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• Free Chinese Language Workshops

OU's Professional Development and Education Outreach is sponsoring a free 10-week workshop entitled "Chinese Language Basic Survival Skills." Two sections of the workshop will be held. The first will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, the second from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Workshops begin January 24 and are held in Room 202 of the Kresge Library. The program is free for students, faculty and staff, but space is limited. Call Linda Robak at (248) 370-3037 or fax (248) 370-3137 to register.

• SPB Free Movie Tonight

See "The Matrix", starring Keanu Reeves at 8:00 tonight, in the Heritage Room. Admission is free and so is the popcorn.

• OU Bookstore Grand Opening Celebration

The bookstore that has been serving students since the beginning of last semester will hold its formal grand opening celebration from Noon to 5 p.m. tomorrow. The ribbon cutting will be at 1 p.m. The celebration will include free prizes, and the drawing for a free semester of books. Until the drawing, students can still enter by filling out an entry form located in the front of the store.

• Winter Blood Drive

The follow up to Southeast Michigan's largest blood drive last fall runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. January 24-26 in the Gold Rooms. Reservations will be honored first. To make a reservation, call the CSA office at (248) 370-2400 or visit the office in 49 OC.

• KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE •



Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

OU's 3rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day has students and faculty remembering, honoring and continuing the dream.



REMEMBERING THE MAN: Students join together at Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday celebration (left above) and also his vigil.

King of the day

By Brent Chismark and Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

While many OU students took time for themselves on Monday, over 200 others participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration activities. Those participating had a day of reflection while paying tribute to a man who continues to inspire many civil rights activists.

The day began with an all campus unity march, which started in Vandenberg Hall lobby and circled the OC and North Foundation Hall before ending in the Pioneer Food Court. What started as a march quickly turned to a brisk walk due to the bitter cold.

However, the march was warmed by

the atmosphere, which "seemed very friendly," according to Melissa Leoniak, graduate student, linguistics.

The march was unified by the singing of "We Shall Overcome" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by the participants which included four members of Student Congress and Dean of Students Dave Herman.

The march was followed by a birthday celebration in honor of Dr. King. The celebration began with a short address by OU President Gary Russi, though he did not participate in the march, who honored a man who "promoted dignity and equality among us so that we can march together, celebrate together, dream together and remember together."

Also at the celebration, the winners of OU's third annual Martin Luther

King Jr. Contest were announced. The contest allowed students to enter original artwork, poetry, and essays about who has inspired them to keep Dr. King's dream alive and why.

The \$300 first place winner for the second year in a row was Alan Cosma for his painting "The Dream for Our Children" which was featured onstage throughout the program.

The program's keynote address was delivered by Lowell W. Perry, retiring Director of Urban Programs for the State of Michigan. The speech was followed by a gospel version of "Happy Birthday" sung by the assembly and lead by Merrideth Perry Moore, Retention Coordinator of the Office of

KING continues on A5

President's speech lacks student attendance

Russi's State of the University Address illustrates Ten Year Master Plan

Last Thursday, OU President Gary Russi gave his annual State of the University Address to a mixed audience of administrative personnel, faculty and other staff members.

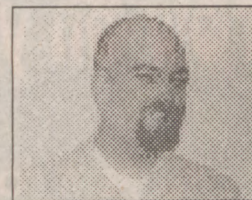
The president made an excellent presentation, illustrating what the remainder of the Ten Year Master Plan entailed, as well as describing the campus' recent successes. He discussed how U.S. News & World Report and various college assessment teams have consistently given OU excellent marks in recent years.

I was intrigued to discover that there had been 114 full time faculty members. The president tries to lead by example, for instance, by utilizing a PowerPoint presentation—the subtext being, "Come into the modern age, don't rely so much on those old yellow notes you've been teaching with for years!" In fact, the transcript of the speech is available on the web at OU's homepage. (However, the Administrative Staff is not available at the site.)

As a member of this academic community, did you know, or care, that there was a speech given by President Russi on the State of the University? An informal poll, I took indicated that very few students knew, and fewer cared. I suspect that in a couple cases they were being polite to me. Regrettably, there were only 15 students in attendance.

I have to question the Administration as to whom they were expecting to attend the Address. As far as I could tell, the majority of attendees were themselves administrative personnel. This is like going to hear the boss give a speech. You already know what he is going to say. Obviously the next largest groups were the faculty and advisors.

Of course, they also



MIKE EMBURY

would have received a memo about this, and it would be smarter to find out what the President had to say than to sit their office and complain about him.

What about the most important aspect of the academic community? The students. Where were they?

As near as I could gather, there was little or no advertising regarding this event. No flyers were visible in the OC, nor did this newspaper have any information in last week's edition.

I only knew about the speech because of the efforts of one of my professors, who took Dr. Russi's invitation to the "Community of Oakland" to heart, and ensured that his students knew. (To be fair to everyone involved, the first reason I attended was as part of that course—Applied Anthropology. I would like to think I would have gone anyway.)

Did the administration intend for the students to be excluded, or included? I am not attempting to blame any one group for the apathetic response by the student body. The fault lies on both sides of the line. If the students were invited, then more efforts should have been made to garner attendance. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the students to know what is happening on their campus. After all, we are paying around \$300-500 per class.

RUSSI continues on A5

Renovated Bookstore celebrates grand opening

By Shajan Kay
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The OU Bookstore is offering some big prizes to get you to come down and see their newly renovated store.

The Bookstore will hold a Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday at 1 p.m. You could have the chance to organize your hectic life by winning a Palm Pilot, or you could

win a semester's worth of textbooks, and if those prizes don't sound good to you, how about feeding your face by winning gift certificates to some local eateries?

The Bookstore is operated by Wallace's Bookstores of Lexington, Kentucky, which replaced Barnes & Noble whose contract expired in June of last year.

Upon assuming control of OU's bookcenter in June, Wallace's began a complete renovation of the space so that it would match with the newly renovated OC.

Jennifer Gracki, store manager, said that they have created a totally different atmosphere in the space, "people can sit and read all day or use iMac's to check email and use the internet," said Gracki.

Gracki added that as opposed to online booksellers, her bookstore is here to service just OU. "We have more concern for OU and we are a large financial supporter of OU," said Gracki. "Bookstore industry prices are on a standard, so in the long run, your not really saving [by going online], plus it is

easier to deal with us."

The open house will run from 1-5 on Thursday, and there will be free food in addition to the chances to win prizes. Students can still enter to win by filling out an entry form in the front of the store.

"We hope people will come by, I'm always surprised that people haven't seen the store. This is a perfect opportunity," said Gracki.

Shajan Kay is a special writer for The Oakland Post.

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• Welcome back from the **Graham Health Center**. We hope you had a healthy and safe holiday break. GHC is open to serve your medical needs and to help with your New Year resolutions. If you resolved to eat healthier or quit smoking, call GHC at ext. 2341 for information and support that will help make your resolutions a reality. Good luck and have a great semester!

