe said.

She said 360 tickets were resolved between Sept. 29 and Nov. 12, which she said is approximately 60 tickets a week, or 12 tickets a day.

"Each problem takes a while for the single telecom project leader to analyze and resolve, often with the help of, or passing work along to, outsourced vendors," Rowe said.

She said most of the problems reported were line problems such as no dial tone and lines crossed between two extensions. She said those were resolved within the first three weeks.

She said there were also more complex situations that had to be resolved such as one phone number that rang in two places. She said the student phone charge issues, international calling and operator assistance calling have also been resolved in the past six weeks.

Rowe said initially, most of the repair efforts were focused on the campus safety. She said UTS worked with OU's Police Department to make sure the campus was secure. After that, Rowe said efforts were concentrated on the dorms and then the rest of campus.

"The rate of resolving tickets has increased for the past two weeks due to a new staff member on board

and fewer new reported problems. We hope to have most of the tickets resolved by the end of this month," Rowe said.

Becker said her phone problems were solved after about five weeks.

"It was really difficult because the time my phone was out was when students were looking for internships," said Becker, who also coordinates internships for students in the department.

Meanwhile, Howell is still experiencing phone issues. Currently, her message waiting light will not turn off. She said she's given up on getting that fixed.

"I'm sure there are bugs in every kind of system where they put it in but this seems like a lot," Howell said.

According to UTS's Web site, anyone experiencing phone problems should dial "0" to report them to the operator.

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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

If any department on campus were to convene in a meeting where the members of the said department were the only in attendance, and where they decided the fate of a student with no recourse or public discussion, all students would most likely find this offensive and ethically wrong. Why then could the Board of Trustees do this to 16,000 plus students? I thought this was pretty shocking, but then I read the letter by Mr. Brewer who thought this issue had run its course. This letter was perhaps more appalling than the original incident. This issue of open meetings will only cease when all meetings by the Board of Trustees are open. I expect The Oakland Post to continue their vigilance of this issue because, at the least, it is ethically wrong, and also because it is the news media's job to monitor government. If it were not for The Post we would have to rely on students that might not care, like Mr. Brewer. Maybe we should hold a secret meeting and remove him from the university, and then he would gain a better understanding of why, legal or not, openness is a must for democracy.

JEFF GALECKI
SENIOR
PSYCHOLOGY/COMMUNICATION

DEAR EDITOR,

Something that attracted me to Oakland was the phrase "one of the safest campuses in the state," that we hear so often.

In the last couple of weeks I can name a few incidents that question the safety of our university; fighting in the Oakland Center (causing everyone to be removed from the building), a shooting in the parking lot (need I say more?) and fights in the apartments (resulting in blood and broken beer bottles everywhere). I hear a lot of talk about how "great" OU is. That doesn't seem too true, but today I got proof that it isn't so "great."

My dorm room was broken into, and various electronics and personal items were stolen. When I asked the officer what was going to be done about my room being ransacked, she said, "File a police report." Come on, can't you take fingerprints or do something so it at least looks like you care? It is a felony to steal anything over \$100.

The real question I have to ask is, what are the police really concerned with? With all of these events happening so close to each other it certainly must not be real crime.

Is the OUPD only concerned with minors drinking? It sure seems like it. Officers here write MIP tickets (Minor in Possession) at the tip of a hat. When confronted with a real crime they just shrug it off. This

makes me sick.

When real crime occurs the OUPD seems not to care, nor did the Resident Assistant on duty. Over \$1,000 worth of property was stolen and they are just going to "file a police report." Catch me drinking a beer though, and I'll have the whole police department, a couple of R.A.s and the head resident interested in my case in about ten minutes and they even leave me with a nice ticket in my pocket.

Welcome to Oakland University, one of the safest campuses in Michigan, where you can steal, fight and shoot at people, but don't let me catch you drinking a beer, that's illegal.

I guess the OUPD is just a little too busy writing speeding tickets to waste time resolving serious crimes.

CHRIS JACK
SOPHOMORE
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation. Please limit letters to 350 words. Letters may be edited for content and length. The Oakland Post uses discretion and may reject any letter for any reason. Letters become property of The Oakland Post.

In last week's issue, Larry Payne, owner of Duggan's Irish Pub and Woody's Diner was incorrectly identified in a picture on A5.

Editor's View

It all starts with a name

At birth we are given a name and that is what we are known as.

Shortly thereafter we receive a social security number from the government as a form of identification. At age 16 we are given a drivers' license with yet another long number, which identifies us.

But it doesn't stop there, and given the recent trends in technology, we could soon have more numbers tied to us for the rest of our lives.

We have bank numbers, credit card numbers, student identification numbers and PINs.

And now, as technology is changing, we have the option of embracing yet another number, a telephone number.

Many people carry cell phones and just about every home has a landline telephone. When we moved or switched cell phone companies, the number our friends, family and coworkers had come to know as "ours" had to change.

A new law about telephone regulation has changed all that. We will soon be able to add another number to the ever growing list we collect as we age.

Phone numbers are now transferable from cell

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: Phone numbers are becoming transferable from phone to phone.

Our stance: We are becoming a society obsessed with numbers.

phone company to cell phone company and even from home phones to cell phones.

While there are some stipulations, most people will be able to carry the same phone number from the time they get their first phone all the way through life.

It certainly makes things easier. No one has to learn a new phone number. But we have to wonder whether this step in almost being able to claim a phone number is just the beginning.

Maybe one day we'll all be able to walk around with a generic number, "our" number, and it will be used for a credit card and a phone number. Maybe we'll go from e-mail addresses to using "our" number as a way to correspond electronically.

It all began with a name and look how much has changed. It's still amazing how far we can go.

Featured columnist

Graham helps students beat the blues



JAMES FRANKLIN
Ph.D.
Training director and counselor at Graham Health Center

Change can be positive or negative, but psychologists recognize that change is virtually always stressful. For young men and women going away to college, the changes they undergo are numerous and profound, and the emotional impact of their accumulated stresses can be devastating.

Mental health professionals have long been aware of the fact that college students, our brightest and best, are also extremely vulnerable to emotional disturbances, especially depression.

There are many reasons why college students are particularly prone to developing problems with depression. For one thing, the move to campus living means taking on a range of responsibilities, from getting up in the morning to going to bed at night, that had largely been taken care of by the structure which parents and high school tend to provide for even relatively

mature adolescents. The sudden necessity of getting oneself to classes, keeping up with homework, attending to needs for adequate nutrition and sleep, all combine to saddle the student with a burden of mature self-government for which many find themselves substantially unprepared.

Moreover, most college students come from high school accustomed to being brighter than most of their peers and able to get good grades with relatively little effort. Because of this, many students find themselves up against an unaccustomed level of competition and drastically higher course demands which make it significantly more difficult to live up to their own (and their parents') expectations regarding academic achievement. Add to this the increased likelihood of involvement in more intense interpersonal relationships, to say nothing of simple homesickness, and previously well-functioning young people often find themselves experiencing disturbing shifts in their ability to cope emotionally. Also, because entering college is for many a first attempt at independent living, some students are reluctant to acknowledge that they may be having trouble "mak-

ing it."

Common symptoms of depression include sadness, lethargy, loss of motivation, sleep disturbance, appetite problems, social isolation, declining interest in normal activities, poor concentration and decreased confidence. Onset of depressive symptoms is often gradual, so that a student may drift almost imperceptibly into a state of significantly diminished social and academic functioning.

Fortunately, most universities have counseling centers, which provide very affordable counseling for students. At Oakland University's Counseling Center, located in the Graham Health Center building, students receive six free counseling sessions and if they need to continue, the cost is only \$12 per session.

Recent developments in antidepressant medication have produced medicines which are quite effective and which can be prescribed by the psychiatrist on staff or at the Health Center.

College students should be aware of the risks of depression and take advantage of the available support services. The number to call for help is (248) 370-3465.



Point / Counterpoint

Should prisoners be released to help the state save money?

YES

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I'm not saying let's free all the rapists, murderers, kidnapers or other violent criminals. I think there are ways to reform people in the correctional facilities without having to spend as much money as the state currently does.

According to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Michigan's Department of Corrections spends \$1.6 billion a year, or 17 percent of the state's budget.

There are more than 1.9 million inmates in the national prison system and while most of them are violent offenders, some of them aren't and they do not need to be in jail wasting taxpayer money.

There are inmates who have gotten in trouble for drugs like marijuana, which—let's be honest—we all know at least one person who inhales. If we locked up all of these offenders, the jails

would be overflowing with people we see on the streets every day.

