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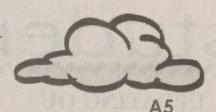
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 Middle East at OU OU's Festival of the Middle East continues this week with

"Delacroix in Morocco" presented by Louisa Ngote M.A, curator of visual resources, Art and Art History, at noon today in 124 Wilson Hall. "Arab Storytelling: The Illustrated Book," presented by Bonnie F. Abiko, Ph.D., associate professor, Art and Art History, will be held at noon tomorrow in 124 Wilson Hall. For the rest of this week's events, contact the Center for International Programs at (248) 370-2154.

CDF Certification Program

The Career Development Training Institute of OU will begin its Career Development Facilitator (CDF) certification program on Tuesday, April 11 at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills. For more information or to register, call Mary Manschesky in the School of Education and Human Services at (248) 370-3033. The registration deadline is March 30.

 History Faculty Lecture

The Department of History's Faculty Lecture presents Dan Clark, Assistant Professor of History at OU. Clark will be discussing "Like Night and Day: Unionization in a Southern Mill Town" at noon on Tuesday, April 4 in Gold Room B of the Oakland Center. For more information, contact the History Department at (248) 370-3510.

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Narrow faculty vote rejects amendments

By Jenn Madjarev OF THE OAKLAND POST

hile a disproportionally cast ballots in the Congress elections, 68% of full time faculty voted in a separate election to determine the make-up of the University Senate.

In a close 145-134 vote, faculty narrowly rejected proposed amendments that would have changed the body to a faculty only sen-

The amendments were proposed by a group of faculty members to improve communication between faculty and the OU

The ongoing push to change the Senate to a faculty only body has been seriously discussed for the past few years, but gained small number of students support when faculty input was avoided during the development of the second golf

> Under the proposed changes to the amendments, membership on the Senate would have been limited to 50 faculty members, elected by and from members of each academic unit. Students, Deans and Administrative Professionals would not have been eligible to serve on the Senate.

Jerrold Grossman, professor in the department of Mathematics and Statistics, who worked very hard to bring together the fac-

urged fellow faculty members to vote ulty and address this issue." against the amendments said, "I'm pleased with the results. All along I have urged the faculty to vote no." He stressed that there are problems with the current government, has in the past. There was a serious concertbut an all faculty senate wouldn't have ed effort to get the changes this time. I think

Among those who favored the amendment change was Grossman's colleague, mathematical and statistics professor Kevin Andrews. "I'm disappointed with the results, it leaves the faculty as a second class participant. We are the only group that doesn't have control of the government body. The President and the Provost have

Provost Louis Esposito was philosophical about the outcome. He said, "The current University Senate will continue to run as it the faculty who supported the changes put in a real whole hearted effort to get the changes passed."

The next scheduled Senate Meeting will be held Thursday, April 13 at 3:10 in the Gold Rooms located in the Oakland Center. For more information about the OU Senate visit www.oakland.edu/senate.html.

Gaming in the OC



By Hillary Crawford OF THE OAKLAND POST

he Gaming Guild, formerly the Order of Leibowitz, successfully held "Nova" 25" in the Oakland Center last weekend. The event brought over 50 people to the Nova by Sunday afternoon.

Saturday included the Vampire Jail 'n'Bail, "Ring of Steel", costume contest, and a live action game called The Shining Host.

Students and members were able to pay to have someone at the Nova to be arrested (not by real police) for the Jail 'n' Bail. The person who was arrested had to be chained and walked around the Nova to let people know they were arrested. Then they had to either sing "I'm a little teapot" or a Barney Song and dance the Macarena.

"It was a great laugh," said Rebecca Davantier, senior, journalism. "It was a huge success."

The Jail 'n' Bail raised \$200 for charities.

There was also a costume contest judged by Kathryn Wagner and Suzanne Hanna, two professors of Music, Theatre and Dance. The prizes were gift certificates to Great Lakes

The "Ring of Steel" stunt group also performed in the Fireside Lounge. They gave lessons in sword fighting. The Shining Host, a live action game, contained 20 people who pretended to be changelings, mythical creatures. Sunday was a slower day, with role-playing games, vendors and Japanese Animation

The Games Workshop held miniature war game pieces, a contest for best painted piece, and games to play, such as 40,000, a game set 40,000 years in the future, and Fantasy which

"People play this in hobby shops, and in Warhammer stores," said Brian Spurling, president of the Gaming Guild.

has no time setting, but deals with elves, dwarfs, and castles.

"It is a very English based game," said David Bartlett, Games Workshop outwriter. He also said that there were three Warhammer stores in Michigan: Great Lakes Crossing, Dearborn, and Novi.

Four rooms had people playing different role playing games, such as Gurps, a FBI agent role playing game; Rifts Phaseworld, a futuristic game where people have to try to survive in the world after a horrible apocalypse, and other board games.

Two rooms had both all ages and PG Japanese Animation movies playing all day each day.

Both days had vendors of role playing games, comics, magazines, odd shaped dice, which Spurling said the group is known for, and artists of fantasy style art.

Shawn Springfield, game coordinator, said that the Nova was a big success. "I think the best thing was the variety of games we had to offer," said Springfield. "We tried to uphold

the tradition of Novas." Springfield said that they had this weekend for the students and hoped to get more of a

interesting information. Dan McDuffee The Oakland Post

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turnout. She hoped that students would become aware of the group and join.



NEW OFFICERS: Adam Kochenderfer and Jennifer Wegner were elected as OU's new student body president and vice

New OUSC presidential team elected Kochenderfer and Wegner look forward to OU future

By Lisa Remsing OF THE OAKLAND POST

The students of OU have voted and the results are in. The University Student Congress Elections were held March 21-23, and brought out 543 OU students to the polls.

The Presidential/Vice Presidential race was won by Adam Kochenderfer and Jennifer Wegner by a vote of 372, while candidates Jeffrey

Stoffer and David Levin with Congress and to pro- Legislator meeting is next received 124 votes.

The Legislator Ballot Results are as follows: William McMurray with 278 votes, followed closely by Bina Giaimo with 268 votes, and Ruth Calahong with 249 votes. Twenty-one other students were written in as Legislators. There are 25 seats available on Student Congress, and 24 of the 25 spots have been filled.

"We are ready to work

vide what's best for stu-Elect, Jennifer Wegner. "We are excited, ready, and have already begun," said

"Jenn and I have already been working hard on getting a solid base," said OU President Elect Adam Kochenderfer. He explained that applications for cabinet positions will be available on Monday, and the first

Tuesday. "We encourage dents," said Vice President anyone to apply for cabinet positions. We are looking for dedicated people who want to make a difference," said Kochenderfer.

"We have a lot of people who are willing to help us and we hope to make it a team effort," Kochenderfer, "We are thankful for the overwhelming support."

studentAffairs

UPDATING OU

• Spring is here! This is pleasant news for most of us, but not for some people who have problems with allergies. **Graham Health Center** offers services to help you enjoy the spring season. Allergies can develop at any time in a person's life. Please contact your physician or GHC if you are experiencing red, itchy, or watery eyes, nasal drainage, post nasal drip, or sinus congestion and pressure. The extension for GHC is #2341, or you can reach us by e-mail at health@oakland.edu

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• The CAREER RESOURCE CENTER, 154
North Foundation Hall, is forming a discussion group for students with career issues such as major or career indecision, career transitions, and other career-related topics the group finds relevant. We will meet for 7 weeks each Tuesday beginning May 2.
Meeting time will be 5-6:15 PM. Call or e-mail Cindy Kozak at the Career Resource Center for details-(248) 370-3262 or crc@oakland.edu.

These sessions are FREE!

WANTED - CAMPUS RECREATION STUDENT EMPLOYEES

are needed for spring and summer for fitness/ wellness, lifeguards, camp counselors and welcome center. Please stop in for further information and requirements.

- ATTENTION SENIORS: Are you getting ready to graduate and just realized you don't know what you can do with your major?

 Come to the Career Resource Center, 154

 North Foundation Hall, 370-3263. We can help you figure it out. No time to stop in?

 Just send us an e-mail at crc@oakland.edu, and we'll get you an answer.
- Applications still being accepted for 2000-2001 Commuter Involvement Awards in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Deadline is Friday, April 7th. Call 370-3352 for more information or see display ad elsewhere in this issue.
- EXPANDED FRIDAY HOURS FOR CAREER COUNSELING. The Career Resource Center is now open from 12 noon-4 PM on Fridays through the end of June. We are located at 154 North Foundation Hall. Call 7s at 370-3263 to schedule an appointment or just drop by.

THIS WEEK

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

This is your last chance to apply for the position of Student Liaison to the Oakland
University Board of Trustees. Deadline is
March 31, 2000. The liaisons attend all meetings of the OU Board of Trustees in order to represent student interests.

Applications are available in 144 Oakland
Center or Student Congress Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Campus Recreation Registration for swim lessons for spring/summer will start May 1st. Registration will be available at the Welcome Center desk in the Recreation Center. You must pay for the lessons at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please contact Steve at (248) 370-4532.
- The Department of Campus Recreation and the School of Business Administration present the Surf 'N' Splash Summer Camp. A terrific opportunity for children ages 11-13 to learn computer skills and enjoy some recreational activities all in the same day! Four one-week sessions will begin June 19th. For more information contact 370-3128 or e-mail space@oakland.edu. Space is limited.
- OU Student Success Services presents a no fee seminar to all students.

"Preparing For Graduate School." Held Saturday, April 1, in the the Gold Rooms in the OC 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This half day seminar will provide students with information on the application and admission process to graduate programs. It will include a panel presentation, information on financial aid and scholarships, and allow students the opportu-

nity to talk with graduate faculty. For information call 370-3262.

