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• Associate professor of English Jude Nixon was named director of the Honors College effective later this summer.

• Summer classes begin June 25.

• A blood drive will be held today from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC. Walk-ins are welcome.

• The SPB/CSA summer concert series continues today with an African steel drum show from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the lower level patio of the OC. The next free concert, featuring the Motown band Upscale, will be June 26.

• The Rec Center kicks off a new schedule of summer fitness classes June 25. The center also offers massage therapy, personal training and swim instruction programs. For more information, call 248.370.4732.

• SPB has extended the registration deadline to June 22 for the June 29-July 2 white water rafting trip to West Virginia. The cost is \$99 for students and \$150 for guests. Tickets can be purchased at the CSA service window. For more information, call 248.370.4295.

• Tea on Tuesdays at Meadow Brook Hall continues this summer. Tea is served from 3-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday through Labor Day. Reservations are recommended.

• The Post will not publish again until our Sept. 4 issue. Have a great summer.

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BOT boots Aramark

By Adam L. Neal
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Students will no longer see the signature blue polo shirts around the OC and other dining areas worn by Aramark employees.

The Board of Trustees approved a five-year contract with Chartwells food service at its June 5 meeting.

Chartwells, which was formed in 1992, will replace Aramark, OU's food service vendor since 1996, after its five-year contract expires June 30.

Chartwells' contract includes a total commission payment to OU of \$1.25 million during the contract period. A capital invest-

ment of \$1.341 million will also be made for OC kitchen and food service renovations. At least \$900,000 of the capital investment and commission will be used on the two-story OC expansion, which is scheduled to be completed by fall 2003.

Trustee Penny Crissman, who introduced the contract, compared proposals of both Aramark and Chartwells during the June BOT meeting.

"Initially, we decided on Aramark, but we negotiated with Chartwells, and we will receive \$250,000 in commission for OU in the first month. My concern was to keep costs as low as possible for students."

Money will be put toward

expanding the existing dining area of the food court and providing a coffee shop/24-hour computer lounge. Both are part of the planned OC expansion set to begin later this year.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs, said that Aramark was not picked because it would not change different programs that OU asked for, and it had raised the daily board rate to just as much as other companies, such as Chartwells. When that happened OU looked at different companies that might be more flexible.

Over the past six years, Aramark has paid approximately

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Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

WHERE'S THE BEEF?: Burger King's departure from the OC is one of many food court changes students will notice in the coming weeks as Chartwells replaces Aramark.



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Training day

CENTER STAGE: Orientation Group Leaders prepare for freshman orientation by performing skits that address and discuss various campus issues.

Golf finances 'in the hole'

By Jennifer Decker
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

OU's two-year-old, \$4.8 million R & S Sharf Golf Course, built amid controversy and a pledge by OU officials that the course would increase donors, is apparently hemorrhaging money as fewer than expected are playing the 18 hole course.

Figures are hard to come by, but based on audit reports filed in the Kresge Library, the campus' two courses, Sharf and Katke-Cousins, ended the June 2000 fiscal year spending \$137,164 more than they took in. External audit figures for 2001 have the courses still in the

red spending \$95,153 more than revenues. These figures do not include any carry over profit or loss from prior years.

But the 2001 figures are more than double the amount reported by Vice President of Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer to the OU Board late last year. She reported a \$45,000 loss to the trustees blaming poor weather for at least some of the deficit.

The 2001 season was the first full one for Sharf, and Schaefer attributed the deficit for that year to the course being in a "start-up phase."

But it is unclear as to how the golf courses specifically spent money during the 2000 and 2001

fiscal years.

In a Freedom of Information Act request made during the winter term, The Oakland Post asked OU for all of the expenditures for the Katke-Cousins and R&S Sharf golf courses since January 2001. The Post paid \$176.90 for the public information.

However, the figures provided by Diana Fernando, OU staff attorney and FOIA coordinator, were incomplete.

Fernando could not or would not explain two expenditures listed as "other." One was \$43,285.11 in 2000 and another charge of \$45,123.69 in 2001.

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New student liaisons named to Board seats

By Jennifer Decker
ASSISTANT TO THE NEWS DEPT.

As the voice of the student body to the Board of Trustees, OU has two new liaisons: Rhonda Hanna, junior, English and philosophy and David Jewell, Jr., senior, management information systems.

Hanna, the former student services director for Student Congress, has been involved in the Golden Key Honor Society

and was a 2002 recipient of the Keeper of the Dream Award.

"I look forward to representing students. I need as much student input as possible. I plan on making the liaison position more student-friendly and as accessible as possible," Hanna said.

She said the biggest concern of students is the OC expansion.

It definitely needs to be renovated in order to fulfill the needs of students," she

said. "I look forward to seeing the progress and process, and it's been a privilege to attend OC expansion meetings."

Hanna said Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer and President Gary Russi have been extremely helpful to her in acclimating the position. She added that the Board takes student concerns into consideration and truly lis-

tens to student needs.

"For students to get involved, they need to come to BOT meetings and know the issues. It's often important for students to attend. Attendance allows the Board to see what's important to students. Students can also come to the student liaison office (41 OC). We want to be able to reach all students," Hanna said.

Jewell, an active participant in Student Congress

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Rhonda Hanna



David Jewell, Jr.

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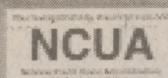
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Patio Concerts

Wednesday, June 12

OJ's African and Steel Drums

OJ's own African and Steel Drum Groups were the highlight of last year's concert series. Directed by Mark Stone, Special Lecturer in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, these two groups brought a lot of energy to the OJ Patio Concert last year. Do not miss this concert!

Wednesday, June 20

"Upscale" Motown Band

"Upscale" is a dynamic multi-talented vocal trio from Detroit! Their love for music and the arts is clearly evident in the natural expressions they present on stage. Upscale provides an exciting, energetic and sensational floor show, which includes flowing choreography and soaring vocals reminiscent of groups such as: The Temptations, Four Tops, and other Motown favorites.

Wednesday, July 10

"Star" 15 year old Opera Singer

"Star" Noel is a 15 year old up and coming singer with a voice that will remind you of Charlotte Church. This young diva will sing anything from operatic arias to popular songs.

Wednesday, July 24

"Albin/Deleury Duo"

Kerstin Albin is one of the most prominent harp performers in southeast Michigan and Nadine Deleury is one of the finest cello performers. Both have played around the world independently and as a duo. Now, for the first time they will perform together on the Oakland Center Patio for your enjoyment. This promises to be a delightful way to spend a lunch time. It doesn't get any better than this!!!

The concerts will be held from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on The Oakland Center Patio. The location is subject to change due to inclement weather or construction. The music is free and you can eat lunch on the Patio. A delicious grilled lunch will be available for sale at affordable prices as well as beverages and desserts. The Patio Concerts are open to all so feel free to invite students, colleagues and friends to enjoy this Oakland University tradition!

