

OU celebrates its spirit

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As a commuter school, students and organizations at OU have to work to build school pride. One of the biggest school-pride boosting events at OU is the Week of Champions at Oakland University (WOCO).

The ninth annual week-long festival is crammed with activities leading up to what some students call the biggest athletic event at OU.

Chad Roman, senior, said he likes the WOCO events and plans to take part in them for his fourth year.

"It's a really fun week. I've liked it in the past," Roman said. "The whole week boosts school spirit and gets everyone pumped for the season."

WOCO kicked-off Monday with Matilda Wilson's 120th Birthday Bash. Students celebrated in the Food Court by eating cake and ice cream and listening to a live band.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities (CSA), said they had to make some changes to WOCO this year.

"The appreciation dinner was dropped and the live band was brought in instead," she said. "We also aren't giving away T-shirts this year, but we have the bandanas."

On Tuesday, OU hosted its own "Arts, Beats and Eats" Festival in the Fireside Lounge. Students took part in artsy activities like sand art and bead making.

Today is Student Organizations' Day. Tables will be set up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Hallway of the Oakland Center (OC) and the Fireside Lounge so students can meet, greet and sign up for OU student organizations.

Tomorrow, the "For The Roar 2004" campaign is hosting a rally from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Hamlin Courtyard. All students are invited to the rally for free food, live music and to learn more about the student-sponsored campaign to raise money for a Grizzly statue.

The Association of Black Students (ABS) and the Student Program Board (SPB) are hosting a talent show at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Banquet Room of the OC.

The festivities continue Friday with an 8-Ball Tournament at Bumpers at noon downstairs in the OC, women's volleyball game at 7 p.m. in the O'Rena and Friday Night Live with Dustin Diamond at 7 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center.

The pre-party to the biggest event of the week, Midnight Madnezz, starts at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center.

Midnight Madnezz Rockin' Eve boasts a toga contest, showing of "Animal House," a pizza break and more.

The Midnight Madnezz line-up starts at 10:30 p.m. outside the Rec Center with free Blues Brothers Sunglasses for the first 500 people in line.

Midnight Madnezz is junior Steve Holly's favorite part of the week.



"It's cool that we support our basketball team since we don't have a football team," he said. "It's nice to have a team to cheer on."

According to Miller, the fifth annual Midnight Madnezz promises to be better than ever with the second annual student versus faculty basketball game, free T-shirts, a chance to win a Winter Semester 2004 Tuition Scholarship, performances by "The Blues Brothers" and a big surprise announcement.

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Above: The band Poor Boy Music, or PBM, performs at the WOCO Kick-off.

Right: Students take part in OU's version of 'Arts, Beats and Eats.'



Every vote counts

On Friday, OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) voted 222-138 in favor of ratifying the tentative contract reached with OU in August.

Joel Russell, professor of chemistry and president of OU's AAUP said there were 360 valid votes turned in, and 6 were submitted either unsealed or empty.

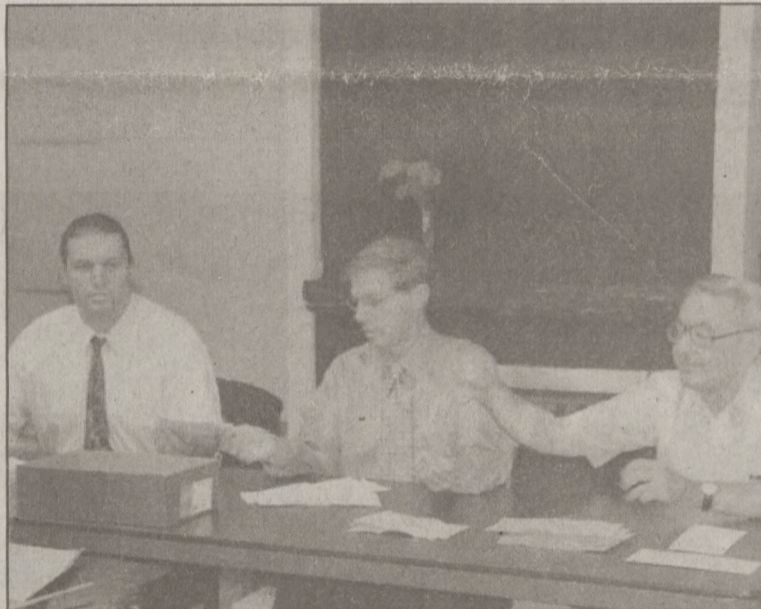
"There were a lot of people recommending a 'no' vote, so there was some risk" of it failing, said Russell.

