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CHINESE CULTURE

Picture this: waking up between 7:30 and 8 a.m. each morning to finish preparing lessons for a day of class.

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AIDS, TRIBUTE

Eight panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed Monday in Hamlin Lounge. Each was a commemorative piece of art which featured a person who died of AIDS.

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MASCOT SEARCH

So long Pioneer Pete. OU wants a new mascot with more personality. OU has hired the SME Design company to create a new mascot and nickname for OU at a cost of \$82,300.

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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

# Competition continues after one month suspension

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ  
Staff Writer

Forty-five of the 49 members of OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams were reinstated after being suspended from competition as a result of university violations that took place in late October.

The athletes were suspended after hosting an on-campus party in VanWagoner Hall on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Early Sunday morning, Oct. 19, a fatal car crash occurred involving four OU affiliates who had attended that party.

Four members of the men's swimming team, Kevin Bobzien, Todd Duncan, Matthew Henderson and Mark Gole, were charged with misdemeanors for serving alcohol to minors.

Christopher Knoche, OU alumnus, has been charged with operating under the influence causing death and vehicular homicide.

Knoche allegedly rear-ended a Toyota driven by Valerie Schultz, OU student, resulting in the death of Jonnathan Thomas, OU sophomore.

Athletic Director Jack Mehl announced the reinstatement of both swimming and diving teams in a press release on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"The men's and women's swimming and diving teams have long been a source of great pride and inspiration to Oakland University," said Mehl in the press release.

"In recent days they have accepted responsibility for their actions, which were inappropriate, and have re-educated themselves to the core value which are the hallmark of OU athlete participation," Mehl said.

Women's co-captain Laura Juncker, accounting senior, said, "I definitely think it was time. We all realized what happened and took responsibility for it."

"We're ready to compete. We all love to do it and that's what we're here to do," she added.

The reinstatement came after the students participated in approximately 12-15 hours of class workshops about substance abuse.

"Substance Abuse Education" workshop was pre-

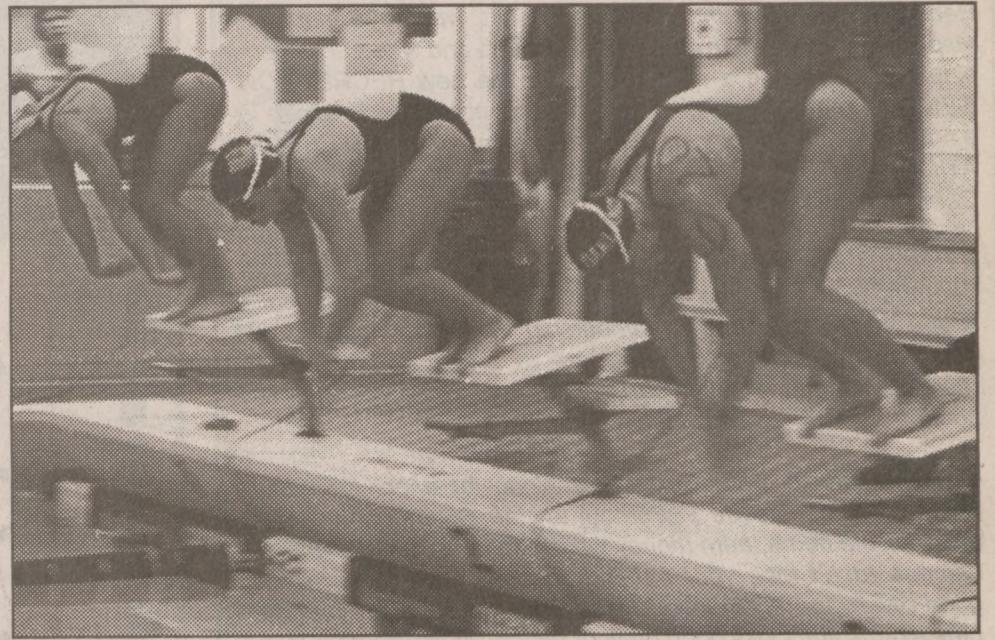
sented by Barb Talbert, clinical psychologist, and Mary Lebioda, Registered nurse from the Graham Health Center.