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

"What's Happening" This Week!

If you want to find out "what's happening" on OU's Campus, this is the weekly column to read. This column is brought to you by The Center for Student Activities (CSA) Office, 49 Oakland Center. Our phone number is 2400, on campus, or (248) 370-2400, off campus.

CSA Office hours are:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

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Spring Fling
April 3-8, 2000

April 3-5, 2000 - 17th Annual Oakland University Photo Contest

This annual event is sure to brighten up spring. Stroll through the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center to view the artistic photographs taken by OU students and employees. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in two categories (color and black and white). If you're interested in entering one of your own photographs, please stop by the Center for Student Activities (49 Oakland Center) to pick up an entry form. Entry forms, with photographs, are due in the CSA office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2000. Sponsored by the Center for Student Activities and the Student Program Board.

* April 3, 2000 - Spring Fling Musician

Enjoy the sounds of Ireland as this musician strolls around the Oakland Center to entertain you! Bring a friend and a request to the Oakland Center between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to hear the sounds of music! Sponsored by the Center for Student Activities.

April 4, 2000 - The Magic of Spring

Be baffled, be amazed! Be in the Oakland Center! Have a magic trick performed especially for you. Bring in spring with magic and mystery from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Oakland Center. Sponsored by the Center for Student Activities.

April 4, 2000 - Beauty Pageant Mix-Up

Come see the pageant to end all pageants. OU students will crossover to the other side in a non-traditional "beauty" pageant, where the men dress like women and the women dress like men. The competition will include formal wear, talent, and a question and answer segment. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Guaranteed fun for all at 8:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, Oakland Center. Sign up starts January 31 at the CSA Service Window. Sponsored by Student Program Board.

April 4, 2000 - One-Woman American Indian

* April 5, 2000 - Pow-Wow

Get the real scoop on American Indian life. Judy Bartol is from the Potawatomi Hennaville Tribe from Escanaba, MI. She will come in traditional native dress and will discuss the history and traditions of her tribe. The program begins at 9:30 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center on Tuesday, April 4, sponsored by Residence Halls Programs. Program repeated on Wednesday, April 5 at noon in the Oakland Center, sponsored by the Center for Student Activities.

April 6, 2000 - Freebie Day

They say nothing at Oakland University is free! They're wrong! The Center for Student Activities will be giving away a lot of things in the Oakland Center on April 6. Come join us in the Exhibit Lounge for OU's Spring Freebie Day!

April 6, 2000 - Elvis Quik-Pik Contest

Can you spot Elvis? They say he's still alive, and the Center for Student Activities has found him. Look for him in and about the Oakland Center between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and take his picture! The most unique photo of Elvis will win a great prize. Photos must be turned in by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2000.

* April 7, 2000 - Favorite Web Sites

Curious to know where your OU professors and staff surf to on the net? What are their favorite web sites? The Center for Student Activities has invited professors and other university "head honchos" to discuss where they like to go in Cyber Space. This event will be held in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland

April 7, 2000 - Friday Night Live w/ Marty Putz
Guaranteed to be a good time! This hilarious comic will send off Spring Fling with a laugh! The OU Community is invited to attend this event for FREE!
The laughter begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center. Sponsored by Residence Halls Programs.

* April 8, 2000 Family F.R.E.E. Day 2000

Enjoy a day of Fun, Family, and F.R.E.E. The Oakland University Recreation Center will sponsor Mini Family Olympics, Face Painters, Jugglers on unicycles, and Balloon Artists from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Don't miss this Family F.R.E.E. Day!

Bird Watching at Point Pelee Friday, May 5

Point Pelee is famous for bird watching in May. Hundreds of species make a stop here during their northward migration. The trip is only \$25 per person and includes transportation, park entry and a tour by a Point Pelee naturalist.

The Stratford Festival Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27

Join us for a two-day, one-night trip to the renowned Shakespeare Festival. We will be seeing "Hamlet" and "As You Like It". More information will be available in the near future.

THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Sign up for CSA and Student Organization Events:

- Tickets for the German Club Der Rosenkavalier on April 16
- > "The Show" featuring Coco (March 31)
- Tickets for ABS Step Show (April 7)
 Tickets for the ABS Scholarship Ball (April 15)
- > Meadow Brook Pictures are in!

Sign up and tickets for SPB Events:

Sign up for SPB's April Trip to Toronto (Waiting List only)

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WOMAN TREATED OU Police responded to a call that a woman was unconscious on a sidewalk, East of Hamlin Circle. According to a police report, an officer found the woman, an OU student, stumbling and looking confused. The officer allegedly smelled alcohol. The was administered a PBT and registered a .23. Paramedics transported

MISSING MONEY

the woman to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for

treatment.

A male student reported missing \$50 from his wallet while he was sleeping in his Van Wagoner dorm room. The resident told police he had left his wallet in his pants pocket and went to sleep. When he checked his pants the next day, the wallet was not in his pocket the way he left it the night before and \$50 was missing. The police report stated there was neither sign of forced entry nor did the complainant have any visitors the night before.

• STOLEN CHAIR

A canvas folding Director's chair with the name "Laurie" written on the back allegedly has been stolen from 132 Varner Hall. The chair was valued at \$35. The police have no sus-

• TRAFFIC STOP

A man allegedly pulled out of parking lot 16, South of Anibal House, in front of an officer driving Northbound on Pioneer Drive causing the officer to brake suddenly. The officer stopped the vehicle and a lein check was run on the man. The driver was issued an OU citation for driving while license was suspended.

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CRIME Census 2000 means cash

To get the most accurate population count ever, the US Census is looking for college students to follow-up on forms; do paperwork and perform office duties

By Lisa Remsing OF THE OAKLAND POST

It's an opportunity that comes along once every ten years. The U.S. Census is responsible for counting every citizen in the country, and they need lots of help.

As many people already know, the census was mailed to households a couple of weeks ago. Now the government needs to hire people to assist in the count. College students are being targeted, and OU is no exception.

"The whole point is to make the counts accurate for Oakland County," said Dick Fuller of the

ers are needed to follow up on the sent censuses, and to do general paperwork.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a Census Taker (Enumerator) has many responsi-

A Census taker locates households, lists addresses, and conducts interviews with respondents. Takers must also explain the purpose of the Census to residents, ask questions as worded on census forms, and record data on Census

Daily meetings with the crew leader to discuss progress and to turn in completed assignments is

U.S. Census Bureau. Census work- another responsibility of Census April 4th at 11 a.m., and Thursday, workers.

Every employee will work in ing these tasks.

All interested workers need to first fill out an application and take a 28 question multiple choice test which assesses logic skills and simple map reading abilities.

Applicants must also possess organizational skills, number skills, and basic reading skills.

These tests can be taken at many area locations, the closest being Meadowbrook Mall on the corner of Walton and Adams roads.

The test times are Thursday, March 30th at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 6th and 13th at 7 p.m.

Students can make an appointtheir own neighborhood perform- ment or walk in during the designated times. It takes about an hour to fill out the application and to take the test. "Anybody in college should have no problem with the test," said Fuller.

Applicants must be 18 years old. Workers can choose their own hours, preferably between 20 and 40 hours per week.

Census workers need to have flexible hours and many work on weekends and evenings

They also get paid for 24 hours of training, 32 1/2 cents for mileage, and up to \$13.75 per hour. These

Anyone with further questions

in 275 Vandenberg Hall.

jobs last for about six weeks.

According to Fuller, these jobs

are perfect for OU students

because they begin in early May,

just as winter classes are letting

Additional Census jobs are post-

ed in the Placement and Career

Services Office here at OU, located

can contact the US Census Bureau at 1-888-325-7733, or access the web at www.census.gov/jobs2000.

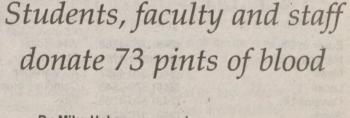
Lisa Remsing is a journalism junior and News Editor of the Oakland Post.



Red Cross parks bloodmobile at OU

HELPING OUT: (Left) Red Cross volunteer, Dolores Tarowski, serves up snacks to Natalie Brown and Larar to replenish their energy after donating pints of blood.

(Bottom) OU students, from top, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Dodd and Melissa Webb all took time out of their busy school schedules to donate some life saving pints of blood.



By Mike Hoban SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The Bloodmobile American Red Cross was million pints a year. So how Gold Room on Monday, now? "We are taking in March 20th to take a few pints from students, faculty and staff but they came up a few pints short of expectations.

According to Linda Link and Betty Gronos, the Registered Nurses in charge, they estimated that they would receive 90 donations for the entire day. They were open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and received a total of 73 pints, one per donor. They turned away six people who couldn't donate because they had low iron, a recent illness, or they weighed less than 110 pounds.

The donations fell short of the last time the Red Cross visited OU around Halloween last October. Link and Gronos said that it was much busier because they were giving away tickets to a haunted house for donations and "Count Scary" was on hand to greet

donors.

Every year in the U.S. 4 million patients receive 20 million blood components. made a stop at That's 40,000 pints a day. The Eight million donors gave 14 at the Oakland Center's is our blood supply right about what we need," said Randy Hadcock, Communications Specialist for the American Red Cross

> Southeast Michigan Region. "We say that you can potentially save three lives with every donation because when we get the blood we break it down into components; platelets, plasma and red blood cells," Hadcock

"In Detroit and the southeastern Michigan region that we cover we are currently taking in about 500 pints a day but we use about 700. We're what's known as an importing region, we import blood from the other Red Cross regions within the Midwest," Hadcock added.