• **Aramark News:** Chopsticks, located in the area formerly known as Meadow Brook Farms in the Pioneer Food Court, is now serving up freshly prepared Asian stir fry dishes. Fortune cookies are included!

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Thurs., January 27, 12-1 PM, Wellness Classroom, Rec Center

Applications are due by 5 PM Friday, January 28

For more info call 370-3260

• Do you have the flu? The influenza "flu" virus is a respiratory illness usually including sudden onset of headache, dry cough, chills, and fever. It used to be that you just had to ride it out and get plenty of fluids and rest while treating the fever. Now there are also prescription medications that can help decrease the symptoms of the flu. **Graham Health Center** encourages you to see your health care provider within the first 48 hours of illness because these medications need to be started right away to be effective. Also, remember to get your flu vaccine next year before mid-December.

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THIS WEEK

• Don't forget you can win **FREE** books for the winter semester! Play in the **"We Got Game" 3:3 Basketball Tournament** on Saturday, **January 22, 2000**. Each overall team will receive top prizes and campus recognition. Door prizes will be awarded every 45 minutes. You must be present to win.

• The next **Campus Recreation Family Free Day Open House** will be on Sunday, **January 23rd** from 12 noon-3 PM. Open recreation, kiddie aerobics, kiddie basketball and youth basketball have been scheduled.

• Placement & Career Services will host an Open House on January 24th from 12 noon-1 PM in rooms 126-127 of the Oakland Center. Learn about the valuable services offered and meet the staff!

• Meet Ron Kotz from Daimler-Chrysler Corporation and learn how to dazzle employers during a job interview as he discusses the concept of a **behavioral interview** in a seminar on **January 25th** from 4-5:30 PM in rooms 126-127 of the Oakland Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Have you considered a career in the government or non-profit sector? Come to the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center on **January 28th** from 12 noon-1 PM and learn about the many **career paths** available. A panel of professionals representing diverse employment opportunities will answer your questions and provide valuable information.

• **February 17th, 6 PM** at Varner Recital Hall, **"Driving While Black,"** a discussion of racial profiling. Free admission.

CRIME watch

• **Fight at Hill House**
Police are investigating a fight that took place at Hill House on January 11th. A female student that she and her boyfriend were getting ready to leave her dorm room when another man who told police he was her boyfriend showed up. The two men argued and then reportedly began to physically fight outside the room. When the woman tried to separate the two, boyfriend #2 reportedly hit her in the eye. Both males were non-students according to police and no charges were pressed. The aggressor was told to leave campus and that if he came back he would be arrested for trespassing.

• **VCR taken from Anibal lounge**
A VCR was reportedly taken from the Anibal lounge on Saturday, January 15th. The VCR was not secured. Police are still investigating.

• **Stolen Piano Bench**
An Oakland Center staff member reported to police that a piano bench was stolen out of the Fireside Lounge. A witness told the staff member that three or four male students were seen carrying the piano bench across the bridge at Beer Lake but had no descriptions of the men. Police are investigating.

• **Threats to the Financial Aid Dept.**
Police are investigating a complaint by the Financial Aid staff that a student may have threatened to "blow the place up." The student arrived at the Financial Aid office during last Wednesday's electrical outage demanding to speak to a staff member about a book loan. When staff told him to return later when the power was back on, he reportedly argued with them, then walked off saying "This is the second time I have been screwed by Financial Aid. I should blow the place up."



African-American Celebration Activities

"Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas"

JANUARY 17- FEBRUARY 23

**Wednesday,
January 19**

AACM Kick-Off:
Noontime
Harabee

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

**Thursday,
January 20**

Remembering
the Motherland,
Part I

8:00 p.m.

Lake Michigan Room,
OC

**Thursday, January 20
Saturday, January 22**

**Prospective
Students of
Color
Weekend**

**Monday,
January 24**

Campus Town Hall
Meeting II: Changing
Faces in America--
"White Privilege"

3-5 p.m.

Lake Michigan
Room, OC

OU dance team kicks into top spot at competition

Images took 8th place at their first Division I national cheer/dance competition in Orlando, FL

By Gayle Issa

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU's Dance Team - Images - had their moment of glory last week, when they placed eighth in The Universal Dance/Cheer Association College National Championships in Orlando, Florida.

This is a rare and amazing finish, because this was the first ever Division 1 dance/cheer competition OU has participated in.

It is also an impressive achievement according to the UDA, since not many teams make it as far as finals first time around.

The competition was held from Jan. 6 -9. Images competed on Jan. 7.

Images' only goal entering the competition was to do their best, according to coach Teri Bossi. Being one of the six selected out of twenty teams to move onto the finals was an added bonus. Then, taking home the trophy and being ranked one of the top 10 in the country was the icing on the cake.

Images' hip hop/jazz routine has a style of its own. According to Bossi, there was nothing else quite like it presented at the competition.

Several judges at the competition rated everything from originality to technique, music to costume and synchronization to formation.

The girls were breathtaken from their victory. And that didn't come without "super hard" work on their part, not to mention Teri's. Bossi said the girls had prepared for the event in the Recreation Center since October. In the days leading up to the event they practiced every day for 4 hours.

Needless to say, Teri was excited about the success which reflects on her own abilities. Team Captains



Photo courtesy of Dennis Collins

DANCE FLOOR DIVAS: OU's dance team, Images, spend hours upon hours practicing each individual move and step to complete their routines. Images performs at every men's and women's basketball home games.

DANCE continues on A5

OUSC announces book award winners

Five OU students are set to receive \$250 towards textbooks

By Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Wouldn't it be nice not to have a book bill? To the five

winners of the OU Student Congress Book Awards, this dream has become a reality for Fall, 2000.

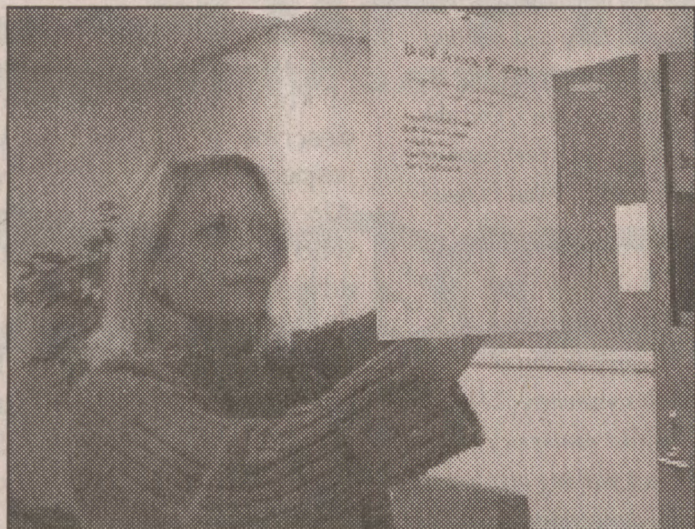
All OU students were eligi-

ble for the book awards by being at least a part time student, having a 2.0 GPA, and by writing an essay on one of four topics chosen by Student Congress.

