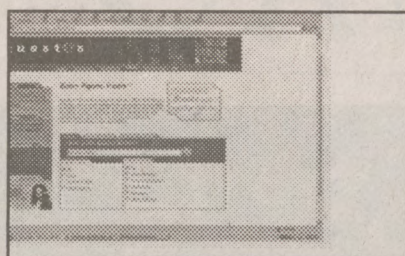


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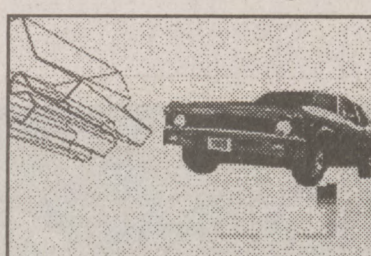
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NEWS edge

•Dr. Russi and Dr. Esposito will be presenting "A Vision of Oakland University in the Year 2010" at 4 p.m. on Monday in the Auditorium of Elliot Hall.

•OU's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services is sponsoring a 10 week workshop entitled "Chinese Language Basic Survival Skills". The class begins the week of February 12 and registration can be done by phone by calling 248.370.3033 or by email at amir@oakland.edu.

•The ABS Annual Male/Female Workshop will be taking place from 7-10 p.m. tomorrow in the Gold Rooms and Heritage Room of the OC.

•Those interested in running for Student Body President must attend an Elections Orientation from 6-7 p.m. on Monday in the Lake Superior Room or from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesday in Lake Superior Room A of the OC. Candidate signatures are due by noon on February 20 in the Center for Student Activities, 49 OC.

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STRIKING FOR DOLLARS: The CTs staged a protest early last December to try to get contract negotiations settled more quickly.

CTs ratify contract

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The OU Professional Support Association (OUPSA) Monday ratified a new three year pact by a 204 to eight vote. One member abstained.

A tentative contract was reached on Jan. 30, hours before the CTs and members of other bargaining units on campus planned a march in support of the clerical staff's negotiation efforts.

The clerical technical staff (CTs) of OU has been working

without a contract since July 1999.

According to Bill Kendall, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations and the chief negotiator for the university, the CTs voted "overwhelmingly in favor" of the settlement at Monday's meeting.

"We've got an agreement," said Kendall. "Both sides had to compromise a little bit. The CTs felt really like the university wasn't listening to them. It's time for us to build our relationships and build the morale."

Since the contract has been

ratified by the staff, the next step is to present the agreement to the Board of Trustees, which must also approve the agreement.

Negotiations have been on and off since the contract expired in 1999.

During the process, the CTs shifted representation from the UAW to the Michigan Education Association.

Since then, one contract was rejected by the union bargaining team because the salary offer was too low, said Susan Russell, president of the OUPSA.

Russell named three top priorities the CTs had during the negotiations: First, Health Insurance was a major concern. Many of the members said their premiums and co-pays were too high. Secondly, Russell said the CTs wanted the university to form a committee that would evaluate job descriptions. Lastly, salary was a concern during negotiations.

The contract presented to the CTs in November 1999 offered a 2.75 percent raise in the first

OUPSA continues on A8

OU's Most Wanted Police crack down on illegal parking

By Leslie Winkworth
THE OAKLAND POST

One of the most frequently debated issues on campus is parking. Some students grow tired of driving up and down the aisles in search of the closest spot, only to give up and park illegally.

OUPD Lieutenant Mel Gilroy said he hears lots of different excuses from students who have received parking tickets. He said most students blame their parking on the weather or their tardiness to class. He went on to say that a lot of times freshmen are illegally parked because their high school may not have enforced park-

ing policies.

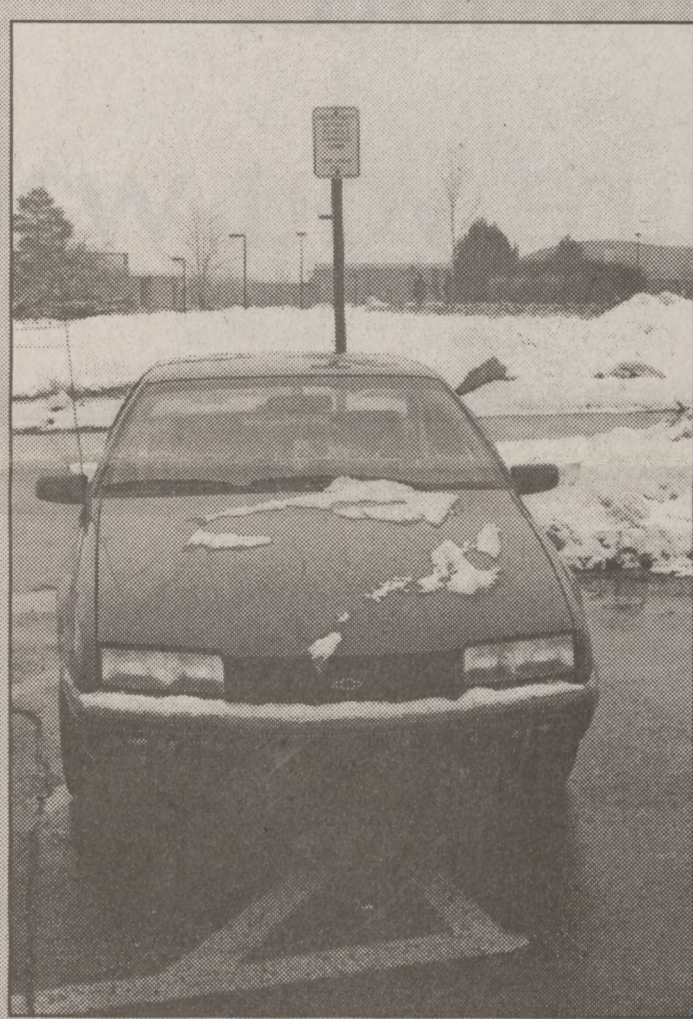
"If we can see the lines, then the driver can see the lines," Gilroy said. "It is your obligation as a driver to know if you're legally parked. Michigan laws do apply here at school."

Gilroy cites the school's massive growth in enrollment over the last few years as one of the main problems leading to illegal parking.

Although there is a shortage of spaces around the OC and NFH, there are plenty of other parking spots around campus, Gilroy added.

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, said that according to OU's

PARKING continues on A8



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SPREAD 'EM: Parking illegally at OU is punishable by up to a \$50 fine. Many students, in a rush to get to class on time, give up looking for a space and park in metered spots.

BOT okays on campus apartments

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

At its last meeting Jan. 31, the Board of Trustees gave its go ahead for OU to begin stage one of building new student apartments on campus.

"This is a very exciting time," said Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer.

"We are holding focus groups for students and community members can come to express their ideas, and I have had some very positive feedback," he added.

The apartments will be built in the field between Walton Boulevard and The George Mathews housing for married students.

The apartment project is divided into two parts. This first part is a preliminary design stage, where Capstone Development Corporation and OU will focus on finalizing design concepts and establishing a maximum price for the project. Plans will be submitted for approval to the BOT at their formal meeting on April 5.

Kochenderfer emphasized that the architecture will have a different look than the rest of the campus. It blends into the community style, like the houses in the area, but added that this would distinguish our campus from other schools' typical apartment designs.

Two design possibilities are in discussion at the moment. One is a four-student style that includes four bedrooms and two bathrooms, while the other is a two-student style that has two bedrooms and one bathroom with separate entrances.

Both styles will have a shared living room area and a kitchen, and will include basic apartment furnish-

BOT continues on A8

Faculty question online content ownership

By Mike Savage
THE OAKLAND POST

OU entered a brave new world this semester by offering online courses for the first time, and there are aspects of their implementation which concern some professors.

Some questions faculty are asking are: who owns the rights to the courses and what

can the university do with the material?

OU's administration offered to purchase online courses from a number of faculty members this fall, said Scott Barns, executive director of the Association of American University Professors at OU. Ten classes are being offered completely online.

Some faculty expressed con-

cerns over the possibility that the administration may sell or modify a course without the faculty member's approval, he said.

"Once a faculty member sells a course to the administration, the administration then has the discretion to sell the course," Barns said.

"The administration has offered to consult individual

faculty members regarding the sale of courses to outside organizations, but ultimately the administration can disregard the faculty member's concerns."

Barns added that if OU wishes to modify a course it has purchased, it may hire someone else to make the changes if the person who developed the course declines

to alter it.

It is contractually agreed that the faculty member who creates the course owns it, Mark Ludorf, associate provost for strategic initiatives, said.

Barns agreed and added that the faculty member can sell the works to OU.

COURSES continues on B4

Liaison positions open Applications due March 30

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Applications and nominations for the position of student liaison to the OU Board of Trustees are now being accepted for the 2001/2002 school year.

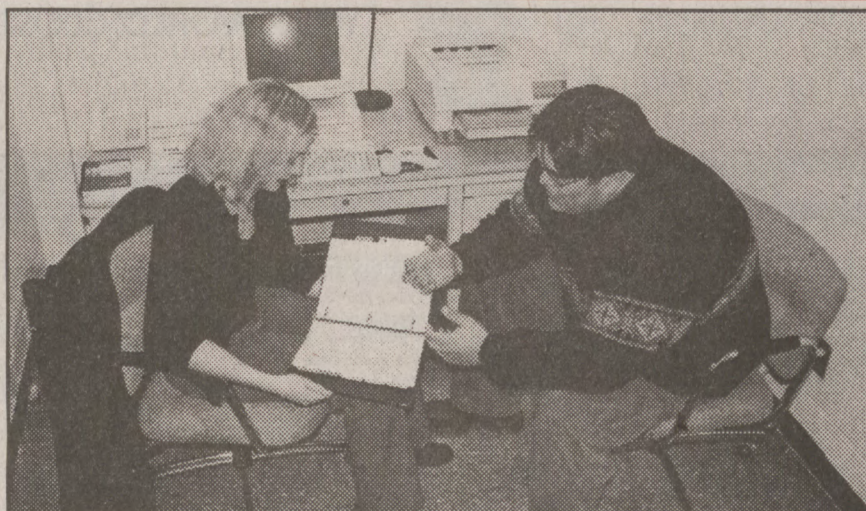
The position is open to students who are in good academic standing, have earned at least 56 undergraduate credits, 28 at OU or 18 graduate credits, nine at OU. Applicants must also have a record of service to the campus or community, have no disciplinary record and hold no other major lead-

ership position on campus. Liaisons are interviewed and appointed by OU President Gary Russi.

The student liaison position comes with a number of responsibilities which include attending all board meetings, serving a one or two year term, and providing student input to the board.

Liaisons also participate in an orientation program and make reports regarding board activities to student organizations. It is a Michigan law that liaisons are not voting members of the board.

The two OU students who currently



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IN A POSITION OF POWER: Cristina Kapustij, senior, biology and Bonefacio De La Rosa, senior, science currently serve as student liaisons for the BOT.

hold the student liaison position are Cristina Kapustij, senior, biology and Bonefacio De La Rosa, senior, science.

Both are graduating this term, leaving two open positions. Both students say

LIAISONS continues on A8

Associate Dean Bhatt appointed Interim for SECS

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Louis Esposito announced in an email last Wednesday that he has named the Interim Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dr. Bushan Bhatt, Associate Dean of SECS, accepted the Interim position, effective last Thursday.

Bhatt earned his doc-

torate from OU in 1978. Since then, Bhatt has been teaching at OU.

Bhatt has been the Associate Dean for the school since 1987.

Bhatt replaces Michael Polis who was forced to resign as the Dean of SECS by Esposito early this semester.

Polis cited differences in leadership style as the reason for his departure.

In an interview last month, Polis said he may return as a professor this summer.



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CRIME watch

•A non-student was reportedly arrested by police early Saturday morning for Operating Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor. Police were called to East Vandenberg Hall where a car was parked on the sidewalk. He was asked by police to move his car to the Hamlin circle, where he turned the wrong way on the one way drive. The subject admitted to have been drinking and police found two empty beer cans in the car. He was given a breathalyzer and failed field sobriety tests. Police transported the subject to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for a blood test, where he fled from police and ran down the street and eventually gave up. He also threatened to leave the country. The man's drivers license was confiscated and destroyed.

