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Briefly ...

Students recognized for writing excellence

The Writing Excellence Awards Committee of the Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism has presented awards to nine OU students for outstanding achievement in writing. In the category of exposition and persuasion, Tristan Drive, Jennifer Gerjekian and Sheila Lyle were honored. Students Anita McCann and Heidi Willis received awards in the area of research and investigation, while Al Cook, David Salmonson and Curtis Kendall were lauded in the category of writing across the curriculum.

Aids lecture scheduled

Today at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Oakland Room, OU Student Congress will host an AIDS awareness presentation featuring Tammy Boccomino. There will be a brief lecture on AIDS, its transmission, and how to avoid becoming HIV positive. Snacks and refreshments.

Get the edge on exams

Trying to enter graduate school in 1993? Learn how to get the competitive edge for the MCAT, GMAT, GRE, and LSAT exams. Attend a free seminar at noon today in room 125 of the Oakland Center.

Depression seminar

Women of O.U.'s January Brown Bag Lunch Series presents "Depression After the Holidays" by Dr. Howard Freidman, from Havenwyck Hospital. Freidman will speak on the symptoms and depression from the professional as well as a daily practical point of view today in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center.

Cross-addictions group

If you've resolved to quit smoking this New Year, OU's Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute can help you reach your goal. Join in the upcoming Smoking Cessation group. This behavioral change program is also excellent for patch users who are concerned about cross-addictions. There will be six sessions from Jan. 21-28, 7-8 p.m.. Fee \$60. For registration information call 370-4021.

Eating Disorders?

Women's Studies is sponsoring a lecture by Marney Stone, MSW on "Culture, Body Image and the Development of Eating Disorders" on Thursday, Jan. 14 at noon in the Alcove of the North Crockery in the Oakland Center.

Alpha Four seminar

Alpha Four Users Group will be holding a computer seminar from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26 in Dodge Hall in room 232. They will be offering hands-on demonstration, sharing tips and answering questions. Call 370-4561.

Financial aid forms

The 1992-93 financial aid forms have arrived and are now available in the financial aid office located in North Foundation.

Patterson relinquishes seat on board

By ROBERT SNELL
Staff Writer

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced on New Years Day that he was stepping down from the OU Board of Trustees.

His resignation follows an investigation examining a potential conflict of interest with his new job.

In hopes of resolving the conflict, Patterson solicited the aid of John DeCarlo, OU's general counsel for the Board, to review the legal ramifications of serving both positions.

DeCarlo reviewed the case quoted a statute that deals specifically with incompatibility.

"There is an incompatibility statute and it provides that an individual cannot hold two offices," he said.

"There is a second or third provision, however, that indicates, also, one cannot serve in two public offices if serving would result in a breach of duty. To (Patterson's) credit, he's doing the honorable thing."

Patterson submitted his resignation to Governor Engler on Dec. 26. An official in Governor Engler's office said that Patterson's dual

position was more inappropriate than illegal.

"It is sort of like a conflict of interest," Director of Appointments Anne Mervenne said. "It's not a case of being illegal but of being more inappropriate to do both."

Mervenne cited the same statute in the law that addresses situations similar to Patterson's.

"It's a legal problem," she said. "There is a statute that deals with

incompatibility and because of that statute he felt he could not serve on both."

"The attorney general has said that one cannot serve two masters," DeCarlo said.

Patterson's approach to the situation drew praise from his fellow board members.

"It was a great gesture," board

a very good trustee but it could obviously have been a conflict of interest. I think it was a smart move.

"Many politicians will make moves that look good for themselves and I admire Brooks because he made decisions that weren't always politically correct, but was best for the University."

Board sources say that there has been discussion of granting Patterson status as a trustee Emeritus, a designation not awarded to former OU Trustee Phyllis Googasian. She had served longer on the board than Patterson.

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ABS march commands Packard's, attention

By KEN POWERS and
JOANNE GERSTNER
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During the Association of Black Students December 9 Unity Day rally, members and several students marched to President Sandra Packard's office to demand the establishment of an office of minority affairs.

According to several ABS members, the rally was primarily sparked by the problem of African-American students facing financial difficulties with the university.

Chaunci Wyche, ABS president, believes that OU needs an office of minority affairs to reach more students than ABS.

"We need an office that can help black students become more structured in terms of helping enhance their study habits and providing a leadership for them," she said.

Wyche said that she also sees the office as benefitting whites as well as blacks.

"I view the new office as an educational tool. It will help whites understand more about African-Americans and this will help the whole university community at large," Wyche said.

ABS Vice President Adrian McCall agrees with Wyche.

"The university needs to stress that the office will be a way of communicating and dealing with people because some students do not want to learn about each other's cultures," McCall said.

Administration has heard the concerns of the groups.

OU President Packard said, "I think that OU needs an office of multicultural relations because the students feel that they need it. As a matter of fact, I have thought about this office before ABS's rally," Packard said.

After the collection and analysis

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Heavy duty hauling



Snow removal machines take a well deserved break from hauling the dense deposits remaining from the weekend storm. More than seven inches of snow hit the Metro Detroit area Sunday night with freezing rain expected this morning.