The winners were announced on Tuesday by Student Congress. Winners were OU students Annie Onyee Chung, Benedetta Giaimo, Angel D. Guy, Lea McCandles, and Oakland Post Assistant Life Editor, Sara McDowell.

Winners received \$250 transferred directly into their student accounts to use towards books in the Fall 2000 semester.

According to Phil Hall, OUSC Representative, 22 essays were submitted by the due date and considered for the awards.



Jenn Madjarev/The Oakland Post

AND THE WINNER IS: Carly Nelson hangs up the list of winners. The list is currently hanging on the window of Student Congress' office.

AWARDS continues on A5

Grants awarded, OU faculty to expand research

Outside funding helps continue projects

By Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Four faculty members of OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science have recently been awarded grants to continue their research programs.

Professor Brian Sangeorzan has received an award of \$115,534 from FEV Engine Technology, Inc. to continue his research on "Flow Visualization."

To expand research on her project, SGER: Towards a Noninvasive Cardiac Pressure Monitor: Characterization of Electrical Permittivity of Blood as a Function of Pressure, Professor Barbara A. Oakley received a \$62,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

"I decided to do my doctoral dissertation working in this area. I had strong potential. There was really nobody working in this area," said Oakley. "I've continued the research and went at it full boar. Currently, I have super students working

on the project."

"We are very fortunate to have faculty members who are interested in continuing their research and have the desire to seek outside funding in order to accomplish their goals," said Michael Polis, dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Polis, along with colleague Gautam Singh were awarded \$15,290 from Continental Teves for their project, "Advanced Software Verification Methodology." Continental Teves is responsible for making braking systems for cars.

According to Polis, the project is currently in its third phase. With the help of Singh and Polis' research, the company is able to develop methodologies to prove that their software is error free.

The new grants will allow engineering students to work on practical projects. "Students will be working on real systems as opposed to working on basic class projects. Whatever they do will be used in a real life situation," said Singh. "Our software will enable our students to face a real challenge."

"Professor Singh and I are both very excited about obtaining outside funding for our project, said Polis. "Our faculty always does a tremendous job in creating ways to financially continue their research, and I am proud to work with them in our efforts."

Jenn Madjarev is a journalism major and Editor In Chief of The Oakland Post.

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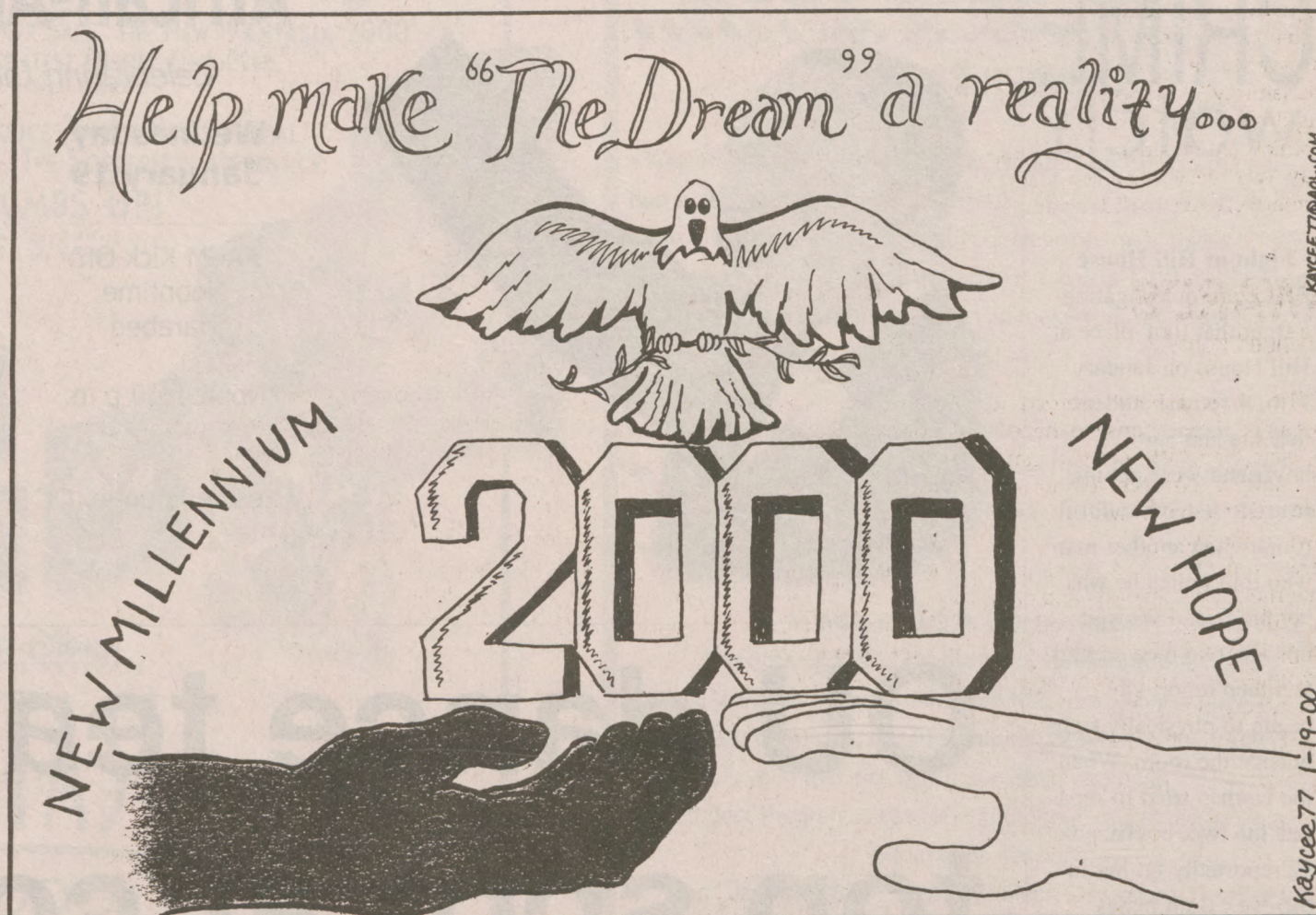
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SETTING IT straight

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The Oakland Post

EDITOR'S view

There's something about Mary

Let me tell you about Mary. Mary works at the Pretzel Logic in the OC. She has four children and works very hard to take care of them. She always has a smile on her face and a kind word for the customer.

When I need something cold to drink, I go see Mary. She asks about my classes and how things are going at The Post. I ask her about her children and how she is doing. We get along very well. Did I mention Mary is African American and I am white?

I hope your reaction to the fact that Mary and I are different colors is - so what? If that was your response, then you get it.

What I mean by you "getting it" is how we as a country SHOULD react to people from different racial backgrounds. It shouldn't matter, and for the majority of people, race doesn't matter.