•Police were called to Hamlin Hall on Thursday when a Resident Assistant reportedly smelled marijuana coming from a resident's room. When police arrived, they observed two bottles of alcohol on a desk and five empty beer cans on the window sill. The officers also saw a glass pipe which smelled of marijuana, a wood cigar box containing a pipe and a rolling machine, and observed seeds and stems from a marijuana plant. Three students allegedly admitted to have been drinking and were issued Minor in Possession of Alcohol tickets. One of the three was issued a possession of marijuana ticket.

•Police responded to a suspected larceny call in the P-5 lot on Thursday. A 2000 Grand Am was jacked up and sitting on cinder blocks. All four rims and tires were missing and some of the lug nuts were scattered on the ground. Police contacted the owner of the vehicle who said he parked his vehicle on January 28.

•A student contacted police on Thursday about a disturbance in VanWagoner Hall. The student told police her roommate invited a person to their room who she did not get along with. She exchanged words with the male guest and told him not to touch her things. When the female went down the hall the male allegedly followed her and threatened to kill her and strangle her with a bed sheet while she was sleeping.

Hamlin circle renovations planned

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Residence hall students will be noticing a change in the circle drive near Hamlin Hall next year, as plans to improve the circle have been discussed and approved.

The current traffic circle will become a park area for students to use with benches and landscaping, and a half-moon shaped drive will be constructed, much like the one in front of East and West Vandenberg Halls. Fifteen minute parking will be available, as well as some handicapped parking spots.

"The actual traffic circle will be moving north. This will eliminate the need for students to cross between cars, both moving and parked, in order to access the building entrances serviced by the circle," said Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing. "The project will also create a nicely landscaped area for student use."

According to Reynolds, the plans have been reviewed by Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs, the University Fire Marshal and the Auburn Hills Fire Marshal. Residence Halls Council, Hamlin House Council and the Housing Policy Committee have also approved the renovations.

"I think the residence halls students need a common place to hang out and the newly improved circle will provide this. It will also provide students with a nice place to use the wireless internet connection," said Desmond VanHouten, Residence Halls Council President.

According to Reynolds, the changes are being made as a safety precaution. The entire project will cost approximately \$175,000 and construction will begin this spring



GOING IN CIRCLES: The current traffic circle in front of Hamlin Hall will soon be experiencing a renovation. A landscaped park area will replace the pavement pictured above.

and will be finished during the summer semester.

Reynolds said that staff and student reactions to the change have been positive, but some students don't see the necessity for a renovation.

"We have a beautiful park across the street and trees all around campus. The students don't use the grassy space

in the circle now, why would they use a new park area," said residence halls student Jolanda Bean, junior, sociology. Questions about the upcoming change can be directed toward the Housing Office at (248) 370-3570.

Americorps seeks new members

By Rachel White
THE OAKLAND POST

Americorps is a National Service program that allows 40 OU students the opportunity to utilize and develop leadership skills while helping youth to prevent violence. It also gives students an opportunity to earn money for college by committing 900 hours to the community, said Carol Anne Ketelsen, Americorps Program Manager.

This is OU's seventh year in the Americorps program. Each year the grantee, OU, has to put in a certain percentage of the money, said Ketelsen. She wrote a mini-grant for \$5,000 to United Way, and received it. They were also awarded with \$20,000 from community investment funds.

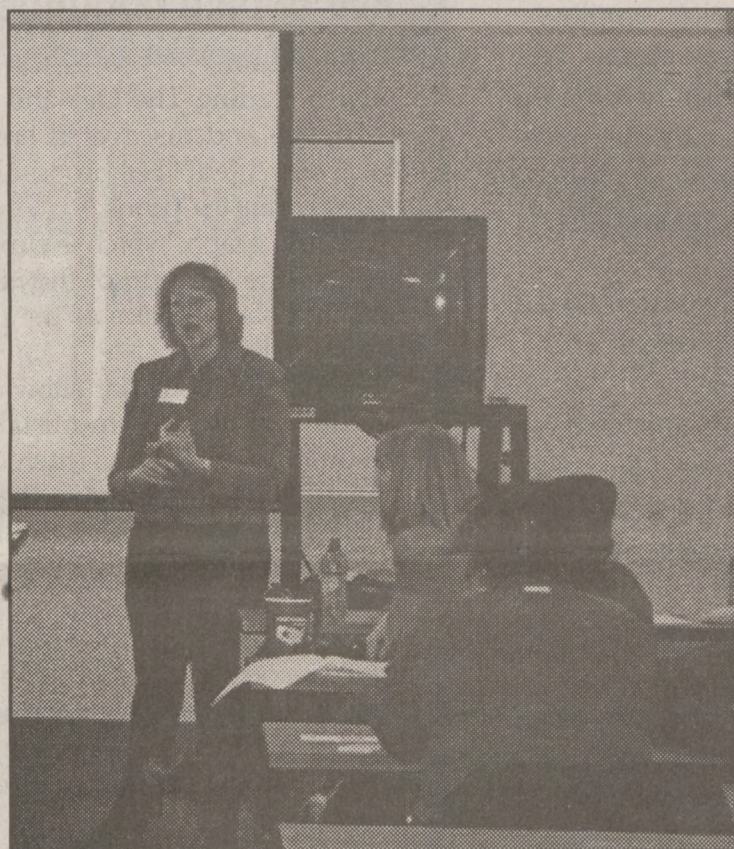
Students are paid \$1,490 for the 2000-2001 program year. The education award at the end of the 900 hours is \$2,363. Ketelsen said this money is good for past education expenses, to pay for a loan from OU, to use for the next semester, tuition, room and board, student service fees, books, or it is good for up to seven years.

Students work during the school day and help children with reading, math, and science. They also work with them after school, and this is a lot more hands on, said Ketelsen.

Current Americorps members and alumni members will speak to interested students. There will also be a one-on-one behavioral interview on what experiences they have had with children, any prior leadership opportunities, and their ability to work with others, said Ketelsen.

"It is a great opportunity for students to get some real good experience no matter what the degree area," Ketelsen said.

"I think that Americorps is a great program for students, especially if you are in Elementary Education, or have any plans for working with kids later in life. It really gives you a feel for how kids act, and who they are," said Brian Norton, senior Sociology.



LEARNING TO LEAD: The Americorps program at OU teaches students leadership skills and how to work effectively with children.

"It is a great experience for my profession that I am going into," said Anne Ribant, sophomore, elementary education. "It has helped me a great deal with my public speaking, just communicating in general, and my relationship with my peers."

The money goes directly into Americorps members' living wage. A total of \$27,000 has been invested in this program for 2000-2001. United Way funded \$25,000 with OU funding the other \$2,000, said Ketelsen.

"This money from the community investments was not a grant. United Way knows what Americorps does," Ketelsen stated. "We have United Way people that sit on the Americorps board. They had this extra money at the end of their fiscal year, and we were the lucky recipients."

Americorps has two more recruitment days, Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 3-5 p.m., or Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4-6 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room of the Oakland Center.

Keeping the Dream Alive

Congratulations to the 2001 Keeper Of The Dream Award Winners

Angel Guy
Brian Jay
Annie Lefkowitz
Kimberly Levan
David MacKinder

These students will be honored at the Keeper of the Dream Banquet held on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

President takes stance on funding issue

"Get Involved" is a theme that Student Congress is always expressing to the student body. But in recent years, they've taken us up on our offer! Since 1994, the number of student organizations has grown by over 40%, and shows no signs of stopping. That's why Congress is proposing changes to the Student Activities Fee, which funds the vast majority of campus life. We need to keep up some of the exciting transformations that are beginning to take place outside of class. Any changes would have to be approved by the student body in a March election.

One of the changes we're proposing deals with the Forensics team at OU. The Forensics team currently receives a direct 4% of the Activity Fee. This translates to a little over \$18,000 a year. This stands in stark contrast to other student organizations, which must apply for funds through an allocation board. Funds under this allocation board have become extremely limited due to the increase in organizations. Yet, the Forensics account is anything but strained, showing a surplus of nearly \$30,000! Furthermore, the Forensics team is composed of only 5 members, and has been much less active in recent years. Larger and more active organizations are struggling with the limited funds that are available.

We need to setup a system that respects and supports all our student organizations equally. I have a great deal of respect for the past work that the Forensics team has accomplished, and they need to continue to receive adequate resources. But I don't think that should take the form of a direct percent of the Activity Fee. A person associated with the team

claimed that Forensics is an academic activity that "enriches the communication degree." If that's the case, the university should be funding the program, not an activity fee that is mostly extracurricular. Indeed, the university has recently agreed to investigate funding the Forensics program.

This would be a great benefit to the other 100+ student organizations that are also in need of support. And it demonstrates the university's acknowledgement of Forensics' value as an academic activity.

We need to make sure that resources follow need. If Forensics qualifies as a student organization, comes to the allocation board, and demonstrates need, they should receive funds. This is the same process of accountability that all student organizations use. All of them should be valued in an equal



Adam Kochenderfer

manner, realizing that they all contribute to the growing profile of OU. When these organizations combine, they cater to an impressive array of student interests. Let's keep that variety alive through a system that celebrates them all.

This is only one component of Activity Fee changes that are aimed at making Oakland a more exciting place to be. In the coming weeks, I'll be detailing some of those changes that will come before the student body in March. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at (248) 370-4292 if you have any questions, or just stop by the Student Congress office.

Adam Kochenderfer is the Student Body President. He can be reached by calling 248.370.4292.

Editor's View

Negotiations end for CTs, continue in real world

The saying that "Good things come to those who wait" now applies to the clerical technical staff. But what does the struggle incurred in their hard-won battle for raises and benefits say about the current concept of fair play in the workplace?

Many students probably contemplate their future employment on pretty basic levels. They think about where they will work, what kind of job they'll have and how much they'll get paid. But in today's rapidly changing economy, many people have stopped taking the time to consider the long-term relationship they will have to their careers or to the companies for which they will work.

The primary goal of most companies is financial gain in the business world. It's what keeps them out of the red. But the shades that blend together to help create that red are the people behind the company. After getting through the stressful, live-for-your job, lifestyle of the '90s, this facet of the employment world seems ripe for a more humanistic change in the new millennium.

Last, but certainly not the least infamous, is the situation with DaimlerChrysler. Many people viewed this takeover as a big red flag in the world of not only American employment styles, but also in the realm of American morals. We were portrayed in certain media circles as merely being the victims of our own follies. The actions taken by the corporate-types who sold Chrysler out to Daimler were viewed as simply one more indication that we Americans would sell our own mothers to make a buck.

I doubt much thought was given to the dedicated workers who were about to lose their careers in the process.

After all, they have their own mothers to sell.

As the CT struggle has aptly demonstrated, the heart of every business or corporation usually consists of the collaboration of many human hearts.

Just as the heart is the center of the human body, shouldn't human beings be treated as though they are the center of the working world, rather than being treated like they are one of its distant extremities?

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Letters to the Editor

Fee debate continues

Dear Editor,

I was reading The Oakland Post's web page and discovered errors in the article titled, "Fee proposal eliminates Forensics' funds."

The first graph, which is supposed to show the breakup of the new fee does not have a piece of the pie for every org listed.

The old pie does not show forensics on it at all. If I am mistaken in the order of the graphs (there is one label that is in between the two, labeling them as "now") I would like to point out that neither has forensics on it.

I also found one of the lines in the article incorrect. It stated, "The question of the Forensics team funding became pertinent due to changes in that organization's structure and membership."

I am a member of OUSC and SAFB and can tell you that these two factors were not the main focus of this issue. The reason that the direct funding issue came before congress was that congress (and many student orgs) viewed it as unfair that Forensics was the only student org to get direct funding, while every other student org had to go through an allocation process with SAFB, which is on a first come first served basis.

While for the past two years, SAFB has run out of money at the end of each semester, forensics currently has approximately \$28,000 they haven't used in their account. This

does not include the approx \$8,000 they have yet to receive for winter semester, or the \$18,000 which they gave to Student Life Lecture Board last year.

This article states nowhere that forensics would be treated in the same manner as every other student org if the proposal passes in March.

If proposal A passes, they keep the money that is currently in their account. Forensics currently has a yearly budget of \$8,000-\$10,000. It could run for at least two years on its budget surplus alone. To me, these were the issues at hand. All student orgs should be treated equally, and Proposal A aims to do just that.

David B. Levin
Ju??n, Hi??s
OUSC Legislator

Student laments fee

Dear Editor,

After reading the Editor's View about the proposed activity fee increase (Jan. 31), I became outraged.

The writer writes that "\$6 can't buy anything these days" and I strongly disagree. The \$6 extra fee for two semesters is enough money to fill my gas tank for one week which would enable myself to attend classes at OU - currently, 3 times a week.