While it's an illegal substance with legal consequences, there are ways to reform the abusers with treatment not jail time.

There are a lot of these "everyday" inmates who can function in society without disrupting social order.

These criminals could go through outpatient rehabilitation, parole, wear a tether or in extreme cases house arrest.

It is also possible that keeping them as functional parts of society will allow them to make the transition back to normal life more easily than someone who has been incarcerated for years. They could maintain jobs and housing throughout the sentence and may not fall back on to a bad path because they have something to work toward.

While it depends on the type of prisoner, releasing those who are functional would save taxpayers money and maybe that money could go back to higher education.

NO

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Jail is a punishment, but unfortunately there is such a large budget deficit that the state is considering letting 16,000-17,000 inmates back onto the streets.

It is pretty obvious that the state of Michigan is not trying to set an example for the rest of the country. People are usually sentenced to serve time in jail for a reason. What is the purpose of sentencing someone if they are not going to serve their full term?

Not only does it cost money to hold prisoners, it costs money to arrest them, try them in court and then sentence them. If we're going to release them early, before their time is up for the crimes they have committed, why go through all the steps?

There is a reason for taking the steps to put criminals behind bars. Releasing them early can be dangerous not only for themselves, but for others. Safety is the number one reason why people are arrested and an early

release of potentially dangerous people can lead them to more threatening and dangerous crimes. What kind of example is being shown if committing a crime is reduced to spending a few years in jail to save money? What happened to giving the maximum sentence?

Jail is not a game, and it's not a place to take a field trip. It seems the only thing the state of Michigan is worried about is saving state money by reducing sentencing time. They also need to be worried about the innocent people they could possibly be sacrificing by giving potential rapists, murderers and drug traffickers back their freedom to be on the streets with their children and families.

I consider being grounded as a child somewhat like a jail sentence. My parents never let up on their punishments because they knew I wouldn't learn my lesson. Somehow the state of Michigan thinks dangerous criminals will have learned their lessons and miraculously become good people in order to be released early, all so the state can say they saved some money.

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LABS

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said he thinks there should be bigger labs in the OC because that is where most students spend time.

Junior Kevin Marks said it's hard for him to find computers around campus.

"(There are) not enough in the OC, especially at lunch time," he

said.

Roy said she hasn't heard a lot of complaints from students who can't find public computers to use.

"As student population grows, we will have to make more provisions for open labs," she said.

TEST

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mation on smoking cessation programs that are offered throughout the year.

After participants finish the test, nursing students will be checking blood pressure, another indicator of cardiovascular health.

Interested staff and students who are unable to make it to the challenge will be able to complete the test on their own. A data sheet explaining how to take the test by yourself can be picked up either from Professor Rorke's office in

374 Hannah Hall of Science or from the Rec Center on the day of the event.

Water bottles will still be made available for those who take the test on their own, as long as they are one of the first 150 participants. Depending on

the turnout of the event, a mini-research project might be done on the demographics of the participants. Consent forms will be collected from all participants beforehand, Rorke said.

WHP Student Society President,

Lucy VandePutte, junior, said this is more than just an event for the students and staff directly involved with running it.

"This is open to a very wide spectrum of individuals," VandePutte said.

LEAD

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print media and spoke on leadership.

"A leader is someone who can build consensus, not a conciliator," he said. "They can pull people in the same direction. A leader is well spoken, thinks clearly and can express themselves clearly."

The leadership institute is designed to develop those qualities in its dedicated students.

"In the leadership institute, I plan to

meet lots of interesting people and learn new skills," said Alicia Feys, junior.

Gloria Sosa, director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives said she is pleased with the group already.

"This year's charter class is made up of a diverse group of exceptional students who are already showing extensive commitment and drive as the program gets underway," she said. "I am sure

that they will set the standard for excellence that the program requires."

The next meeting will center on the School of Business Administration with lessons on ethics and decision making. There will be a mock trial during this meeting.

Applications for next year's group will be accepted in early April.

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TICKETS

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would set a student back \$274.

Purchasing a ticket from a travel agent is another option. Jarjis took a cruise last summer and flew Northwest Airlines to Miami where she boarded a ship for the Eastern Caribbean. Jarjis purchased her tickets through a travel agent because the prices were better than online prices and the travel times were more accommodating.

Jarjis said she usually purchases tickets through a

travel agent because when she has tried to purchase tickets online, contacting someone in person was difficult and, they didn't give clear answers.

Although airline ticket prices have increased this year there is still the chance a ticket can be purchased through eBay, but the bidding choices can be limiting. Bidding online requires ticket buyers to choose their own price and then hope to be outbid by another mem-

ber.

Choosing a certain price range on Priceline.com can save the traveler money, but once a buyer clicks on the purchase ticket tab, they are committed to purchasing the ticket on the airline Priceline has chosen.

Using a Web outlet such as Hotwire, Orbitz, Expedia or Travelocity can help to sort through a number of airlines. It may take a few minutes longer but it gives more options. A list

of airlines and prices is shown on the Web site and the student may then choose a preferred price and specific airline.

Caution should be used before the final purchase is made online because all sales are final. Some have made the mistake of picking one ticket and then realizing they clicked on the wrong Web site.

Making any change in a flight plan once the ticket has been purchased can cost more than \$75.

BARS

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"We understand that in places serving alcohol, the age limit is 21, so that is the only stipulation surrounding the age factor for these games," said Peters.

According to a press release from the Michigan Lottery, there is no real danger of selling tickets to minors because they are being sold in age-controlled environments.

"Thirty-five percent of the money generated goes to the state school aid fund, and 52 per-

cent goes towards prizes," said Schlinker. "The rest of the money goes towards commission for the retailers, advertisement, administration costs, costs for printing and other transfers."

Dave Michael, senior, said he thinks the games are a good idea.

"Because there is such a large education deficit in our state, I think the money brought in by this new program may be very beneficial," he said. "It seems that

everyone can benefit in some way, whether that be people winning money, or students getting a better education."

Michigan is the 10th state to bring Club Keno out of the casinos and into less game-targeted environments. Club Keno and Pull Tabs can be found in many places including Classic Lanes of Rochester, Eastside Mario's and Muldoon's Tavern.

Jorma Leavy, manager of Muldoon's Tavern, said she has

already had someone win \$10,000.

"I think it has modified business," she said. "It's only two weeks old, so no one is really coming to specially play. But our regulars have been playing a lot."

For more information on locations and games, call (800) 877-PLAY or visit the Michigan Lottery Web site at www.michigan.gov/lottery.

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Deja Vu

Wolverines end NCAA run, again

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive season, the OU women's soccer team was bumped out of the College Cup by the University of Michigan (U-M), 1-0, in the first round.

U-M defeated the University of Notre Dame, 1-0, in the second round to earn a third-round match against the University of Connecticut.

The Wolverines used their opportunistic offense and stingy defense to shut down the Golden Grizzly attack Friday. In all of its 11 wins, U-M has had a margin victory of two or less and also recorded six ties this season.

"Overall, I felt the team worked hard enough to put themselves in a position where they could have won the game," OU head coach Nick O'Shea said. "They created some chances and gave away a tough goal. If you don't score goals you can't win games."

Right out of the gate, the Wolverines attacked OU's defense. Just 30 seconds into the match, U-M senior forward Stephanie Chavez connected on a shot but Grizzly senior goaltender Sarah Buckland made the save.

The Wolverines maintained ball control for most of the first half, posting nine shots to OU's five, but the Grizzlies kept pace with U-M as each team had three shots on goal.

After fighting back and forth for the first 15 minutes of the second half, the Wolverines broke the scoreless tie in the 63rd minute with a goal from sophomore forward Katie Kramer.

U-M freshman midfielder Judy Coffman set up the play by passing the ball to teammate junior midfielder Laura Tanchon.

Tanchon passed the ball to a cutting Kramer who was given a



Bob Knoska/File Photo

OU fights for a goal in a game earlier this season. The women's soccer team couldn't score this weekend, as they were shutout, 1-0.

one-on-one opportunity.

Buckland charged out to face the shooter but Kramer slipped the ball under the goalkeeper for her sixth goal of the season, her fourth game-winner.

The Wolverines nearly widened their lead in the 79th minute when Buckland was forced out of position and was unable to grab the ball. Chavez attempted to capitalize on the situation by taking a shot off one bounce, but the ball

sailed high past the upper left corner of the goal.

OU's last chance to tie the game came in the 87th minute when Grizzly junior forward Shelly Piccirillo got the ball behind U-M freshman goalkeeper Megan Tuura after she was unable to clear the ball.

