

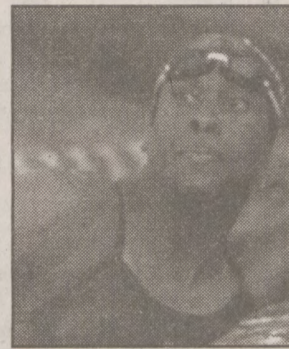
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He's got the world saying, "Hey Jude...!"

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Caribbean swimmer brings silver to OU

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NEWS on the EDGE

• Student Congress is looking for student representatives for its Senate committees. The committees help make decisions that affect the student body. Those who are interested, please contact Matthew Hudson, Legislative Affairs Director for OUSC at 370.4292.

• Thinking about a specific career? Want to get to know the right people to get your foot in the door or just give some people your resume? Come to the Placement and Career Services open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, in Fireside Lounge in the OC.

• A discussion panel will be held on "Successful Careers in Business Without a Business Degree." Check it out from noon until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Fireside Lounge located in the OC.

• Placement and Career Services will host the annual Career Fair at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Student Recreation and Athletic Center. Don't forget to bring your resume' and dress appropriately.

• Like to hike? Grab your boots, backpack and cozy socks and take a hike with St. John Fisher Center on their fall hiking retreat Sept. 21- Sept. 23.

• Catch the comedian Mike Rayburn at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 in Vandenberg Hall's Cafeteria.

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Parking issue continues

By **Cara Plowman**
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Getting to class has never been as hard for OU students as it was during the past two weeks. Even with an estimated 300 extra spots created to handle increased enrollment, students spent more time looking for spots and, in most cases, had to walk farther to get to class. Lack of adequate parking on campus was at the forefront of discussions at the Board of Trustees working meeting last Wednesday. At the formal meeting scheduled for Oct. 3, the Board plans to vote to hire an architect to begin work on the first of three possible multiple deck parking structures that could be erected on campus in the upcoming years.

The need for additional parking was identified during the fall 2000 semester after Walker Parking Consultants per-

formed studies on campus and made recommendations to improve parking over the next 20 years. Walker's report stated that there would be a 635 parking spot deficit by the year 2005 if no spaces are added and enrollment continues to grow. By the year 2020, it projected a 2,317 spot deficit. At the BOT meeting, Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer said the first parking deck could add 500 to 550 spaces and have two to four levels. The first possible location for the structure is plotted near the Rec Center and the lower playing fields. "We're monitoring the situation very closely and looking for alternatives," Schaefer said during the meeting. She pointed out that the BOT will vote next month to hire an architect who will begin playing with design ideas. It will not decide whether or not the parking structure will be built. That vote will come later.

The university asked 18 architectural firms to respond to requests for statements of interest and were narrowed down to nine by a selection committee who eventually settled on BEI Associates. According to OU Police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy, a record-breaking 571 parking tickets were written between Tuesday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 9. He said 380 parking tickets were issued during the same period last year. Even with two extra lots, one on the grass behind the Science and Engineering Building and one on the grass at the corner of Squirrel and Walton roads, 158 tickets were issued to cars parked in non-designated spots. Some frustrated students tried parking on the outside perimeters of lots, on the grass and at the ends of isles. "We've got more cars than we've got parking spaces. The additional students have maxed us out," said Gilroy, who added that parking has never been as bad

as it was during welcome week. Gilroy said OUPD had extra officers working throughout welcome week and into week two of classes. Officers regulated parking flow into the main lot, checked for meter violations and directed traffic. "We are enforcing the parking regulations. You may only park in designated areas. You can't create your own," Gilroy said. "We're not the heartless bastards people think we are." Gilroy said parking congestion usually settles down after the first few weeks of school, partly because some students drop classes or spend less time on campus, opening up more spots. If a structure is ever approved, the university proposes to pay for the construction and maintenance by increasing the general service fee by \$15. In 1996, the Board decided to add 1,000 extra spots around campus. Currently, only 890 new spaces have been created.

Crowded halls create need for waiting list

By **Michael Hoskins**
 LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

As the number of OU students increases, reaching more than 15,235 last year, many facilities like parking and food lines have been filled to capacity this year, often overcrowded and driving students to the point of anger. University housing has joined the crowd, as well, filling all of its rooms and creating the need for a waiting list of students interested in dorm life. "The dorms are filled to capacity," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing. "The rooms are occupied and every year there's an evolving list of people that want a room. Currently, 17 students are waiting for a room placement. "By the end of this week, everyone on that list should

be placed," she added. Reynolds said that before the school year begins and contracts begin to be turned in and terminated, a maximum of 100 students are on the list. The capacity of dorm residents reflects a significant change in the past few years. Senior Mario Macandog, health sciences, is in his fifth year of living in the residence halls. "During my first year, there were a lot of rooms that were hardly filled," he said. "The number of single rooms have seemed to decrease over the years, too." A student who wishes to live in a single room must pay an \$830 premium each year, \$415 per semester. In Hill House, all 99 rooms are single, and another 47 single rooms are spread out around campus in the other residence halls.

Giving life

to our family in New York



GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE: Students, faculty and staff sit and wait to give blood for the American Red Cross. There was a high demand for blood because of the recent events in New York.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Showers in dorm causes problems, ER trip



SCRUBBING PLASTER: Recent problems with the dorm showers have caused a trip to the ER.

By **Rachel Rybicki & Marc Hankins**
 CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR & ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For sophomore Shanta Irving, what was supposed to be a relaxing shower on the evening of Sept. 5 turned into an unexpected ordeal of pain and surprise, when she said she suffered an injury when a particle reportedly fell out of her Hamlin Hall dorm showerhead and became lodged in her eye. Sha'Rhonda Myles, Irving's roommate said that she ran naked from the bathroom screaming in distress. Myles immediately call 911. OU police and EMS arrived quickly on the scene, and began to administer first aid by flushing out Irving's eye.

"I thought she just had soap in her eye" said Myles, but upon closer inspection she saw what appeared to be some "clear stuff and rust." Soon after, Irving was taken to Crittenton Hospital in Rochester where she had dye injected into her eye, and was also given antibiotics and a tetanus shot. Director of University Housing, Eleanor Reynolds was aware of most of the injury and said, "In any situation where a student was injured, we ask them to provide information for us." Reynolds spoke with Irving the next day about what had happened. "I was concerned about her, I know her," said Reynolds, who also obtained a hospital

report from Irving and asked her what medications she would be using as a result of what happened to her eye. Reynolds said the dorm showerheads have a "small spray" that does not put out water with a lot of pressure. She said OU is "reviewing the hospital report and the reports of staff in the area" to attempt to determine what exactly happened to Irving. The showerhead in question was replaced with a new one after Reynolds heard of what allegedly happened. However, she remains unconvinced that things happened the way Irving said they did. "We don't know exactly what occurred," said Reynolds. When asked if she thinks

that the showerhead was the source of what caused the need for Irving to seek medical attention for her eye, Reynolds replied that she was "not convinced it did." Four days after the incident, Irving said she had to go back to the hospital because her eye "got bad," and she still has to wear an eye patch. She said her vision is "really blurry" and that she can only distorted figures out of the injured eye. She is currently using five types of eye-drops and two ointments for her eye, as well as taking pain medication. When asked if Irving plans to pursue action against the university, she replied that she "wanted to see what the school would do" regarding

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