GHC offers 'stop smoking' program

By Rebecca Wyatt
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Graham Health Center will offer "Freedom From Smoking," a program aimed at helping students kick the habit.

The program, co-sponsored by the American Lung Association, focuses on the use of a support system to quit.

"We use the cold turkey method to quitting," said Kathy Pecha, RN and health educator at the center. "We rely on the idea that people will support each other in the group. However, the practitioners can help students obtain prescriptions of Zyban."

The course, which is eight-weeks long, starts with a free orientation on July 2. At the orientation students are given the pros and cons of quitting and the goals of the class. From that point students can determine for themselves whether or not to continue.

According to Pecha, the course teaches students to use certain skills to quit smoking. Some of these skills include stress management, motivation and using exercise as a way to beat the habit.

Students are also taught about nicotine as an addiction, health benefits of quitting, ways to quit, symptoms of recovery, launching a life as a non-smoker and relapse prevention.

However, students are not pushed into quitting right away.

"It's the third week before we actually ask them to stop," Pecha said.

When the actual day of quitting comes students are asked to quit for two days. There is a big deal of passing around the garbage can and throwing out the cigarettes.

"We don't require group participation but we encourage it," Pecha said.

During the classes, the program coordinators try and nix the craving by providing hard candy, gum, toothpicks and other things for students to put in their mouths to resist the urge.

The classes finish with a group celebration. The celebrating its success, according to Pecha, may include pizza or meeting at a restaurant of the students choice, anything that may celebrate the accomplishments of the students.

The program, which is widely used, has proven successful in the past. The ALA reports that 82-90 percent of smokers who attended the class quit smoking.

"There are a lot of smokers on this campus," said Angela LoPiccolo, senior, history. "I think it's a good idea."

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Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

Thieves plague apartment job site

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: OU Police are investigating several incidents of thefts and vandalism at the student apartment construction site. The most recent break-in occurred Sunday when three contractor trailers were broken into and a computer, radios and other equipment valued at in excess of \$5,000 was taken. Two air conditioning units were stolen from a trailer on June 1, and on April 29, a drill was reported stolen from a workers truck. Several windows have also been smashed by vandals.

Alumni Association proposes undergraduate student group

By Rebecca Wyatt
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

OU could soon be opening the Alumni Association to students. "We are currently in the process of developing a proposal to establish a student organization that will work closely in affiliation with the OU Alumni Association," said Jamie Simek, assistant director of the Alumni Association.

This student group is still in the design stages, however.

"At this time, we have not yet defined the particulate of this group, such as its official name," said Simek.

According to Simek, the organization is being developed to aid students in becoming more familiar with the OUAA and allowing them to become active in programs and events.

"This organization will function to stimulate interest and encourage understanding of the Oakland University Alumni Association and its mission, goals and programs," Simek

explained.

The group will also allow students to work with the OUAA board of directors and other prominent OU alumni members.

"Student and young alumni involvement is essential to the future of the OUAA, and we are very excited about the opportunity to engage as many people as possible," Simek said. "We want their ideas, their involvement and their feedback. Finally, we want this organization to be fun. Fun for the students and the alumni."

The student alumni association is being modeled after similar programs run by other universities. The committee developing the group is trying to figure out how it will fit into OU's community.

Schools like Purdue, UCLA, Indiana University, Arizona State University and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls have programs similar to the one OU is trying to establish. Each has its own purpose

and goals it wants to accomplish.

"Many other universities have similar student alumni organizations. These organizations can take many different forms. Some, such as what we hope ours to be, work primarily with alumni relations," Simek explained. "Others serve as ambassadors to prospective students and the outside community. A few work with their university's foundation initiatives."

Students, like Susanne Hitchens, senior, exercise science, think some students may really get involved in it.

"If I had time I would consider getting involved in it," Hitchens said.

The committee has yet to determine where the group will fit in on campus.

"From there we plan to establish a campus steering committee to assist in defining the particulars and hope to begin rolling the program out in the fall," Simek said.



Andrea Maltese

By Rachel Rybicki & Jennifer Decker
THE OAKLAND POST

A 19-year-old female student from Shelby Township died from closed head injuries she suffered after an auto accident on west-bound I-94 near French Road in Detroit on May 26.

Andrea Maltese, sophomore, undecided, was driving with two friends to the Detroit Electronic Music Festival when the rollover accident occurred. She died later that night at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Her two friends escaped injury.

The accident is still under investigation, but her father, Joseph Maltese, said Maltese's car was hit by another vehicle, and her car rolled several times.

Ms. Maltese's family received a call from their daughter's cell

Shelby Twp. student dies in I-94 crash

phone, only it was the voice of a woman who stopped to help.

"It's a parent's worst nightmare to lose a child. We were called by Good Samaritans who stopped to help Andrea," said Maltese.

"Here at OU, she always spoke about a good learning experience," Maltese said. "She made friends and got a good education and said it was a building stage to bring her to the next level. She was a great leader in a very simple way."

At Harper Woods Regina High School Ms. Maltese had been a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving and was a hurdler on the track team.

Ms. Maltese is survived by her father, Joseph, mother, Charmain, her brothers, Joel and Jason, and sister, Sara.

CRIME WATCH

• A cable television self test system valued at \$2,595 was reported missing from the Oakland Center on April 17.

• A Hamlin Hall resident reported \$527 missing from her desk April 18. The resident told police she last saw the money the previous day, but she thinks she left her door unlocked when she showered. There was no sign of forced entry. The resident reported she rarely sees her roommate and didn't know the

last time she was there. There are no suspects.

• In separate P-1 parking lot incidents, a member of the cleaning staff reported her van's window was smashed out sometime during the day on April 23. A staff member reported her Toyota Land Cruiser was keyed May 2. The driver side door was scratched.

• A woman student reported \$180 taken from her gym bag in the lifeguard

room of the Rec Center April 30. The female said she left the money in the bag the previous day. The woman checked her wallet for money the following day and discovered the money missing. The door to the lifeguard room stays unlocked.

• A video projector valued at \$3,500 was reported missing from 165 SFH May 31. The custodial staff reported the property missing from a ceiling bracket.

• A petty cash box containing \$330 was taken from an unlocked cabinet in Hannah Hall on May 2. The cabinet is under the counter and the office assistant questioned co-workers with negative results. The office is left unattended for brief periods of time. There were no signs of forced entry.

• A red Chevy van was illegally parked at the Wilson dock doors for three days in May. Police discovered the vehicle

was stolen out of Lapeer and confirmed by the Lapeer PD. The vehicle was towed and held for prints.

• In a follow-up to the rash of false fire alarms in Vandenberg and Hannah Halls during the winter term, OUPD Lt. Richard Tomczak said one arrest was made for one of the incidents. However, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office declined to issue a warrant.

