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Campus News

Online harassment is a new form of crime plaguing internet users. OUPD reports online harassment has also been affecting the OU community. •A3

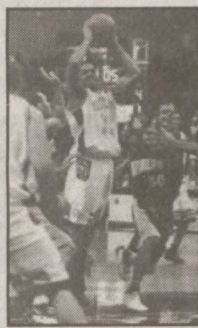
Campus Life

A second installment of Welcome Week is going on right now. •B3



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Men lose to Valpo by three to record their 11th straight loss. •B1



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Captured

BY LAURA ANGUS
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Two Detroit men have been arrested and arraigned for an armed robbery that took place on OU's campus last month.

At about 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 2, two subjects entered an OU dorm room and asked to use the phone, said

OU's Police Department (OUPD) Chief Samuel Lucido. The men returned and robbed the resident ten minutes later.

Lucido said the student was restrained, and the men took a laptop computer, a cell phone and other items.

"This was a crime of opportunity," said Lucido.

Within 24 hours of the crime, Auburn Hills Police Department helped make composite sketches of the suspects which were posted around campus and in the local media.

These composites led to "quite a few" tips, said Lucido.

OUPD officers apprehended the first

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Laura Angus/The Oakland Post
Carly Russell, sophomore, lets herself into Fitzgerald House. Due to the armed robbery that occurred last month, security is tighter in Anibal, Fitzgerald, Hill and Van Wagoner Houses.

Tragic end to 'intense' life

BY REBECCA WYATT
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While many students were studying for finals and preparing for Winter break, others were dealing with the loss of a friend and loved one.

Noah Lakin, sophomore psychology major, was killed when his car skidded on an icy patch of road on Dec. 13 in Auburn Hills.

He is remembered by those who knew him as 'a legend.' A man, his friend and OU sophomore, Danny Lewkowicz called "Noah the Great" in a poem he wrote for Mr. Lakin's funeral.

"Noah was exuberant, high spirited and extremely intelligent," said his mother, Cecilia Lakin. "He pushed himself physically."

She said Mr. Lakin enjoyed skydiving and snowboarding and he could turn a back flip from a standing position.

Lewkowicz said that is how he met Mr. Lakin. In 1998, they had a high school speech class together. They were asked to demonstrate something and Lewkowicz said Mr. Lakin went up on stage and did a backflip.

He said Mr. Lakin was "Mr. Intensity," and that was proven by the things they did, including walking around town dressed up one night, for no reason in particular.

Mr. Lakin was the third member of his immediate family to attend OU. While he was a psychology major he had recently started taking theater classes at OU, and his mother said he was really enjoying it.

"He had made a really nice group of friends at OU," Lakin said. "He really enjoyed being with them."

Mr. Lakin recently joined the Honors College and was highly involved with organizing the Euchre Tournament the college was planning on hosting.

Now the students in the Honors College are planning on using the tournament to honor him. Every year when the tournament is held, the proceeds will go to a scholarship in Mr. Lakin's memory.

The tournament is scheduled to be held in late February or March.

"Noah was very present in the Honors College. He was here almost every day," said Dawn Deitsch, administrative secretary in the Honors



Photo courtesy of Cecilia Lakin
Noah Lakin, sophomore, was killed in a car accident Dec. 13. He was heavily involved with the Honors College.

College. "We miss him a lot."

Outside of OU, Mr. Lakin spent his time working at Boyne County Sports, cooking and reading.

He had recently been reading up on wine, inspired by his father's career in the wine industry.

Lewkowicz said Mr. Lakin had recently been practicing break dancing, a skill he was able to show off at the Fall Ball at Meadow Brook Hall.

"By the end of the song, we were in a groove, and I got one thing to say Noah, 'I like the way you move,'" Lewkowicz wrote in the poem.

According to Lewkowicz, the death of his friend reminds him just how precious and fragile life is, and how much of an impact Mr. Lakin made on his life.

He said while he is starting the semester off without his friend, Mr. Lakin will always impact his thoughts, his actions and his ideals in life.

Lakin said she was so proud of the number of people who attended the funeral, people who she didn't even know he knew, and said he was such a polite man.

At the luncheon after the funeral, Lakin said people told stories about Noah for more than two hours. She said it gave Mr. Lakin the chance to have his dream of becoming a legend, at least for the day.

"He was a handful, but—wow—he was a character. He was an unforgettable person," Lakin said.

Bid farewell to break



Student Affairs greeted students to the new semester by handing out free donuts, cider, hot chocolate and information to students yesterday as part of Welcome Week II.

The first Welcome Week was held in September, and this time, the week hold events designed to help students kick-off the winter semester.

For a rundown of the week, including a story on the Association of Black Students' Ice Breaker II dance and the featured Friday Night Live comedian, see B3.

OU earns top honors

BY LOREEN BAHRI
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OU has often been overshadowed by the bigger schools in the state, but lately, it has been gaining national attention.

OU's Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia has been picked as sixth in the United States in the 2004 edition of "U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools."

In addition, OU was ranked as one of the top 20 most underrated schools in the U.S. by the "The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges" 2004 edition.

This year, The Carnegie Foundation also acknowledged OU for its "Doctoral/Research University-Intensive" and for OU's strong commitment to graduate education through doctoral programs.

The Foundation is a primary research center for policy studies about teaching and is national and international.

OU has gained recognition over the years. It received positive attention in the past by "The Princeton Review," which named OU in its first edition of "The Best Midwestern Colleges, 150 Great Schools to Consider"

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Searching for a new home

Students have resources when deciding where to live after college

BY SARAH CULVER
THE OAKLAND POST

The day when students have to "grow-up," get a job, move out and decide what they want to do with their lives is looming, no matter what their grade level.

For many students, those thoughts pose a fundamental question, "Do I really want to stay in Michigan?"

Antonio Augustyniak, a sophomore majoring in human resources, knows his answer to that.

"I'd rather move out of the country and get a job, something on an international basis. I've been to Europe

four times and really like it," he said.

Augustyniak plans on finding a job in Michigan until he has an opportunity to take an international assignment.

Joanne Duybash, career experience secretary at OU's Career Services said students frequently come in and inquire about jobs offered outside Michigan. She said OU's e-Recruiting connects to a national job bank and students can view listings posted across the country.

For many others the question is answered by circumstance, rather than a desire

to move out of state.

"I couldn't leave my family. I am going to be certified as a teacher in Michigan and wouldn't be certified anywhere else. But, if I were to move, it would be to somewhere warm, like Florida," said Lindsay Boose, junior.

For many people, money is an important concern in determining whether to move to a new city or state.

"I also think the cost of living would affect my decision to stay or move. The cost of living here is a lot higher, even than in Macomb County. The salaries would not compare," said Boose

The Internet offers many resources that measure the cost of living by determining how much more or less expensive it is to live in a particular city. The city also may be rated in a number of different categories including housing, health, food and transportation.

In most cases, a salary, home and destination state is needed to calculate the approximate cost of living.

If a user does not know an approximate salary, some Web sites also offer a salary calculator. The salary calculator can also be helpful in

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