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Jury decrees Schultz guilty

By ERIKA MILLER
Staff Writer

OU student Valerie Schultz, 19, reacted to her guilty verdict on alcohol-related charges at Tuesday's trial with the same detached poise that police officers described of her at the scene of the three-car crash in October that killed her passenger, OU student Jonnathan Thomas.

Schultz was found guilty by a jury of two women and four men on two charges: operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and having an unlawful blood alcohol level (0.10 percent or more).

Unlike Christopher Knoche, Schultz was not charged with negligence causing a death while driving. Knoche is still awaiting trial.

Judge Ralph Nelson of the 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills continued her bond from an earlier arraignment, assigned her for an alcohol assessment, and suspended her driver's license for 24 months.

The suspension will be reviewed at her sentencing scheduled for 8:15 a.m., April 9.

Schultz sat expressionless throughout the day in court. Auburn Hills police officers offered the sole testimony regarding Schultz' condition during the early morning hours of October 19.

Police found Schultz standing with Knoche at the accident scene on the corner of Walton and Dexter, where one car was engulfed in flames in the middle of the road and hers was rolled over.

"She didn't appear disoriented," said Auburn Hills police officer Craig Medon. "She was standing steady, no stupor, no profanity."

Another officer testified that he could smell alcohol on Schultz.

Also, twenty-two-ounce bottles of beer were found inside and around her car.

Schultz' attorney, Ron Schilling, defended her on the grounds that the results (.10 and .11 percent) of two DataMaster breath tests administered to her up to 90 minutes after the crash did not relate back to the time she was driving.

He also described her composure at the accident as not typical of drunkenness.

"She is not charged with causing the accident," Schilling said. "Valerie's paying the price

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Robbery raises little concern

By ANDREA NOBILE
Sports Editor

Posted notification of a Jan. 7 armed robbery at OU garnered almost no discussion from faculty, staff, and students about campus crime.

"There's been so little reaction to this event. It's just kind of drifted in and drifted out," said OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy.

Junior Lisa Valentine, journalism, was five minutes away from being the eventual victim. "Actually, I was very surprised (to see the time of the incident on the posted sign), because I just happened to be walking on that path five minutes before the robber, actually happened. It was kind of an eye-opener," she said.

"That's not a really well lit area. I've noticed that at night," Valentine said.

At approximately 10 p.m. on Jan. 7, a male reportedly approached a female student walking near the northwest side of Fitzgerald House. The woman told police the man was wearing a black ski mask, black gloves and a black jacket.

According to police reports, the man told the woman he had a gun, although the woman never saw it.

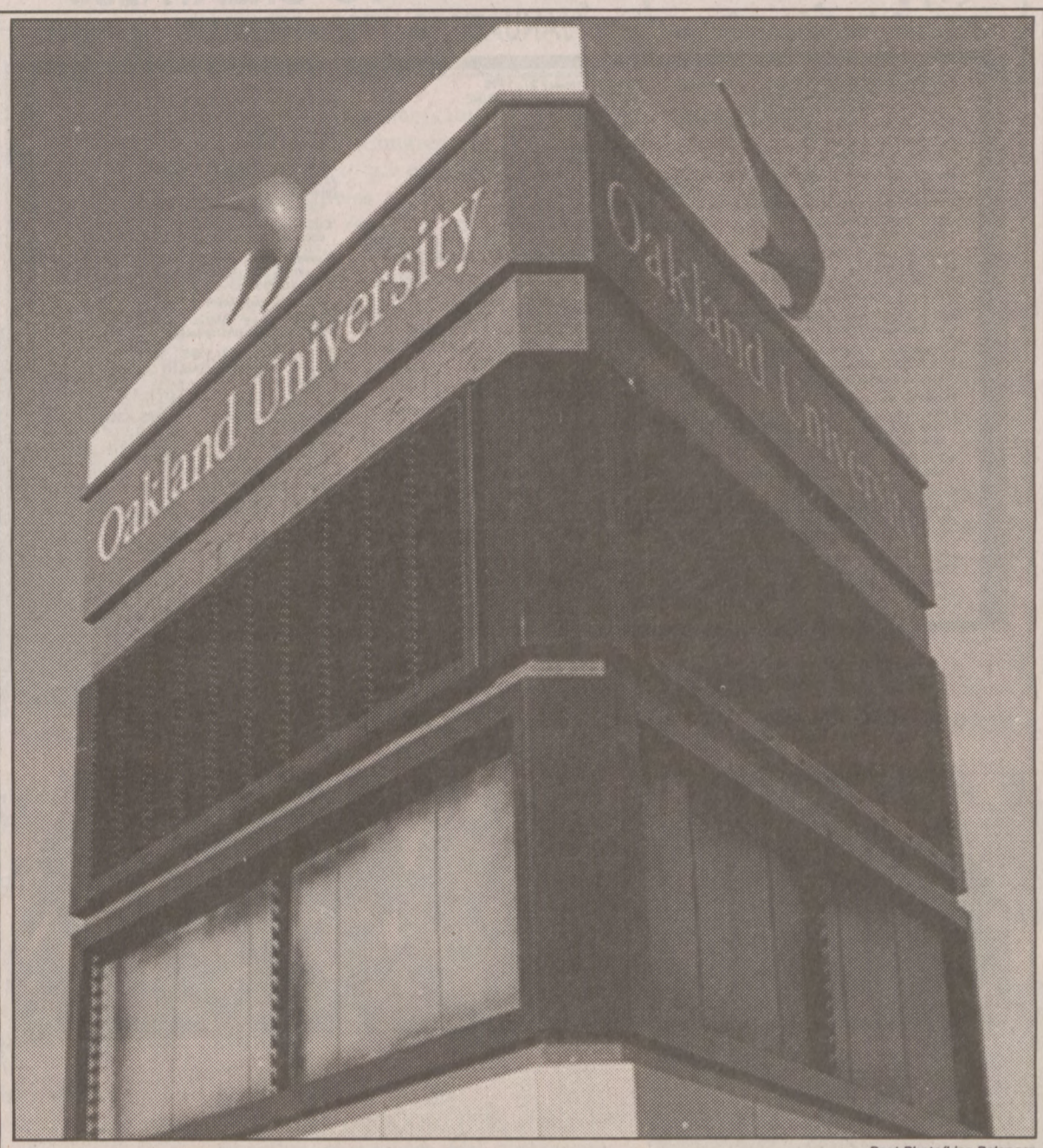
This armed robbery, classified as a violent crime, is the first of its type for 1998.