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FOOD

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\$70,000 a year, or 5 percent of its sales, back to OU. That money has been split between the OC and University Housing. Chartwells' new contract doesn't depend on annual commission sales, but on a flat rate payment of \$250,000 every year. Half of that money that is given to OU is placed into a reserve fund that will be given back to Chartwells after 10 years. Ten food service companies were invited to bid on the OU contract. OU received proposals from four companies. Chartwells won the bid over competitors Sodexho, Aramark and Creative Dining Services. Snyder explained Chartwells was picked because of its reputation and dedication to helping OU. "There is just a better financial deal with Chartwells. There is a certain level of service we were looking for, and they fit it. OU will get a better financial return with Chartwells," she said. According to Snyder, some of the new food service outlets in the OC will include Subway, Coyote Jack's, Chick-Fil-A, Ritazza and Outtakes. There will also be made-to-order salads, soups, pastries and a variety of ethnic dishes. Noble Roman's Pizza will still be in the OC food court because of the existing one-year contract it has with the university. Taco Bell and Burger King will be leaving. The food service changes extend beyond the OC. Vandenberg Hall Dining Center, Yacht Club Convenience Store and the new School of Education building will also feature Chartwells food services.

Chartwells has contracts with other universities and lower level education schools including DePaul University, Northeastern University, University of Miami and Saint Louis University. In Michigan Chartwells provides food services for Spring Arbor University and Cranbrook schools. Many students seemed positive about the upcoming change. "There seems to be more choices coming to the OC. I am a commuter, and it is important to me that there is a wide assortment of places to eat," said Jonathan Adamson, sophomore, political science. "These choices also seem more healthy instead of just Burger King and Taco Bell." Shannon Sommerfeld, senior, communication, agreed, "I really like Subway. It is going to be very convenient to come to the OC and order a sub instead of driving down University Drive and losing my parking spot. It is a nice change from the greasy food that is in there now." Chartwells agreed to participate in the existing OU SpiritCash program so students can still use SpiritCash for food purchases. Food service hours will be extended. Most places in the OC will open between 7:30-10:30 a.m. and remain open until at least 7 p.m. Subway will have extended hours during the week until 11 p.m. Food services in the OC will also now be open on the weekend.

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COURSE

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When The Post last month, again, requested specific information on the golf courses' revenues and expenditures, the price tag on the information was now \$990.26, since, according to Fernando, "(The Post has) requested significantly more information." Post Editor in Chief Ann Zaniewski, "We are trying very hard to get exact figures and information, so we can accurately report what's going on." The figures that were supplied to the Post by Fernando differed by more than \$1 million from those that Schaefer supplied. Schaefer said her figures included all compensation costs, and that "it appears that only non-personnel expenses were listed (in the figures provided by Fernando)." The losses are in addition to the costs of three gala grand opening receptions hosted by the OU Foundation that sources say totaled more than \$100,000. While acknowledging the receptions occurred, OU officials have steadfastly refused to disclose the costs saying the Foundation is a private corporation and its records do not have to be released. "The Sharf opening activities were hosted by the Oakland University Foundation. The university records would not reflect these activities," said Schaefer who responded by email. "The Oakland University Foundation, a vehicle through which

philanthropic gifts are received, is a private, nonprofit corporation comprised of business, civic and community leaders. Its primary objective is to advance the university with financial support of scholarships, internships, academic programs and research," Schaefer said in her email. Susan Davies Goepp, OU Foundation executive director and vice president of university relations, explained, "The Foundation wanted to recognize contributions of time and resources by the volunteers and friends. It wanted to showcase the new to potential new President's Club members, so they hosted the opening events." "There were actually a series of three events because so many people wanted to participate, and there was a limitation on the number of people that could be accommodated. Receptions were held on Aug. 25, Sep. 15 and Sep. 29 (in 2000). A little more than 100 people attended each of the two September receptions and about 65 attended the other," Goepp said, though she, too, declined to release the cost. Goepp was not employed at OU when the receptions were held. In a written response to The Oakland Post's requests for the reception costs, she said, "The OUF paid for the receptions, but as a private foundation, does not routinely share its operating costs." But Goepp's claim that the Foundation is private may not be legally valid. The university, not the Foundation, pays Goepp's salary and

that of her support staff. The Foundation's executive offices are housed on East Campus in the John Dodge House. "It doesn't sound correct to me based upon the Jackson case," said Dawn Phillips-Hertz, attorney for the Michigan Press Association. "I would say they (the Foundation) are a public body. When it comes to financial information, if they're going to have a connection to a governmental entity, then they have to be willing to have their books be open under the (Michigan) Constitution. If they're going to play the private entity route, then they'd better get their ducks in a row." The "Jackson case" is a 1996 Michigan Appeals Court decision that ruled the Foundation at Eastern Michigan University was public, not private like EMU had claimed. Like the EMU Foundation, the OU Foundation was also created to manage financial gifts to a public university. Phillips-Hertz said the Court of Appeals found that foundations primarily funded by universities are public bodies. She cautioned, "As far as the expenditures on the golf course, I don't care who made them. Whether the university made them or whether the Foundation made them, those ought to be open. I think it's very shortsighted to make it difficult for the public to get access to what a public body is doing with the public's money. I think it's very unfortunate."

BOT

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and the Golden Key Honor Society, explained it's a great honor to hold the position. "I think it is important to note that showing a concern and doing something about it and talking to the right people gets a lot more done than complaining," Jewell said. "While it might make you temporarily feel good to blow off steam about something, nothing will get resolved unless someone makes an effort." "Parking is an issue that the administration is working hard to get resolved. The same goes for tuition increases. The Board's hands are really tied on this one. The reason the tuition is rising so much deals more with the state and not the administration," he added. Jewell said he thinks the main lack of communication occurs between students and the Board, which could be improved with student involvement in attending BOT meetings or talking to the student liaisons. "As liaisons, Rhonda and I can not expect students to seek us out. Many may not even know what the liaison is. But we need to get out into the student body and get people to recognize that we are the link between the students and administration," Jewell said. Student liaisons are responsible for attending all scheduled BOT public meetings in providing student views, making periodic reports of BOT activities to student groups and participating in student orientation.

LAW

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between Cooley and OU could expand if things work out," said Montgomery. Students believe the law school could make OU more appealing. "This program does give us added value because it shows first year law students can come to our campus," Amaral said. This is OU's second attempt to bring a law program here. In 1995 OU tried to bring Detroit College of Law to this campus, but it instead moved to Lansing and became affiliated with Michigan State University.