Luckily, many of OU's students realize the importance of giving blood. "I'm giving because people need it," said Melissa Webb, senior, math

Accounting and finance seminars coming to campus

By Joe Gray OF THE OAKLAND POST

ccounting and finance professionals seeking continuing education are invited to attend the Center for Executive and Continuing Education in the School of Business Administration seminars during the weekends of May 19-21 and June 23-24.

Certified public accounts, certified management accountants and certified internal auditors are wel-

comed to participate.

topics, including 21 continuing education hours of accounting and auditing.

(Continuing Professional Education) at Oakland University provides an excellent opportunity for accounting professionals to be updated in a variety of areas relevant to current accounting and business practices, Gadis Dillion, Ph.D., CPA who has taught courses in the program for more than a decade, said in a press release. "Speakers from the OU facility, as well as speakers who are actively engaged These two weekends will in the business community,

offer a wide range of current provide a variety of perspectives and insights into these issues.'

> The program for the May weekend will offer bonus sessions at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday that will allow the participants to gain 50 CPE hours.

> The registration for both weekends of seminars begins April 3 and continues until the beginning of each weekend.

Special full-day discounts are available until May 15. Call (248) 370-3128 for more information or e-mail

SBA-CE@oakland.edu.

SBA brings in Russian economic expert to speak

Memorial lecture series honors former professor

> By Jenn Madjarev OF THE OAKLAND POST

n honor of Alice Connor Gorlin, a professor of economics at OU I from 1972 until her death in 1987, the School of Business Administration will hold its ninth annual Alice Connor Gorlin Memorial Lecture on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall.

This year's lecture, "Russia's Virtual Economy: Evolution and Prospects," will be presented by Dr. Clifford Gaddy of The Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. Gaddy has been appointed to two positions at The Brookings Institution in the Center on Social and Economic Dynamics

and the Foreign Policy Studies program. Gaddy also is a professor in the Department of Economics and the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European studies at Georgetown University.

"We are pleased to have Dr. Gaddy come to Oakland to speak on Russia's economy, "David Doane, professor, business administration, said in a press release. " He is very knowledgeable on Russian economy through his research, as well as his work with the Russian Government as an advisor."

The lecture was named after Gorlin, who gained international recognition as a scholar of the Soviet economy.

For more information about the lecture, contact professor Anandi Sahu at (248) 370-3537.

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This space is reserved for factual errors that appear in the pages of THE OAKLAND POST.

Student thanks donors

Dear Editor,

On March 20th and 21st, Oakland University was host to an American Red Cross Blood and Bone Marrow Screening Drive. Students, faculty, staff and community members were invited to participate in this important event. It was a wonderful success, as 50 people registered with the national bone marrow bank. These donors committed to donate their bone marrow if they were found a match with a patient in need of a bone marrow transplant. 139 pints of blood were collected over the two days, which in turn meant that 417 lives would be saved.

In addition to thanking the donors, the following organizations and offices deserve recognition for their work to make the drive a successful program: Golden Key National Honor Society, Center for Student Activities, Theta Chi Fraternity and Making Men Leaders.

Congratulations and Thank You to the OU community!

Jennifer Wegner Co-Chair of the Winter 2000 Bone marrow Drive Senior Communications

dial 370-4265

LETTERS TO THE editor Reader response

Did you vote in last week's student election? Why or Why not?

"Yes, because I think it's important to vote. I think it's important to choose your leaders. People that want to do the same things that you would like to be done."

Lucia Tabac Sophomore

"I did not vote because I did not have the time."

Matt Korth Junior

"Yes, because I knew the candidates who were running and I felt I could make a difference."

Jeremy Sarnovski Junior

"Yes, because I was going over to the cafeteria and I knew one of the girls running."

Melissa Rossi Freshman

In response of Joe Gray's opinion piece on students not voting, the reason is because most students feel student government is useless. What do they really accomplish anyway? I don't think it really matters who the president is. It just doesn't affect the daily lives of students.

I just wanted to call and whine about the outrageous cost of books at the bookstore and beat the summer rush of students complaining.

EDITOR'S view

What's to blame for low voting turnout?

s Joe Gray, our managing editor, asked in last week's Editor's View, what would happen if OU held a election and nobody came? Well, they held one, and nobody came! That's right, on a campus with over 16,000 students, only 543 students got off of their lazy butts and

Why students chose not to vote remains a mystery. The low voter turnout cannot be blamed on the lack of opportunity to vote, because elections were held on three days, from morning until evening, and at various locations throughout the campus.

Students had every opportunity to place their vote for presidential and vice presidential positions and legislator seats. So why didn't they participate in our annual student body president election?

Were they all at home practicing for next year's Greek Week Twister Tournament? Or maybe they were all looking for a parking spot. In any case, they just gave up on voting. What ever the excuse is, it can't be serious enough to give up a few minutes of one's precious time to vote.

Among the results, the vibrant and spunky team of Adam Kochenderfer and Jennifer Wegner were crowned student body president and vice president after receiving a whopping 372 votes. Coming in second, with 124 votes was the "Running Naked Team" with Jeffrey Stoffer and David Levin. Among the presidential write-ins were Reginal Jose and Adam Mager with 20 votes and Pat Kroulik and Jeff Hasse also with 20 votes. In fourth place, the divine leader of Heaven, Jesus received two votes. He just happened to beat out Sarah Long and Ralph Williams, who both received one vote.

I applaud the 543 students who took the time to participate in something at OU. It's just a shame that the rest of our student body couldn't care less about being active in anything on campus.

President Russi constantly refers to OU as a growing campus community, yet ironically, the students' participation in campus activities seems to be shrinking.

OU students interested in running for legislative seats hit an all-time low this year with only three candidates on the ballot. In past years there have been double or triple that number of students running for legislator seats. The cabinet consists of 25 seats. Luckily those seats were almost completely filled by write-ins. Among the write-ins who didn't receive enough votes to guarantee a legislative position, were Hello Kitty and Ted Nugent.

Although I am graduating this spring, I hope that next year's presidential team continues to seek out ways to increase interest and participation in student government. If we as individual students continue to ignore the importance of participating in student congress, we'll have to pray that Jesus receives more votes in the future, or we'll have no student voice at OU!

> Jenn Madjarev **Editor In Chief**



SECTION A

local Edge

Festivals & Shows

•METRO DETROIT COLLEGE FAIR 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 6 p.m.-9 p.m. April 12 at the Novi Exposition Center. At the morning and evening sessions, college admission, financial aid, athletic eligibility and more will be addressed. For information, call 248-348-5600.

• 31st Michigan ANTIQUARIAN BOOK AND PAPER SHOW

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave. Admission is \$4.50. For information, call 517-332-0112.

•CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: "TAKE MY PICTURE, PLEASE" 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., runs through May 7. A "festival of cultural snapshots" will be featured. Admission is \$7. For information, call 877-462-7262.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

• DIA: THE GROWTH OF A CULTURAL TREASURE

1:30-2:30 p.m. Tue., April 4 at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Wendy Evans, an art history teacher, will be exploring the 100-year history of the DIA. For information, call 248-650-7150.

SPECIAL NTEREST

· "OUR TOWN" 8 p.m. Thu.-Sat. at the Hillberry Theatre, 4734 Cass. Admission is \$11-\$18. For information, call 313-577-2972.

•MOTORCYCLE RACES 7 p.m. Sat. at the Pontiac Silverdome. Featuring Team Chevy Trucks Kawasaki motocross racing bikes in U.S. Supercross competition. Admission is \$20-\$25. For information, call 248-456-1600.

•FOLK DANCING Weekly classes in Warren, Utica and Bloomfield Hills. Dance in circles, lines, pairs and trios to ethnic music from around the world. Eight classes are \$32. For more information, call 248-338-0524.



EXPENSIVE FUEL: Prices continue to rise, making commuting to school especially costly.

Rising gas prices prompt "blackout"

Barbara Kilpatrick SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

As local gas prices climb to over \$1.60 per gallon, many commuter students are struggling to pay for transportation expenses.

"I can't even fill my tank on \$20," senior Andy Moore complained.

With tuition, living expenses, car payments and insurance, most students have little expendable income, which makes setting aside an extra \$20-\$30 a week for gas

The Organization of the PUMPING GAS: A "blackout" is being Exporting Petroleum Countries (OPEC), which

regulates the production and supply of petroleum, is being blamed for the increasing prices. The demand for gasoline is currently exceeding the supply, driving prices up higher. The Energy Department has predicted that gas prices will peak around \$1.80 per gallon this summer.

However, OPEC ministers have been meeting this week in Vienna, Austria discussing increasing oil production to decrease prices in the long run. But as of late Tuesday, they have not reached an agreement. According to news reports, Iran was the lone holdout.

In addition, the non-OPEC nation of Mexico is expected to announce extra supplies that could provide additional oil for the U.S. market.

According to a report by CNN, the United States has a reserve of 569 million barrels of petroleum, which could be used to meet the demand and ultimately lower prices. However, students shouldn't expect drastic price drops in the immediate future.

Junior Jamie Kelly had a brighter outlook on the rising gas prices. "You pay over two dollars a gallon for milk. People think nothing of spending two dollars on a bottle of drinking water. When compared to other necessities, gas prices are not that high."

There are a number of ideas being proposed in the hopes that prices will go down and stay down. Some students have reported receiving anonymous email messages

asking them to participate in a gas out. April 7-9 have been unofficially declared blackout dates.

The message urges "not to buy any gasoline during those three days."