The OU community is notified of crimes like these under the federal 1991 "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act."

According to the posted notification, "Universities are required to inform the campus community of certain crimes that may be a threat to students and employees."

OU hasn't seen much crime of this stature in recent years, Gilroy said. Another occurrence of a violent crime was the 1995 attack on Mathematics Professor Stewart Wang, who was severely

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Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

OU announces events to passers-by

The new sign on the corner of Walton and Adams is OU's newest electronic message center, expected to be hooked up in the next few weeks. It will display university information on sports, arts, and important dates.

Student assault with knife; residence student arrested

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY and LIDIJA MILIC
News Editor and Assistant News Editor

Monday evening another alleged assault marred life in Van Wagoner Hall. It was the second reported felonious assault on campus in two weeks.

According to OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy, the alleged incident occurred about 7:30 p.m. between two women. Both are residence halls students.

The alleged attacker, Carlissa Nelson, was charged with felonious assault and pleaded not guilty at Tuesday's arraignment before Magistrate Robert Badgley.

According to Gilroy, the two women have a history of disputing.

The victim, a resident of East Vandenberg Hall, was apparently visiting a friend in Van Wagoner, where Nelson also lives.

The victim and Nelson had another confrontation in the friend's room, exchanging harsh words.

The police report states that as the argument became heated, the two women engaged in a physical fight.

The victim told police Nelson hit her in the face, but it was some time before she realized she

was cut. Nelson allegedly used a folding knife with a four-inch blade.

Gilroy said she apparently already had it open at the time of the argument.

"She brought it along with her and (was) ready," he said.

Gilroy also said this indicates intent to harm on behalf of the alleged attacker.

By the time police responded to the call, which apparently was phoned from the friend's room, Nelson had left.

She was later found and arrested at Crittenton Hospital, where she went after the incident.

Gilroy said Nelson had no apparent injuries.

The victim went to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital on her own. She had a three-inch laceration above her eye and a two-inch cut on her forearm, which Gilroy described as a "typical defense wound."

Gilroy said felonious assault carries a sentence of up to four years.

Nelson's preliminary exam is scheduled for Feb. 19 at the 52nd District Court in Rochester, before Judge James Sheehy.

Schmitz relocates to campus health center

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

Graham Heath Center has a new, but familiar, face roaming around its building these days, Nancy Schmitz.

Although, Schmitz is not new to campus, she was recently named director of the Health and Counseling Center.

Schmitz has been a member of OU's administration since August 1983. She first served as coordinator of student organizations before becoming assistant dean of students for nine years.

"It was very hard leaving the dean of students office," she said.

However, she is looking forward to her new position.

"It was an internal transfer within the university," said Schmitz. "It is truly a growth opportunity."

For the past six months, Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder had been acting as director on an interim basis until a permanent director was found. Snyder said she decided to take on the responsibility in order to get a better feel for what the direc-

tor's position entailed.