SMOKING

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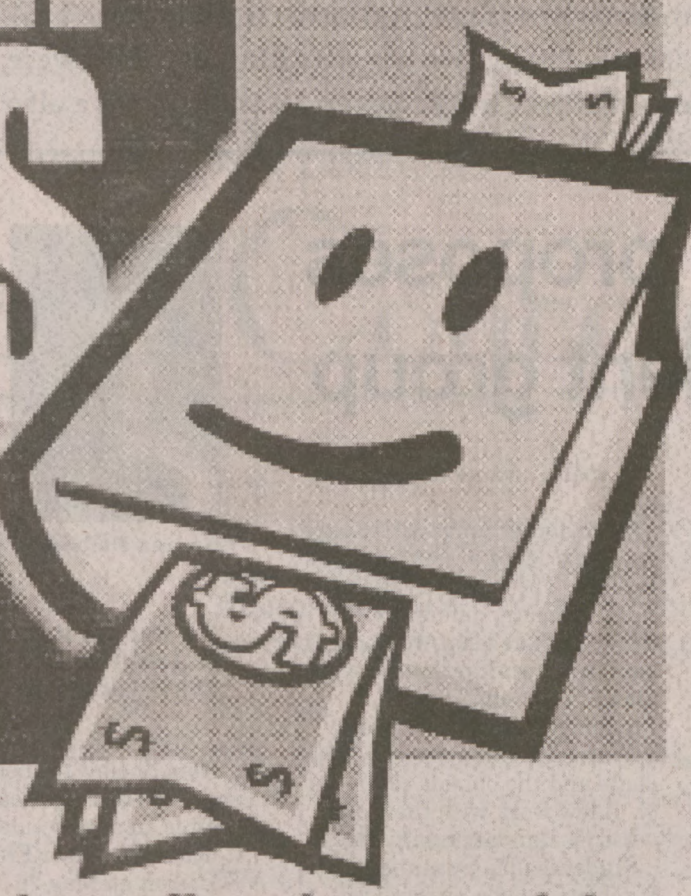
According to the ALA, 70 percent of smokers want to quit and only 34 percent attempt to quit each year. Of this, only 2.5 percent succeed. Pecha hopes with classes like this, the success rate could be higher. LoPiccolo, along with Pecha, know that smokers have a hard time taking that first step toward quitting. "Some people listen. Some people don't," said LoPiccolo of smokers confronted by the to quit. "The ALA says for each time a person tries to quit smoking their chances of succeeding are greater," said Pecha, "That is why they say never quit quitting." The program starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 in the Graham Health Center with the free orientation session. The class meets every Tuesday and one Thursday after the first two days of not smoking. Sessions last about an hour. The cost of the class is \$50 for students and \$70 for the general public.

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• Holiday fireworks will be in full effect as New Boston holds its annual display on July 3 at Willow Metropark. Call 800.477.3182 for more information.

• The night sky will explode with vibrant colors on July 3 as Birmingham holds its annual fireworks display at the Lincoln Hill Country Club. Bring some frosty beverages because it will certainly be hot. Call 248.644.1800 for more information.

• For the downriver crowd, Wyandotte will hold its annual July 4 fireworks display at dusk in Bishop and BASF parks. Call 734.324.4506 for more information. Make sure to bring a blanket because things can get dangerous.

• It will undoubtedly be a good time to gaze at the lovely fireworks on display on the evening of July 4, when Sterling Heights sets off fireworks, like every other city. Call 586.979.7010 for more information. A spray bottle might be useful to cool down in the summer heat.

• Prepare for loud noises, pretty colors and tons of fun for everyone as those in the Clawson area will be treated to the city's annual fireworks display on July 4. Call 248.435.4500 for more information. Be sure to travel in a group and beware of strangers.

• Sit back and direct your eyes skyward as Trenton cooks up a mean fireworks display, just like last year. The display will be held at Rotary Park. Call 734.675.7300. The kindly residents of Trenton cordially request that attendees refrain from raising a ruckus.

Musical
reflectionsDetroit's Christian music scene
exploding with hope

By Rachel Rybicki
LIFE & GET OUT EDITOR

Local bands are finally getting a chance to be mainstream. Son of Adam and Huddle are two Detroit groups on their way to stardom. Gaining recognition on area campus, including OU and Rochester College, these bands are establishing themselves more than ever.

"My assistant manager is always trying to promote local bands," said Kristin Walker, general manager of Borders in Sterling Heights. "There seems to be a real push for it though, especially in this area."

Scotty Hagen, store manager of Rock-a-billies in Shelby Twp. agrees with Walker and said that even though the store doesn't carry much local Christian music, what it does carry sells quickly.

"We sell most of it when the bands cross over into the mainstream like P.O.D. and MXPX and our sales are up now," he said. "Whatever we have always sells really well. I think it is because of the positive lyrics, and at the same time the people who are singing it have come from the same background as everyone else in America."

Son of Adam knows this story all too well.

"We've been waiting for 12 years to get a break, and it's just starting to pick up now," said Son of Adam frontman Chad Terrill. "If I was doing this for myself, I would've given up a long time ago, but I've got a drive in me that is far bigger than anything I could ever do for myself and that is what pushes us and our band forward. The fact that we know the greater good is far greater than anything that we would ever want to do is what continues to blow our minds."

Son of Adam, which played its first show at a VFW hall, opened up for The Cranberries at Meadow Brook Music Festival last month and is slated to play along with Huddle at Rochester College's Summer Jam on June 27.

Members of Huddle, unlike Son of Adam, have been together since they were toddlers.

The three Shelby Twp. brothers are currently recording a new CD in an area studio. Huddle released an independent CD last year but said the sounds of the band have changed since then. They are hopeful for the new CD to be out before Christmas.

"Our sound is very much different from what it used to be," said Huddle front man Bryon Rossi. "We have matured as songwriters and all around in playing our instruments. We all write music so it's a pretty wide age spectrum of people that dig us."

As members of the same church, Son of Adam's musicians have been together since they were freshman in high school but have grown up together, creating a "brotherly atmosphere."

Thor Rasmussen, senior, marketing, said the bands have a power to bring people together. Growing up around the corner from Huddle, he has watched the brothers evolve into the band they have become.

"I had the opportunity to grow up with Nolan, Bryon and Danny. They are just ordinary guys with extraordinary talents," he said. "Their song writing has certainly improved since the band has started."

Terrill said Son of Adam "has come full circle" in the last 12 years.

"As we grow as people, we grow as a band. We are to the point now where we can begin to play, and we know what we are going to do next," said Terrill. "It's apples and oranges from where we started because our priorities were so different and what we wanted was so different. You are so full of pride when you are a kid and then you realize that 'wow, none of the crap even matters,' and the important stuff is going out there and loving on everybody and just treating people how you want to be treated. That alone has helped our music evolve and grow."

Terrill also said he feels there is more to being in a band than just playing music.

"Music is our vice. It's our tool. Music is what opens the doors. We love what we are doing, but it's quickly becoming only part of what we do," he said. "We are realizing that we have this tool here that gets us in front of all of these kids. What we do with that is our real job. That's what being in a band is really about to us. That is a huge goal of what we do."