All alone, Piccirillo took a shot from inside the box but Wolverine junior defender Rachel Rothenbach preserved her team's

lead by stopping the shot by positioning herself in front of the net.

Although the team suffered the same fate in last year's College Cup, O'Shea said the loss is more difficult to deal with this year.

"This is much worse than last year," O'Shea said. "This year we were healthy and playing well, we just didn't get it done on the day."

O'Shea said that he is having a difficult time putting this season

into perspective because the program's future is uncertain.

"This could be a stepping stone to great things in the future, or it could be a season where we didn't accomplish our main goal of going further in the NCAA tournament," he said.

In the meantime, O'Shea said he will continue the recruiting process and individual player workouts before the entire team gets back together in January.

Men get second shot

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

All is not lost for the OU men's soccer team.

While the Golden Grizzlies were forced to wait for an at-large bid, the team was still awarded a spot in the NCAA men's College Cup.

"We're certainly very happy," OU head coach Gary Parsons said. "You never know when it's in the committee's hands. The way to make sure is through the conference tournament. We were very concerned."

Now that the waiting is over, the Grizzlies have to prepare to face the University of Tulsa in the first round of the College Cup on Tulsa's home field.

It will be the first meeting for the two teams.

"You try and get the best report you can on them," Parsons said. "You try to figure out their strengths and weaknesses, and try to nullify their strengths and take advantage of their weaknesses. We'll make some adjustments but we're not going to make major changes."

Parsons said the bigger adjustment may come from the loss of sophomore forward Chris Edwards, who is done for the season after sustaining an eye injury in the team's Mid-Con Conference Tournament semifinal game.

Parsons said Edwards' injury will keep him out for the rest of this season, and it is not yet determined whether it will have long term effects, although that is not the prognosis at this time.

Although the loss in the Mid-Con Championship was disappointing, Parsons said he doesn't think it would have effected the team's seeding.

"Just because you win the conference tournament doesn't make the seedings different," he said. "They try to pair up as many teams geographically as often as they can."



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

Players look on dejectedly as UMKC accepts the Mid-Con Tournament Championship. The men received an at-large bid to the College Cup.

If OU defeats Tulsa at 2 p.m. (CST) Saturday, the Grizzlies will face the tournament's number one seed, the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA).

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) took the Mid-Con crown and will face Creighton University at 7 p.m. Friday.

OU fell short Sunday when trying to capture its second straight Mid-Con Tournament title.

The Grizzlies lost to UMKCs by a score of 1-0.

Even though OU outshot UMKC, 24-4, it was unable to convert, putting only three shots on net.

Just eight minutes into the game, UMKC freshman forward Drew Perkins scored with assists from seniors Dan Hilson, midfielder and Ryan Barber, defenseman. Perkins tucked the ball into the far post just out of reach of OU's sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Wiese.

The goal was only the third goal

OU gave up in nine games.

UMKC sophomore goalkeeper Todd Dohlman saved two attempts in the first period by OU midfielders Shahar Ktovim, junior and Anders Vollen, senior.

By the end of the first period, the Grizzlies had 15 shots on goal and three corner shots while UMKC had only two shots and no corner kicks.

OU had a shot to score in the 78th minute when junior midfielder Brett McNabb was able to get a crossing pass to senior defenseman Ryan Rzepka, who managed to head the ball to junior midfielder Brandon Felker.

Felker had the ball from five yards out but sent the shot over the crossbar.

"I give the kids credit for their effort in the game," said Parsons. "But soccer is a game about putting the ball in the net and unfortunately they were not able to put the ball past the goalkeeper."

Runner sets new standard

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in school history, an OU runner will represent the university at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships.

Senior Kristie Kieffer is the first female OU runner to qualify for the NCAA Championship.

"I really can't tell you how excited I am," head coach Paul Rice said. "She's been a part of this program for five years. You see a kid work hard for so long and you hope it happens before her eligibility runs out."

The NCAA Cross Country Championship Committee awards two at-large bids for each of the nine regions. Kieffer earned one of the two spots in the Great Lakes Region.

Kieffer finished in 13th place at the Great Lakes Regional meet in Terre Haute, Ind. with a time of 21:10.7 in the 6K race. She competed against 214 other runners.

The championship meet will be held on Monday in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"We fully expect her to go in there and be an All-American," Rice said. "In my opinion, she hasn't run her best race yet. For her to have one more shot at it is what she needs."

No OU runner has finished in the top 30 at the NCAA Championship, therefore earning All-American status.

Both the men's and

women's teams had strong showings at the Great Lakes Regional competition. In the men's race, the Golden Grizzlies finished 18th with a total of 532 points, while the women took 20th with 492 points in their meet.

Senior Jason Bruscha ended his OU career with a time of 32:40.9 and led the men with a 90th-place finish. Junior Adam Frezza crossed the finish line less than 17 seconds later to take 99th place.

Juniors John Cook, 33:00.5, and Luke Williams, 33:05.8, finished in 103rd and 111th, respectively, while senior Brandon Fisher ran his last meet as a Grizzly in a time of 33:17.7 to place 129th.

Junior Paul Kulisek and senior transfer Ryan DeCook also competed in the meet but were not part of the team's scoring.

Two-hundred and seven-teen men competed in the Great Lakes Regional meet.

In the women's race, junior Melissa Nasers put a second OU runner in the top 50 by running a time of 22:02.3 to place 42nd.

Sophomore Kim Schultz placed 135th with a 23:34.4, freshman Laura Fisher ran the race in 23:51.5 to finish 151st and junior Sarah Kane rounded out the Grizzly point-getters with a time of 24:01.2 to give her 164th place.

Senior Kathy Harenski and sophomore Amber Nagel also competed in the race but were not scored.

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Check out the times and dates below to get a jump on what's going in OU athletics this week.

Men's Soccer

NCAA College Cup
(@ Tulsa)
Friday Nov. 21
First Round, TBA
OU vs. Tulsa
First Round, TBA
Florida Int'l vs. UCF
Sunday Nov. 23, TBA
Second Round
OU/Tulsa vs. Int'l/UCF

Men's Basketball

Friday Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
@ Michigan
Monday Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.
@ Cincinnati

Women's Basketball

Saturday Nov. 22, 2 p.m.
@ Boston College
Tuesday Nov. 25, 7 p.m.
vs. Central Michigan
(@ O'rena)

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Monday Nov. 24, TBA
@ NCAA Championships
(@ Cedar Falls, Iowa)

Women's Swimming & Diving

Thursday Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
vs. Toledo, Northern Mich.
(@ OU Aquatics Center)

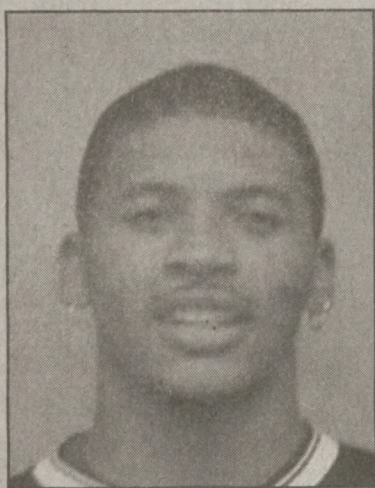
Men's Club Hockey

(DII)
Friday Nov. 21, 8:30 p.m.
vs. Indiana
(@ ONYX in Rochester)
Saturday Nov. 22, 8:30 p.m.
vs. Miami (Ohio)
(@ ONYX in Rochester)
(DIII)
Saturday Nov. 22, 8 p.m.
vs. Lake Superior (DII)
(@ Detroit Skating Club)

Women's Club Hockey

Thursday Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.
@ University of Michigan
Saturday Nov. 22, 9:45 p.m.
vs. University of Michigan
(@ ONYX in Rochester)

Grizzly Spotlight



Jason Perry
Men's Soccer
Senior
Defensman

Perry was named the Mid-Con Defensive Player of the Year. The honor also earned him a spot on the All-Conference First Team.

He is the first player to ever receive the conference's Defensive Player of the Year honor.

Perry led a defense that allowed just three goals in six conference games.

—BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Fatigue sets in

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Three games in three days during November was too much for the OU men's basketball team.

The Golden Grizzlies started the Dell Black Coaches Association (BCA) Classic with a 93-68 win over the University of San Diego, a team that beat Gonzaga University for the West Coast Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament last season.

Saturday, OU won a 79-66 battle against the University of Illinois-Chicago, the team that won the Horizon League tournament last season to automatically advance to the NCAA tournament and is now getting consideration for the Top 25.