I already am forced to pay a \$75 fee for the recreation center (which I used 6 or 7 times in the two years I've been a student at OU). It is incredible that I am being forced to

pay \$75 a semester for something I have absolutely no time to use. If the fee was a one-time fee, then I can understand. But, my education is my number one priority here at OU. I cannot believe that on top of the outrageous fee for the recreation center, there might be an increase in the activity fee.

OU seemed like the perfect university for me: it was in reasonable distance to commute and had an excellent reputation for the Elementary Education program. If I would have known that I would be forced to pay fees of \$75 for the recreation center and \$15 for an activity fee each semester, then I would have reconsidered attending OU.

When I am not on OU campus, I am at studying or at work trying to earn some money to pay for my education and gas in order to attend classes. I have no spare time or money to attend lectures, let alone utilize the recreation center. I think it is completely absurd that I am forced to pay all these non-educational fees to attend this university. And \$6 does buy things these days, and IS a big deal to me!

April Siecinski
Junior, Elementary Education

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Corrections

- The News Column last week (On Campus, A3) was written by Rick Herron.
- The graph on the front page failed to list Forensics as a directly funded organization currently receiving 4 percent of the Activity Fee.

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They said it

“We're all spokes in the wheel, going to the point, getting the ball rolling. Have you ever seen a wheel with one spoke? It's not a wheel. You got to come from different directions to get to the same point. And roll.”
- Ice Cube

Varner loses priority, BOT loses a fan

I don't remember exactly what I was wearing the day I voted that the building of the new auto tech facility should take precedence over the building of the new Varner theatre facility...Oh, that's right; I didn't get to vote on it!

Why should I have any say in the future direction of this campus? After all, I'm only a student, and

my opinion on such decisions is of picayune importance to the administration. You'd think that during my years at OU, I'd have at least learned that much by now.

Well, one giant step backward for humanity, one giant leap forward for big business.

I've heard many people say that this type of decision holds some very positive aspects for students, as they will purportedly have a tighter connection to the Big Three for future training and jobs. This auto facility will also



TRACY MINNIS

house extra room for the engineering and health science departments. Splendid. Bravo. But isn't the cultural development of engineering students, and all students for that matter, also important? The theatre department has experienced an almost 400 percent enrollment

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The Oakland University Eye Research Institute Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2001: Conduct independent research projects under the guidance of ERI faculty. Up to four Research Fellowships of \$2,500 each will be awarded for the period May 7-July 27, 2001.

The program is intended for Oakland University sophomores or juniors who are contemplating careers in biological and biomedical research or teaching. Research interests of the ERI faculty include cyclic nucleotides in retina (Ari), retinal gene therapy (Blanks), biochemistry of the lens and cataract (Giblin), photoreceptor structure and disease (Goldberg) and physiology and biochemistry of retina (Winkler). For information and an application form, contact Ms. Paulette Realy, 407 Dodge Hall, 248.370.2390, pmrealy@oakland.edu.

Affairs

STUDENT

Congratulations to the Oakland University Counseling Center for being awarded a third

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•Be a Pause Mentor!! OU Counseling Center is recruiting mentors for the PAUSE program. The PAUSE program offers support and encouragement to incoming students who are interested in creating fun, active, and sober social relationships on campus. The program runs the first eight weeks of the fall 2001 semester. If you want to make a difference in the lives of incoming students and on campus, this is your chance! Mentors build leadership skills, affirm for themselves and to others on campus that alcohol does not

The next Campus Family F.R.E.E. Day is Saturday, February 17, 2001 from 1-4 PM. For more information please call Felecia at ext. 4732. need to be part of college social life, earn up to \$150 in spirit cash, and get lots of freebies! Call Pamela Warner or Nancy Schmitz at OU's Counseling Center (370-3465), email them at pzwarnar@oakland.edu or Schmitz@Oakland.edu or stop by to see them in Graham Health Center to nominate yourself or a friend.

•Now accepting applications and nominations for: STUDENT LIAISON to the Oakland University Board of Trustees. The role of the Student Liaison is to serve as non-voting resource on student issues at work sessions and meetings of the Board. Term of Office is July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 or 2003. Must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (28 from OU). Must not hold any other major elected campus office. Applications available at: Student Affairs, 144 Oakland Center, Student Congress, 62 Oakland Center or Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center. Deadline is March 30, 2001. Call 370-4200 for more information.

THIS WEEK

•Awards Update: 2001 Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards 2001 Human Relations Award: Application/nomination forms are still available in the Dean of Students Office. Look for more details in the display ad elsewhere in this week's Oakland Post, stop by the office in 144 Oakland Center or call 370-3352 for more information. Deadline is 5 PM Monday, February 12, 2001.

•Ask the Career Counselor:

Too cold to walk across campus? Too busy to stop in and see us? We're as near as your computer. Email your career questions to the counselors in the Career Resource Center at erc@oakland.edu and we'll help you find answers.

OGRAHAM HEALTH CENTER:

•Going on vacation for SPRINGBREAK! You don't want to have the flu while you're gone, so call Graham Health Center at ext. 2341 for your flu vaccine appointment. It's not too late! Flu season runs through March. You can email health@oakland.edu if you have further questions. Have safe and healthy travels. And remember that student insurance is available at low cost to all OU students. Get your information packet in the GHC lobby.

•February 9, 7 PM, Vandenberg Cafeteria, WALI COLLINS, comedian. RHP and RHC are teaming up to bring the laughs! Wali Collins is New York City's #1 comedian! He's a regular at The Comic Strip, Gotham and Stand Up New York in NYC. He's worked with several top comedians including Jerry Seinfeld and Bill Cosby. His television credits include HBO, Comedy Central's "Permium Blend," and "The View." David Letterman caught Wali's act and recruited him to warm up for "Late Night with David Letterman" as well as being a featured performer. He was in the Jerry Bruckmiller film "Coyote Ugly" and the hit sitcom "Spin City." Wali is headed only one way stardom. If you don't see Wali do his thing in either stand-up or acting, you're missing out on one very gifted man!! FREE ADMISSION.

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Invest in Credit Cards?

Q: Who really owns Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards? I've been trying to figure out if they are publicly traded. I want in on that racket! — L.B., via email

A: I don't blame you. Somebody's making money off the sorry condition of America's credit card addicts... it may as well be you.

Visa is the largest of the credit card companies, with about one billion cards in circulation almost anywhere you want to be. It's a privately held, for-profit corporation, that's jointly owned by 21,000 banks, each of which issues and markets its own Visa products. Its mission is "to ensure the competitiveness and profitability of its member institutions."

Read that sentence again, emphasizing the words "profitability" and "member institutions," and you'll see why Visa is so eager to loan you money at an interest rate that's probably double your shoe size.

MasterCard International, on the other hand, is a private, not-for-profit association, with 22,000 members worldwide. Don't let the nonprofit part fool you, though. That just means that the profits go to the member banks, not the association itself. Banks pay a fee to belong to MasterCard that covers a variety of expenses, including those tug-at-your-heart commercials in which dads have the priceless experience of taking their kids to ball games and spending a fortune on hot dogs, peanuts, pennants, and other overpriced merchandise without which no childhood would be complete.

The key point here is that both organizations are owned by their members. So as an investor, you're out of luck unless you happen to be a bank.

If you're looking to make some folding money from the plastic money industry, look into some of the member banks that issue large numbers of credit cards. How do you find them? Check your mailbox. Or take a stroll through our Credit Card and Financial Services discussion boards. You might also look into the two public companies that go card-to-card against MC/Visa: Discover Card, owned by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (NYSE: MWD), and American Express (NYSE: AXP), the company your investigation apparently left home without. In every case, though, you will be investing in companies where credit cards are a small part of their overall business.

With credit card use increasing in this country, it's not surprising the light bulb went off in your head when considering possible investments. But there is really no "pure play" when it comes to credit cards. And the prospects of the companies in this industry are not all the same.

If you want to go this route, I strongly recommend that you spend some time learning how to analyze financial services companies. They are tricky, and the techniques used to analyze most other companies don't work for banks. Back in 1998, the Drip Portfolio considered investing in the financial services industry. A series of articles began March 16 and ran through September. The numbers for the various companies have changed, but the process of analysis is still relevant. Don't leave your computer without it.

What now? Are you contributing to these companies' profits? Get yourself out of debt before you start investing.

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Site offers students easy research

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

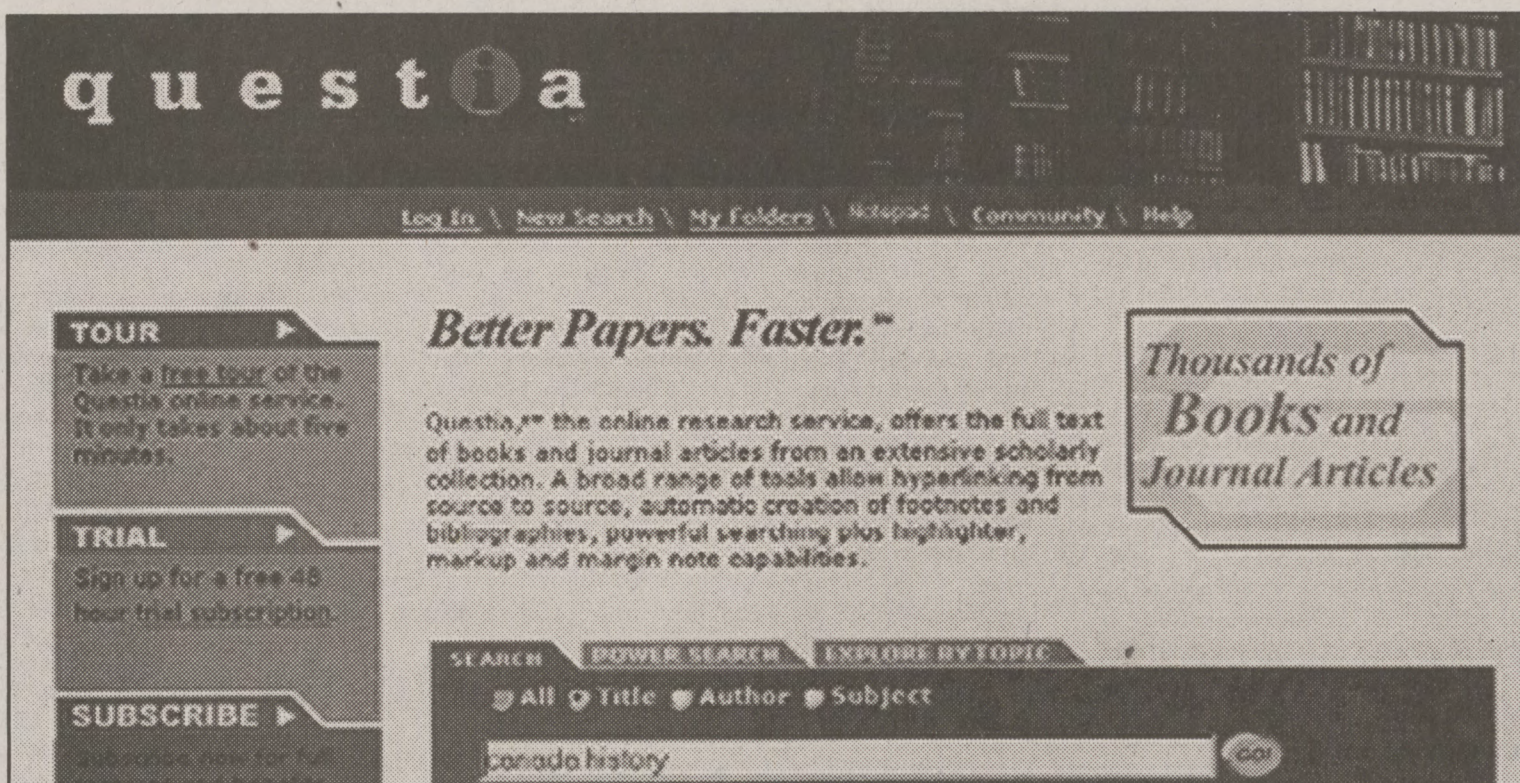
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Last month, Houston-based Questia Media Inc. launched an online service offering an electronic research library for college students and professors.