Rossi agreed with Terrill and said the goals of Huddle are very similar.

"After the shows, we love to meet people. Performing is just a great excuse for us to meet people and spread," Rossi said. "We want to show people love, that's what we are really all about."

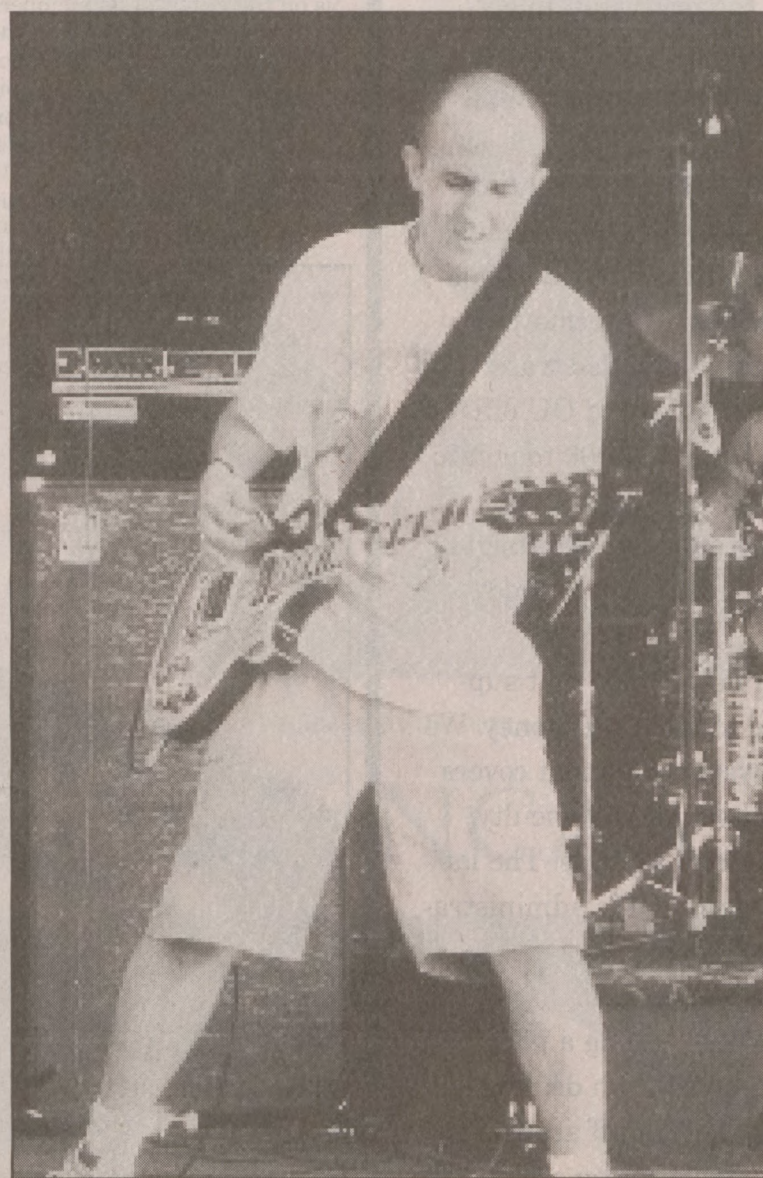
Rossi said he feels they are not a typical Christian band and do not focus on catering to the "needs of Christians."

"We don't write rah-rah Jesus music, and our music is not specifically for Christians. We are all Christians in the band and that comes through in our actions and in our music," he said. "We want to appeal to as many people as possible and not limit ourselves to one

type of crowd."

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Chad Terrill
Son of Adam, front man



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

JAMMIN' N SLAMMIN': Tommy Beadle from Son of Adam grooved with the band at Blitzfest two weeks ago. Blitzfest is an all-day Christian concert event held at a local church in White Lake.

type of crowd."

Terrill said Son of Adam is as much a Christian band as the Beastie Boys are a Buddhist band.

"I believe, and the whole band believes, and we would love for nothing more than the whole world to believe, it would make the world a much better place," said Terrill. "But my job is not to convert anybody or push my faith on anybody. My job is to go out there and do what I am supposed to do and love on everybody. The greatest analogy is that the sick need a doctor, not the healthy. There are a million Christian bands that play for Christians. My goal is to not play just for Christians, but the people out there that just need to be loved."

Rasmussen said it doesn't matter that either band is Christian because people are just looking for good music.

"I think that people are becoming aware that just because something is labeled 'Christian music' doesn't mean that it is bad music. Whether or not the artists are secular or Christian is mattering less and less," said Rasmussen.

Both bands, along with many other Christian artists, local and mainstream, played at Blitzfest on June 1, an Oakland County Christian summer concert at a church in White Lake. There were three stages for musicians to perform and the expensive cover charge made the all-day festival a great opportunity for the bands to do what they love to do, outreach and interact with people from all walks of life.

"Blitzfest was great for us because there were so many bigger acts there who we got to see and learn from," Rossi said. "We got to play a half-hour set, which is short, but we had a blast because it was for a great cause, and we met some great people that day."

Rasmussen said his experience at Blitzfest was an impressive one.

"The best part was that there were punk bands, hardcore bands, hip-hop artists, rock bands and ska bands from all across the nation with the same belief in Jesus' love," he said. "It impressed me so

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LIFE COLUMN



Rachel
Rybicki
Life Editor

Supporting local
bands, musicians
will pay off

Sweating out tunes in a makeshift basement studio, a local band tries to rehearse one last song before opening up at a small venue in downtown Pontiac for a mainstream band.

This is the story of many musicians trying to make a name for themselves. Local artists like Eminem, Kid Rock and Madonna had to start somewhere, and what better place than in their hometown?

Sadly, playing for hometown audiences can make or break a band's confidence.

Many people feel that because local artists are not nationally known that they will be a crappy performance. But many times this is not the case.

There are plenty of bands that are working hard to do what they love, that have a great sound and just need to be given a chance to "prove themselves" to the radio audience.

Then there is the issue of becoming mainstream and "selling out." Many people think that if a band can work its way into our society's niche then it has betrayed its fans.

It's a catch-22.

So many times those people are looked down upon or laughed at because it is not "the American dream," or because it is not "practical."

We need to support our local musicians and anyone else that needs to be encouraged.

Thankfully, in our area, we have many cities that cater to this need.

In Pontiac, every year, the Arts, Beats and Eats festival is held at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre. Here, local musicians open up for well-known bands and area artists can put their art on display and make it available for purchase.

The Magic Bag in Ferndale, St. Andrews in Detroit and numerous other local venues have the worn in look and hold stories of many bands playing there. It is a stepping stone for them to gear up for tours.

With the convenience of these bands being so close to home, they often play more shows locally and the prices to get in won't burn a hole in your wallet.