Other presentations were "Winners Circle: Choices and Responsibilities-- Substance Abuse" by consultant Pat Milkovich, and "Alcohol and Drugs in Society" presented by Kevin Early, OU sociology professor.

The first swim meet will be the EMU Invitational in Ypsilanti on Dec. 5-6.

The two teams, however, will not participate at the originally scheduled Hawaii winter training trip Dec. 20-Jan. 4, or the Rainbow Invitational at the University of Hawaii.

Both teams continued daily workouts during the suspension. "It was rough for a while,



Post File Photo/J. Molly Abramson

**TAKE YOUR MARK:** OU swimmers will once again be stepping up onto the starting block for competition beginning Dec. 5-6 at EMU.

but we all realized we had to do it (practice) to move on," said Juncker.

Men's Swimming Head Coach Pete Hovland said, "Under the circumstances, our swimmers' attitudes are great. We received a great deal of support from our alumnus and other universities and their coaches."

"Our athletes are looking

forward to and feeling confident in their ability to be competitive for the rest of the season," Hovland said.

Kevin, Bobzien, Todd Duncan and Matthew Anderson will return to competition subsequent to Jan. 19, 1998.

Senior Mark Gole has decided not to return to the team.



Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

## The rock of many faces

The rocks outside the OC have worn the inscriptions, colors and mottos of many OU organizations throughout the years. Steve Roberts, left, and Wayne Beutler, right, of Theta Tau, fraternity of professional co-ed engineers, decorated the rock Monday to add yet another face.

## ARAMARK brings campus spring water

By KIM CONNELL and KATHY AMARO  
Staff Writer and Special Writer

Just when you thought you owned every item with OU logos, a new product is available so you can show your school spirit wherever you go.

For a mere \$1.37, you can impress your friends and relatives by owning your very own bottle of OU Natural Spring

Water. No, it's not bottled campus water from Beer Lake or genuine 'OU certified' water from a tap.

OU Natural Spring Water is actually bottled and shipped from the Aquapenn Springs in Aquapenn, Pennsylvania, and distributed on campus through ARAMARK.

ARAMARK is the contracted food service provider for OU.

The idea for OU spring

water is the brainchild of Matt Wiltron, ARAMARK retail director.

Wiltron noticed the sales of Aquafina bottled water in Pioneer Court and decided to pitch the idea of an OU brand of water to OU officials.

An informal committee was formed between Wiltron, Richard Fekel, OC director, Eleanor Reynolds, housing director, and Jack Wilson,

licensed professional counselor at the Meadow Brook Health and Enhancement center, to consider the project.

Wiltron said, after researching national bottling companies, ARAMARK narrowed the finalists down to a mere few. Aquapenn was eventually chosen

INVESTIGATION UPDATE

## OU delivers disciplinary sanctions

By LIDIJA MILIC  
Assistant News Editor

An OU investigation of the Oct. 18 on-campus party has resulted in disciplinary action against some swim team members.

The investigation consisted of interviews with the 89 individuals identified as having been at the party.

"We have finished our investigation with regard to the swim team, and the investigation of the remaining 53 individuals continues," said David Herman, dean of students and the official in charge of the investigation.

Thirty-six of the 49 current members of the men's and women's swim teams attended the party. Only 10 were of drinking age.

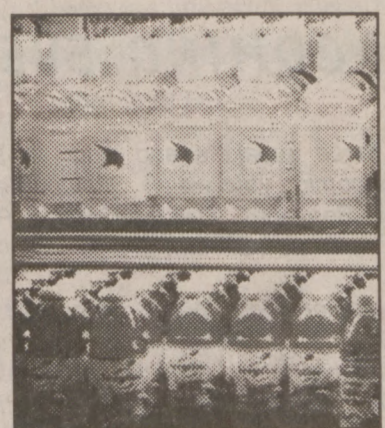
Herman said that of the 26 underage swimmers at the party, 22 consumed alcohol.

"The 22 have admitted that they were drinking underage, and have accepted full responsibility for their actions," Herman said.

The underage drinkers have been charged with unlawful use of alcoholic beverages on campus.

According to the OU ordinance, listed in the

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OU H<sub>2</sub>O: Bottled water promoting OU can be found in Pioneer court.

Post Photo/Jeanne Kirkaldy

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