Sunday, the team didn't have enough to get past Xavier University (XU), who was ranked 17th in the preseason Top 25 after returning four starters from last year's NCAA tournament team, losing to the Musketeers, 76-66.

OU jumped out to an early lead on XU, beginning the game with a 14-4, run but the Grizzlies fast-paced style caught up to them in their third consecutive contest.

The Musketeers opened the second half with a 13-2 run and extend the margin to as many as 18 with less than eight minutes to play.

OU cut the lead into single digits with more than five minutes to play, but XU held onto the ball and made free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

"They are all-time 43-3 in that building," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "We were tied at halftime, we just got tired. That was a hell of a team that beat us."

Senior guard Mike Helms, who set a tournament record with a combined 72 points in the three games, was notably affected by fatigue, missing his eight three-point attempts on his way to a 6-25 shooting night.

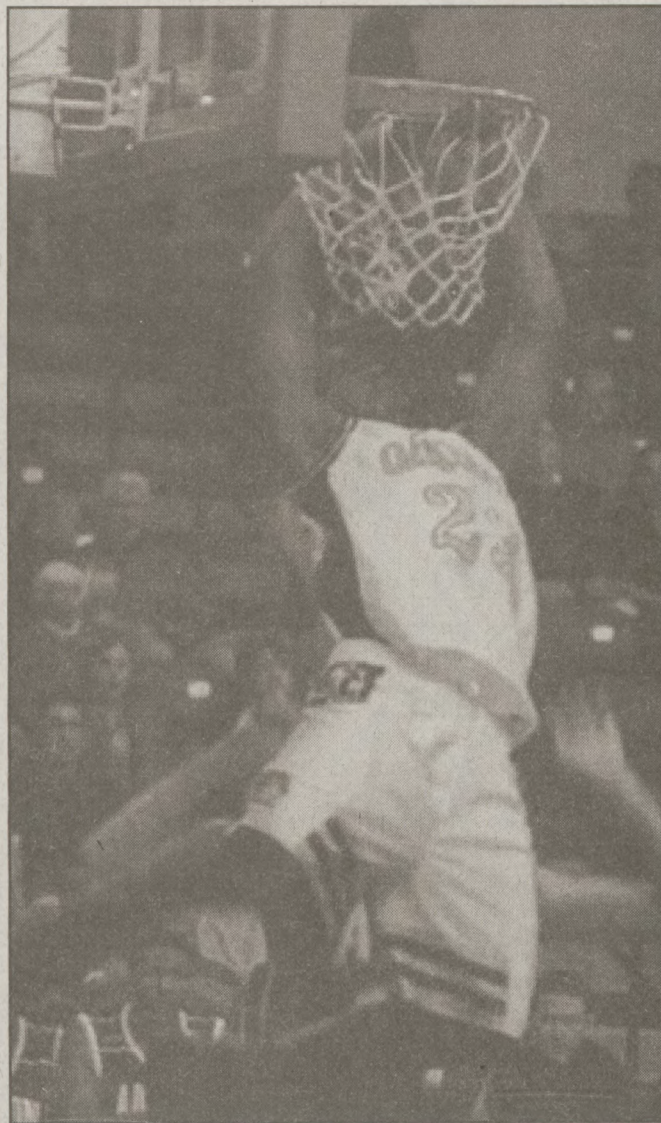
"He was dead tired," Kampe said. "He couldn't make a shot. He set a tournament record, he just had one bad game."

Even with three tough games against teams that earned spots in the NCAA tournament last season done and past, the Grizzlies are far from ready to relax.

OU will take on the University of Michigan at 7 p.m. Friday in Crisler Arena, then will hit the road to face the 19th-ranked University of Cincinnati Bearcats at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

At 6 p.m. next Saturday, Nov. 29 the Grizzlies will play their home opener against the University of Missouri, which is currently ranked six in the Top 25.

This stretch is easily the team's most difficult



Bob Knoska/File Photo

Senior guard Mike Helms goes in for the dunk. Helms scored 72 points in the BCA Classic this weekend.

since joining the Division I ranks, but Kampe said his team believes they are prepared.

"It's just one after another," he said. "We're looking to go out and win games. We think we can play in those games. I think we proved that this weekend."

Kampe said that the difficult schedule will improve the team's Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) for the possibility of an NCAA tournament berth.

"We know what we've got," he said. "We're trying to win. If we make it to the NCAA tournament (with this schedule), we

can get a game we are capable of winning in the NCAA tournament."

Kampe said he was disappointed that Monday night's game against XU was not televised on FoxSports Detroit, although FoxSports Ohio picked up the game.

"That's what this is about," he said. "We have to make it so they have to (televise our games.)"

Kampe has also stressed repeatedly throughout his OU tenure that fan support and attendance will help bolster not only the team's success but also television interest.

All said and done

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
SPORTS EDITOR

The OU women's volleyball season came to an end on Friday night with a loss to Mid-Con regular season champion Valparaiso University (Valpo). OU was swept by Valpo in the three straight games, 30-14, 30-10 and 30-14.

Junior Sara Miller led the Golden Grizzlies with eight kills, while senior Courtney Varterasian added seven kills in her last match for OU. Junior Katie Lozier led the Grizzly defense with 14 digs.

With the loss, OU finishes the season 6-21 overall, and 5-9 in the Mid-Con, an improvement from last year.

Head coach Dave Schmidlin said he is happy with the way his team has played this season.

"Overall the season was a success," he said. "The wins and losses weren't the greatest but the team should feel good about their accom-

plishments this year."

Working hard all season paid off for OU as it was able to improve over the course of the year.

"We played at a high level towards the end of the season," Schmidlin said. "We were very competitive against teams that had beaten us earlier in the year. The reason we were able to compete was because we improved both offensively and defensively. Our biggest improvement was probably our blocking."

OU had some impressive victories this year over tough Mid-Con competition.

"The victory over (Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis) was probably our biggest win of the year because it was a big upset," said Schmidlin. "Western Illinois was also a big win because we were able to sweep them in three games."

Next year, the Grizzlies will look to improve on the progress they

made this season.

"We need to improve on the offensive side. We need to hit better at the net and improve on passing the ball so we can serve (and) receive consistently," said Schmidlin. "If we can continue to improve our game then next year we will have a good shot at making the Mid-Con tournament."

Schmidlin said the team will be working hard during the offseason.

"To get ready for next year we will work on improving our physical condition," he said. "During spring ball I will work on teaching them the things I want them to know so we will be on the same page of what I expect skill-wise."

Coach Schmidlin is also working hard on recruiting for next year's team.

"We are not going to sign anybody early this year but I'm confident the players we are recruiting will be available to sign in the spring," said Schmidlin.

Hockey moving up ranks

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

An unbeaten streak of 13 games by the OU men's club hockey team has catapulted the squad into the national spotlight.

With Saturday's 5-2 victory over Davenport University (DU), ranked first in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II Central region, the Golden Grizzlies have put themselves in a position to take over the top spot.

Currently, the team is ranked second in the Central region.

At the end of the season, the top four teams from each region are awarded spots in the ACHA National Tournament.

The 16-team field is separated into four

groups with one team from each region.

Seedings within the groups will be given in coordination with the team's ranking in its region.

Within the four groups, the team will play in round robin format.

The winner of each group will move onto the semifinals. The two winners of the two semifinals will then play for the championship.

In last year's tournament, OU went 1-2 and did not qualify for the semifinal round. The University of Colorado won the championship.

This season's tournament will be hosted by the University of Maryland March 3-6.

The Grizzlies placed 11th in the 16-team tournament last season after going 1-2 in three games. Saturday, OU put on its

best show for the ranking committee by playing smothering defense and consistent offense.

Sophomore forward Ryan Teasdale was the Grizzlies' offensive star, recording a total of four points on the night.

Teasdale opened the scoring in the first period on a goal, assisted by junior defenseman Anthony Magdowski, and put his team up by two goals in the second stanza with a tally assisted by senior forward Ron Kolito.

The duo reversed roles in the third period when Kolito scored and Teasdale assisted to push OU's advantage to three.

Teasdale recorded his second assist and final point of the evening on a goal by senior forward Dan Olesky.

Sophomore forward Will McMahon wrapped up the Grizzlies' scoring with

a goal assisted by junior defenseman Brian Belliotti.

Although DU was able to notch two late third period goals on the power play, sophomore goaltender Chris Ballach was strong in net for OU, making 29 saves.

