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## NEWS on the EDGE

•The former President of Poland Lech Walesa speaks at 3 p.m., Friday at Meadow Brook Theatre.

•The 3rd Annual "Fall Swing Thing!" comes to campus 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, Gold Rooms, OC. The event is free and all are welcome. There will be free lessons by nationally renowned dancers, Adam Vallus and Melissa Brady from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

•The second "Coffee & Conversation" session hosted by St. John Fisher Sounding Board will be from noon-1 p.m., Nov. 6 in the Heritage Room, OC. The discussion hour is free and food will be supplied.

•The Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute's bone density screening day will take place 7 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Nov. 8. The institute reports that one out of three women and one out of eight males over 50 years old will develop osteoporosis. The cost is \$35, and appointments can be placed by calling 248.370.3198.

•Phi Sigma Sigma and Theta Chi fraternity are hosting a fund raising banquet for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Nov. 10. Tickets are available Oct. 29 - Nov. 9 for \$25 for students and faculty, \$35 all others.

•Tour China at 4 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Heritage Room, OC. The 2001 China Connection features guest speaker professor Richard Stamps and the China Study Tour Group. Admission is free but RSVPs are requested (deadline Oct. 24). Call 248.370.3700.

## Nevada cop fills chief job

### Garcia to replace Leonard

By Cara Plowman  
THE OAKLAND POST

As the campus waves goodbye to longtime director of police and materials management Richard Leonard, his replacement prepares to take over as the new chief for OU's police department.

Adam Garcia, who is currently finishing his short stint at The University of Nevada, Reno, will start at OU in November.

This is Garcia's second time working at OU. In 1979, he started as a patrol officer and worked here for two years.

Garcia has been working as the director of police services at U-N, Reno since February. Before that he was the director of public safety in the city of Center Line for almost three years. In 1998 he served as lieutenant for the Saginaw Police department and from 1981-1983 was deputy sheriff in Bartow, Florida.



Photo courtesy of U-N, Reno website  
Adam Garcia is the new police chief.

"I think Adam's got all the credentials," said Leonard. "He's got good interpersonal skills, seems to be upbeat and progressive... He's service-oriented, a real sharp guy."

A number of campus administrators were called upon to help in selecting a new director last month. Three subcommittees were set up to interview the four finalists. Representatives from the student affairs division, academic affairs, finance and administration, OUPD and the office of the president participated.

Since the chief of police works closely with the vice president for finance and administration, Lynne Schaefer was also pivotal during the interview process.

OU police officer Sheila MacDonald, who knew Garcia when he worked at OU 20 years ago, was on the OUPD subcommittee that interviewed Garcia on Sept. 26.

"We were quite impressed by his presentation," said MacDonald, who added that Garcia was the committee's number one choice. "He wants to make this a world class department at a world class university."

MacDonald said Garcia's ideas on improving the department are a key factor. Garcia hopes to improve on existing policies, hire more personnel, update technology and possibly add computers in patrol cars, according to MacDonald.

Garcia has also taught police administration classes since 1998. Starting at Delta College in University Center, MI, he then worked at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills and most recently at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno.

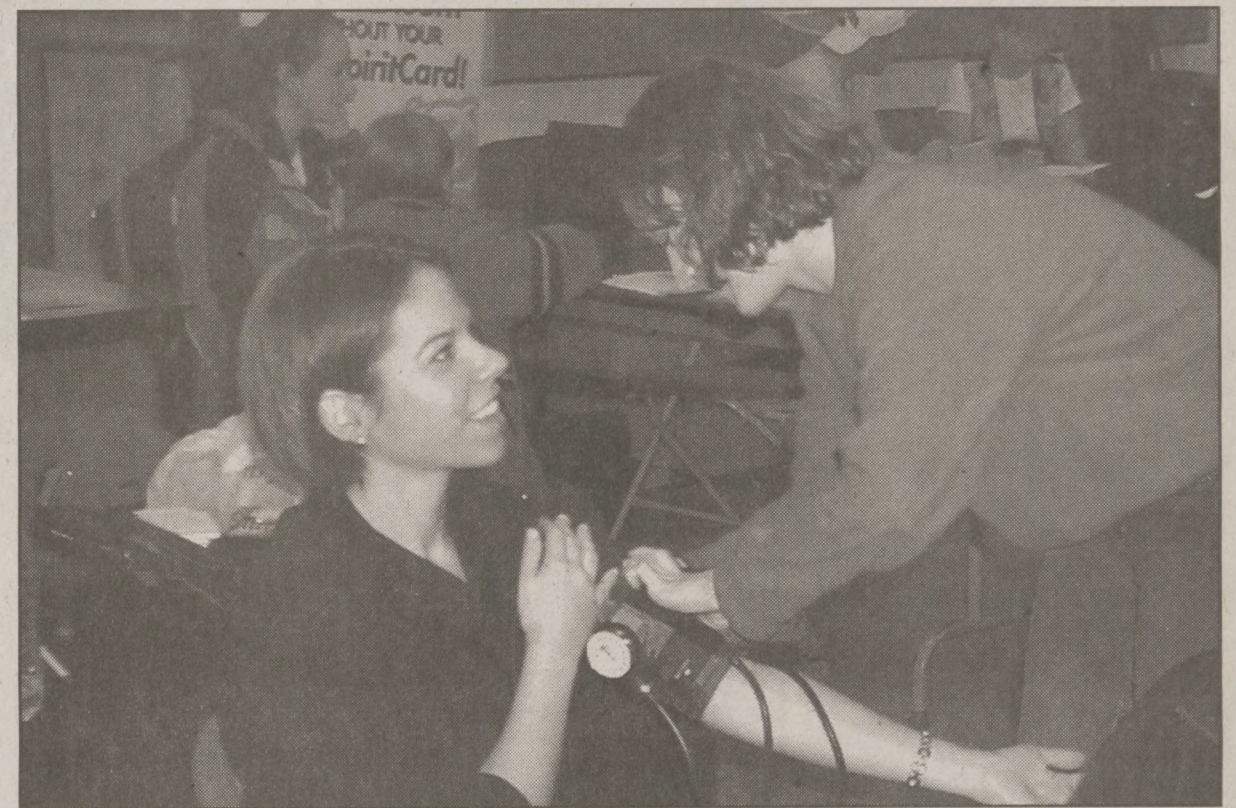
Associate professor of sociology Kevin Early hasn't ever met Garcia but spoke highly of his reputation.