However, I am not blind to the fact there are racists and bigots out there who hate based on skin color or religious beliefs, but I believe most people are regular people who do not have time to hate or judge. Like Mary.

Monday we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and February is African American History Month. During the next few weeks a lot of newspaper columnists will spill gallons of ink writing about race relations. They will write about past problems and the current difficulties society faces when dealing with racial issues. Some columnists will even offer suggestions on how to fix some of the problems.

Those solutions may be valid and we could all probably learn a lot from their opinions. As I take my cue from the thousands of other columnists who have written about race and try to impart my wisdom on race, I find I am at a loss.

I know what it takes to get along, but I can't describe it. Only one word comes to mind - respect. Respect each other and respect yourself. Also, respect your heritage and respect others who honor their people. That's it. That's my advice. Respect.

I have no Earth-shattering advice and no magic spell to erase the color lines that have already been drawn in this country.

I believe Dr. King would approve of my message. I know Mary would.

Joe Gray
Managing Editor

LETTERS TO THE editor

Dear Editor,

The month Oakland University and communities across the nation honor the achievements and contributions African-Americans have made in the United States. Though brought here against their will, African-Americans blinded the US with the light of good will, intelligence, creativity and determination to blight the darkness of slavery.

The festivities began with the annual campus-wide march and birthday celebration in commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Informative, enlightening, and inspiring are all the words that could be used to describe the event that positively displayed OU's active participation in "keeping the dream alive."

The erudite oration of keynote speaker, Mr. Lowell W. Perry, was a testament to the fact that African-American influence in this country was, and is much needed and so engrained in this society that it is hard to imagine a nation without it.

African-American Celebration Month here at Oakland University is filled with educational, social and entertaining programs, that encompass the theme of *Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas*.

The Association of Black Students, a vital organ to the planning of this month, will have its first educational program on Thursday, January 20, at 8 p.m. in the Lake Michigan room of the Oakland Center.

The presentation is part of a yearlong series entitled Remember the Motherland. OU senior, Ronald Newton, will take students on an educational journey from Ghana to the United States and back again discussing "African in America: A Student's Perspective." This program and numerous others are sure to ignite provocative conversation and lead to a better understanding of African-American culture as it ruptures color and ethnic barriers in the United States.

We should reward the efforts of the planning committee, as well as prove our dedication to diversity, by taking part in the copiousness of programs that will be held this month. "Before we can seek to understand one another, we must first seek to know one another."

Shaunda Scruggs
President, Association of Black Students

Just recently, my friend went to the OC. The computers were down and so they couldn't scan her card. They told her that she would have to use cash. I was outraged when she told me this. What if she didn't have cash, which she didn't, and she had to ask her friend for money. Does a student, just because they don't have money, not be allowed to eat? What is that?

I'm calling in regards to the parking problem tips - that's ridiculous. I live here on campus, but if I were given a ticket for having to park somewhere illegal, I would definitely take legal action against the university because it's their problem for not having sufficient parking and having students walk through unnecessary and dangerous conditions. The university is incompetent. That is all I have to say.

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Remember, the President and the professors work for us. We are paying them for their knowledge, wisdom, and mentor-ship. In return, they are accountable for the quality of our education, and the quality of our stay on this campus. We have a right (and a responsibility) to know what is being done with our money.

I think what President Russi had to say was very interesting and informative, even if I did not agree

with all of his points. I also think that there should be a forum specifically for the student body to ask questions (dare I say it?) in a Town Hall setting. It is the responsibility of everyone (professional and student) on this campus to ask as many questions as possible.

Editor's Note: Oakland University did not notify The Oakland Post of the President's State of the University Speech until Wednesday, The day before his State of The University and after The Post deadline.

AWARDS

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"The student body seemed to give a positive response to the topics," said Hall. "We received many calls and even received emails about the whats, wheres, and hows of the awards."

The essays were judged considering mechanics, content and clarity. Winning essays contained correct grammar, followed the topics, and were easy and interesting to read, according to Hall.

"In grading the awards we were

given insight into what student's wants and needs (for OU) were," said Hall.

Due to the positive response from students, OU Student Congress plans on offering these scholarships again this semester, although no dates have been set at this time.

Winners names are posted in the Student Congress office, in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Anyone with questions concerning the awards can call Congress at (248) 370-4290.

KING

continued from A1

Equity, and daughter of keynote speaker Perry.

A light lunch and birthday cake was provided for the attendees, which numbered more than 250.

The day ended with a candlelight vigil and Alumni Night in Gold Room C. A small group of attendees heard a recitation of Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech, followed by a brief period of silent reflection and candlelight illumination.

DANCE

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Julie Simmons and Audrey Palmer, speaking on behalf of the team, attribute much of their success to Bossi, particularly because she coordinated the very young team.

Images' members also excel scholastically. The group's average GPA is 3.1.

Teri is expecting the try-outs in April to be twice as large as normal due to this recent exposure. Most of the girls recruited for next year's team will be straight out of high school on their way to OU.



Mrs. Bradley couldn't seem to get enough parents involved in the school even though she really, really, really, really, really, really tried.