The Grizzlies play a set of crucial games this weekend with two contests against fellow Greater Midwest Hockey League (GMHL) members.

At 8:30 p.m. Friday, Indiana University will travel up to the ONYX in Rochester to face OU on its home ice. Twenty-four hours later, the Grizzlies will be facing off against the University of Miami-Ohio, also at the ONYX.

Currently, OU is placed first in the GMHL with a league record of 2-0-1, giving the team five points.

OU up to par with NCAA

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Athletics administrators, coaches and other members of the OU community were in attendance when members of the Athletics Department NCAA Athletic Certification Committee met in the Fireside Lounge Tuesday.

If OU were declared uncertified, it would be unable to participate in NCAA championships.

The process for certification began in August 2002 by finalizing and approving a written plan, and the university will receive the NCAA's decision in April 2004 but will not share it with the OU community until May 2004.

The subcommittee for Financial Integrity, represented by men's soccer player Ryan Rzepka, senior, pointed out four areas of concern.

In comparison with averages taken from the Mid-Con Conference, it was deemed that the volleyball and baseball programs were understaffed. Rzepka also said the subcommittee believed the baseball program's operational budget was too small, forcing the team to do an excessive amount of fundraising to pay direct costs.

The lack of women's tennis facilities was also discussed and deemed necessary by the subcommittee, Rzepka said.

The final issue found was the lack of separation between the Athletics Department and the student-athlete financial aid verification.

"Just because we're so new in the NCAA, the athletic department helped out in these other areas trying to get the good foot started," Rzepka said. "In the future, we're going to have to separate these two areas to comply with the NCAA standards."

The Equity and Welfare subcommittee had two recommendations, said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh, who was the chairperson of the subcommittee.

He said there should be procedures to deal with sexual orientation issues and also, with the large number of female student-athletes, the university should look into hiring or retaining the services of an OB/GYN.

Chairperson of the Academic Integrity and Chair/Associate Professor of Political Science Michelle Piskulich said she believes this process will help the university grow.

"It gives us a chance to slow down, to look at what were doing, to decide to we want to keep, to decide what we need to chance and to move forward," she said.

One of the only negative events of the town hall meeting took place when Rzepka and Cowham challenged an assertion by Associate Professor of Rhetoric Barbara Hamilton that student-athletes need to avoid scheduling workshop classes during their competitive seasons.

Those involved were pleased with the certification and what it had uncovered.

Director of Athletics Jack Mehl said he was proud that while OU has won near to 30 Mid-Con titles in the past five years, in any one semester there are 150 or more students with grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

"I think that's a real credit to the faculty and the quality of the teams we have competing here," he said.

Updates on the process can be found at the OU Athletics Web site under the area of NCAA compliance. Once the peer review has been made available to the university, it will also be available there.

Walker after '2 Fast 2 to Furious'

By ELIZABETH GORECKI
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Most people know Paul Walker from his roles in the teen movies "She's All That" and "Varsity Blues." "The Fast and the Furious" and its sequel "2 Fast 2 Furious" brought this young star even more fame among young adults. Now, Walker's role in "Timeline" is bringing him distinction among more adult audiences.

In "Timeline," which is opening Nov. 26, Walker plays an archeology student who travels back in time with a group of friends to 14th century France to rescue their professor who is trapped there.

The fantasy-adventure movie boasts a lot of action and danger packed into sword fights, chases, and medieval battles.

Walker said he enjoyed his part in the new movie and in a conference call with The Oakland Post. He said he had a lot of fun filming.

"I love to play. That's really what it comes down to," he said.

"Timeline" is fulfilling a childhood fantasy for Walker.

"When I was a kid, I used to pretend I was a knight. Every stick was a sword," he said. "I was hoping to be a knight but I'm actually more peasantry. I didn't do much sword fighting."

To Walker, the movie isn't about time travel or science fiction, it's about the time period.

"To me, the fun stuff is medieval France. It doesn't feel like a time travel movie."

While Walker is disappointed about not being a knight, he is not disappointed about his supporting role.

"It's really Anna's (Friel) movie. She'll do well from this," he said. "I want to make movies people want to see and I want to have a good time doing it. I don't think in terms of being the leading man."

While working on "Timeline," Walker said he was able to devel-

op his acting ability because he was working with such a good cast of actors.

"They have all had intense training," he said. "When you work opposite people better than you, you come out looking better, you work harder. I'm happy with the project because of the director and the actors I played opposite."

The movie is based on the Michael Crichton novel, "Timeline."

Walker said the actors were told, though, not to read the book before doing the film.

"There's always deviation from trying to make a 500 page novel fit into a 120 page script," he said.

Walker said this is because there isn't enough time to develop characters and set up the story as it is in the book. Walker said he did read the book after shooting.

Walker said this project was more serious than some of his past roles.

"The 'Timeline' cast all took their roles seriously," Walker said. "It was more calculated and involved. It wasn't just driving cars all day."

Walker feels the "The Fast and the Furious," along with "2 Fast 2 Furious," made his movie career, although he was a little resentful that he didn't get to keep any of the cars that he drove.

"You think that they'd show a brother a little love and kick me down with some of the cars," he said.

This isn't stopping Walker from considering a third possible "Fast and the Furious" movie.

"If there is another one, I think I'd do it," he said.

There are a few projects fans can expect to see Walker in the near future. He just finished shooting a Christmas story, called "Noel," which also stars Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams and Penelope Cruz. Walker plays a New York cop who is engaged to Cruz's character.

"It is pretty good for this guy, obviously," Walker said.

A film called "The Last Apostle"

"You think that they'd show a brother a little love and kick me down with some of the cars."

Paul Walker



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures
(Left to right) Gerard Butler as Andre Marek, Frances O'Connor as Kate Ericson and Paul Walker as Chris Johnston in "Timeline."

is also in the early stages of development.

The young actor said he doesn't have many long-term plans for his career.

"A lot of this business is luck," he said. "I live one day at a time."

He said sometimes he thinks he would like to keep acting as long as he can but other times he thinks he's done with the career.

"I'd imagine it's the same with any job."

Walker said he would love to be in a western next.

"I'm a cowboy now," he said.

"Everyone thinks of me as a surfer boy but I love to ride horses, do martial arts and race cars in my down time."

He said he'd like the opportunity to work on a western action movie and, "get paid to act like a kid," he said. "I want to play a cowboy hopefully by the end of next year."

Now, the 29 year-old star is trying to juggle his movie career and family life. He said he doesn't spend as much time with his daughter as he would like but he finds ways to make it happen.

"She's protective and I love it," he said. "People come and ask for an autograph and she just looks at them like 'what do you want with my dad?'"

Walker said he likes to see fans of all ages but he gets the most excitement out of seeing kids that

like his work.

"That's the age when they are most impressionable and it sticks with them forever," he said.

Walker takes his job as a young star very seriously.

"I get a kick out of it. I'm the coolest guy in the world to my 15 year old brother," he said. "He wants me to pick him up from school just so he can show me off."

Walker gets, "excited to see kids at a movie with their friends knocking each other around saying 'hey, you were great in that movie I just saw you in,'" he said. "I love to see kids come out of a theater and be excited about seeing me."

'Twas the week before finals

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR LIFE WRITER

Stress levels run high at OU during finals week, and the Center for Student Activities (CSA) is trying to put exam anxieties on the back burner for one day of fun.

Every year CSA offers events to bring in the holidays at OU and to get students ready for the end of the fall semester.

What was once known as "December to Remember" is now being called "Twas the week before finals."

Instead of having a weeks worth of events, Thursday, Dec. 4 is going to be a day full of many events to celebrate each of the four cultural holidays in December; Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah and Ramadan.

Also, there will be stress-relieving events such as board games and cards.

"This is going to be a carnival-type atmosphere and the idea is for everyone to come and enjoy themselves before finals begin," said Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development for CSA.

Unfortunately, the turnout was not as big as anticipated in the past years for "December to Remember" so, CSA feels one day full of different activities will bring in a much bigger crowd.

"If people do not want to learn about something new, they won't come to the event, and that is what the problem was in the past years," said Crampton.

The event runs from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the

Oakland Center and it is free to all students. There will be food available, including cookies, brownies and other holiday treats.

"Having the events this way, it's one day and everyone gets a taste of everything at once," said Crampton.

Some of events that will be taking place include a snowman building contest, holiday card-making to pass on to a local retirement community and a canned good food drive that will be donated to the Food Bank of Oakland County.

There will also be a prize drawing and raffle tickets at the door. For every can that is brought in, students will receive additional raffle tickets. Prizes have not yet been determined.