In theory, this seems like a possible solution. However, economists point out that the purpose of a boycott is to lower overall consumption of a product. Consumers filing their gas tank on April 6 and then refusing to refuel

until April 10 is not a true boycott.

Photo courtesy of Mark Russell

The website About.com explains that the great gas out of 1999 failed to lower prices because of this aspect. However, the email message states that the boycott worked last

Still, there are students who are planning to participate in the gas out. Their motto: what-

A better, long-term solution might be to lower overall consumption of gasoline.

For instance, consumers in the market for a new or used vehicle should consider one with a four cylinder engine, since they are more fuel efficient. If a large number of consumers traded in their vehicles for more fuel efficient models, the demand for gasoline would drop; and lower demand equals lower gas prices.

Another alternative is carpooling. Not only does this option help solve the fuel crisis, it is an environmentally friendly solution. The only drawback is inconvenience.

Sophomore Catherine Depasquale said carpooling is "too much of an inconvenience. It would be too hard to find someone with the same schedule.'

Of course, the most cost-friendly solution is not to drive at all. The Smart Bus system makes stops all over Oakland County. Not only is it cheap, but it eliminates the campus parking problem as well.

Lupus no April Fool's joke

By Sara McDowell OF THE DAKLAND POST

"Don't be fooled by lupus," the Lupus Foundation of America warns as they designate April 1 as Lupus Alert Day.

Affecting more Americans than AIDS, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, and sicklecell anemia combined, lupus is an auto-immune disease which causes inflammation of various parts of the body. It fools patients and doctors because there is no single test that can be done to tell if a person has the disease, and there is no single symptom that could warn a patient of it.

Touching about 1.4 million Americans, mostly women, lupus occurs as the immune system begins to attack the body's own tissue. The body's immune system normally makes antibodies to protect the body against antigens such as viruses and bacteria. During lupus, the immune system loses its ability to tell the difference between foreign substances and its own cells and tissues, and eventually attacks its own system.

Symptoms of Lupus can include achy, painful or swollen joints that last for more than three months, an unexplained fever over 100 degrees that lasts for more than a few days, persistent extreme tatigue, and exhaustion and weakness even after a restful sleep. The most recognizable symptom is skin rashes especially in the shape of a butterfly across the nose and cheeks; in addition to mouth or nose ulcers, sensitivity to sunlight, or pain in the chest when breathing deeply.

It is thought that there is no single cause to the onset of lupus, but rather a combination of factors that work together to cause the disease, including environmental and genetic factors.

Treatments for people with Lupus are based on the needs and symptoms of the person. Medications are often prescribed, but a thorough medical evaluation and ongoing medical supervision are essential to the diagnosis and treatment.

Generally thought of as a fatal disease, lupus can actually be treated in 80-90% of patients, giving them a normal lifespan, provided that they follow instructions of physicians.

To obtain a free copy of a fact sheet on lupus, or a list of lupus symptoms, call the Michigan/NE Indiana Lupus Foundation, a Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, at (810) 775-8330 or visit their website at www.milupus.org.

Key Symptoms of Lupus

· Fever

· Fatigue · Loss of Appetite

· Weight Loss · Butterfly Rash

Hair Loss

 Photosensitivity · Seizures

· Chest, Joint,

and Muscle Pains

· Mouth or nose ulcers

·Raynaud's Phenomenon

The Buy-and-Hold Police

Q: I've heard many times that "buy-and-hold" investing is the best way to invest. What does "buy-and-hold" mean? Do buy-and-hold investors never sell shares of a stock they've purchased? -C.M.P., via the Internet

A: Buy-and-hold investing is a catch-all term that is probably misinterpreted as much as any phrase in investing. Buying any stock does not take on quite the same long-term commitment through thick and thin, sickness and health, better or worse, richer or poorer as, say, buying a dog does. "Buy-and-hold" refers to (or at least should refer to) the concept that one invests with the intent of being part owner in an understandable business - and wants to participate in the success or failure of the business over a period of years. Unfortunately, many investors who are in the market are not investing this way, but are merely buying shares with the intent of selling them if they move up to a designated price level.

Take a look at the haphazard way that mutual funds invest. Although they frequently advertise themselves with claims such as, "Long-Term," "Rock-Solid" or some such pablum, the fact is that mutual funds on average hold the stocks they purchase for barely more than a year. To measure whether a mutual fund employs "buyand-hold" investing, check out its turnover ratio, which shows what percent of a mutual fund's portfolio is sold each year. The average mutual fund turnover ratio is about 80, meaning each year the portfolio changes its mind regarding 80 percent of the businesses that it had previously commit-

That just ain't buy-and-hold invest-

Whether you're investing through mutual funds or, better yet, through individual stocks, to be a true buyand-hold investor you should probably look to keep your annual turnover down to a level of no more than 15 percent to 20 percent of your portfo-

The advantages of being a buy-andhold investor are essentially threefold. First, you'll keep down the cost of commissions. Even with online discount brokers, trades still average around \$15 each, so every purchase plus sale tallies \$30 in commissions to move in and out of a stock. If, heaven forbid, you use the services of a fullservice broker, commissions average closer to \$150 per transaction.

Second, a buy-and-hold investor pays capital gains taxes much less frequently than a more active trader. She avoids paying long-term capital gains taxes of 20 percent, or worse, shortterm capital gains taxes that can approach 40 percent. The buy-andhold investor is being tax savvy by changing her mind infrequently.

Third, and perhaps most important, a buy-and-hold philosophy frees up a lot of time and thought that is spent following the day-to-day and even hour-to-hour worries and concerns that seem to take up too much of the time of more active traders.

WHAT NOW?

To research the turnover ratio of any mutual funds that you own or are thinking of owning, go to www.morningstar.com.

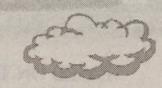
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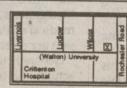


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He is the co-originator of the thesis of Russia's "virtual economy" to explain Russia's failure to reform its old communist structure into a competitive market economy. His book, The Price of the Past: Russia's Struggle with the Legacy of a Militarized Economy, was awarded the 1997 prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) as the year's best publication on the political economy of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Gaddy received his Ph.D. in economics from Duke University and his B.A. from Wake Forest University. He serves on editorial boards of the journals Post-Soviet Geography and Economics and Problems of Economic Transition. In 1996-97 he served as an advisor to the Russian government on issues of fiscal federalism under the auspices of the U.S. Government's Tax Reform Oversight Project for Russia.

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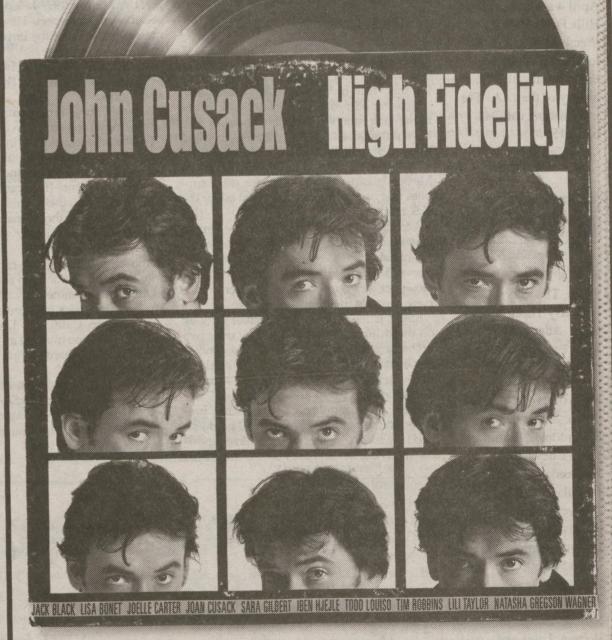
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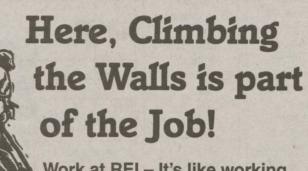
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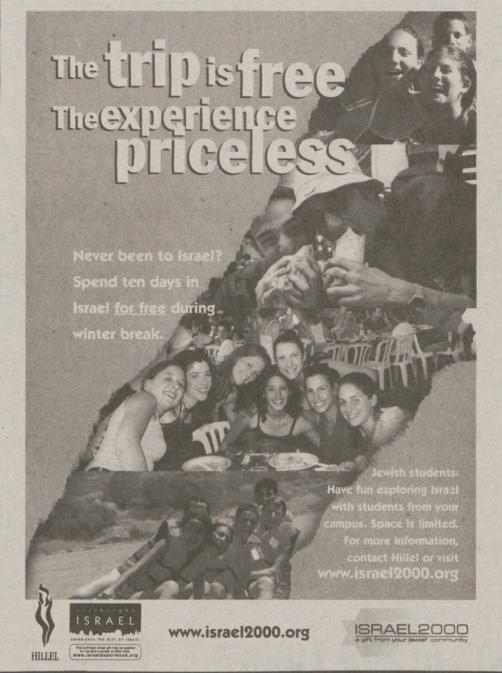
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John L. Esposito, Ph.D.