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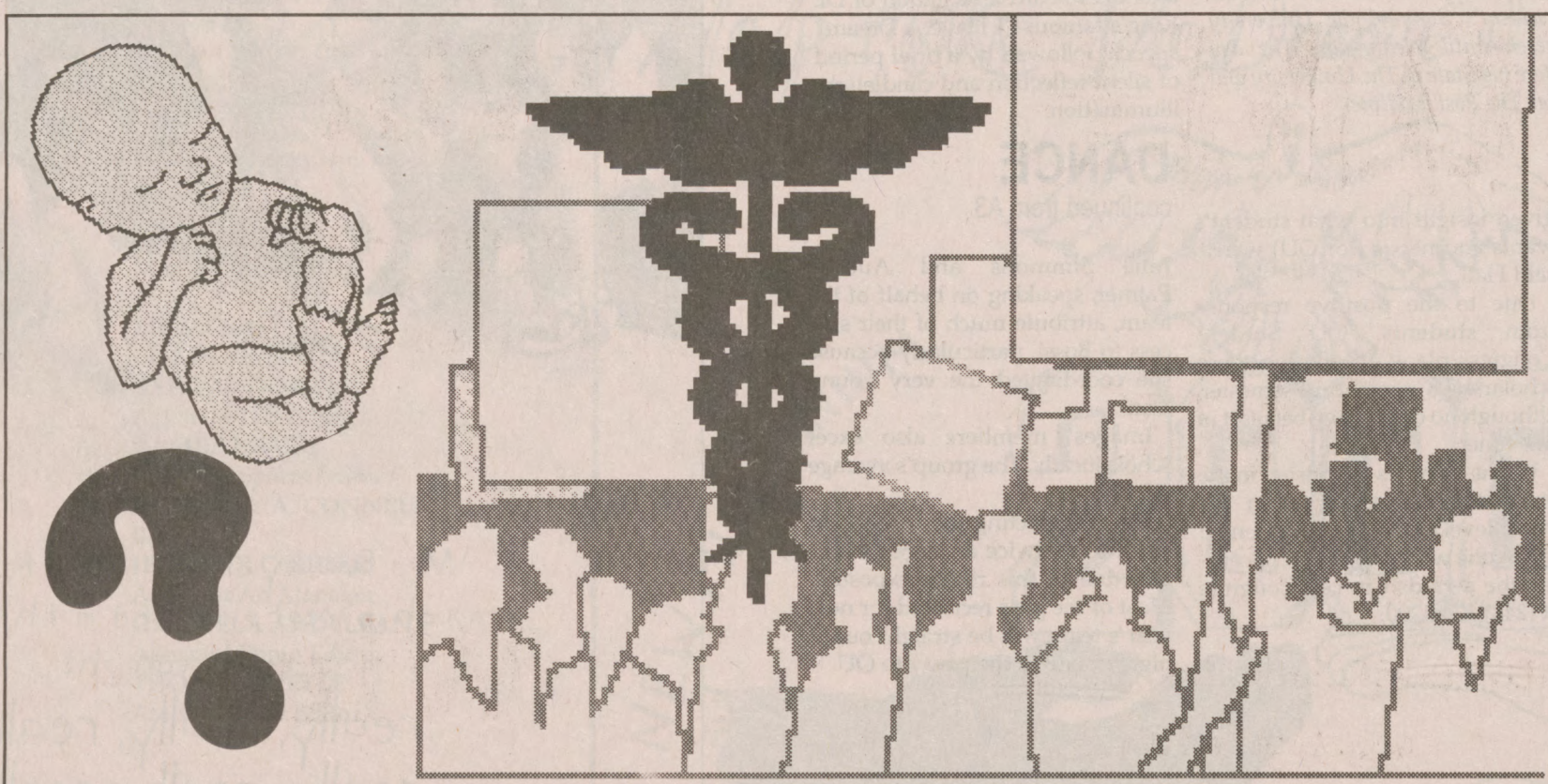
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The continued controversy of abortion



By Sarah Long

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Saturday marks the 27th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, and the controversy over Roe vs. Wade is still raging.

It is not just a heated battle against those who support abortion and those who do not. There are a range of questions that need to be asked to find where one stands.

For instance, Angela Dunning, a freshman in the Nursing program, says she is on the pro-choice side of the argument. She believes that women need to have the ability to choose to have an abortion in cases of rape and incest, or if the fetus is producing health risks. She feels that if an expectant mother is going to die because of her baby then a woman should be able to choose to abort the pregnancy.

Dunning, however, is very strong in her belief that abortion should not be used as a form of birth control and that those who are sexually active need to be responsible for their actions.

Asked if she would have an abortion, Dunning said, "I don't see me having one. I would have the baby and give it up, but that doesn't mean that other women shouldn't be able to if they want to."

There are others who believe abortion is wrong.

Nathan Tison, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, said, "Life is sacred. To logically define it, life begins at conception. It's the only reasonable definition. Life is precious, and there's no way you should kill it. My religious beliefs and common sense dictate my beliefs."

A 1999 Gallup poll indicated that United States has a slim pro-choice majority. Only 48 percent of those polled claimed to be pro-choice. That is a scant 6 percent more than the 42 percent who claimed to be pro-life.

Some other polls, such as Fox News/Opinion Dynamics, actually have the pro-life population as the majority, but again, not by much. These numbers indicate the population is split evenly. How did we get

here?

The case began in 1970 when Jane Roe, later identified as Norma McCorvey, took the position as lead plaintiff against the strict anti-abortion laws in Texas. From there the case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The ruling to legalize abortion was made Jan. 22, 1973.

Roe was 21 at the time and pregnant with her third child. She never did get an abortion. Instead, she gave the baby up for adoption.

Exactly 25 years from the time that the first case went to court, Roe had a change of heart. She was working at a Dallas women's clinic while an anti-abortion group, Operation Rescue, was outside.

During her breaks she would go out to smoke. Rev. Phillip Benham engaged in conversations with Roe and she began attending church with his daughter. She converted to Christianity and left her job at the abortion clinic.

Roe is now a strong advocate in the pro-life movement, but the pro-choice camp did not let this conversion get it down. They believe the pro-choice movement is about all women and not just one. Therefore, the fight goes on.

And much fighting has been going on since 1973, both publicly and privately. A 1992 Supreme Court case was an attempt to reverse the Roe vs. Wade decision, but Planned Parenthood vs. Casey established "the right to define one's own concept of existence, of

“We are so busy fighting for all that we are losing that there is not time to tribute.”

Pam Johnson,
Planned
Parenthood,
Southeast
Michigan

“The anti-abortion side has also gained some ground. More than half of the states have passed bans on "partial-birth," or late-term abortions, 34 states have passed laws that require parental consent, and 15 states require

1999 Abortion Legislation

- States passed 70 bills restricting abortions/reproductive rights, of 439 introduced (up from 62 in 1998 and 55 in 1997)
- States passed 57 measures enhancing reproductive rights, of 333 introduced (up from 22 in 1998 and 19 in 1997)
- Texas and Michigan passed the most restrictions, seven each
- North Dakota surpassed Louisiana as the state where abortions are the most difficult to obtain

Information taken from USA TODAY, 1/17/00

physicians to make potential health-risks known to women contemplating abortion.

According to a USA TODAY interview with National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) President Kate Michelman, abortions have become more difficult to obtain now than they were in 1973. Should the trend continue, she fears "we will see the choice for women relegated to no choice."

However, some anti-abortionists feel that they are limited in how much progress can be made as long as the courts are using the Roe and Casey precedents.

This may change in late spring. The US Supreme Court has agreed to review a Nebraska law banning late-term abortions that was struck down by a federal appeals court. Thirty states have similar legislation that the courts have blocked them from enacting. However, in Illinois and Wisconsin, federal courts upheld nearly identical laws. The battle continues, as pro-choice groups fear their position is being undermined, and anti-abortion groups hope they can chip away at abortion laws.

Area groups have plans for this weekend's anniversary.

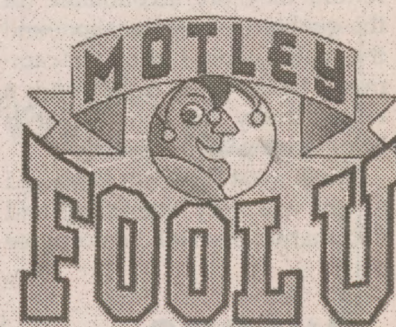
Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center, in Rochester, participates in the national Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The center has mailed out information that includes "Precious Feet" pins to over 35 churches in the Rochester area. The literature is to increase awareness of the anti-abortion movement and the pins, which are the size of a baby's feet at 10

weeks, is a physical display of support. Their hope is that the churches will hold special times of prayer, meetings and sermons that focus on the abortion issue and how to become active. Sanctity of Life Sunday is Jan. 23.