"He comes highly recommended. He's got quite a reputation in law enforcement," said Early, who is also a criminologist. Early said some consider the department to be campus security and not a police force. He said he hopes Garcia will be able to move OUPD away from the stigma.

Exiting police Chief Leonard has been at OU for 24 years. His retirement plans include spending more time with his wife and grandchildren.

The only internal candidate for the director position was Lieutenant Mel Gilroy.

As of press time, Garcia had not returned any phone calls.



## Raising alcohol awareness

Part of OU's Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 19-25, students checked each other's blood pressure, tried out a pair of drunk driving goggles and learned more about staying sober and healthy at the Health & Fitness Fair yesterday. Other events planned include a Health Career Job Fair from 2-6 p.m., Wednesday, Gold Rooms, OC. From noon-1 p.m., Thursday, check out "The drinking game 'I never'" in the Fireside Lounge, and the "Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll" presentation 7 p.m., Thursday, in the Pioneer Food Court sponsored by Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Event organizers encourage students to abstain from drinking and be safe when they do choose to consume.

## Problems persist with OU webmail

By Lisa Cali  
MANAGING EDITOR

OU put new meaning to the phrase 'I got dumped' last Monday when many students, faculty and staff who have webmail accounts signed on to find their inboxes empty, due to a hardware failure in the university system.

According to director of Information Systems Theresa Rowe, the hardware that stores files, including email, preferences and statistics classes' information failed, making it impossible to access any information on that hardware. The failure affected OU email users most seriously, causing students and faculty who use Pine or webmail to lose everything in their inbox.

"We have people monitoring the system 24 hours per day, and I received a call at home on Monday around midnight," said Rowe. "We began Monday night and have been working around the clock to get the problem fixed."

The team that was formed to tackle the failure and re-create the system from the ground up began working with Compaq, the hardware vendor, significantly in the beginning but is now trying to solve the problem internally, according to the Information and Instructional Technology department.

Rowe said that IIT has received approximately 150 complaints, evenly split between students and faculty, but that the number of complaints was fewer than in

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## Nobel prize-winner Walesa speaks Friday

By Heather Clement  
THE OAKLAND POST

Lech Walesa, former President of Poland and 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner, will be coming to OU at 3 p.m., Friday Oct. 26 in the Meadow Brook Theatre to speak about the fall of communism in Eastern Europe.

The Student Life Lecture Board hosts the event, which is free to students and staff and \$15 for the general public. One of the organiz-

ers of the event, Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs for the Center for Student Activities, said Walesa was responsible for "almost single-handedly" abolishing communism in Poland.

Communism is a word that still strikes fear in many American minds and conjures up a government-run economic system that will inevitably fail.

This was the system in Poland

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Lech Walesa

## False anthrax findings reported to OUPD by two students last week

By Rachel Rybicki  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Heightened awareness of anthrax has caused OU to stay on its toes. There were two false cases of anthrax findings reported to

OU police last week.

Around 6:30 p.m., Oct. 16, in South Foundation Hall, a student saw what was described to OUPD as a white, powdered substance in the bathroom. Concerned that it was anthrax, the student talked to

OUPD, and officer Troy Scott went to the bathroom and saw the substance on the rim and on the inside of one of the sinks as well as above the sink.

The student was concerned about going home to his family

and called Scott, who directed the student to Lieutenant Mel Gilroy. Gilroy told Scott to tell the student to go home and that if he felt ill to go to a doctor.

Gilroy then went to the bathroom and attempted to clean up

the area. When he attempted to pick up the substance, it bubbled and was believed to be soap.

The next day, a different student purchased a candy bar from a

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