Jessica Yamin, junior, plans on attending "Twas the week before finals" to get into the holiday spirit.

"I think the events will be a good idea and a good distraction during such a busy time," she said.

There will be different organizations helping out at the event, including the Jewish Student Organization, the OU Counseling Center and the University of Human Resources. Each organization is planning on having some sort of event for the day.

Christi Adamson, junior, said she believes the day will bring people together to experience all the fun of the holidays in December.

"I think it's a cool idea and I think the new setup will allow for more people to get involved," said Adamson.

Crow shows off top hits

By JUSTIN MULARSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

It was 1993 when Sheryl Crow released her debut album to huge success and much controversy.

"Tuesday Night Music Club" spawned three hit singles, but after Crow's backup band publicly rebuked Crow for taking more credit for the music than they thought she deserved, many fans wrote her off as yet another flash-in-the-pan studio creation.

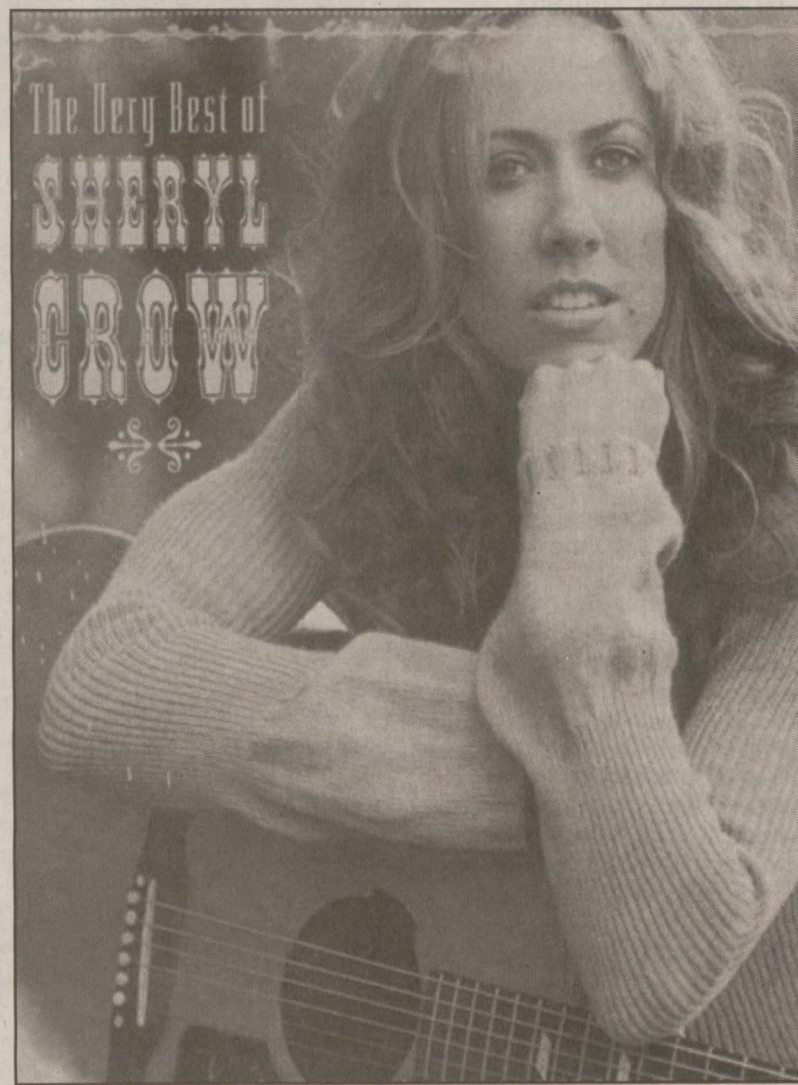
"If It Makes You Happy," "All I Wanna Do," "My Favorite Mistake" and "Soak Up the Sun," are all on Crow's latest album, "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," and all are proof that Crow didn't need anyone in the studio to make her a star.

Crow's album, was released on Nov. 4th.

The new CD represents the best of her four studio albums and side projects, such as "Picture," her duet with Kid Rock. She avoids loading up her hits collections with songs that were "hits, artistically" but not commercially.

Crow does leave some songs off the album, like the Sept. 11, 2001 inspired "Safe and Sound," but makes up for any slights with the new songs "Light In My Eyes" and "The First Cut is the Deepest," a Cat Stevens cover.

There is nothing wrong with infusing one's music with sensuality or sex appeal, and the available deluxe DVD edition of the album, which includes 13 of



Sheryl Crow is making a comeback with her latest CD, which is collection of her top hits.

Crow's music videos, shows she's one of the sexier ladies of rock.

Beyond her musical success, Crow's slew of hits illustrate it is possible to make it in the music industry by

writing what you feel and setting it to the sounds of your own instrumentation.

Her success in doing that is reason enough for her early critics to be eating Crow.

Review

Bands to face-off in battle

BY LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

Local musicians will go head-to-head during the Battle of the Bands at 8 p.m., Dec. 5, in the Banquet Room of the Oakland Center (OC).

The Student Program Board (SPB) annually hosts the event.

The total prize money is \$800 and will be divided between first, second and third place winners.

A three-song demo labeled with the bands name and a copy of the band leaders student ID must be attached to the application before submission. The deadline for submission is Friday, Nov. 24.

"We accept all music types, though alternative rock has usually been the popular genre," said Mark Markovic, chairperson of the concert and dance committee for SPB.

The SPB will hold a meeting to review all demos, and from there select five bands who will perform. During the contest, each band will play for 15 minutes to a panel of three judges.

Four-piece acoustic jam band Changes won first place in 2000 and was awarded \$500.

Lead singer and guitarist Patrick Conaton, senior, said he saw a flyer around campus and decided to turn in a demo.

"It was a fun experience," said Conaton. "The people there were nice and they gave

us free food so that is a plus."

Soon after Changes opened for the band Blessed Union of Souls at Adrian College.

Bands who have performed in previous years can still compete in following years.

Punk/ska band Poor Boy Music (PBM) is entering the contest.

PBM has been together for more than six years and was on tour in Europe a couple of months ago.

They have also recently performed in the food court of the OC during the Week of Champions at OU on Oct. 15.

"We had fun," said Nate Castle, senior, and lead singer of PBM. "We had just gotten a new drummer, and that was the first show he played with us."

The band will be touring again in March to play on a few college campuses around the U.S.

PBM has recorded three new songs overseas which will be released soon. For more information about the band visit their Web site at www.pbmmusic.com.

"We look forward to playing shows," Castle said. "It's what we like to do."

More than 100 people usually attend the event, but the SPB is expecting a larger crowd this year.

Bands interested in participating can contact Mike Markovic at (248) 370-4295 or pick up an application from the SPB office at 64 OC.



Photo courtesy of Poor Boy Music

Poor Boy Music and several other student bands will face-off in the Battle of the Bands.

AIDS quilt promotes unity amidst diversity

BY AVA HABERKORNHALM
THE OAKLAND POST

Stigma and discrimination are this year's themes for World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1.

The Center for Student Activities (CSA) as well as the Gay Straight Alliance are bringing two 12-foot by-12 feet panels of the AIDS quilt to be put on display in the Fireside Lounge.

The AIDS quilt is compiled of panels memorializing individuals who have lost their lives to the AIDS virus. It is sewn together by their friends, family members and lovers.

With 45,000 panels on the quilt so far, and spanning 1,270,350 square feet, which is comparable to 47 football fields, the quilt is the largest ongoing community

arts project in the world. It is a visual representation of how universal an epidemic like AIDS actually is.

"The quilt is a straight forward and simple method to deliver the message about this devastating disease and the all too human impact of it," said Michael McGuinness, sophomore and president of the Gay Straight Alliance.

The idea of the quilt was conceived by San Francisco Gay Rights Activist, Cleve Jones in November 1985.

At the annual march commemorating the 1978 assassinations of gay San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, Jones learned more than 1,000 residents of San Francisco have been lost to the

AIDS virus.

Near the end of the march, Jones asked all the participants to write on placards the name of friends and loved ones that have died of AIDS. He then, stood and taped all the names to the side of the San Francisco Federal Building. The wall of names ended up resembling a patchwork quilt.

Inspired, Cleve made plans for a larger AIDS memorial and a little more than a year later he made the first memorial panel for the AIDS quilt in the memory of his friend Marvin Feldman.

After the quilt was displayed for the first time at the National Mall in Washington D.C., it initiated an overwhelming response and following.