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Sizzling, sultry summer happenings

• Since recovering from his beating at the hands of Todd Bridges on Fox's "Celebrity Boxing," one-hit-wonder Vanilla Ice has returned to the road. His show, featuring two sets, one rap and one rock, hits town at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Majestic Theater. Special guest Black Magic Frost will open.

• Head on over to the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus to view the annual Ann Arbor Summer Festival. This all day, three-and-a-half week performing arts festival, starting June 14, will have everything from free music to films of all

types. This will be great for a nice evening out absorbing the arts.

• Want to check out the stars during the day? Head down to the New Detroit Science Center starting June 15 at 1:00 p.m. to gaze at the Starlit Summer Nights show which features new sets of constellations and stellar objects that rise each summer night. The Digital Dome Planetarium has new state-of-the-art equipment to enhance your viewing experience.

• Rev up your engines.

The motor muster is coming to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village on June 15-16. This event will bring in automobiles, racecars, motorcycles and bicycles from 1933 to 1973. Come display and check out racers with dad on this Father's Day weekend special.

• Teen pop icon Britney Spears will be shaking her sweetness at 7:30 p.m. on June 24 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are

available at all Ticketmaster locations or at www.palacenet.com.

• A full day of fun in Downtown Pontiac is starting June 28. Check out Hot Wheels Cool Nights featuring car shows, musical entertainment, summer food and a fabulous fireworks display.

• In the mood for fromage and wine? Be sure to check out the Michigan Wine and Food Festival at noon-10 p.m. on June 29 at the Meadow Brook

Music Festival. Tickets are \$19 for general admission and \$4 for kids 12-17. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling 248.377.0100 or at www.palacenet.com.

• Hungry? Come and have a taste of Ferndale. This event celebrates a festival of Ferndale foods. Hit the streets of Downtown Grosse Pointe on June 29 for this one day event.

• Make sure to check out the sensitive folk pop stylings of Jewel at 7:30 p.m. on July 3 at the

Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets are \$38 for pavilion and and \$20.50 for lawn. A portion of the proceeds will go to Higher Ground for Humanity for the Clear Water Project.

• The Michigan Tastefest never fails to deliver mouth-watering cuisine and amazing A-list musical acts. This year's incarnation, from July 3-7 in the New Center area in Detroit is no different. Featuring artists such as Carl Craig, the Von Bondies and Joan Jett.

Editorial

OU staff could learn from WSU's model

The Oakland Post has new faces for top editors. Two months ago, when we were named to these positions, we were confident we could avoid many of the roadblocks and obstacles that beset the prior staff in getting information to keep the campus community informed. It's sad to realize so early that we were wrong.

The Post made two formal Freedom of Information requests to the administration regarding the revenues and expenditures of the Katke-Cousins and Sharf golf courses. We paid \$176.90 for the public information last winter, but what the university provided was incomplete. Another request was made, and OU officials told the Post it would cost nearly \$1,000 to obtain more detailed information.

This is a continuation of a misguided and shortsighted policy of top university officials of trying to hide public information.

We are a newspaper. We are a newspaper that supports itself with advertising and student fee money. We are a newspaper — the only newspaper — that covers exclusively the OU community, its students, faculty, staff, events, successes, mistakes and failures. The latter two coverage areas are the reason OU's administrators have problems in providing information quickly, honestly and without a steep price attached.

OU administrators should consider taking a page from Wayne State University's playbook on dealing with student or media inquiries. WSU staff are friendly, responsive and helpful. They believe they are there to help, not hinder. They also admit this is a "cultural change" instituted at the very top of WSU's administration.

How do we know this? Because we've dealt with campus administrators across this state. If WSU is among the best, OU is likely the worst. With this sort of attitude, OU makes enemies, not friends, of its future ambassadors — alumni.

As journalists, our first and most important commitment is to our audience — the students. Our job is to deliver truthful and factual information that is pertinent to the student community.

These pages will always be filled with different types of news ranging from campus happenings to entertainment to sports. But rest assured that we are going to work to the best of our ability to give unbiased coverage of contentious issues that are guaranteed to arise on campus.

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much to see so many people with the same focus." The next stop for the two bands is at 7:30 p.m. this Friday at Xhedos Café in Ferndale. The show itself, however, will be a little different than most of the other shows they play.

"We don't usually get to play an acoustic show, which will be the fun thing at Xhedos Café," said Rossi. "It will be an intimate and interactive kind of feel for us."

Both bands agreed that touring is important and is on the minds of its members.

"If we could do any job in the world, this would be it. We have a solid small following here in Detroit," Rossi said. "We are getting bigger and I think that this will be a good summer for us because we are all back from school and looking forward to playing as much as we can."

For Son of Adam, touring and promoting the new

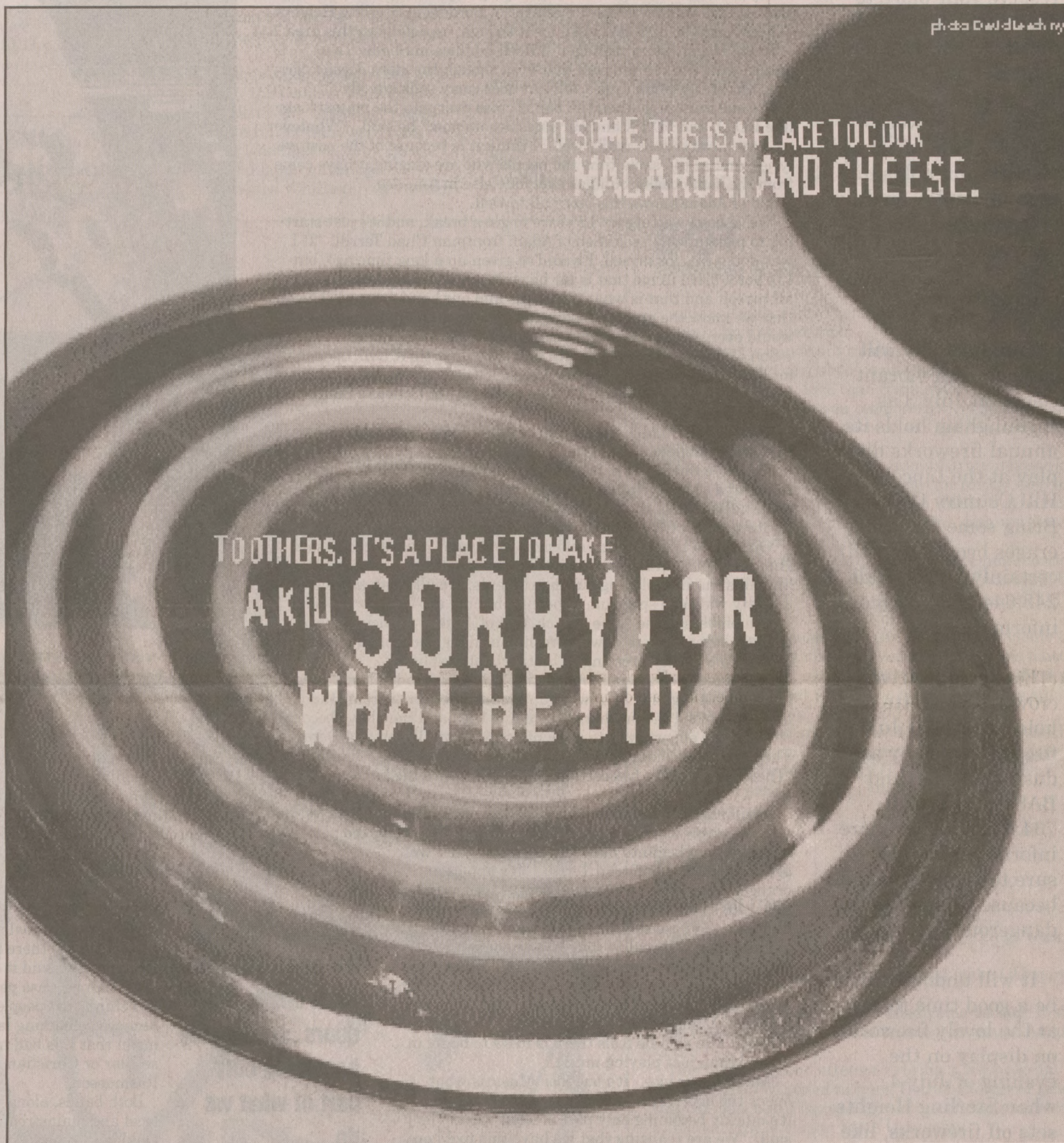
album is important, but it is also important to remember the reason behind it all.