Crossroads will also be on campus Jan. 20th during an Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meeting. They will be performing skits and dramas.

The meeting will also include Lawyer Rebecca Wasser-Kiessling from Auburn Hills. Wasser-Kiessling has been seen on CNN and Good Morning America, and has also been featured in Glamour Magazine. During the meeting she will share her unique perspective on abortion, since she was conceived because of a rape, and how it led her to be active in the Right to Life movement. Intervarsity meets every Thursday at 7p.m. in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center. To find out more about Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center call 248-650-8014.

On the Pro-choice side of this argument, there is less being done to recognize the Roe vs. Wade decision. "We are so busy fighting for all that we are losing that there is not time to tribute," said Pam Johnson, an administrator with Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan, "I'm having a private tribute with my staff, but that's about it." There is, however, much help needed to help fight for the Pro-choice mission year-round. If you are interested in seeing how to participate call Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan at 313-822-7285.



Index Funds

Q: Are all S&P 500 index funds basically the same?
— B.B., via the Internet

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An index fund is a mutual fund that matches the shareholdings of a target index, in this case the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (S&P 500). Index funds are different from actively managed mutual funds in that they do not involve any stock picking by supposedly skilled professionals — they simply seek to replicate the returns of a specific market index. If a company is in the S&P 500 — which is essentially the 500 largest companies in America — then it's in an S&P 500 index fund.

When you hear, "The market was up 28 percent in 1998," that means that a particular measurement of the market (in this case the self-same S&P 500) was up 28 percent for the year. Anyone who owned an index fund tracking the S&P 500 during 1998 would also have seen her money grow by basically the same amount. Meanwhile, owners of any of the 88 percent of actively managed mutual funds that underperformed the S&P would have watched their investment fall short of this benchmark. During the 1990s, the S&P 500 has produced an annualized return of 17.3 percent, compared with just 13.9 percent for the average diversified mutual fund.

So if an index fund just mirrors the S&P 500, then how can it be that they're not all the same?

In a word: costs.

The idea of index funds was dreamed up by John Bogle, the head of Vanguard Funds. The Vanguard index funds have annual costs of roughly 0.19 percent. Full-price brokerage Morgan Stanley, on the other hand, runs an S&P 500 index fund (buying the exact same stocks as Vanguard's fund) with annual costs of 1.5 percent — nearly eight times as much! What exactly are you buying for those extra fees? Fools scratch their heads and mutter: "Nothing."

This difference may seem minuscule, but remember that it will compound over time. That is, the first year your initial investment of \$1,000 will be lighter by a mere \$13 or so. But you then have \$13 less earning interest the next year. The same percentage is lost each year, and each year your account holdings grow larger. This is the magic of compound interest, and you want that magic working for you as fully as possible. Over time, percentages become enormously meaningful as they are applied to ever increasing amounts.

There are other differences in index funds too, such as the minimum amount you need to invest (it generally varies between \$1,000 and \$10,000, but can sometimes be as high as \$100,000). There also may or may not be different minimum amounts that you can invest if you want to put an index fund in your IRA. But by far the most important factor in investing is the rate of return, and for that reason you should select an S&P 500 index fund with low annual costs.

WHAT NOW?

Do you have that hankering to see information on index funds laid out just as neatly as your sock drawer? If so then come to www.fool.com/school/mutualfunds/tables/indextypetable.htm.

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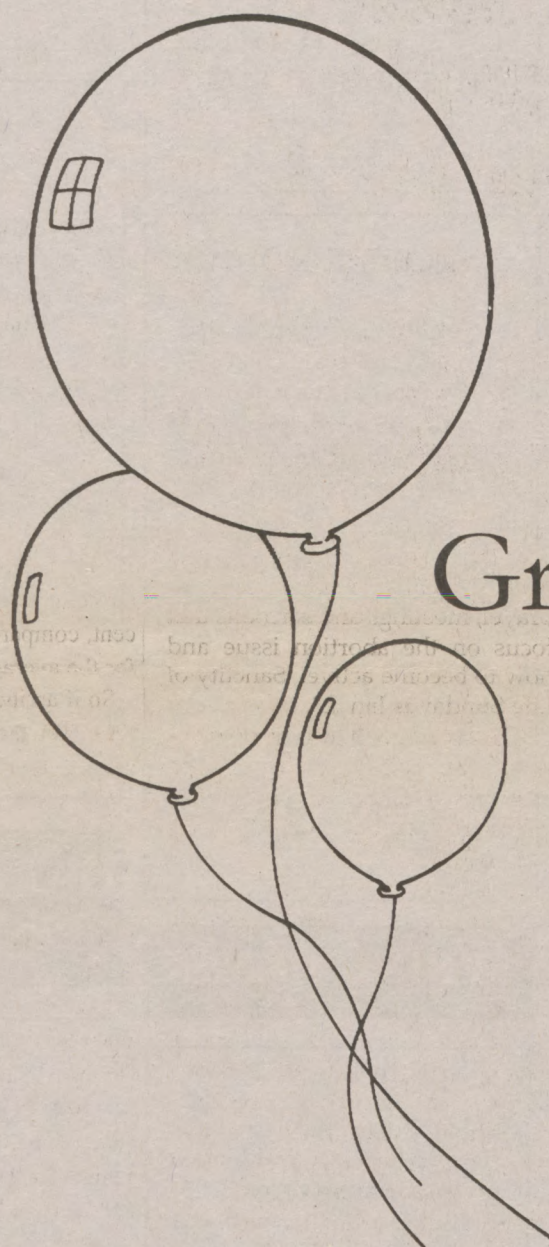
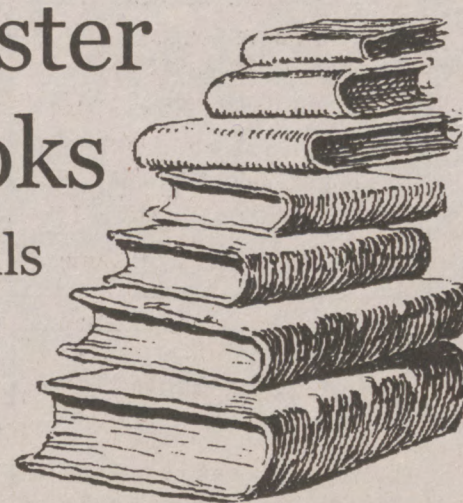
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•The ULTIMATE RETRO PARTY will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday at The Magic Bag, Ferndale.

•The JEFF HEALY BAND, Canadian blues music, will perform at 9 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Magic Stick, Detroit.