Now, it transcends even cultural

borders with individuals contributing to it from 32 different countries from Australia to Taiwan.

The materials used for the quilt are a far cry from just plain fabric, and are usually items such as Barbie dolls, bubble-wrap, car keys and afghans, that are meaningful to the individual being memorialized.

The names on the quilt range from famous actors and entertainers to activists and mechanics. With such a wide range of individuals being memorialized, the quilt combats the stigma that AIDS is localized to certain groups and educates its viewers on the vast power of the epidemic, encouraging them to take action against it.

"It is important to acknowledge

World AIDS Day because AIDS is still a huge epidemic in America," said Sarah Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development in the CSA. "We chose to bring the AIDS quilt to campus because it shows visually the personal impact AIDS has. If we do not work to combat the stigma and discrimination that the AIDS virus is localized, it will remain an epidemic."

There are people who refuse to be educated about the effects of AIDS because they think it can never happen to them, said Tara Sullivan, freshman.

The quilt will be on display all day, Dec. 1, in the Fireside Lounge in the OC.

There will be information about HIV awareness available and red ribbons handed out.

Bad Santa, good movie

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

One of the first seasonal films being released this year is the Coen brother's comedy "Bad Santa."

The movie begins with Willie (Billy Bob Thornton) puking outside a bar.

For the last few years, Willie and his partner, Tony Cox, have gotten jobs as a mall Santa and elf, only to rob the stores of their holiday earnings on Christmas Eve and live off the money until the following year.

After completing a heist at the beginning of the movie, Willie said he wants out.

He plans to quit drinking, move to Florida and open a bar. A quick flash forward shows that doesn't happen, and the story jumps ahead to the following Christmas.

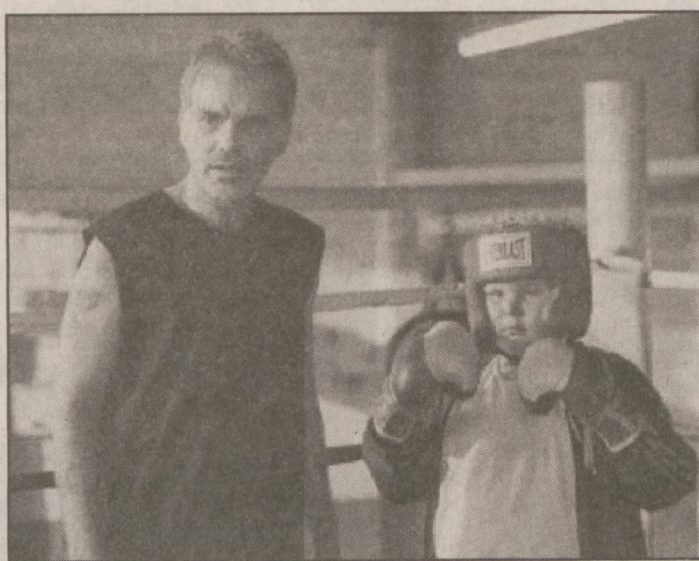


Photo courtesy of Maramax Publicity

Billy Bob Thornton and Brett Kelly in Terry Zwigoff's "Bad Santa."

A majority of the film revolves around Willie and an 8-year-old boy (Brett Kelly) who is just referred to as "Kid."

Willie feels sympathy after taking advantage of him and his grandmother.

The kid's life so closely resembles Willie's own miserable upbringing that he decides to help him learn to take care of himself.

This begins to interfere with Willie's annual routine.

The late John Ritter, to whom the film is dedicated, has a small but humorous role as the uptight manager of the mall that Willie has

targeted this time.

After a drunken, perverted disruption by the comen, he asks his head of security, Gil (Bernie Mac), to keep an eye on Willie and his partner.

Despite being pivotal to the plot, Mac has a disappointingly small amount of screen time.

"Bad Santa" lacks some of the sharpness other Coen films like "Big Lebowski," "Fargo" and "O'Brother Where Art Thou" have, but their influence is still obvious.

It is slow going at first, and the humor is very repetitious, but it is worth sitting through.

Review

Gift fair to help improve OC

BY LISA ZITZMAN
THE OAKLAND POST

The annual Art, Book and Gift Fair/Craft Sale takes place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Oakland Center (OC).

Sponsored by the OC Operations, all proceeds from the show will go towards improving the OC for students and staff.

Various vendors will gather to sell their goods,

such as jewelry, arts and handmade goods. The show has been held for more than 20 years.

"Faculty and staff look forward to it every year," said Kim Carlsen, administrative secretary in the OC.

Carlsen said she advertised in local papers, but that most of the customers come from students and staff on campus.

"We have vendors that have been coming back

over ten years," said Carlsen.

Look for several ethnic and African American vendors this year, diversifying this craft sale from other shows like it.

Along with books from the Oakland Bookstore, this show will offer plenty of opportunities for convenient holiday shopping.

Soledad enlightens

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Soledad O'Brien was scheduled to talk to OU students last week, but weather conditions forced her to reschedule for Thursday, Nov. 20.

O'Brien, co-anchor of the CNN show "American Morning" is coming to talk to students about her life and her ride to the top in a lecture called, "The Road to Success."

The Long Island native's heritage exemplifies our multi-cultural society. Her father is Australian and his parents are Irish, while her mother is black and of Cuban heritage.

"I think I'm sort of the poster child for diversity," said O'Brien.

O'Brien attended Harvard University, where she studied English, but had aspirations of becoming a doctor. She took a job, however, as a newsroom assistant during college.

"I had always been very interested in medicine," O'Brien said. She said she just wasn't interested in the science of it.

O'Brien started her career as an associate producer and news writer at WBZ-TV in Boston. She then moved on to San Francisco as a reporter and bureau chief for an NBC affiliate.

She was hired by NBC in 1991 as a New York field producer for the "Nightly News" and the "Today Show." After that, O'Brien moved to MSNBC to anchor the technology program, "The Site" and the network's weekend morning show.

That was her springboard to her next job as anchor of NBC's "Weekend Today," which began in July 1999.

O'Brien left NBC in July 2003 for CNN, leaving behind the more feature-driven "Today Show" for "American Morning."

"Our format is a lot different," O'Brien said of "American Morning." "We cover hard news the entire time we are on the air."

She said "Weekend Today" started out with hard news but got into lighter topics as the show morning went on.

"The difference (between the shows) was kind of the appeal in going," O'Brien said. She left "Weekend Today" shortly after the death of her long-time co-anchor, David Bloom.

While traveling with the 3rd Infantry Division at the start of the war in Iraq, Bloom suffered a pulmonary embolism and died.

O'Brien said while her decision to leave NBC was based on what was important to

her family and her career, the death of Bloom also influenced her decision.

"When David died, we didn't have a team anymore and it made it easier to go," O'Brien said.

While O'Brien has covered a variety of stories such as John Kennedy, Jr.'s plane crash and the Columbia space shuttle explosion earlier this year, she said she doesn't have a favorite story.

"The great thing about my job is that not one big thing sticks out, a lot of different things stick out," she said.

After making it to such a high profile career, O'Brien said there is one thing she would have done differently.

"I probably wouldn't give too much credence to a lot of people," O'Brien said of her critics.

She said people would constantly give her reasons for why she couldn't succeed, whether her name was too hard to pronounce or her skin wasn't the right color.

She said her career, her family and her volunteer projects all contribute to her feeling of success.

O'Brien's lecture will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Banquet Rooms of the OC. She will talk about the obstacles and challenges she faced as she climbed her career ladder. She said it's not just a lecture for broadcasting students.

"I think there are general things people can take from my story," O'Brien said.

O'Brien fact Box

Favorite Song: Anything by Luther Vandross

Favorite Show: "Dora the Explorer" and "Six feet Under"

Favorite Movie: "The Mission," "The Godfather," "Caddyshack" and "Scarface"

Favorite Authors: Jill McCorkle, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Favorite Place to Relax: Home in Dutchess County, New York

Rhythm moves OU student

By KANIQUA S. DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

Whether she is performing with the Intrigue Hip-Hop Dance Team, or teaching the hip-hop aerobics course, Shaquonda Binion is participating in her favorite past time: dance.

Binion is a 21-year-old junior, majoring in communication. She has been dancing since the age of 6. Her joy for dancing began with jazz, modern and pom-pom dancing. By the age of 13, Binion was dancing competitively.

Binion is the co-founder and president of the Intrigue Hip-Hop Dance Team at OU. She is also the instructor of the hip-hop aerobics class held in OU's Rec Center.