"It's a blessing to even be on the stage, and God is going to make what He wants happen. We base so much on acceptance, and what we really learn is that it's not about acceptance. It's not about how many fans that you have. It's about doing what you are supposed to be doing and then everything else falls into place after that," said Terrill. "People rarely get to see the good in people and we get to see that all the time. That is just God opening up our eyes, and that is the reward for us."

Releasing its second CD, "Waiting For The Radio," on May 14, Son of Adam has already gained recognition from *Real Detroit Weekly*, a local magazine, and local critics. The band took the number one spot on the Detroit Music Retailers Collective chart as of June 4.



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Mid-Con tournament	
May 23	
OU	8
Southern Utah	6
May 24	
Oral Roberts	12
OU	3
(First game)	
Southern Utah	7
OU	6
(Second game)	

SOFTBALL

Mid-Con tournament	
May 3	
OU	4
Southern Utah	1
(First game)	
UMKC	4
OU	0
(Second game)	
May 4	
OU	8
Western Illinois	7
(First game)	
OU	2
UMKC	1
(Second game)	
OU	1
UMKC	0
(Third game)	
NCAA tournament	
May 16	
Washington	8
OU	0
(First game)	
OU	3
Canisius	1
(Second game)	
Central Michigan	2
OU	1
(Third game)	

WOMEN'S GOLF

Mid-Con tournament	
April 22-23	
OU	2nd

MEN'S GOLF

Mid-Con tournament	
April 22-23	
OU	4th

UPCOMING
NATIONAL
GAMES

NBA FINALS

• 9 p.m., NBC, June 12 - Los Angeles vs. New Jersey, Los Angeles leads series 3-0

STANLEY CUP FINALS

• 8 p.m., ABC, June 13 - Carolina vs. Detroit, Detroit leads series 3-1

SPORTS
TRIVIA

Brett Hull become the fourth player to score 100 career playoff goals Monday night. Who are the other three?

Find answer at www.oakpostonline.com

Mariners snare OU two

By Brendan Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Grizzly pitchers were reeled in by the Seattle Mariners in the Major League Baseball entry draft last week. Junior Jared Thomas was taken in the 11th round and senior David Viane was taken in the 20th.

Thomas appeared in 16 games this year, starting 12, and ranked second in the nation with 13.1 strikeouts



Bob Knoska / File Photo
Mariner draftee David Viane

per nine innings. He led OU starters with an ERA of 4.82 and had an overall record of 4-4.

"Jared is a left-handed pitcher, 6'3" 225 pounds, built like a big leaguer," Avery said. "Left-handed pitching is at a premium. Once he gets into professional baseball, he's going to do just fine. He has a chance to move in a hurry."

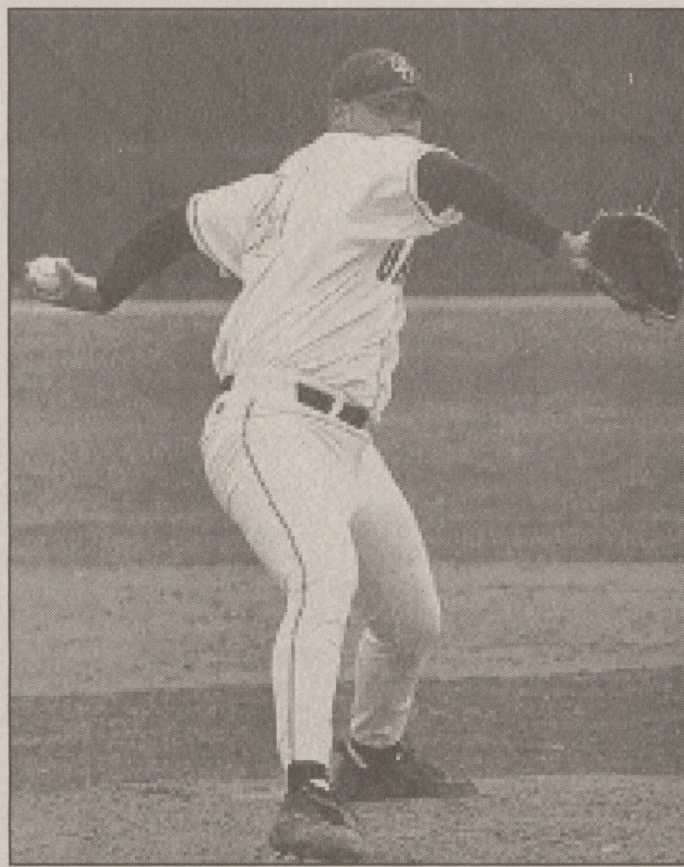
Thomas earned Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year honors, posting a 3-1 record and a 3.78 ERA in the conference.

Viane is a transfer student from Bowling Green. A converted catcher, he finished the season with a record of 0-1 and a 4.68 ERA, averaging 10.4 strikeouts per innings pitched.

He showed improvement throughout the season, with his fastball reaching upwards of 93 mph by the end of the season.