Questia.com subscribers can search a library of 50,000 titles in humanities and social sciences, that, the company boasts, are never "checked out." The full text of each book is available for browsing and printing. Users can follow links within each "e-book" to other sources, automatically create bibliographies and footnotes, and use an online dictionary, thesaurus and encyclopedia.

Questia.com's interface even allows users to highlight passages and write notes in the margin of their e-books, and to save their papers to an online folder.

For example, a student researching a paper on John F. Kennedy can read the full text of Vito Silverstri's "Becoming JFK: A Profile in Communication." While reading, the student can write notes and highlight passages of that text. The web site keeps track of each source the student consults while researching, and builds footnotes and a bibliography automatically in



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several different styles, such as MLA or APA. The student could then email the paper to is or her professor, who could follow the links in the paper's quotations back to the original source text.

Questia is offering a free 48-hour trial of its service, from now until Feb. 14.

After that, users can search Questia.com for free, but to look at any of the texts or use the site's research tools, a subscription fee is required.

A one-year subscription to Questia.com costs \$149.95, a

one-month subscription is \$19.95, and a 48-hour "short term" subscription costs \$14.95.

Currently, books in Questia.com focus on five areas: Religious studies, literature, History, philosophy and psychology.

Questia.com plans to expand its library to more than 250,000 titles by 2003, and plans to add journals to its database.

While Questia.com's promotional material claims that it will "transform the nature of academic research," some OU stu-

dents remain unconvinced.

"It'd be great for something like, maybe a five-page paper on John F. Kennedy," said Sam Machinski, senior, history. "But not for a longer, 20-page paper."

"There's something to be said for having the actual research in front of you," he added.

Machinski also noted that online media sources don't get the respect that physical books and journals do. "My history professor would kill me if I used something like this," he said.

In comparison, OU's Kresge

Library features approximately 360,000 cataloged* books, as part of a 1.7 million item collection, according to its 1999-2000 catalog.

"It seems like this might make it easier to do the research, but that might not be the greatest thing in the long run," said Dave Ueberschar, sophomore, MIS. "Students need to know how to find things on their own."

For more information, visit www.questia.com

Casinos seek to prevent crime downtown

By Kathy Sauer
THE OAKLAND POST

The three Detroit casinos have meticulously trained their employees to spot card counters and cheats.

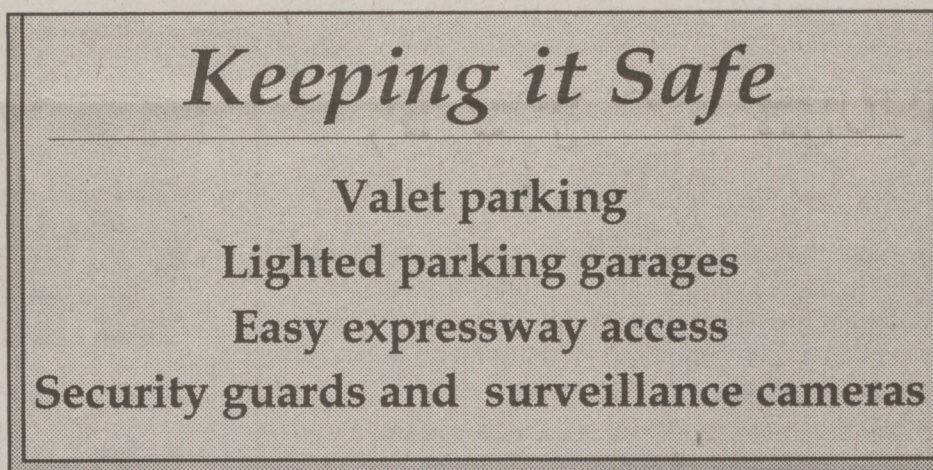
The Detroit News reported that casino management said, "procedures give us protection."

The question remains, though, "How much protection is outside the casinos?"

While the casinos have not increased crime in downtown Detroit, some complaints of unsafe conditions in parking garages and in the surrounding outside areas has raised concerns among some local residents and law enforcement authorities.

"If you look at the crime numbers for downtown Detroit, it's one of the safest areas in Michigan," said Bob Berg, an MGM spokesman.

Many of the crimes that occur in the area are casino-related, such as solicitation by loan sharks, prostitutes and



money launderers as well as the hold-ups, burglaries and car thefts.

In other cities, drunk driving is an immediate issue after the casinos open for business. According to a report conducted by the Detroit News, other cities with casinos have increased patrols to deter drunk driving. Detroit has not done this, however.

Police Chief Benny Napoleon has not

added the 140 officers promised by former Police Chief Ike McKinnon to patrol the area.

Other cities also put away 20 percent of the taxes collected from gambling and designate it for public safety to cover the cost of officers, patrol cars and whatever may be needed.

In February 2000, two blackjack players won \$21,000 at the MGM Grand casino

and were followed to a local bar where they were attacked by three armed assailants who had followed them from inside.

An MGM spokesman said, "Safety precautions are in place for casino visitors," such as free valet parking and a well lighted parking structure with security cameras and cars.

Each casino in Detroit is conveniently located at or near a freeway exit ramp to make it safer to commuters and to reduce the necessity of driving through city neighborhoods.

Casino winners have three choices of payment methods: cash, check or an account with the casino to be used upon return.

To increase safety, police and casino officials recommend taking advantage of the services provided and using general safety precautions: using valet parking, not flashing money around, keeping purse secure, not leaving valuables visible in cars, and using common sense.

World that relies on wireless toys leaves room for laziness

Convenience. That's the name of the game these days.

Gone are the days when vacations and road trips involved more than one suitcase, or when researching required endless hours at the library, plodding through pages of various books.

Our society is now armed with an arsenal of pagers, cell phones, laptops, and hand-helds, all of which are constantly connected to the "wireless" world. Information is at our fingertips, and

can be instantly accessed with the click of a button.

While some insist that these technological advances are the only way to live, and that anything less would be "unimaginable," it almost seems like we are setting ourselves up for destruction. Once society is completely reliant on being "connected" and everything is only a click away, that is when the system will break down. What would now only cause minor frustrations and system reworking will then leave us all



Michael Hoskins

scrambling in the dark.

Obviously, this is a worse case scenario, but it is a foreseeable possibility.

One of my old European history professors once proclaimed the "Folly Theory," sometimes better classified as self-defeating behavior. In describing

this philosophy, he defined it as putting enormous amounts of work into something that will ultimately result in your demise.

By creating all of these new devices that seemingly make our lives run more smoothly, we are losing out on the actual knowledge and experience that we gain from finding something the "long way." Even though it may be quicker and more convenient to read the news online at a variety of websites, many prefer the feel-

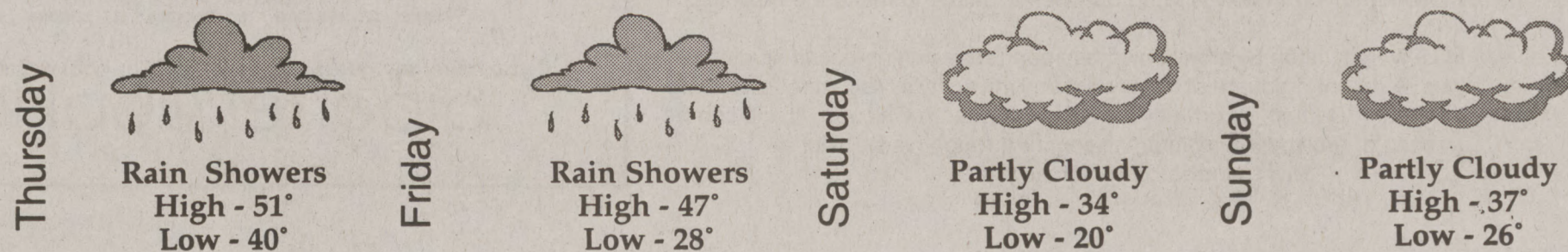
ing and comfort of leafing through their favorite newspaper each day. It may take some more time.

While the world continues to create new toys for us to base our lives on, the "old (or long) ways" will remain alive, though sometimes hidden, waiting for the inevitable to occur. We'll have, at least, some teachers in place to rebuild what was lost.

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Four Day weather



OUPSA

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year and a 3 percent raise in the second and third.

The contract approved this week promises retroactive raises of 2.75 percent the first year (effective July 1, 1999), 4.25 percent for the second year (July 1, 2000) and 4 percent in the third year (July 1, 2001).

The raises are across-the-board, and because they are retroactive, the university's BANNER system will be used to figure out how much each CT is to receive in back pay.

"We've got a lot of work to do," said Kendall. "We're in the process of trying to figure out how we can do (back pay)."

Because the tentative agreement was reached before the planned picket scheduled for Jan. 31, the march was cancelled. The CTs have held two protest walks since their negotiations began.

"We are pleased that we are able to put this behind us," Office Assistant for University Services, Linda Price, said. "We did get a raise. I don't think any contract ever has everything (wanted) in it. This contract ends in a year and a half. Negotiations will start again soon."

Feedback from CTs has been positive. Russell said that many factors contributed to the final agreement.

"It wasn't only the members. We had the support of the students, the faculty and especially Student Congress," added Russell. "It took all of that to make it come about."

The CTs switched unions in the summer of 2000. Before the switch, the staff was represented by the United Auto Workers (UAW). At that time the UAW had filed an Unfair Labor Practice suit against the university but dropped it just before the CTs decided to change their representation. The CTs are now part of the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

Because negotiations took longer than expected, and the new agreement only spans three years, the OUPSA will begin negotiating its next contract soon. The contract ratified Monday is a three year contract that expires June 30, 2001.

PARKING

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"Comprehensive Parking Study," 554 spaces could be added to the existing 6,332 spaces by building a two level parking garage next to the Recreation Center.

This project would cost \$6 million. Another proposed site is behind the Science and Engineering building, which would add 187 new spaces and would cost \$4.9 million.

Snyder said that there were six garage sites considered in the study. The Master Plan Committee wants to build on the campus' perimeter because the land around OU is so valuable, she said.

"Less land is taken up with garages than surface lots," Snyder added. "(The Master Plan) is very much in the early stages of discussion. It's not a question of the need

for more space, it's a matter of just how many spaces are needed."

According to the OUPD's Violation Summary, there were 2,810 parking tickets issued in the Fall 2000 semester. Three-hundred ninety-three of these citations were issued for expired meters, 231 for fire lane violations, 35 for handicap violations, and 369 for parking in prohibited areas.

This winter, 650 tickets have been issued. Ninety-nine were fire lane violations, 18 handicap violations, and 124 for prohibited parking areas.

The gross revenue for both semesters is about \$57,000, although Gilroy said OUPD collects only about 70 percent of these fines.

OUPD usually issues an average of 4,000 tickets per school year. Almost all the fines cost \$20, with the exception of handicap violations, which cost \$50.

"There are some cities who have higher and lower fines. A \$5 ticket isn't much of a deterrence," he said.

According to Gilroy, in the past, the OUPD used to issue warnings the first three weeks of school. During those last weeks of school, the OUPD was writing thousands of tickets.

Now, when ticketing instead of warning, the OUPD is issuing far less tickets as a whole.

"If you let one (illegally parked) car go, you'll end up writing eight more tickets," said Gilroy.

Although there is no specific time when patrol officers go around and look for illegal parkers, Gilroy said they are sent on frequent patrols to "keep an eye on things."

"There is a fair amount of time spent on parking enforcement. Patrolling the lots is a priority, but not the most important. We'd rather make better use of police officers' time," said Gilroy.

"Consistent enforcement leads to compliance. That's all we want. Cops don't like giving out tickets," he said.

BOT

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ings like a washer, dryer and dishwasher. Also, students will have wireless technology and cable television access.

Students who have lived in the residence halls for at least two years will be given first priority, and from there a variety of factors will be used to determine who can live in the new housing.

Design blueprints and information, along with other layouts from the campus master plan, are on display across from the Copy Stop in the Oakland Center.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Mary Beth Snyder, said, "We are very pleased to get the green light from the Board, and are now in a period of high-level activity in preparing for April."

LIAISONS

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ence as liaison and encourage all interested to apply.

"It's a great experience, and a great way to have a direct impact. You see results almost immediately," said Kapustij. "I've learned so much about how to behave in a professional setting," she said.

Kapustij has served as liaison since May and was appointed after being a member of Student Congress. She wanted to make an impact by having the student voice heard.

they have had a great experience

De La Rosa has served two years as the student liaison to the BOT. "I wanted involvement, the opportunity to speak on behalf of students and to learn. A lot of students don't pay attention to the finer points of how the university is run. This is an opportunity to learn more," he said.