Wilson meters expired

By TOM MULLIGAN
Staff Writer

Don't get too comfortable parking alongside Wilson Boulevard. The parking meters along the two rows are coming down, with only three meters to the left of North Foundation remaining. Once all the meters are gone, parking will no longer be allowed in the row by North Foundation and only special permit parking will be allowed on the Wilson side.

The parking changes are being done to make an easier drive through for delivery trucks going to Oakland Center, according to Dick Leonard, Chief of Public Safety. Leonard says the trucks "were having difficulty" turning into the loading dock with the meters up.

Leonard says the move does not mean a loss of parking places, as the spaces lost by the removal of the meters have been moved

into the short term parking lot in the back of Wilson, across from the Oakland Center.

The parking lines have recently been redrawn to accommodate extra spaces, with the first row going entirely to special permit parking. Special permit parking is generally parking privileges granted to VIP's, deliveries, job candidates, and other temporary personnel on campus.

However, Derek Wilczynski, OU Student Congress president, said taking the meters down is a bad move. He says he feels there are "too many spots taken up by vendors" already.

Although Leonard claims there is no loss of parking places, Wilczynski says the move is "symbolic" of the university's attitude towards the students, and their parking concerns.

"It just seems like they keep taking more and more parking

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Police get kick out of suspect

By BRYAN LUXON
Staff Writer

Shortly after midnight last Wednesday, OU Police were called to the front of Vandenberg Hall to check out a tan Ford Escort that had been honking its horn for nearly 10 minutes straight.

Upon arrival, Officer Roderick Sampson proceeded to question the driver, a nonstudent, 22-year-old Tamika Rae Pope of Detroit.

Telling the officers she was trying to get the attention of her brother, who was visiting inside the building, the officer returned to his patrol car to run a routine check

on the driver and vehicle.

The check showed two felony warrants had been issued for Pope's arrest by the East Pointe and Hazel Park Police Departments. One for failure to appear in court on a \$2500 bond, the other for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100.

While Pope was being cuffed and put into the squad car, her 20-year-old brother, Darnell Pope, also a nonstudent, arrived and became irate.

The officer attempted to calm and explain the situation to her brother to no avail. While attempting to leave the scene to transport

Tomika to the station for processing, Darnell kicked in a portion of the 1989 Chevrolet Caprice Classic passenger rear door, causing approximately \$500 in damage.

Upon arrival at the OUPD station, OU Police realized the extent of the damage and returned to Vandenberg to arrest Darnell for the commission of felony, destruction of police property.

A check also revealed that Darnell had an outstanding felony warrant issued by Detroit Police.

Darnell Pope attempted to elude officers but was captured while being hidden by occupants of a room in East Vandenberg.

Student robbed at gunpoint

By BRYAN LUXON
Staff Writer

It was approximately 10 p.m. when Erica Jones, an 18-year-old freshman resident of Hill House was on her way back to her dorm from the library when she felt a hand on her shoulder, a gun in her back, and a male voice saying, "I have a gun, don't turn around or I'll kill you."

Jones was on a sidewalk near O'Dowd Hall when the assailant abducted her and instructed her to walk into the loading dock area near the East entrance of O'Dowd.

"When we got into the loading dock area, he slammed me face first into the wall and told me not to turn around or he'd kill me," Jones said. "He took my pack off my back and shuffled through it finding some money I had there, then he frisked me to try and find more."

According to Jones, the assailant then went for her jewelry and when she nervously told him they were fake, he slapped her across the back of the face, knocking her down and said, "\$20...is that all you rich bitches from Rochester

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Committees double parked

By TOM MULLIGAN
Staff Writer

Parking remains a major concern on campus again this term, with two separate committees formed to study the problem.

The first committee, known as the Parking Action Committee, was formed last fall by OU Student Congress member Terry Flynn to pressure OU into addressing the parking gripes of students. Besides Flynn, the committee is made up of two other student leaders: Omari Thomas, sergeant-at-arms of the Association of Black Students, and Joel Gibson, president of Residence Halls Council.

Despite the prominence of the committee members, however, the committee has yet to be granted an audience with President Sandra Packard. Dr. Packard said she had received some letters from students concerned about parking last fall, so she has formed a committee to study the problem.

The committee is headed by Catherine Rush, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity. Packard said it is only an advisory committee and that any firm decisions will be made by Public Safety.

"These decisions are best made by students, faculty, and staff," Packard explained. "These are the people who have to live with their decisions."

This attitude bothers Flynn. He said he is "disappointed" in Dr. Packard's decision to let Public Safety set a firm parking policy. He said Public Safety tends to be insensitive towards students and that they issue too many tickets.

"I don't think President Packard has been here long enough to understand the student reaction to parking tickets, and the inflexibility of Public Safety," Flynn said.

But Rush says Packard is not avoiding the issue by forming the advisory committee, but is using it as "a mechanism for collecting information" on the problem.

"Dr. Packard did forward to me the correspondence," from Flynn's group, Rush stated, "and I'm confident that Dr. Packard will address these issues."

She went on to say that the first meeting of her committee will be held this Friday, and until then, it's hard to say what the exact role of the committee will be.

But Flynn's committee has come up with a series of proposals, in-

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OU Police's 1989 Caprice Classic door shows \$500 in damage