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•Today is the last day to donate blood at the OU Spring Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. Those interested can donate from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. For more information contact the Center for Student Activities at x2400 or log onto GiveLife.RedCross.org.

•Sigma Xi, the research society of OU, is sponsoring a public lecture on stem cell research by Dr. Derek Van der Kooy, Professor at University of Toledo. The lecture is at 4 p.m. on April 12 in 201 Dodge Hall.

•Student Life Lecture Board is bringing Jennifer Granholm, Michigan Attorney General, to campus tomorrow. She will be speaking at 3 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre. The lecture is free to all.

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Student dies of heart attack

By Nancy Chapman
THE OAKLAND POST

An OU student, Norma McEllen, died of heart failure last Thursday morning after she collapsed in a music class in Varner Hall. McEllen, a performing arts student, 44, of Shelby Township

passed out during her voice training class last week because of persistent heart problems.

OU police department Lieutenant Mel Gilroy and a Crittenton Hospital rescue unit arrived on the scene just after 10 a.m. Thursday to help resuscitate McEllen, who was unconscious

and not breathing. When they arrived, CPR was already being given by a College of Arts and Sciences staff member. McEllen responded to the CPR vomiting.

Kirchner, along with the rescue unit, tried to save McEllen as classmates waited and prayed outside the classroom in the hall.

OUPD cleared students and staff from the hallway to transport the patient to Crittenton Hospital and students were ushered into a conference room and reassured their classmate was in good care.

McEllen's heart stopped again enroute to Crittenton Hospital and she died.

The time of death was recorded at 10:47 a.m.

Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa J. Dragovic said, "An autopsy concluded that Mrs. McEllen died of congestive heart failure resulting from her ongoing

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Capitol trip draws largest group ever

Ninety show up for OU day in Lansing

By Ryan Schooley
THE OAKLAND POST

About 90 OU students, alumni and faculty participated in the annual OU Day at the Capitol last Wednesday, making it the largest group to attend the event since its inception in 1996.

Sponsored by the Office of Governmental Relations, Alumni Relations, the Office of the President, and Student Congress, this was the fifth year for the trip.

The day started at 7 a.m. as the group departed from campus to Lansing and lasted until 5 p.m. Students had a full day of activities including a luncheon attended by Michigan Representatives and a visit with Secretary of State Candice Miller.

The morning included a role-

playing game called "Congressional Insight," where students teamed up and created their own governmental policies.

Kimberly Langley, Legislative Affairs Director for Student Congress, explained that participants played the role of a certain representative, like Speaker of the House, and implemented policy decisions.

The policies were then run through a computer program, which evaluated their chances for re-election, the money raised and bills passed.

After that, there was a "luncheon with the representatives that allowed students to discuss issues important to them. If you wanted to meet your representative, you had the opportunity to," Langley said.

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GOING ALL THE WAY UP: The Office of Governmental Relations, Alumni Relations, the President and OUSC sponsored this year's OU Day at the Capitol trip.

Graham testing anxiety disorders

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

On Wednesday, April 11, Graham Health Center is holding anxiety screening sessions to provide OU students the opportunity to find out if they suffer from an anxiety disorder. The sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are free to all OU students.

On screening day, students will view a video on anxiety disorders and then answer an optional questionnaire relating to anxiety. Students will then meet with a counselor to privately discuss the results of the questionnaire.

Associate Director of Graham Counseling Center Bela Chopp said that free anxiety screening is important to have on college campuses because of students' high stress levels, especially around finals. There are 23 million people nationwide suffering from anxiety disorders, many who are college-age.

"This type of screening is going on nationally throughout the year. It is an educational program that hopes to raise awareness," Chopp said. "It is so important for people to realize these are legitimate problems and that there is help for those who may need it."

Chopp recognizes social anxiety as the most common anxiety disorder for college students. Social anxiety causes people to have such a tremendous fear of approaching others or attending gatherings that they isolate themselves and stay away from social activities. If severe enough, this type of disorder, along with many others, can lead to depression, Chopp said.