Kapustij and De La Rosa said that the biggest factor in this position is time and that one must make this commitment their top priority. Liaisons are given a binder to read before each BOT meeting so they can be informed of the topics being discussed, and that involves a lot of time and learning.

"The board members are there to listen and to make

decisions for the university, and what's best for the student," said Kaustij.

"They are people just like anyone else. I can see how people can be intimidated, but the bottom line is they are people, and you say what needs to be said," added De La Rosa. "They sincerely care about the university. They want to help the university and student body," he added.

Applications for the Student Liaison position can be picked up in the Student Affairs Office, 144 OC, Student Congress Office, 62 OC, or the Center for Student Activities, 49 OC and are due by March 30.

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Damon's signs of the times

This week we feel the pressure to achieve more than we currently have, particularly in the realm of personal growth. People will be taking actions, whether through talking to others or contemplating to themselves, to make changes in their lives. The danger is that some decisions are made without regarding others needs and feelings, so an effort must be made to be sensitive to others.



Aries - This would be the time to make big changes in your life, since you will most likely get the support you need to follow through. Avoid negative attitudes and don't take for granted the great things going on in your life.



Taurus - Things might be a little turbulent on the romantic front, but realize that the challenges you are encountering are necessary for you to move forward in your growth. Life, and perhaps you, are more spontaneous than usual - go with the flow.



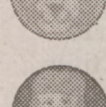
Gemini - You may be running into some limitations in your career - so take time this week to determine if this is a temporary thing or if you need to change your direction. Talking with others about your needs will help you get the support you need.



Cancer - Spend some time having fun this week, even if you could be doing something more productive. Opening up and being social leads to some positive romantic opportunities. A heart-to-heart talk with a loved one can clear up a misunderstanding.



Leo - Some things from your past might come to the forefront this week, so take time to relax and reflect on the things that are on your mind. You are able to get a lot more done after you determine exactly what you want and why you want it.



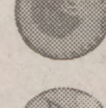
Virgo - Keep at the big things you have been working on lately - this week you may get more support for your ideas than you have since you started towards your goals. Avoid underestimating situations and you'll see clearly what you should be doing to move forward.



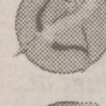
Libra - Allow the things you've outgrown to go away - even though you will feel awkward at first, you will open yourself up for growth in the future.



Scorpio - You feel more like yourself this week, as your personality seems to be magnified, but try to tone down your more negative traits. A revealed falsity, on your part or from a loved one, is probably painful at first, but it will make honesty easier in the future.



Sagittarius - You may be getting all kinds of romantic vibes from others - enjoy the attention, but don't lose your head. Spending some time doing your favorite solo activity will give you insight into problems in your life.



Capricorn - You might be more sensitive than usual this week. Consider getting involved in clubs and organizations you like, or getting more involved in ones you already joined. You'll get support if you make goals in your career.



Aquarius - Make plans to get out and travel later on this year - you may have been spending too much time reflecting and not enough time living. You may be a bit more ambitious about work and your social standing, and if you work hard you may get the recognition you want.



Pisces - The more you remove your self-doubt, the less other people will question your goals - this is the time to stand up straight and go after what you want. Get things in motion and you'll know what to do when it is time to make the next step.

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Web Girl

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES: Racers prepare for competition on snowy terrain. (Above right) Two racers are neck in neck as they take to the sky. The snowmobilers braved frigid temperatures at the 2001 Michigan Snow X Series in Davisburg in pursuit of the \$4,000 grand prize.

Race goes to fastest, coldest

By Cindy Blaylock
THE OAKLAND POST

Snowmobiles are racing through the State this season competing for prizes and reaching new heights.

Snowmobile enthusiasts braved frigid temperatures, wind gusts, and snow flurries to find out who would place in the 2001 Michigan Snow X Series in Davisburg during last month.

Springfield County Park hosted snow cross events on Jan. 20-21 and Jan. 27. Racers revved their engines, conquered hills, and whipped around corners to compete for trophies, plaques, and a total purse of \$4,000. The final race will be held at Otsego Fairgrounds in Gaylord on March 10.

The blustery weather conditions didn't put a damper on the festivities on Jan. 21. Fans of all ages cheered on their favorite racers and sleds.

Chelsea Kanitz and Julie Austin ran a tight race in the MSXRA (Michigan Snow X

Racing Association) Sport Women's class, but in the end Kanitz inched into the lead and stayed ahead of Austin until the Checkered flag sliced through the wind.

In the Semi-Pro 440 race, Craig Michelin and Donald Leddy fought for the top position until Michelin steered ahead, capturing the winning slot.

Other highlights and racing results can be found at www.wsaracing.com.

Around other parts of the state, the annual Tip-Up-Town Festival bustled with activity during the past few weeks as thousands showed off their machine's capabilities. With various activities from 'Softball on Ice' to a 'Polar Bear Dip' the town of Houghton Lake became a staging area for snowmobiles.

Locally, trucks and trailers parked on the ice and unloaded sleds to race on White Lake. No prizes were given to winners, only cheers and lots of enthusiasm.

Sam Michaels brought his

Arctic Cat ZR800 for a quick race. "I'm just out here for an hour or so," Michaels said. "I wanted to stop by and get my Cat out."

With warm temperatures that swept through Michigan in January, riders are finding that some trails have a lack of snow.

The Petoskey Snowmobile Club has reported fair conditions. Indian River is reporting "sloppy and bumpy" trail conditions and Muskegon said their trails are plain "yuck." Even up in the Keweenaw trails are being reported as "soft and slushy."

Over to the east, Alpena was hopeful, reporting that "things are looking up with 3"-8" of additional snow.

Trail reports and grooming scheduled can be found on

various club websites.

Throughout other portions of the north, national races are also being held. ESPN broadcasted the Winter X Games on Feb. 1-4 at Mt. Snow Ski Resort in Wilmington, Vermont. This is a non-points invitational, with WSA (World Snowmobile Association) as the Sport Organizer and featuring WSA Snowcross Worldwide Championship Pro Open class sleds and racers.

This is a debut year for a Hillcross format. Six sleds will race side by side up the mountain and the first to the top wins. Sleds can race up to 1,000cc displacement. Wide-open modified engines, chassis, and tracks will also be allowed.

Snow X Race websites:

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- www.wsaracing.com
- www.funpromotions.com
- www.ludingtoncvb.com

Swimmers
edged by
Ohio State

By Lisa Cali
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's swimming and diving team lost a close meet to Ohio State University this weekend with a score of 152-148.

Although the team has lost its last few dual meets, head coach Pete Hovland and assistant coach Jon Teal are pleased with the women's performance. They consider the tough competition a means of strengthening the team for the National Independent Conference Championship meet, which is now only about two weeks away.

"It's a good way to see that we have a big challenge in front of us and that we're not going to just swim through the NIC meet," Teal said. "The type of swimmers we saw this weekend at Ohio State are very similar to the caliber of swimmers we'll see at the NIC meet."

According to Hovland, there were many factors this weekend that could have caused the women to swim poorly, but they pulled through and came within a few points of winning the meet.

"It's tough to travel by bus and compete when everyone's minds are on the championship," Hovland said. "Ohio State has one of the oldest pools in the Big Ten and if there was an excuse to perform poorly, that might have been it, but to the girls' credit, they put all of that aside and had a great showing."

The great showing of the Girzzlies was slightly hindered by Ohio State's top swimmer, Amanda Treleven. She broke three pool records and was the first swimmer to beat Danielle Ward all season.

"She alone saved them from getting beat by us," Hovland said.

Ward finished second to Treleven in the 200y freestyle, but still managed her usual first place in the 1000y and 500y freestyle races.

Oksana Strelets led the way for OU with three first place finishes in the 50y and 100y freestyle and the 200y individual medley. Yvonne Lynn and Tatyana Korniyenko both earned one first place as well as a second place finish. Lynn won the 100y backstroke while getting second in the 200 backstroke, and Korniyenko won the 100y butterfly while finishing second in the 200y butterfly.

Veronika Frolova and Shelly Aurit also contributed to OU's close competition with firsts in the 100y and 200y breaststroke, respectively. In addition, Frolova placed third in both the 50y freestyle and the 200y breaststroke and Aurit placed third in the 100y breaststroke.

Rounding up individual races for the swimmers was Tamara Swaby with a second place finish in the 100y butterfly and third place finishes in the 100y freestyle and the 200y butterfly.

The 400y medley relay team of Lynn, Frolova, Korniyenko and Strelets was victorious over Ohio State.

On the diving boards, Devon Cunningham scored points for the Grizzlies with a second place finish in the 3-meter competition.

"I thought we outswam them," Hovland said. "We got outscored in diving, but our divers competed very well against some of the best divers in the Big Ten."

The women have only two more dual meets before the NIC meet and after that, it will be strictly resting for the big competition.

"We're going to race and do our best at the dual meets but keep focused on the real task at hand, which is swimming our best at the NIC meet and hopefully getting some kids to the NCAA meet," Teal said. "I don't want the season to end Feb. 24. I want it to end in the middle of March."

XFL makes for great TV, lousy football

The XFL is here. How do I know? Vince McMahon told me so.

There he was Saturday, big as life and twice as tan, shouting greetings to the fans who had gathered in Las Vegas for the first nationally televised game between the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen.

Throughout the night, the stamp of Vince McMahon and the WWF was all over the place. The cheerleaders provided some of the most interesting camera angles, as many times they were shot from below. Why? I don't know. Maybe it was so their cleavage looked better.

Thankfully the only thing that wasn't staged was the game, not

even Vince McMahon would script a game that was as bad as the Las Vegas game.

Now, even with these drawbacks, I don't think that the concept behind McMahon's new league is bad, and to be fair, every sport gives its teams a pre-season to work out the bugs.

I grew up hearing stories of the great Ice Bowl between Dallas and Green Bay. Does anyone think that game, considered by many to be the best ever played, would take place today? I don't think so!

The XFL may very well be a return to the glory days of old. I don't know, but I'm reserving judgement

until the teams get better.

The teams may not have played their best, but they did come to play,

and for that alone they deserve to be congratulated. The broadcast of the games could not have been better. One thing you must give Vince McMahon is that the man knows how to produce great TV.

His broadcast teams worked well together, and the fact that Jim Ross and Jerry "The King" Lawler come from the WWF was easy to get by because they knew what they were doing.

Football is a game that has seen many people come and go. Barry

Sanders bailed on the Lions, OJ Simpson has become the poster child for what not to do, and Rae Carruth is serving time for the death of his girlfriend. All of these things have served as black eyes to the game, and the game has survived. Football should survive the XFL, and who knows, maybe when the Super Bowl comes to Detroit it will feature the Lions versus the Outlaws. Stranger things have happened. I know because I watched one of them last Saturday.

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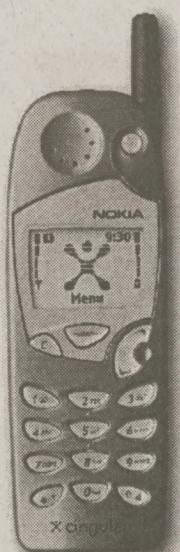
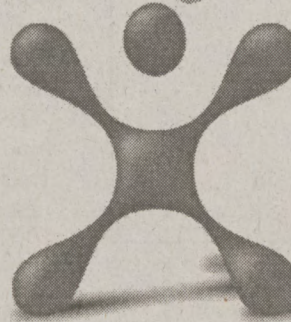
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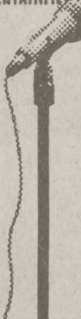
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SCORE! : Geoff Acree puts the puck past the Saginaw goalie during the Black Bears 4-4 tie at the ONYX on Friday. He lit the lamp once again in the same game. The team then traveled to MSU on Saturday and lost 3-2.

Sarnovsky quits as hope for nationals diminishes

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

Any hopes that the Black Bears had to snag one of the top three spots in the central region were severely hampered last weekend as the team tied Saginaw 4-4, and lost to third ranked MSU 3-2. The overall record is now 16-10-2. The team received some more bad news, as goalie Jeremy Sarnovsky quit for personal reasons. He was also the founder of the hockey club.

OU was in fourth place going into the weekend, and even though it looks dim now, the Black Bears could still make nationals if the ACHA decides the team deserves to be in third or better. OU won't know until the new rankings are released today.