"Viane is an interesting situation because he started pitching nine months ago," said Avery. "If he continues to climb, and he throws strikes, he'll be in the big leagues in no time. There just aren't that many guys that throw that hard."

"These two kids both have enough to pitch in the big leagues," Avery said.



Bob Knoska / File Photo
MOVING ON UP: Junior lefty Jared Thomas winds up.

Women make history in NCAA

Ogg told to resign

By Randy Dudek
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the season, the OU softball team was picked by the Mid-Con coaches as the favorite to win the conference and gain a berth in the NCAA tournament.

A season of hard work and top level competition paid off in the end because when the dust settled, the Golden Grizzlies had fulfilled the preseason prediction and picked up OU's first ever NCAA tournament victory along the way.

"It was more than thrilling," head coach Steve Ogg said. "It was very exciting to qualify for the national tournament."

But the victory is bittersweet, since Ogg, who works part-time as the Grizzlies' softball coach and full-time as the facilities manager at OCC's Auburn Hills campus, was told to resign by OU Athletics officials, who did not return phone calls.

"It has been tough being a part-timer coaching," Ogg said. "But Oakland University is a great place to have a softball program."

"I believe this team has the capability of winning the league, qualifying nationals and qualifying for the College World Series," said Ogg. "They are that good. Hopefully, sooner than later they will make it to the College World Series."

"I wish them the best of luck and I am going to miss them."

In the Mid-Con tournament opener, OU cruised past the Southern Utah University Thunderbirds, 4-1. Junior catcher Megan Piar led the offensive attack, going 2-3 from the plate, driving in two runs and scoring another. Freshman left-hander Nicole Marzano picked up the win pitching five innings, allowing only five hits and striking out three.

OU's second foe was the



Bob Knoska / File Photo
SIT THEM DOWN: Freshman Valene Hair (above) takes off from first in an attempt to steal second. Head coach Steve Ogg (right) was asked to stepped down by OU Athletic officials last week.

UMKC Kangaroos, the Mid-Con regular season champions. UMKC's Lindsey Davis, Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year, dominated the Grizzlies and sent them into the losers' bracket, one-hitting OU, 4-0.

On the second day of the tournament, the Grizzlies needed extra innings to beat Western Illinois, 8-7. Junior second baseman Nina Catanzaro hit a grand slam to help set the tone of a seven-run fourth inning. Junior third baseman Ericka Burns hit a solo homerun to end the game.

To win the Mid-Con title and the NCAA tournament bid, the Golden Grizzlies would have to beat UMKC twice in two straight games. OU prevailed 2-1 in the opener with Burns hitting her second game-ending home run of the tournament. Junior righty Julie Anderson picked up the win in relief, pitching two scoreless innings.

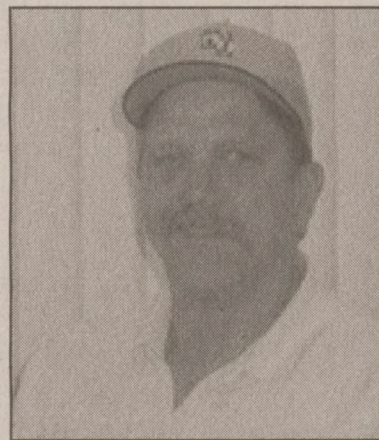
In the final Mid-Con game of the year, the game went into extra innings without a run on the board. In the bottom of the eighth inning junior first baseman Linnea Utecht doubled to right-centerfield and freshman pinch runner Valene Hair scored to send OU to the 1-0 victory and to the NCAA Region Six softball tournament.

In the NCAA opener the Grizzlies were mercied by the sixth-ranked University of Washington, 8-0.

"They were nervous," said Ogg. "People might have not noticed how well our young pitchers did. They only gave up seven singles."

The opening round loss presented a must-win game against the Canisius Griffins if OU had hopes of staying alive in the tournament.

The Grizzlies met the challenge, defeating Canisius 3-1.



Sophomore shortstop Erica Judge delivered two RBI and Marzano picked up the win.

The final game of the Golden Grizzlies' season came against Central Michigan. CMU tied the game in the fourth inning and pulled ahead in the seventh. OU was unable to score in the bottom half of the inning as CMU held on for the 2-1 victory.

In a season that featured top-rated competition, the Golden Grizzlies finished with a 26-38-1 record, 16-9 in the Mid-Con.

SPORTS COLUMN



Randy
Dudek

Assistant Sports
Editor

Rocked you
like a
Hurricane

Near the end of the semester I wrote a column very critical of the owner of the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers.

Now with the Wings mere hours away from winning the Stanley Cup over the Carolina Hurricanes, I'd like to issue a heartfelt apology.

Mr. Illitch, I'm sorry that I misspelled your name.

For now, let's focus on the Red Wings, since we still have all summer to get nauseous over the Tigers.

The first two rounds of the hockey playoffs seem like they took place months ago. The Vancouver Canucks and the St. Louis Blues both pretended to be quality opponents before rolling over once the game got important.

The Vancouver series was like playing Whiffleball in the backyard with your younger brother. You let him win a couple games, then you smack the ball into the neighbor's swimming pool.

The Blues were finished once their captain and resident goon, Chris Pronger, removed himself from the series, tearing up his knee while trying to injure Wings captain Steve Yzerman.

The Western Conference Championship series against the hated Colorado Avalanche was exciting. A little too exciting. Detroit battled back to force a seventh and final game. That game was a little less dramatic than the otherwise intense series, with the Wings embarrassing the Avs, 7-0.

Patrick Roy was lifted for some guy from Switzerland. A country renowned for many wonderful things like bank accounts, knives, the Alps, and hot chocolate, but not pro hockey talent.

Before the finals began, I picked the Hurricanes to sweep the Red Wings. I cited many reasons such as the defensive play of the Canes, Detroit's overconfidence against inferior opponents and the streaky goaltending of Arturs Irbe.

Really though, I just picked them in an effort to come from behind and win a gambling pool.

When Carolina won the first game in overtime, I could feel the room looking at me as if my pick of the Canes, in jest or not, was a direct factor to Detroit's inability to defend a guy in front of the net. The Wings came back to win Game 2, much to the happiness of everybody.

Well, except the guy who my "friends" hired to fit me for a noose. I need to watch hockey with people who take this game a little less seriously.

Game 3 on Saturday was notable for only one reason: it's still going on. Somebody score already.

Monday's Game 4 was closer to what everybody was expecting. The Wings carried the play and the outcome was never in doubt. Detroit won the game 3-0, and took a 3-1 series lead.

The Hurricanes have been a great story, but in the end Mike Illitch's spending on his hockey club is paying off. Stanley's coming home. Come tomorrow this thing is going to be over.

Crud. I just remembered the downside of a victory parade down Woodward. Once the calamari and confetti has been removed from the street, the only pro game in town is the... Tigers. Yuck.

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