Graham Counseling Center offers students up to six free visits with a counselor, and \$10 per visit after that. In addition, it offers a list of referral options if students choose to seek help off campus.

Anxiety Disorders

Panic
Repeated episodes of intense fear

Obsessive-Compulsive
Recurrent, unwanted and uncontrollable thoughts, behaviors

Post-Traumatic Stress
Persistent symptoms such as depression, and anger experienced after a traumatic event

Generalized Anxiety
Constant, overpowering worrying and tension about life

OUSC revising bylaws for next administration

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Now that OU Student Congress has its elected members for next year, it is making revisions to the bylaws to set a strong foundation for future years.

The suggested changes to the bylaws were presented at Congress' Monday meeting, and legislators will vote on them after the second reading next week.

According to Student Body

President Adam Kochenderfer, OUSC experienced turmoil and witnessed abuse of power in past years, and the revision of certain bylaws is necessary to halt inconsistencies.

"We worked hard this year to improve on past Congress' procedures," Kochenderfer said. "Now it's time to make sure that it's carried on. We need to make Congress more responsible."

Included in the revisions are set procedures for terminating cabinet mem-

bers, mandatory office hours for cabinet members and specific procedures for presenting budgets to the legislature. In addition, Congress wants to make provisions to operate the office during the spring and summer terms if a budget is not passed.

"If we want to be a student government that is on par with other universities, we need to act on setting a foundation," Kochenderfer said.

Also at the meeting, Kochenderfer announced that the Pizza Hut in

Pioneer Food Court will be replaced by Noble Roman's and the transition will begin over the summer. Noble Roman's is planning to be operational by the beginning of the fall 2001 semester.

Student Body President Elect Derek Dickow announced that cabinet applications for the 2001-2002 school year are now available. Anyone who is interested should stop by the OUSC office to pick up an application.

Doctor entertains, advises audience

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Top 40 music played as a full crowd in the Pioneer food court waited to see the doctor. Their ailments weren't runny noses or aching backs but, instead, fear of intimacy, broken hearts and mysterious itches.

Just as the "Thong Song" ended a few minutes after 8 p.m., the lights went down and SPB ushered the well-dressed Dr. Drew Pinsky on stage.

Pinsky impressed students and parents last Friday when his college tour stopped at OU. Pinsky offered advice, answered audience questions and shared stories.

Thirty students had their questions answered by Pinsky. The questions ranged from drugs and eating disorders to penis size and voyeurism. One issue that was brought up a number of times was the recent school shootings.

Co-host of MTV's "Loveline" as well as the co-author of "The Dr. Drew and Adam Book" about love, STDs and other concerns young adults have, Pinsky started out talking about his early days in radio, how he became involved with "Loveline" 15 years ago, and how he met up with his co-host Adam Carolla.

"I lived in a neighborhood in southern California (in 1983) where there was this fledgling radio station

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THE DOCTOR IS IN: Dr. Drew Pinsky stopped by OU last week to talk about his experiences being co-host of "Loveline," which is on both TV and the radio.

RHC officers elected, ready to start terms

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

The results are in and the 2001-2002 Residence Halls Council officers begin their newly elected positions today.

Matt Badaczewski was elected president with 139 votes, Jennifer Phipps was voted as Secretary with 132 votes, and Ginger Thompson won the seat of Treasurer with a total of 140 votes. The biggest surprise of the election was Elizabeth Alger, a write in candidate who won the vice presidential position over Mike Ginger, the candidate on the ballot, by a vote of 75-73.

RHC elections were held on March 26 and 27 outside of the Vandenberg Dining Hall during meal hours. According to Desmond Van Houten, Residence Halls Council President for 2000-2001, 162 residence halls students voted in the election last week compared to 126 who voted in last year's election.

"I'm happy that the turnout was higher than last year and I hope it continues to grow in the future," said Van Houten.

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