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## OUPD cracks down on campus traffic

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In an effort to promote safety, The OUPD enforced new speed limits, put up new stop signs and closely monitored parking lots the first week of school.

Slower speed limits and additional stop signs were added during the summer. According to Lt. Richard Tomczak, "The reason was for safety with the new student apartments and students crossing streets. It's a pro-active action. Safety is important to everyone."

Lt. Mel Gilroy said the department issued 15 speeding tickets from Sept. 1 through Sept. 9. No figures are available from last year.

Meadow Brook Road's speed limit from East Oakland Drive to the Adams Road entrance has been reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. The area near the parking structure crosswalk on Pioneer Drive

has a new 15 mph speed limit.

The 15 mph speed limit from the University Drive main entrance and Meadow Brook Road to Hamlin Hall has been extended past residence halls to East Oakland Drive.

New stop signs are at the intersection of East Oakland Drive and Meadow Brook Road and in parking lot (P-26) near Varner Hall. A new stop sign has been installed at Meadow Brook Road and Ravine Drive.

Installation of new stop signs will take place in October at the crosswalk from lot P-26 to the Recreation and Athletics Center.

OUPD was also busy monitoring parking lots and closing those that were full with roadblocks.

"It helps for police to close them down," Tomczak said. "Rather than spending 15 minutes (looking for a space), we're there to give assistance."

Last week, freshman Andreea Ciocovenaru said it took about a half an hour to find a parking spot.

"I'm coming at about 10 a.m. I was late for a class," she said.

Since that time, she has been arriving an hour before class to find a parking spot and not be late for another class.

Close monitoring of lots by The OUPD appears to be working.

"There's far fewer violators this year than last. There's a shift in parking to the south end (of campus)," Gilroy said.

Last year, OUPD issued 571 parking citations between Sept. 4 through Sept. 9. During the first week of classes this year, 324 parking tickets were issued.

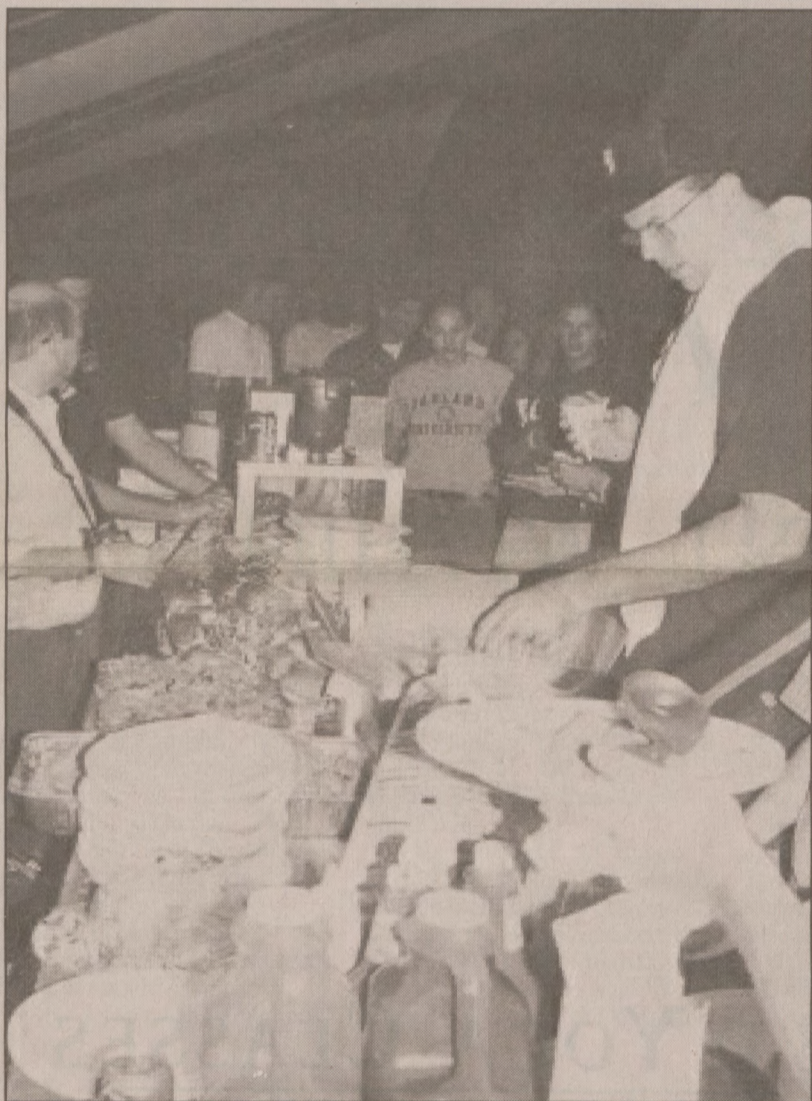
Gilroy said effective immediately, parking meter time limits will be enforced 24 hours a day.