"Nancy has an outstanding record of working with students for the past 14 years," Snyder said.

Snyder said since Schmitz has handled every conceivable type of student crisis situations, coupled with her counseling education and background, these qualities made her an excellent candidate for the position. Snyder appointed Schmitz on Jan. 12.

Bella Chopp, clinical director of Graham Health Center, agreed.

"(We've) consulted about

students quite frequently (through the years), she said. "Her counseling expertise will be a great asset when a crisis occurs." Chopp added, "I'm excited to work with her in a much closer capacity."

Although still getting into the swing of things in her new position, Schmitz is no stranger to OU or working in the health services.

"My interest in student affairs started with involvement in my undergraduate years," she said.

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Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

MOVIN' UP: Nancy Schmitz was appointed as director of the GHC.

**"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD:
LAYING DOWN FOUNDATIONS
TO GREATNESS"
JANUARY 19, 1998 - FEBRUARY 19, 1998**

<p>TRIP TO GHANA, AFRICA Departure: Thursday, February 19, 1998 Returning: Wednesday, February 25, 1998</p> <p>Saturday, January 10, 1998 GOSPEL EXPLOSION '98 8:00pm, Yamer Recital Hall</p> <p>Monday, January 19, 1998 MLK MARCH & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY 12:00noon, Vandenberg Hall & OC Gold Rooms</p> <p>UNITY DAY & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL 7:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center</p> <p>Tuesday, January 20, 1998 COLLEGE BOWL: TEST YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE 8:00pm, Oakland Rooms</p> <p>MST PLAY: THUNDER KNOCKING ON THE DOOR 8:00pm, Meadow Brook Theater</p> <p>Wednesday, January 21, 1998 SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR 11:00am-3:00pm, Oakland Center</p> <p>Thursday, January 22, 1998 ENDING RACISM: WORKING FOR A RACISM FREE 21ST CENTURY 12:00noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center</p> <p>SOUL FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA 7:30pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center</p> <p>Saturday, January 24, 1998 LITERATURE BY AFRICANS IN DIASPORA FOR YOUNGER AND OLDER CHILDREN 9:00am-12:00pm, 110 O'Dowd Hall</p> <p>Monday, January 26, 1998 STORYTELLERS: ALMA GREER & IVORY WILLIAMS 12:00noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 27, 1998 NAME THAT MOTOWN TUNE & DIVERSITY TRIVIA GAME 10:00pm, Hamlin Lounge</p> <p>COMEDY HIP HOP SHOW Wednesday, January 28, 1998 7:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center</p> <p>HARPIST/STORYTELLER 8:00pm-3:30pm, Yamer Recital Hall</p> <p>Thursday, January 29, 1998 SPEAKER: DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON, AUTHOR OF "BETWEEN GOD AND GHANGSTA RAP" 3:00pm, Yamer Recital Hall Admission will be charged.</p> <p>Monday, February 2, 1998 TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE 9:00am-4:00pm, Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center</p> <p>MULTICULTURAL FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR 8:00pm-11:00pm, Hamlin Lounge</p> <p>Tuesday, February 3, 1998 NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON RACE 12:00noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center</p> <p>AFRICAN-AMERICAN MOCK WEDDING 6:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center</p> <p>Wednesday, February 4, 1998 HEALTH AWARENESS DAY 1:00pm-12:30pm, Heritage & Oakland Rooms, Oakland Center</p> <p>MALE/FEMALE CONFERENCE 6:00pm, Oakland Rooms 125-130, Oakland Center</p> <p>Friday, February 6, 1998 SPEAKER: COCO, WJLB RADIO 8:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center</p> <p>BLACK UNITY DANCE 9:00pm-1:00am, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center</p>	<p>Monday, February 9, 1998 BLACK & WHITE: ROLE REVERSALS Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Early, Assoc. Professor of Sociology 10:00pm, Hamlin Lounge</p> <p>Wednesday, February 11, 1998 AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION DINNER SPECIAL 4:30pm-7:00pm, Vandenberg Dining Hall</p> <p>"CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS" DANCE CONCERT 6:30pm-8:30pm, Yamer Recital Hall</p> <p>Thursday, February 12, 1998 "SHAPING INFLUENCE: FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TO NOW" 12:00pm, Oakland Room</p> <p>"LONG WAY UP" PANEL DISCUSSION 3:00pm-5:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center</p> <p>Friday, February 13, 1998 "ALL THE WAY LIVE" TALENT SHOW 7:00pm, Location TBA</p> <p>Monday, February 16, 1998 SPEAKER: HONORABLE DENNIS ARCHER, MAYOR OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN "From This Day Forward: Laying Down Foundations To Greatness" 8:00pm, Meadow Brook Theater</p> <p>PLAY: "LEARNING FROM THE PAST TO ENGINEER THE FUTURE" 6:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center</p> <p>Tuesday, February 17, 1998 INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW 7:00pm, Location TBA</p> <p>Thursday, February 19, 1998 "KEEPER OF THE DREAM" BANQUET 6:00pm, Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion</p>
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**African-American Celebration Month
Calendar of Events
Oakland University**