During her freshman year, Binion, along with three other OU students, decided to create a dance team that entertained students interested in the latest trends in urban culture.

"I like the more informal way of entertainment," said Binion. "When you are entertaining people with dance, you should not focus on technicalities. We (Intrigue) focus on the most recent trends of hip-hop; not just the dances, but the clothing as well."

Intrigue was the main influence in helping the hip-hop class get started. According to Binion, large amounts of people were watching the group practice on a regular basis, and some wondered if Binion could teach on the side. Eventually, Binion was offered a payed position to instruct a hip-hop aerobics class one day a week.

The response to the course was so immense that it was expanded to two nights per week with about 30 students attending each class.

"I love it," Binion said. "Just seeing how much joy



Tracy Estes/The Oakland Post
Shaquonda Binion is the co-founder and president of the Intrigue Hip-Hop Dance Team at OU. She is also the instructor for the hip-hop aerobics class at the Rec Center.

people get from dancing — something I take for granted. I never knew how much of a blessing it was to know how to dance. This class is really important to me."

Each night of the class, Binion shows the group a brand new routine. The class is taught the dance moves

step by step for about an hour. For the last 15-30 minutes of the class, the students go over a routine to a song of Binion's choice.

"It's a really good cardio workout, confidence booster, and stress reliever all in one and not just for the students, but for me too — I'd really like to thank everyone who supports the class. Because of it, my leadership skills have escalated, and so has my love for dancing."

Niesha Roary, Intrigue secretary and long time friend said that she has seen an improvement in

Binion's skills.

"She has always been a great dancer and a great leader. She has only gotten better," Roary said. "She's the sweetest person — Shaquonda manages her time well, she's always on top of things, and she even makes time to be a good friend."

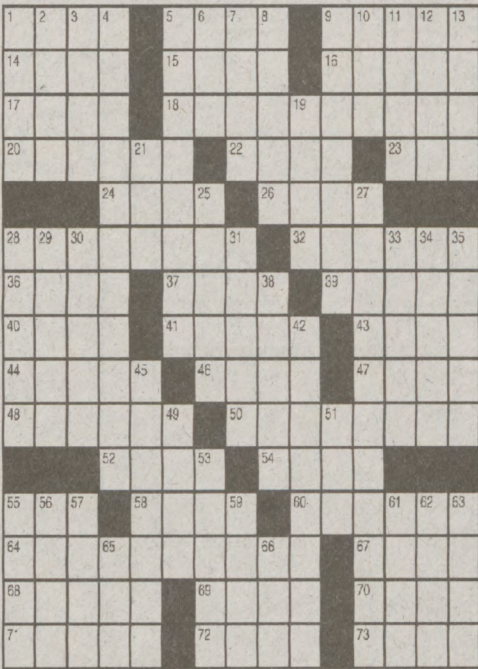
Aside from performing and teaching the newest dance moves, Binion is a member of the Association of Black Students (ABS), Student Congress and she works part time.

Binion said that dancing is just a hobby for now, something she does just for fun. Although it may not be her sole career choice, she does plan to keep dancing in her future.

"I don't plan to become a professional dancer, I don't fit the profile. But I may look to be a coach or licensed instructor someday. I really can't see my future without dancing," she said.

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THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, Nov. 19

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives is hosting "OU Exposed," a program confronting today's issues that effect students at 7 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

Thursday, Nov. 20

The Residence Halls Council Programming Committee is hosting a talent show at 9 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention Program is presenting the Cardiovascular Challenge at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Rec Center.

Friday, Nov. 21

The OU Chapter of IEEE-EMBS is hosting a lecture called the "Complexity of Respiratory Patterns During Maturation" at 2 p.m. in Room 372 SEB.

OU's Student Congress is providing a free bus for the first 50 students to sign up for the OU vs. U-M basketball game. The bus will leave OU at 5 p.m. Students must sign up at the Center for Student Activities ticket window. Students will only be responsible for their ticket to the game, which can be purchased at the U-M Web site or at the game.

Monday, Nov. 24

The American Marketing Association and Sigma Pi Fraternity are hosting "Save A Life" from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. through Nov. 25. Students are being asked to donate blood to help save lives.

Monday, Dec. 1

The Anthropology Club and Department of Modern Languages and Literature are presenting a unique experience to study in Oldenburg, Germany. There will be a slide presentation from noon-1 p.m. in Lake Superior Room A of the OC. The slide show will be on "Archaeology in Germany: A First Hand Observation." This is open to all OU students.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

OU will be hosting the annual Art, Book and Gift Fair from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the OC. For additional information, contact Kim Carlsen at (248) 370-3245.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

The Student Program Board is hosting a concert with performer Vanessa Bell Calloway at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the OC.

The College Republicans Fall Semester lecture at OU will be featuring special guest Gary Aldrich at 7:30 p.m. in Banquet Room A of the OC. Admission is free and the event is open to all OU students.

Friday, Dec. 5

Friday Night Live with Scott Kennedy will take place at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center of Vandenberg Hall.

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Student Profile

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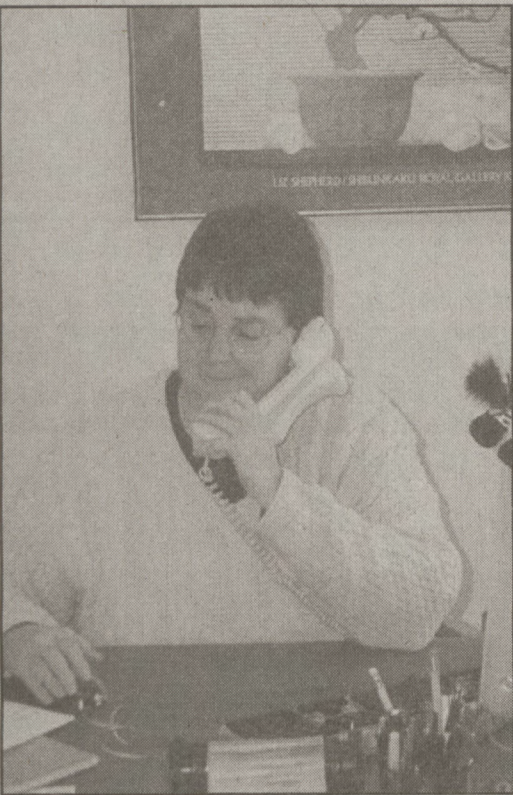
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Detroit Youth Program is professor's greatest achievement



Shea Howell

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Shea Howell

Professor and Chair of the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism

•Where did you receive your education and what are your degrees in?

I received my Bachelor's degree in history from Marietta College in Ohio. My Master's is from Northern Illinois University in communication and my Ph.D. is from Wayne State in communication.

•Do you have any hobbies?

Community activism, riding my motorcycle, riding horses, fishing, hiking and boating, all depending on the weather.

•Do you have any hidden talents?

I'm a pretty good whistler and I play the kazoo. I am a great thumb-wrestler and I've got \$5 that says I can beat anyone.

•What is your greatest accomplishment in life?

Professional Profile

The Detroit Summer. It's a youth program that I co-founded in Detroit. I have also made some contributions to some social movements, both theoretically and practically. Also, I take one month a year, usually in August, to do absolutely nothing. I just read and relax.

•Do you speak any other languages?

Spanish, and I used to speak a little Greek, but not any more.

•If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

At this present time I think we need to get rid of George W. Bush as president. He is a dangerous, mean spirited man, who is destroying everything about America that is valuable.

•If you could meet any famous person, living or deceased, who would it be?

I would like to meet Aristotle, because I think he had a concept of citizenship that would be very valuable to understand in a world where citizenship has been reduced to being a consumer.

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Thursday, Nov. 27 - Closed

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30, Noon-8 PM (Aquatic Center closes at 7:30 PM)

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Don't let the holiday celebrating get you out of condition!

Aquatics - Special Notice

Due to the Girls Michigan High School Athletic Association state swim meet, there will be restricted pool availability Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22. Friday, Nov. 21 the pool will only be available from 5:30-8:30 AM and on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9-10 AM.

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Career Services***Information Sessions***

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*Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10:30 AM and Thursday, Nov. 20th, 11:30 AM

*Monday, Nov. 24th, 10:30 AM and Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 1 PM

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*Friday, Dec. 5th, 10 AM-12 noon, 158 West Vandenberg Hall

*Thursday, Dec. 11th, 5-7 PM, Career Services Reception
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New Date!

Thursday, November 20, 2003

4:00 p.m. in the

Oakland Center Banquet Room

This lecture is free.

No tickets are required. Seating is on a first come basis.