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) — This is a good time to start on new projects, especially long-term goals. Use your energy wisely and you'll make amazing fast progress in

March 29 - April 4



melt away, though your own aggressiveness may create new ones. Stay as realistic as possible and stay humble with your accomplishments.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) – Previous roadblocks seem to



GEMINI (May 21-June 21) – Though you may have the strength to take care of business, power struggles occur with others. You're probably in the right, so be reasonable but don't give up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) – A conflict with a loved one

midweek brings frustrations, but past issues will finally



come to the surface. Work allows you to be creative. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Get out and do some traveling if you can. Religious and spiritual Leos can experience a higher appreciation for their faith or a change in beliefs



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) – You have the power this week to let go of past issues, though it won't be easy. Other people probably have your best interest in mind; listen to



LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) – Stay patient and the current situation will change. Working with others will allow you to get past difficulties. Money starts coming easier this week.



been waiting patiently to do, though make sure you are fair to others. Relationships with others can be a struggle, but have many benefits. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Talk with others and

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) – Make those moves you've



help you get what you want, though don't go overboard and hurt the ones you care about. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Romantic opportunities come into your life this week; make time to enjoy.

Emotions flow midweek, so find a health expression for

they will help you reach your goals. aggressiveness may



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) – It is a good time to spend time with close family. Problems at work are suddenly surmountable, though make sure you aren't running over everybody else.



Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) – Work on getting your finances in order. Family brings your personal issues to the forefront, but in the end this will be best for you. Make time for love.

OU Alumni Damon Brown (Libra) has been studying astrology for the past 7 years and writing statewide astrology columns for the past year.

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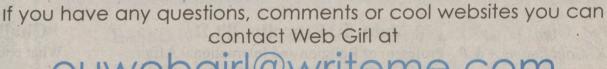
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Not getting any dates lately? Fear that you're doomed to singledom forever? Family therapist Rhona Raskin has "11 ways to meet your lover" which are sensible, down to Earth tips. Find them at http://underwire.msn.com/Underwire/Itspersonal/love/64love.asp

The Pope is in the spotlight again as he tours. But who exactly is the man? Read all about him and see the history of the papacy at the Pope Page at www.catholic.net/RCC/POPE/pope.html.



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SECTION B

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 29, 2000

ON CAMPUS

•A free COMPOSER'S **CONCERT** will take place at 3 p.m. on March 30 at the Varner Studio Theatre. The concert will present original works.

•The Oakland Dance Theatre and Oakland Dance Theatre Repetory Company will present new work by guest and student choreographers at 8 p.m. on March 31 at the Varner Recital Hall.

•SPB is bringing OU's first non-traditional **BEAUTY PAGEANT** Mix-up on April 4. The pageant will consist of men dressing as women and vice versa. The competition will include formal wear, talent, and a question and answer portion.

CONCERTS

•The sub Pop Caravan of Stars with NEBULA, Zen Guerilla and The Go will play on March 30 at the Magic Bag, Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m.

•Tired of low energy bands? Check out **GORDON BENNETT at** 10 p.m. on March 31 at Boathouse Billiards, Lake Orion. There is no cover.

•Joke around with power trio band, GOV'T. **MULE** and North Mississippi All Stars at 8 p.m. on April 1 at St. Andrew's Hall.

•Enjoy an evening with AJ MCLEAN as Johnny No Name at 5 p.m. on April 5 at the State Theatre.

•All American singer, **BRYAN ADAMS** will play on April 3 at The State Theare.

•The 2x4 tour- 2 sets x 4 guys, will take place with The MELVINS at 8 p.m. on April 19 at St. Andrew's Hall.

COMING SOON

•Steering into town to delight fans is musical group TRAIN. The band will play at 8 p.m. on April 27 at St. Andrew's Hall.

•Hardcore, groove, funk and metal band, TRIBAL TRAKTION, will play a post-finals party at 8 p.m. at Jumpin Java Cafe, Lake Orion on April 29.

•EDWIN MCCAIN will play at 8 p.m. on May 3 at St. Andrew's Hall.

The world through the

He's been in as many movies as Kevin Bacon... He has a following similar to the band KISS... He's been making movies since the '80s... Now, he's created a movie to capture the 'break-up blues' that everyone experiences...

> By Cara Plowman OF THE OAKLAND POST

Who is John Cusack, really? Maybe no one real-

Last Monday, Cusack gave a telephone-conference interview with journalists across the nation. The topics were broad: from his movies to his music partiality to his relationship vices.

Cusack began acting at a very young age. He grew up in Chicago where "there are 300 different local theater companies," he said. "You can always see some pretty cool theater. You felt like you had a really good training ground."

His first movie, where he played a sex driven teen (what else?), "Class," came out in 1983 when Cusack was only 17 years old.

Cusack said that his newest endeavor, "High Fidelity," is about the "sexual politics" that men live by. In the book by Nick Hornby, this is examined with grace and exactness. Getting that feeling to the screen was difficult at times.

"We were trying to make a very entertaining film, but also one that is a little bit provocative and has honesty in it about, sort of, what men go

The book and the movie follow the life and loves of Rob Gordon (Cusack), a single guy who's been dumped a lot. The character is one that most everyone can relate to.

"I think if you talk to most guys, they'll tell you that Rob is pretty much dead on," said Cusack. "People might not go, definitely, as low as often. But as far as the emotion in the contradictions



OH JOHNNY BOY: The new movie "High Fidelity" is all about breaking up with the one you're with. It's based on the book by Nick Hornby. The film explores the theme (among others) "Which came first, the music or the misery?"

about what we feel about-being intimate, or com- ty, that's the worst thing that can happen to an mitting to a woman or the circus in our head- I actor." think the reason it was a best seller... is because he really taps into that."

Even though not all of his movies have been big hits, Cusack refuses to sell out. He attributes this to his less-than-normal outlook on things.

"I guess, definitely, I like odd things," he said. "I don't like straight down the middle.

The movie is packed with tons of music. Every emotion that Rob feels is portrayed by the songs 'I'm Wrong About Everything," "Fallen For You,"

'The Inside Game" and "Let's Get It On." Cusack said he doesn't have a list of favorite songs or albums. "(I have) certain songs for certain women, certain times in my life."

He added that the first concert he ever experi-

enced was "Dead Kennedys." Celebrity life is not what Cusack ever wants for

himself. He was even quoted once to say, "celebri-

Lately, he's been working on a Cameron Crow adaptation. Eventually, he said he'd like to return

to theater. In addition, he may take to directing. Since the '80s, he has grown and learned so much. "As you get older you don't worry as much about being a well-liked movie star," he

What would dating John Cusack be like? He admits that he can be a bit self-absorbed. But, just like most people, he tries to keep the fire burning.

'You're always looking for the rush you get when you see someone the first ten times.' So, what kind of a life is the actor leading? One filled with colorful and off-the-wall starring roles. But, he's not a celebrity. Don't look for him in the

next big-budget, action-packed, blockbuster. "I like popcorn movies, don't get me wrong," said Cusack. "I just don't like to act in them."

John Gusack Movies

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Top Five reasons to go see this movie

HIGH FIDELITY



Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

HI-FI: (Left to Right) Jack Black (Barry), Todd Louiso (Dick), John Cusack (Rob), Lisa Bonet (Marie). In this scene, the three guys attend a small concert at a local hangout, where they run into serene sounding Marie DeSalle singing "Baby, I Love Your Way" by Peter Frampton.

By Krystal Kaltz OF THE OAKLAND POST

Which came first, the music or the misery? Do I listen to pop music because I'm miserable, or

High Fidelity

Rated R

does listening to the music make me feel that way?

High Fidelity," John Cusack's newest movie, with opens these questions, and for the next two hours Cusack's char-

acter, Rob, tries to figure it out. Rob is the owner of a small record store in Chicago, and has been pretty unlucky in love. His recent breakup with Laura (Iben Hjejle) has made him rather inse-

cure about his ability to hold a relationship. He sets out on a mission to find out exactly what is wrong with him.

Peppered with "top five" lists such as "Top five songs for letting the person who dumped you know that even though they broke your heart, you can't get over them." "High Fidelity" explores the frustrations that life

and love can bring to normal people. Life is not a fairy tale, and Rob knows this better than anyone else. He eventually comes to realize that everyone is looking for the perfect relationship, and it

is just a fantasy that can never exist.

Based on the novel by Nick Hornby, this film portrays the struggle to find love in a very realistic way.

Co-producer D.V. DeVincentis said, "Everyone who reads Nick

Hornby's book thinks that it's about them. The elements of the story are universal."

It's true, too. Even though the movie is shown from the male perspective, females can relate just as easily.

-So here are the top five reasons to go see "High Fidelity:" If you've ever been in a relationship that failed, if you've ever been in a relationship that worked, if you like "top five" lists, if you like seeing wet people (it's Chicago...it rains a lot,) and, of course, John Cusack.

"Arabian Nights" recreates life, art of Chagall

By Carl Savich SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Chagall's Arabian Nights by Meadow Brook Theatre resident playwright, Karim Alrawi, had its world premiere this month and continues its run until April 9.

The story of the play revolves around the life of Russian-born painter Marc Chagall, who created a series of illustrations for the Arabian Nights, or the 1,001 Nights of Scheherazade.

The series of stories, in Arabic, contain the characters Aladdin, Sinbad and Ali Baba and tell the tale of Scheherazade. In order to keep her husband Schariar, the King of Samarkand, from killing her, Scheherazade tells him a tale each night for 1,001 nights.

The setting for Alrawi's play is Chagall's cottage in the Catskills of upstate New York, interspersed with surrealistic scenes from the Arabian Nights. The time of the play is early spring, 1946. The two-act play has surreal fantasy segments that take place in the "world of the Arabian Nights."

The first act sets the stage for the play by showing how Chagall chose to do his illustrations. The themes are adult-oriented and based upon facts in Chagall's life and career. The second act consists mostly of childlike fantasy as the tales from the Arabian Nights are Bolshevik regime. By 1923, he had emigrated recreated on stage.