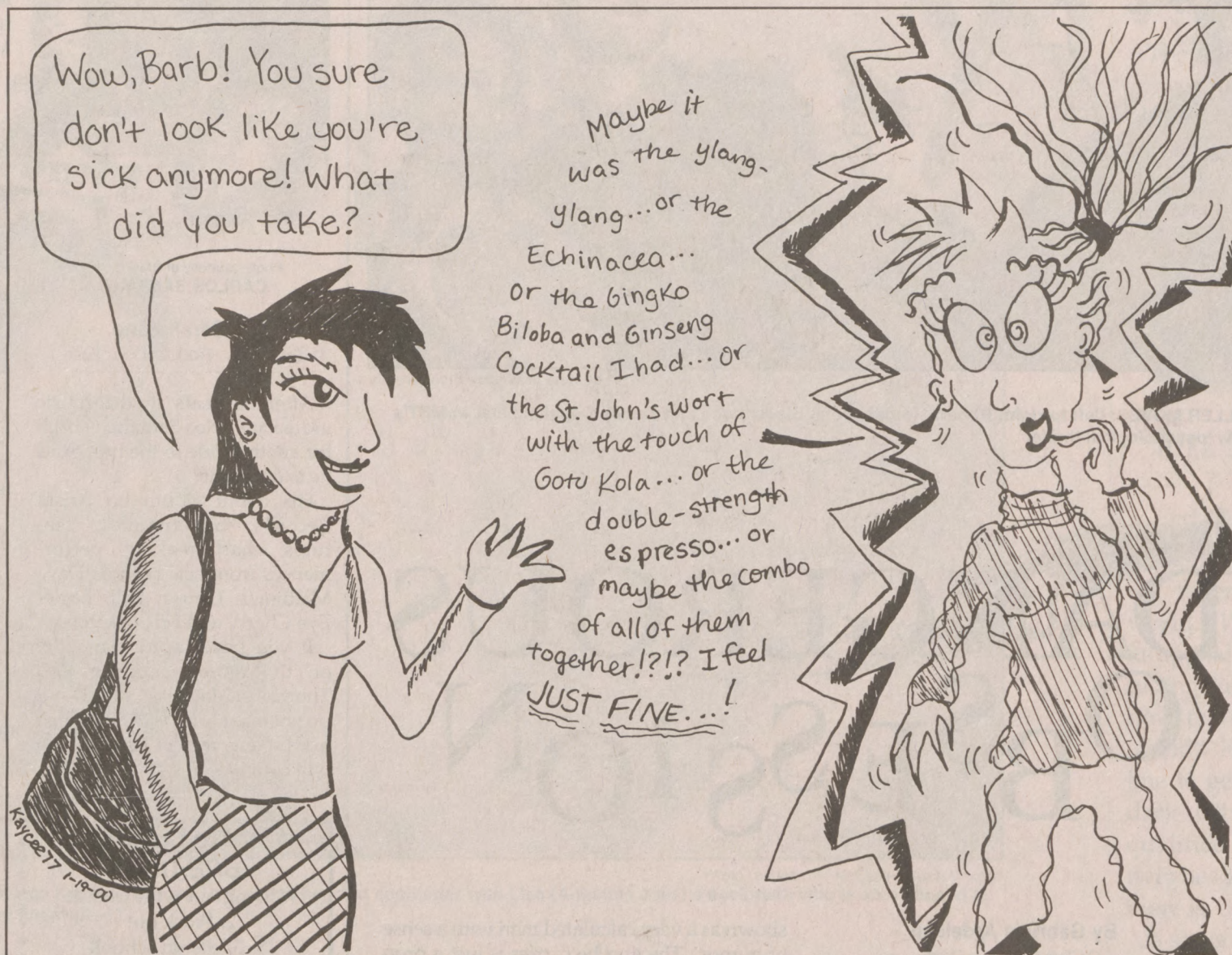
•GORDON BENNETT will perform at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday at Rochester Mills Brewery.

COMING SOON

•Come enjoy some blues, soul and punk music when THE GREENHORNS, Come-Ons, and Babykillers perform at 9 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Magic Stick, Detroit.

•MACY GRAY, throaty jazz and soul singer will perform at 8 p.m., Feb. 8 at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. Tickets are now on sale.

•COREY HARRIS, blues singer, will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Ark, Ann Arbor.



CLEARING UP THE HERBAL CONFUSION

Research before jumping on herbal bandwagon

By Katie Washbourne
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Long ago, before such events as the Spanish Inquisition, the Burning Times, and the witch-mania in Salem, Mass., the village doctor was rarely a man.

Instead, whenever someone was injured, sick or giving birth, a village wise-woman was called upon. Often, this woman had learned the traditional cures she administered from her mother or some other female relative, and the remedies were passed on in a rich oral folklore.

However, as religious mania alternately swept Europe and later the US colonies, many of these women were burned at the stake under the accusation of witchcraft. The remedies were either lost or went underground, where they could be passed along away from the eyes of fearful neighbors and the clergy.

Skip forward several hundred years to present times and these herbal remedies are making a strong comeback as alternate forms of medication.

The truly ambitious can buy a field guide and go out to gather these herbs themselves. But for those with less time and determination, many herbal remedies can be found at any drugstore (ex. Walmart, Kmart, GNC). Since these alternate cures are not FDA regulated, the store brands are often significant-

ly less potent than those that carry big brand names. One big name company that produces many herbal remedies is MetaBoponica.

While name brands are more expensive, they are nearly twice as powerful and serve their purposes extremely well. In the end, the higher price becomes money well spent.

Iced tea companies like Sobe, Arizona and Snapple are jumping on the herbal craze bandwagon. The herbs in these products are so diluted that one would literally have to drink gallons of Zen Blend before feeling any effect. For the most part, unless taken in a concentrated form, the extra herbs thrown into name brand foods and drinks only make it taste better.

Most remedies are not harmful unless taken in excessive amounts or with another drugs that interacts badly. Some, though, are fat-soluble and become stored up in body fat, so do some research on the particular drug before you begin the journey into herbal ecstasy.

Do herbal remedies actually work?

They affect every person differently. Lavender might help keep a young migraine from maturing into a full-blown skull cracker. It also may promote sleep and fend off depression and exhaustion. Chamomile might ease the pain of an ulcer or an anxiety attack. Ginkgo Biloba is said to increase memory. Just do some research and give it a try.

Boneset
Relieves flu symptoms, effective against any fever

Echinacea
Boosts immunity, reduces acne, effective against colds

Ginseng
Natural stimulant, male vitality, aphrodisiac

Peppermint
Soothes upset stomachs, appetite suppression

Valerian
Promotes sleep

Student Poll

Do you use any types of herbal medicines?

Yes-44

No-56

Do you think that herbal medicines are effective?