The game against Saginaw started out well for the Black Bears, as Geoff Acree scored his first of two goals for the game at the 16:05 mark of the first period. The goal was assisted by Ron Kolito.

From then on the game went back and forth. Saginaw came back to tie it at 1 at the 8:47 mark of the first period but Acree struck again with his second goal, also assisted by Kolito at the 5:20 mark for a 2-1 lead at the intermission.

The second period featured a couple of goals that were taken away by the referees. Saginaw scored at the 5:51 mark, but it was nullified because a penalty was called right before it crossed the goal line. About 30 seconds later, OU scored, but the net was moved on the play, and again, the goal was taken away. Then at the 4:12 mark, Saginaw scored a legal goal to tie the score at 2 going into the third period.

There were four goals scored in the third. First, Saginaw took the lead with a goal at the 13:44 mark, then the Black Bears came back with two straight goals by Dan Schneider and Eric Wojno. Wojno's goal was assisted by Warren Calcaterra.

OU had the lead for about seven minutes before the visiting team once again scored at the 3:29 mark to tie the game at 4.

In overtime, Saginaw had many chances to score, as OU took a penalty, and seemed to be a little out of sync in their own zone, committing some turnovers which led to good scoring chances. Saginaw didn't score, however, as goalie Shaun Zeldes came up big and held his ground.

"I thought we outplayed them most of the game," said Acree. Unfortunately we didn't capitalize on opportunities. I think they came out in the overtime and actually stepped up their game, they wanted this win to get into the regional playoffs, and they wanted to put us away, and they almost did. We're probably out of the league playoffs because of the tie. Their second power play goal that tied it was a big goal for them, because we came out in the beginning of the game and we outplayed them right from the start, and we let them back into the game, and you can't let a team like this back in the game."

Jalaba was disappointed about the tie, but still optimistic. "It was a very tough game for both teams, it could have gone either way, but it was very important for us to get the tie as opposed to a loss, and we're still in the hunt for nationals, but we need help."

Helms picks up slack for Rozycki versus Leathernecks, Concordia

By Jeff Theisen
THE OAKLAND POST

After three straight losses in the Mid-Con, the Golden Grizzlies (10-13) took out their wrath on Concordia College with a 85-55 thrashing Monday night in the O'rena.

OU freshmen guard Mike Helms led all scorers for the second consecutive game with 17 points after scoring 16 points in the first half. In Saturday's 101-92 Mid-Con loss at Western Illinois, Helms poured in 27 points. He has been inserted in the starting line up for leading scorer Jason Rozycki, who was injured in the Valpo game, and has shown a very hot hand.

"I've been feeling good and have that extra bit of confidence," Helms said. "We all need to step up in all aspects of the game because Riz was a hard worker."

The Golden Grizzlies showed a new desire for defense holding the Cardinals to a mere 17 first half points while blistering the net for 44 on 60 percent shooting. This following the second half collapse at Western Illinois were they were lit up for 66 points on 76 percent shooting from the field by the Leathernecks.

"We wanted to back (Concordia) up and make them play as far from the basket and I think that we did that," coach Greg Kampe said.

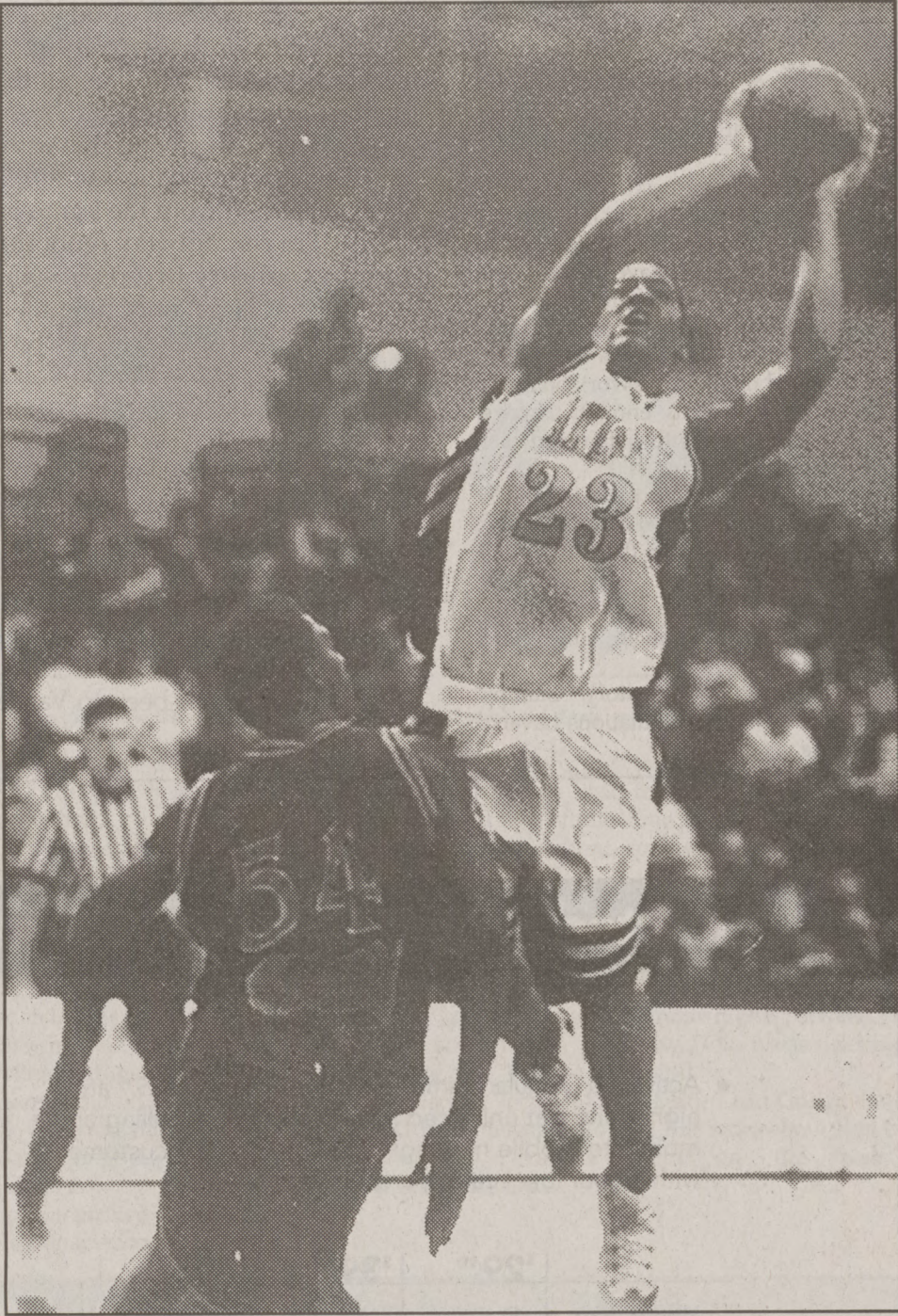
Freshman Jordan Sabourin also got a start Monday netting a season high 11 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

"The big thing that happened tonight was we established the low post game then it opened it up for the perimeter," Sabourin said. "It's time to show people what I can do and prove to people that I can play at this level."

Sabourin was an early factor in the game scoring down low and setting up the perimeter for open looks.

Helms then took over making four of five three pointers in the first half alone.

Sophomore Ryan Williams also scored a career high Monday netting 14 including 5-5 from the free throw line and grabbing a team high eight rebounds. Dan Champagne and Kelly Williams rounded



COMING UP BIG: Mike Helms nails a jumper in a game last month. He was the leading scorer in the last two games and is filling in nicely for Rozycki in the starting lineup.

of that. The first couple times you go up and play a Division I institution, you're so

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excited about playing the game because you are in a nice arena, you're playing against Division I and you know if you can beat them it would mean so much," Kampe said. "You get so excited about it that until you've done it two or three times your kids have a tough time learning how to play because the size and speed difference are so big."

The win took the pressure off of the tough league schedule for a night. The goal to repeat in the league as champions is not realistic anymore so the goals have now changed.

"Once we fell out of the race and Jason got hurt, now were just getting ready for next year," Kampe said. "We get Jon back Saturday and let him finish out his senior year and get everybody else ready for next year and try to get as many wins as we can."

The next OU game will be at home Saturday February 10th against Oral Roberts for more Mid-Con league action.

Women Grizzlies blown away by Westerwinds

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's women's basketball team had its six game winning streak snapped on Saturday as the team traveled to Western Illinois for a Mid-Con battle with the Westerwinds. Western Illinois won 72-65.

The first half resembled the type of Golden Grizzly effort that black and gold fans are accustomed to seeing, as OU never trailed, and the game was never tied.

Beth Zeone started the game where she left off at IUPUI last week. She came out and hit two three-pointers and two free throws to give her team a 7-6 lead. The Grizzlies managed to keep that lead, which eventually grew to eight, despite committing five fouls before the 10 minute mark of the first half.

Zeone wasn't the only one putting the ball through the hoop, as Sarah Judd and Naomi Nickleberry got

into the act with some layups and free throws. Jodi Young and Jamie Ahlgren also scored in the first half for the Grizzlies.

OU's lead grew to eight, courtesy of two Katie Wolfe free throws with a little over five minutes left until halftime. That lead gradually shrank down to two, 31-29, when the buzzer sounded.

The lead wasn't safe, however, as OU turned the ball over to start the second half, which led to a layup for the Westerwinds. That basket tied the game at 31, but Wolfe made sure the Grizzlies would get the lead back, as she scored seven straight Grizzly points for a five point lead for her team.

As in the first half, OU's lead dwindled from there, but this time the Westerwinds managed to tie the game again before taking the lead.

Nickleberry and Zeone did all they could as they both made some big layups to tie the score two times

with over seven minutes left in the game, but it wasn't enough.

After a timeout by Western Illinois, the Westerwinds took the lead on a jumper with 6:46 on the clock, and never looked back. The Grizzlies made some costly turnovers, and before anybody knew it, Western's lead swelled to eight, before they won by seven.

"Western is a very good team," said coach Beckie Francis. "It was a close game, and some of our shots just didn't fall, but we got good bench play from Naomi and Jodi."

Assistant coach Katina Mack pinpointed the loss to rebounds. "We didn't take care of the boards," she said. "We didn't rebound offensively or defensively. We got out rebounded 41-26, and it all just comes down to that. You can't win a ball game and not take care of getting the basketball, and giving up a lot of

offensive rebounds. I have to give Western Illinois a lot of credit though. They played a solid game, and they came in with a game plan to get the ball to the right players and they did. We had the opportunity to put the ball in the basket, and we didn't take advantage of it. We missed some easy layups, and at the same time, if the ball isn't going in the basket, we have to play some defense, and we gave up some points where we didn't even challenge them."

Zeone was the leading scorer in the game with 21 points, three assists, two steals and two rebounds followed by Judd with 13 points, six rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal. Wolfe had 11 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal and Nickleberry finished with 10 points, and six rebounds.

The Grizzlies next game is against Mid-Con foe Oral Roberts at 4:30 on Saturday in the O'rena.

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball	
Conference	Overall
Oakland	9-2 15-7
Oral Roberts	7-3 13-8
Western Illinois	7-4 12-10
IUPUI	6-5 8-14
Southern Utah	6-5 11-11
Chicago State	5-5 7-14
Youngstown State	4-7 8-14
Valparaiso	3-7 6-16
UMKC	1-10 1-20

Men's Basketball	
Conference	Overall
Southern Utah	9-2 18-4
Valparaiso	8-2 17-6
Youngstown State	8-3 16-8
Oakland	6-5 10-13
UMKC	5-5 9-13
Oral Roberts	4-6 7-13
IUPUI	3-6 7-13
Western Illinois	3-7 3-18
Chicago State	0-10 3-18

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OKSANA STRELETS

Freshman Oksana Strelets led the women's swimming and diving team in their down-to-the-wire meet against Ohio State University. Strelets was the top scorer with three first place finishes. She won the 50y and 100y freestyle races, as well as the 200y individual medley.

-Lisa Cali



COURSES

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English professor Robert Eberwein was considering teaching an e-course this term but decided not to. Eberwein said the contract suggested OU could sell the course to whomever it wanted. He was also concerned that the course could be altered by the university, without his approval.

"I certainly think it's a good idea," he said about online courses. "In conscience, I couldn't agree to those terms so I withdrew."

Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology, was also going to teach an internet class this semester but did not.

