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FAST facts

• Test Ban

According University Senate legislation, faculty are not allowed to schedule tests or assign papers due during the final week of classes. If this policy is violated, students have the right to file a complaint against the faculty member through the Academic Affairs office in 205 Wilson Hall or call (248) 370-2190.

• Free Testing

The Princeton Review will be holding a free test day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th. Students may choose to take the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or MCAT. The free test will be given in Ann Arbor at the Princeton Review or in Lansing at MSU. Students must call 1-800-2-REVIEW to register for the test.

• Legal Seminar

Managing the investigation of an automobile accident will be the subject of a seminar held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, May 5th at Meadow Brook Hall. A \$155 registration fee includes materials, a luncheon, and refreshments. Deadline for registration is April 27th. For more information or to register, call Continuing Education for the College of Arts and Sciences at (248) 370-3125 or visit the Legal Assistant Program Web site at www.oakland.edu/contin-ed/legalassistant

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Course fees pave tech future

By Autumn Kovach and Jenn Madjarev
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OU students are paying a steep price for their education during this evolving technology driven period.

Tagged on to their growing tuition, all students are charged a general service fee as well as an activities fee, and more and more students are being charged an additional course fee for specific specialized courses.

The Board of Trustees approved a special "laboratory" fee of \$10 per course on August 15, 1973. At that time only 12 classes fell into the "laboratory" fee category.

Today the names have changed and so have the number of classes. According to the 1999-2000 Undergraduate Catalog, charges for specific classes are now called Course Fees, and 12 classes have grown to 2,195 classes.

Following the theme of change, the \$10 course fee has grown today to where students can pay anywhere between \$25 and \$170 depending on the class, their major and the total number of credit hours taken.

Although there are many classes that include a course fee, there is little or no specific indication as

to what a course fee is actually used for.

According to Steve Shablin, OU Registrar, "Course fees are used for computer and technology offered as part of the instructional mode."

However, all course fees are not strictly for computer and technology use in classes. Among the classes offered during the winter semester, the Music, Theater and Dance (MTD) department had the highest number of classes where students paid course fees. The 291 MTD classes were charged a course fee for individual and group instruction.

Among the list of courses with fees attached are all classes in the department of biological sciences.

Freshman elementary ed pre-major, Allison Lingenfelter, is currently enrolled in one of the introductory courses, Human Biology. The emphasis in the class is on human anatomy and physiology. Topics include studies of skeletal, muscular and digestive systems. Although students are required to pay a course fee, many of them, including Lingenfelter, don't understand why they have to pay an additional fee on top of their tuition for sitting in a lecture hall.

"It really doesn't make any sense that I'm paying the additional course fee money, but I never participated in any kind of lab-oriented activities. We just sit there and listen to our professor talk," said Lingenfelter.

This year, OU has collected an estimated \$1.46 million in student paid course fees.

According to Pat Nicosia, director of budget and financial planning, the total amount of course fee money is broken down into two major parts. "The largest piece is allocated to Academic Affairs, and the second part is included in the General Fund."

Prior to 1995-1996, allocation of course fee money was distributed not only to Academic Affairs and the General Fund, but a large chunk of money was given to Kresge Library to update computer related library resources. When the course fee budget was set up, Academic Affairs received a set amount of \$552,500 each year. Academic Affairs used the money to upgrade computer labs and equip some staff with computers.

Information Technologist, Thomas LeMarbe wrote a new "phasing" proposal in 1995, to change the fixed course fee budget. LeMarbe was on the Provost staff at that time. The proposal was approved by the Board that same year.

Under LeMarbe's plan the Academic Affairs division received a two percent increase every year until it reached a total of 60 percent.

According to LeMarbe, the original fixed budget

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COURSE FEE BREAKDOWN	
Who's paying the price?	
SPECIALIZED COURSES:	
EED 455 & SED 455\$35
APPLIED MUSIC	
• per course.....	\$35
• individual instruction	-\$85/ 1 credit
• 170/ 2-4 credit hours	-\$25/ course
GEO 106,107	
IST 396,516,594,699	
JRN 190,200,300,310,311,312	
LIN 315	
PS 304	
PSY 362	
RDG 775,	
SOC 204,403	
.....\$44/course
ALL COURSES IN:	
THE SCHOOLS OF:	
Business Administration	
Engineering and Computer Sciences	
Health Sciences	
Nursing	
CAS DEPARTMENTS:	
Biological Science	
Chemistry	
Mathematical Sciences	
Physics	
.....\$11/ credit hour

Global gathering graces OC

International event exceeds expectations

By Mike Hoban
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The OC looked a little like a United Nations assembly celebration with students, faculty, staff and guests from a variety of ethnicities. The International Student Organization put on its first International Night in five years Friday.

The organization has been planning this event since last semester and the hard work paid off. The event was well attended.

"It was a little bit over our expectations. We were expecting 350 people to show up," said ISO President Edin Sehovic. The 23-year-old senior economics major from Montenegro said he was pleased that 380 people attended, with an estimated 50 percent coming from off campus.

The event featured food, music and dance from around the world. There was Slovenian button box music, a Russian fiddler, a Tai Chi performance, a Spanish guitar player, belly

dancers and Irish music. Dance groups performed traditional dances from Africa, Serbia, Germany, India and American swing.

The food was prepared on campus by Aramark and included: Italian chicken parmesan and pastries, Asian stir fry and egg rolls, Mideastern beef kabob and tabouli, Greek spinach pie and baklava, Russian salad and international culinary delights.

The ISO spent approximately \$5,500 to hold the event, with food being the largest expense. The money came from student allocations.

"Some (of the money) came from Dean Herman's office which was helpful. Multicultural advisory board helped us out. The Center for Student Activities was the biggest supporter with a special thanks to Jean Ann Miller (CSA Director)," said Sehovic.

Individual international student groups helped find the music and dance performers and

Alpha Delta Pi

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DUELING MUSICIANS: International musicians, the Button Box-Slovenia Band was one of the main performers during Friday's International Night.

Internal audit finds \$1,171 missing

Upward Bound program counselor focus of police probe

By SunShine Joy Collins
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU police are continuing their investigation of an alleged embezzlement within Upward Bound which was first reported to the department on March 10.

Upward Bound's offers year round programs to prepare high school students for college. The complaint was

filed by the Upward Bound's director, Geri Graham.

Graham told the police, that a program counselor allegedly admitted taking money from two different fund drives that Upward Bound was having. In a letter by the employee, the individual said \$280 was taken between December and February.

OU police referred the matter to the Internal Audit

Department to trace the missing funds. All paperwork regarding the fund-raisers was turned over to David Vartanian, director of internal audit on March 13.

Last Wednesday, April 12, Vartanian reported to police that \$1,171 was unaccounted for after going through all the records. According to Vartanian, 143 coffee mugs at \$5 each and 152 magnets at \$3 each were missing.

Vartanian's complete report is still part of the police investigatory file and has not been released.

"The case is an ongoing investigation and at this point the case is still open," said Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of OU Police Department. No warrants have been issued at this time.

All other parties involved were unavailable for comment.