OU professor Kathryn Wagner designed the puppets for the fantasy sequences, including the Mermaid Julnar, the Grouchy Tree, the Fisherman, the Serpent Queen, and the Ghoul. There are sea stallions, a genie in a bottle, a talking bird, a merman, a mouse and a condor.

The puppets and props were innovative, and along with lighting effects and the music, created a magical and idyllic world of fantasy.

The one drawback of the theatre performance was that the dialogue was inaudible occasionally.

The plot centers on Chagall's disillusionment with his life following the death of his wife Bella (Sunita Param). He rejects nationalism and formulaic conceptions of art. He seeks redemption through universalism and humanism, as well as art. His decision to illustrate the Arabian Nights, at a time of tension between Arabs and Jews, showed his commitment to transcend ethnic and nationalistic bar-

In his paintings he emphasized Jewish themes of the shtetel and Yiddish life in Vitebsk, Russia, where Chagall was born. Following the Russian Revolution, Chagall bacame a Communist commissar of art in the

back to France until World War II when he moved to the US.

Robert Grossman plays the elderly Marc Chagall. Robert Morgan is both the youthful Chagall as well as Badr. Nedra Gallegos is Virginia and Jehan. Param is Bella and Shams. Nina Kircher is Linda Purcell, and Chip Duford is Pierre and Shahpur. Director Debra L. Wicks has the actors on a revolving set which is ingeniously used throughout the two

Grossman plays Chagall with conviction while Morgan, who gave a powerful performance as John Barrett in "Dangerous Obsession," gives a bravura and tour-de-force performance as a surreal and youthful Chagall as well as the energetic and colorful Badr. Grossman's dour and daustic performance dominates act one. Both performances are effective in anchoring the play.

Integrating the two disparate acts, however, is jarring and disruptive. Act one is adult-oriented and based on factual information about Chagall. Act two is mostly fantasy. They use puppets and stage effects. Is the play intended primarily for children or for adults? Or, is

ARABIAN continues on B4

Musicians, actors, stars who crossover genres elicit discourse

By Joshua A. Wainz SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

'Don't quit your day job' seemed to be the message from most of the students recently polled for their thoughts on musicians, actors and comedians who cross over into other professions.

Most students were completely in favor of a celebrity examining new possible roles, as long as he or she is good at it. The response was also very discouraging for those celebrities who failed in their new attempts. Twelve out of 20 people warned that comedians and musicians are very likely to become bad actors.

"They should do it with style and grace," said Angela Dunning. "If they think that just because they can act or sing that it's okay to switch, they better think again."

Many agreed that there should be rules to switching

'Some character actors can't leave their roles... Adam Sandler can't do something serious, and Robin Williams

can," said Chris Beattle, senior. With Williams receiving an Oscar nomination for "Dead Poets Society" and winning an Oscar for "Good Will Hunting," the lack of such an award for Sandler's mantle

may back the reasoning many give. Aaron Mosier, junior, MSU said "It's like mathematicians

trying to do literature. It just doesn't work." It was a nearly unanimous that the talent of the individual should be used to the utmost. Essentially, talent is what they are selling.

"They should also know what they're good at," said Julie Ferrari, junior. "They may not have any talent to take advantage of."

A few didn't care what the famous are up to.

"I have no opinion," stated Matt Nowak, sophomore. "They are all overpaid schmucks."

Two students think crossing over is great.

"It's good that they see what they can offer to other genres, that they can add value to it," said Sean Seavy. "I've seen comedians act in movies and make the film better and themselves better."

Another agreed with switching roles.

"I think that it's a good choice for actors to move to music because it gives a variety to the entertainment business," said Brad Laforest, freshman.

Students who looked at the entertainment industry as a whole felt differently about crossover stars.

"I usually just lumped all of them into one group," saidLani Fong. "A lot of them already cross over. It just seems to be something that they did in the first place." Some think it's downright wrong.

"It's unfair for those who are already in that genre... bet-

ter actors lose out to famous comedians." But what if a truck driver attempted to break into Hollywood? Or, let's say a media-acclaimed body builder gets a role in a musical that would require him to act and sing. Seems farfetched enough, but Sean Connery did it.

Now, he's famous for action films. Apparently there is no set formula for success in the media and Hollywood.

The fact remains that most actors made their break into celebrity status by means other than acting alone- such as modeling, theatre, music or athletics.

It is obvious that any attempt made will be both careful-

ly watched and brutally critiqued.

Hopefully those with the passion to succeed in more than one aspect can conquer both problems. But, if they can't, "It's good to give it a shot, but don't quit your day job," said Rachel Smith, sophomore.

Friday Night

The residence halls turn into a comedy club every other week during Friday Night Live. Admission for the shows is always free, and includes retreshments.

> By Heather Shevokas SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

On March 24, students were able to put their worries aside to make room for laughter as they gathered to watch comedian Adam Ace in the Vandenberg cafeteria.

Dressed in a red suit, Ace started out the night by throwing rolls of toilet paper at the audience for a game of toilet paper basket-

By the end of the show, he had been in numerous outfits and had brought about seven people from the audience onstage. Ace's show was part of a series of events on campus called Friday Night Live.

Friday Night Live had it's debut in Sept. 1999, and occurs about every other week. The next show is scheduled for April 7, and is the last show for this semester. That show will feature Marty Putz and is called "Comedy For The New Millennium."

"It's supposed to be the biggest one of the year," said Janeece Hayes, program coordinator for the residence halls.

Hayes said the show would be very unexpected "because he's going to be so different from everything else we've had."

She also said that she couldn't reveal too much about it.

"He's not typical stand-up," Hayes said. "It's gonna be a lot of fun."

Putz has been on television shows such as "Comic Strip Live," "Make Me Laugh," and "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno.

Most of the Friday Night Live shows have featured comedians, although there was a hypnotist last semester.

"Comedy has a universal entertainment value to it," Hayes said.

She also said that she wants Friday Night Live to be something that can reach several different types of people simultaneously.

She doesn't feel an obligation to bring groups on campus an opportunity to bring in comedian Adam Ace's show. bands or concerts,

Occasionally the shows match themes on campus.

When the theme was alcohol awareness, comedian Don Parker did a show about the illusions of drugs and alcohol.

During Sibling's Weekend, comedian Roger Day did a show geared more Hayes said that, on average, the audience consists of about 100 people.

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musical acts to campus because it gives other LAUGHIN' IT UP: Wearing a red suit, playing tollet paper basketball and making the crowd laugh was all part of

David Cotter, junior, history, said that it's "something to do on the weekend, especially in the dorms." Although the show featuring Putz will be the last one for this semester, there is no need to worry because shows are already planned for the fall

semester of 2000.

"They've grown in popularity," Hayes said. "We're very happy about it."

DOWN

WITH NAMI SUSHI BAR

By Gabriela Ardelean SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

the motto at Nami Sushi Bar, the small yet quaint sushi bar located at 201 West Nine

Mile, in Ferndale. Nami Sushi Bar offers a comfortable atmosphere where people can watch the chefs prepare their food right in front of them. Nami also offers a superb dining experience with an exotic Japanese-style menu. The sushi bar imports its seafood

fresh from Japan on a daily basis. Sushi is a Japanese tradition that is over a thousand years old. It originally began as a way of fish preservation, but today sushi means "any dish with vinegared rice," and is actually not a reference to fish. Sushi is often confused with the term "sashaimi," which means fresh uncooked fish. Often, sushi (rice) is served with sashaimi, but sushi is usually served rolled up alongside cooked seafood such as crabmeat, shrimp or broiled fish. Many of the most popular varieties of sushi contain no fish at all, but rather contain

cooked and pickled vegetables. Nami carries three different kinds of fish preparations. The first is Nigiri, which means vinegared rice balls topped with pieces of fish, shellfish, fish roe, or vegetables. The second is an inside-out roll that is filled with fish or vegetables and rolled in a blanket of seaweed and rice; the seaweed is

on the inside and the rice is bedded on the

Seaweed has cancer fighting properties, helps lower blood cholesterol levels, and is full of minerals such as iodine, B-complex vitamins, Vitamins D, E, and K, calcium and magnesium.

The third type of fish preparation involves a traditional roll. This is a roll that is filled with fish or vegetables and is rolled in a blanket of seaweed and rice; the rice is on the interior and the seaweed is on the exterior.

Nigiri, inside-out and traditional rolls are accompanied by gari, a vinegared ginger which is a natural antibiotic that also boosts good cholesterol, (HDL) and lowers bad cholesterol (LDL). The rice and rolls are also served with wasabi (Japanese horseradish,) a root vegetable that is also an antibiotic and decongestant. Wasabi also helps to increase

The Japanese have a great respect for nature and this is expressed in the arrangement of the food, done in appealing ways on a wooden eating surface. At Nami, a meal not only tastes great, it is also prepared to look like a work of art.

Nami Sushi Bar is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays. An average dinner for two costs around \$20-30.



AW FUN: Chefs at Nami Sushi Bar, located in Ferndale, serve up delicious Japanese dishes while customers watch.

Fish Facts

- · One serving of tuna contains 100% of the daily recommended Vitamin A, and 100% of daily recommended amino acids and zinc. 160 calories a servings
- · Whitefish contains 50% of daily recommended protein, 85% of daily-recommended amino acids and zinc. 16 calories a serving

Japanese Cuisine Facts

- · Miso soup is a natural antioxidant that helps prevent breast and prostate cancer.
- · Soy sauce helps prevent breast and prostate cancer.
- · Gari, a vinegared ginger, is a natural antibiotic that boosts good cholesterol, (HDL) and lowers bad cholesterol.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post GO TROPICAL: Go Mango Juice Bar, located in dowtown Rochester, offers a tropical theme

Go Tropical, Go Mango

Local cafe serves up the juice in a jungle atmosphere

By Katie Washburne SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The city of Rochester has a new enterprise. The Go Mango Cafe and Juice Bar recently opened on Main Street, cuddled up next to Starbucks. Go with a wide selection of sandwiches and smoothies to choose from.