He said the AAUP voting in favor

of the contract is an "excellent thing" in light of the state's economic situation.

He also said there are very positive things in the non-economic areas of the contract that would be hard to retain.

Now, the tentative contract will move to OU's Board of Trustees to



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AAUP officials count the AAUP votes Thursday. The next step is for the contract to pass the Board of Trustees.

vote on it during the meeting on Nov. 5.

-LAURA ANGUS
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OUSC revises time limit

By VIRGINIE PEROV
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Student Congress (OUSC) seems to be playing a game of passes and revokes.

At Monday's meeting, the ball went to Legislator Jeremy Kopp, senior, who proposed to remove the 60 minute time limit on OUSC meetings, which was adopted only last week by Congress.

Kopp argued such a limit represents a disserv-

ice to the student body by preventing the agenda from being completed.

Newly appointed Legislator and sophomore, Michael McGuinness, said he recognized the importance of coming prepared to the meetings but reaffirmed the role of the OUSC as working for the students.

"It's important that the gallery understands the discussion behind the resolutions," McGuinness said.

When the meeting ended, frustration was tangible.

"Let's put thought into things," said Jim Gammicchia, OUSC director of Financial Affairs. "Nothing got anywhere. It's going in a circle."

OUSC President Jonathan Parks, junior, also wanted to move on. "Until we work together, there is nothing that can get done," said Parks.

In other business:
• Legislator and

Disciplinary Committee Chair Jeff Galecki, senior, did the first reading for a bill aimed to alter the OUSC by-laws.

• A resolution brought by Legislator Mario Hagar, sophomore, that concerned the establishment of a Constitutional Commission that would review the Student Congress Constitution currently in place was tabled after debate.

The text of the resolution
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Student body urged to 'write' tuition wrongs

By REBECCA WYATT
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OU Student Body Vice-President Kenton Lewis, senior, is trying to get students to jump on a letter writing bandwagon intended to channel more money to education.

The mission is lead by Northern Michigan University (NMU) Student Body president Kyle Ortiz. He and the NMU student government have set up a Web site, www.helphigher.org which is accepting letters from college students, professors, parents and alumni to send to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state representatives in response to the recent tuition increases.

The site was started by Ortiz as a way for those who have to pay for school to speak out about the tuition increases.

"We've seen quite a few students this year who weren't able to go to school," Ortiz said.

According to Ortiz, it is expected that more budget cut announcements will be made in November.

"It would be great to have 3,000 letters come out right before that," he said.

The letters will be sent via e-mail to the representatives and the governor between Oct. 20-24.

"The people in Lansing pay as much attention to letters as e-mails these days," said Ortiz.

Web site visitors enter a zip code, based on that zip code the letters will be sent to the area representative and also the governor.

Ortiz's goal is that schools from around the state will participate.

Lewis is encouraging OU students to write.

"The student government here can only say so much," Lewis said.

He said he thinks if the governor and representatives receive a mass of letters from concerned students, parents, faculty and alumni it will make more of an impact.

Lewis said he has brought up the campaign at a few OUSC meetings and encouraged people to take it to their organizations and get students to write.

"The general topic is just to say higher education is important and more money should be spent on it," Lewis said.

Ortiz supported Lewis by saying in order for Michigan to be successful as a state, more money has to be invested in higher education. He also said he thinks the letters will be acknowledged because representatives know students are

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English prof leads Music, Theatre and Dance

By ASHLEY WOHLGEMUTH
THE OAKLAND POST

OU said goodbye to Music, Theatre, Dance Chair Karl Boelter last summer and welcomed Mary Papazian as the Executive Director.

Boelter is now the Director of the School of Music at State University of New York in Fredonia.

Papazian is fulfilling the responsibilities of the chair in being Executive Director.

Papazian said that her hope is to "continue the positive momentum that has come to define the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance."

Papazian said that it is her role to take care of the administrative needs of the

department so that her colleagues can continue their important creative, scholarly and teaching responsibilities.

She said the reason her title is Executive Director and not chair is that she does not come from within the MTD department. Her faculty appointment is in the Department of English.

According to the Oakland-Faculty Agreement, "In unusual circumstances, Oakland may appoint an Executive Officer over a department, after consultation with all other department chairpersons in the relevant school or college."

She said she agreed to the job because of the great respect she has for her col-

leagues in the department. Papazian has been at OU for 15 years. She was hired as an Assistant Professor of English in 1988 and has been on the faculty ever since.

In addition to her position as Professor of English, she continues to serve as

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Mary Papazian

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