Stamps said he didn't have time to complete his end of the preparation of the class because of other professional projects. He said he would have taught the class if he had finished the work on it.

"I trust the university enough that we would've come up with a fair and just way of doing it," Stamps said.

This is not just a matter that is unique to OU, he said. Universities all around the country are dealing with these issues as well.

Since online courses are so new, there hasn't been any solution to settle these complicated matters yet.

"We're blazing new territory," Stamps said. "The laws and regulations haven't been made yet."

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growth rate since 1993.

How does a department with this much growth and success get bumped to an also-ran position in the hierarchy of the university budget?

Elementary, my dear Watson: As with everything else in Michigan, it's all about the auto industry. Perhaps if the building had been named "Car-ner" instead of "Varner", the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance might have had a fighting chance to receive a financial nod from the administration.

Now I'm certainly not ignorant to the importance of the auto industry to the Michigan economy and to the economy at large, nor am I oblivious to the importance of career development opportunities for students. But my question is, don't the auto companies have enough of their own facilities to serve such needs?

Campus life just seems like it should be about more than the processes of job training and corporate cloning. The way that students choose to nourish their souls and characters during their college experience can help create a sense of spirit that could last them a lifetime. Shouldn't that spirit include an appreciation for the arts and humanity, as well as the practicality of career preparation?

Anyone who has been to Varner for even one of the

theatre department's excellent productions can tell you how badly this campus is in need of a real theater facility. Varner does currently have its Lab Theatre, which is basically a makeshift classroom, and it is entirely too small to meet the needs involved in presenting larger, more full-scale productions.

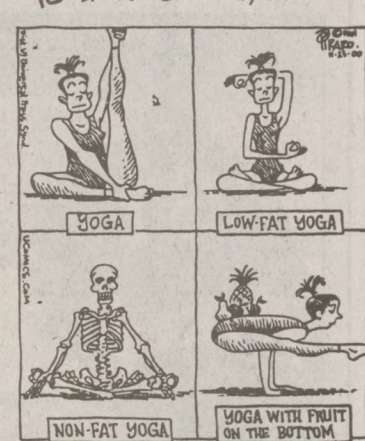
There is also the Studio Theatre, which does offer patrons comfortable seating and lots of space. But its upwardly cavernous design makes it difficult for actors to project their voices so that the audience can hear them. And then there's the Recital Hall, which primarily suffers from location. It's incredibly hard for theater-goers to find and even harder for them to get to if they are not familiar with the campus layout.

As a theatre minor, I've seen firsthand the talent, passion and limitless energy which OU theatre students have for their craft. The theatre department faculty itself consists of talented and accomplished actors and directors.

Overall, I feel that the arts serve humanity simply by making us think with our hearts instead of our wallets every once in a while (God forbid). Now many businesses do play a philanthropic role in supporting the arts, and that is to be commended. But let's not forget one pertinent key phrase: Tax write-off.

Oh, now I remember what I wore the day I didn't get to vote on this issue. The same thing I wore when I didn't get to vote on the "merging" of OU and Pepsi.

BiZaRo by Dan Piraro



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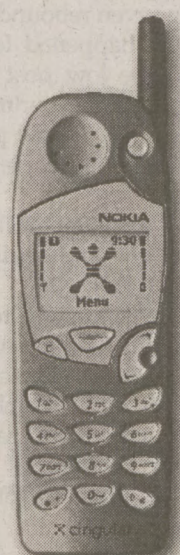
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•Phi Sigma Sigma will be hosting the **MR. PHISIGNIFICANT PAGEANT** at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 at 201 Dodge Hall. Come watch your fellow male peers from fraternities and athletic teams as they compete in three exciting rounds for the title of Mr. PhiSignificant. Tickets will be sold at the door the \$3. Student ID is required. Good food and music will be on hand.

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•The winner of the 1999 People of Color Poetry Slam and the runner up in the 1999 Outright **POETRY SLAM**, Stacey Ann Chin, will perform at noon on Feb. 13 in the Fireside Lounge. Chin has performed at the world famous Apollo Theater in Harlem, NY.

•The world premiere of the award-winning play by Karim Alrawi, **"KILLING TIME,"** will open at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 at Meadow Brook Hall. The play will run through March 11.

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•An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

•Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

•A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

•The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

•A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't.

UK band takes off with new release

By Rick Herron
THE OAKLAND POST

With releases from such incredible bands as *Radiohead*, *Travis*, *David Gray*, *Coldplay* and *Badly Drawn Boy*, the UK gave America some of the best tunes to listen to in 2000. The year 2001 might be the year for *Rita*, a new band, this time from Ponty Pridd, Wales, to kick your American ass from across the pond.

Formed less than a year ago, this Welsh four piece has made a name and sound for themselves that has only proven successful so far. Led by Carlos, vocalist, guitarist and songwriter, the band has already created a three song EP that showcases their wide-ranging sound nicely.

The CD has already found the attention of DJs all over the UK and has been reviewed by UK music rags *Melody Maker* and *Buzz*. The first track on the CD, "She's My Melody," was *Radio Cymru's* Record of the Week. The song has also received airtime in London.

The song is a fast tempo happy rockin' love song that has a very radio friendly sound. This is a song you wanna sing along with while driving in the car, which is precisely what a good pop song should be all about. It sounds a bit like a really happy *Foo Fighters* song, with a lil' accent thrown in

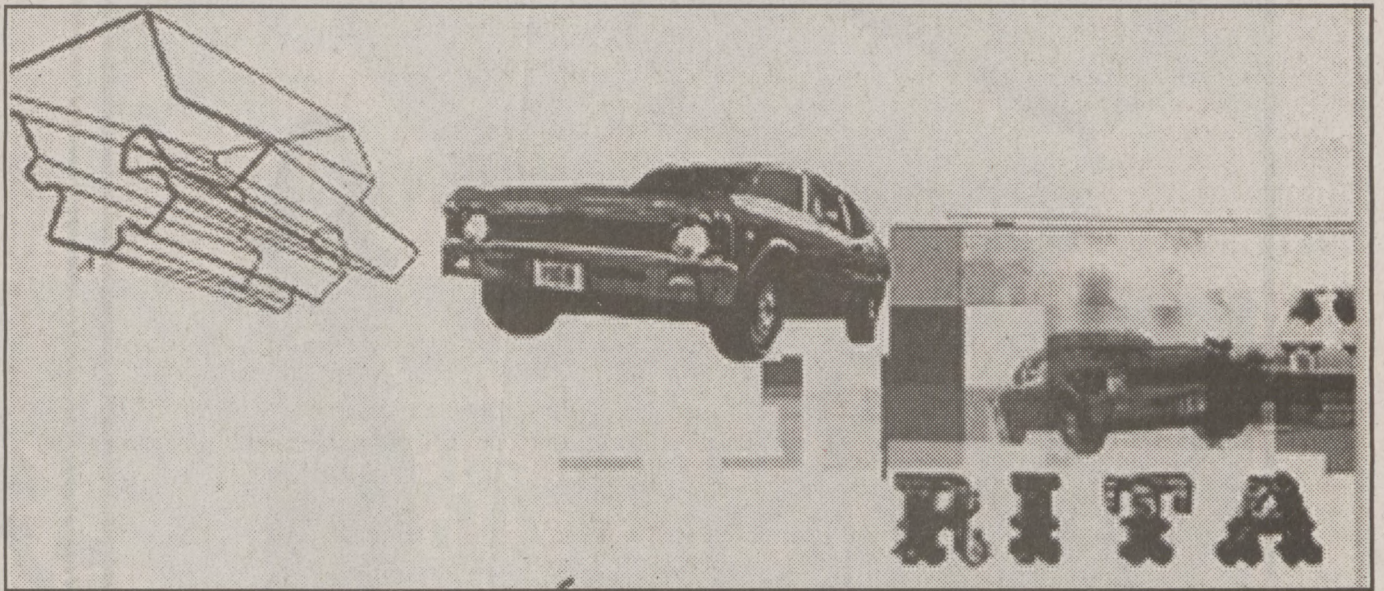


Photo courtesy of Rita Ltd.

TAKING OFF: Rita's self-titled album has given the UK quartet its nudge to the road of record deals and pop stardom.

there for flava. This catchy song is a great alternative to having say, "Oops, I Did it Again" stuck in your head all day long, which can be downright maddening.

"Adrift" is a much slower, thoughtful song that has slight touches of a roots rock influence such as *Wilco* or *The Verve*. This song would be great to swill beer and play pool too. The guitar solo at the end begs to be air guitared with a pool cue to your more sober friend's horror.

The third track, "Mountain Song" is another slow tempo song, this time, the evidence of a man left for dead by a cruel lover. Carl's fragile voice expresses the pain and anger felt toward his ex, but you get the feeling that these incendiary words are only half sincere. Undemeath it all, the narrator sounds like he wants his baby back. It's a touching song perfect for those I-just-got-dumped-and-I'm-going-to-sit-here-and-eat-Oreo's-and-cry kind of moments.

Rita has found their real passion in their live shows. The group has performed all over Wales on a vigorous schedule

since they started playing gigs in Ponty. Their live sets have not only earned them a loyal following, a weekly gig and contest wins, but also studio time to record at the Beatles' Abbey Road Studio, where among others, *Radiohead* has recorded.

Given this new opportunity and their word of mouth popularity, it would be no surprise if Rita were being courted to sign a record deal soon.

WXOU's "Maria's Lemonade Stan" has shown support for the band by spinning them on Sunday nights between 9 and 10. Before you know it, you'll say, "Oh, I was listening to Rita SO long ago. You are so behind."

Rita is: Carlos- Vocals/Guitar, Matt- Lead Guitar, Station-Bass, and Huw- Drums. To find out more about Rita or to order a CD, contact them on the web at a_leyshon@talk21.com.

RITA's Self-titled Release

The three song release includes:

She's My Melody
Adrift
Mountain Song

You can quote me on that

To find out what movie each quote is from, visit
The Oakland Post's website, www.oakpostonline.com.

1. "It's in your nature to destroy yourselves."
2. "Did you ever see that Twilight Zone where the guy signed a contract and they cut out his tongue and put it in a jar and it wouldn't die. It just grew and pulsed and gave birth to baby tongues? Pretty cool huh?"
3. "Can I refill your eggnog for you? Get you something to eat? Drive you out to the middle of nowhere and leave you for dead?"
4. "Angel, ha! She's a female! And all females is poison! They're full of wicked wiles!"
5. "The key to faking out the parents is the clammy hands. It's a good non-specific symptom. A lot of people will tell you that a phony fever is a dead lock, but if you get a nervous mother, you could land in the doctor's office. That's worse than school. What you do is, you fake a stomach cramp, and when you're bent over, moaning and wailing, you lick your palms. It's a little childish and stupid, but then again, so is high school."

College Bowl serves up action, drama, competitiveness

Part two of "College Bowl," continued from Jan. 31

The second half is about to begin. We're up.

We did really well right off the bat. We're ridin' high. We just won two matches in a row! We're in the finals. It all happened so fast. So much action, so much drama, and at the end of it all, we walked away victorious.

So far, I've guaranteed myself \$50 and there ain't nothin' wrong with that. But this is not the reason for my good feeling. What then is the cause for my joy? Is it that somehow we were able to outwit my literary and pop culture counter parts of Team 4? No. In fact, I'm very humbled.

Jason gets mad props for coming up with Milton with only some obscure clues. And Mike pulled down a nice one knowing that Namco brought Pac Man to the world. Am I happy because even if we lose in the finals, we've at least momentarily beaten Team 4? No. Their game was off, but now they're mad as hell, you can smell it on 'em. They want revenge. Getting

overconfident at this point could spell certain death for our team.

Guest Columnist
Rick Herron

Going into the final match, it's Team 3 vs. us. Team 4 did very well considering that they only had three members, but Team 3 was able to get past them to the final. Here again, this seems like a great time for sports rhetoric. They were all very worthy competitors, but in the end, somebody had to win.

At truly rousing sporting events, the end finally comes when someone squeezes out one final goal in sudden death over time. This is not one of them. We were swiftly and soundly defeated. I really didn't know much of anything during the two matches. Rachel was pullin' off some crazy stuff and she and Jeremy got us through some tough medical stuff, but Aaron, Dan, Chuck, Zack were just too much for us.