**Student Employment
Opportunities...**

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| lifeguards | fitness attendants |
| office assistants | membership marketing |
| welcome center staff | building supervisors |
| aerobic instructors | equipment room monitors |
| sport officials | sport supervisors |

**Recruiting
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for Campus Recreation
Student Staff**

Stop by the Oakland Center
tables to pick-up an application:

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| February 16 | 11am-1pm |
| February 17 | 11am-7pm |
| March 2,3,4,5 | 11am-7pm |
| March 17 | 11am-7pm |

Information Sessions
will be held in the OC
March 10th - 18th.

The Management Team
will be present to discuss job
opportunities, meet applicants
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For more information, contact
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Early application deadline March 19th.

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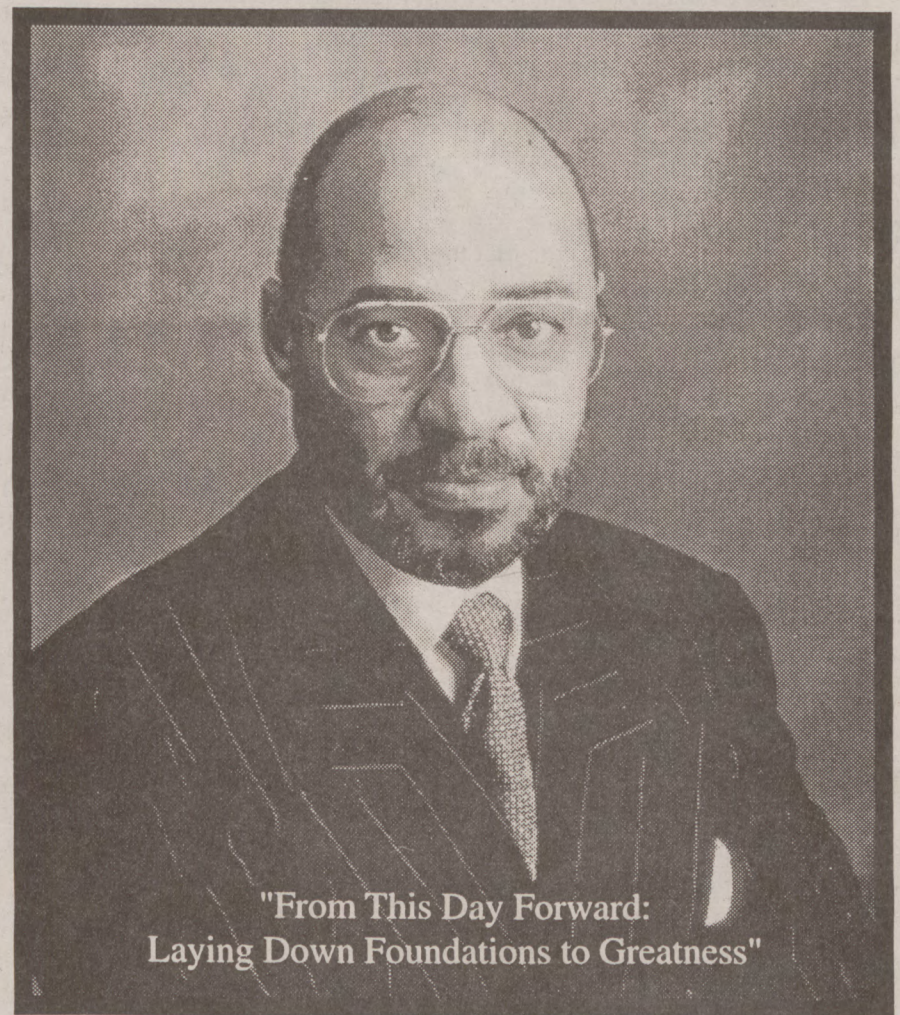
**"Understanding your
Student Organization Account"
February 18, 1998
3:00 p.m. in 128 Oakland Center**

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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESENTS
THE 1997-98 STUDENT LIFE LECTURE SERIES

Mayor Dennis Archer



"From This Day Forward:
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Monday, February 16, 1998
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No Admission Fee!

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Presented by the Student Life Lecture Board, University Student Congress and the Student Program Board
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