Go Mango has apparently tried to pick up where the chain, Rainforest Cafe, left off. The walls of the cafe are painted to resemble leafy green jungle foliage. A stuffed lion's head on one

wall mirrors the tiger's head mounted across from it. Both heads, of course, are stuffed plush and not from actual

The smoothies and sandwiches are a bit on the high end of the price scale, but are quite good and are served up in

reasonably large portions. The cafe seems to do its largest busi-Mango is an attractive juice bar ness with the high school crowd, for after 3 p.m. the place was invaded by hordes of young people with the hungry eyes of those just released from

> The influence of young capitalist spenders adds to the youthful and easygoing atmosphere where a group

of friends can sit at a table and enjoy themselves for an hour or so and not be disturbed.

On a whole, the Go Mango Juice Bar and Cafe is a very pleasant and enjoyable experience. However, for a place with a natural theme, it is a bit strange to be served drinks in Styrofoam cups, hence only adding to the landfill problem running rampant worldwide.

With the exception of this one discrepancy, the Go Mango is impressive and friendly. While it won't put the Starbucks next door out of business, it can be expected to find its own following and should do quite well.

People, Plants, & Culture

and menu, complete with healthy smoothies and sandwiches.

An exhibit by the Arts League of Michigan, Inc., entitled "People, Plants, & Culture," is being presented at the Oakland County Galleria in Pontiac through April 6. Galleria hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call (248) 858-0415.

"The Angel of Lemnos"

The Angel of Lemnos by Jim Henry opens at 8:30 p.m. on March 30 at the Detroit Repetory Theatre. The tale of heartbreak, a fall from grace and an eventual redemption will touch viewers. Inspiration for the play is based on a Greek myth. The play will run through May 21, and will play at various showtimes. For information about reservations, call (313) 868-1347.

Punk band sensation, MXPX, will play at 7 p.m. on April 16 at Clutch Cargo's. With albums such as "Life in General," "Slowly Going the Way of the Buffalo," and "Let it Happen," MXPX has established themselves as a leader in the punk industry. The intense, thoughtful lyrics and energetic stage presence make this band a must-see.

Royal Hanneford Circus

The Royal Hanneford Circus will give eight performances, April 6-9 at The Palace, Auburn Hills. Opening night tickets are just \$4. Other tickets are as low as \$5. The circus can be seen at 7:30 p.m. on April 6, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on April 7, at 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on April 9.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL March 22 Oakland Pittsburgh March 22 Pittsburgh Oakland March 25 Oakland Siena Heights March 25

Siena Heights SOFTBALL March 24 UMKC Oakland March 24

Oakland

UMKC Oakland March 25 UMKC Oakland March 25 UMKC Oakland

March 27

Oakland Grand Valley State 4 March 27 Grand Valley State 6 Oakland

Tennis March 23-26 Southern Utah

Oakland Oakland Chicago State

Youngstown State 4 Oakland Oakland UMKC 2 Utah State 6

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Oakland Oral Roberts Oakland

UPCOMING GAMES

SOFTBALL MARCH 31 -WESTERN ILLINOIS, time, TBA (DH) APRIL 1 - WESTERN ILLINOIS, time, TBA (DH) APRIL 3 - DETROIT, time, TBA (DH)

BASEBALL APRIL 1 - at Youngstown State, 12 noon, (DH) APRIL 2 - at Youngstown State, 12 noon, (DH)

TENNIS APRIL 1-2 - at Chicago State Invitational (WIU, Valparaiso), time, TBA each day. APRIL 2 - at IUPUI, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF APRIL 1-2 - at Illinois Spring Classic (University of Illinois-Champaign, Illinois), time, TBA each day

MEN'S GOLF APRIL 2-4 - at Eastern Kentucky Invitational, time, TBA each day

Tennis goes 2-6 in Mid-Con matches

By Lisa Cali SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The women's tennis team played its first set of conference meets for the spring season this weekend in Las Vegas. OU played dual

matches against Southern 66 I wish we host Utah, as well as could have Chicago State, Oral won the two Roberts, UMKC, Youngstown State matches that we and Utah State. lost 3-4, we OU won two of should have beat the six dual matchthose teams.

es they played. The

Chicago State 6-1

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Utah 3-4, Oral

women

beat

Kristie Mathews and UMKC 4-2, but First singles player

Roberts 1-5, Youngstown State 3-4 and Utah State 3-6. First singles player Kristie Mathews finished the weekend with a record of 3-3.

Kristi Sabat, who played both fifth singles and second doubles, finished with a record of 4-2 this weekend. Last week, Sabat was named Mid-Con player of the week, and now has a personal record of 14-3 for the sea-

Both Mathews and Head coach Kris Jeffrey were happy with the experience, but disappointed with their losses to Southern Utah and Youngstown State.

"I wish we would have won the two next two Mid-Con matches.

matches that we lost 3-4," Mathews said. "We should have beat those teams."

Jeffrey agreed with Mathews and said that their doubles had been a weak point throughout the weekend.

"We are going to spend the next weekend concentrating on our doubles play. If we can turn a couple things around, we can get those extra points," Jeffrey said.

Despite the fact that they didn't come out on top this weekend, the OU women are determined to better themselves for future matches. The experience of playing so many conference teams in one weekend gave the women insight into the meets against Valparaiso and IUPUI coming up this week-

The women will have to give it their all this season because of the stiff competition and the size of their team. This year only six girls are on the team, which doesn't give much opportunity for the rest and movement up the lineup.

Jeffrey said the lineup would remain the same throughout the rest of the season.

Mathews will play first singles, followed by Kristy Tragle, Brittany Maxey, Theo Nea and Sabat in the second through fifth singles spots. As for doubles, Mathews and Maxey will pair up as first doubles team, Sabat and Tragle will play second and Nae will pair up with Jennifer Herrera for the third doubles

The women will travel to Valparaiso on Saturday and to IUPUI on Sunday for the

TENNIS NEWS

- · Kristi Sabat, fifth singles player, was named Mid-Con Player of the week for March 15.
- The women travel to the Chicago State Invitational to face Western Illinois University, Valparaiso and Chicago State on April 1 -
- · A team of only six women composes the entire women's tennis team.
 - First singles: Kristie Mathews Second singles: Kristy Tragle
 - · Third singles: **Brittany Maxey**
 - Fourth singles: Theo Nae · Fifth singles: Kristi Sabat
- First doubles: Mathews and Maxey ·Second doubles: Sabat and Tragle Third doubles: Nae and Jennifer and

Herrera



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

PRE-SEASON PLAY: Before the spring season opened, Kristie Mathews practiced her swings on the courts at OU.

-American

- On March 16, 2000, OU's Anita Rapp was named to the GTE-All-American first team.
- Rapp started in 17 games in 1999 and totalled 29 points overall.
- Rapp was previously named Mid-Con Player of the Year and is currently on the Norwegian National team.

Softball onference Conference Overall Valparaiso 0-0 4-0 Oakland 0-0 8-7 Western Illinois 0-0 12-11 standings **IUPUI** 8-11 0-0 UMKC 0-0 5-8 Youngstown State 0-0 2-11 Southern Utah 0-0 3-19 Baseball 17-6 Oral Roberts 4-0 Chicago State 8-4 Southern Utah 0-0 9-10 8-10 Oakland 0-0 Youngstown State 0-0 4-7 3-14 0-4 0-0 Valparaiso 2-13

Western Illinois

OU runs over Siena Heights

Hard hitting Grizzlies send Saints packing

By Chad Mack SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

clinic at the of OU expense Heights SH

University on Saturday. On a sunny, but breezy Saturday afternoon, OU pummeled Siena Heights SH time and time again in a

double header. Rob Brockman went 3-for-10 and hit two home runs, knocking in three RBI in the process. Nick Diponio batted 1.000 going 5-for-5, with one homer, seven RBI and five stolen bases. Kip Harris went 6-for-10 with two home runs, one of which was a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth inning. Chris Kimball rejoined the team, playing his first game

In the top of the ninth inning, of the first game, Kimball made a diving grab and then made a perfect throw to first to get the grizz out of the inning.

back after being out with an

Head coach Mark Avery was ond game, getting one run on six pleased with OU's performance, hits and the pitching failed by and once again gave much of the giving up four runs in the bottom U put on a hitting credit to his pitching staff,

"Kurt Spyke, Justin extremely well, and only gave up a combined one earned run," Avery said.

OU won both games by a combined score of 52-4. 26-1 in the first game, and 26-3 in the second. OU has now

won three of its last four games. Earlier in the week, OU split a double header with University of Pittsburgh. OU won the first game 9-4 and lost the second 7-1. Rob Brockman went 4- for-4 in the first game and didn't get a hit during the second game. Sean Boesch scored a win for OU, pitching six innings and giving up five hits and one unearned

run. "Our pitching has been improving each game and our bats have really heated up," Avery said.

OU's bats went cold in the sec-

of the first.

OU's only run came in the sec-Robertson, and Kirk ond inning, when Eric Crossley Anderson pitched knocked in Mike Patterson. Crossley had two of the team's six hits on the afternoon. OU has won three of the last four games.

OU is gearing up for the start of the Mid-Con season, with only one game left against Bowling Green State University before going to Youngstown State for the conference opener.