"It will take a few months to evaluate with safety first and possible adjustments," Tomczak said.



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Heavy traffic and closed parking lots during the first week of classes kept many commuters trapped in the main entrance circle for several minutes.

## Going hog wild



After making their way through the buffet line, attendees of Sigma Pi's annual pig roast eagerly put the finishing touches on their plates. Held last Friday, the event featured games, an area for dancing, a bonfire and, of course, plenty of pork.

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## BOT line-up changes

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Governor John Engler reappointed Dennis Pawley and Ann Nicholson to OU's Board of Trustees last week. Their respective terms will expire Aug. 11, 2010.

A Waterford resident, Pawley is an OU alumnus with a degree in human resource development. He formerly served on the BOT from 1996-98. Pawley will join the Board at today's meeting.

"We are very pleased about the appointments made last week by Governor Engler," Gary Russi, OU President said. "We are happy to welcome back (Dennis) Pawley who has served the university in many different ways over the years - on the BOT, the OU Foundation, and as a loyal alumnus and major donor. We look forward with great anticipation to working with our new Board as OU pursues its aggressive agenda toward our 2010 vision."

Pawley is CEO of Pawley Enterprises in Farmington, a management consulting firm. He is also a former Executive Vice President of

Manufacturing for DaimlerChrysler in North America for which he was responsible for 80,000 employees in 12 car and truck assembly plants, five manufacturing technical centers and 18 component stamping and power train plants.

Adirector of the OU Foundation from 1993-96 and 1999-present, Pawley, along with his wife Carlotta, donated \$2 million to OU for the schools of Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science. This year, he gave \$1 million to manufacturing education.

"Dennis Pawley has been an outstanding friend to OU," Susan Davies Goepf, Vice President for University Relations and Executive Director for OUF said. "His tremendous leadership abilities and his love for the university are key components to what he brings to the BOT. We're fortunate to have him back as a trustee."

Nicholson, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, was re-appointed chair. She was appointed to the BOT in 1994 and served as Vice Chair of the Board in 1998 and 1999. She

was appointed Board chair Aug. 2, 2000.

Nicholson is a tutor for Cornerstone Schools, heads the archives project for the American Association of University Women and coordinates the Read Right Program for PVS Chemicals. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, a founding member of the Grosse Pointe Citizens for Recycling and has been active in intercultural programs.

"Trustee Nicholson has done a fine job leading the Board and the university through several years of significant growth and academic programs and academic and student support," Russi said. "The same can be said for Trustee Grech-Cumbo who did an outstanding job for OU during nearly six years of tireless service."

Pawley replaced Louis Grech-Cumbo, whose term expired.

Matt Resch, the governor's deputy press secretary, said that individuals in the selection process are chosen by interview according to university connection and background.

"The goal is to find diverse, well qualified individuals to fill positions," Resch said.

## Assistantship honors late professor

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Friends remember Jon Froemke as a man who cherished family and friends, enjoyed playing bridge, reached out to others and gave his energy to teaching and supporting The Academic Skills Center.

A new graduate assistantship has been established at OU in honor of the late Jon Froemke, a professor at Oakland from 1967 until his death in 1998.

"Jon was a much-loved teacher in a department whose reputation is not the best among students," said Jerry Grossman, mathematics professor. "His gentleness and caring attitude helped a lot of students succeed in our difficult subject."

The Jon Froemke Graduate Assistantship is being funded with a \$50,000 endowment from his wife Judy and sons David and Robert.