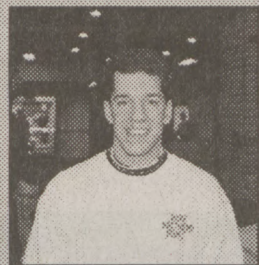
They are the champions. The sweetness of victory will not be mine to taste this year. Instead, I must walk away with the acrid, bitter taste of being second. Right. I got \$50 bucks dude, I'm happy as a lark! I asked the team victorious a few questions after the match.

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MASSIVE
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"So guys, how do you feel?"

"We're going to Delaware baby!" they replied enthusiastically. This year's regional tournament will be held in Delaware, Ohio, home of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Chuck chimed in, "We got the momentum going. For a while there we collapsed. But then we got it back and felt pretty good."

"Do you find any irony in the fact that you've just defeated me and now I'm interviewing you to tell me how it feels?"

"Yes," Chuck said.

"A little," Dan added.

"Zack, what about you?"

"I'm feelin' great. We were a little nervous there for a while though. But this is going to be my last year at OU and it's going to be a while 'til I can play again. This was the best College Bowl I've ever participated in at OU," he said in a very sincere manner. Still, one wonders how he knows to say EXACTLY the right thing. My response would have been, "I've got a hundred dollars! I've got a hundred dollars! Wayne and Garth style. Instead,

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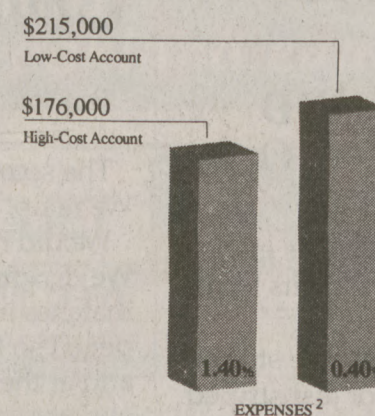
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Zack's politically correct teammate, Chuck, is sure to note,

"And we appreciate the competition!" These guys are way too nice.

Paul Franklin is the chief proponent of College Bowl at OU. As well as organizing the event, Paul, with the help of Tom Discenna, moderates the matches. I asked him if he had ideas to further bolster the OU College Bowl. I threw out the idea of Extreme College Bowl, with showgirls, or some form of live entertainment, but he

wasn't biting.

"I thought the money would do it. I'm confused why a university like OU doesn't have 8 to 12 teams competing. It's a lot of fun and for a lot of money. This is exactly the type of activity that should be at a college like this. You can't top it."

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Beauty & Blood are only Skin Deep

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The weird few that love horror movies jump for joy every time a new scary movie hits the big screen, only to be disappointed by how badly made they all seem to be made these days.

But once in a while a great one comes along.

Remember "Silence of the Lambs," "Seven," "Candyman" and "Halloween?" Those movies made us cringe with anticipation, retreat into the lap of our neighbor and, on occasion, scream.

It isn't likely that Director Jamie Blanks' "Valentine" will make you do any of this.

The movie is based on a Tom Savage book and is set in what looks like the same upper-upper class neighborhood used for every 'masked murderer' film scenario.

Five beautiful spoiled brats find out 13 years after an elementary school Valentine's Day dance that the boy they refused to dance with is planning his revenge.

The first girl, Shelley, is a brunette Britney Spears who falls prey to the killer early on in the movie. After a bad first date, she retreats to a poorly lit, lonely morgue, where she attempts to study for her pre-med exam. Well, you know what happens next.

The 'committed couple' roles in this film consist of Adam Carr (David Boreanaz) and Kate Davies (Marley Shelton). Carr is a mean drunk, causing Kate to constantly keep breaking up with him. Their relationship is problematic, to say the least and, by the end of the movie, annoying, at best.

The chain of murders is preceded by the girls receiving Valentines. In one, the killer writes, "Roses are red. Violets are blue. They'll need dental records to identify you." Ah, how romantic.

The murder scenes in this movie get a bit gruesome, especially as the plot nears the climactic ending.

This trend of more guts than glory started in "Scream" and has been taken to new levels in "Valentine."

There are a lot of similarities between "Scream" and "Valentine." For one, both rely on the theme of having the 'teens trapped in a house with

the killer.' Although the killer in "Scream" wore a scream mask, the murderer in "Valentine" wears a cherub mask. It's the traditional 'cupid' look, minus the cloth. He completes the ensemble in one scene where he sports a bow and arrow.

The plot, although it does have a stronger finish than previous movies, is becoming somewhat typical of this genre.

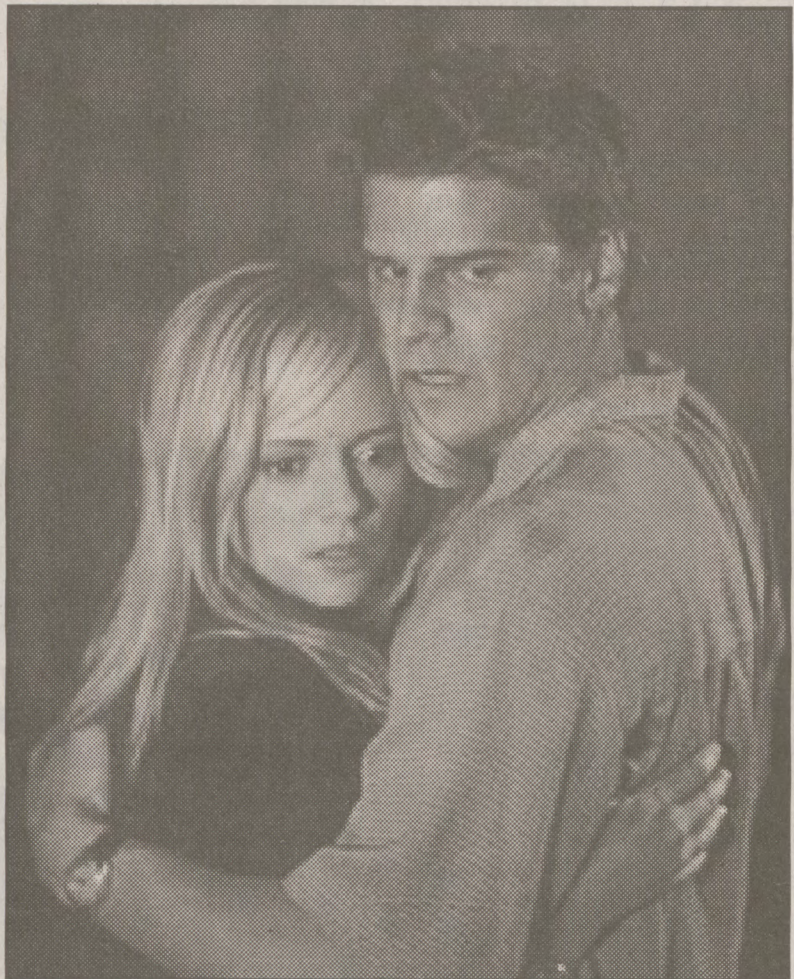
In addition to each of the five girls wearing next to nothing throughout the movie, each takes the predictable roles high school kids use to classify as the 'in crowd.' There's the popular one, the fat one, the smart one, the flirty one and the artsy one. Couldn't get any more predictable than that.

The twists and underlying mysteries in this movie are hidden too well, and almost seem wasted because of the messy casting. It's too bad because, by the look of the sets, Blanks was obviously given a lot of money to make the film, and his product is not at all scary.

If you actually liked the "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" movies, there's a chance you'll enjoy this rip-off of a horror film.

But for the rest of us, we'll be counting the days until "Hannibal" is released. Don't waste your money on this one unless you're a die-hard fan of scary flicks. If you are not, "Hannibal" is due out this Friday.

Stuck for things to do this Valentine's Day? Consider giving yourself this "Valentine." If you sit back and imagine that the killer in the movie is slaying all of your ex-mates, the movie does go by a lot quicker.



CLUTCHES OF DEATH: Adam Carr (David Boreanaz) and Kate Davies (Marley Shelton) star in the new movie, "Valentine." The couple escape a near-death experience, only to find more danger around the corner. The film directed by Jamie Blanks, focuses on a cherub-masked killer who sends his victims "valentines." The targeted girls begin to think that the killer is a schoolmate from their childhood days.

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

"Scream" vs. "Valentine" Both have:

- The 'dimwitted detective'
- The 'masked killer'
- The 'scantily-clad beauty queen'
- The 'runner-up killer'
- The 'We're-trapped-in-a-house-with-the-killer-and-all-the-lights-are-out friends'
- The 'I'll be right back rebel'
- The 'untrusting friend who thinks you're the killer'

Roses are Red.
Violets are Blue.
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Guy Ritchie snatches all-star cast

By Mike Savage
THE OAKLAND POST

What do humor and violent crime have in common?

You can get a large dose of both in Guy Ritchie's new movie "Snatch" at movie theatres right now.

"Snatch," with Brad Pitt and Benicio Del Toro, is an abrasive, violent, and extremely funny movie. Set in London, a cast of international criminals tries to make money by betting, stealing and killing. Separate schemes collide to form an explosive climax.

With almost the exact same cast as Ritchie's last film "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," the new movie is in the same vein.

Turkish (Jason Statham) and Tommy (Stephen Graham) set out to buy a mobile home from a group of gypsies in a trailer park outside of London. Things don't go as planned and they end up owing an explanation to Brick Top, a relentless mob boss who isn't afraid to slaughter people who cross him.

Franky Four Fingers (Benicio Del Toro) a gangster with a gambling problem has to deliver a stolen diamond the size of a tennis ball to a London diamond dealer who is going to sell it to an American. He gets severely sidetracked and the diamond causes all of the characters to collide later.

A couple of amateur criminals get hired to rob a bookie's money at an unlicensed boxing fight and

get caught in the whole mess dealing with the top dogs of the London crime world.

With these separate stories as the ingredients, "Snatch" creatively stirs all of these characters in a big bloody cauldron with dead bodies, harsh expletives, bullets and knives.

At first "Snatch" seems like another "Pulp Fiction" imitation. Gun-wielding gangsters have witty things to say right before they murder someone. One scene where the two amateurs end up with an unexpected corpse on their hands and have to find somewhere to dispose of it, reminds viewers of this overdone formula, as well.

While this type of movie is nothing new, "Snatch" has an unpredictable, complicated plot and scathing, funny dialogue make it incredibly fun to watch.

The ability of the characters in "Snatch" to creatively cuss and say things that didn't seem possible in the English language is very amusing.

Shots in this movie capture the gritty un-licensed boxing arenas and seedy parts of London and its trailer parks. Ritchie shows viewers a soiled version of the English town that is rarely seen. A versatile soundtrack and sometimes unintelligible accents will give American viewers a taste of the unusual.

The photography throughout the film is also very modern and inventive. There are scenes when you see what happens to a few different characters in dif-



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MOUSE CLUB: (L-R) Turkish (Jason Statham) and Tommy (Stephen Graham) discuss mobile homes with One Punch Mickey O'Neil (Brad Pitt) and his friends in the new movie by Guy Ritchie, "Snatch."

ferent places at one time. Surreal flashback scenes help the whole thing come together.

"Snatch" has ultra violence, profanity, dismembering of human bodies and man-eating farm animals as part of the cast. It may sound too gruesomely

shocking for the average viewer, but because this film is so humorous, people aren't likely to walk away mentally scarred.

"Snatch" won't change the world, but watching it is exciting recreation.

For Your.....entertainment

beatles

Tribute

The most authentic Beatles band, "1964.... The Tribute," will be at the Magic Bag at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16 to engage the audience in Beatlemania once again. This mop-top foursome will feature hits from the first seven Beatles albums. Tickets are \$15 per person and the show will last around 90 minutes. To purchase tickets call (248) 544-3030.

valentine

Valentine's Massacre

Tired of mushy Valentine's Day love being in the air? Check out the Valentine's Massacre Weekend at The Labrynth on Feb. 9, 10, and 11 for bands, Lounge Massacre and fetish shows courtesy of Noir Leather. All events are 18 and over with valid ID. For more information, call (313) 438-6153.

music

Pat McGee Band

The Pat McGee Band will be playing a special Valentine's Day concert for your listening enjoyment. The show will start at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14, at the Magic Bag. Tickets are only \$2. For more information or to purchase tickets, call The Magic Bag at (248) 544-3030 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

voice

The Arts

New York City Performance Poet and recording artist Sekou Sundiata and Jamaican-Canadian Dub Poet Lillian Allen will be at The Detroit Public Library's Main Branch on the third floor on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. For directions or more information, call (313) 833-1470. Admission is free.