BASEBALL NEWS

- The men travel to Youngstown State on April 1 to open the Mid-Con competition.
- The next home game is on April 11 when OU faces Detroit Mercy.

Finding new identities after the end of an era

I watched the Spartans as that not playing their comeback sent Iowa seems like a loss State players home in tears. of identity. Tears shed from utter disappointment in themselves and to coach or perin disappointment at the end haps be trainers of an era. For the seniors it for high school was a final effort to prolong or college teams. the inevitable end of a season. An end of another part over, begin a new era with a of life. High school careers ended four years ago, but with hope of a college career.

end of college doesn't identity, finding ourselves, promise a pro career. Only for the lucky few that excel so through Europe or on a masgreatly that they become superstars. But that doesn't happen for most, so in the final moments at the end of that last game, emotions back to the reality that years overwhelm players. Players in school are the best times. It

Some will go on Others will start

completely new identity.

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This is what college and college athletics is all about This end is more final, the in the end. Finding a new perhaps on a year long hike sive search for a career that seems so promising now.

But when that career falls through or the trip ends, it's



KELLI PETROVE

least we knew what we were suppose to be doing.

game and maintain relationships with family and friends.

sounds, that reality is shatchampionship women's bas-

bigger dreams. But now, col-perhaps a family one day. lege is nearing an end for the are a superstar.

Sometimes when I think back to high school, and that love of the game with you, But as the final buzzer final track meet I sense a little of what those players from tered, the security starts to Iowa were facing. Fear. For fade away. No longer are you me, my career ended after a starter on the Mid-Con high school because OU doesn't have a track team, ketball team, now you are but for these players, like the just another name searching senior athletes here at OU, for a new security, a new life. the past four years have been My high school track coach a blessing and a way to told our team once that life extend the love of the game.

who have been identified doesn't seem like the best was just beginning as we To the seniors at OU, I wish with their sports for so long, now, but when we look back closed out our final meet, you the best of luck in find-

in ten years, we that times would change and ing something new to identiwill realize that at that we would become new fy with. Hopefully, you will people, new athletes with have a successful career and

Know that you have left We knew what seniors. And for those who your mark on OU as the first was expected of have always been athletes in athletes, to compete in us. Go to class, one way or another, an Division I, and you will perform well at the emptiness sets in unless you always be remembered for that.

Take the memories and the and forever remember what it was like to be a part of a team, to be a winner and to handle defeat. These traits will enhance your lives forever, no matter where your path leads you. Always remember the good times and learn from the bad.

Kelli Petrove is a senior Journalism major and Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

ONE GONE three to follow?

Four women, one dream; a new basketball jersey to wear

By Ramez Khuri OF THE OAKLAND POST

Rumors about four members of the women's basketball team leaving for other schools have baffled OU. The question on everyone's mind is "Why would you want to leave a team that won the Mid-Con title outright?"

In an attempt to answer this question The Oakland Post contacted all four players, but only one was available for comment at press time.

Heather Wooldrik, a junior center for the Grizzlies this year, said, "When I was being recruited, I told her (head coach Beckie Francis) that I was a true center, and I played that position. She said that there was a spot for me on the team, but I came here and basically she runs a four guard offense, and she doesn't really use the center position."

"The team was kind of divided, and if we lost a game, she would say, You guys weren't cheering hard enough,' and it we went to watch game film, she would put the starters in one room, and put everybody else in another room, so she kind of divided the team, and there's a lot of hard feelings about that...I love every single member of the team, and I know we all love each other, but sometimes we do feel separated, but I wish about the four players. "I am very the team luck next year."

Wooldrik said she will be transferring to Mt. Mercy, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa next year. Since she is from Iowa, the school will be a lot closer to home.

When speculation first surfaced, the

rumor was that the other three members of the team, Tish Martin, Becky Barok and Jessica King were all headed to Wayne State University, but a source from the team said that if they leave, only Martin would be headed to Wayne, and Barok and King would be going to schools near their homes.

The teammates' departures are not set in stone until there is actual confirmation from the players in question.

"I'm not sure why they're leaving," said Katie Wolfe. "I think they're just leaving because they're making decisions that they think they have to make. Maybe at first I was a little shocked, but we are going to deal with it, and we are going to be as good or even better next vear. They are all great people, and they are all good basketball players, and I am sad that they are leaving but it's just something that happens in college basketball, people leave, people come, we got new people, and everything will be fine. We have good people here.

About the division of the team, Wolfe said, "I don't think that the coach divided us at all, I think that the starters would tend to hang out with each other, but I don't feel that the coaches divided

Francis only had good things to say happy with all of them, and I would weicome them all back if that's what they choose. They have all contributed to us winning the Mid-Con title, and I would like everybody back."



HEATHER WOOLDRIK CENTER

1999-2000 Season Games played: 22 Average minutes per game: 9.4 PTS/G: 2.8 Total Points: 61 Total Rebounds: 31 Total Steals: 3



BECKY BAROK FORWARD

1999-2000 Season Games played: 10 Average minutes per game: 6.6 PTS/G: 1.5 Total Points: 15

Total Rebounds: 24 Total Steals: 1

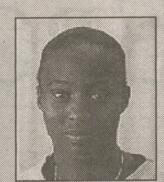


JESSICA KING GUARD.

1999-2000 Season Games played: 15 Average minutes per game: 5.6 PTS/G: 1.6

Total Rebounds: 11 Total Steals: 4

Total Points: 24



TISH MARTIN GUARD

1999-2000 Season Games played: 22 Average minutes per game: 25.0 PTS/G: 2.8 Total Points: 62 Total Rebounds: 76

Total Steals: 29

66 Hove every single member of the team, and I know we all love each other, but sometimes we do feel separated. I wish the team luck next year.

> Heather Wooldrik Center

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> Katie Wolfe Guard

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> **Beckie Francis** Women's head coach

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LEAD STORIES

· State and federal authorities recently refused emergency water-quality funds to the town of Browning, Mont. (population 1,100), finding after extensive testing that the water is safe to drink even though it was described in a February Associated Press report as "mucky brown and silty," "gritty black," "filthy" and "revolting." The water's excessive iron and manganese violate no law, officials say, and as long as the bacteria count is low, only longer-range improvements (such as digging more wells)

• Mixed News for Women: Twenty wives petitioned for divorce in Cairo, Egypt, on March 1, the inaugural day in which wives were eligible to file without elaborate proof of abuse. (They must still wait three to six months for a ruling, whereas a husband who files gets his divorce instantly and with no reason required.) And in February, South Korea's national police announced it would begin placing unarmed female troops on the front lines in potentially violent street demonstrations, hoping to calm protesters. One rowdy labor union leader, acknowledging the wisdom of the decision, admitted, "How can we attack females?"

Questionable Judgments

· Craig J. Ziegler, 35, was sentenced to five years' probation in Pittsburgh in November for impersonating a law-enforcement officer and then forcing a woman (a self-described former prostitute) to perform a sexual act. The victim was outraged that Ziegler got no jail time for the assault and pointed out to reporters that the last time she was in court for prostitution, she went to jail for seven months.

 Zhang Guoqiang, 27, was sentenced to 15 years in prison in February for swindling 50 people out of about \$100,000, promising U.S. visas to people in the northern port city of Tianjin by showing them a photo of him with his bud Bill Clinton. An Associated Press reporter in Beijing said the photo shows Clinton in a green casual shirt with Zhang in a business suit pasted in next to him as if they posed together, with the two men's images "clearly out of proportion" to each other.

• In December in Alberta, John Ebeling, 40, lost control of his pickup truck, crashed into a speeding freight train (onto which the truck hooked and was dragged along the tracks), freed himself from the truck onto the side of the train, held on for about 12 miles until he managed to uncouple the car he was on (causing the train to brake and his rail car to smash into it), and rode the out-of-control car into a ditch. Thirteen cars were derailed, and power lines were downed, but Ebeling walked away with only minor

• Nathan King, 12, is recuperating in Helena, Mont., after early-March open-heart surgery to remove a pencil that he had fallen on lunging for a football. All told, before surgery began, King spent more than two hours with the pencil embedded in his heart, and if anyone had removed it, he would have died almost instantly. (King's welcome-home present from neighbors: a sweatshirt reading "Tougher Than Dracula.")

Undignified Deaths

• In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in October, a policeman shot a tipsy motorist to death at a traffic stop to prevent him from exposing himself to the officer, which according to local culture is a grave insult. And a 30-year-old repo man and a 19-year-old man behind in car payments killed each other in a gun battle in Miami, Fla., in February; the car that cost the two lives was a 1987 Chevrolet Caprice.

Also, in the Last Month ...

• A 62-year-old woman thought a stranger punched her in the neck, but it was a stabbing, and the 4inch knife remained in her neck for 40 minutes while she grocery-shopped before a passerby pointed it out to her (Darby Township, Pa.). A Maryland state senator introduced a bill to make it illegal for one woman to breastfeed another's baby. Las Vegas police burst into an apartment and arrested a Florida murder suspect while he was watching "America's Most Wanted" on TV, believing that his crime would be featured that night. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals targeted an anti-milk campaign to college students, urging them to drink beer instead.

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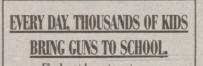
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it for the child in the adult? Additional scenes or another act could have made the integration easier. Also needed was more character development for Chagall and Virginia. Alrawi's writing is excellent, but there should have been more development and exposition.

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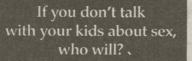
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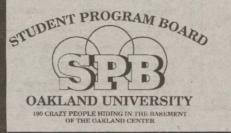
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