Froemke's devotion to students extended beyond the classroom. He and his family welcomed foreign exchange students into their home during school breaks and holidays.

"He taught me many things which I will keep as my treasure and cherish throughout my life," Japanese exchange student Ryoko Minoura wrote in a letter after Froemke's death. "He would say,

'Think happy things.' He encouraged me through difficult times."

"We wanted to do something to memorialize him. It seemed that it was best to do through the university," said Judy Froemke. "Jon was committed to the philosophy of The Academic Skills Center."

The graduate assistantship will be an on going program, said Academic Skills Center Director Charles Clark Jr.

"It is a tremendous legacy to the work he (Froemke) did," said Clark.

Froemke wrote OU's first draft for the use of Supplemental Instruction, a tutoring method that uses student facilitators for study sessions associated with math and science courses. It is targeted at difficult courses with a drop rate of 30 percent or more.

He worked closely with friend Lynn Hockenberger, director of the Academic Skills Center during the implementation of SI, said Judy Froemke. Hockenberger is now the director of Learning Resources.

"We considered the best of the best students for this prestigious position," Clark said.

The first assistantship was awarded to Ihsavany Negret.

Negret has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is currently working towards a master's degree at OU. He is looking

forward to becoming a professor.

He worked in the corporate sector for a brief time, but said he prefers the academic atmosphere of a college campus. He explained that he is more into theory than application.

"My main focus is to provide students with tools to perform better in math courses," Negret said. "A tutor is a powerful tool."

Negret will provide workshops for math courses, math tutors and math SI Leaders. He will also act as an SI leader for one section of a math course and provide tutoring assistance to math students.

Instructors are informing students of the SI program during the first class sessions.

"I'm kind of nervous about my statistics class," said Jenny Lyons, sophomore. "The girl who is doing the SI program for the class said that the students who went to her for help never failed. It made me feel a lot better."

The number of students participating in the SI program has risen steadily over the last ten years. In the 2001-2002 school year 779 students participated in the program with 8,950 hours of instruction.

The Academic Skills Center, located in North Foundation Hall, also provides study skill workshops, individual tutoring and study aids.

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By this time next year the Oakland Center will have undergone an \$8 million, 30,000 square-foot expansion.

According to Richard Fekel, director of the OC, the center was built in 1958. The first addition was completed in 1961, and a second addition was completed in 1972.

There were renovations made to the food court in 1997 and to the lower level in 1999. This will be the first expansion since 1972.

"We're trying to grow, we're trying to expand, we're trying to meet student needs in the Oakland Center," said Fekel in a Sept. 5 presentation. "As we talked to you we learned more and more what your expectations and what your needs are for a facility like this on campus."

The OC can hold about 6,500-7,000 people but, according to Fekel, at peak times there are up to 10,000 students in the building.

According to Fekel, \$6.8 million for the project was raised through the sale of bonds approved by the BOT last spring. Chartwells will provide \$900,000 to the expansion, and \$300,000 will come from the OC.

"We've been working throughout the summer on developing the overall plans for the Oakland Center expansion,"



DSA Architects Planners  
An artist's rendering shows what the OC's main entrance will look like once the expansion is complete.

Fekel said. The two-story expansion will be on the west side of the building near North and South Foundation Halls.

"Our hope is that from the P-1 parking lot that we have a main gateway now into campus and into the Oakland Center and throughout the building and to the opposite side of campus," Fekel said.

The first level will feature a 400-seat addition to the dining area.

"At noon time it's practically impossible to find a seat," Fekel said. "This will allow us to practically double the amount of seating that we have."

The dining area will be divided into sections, which will each have their own feel.

"If you're looking for a certain kind of light level, or you want

window exposure, or a certain kind of seating whether it's booth-style, or high seating or just comfy seating, those types of different seating arrangements will be configured in the dining area," Fekel said.

The expansion will include a 24-hour cyber-café, which can be accessed after hours with OU ID. The cyber-café will feature computers in a wireless and hard-wired environment.

The second floor will feature a multi-purpose room that will accommodate 500 people in a banquet style environment, and 650 in a theater style arrangement.

The pre-function space outside the multi-purpose room will be used as study areas when there are no other activi-

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