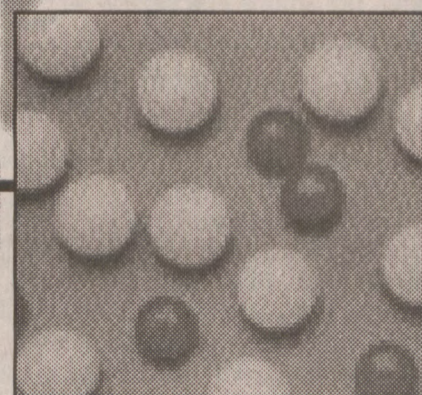
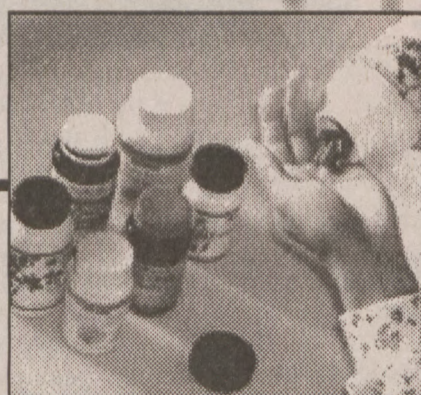
Yes-62

No-37

What forms of herbal medicines do you use? (Top two)

Tea
Pill form

(100 OU students were involved in this poll)



Racism ruins music

Rap, urban, hip-hop, blues, jazz, old school, and even, rock and roll—all terms used to describe distinct artists within indefinable categories of music. Those artists can be male or female, black or white. It doesn't matter.

CARA PLOWMAN

I listen to music because it is good and I like it, and not for any other reason. Because of MLK day, I realized how much rap, hip-hop etc. I listen to now that I'm older. Sadly, racism plagues the songs of even the most talented artists.

I enjoy everything from DMX to Eminem and Methods of Mayhem to Dr. Dre. One of my favorites is Lauryn Hill (even though she is allegedly a racist). This fact is what stirred my curiosity into writing this column.

I have listened to her music for well over a year now and never believed the rumor to be true. Had she really said that she would have made her music 'more black' sounding had she known white people would have liked it? I thought, this can't be. In "Everything is Everything" she opens singing "I wrote these words for everyone..."

I won't ever stop listening to the music. But, I will stop listening to the controversy.

I like Snoop Dogg even though he's a gangsta. I like Eminem even though he's rude and crass. I think Tommy Lee's new band Methods of Mayhem is great even though he left a legendary rock band (Motely Crue) to pursue a rap career.

Flat out, I don't care. Music is music, and I love it no matter what. I don't care if someone makes fun of me because I listen to a certain genre or band. The music has made me who I am.

Music should be a faucet to release a sort of race-free masterpiece. Each song produced is as individual and good as the person behind the pen.

There is way too much judgment passed on everyone. People don't listen anymore, they just jump to rash conclusions. Rappers are not all immoral. Rock stars don't always do drugs and sleep around. Pop singers are not always annoying off the stage.

We are all humans. We are all free (some more than others). So why isn't our music?

The talent and sweat that goes into an album or song should be the only thing listeners should be critical of. It doesn't matter if the singers are cute or the bassist has cool hair or the drummer has a lot of body art. The next song you hear, ask yourself if you were entertained by it. Not, "I wonder who they're dating now."

Music is too much of an influence for me to stop listening. I am as certain about this as Dr. King was of his civil rights movement.

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"Dangerous Obsession" Jan. 5- Jan. 30



KILLER MOVES: (left to right) Robert Morgan, John Biedenbach and Tracey Copeland star in MBT's new 'psychological thriller'.

DANGEROUS OBSESSION

By Gabriela Ardelean
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Dangerous Obsession by N.J. Crisp is the feature presentation at Meadow Brook Theatre. This is a must-see performance. It is done with the modern theme of minimalism in mind and stars only three leading actors. Mark Driscoll (John Biedenbach), Sally Driscoll (Tracey Copeland) and John Barrett (Robert Morgan) act in the play set in one setting, a sunroom in Grosse Pointe Park. They don't waste time on elaborate costumes or sets, but instead they get straight to the point with a great story performed by three talented actors.

All three actors play very colorful characters. Mark is an arrogant and temperamental character, even at gunpoint. Barrett is a witty likeable character, even though he is the one holding the gun. Sally is portrayed as a strong character who is the mediator between Mark and Barrett. All of this is evident through the use of body language and words by the characters. Mark is portrayed with a nervous laugh, a scowl on his face, and an angry voice. He signifies a typical immoral man of the 21st century. Barrett is

shown as a very calculated man with a sense of humor. The gun he carries is just a prop that symbolizes his love for his wife. Sally is usually seated between the two, drinking her gin and tonic. Like many women in bad marriages, she chooses to reminisce of the past and hide from the truth of reality.

The performance of Dangerous Obsession is amusing and entertaining. It captures the audience's attention by provoking their curiosity. The story is full of surprises. The plot twists and turns into the unexpected. It is an intellectual story that plays mind games.

The play opens like any ordinary day for any ordinary couple, until a little man knocks at the door and changes their lives forever. It unravels with suspense. All three characters act out basic human emotions of love, betrayal and revenge. It makes us wonder: What is love? Is revenge right? Or is revenge wrong? How bad is betrayal? Who is it that you are really betraying, yourself or someone else?

Tickets are on sale now at the MBT box office. But act fast, Dangerous Obsession ends Jan. 30. This is one performance you don't want to miss.

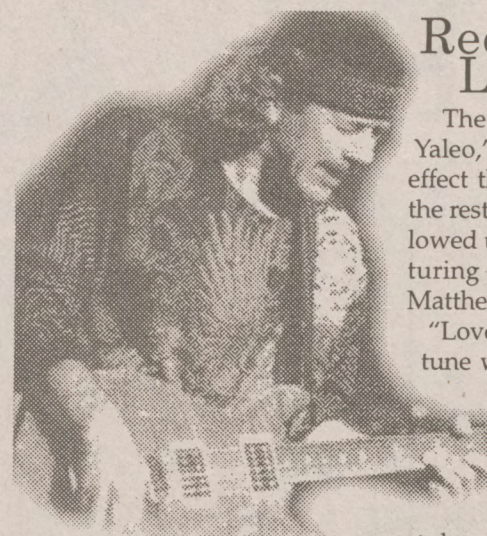


Photo courtesy of BMG music
CARLOS SANTANA

By Sarah Long
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

After 30 years in the music industry, Carlos Santana is back for another ride to the top. And he is not alone.

His debut album on Arista Records, "Supernatural," features chart-breaking performances from acts such as Dave Matthews, Lauryn Hill, Eagle-Eye Cherry and Eric Clapton.

If you have heard "Smooth" on the radio, featuring Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20 and still do not want to buy this CD, then maybe the rest of the line-up will convince you to go get it.

Redefining the Latin-craze

The first track, "(De Le) Yaleo," has a hypnotic Latin effect that creates the mood for the rest of the album. This is followed up by a quaint ballad featuring the ever-so-popular Matthews.

"Love of My Life," is a soulful tune with melodic guitar lines that could easily be placed on one of Matthew's albums.

For music lovers with a harder taste in style, there is the sound of Everlast to quench your appetite. He is featured on a darker song called "Put Your Lights On." And the variety in styles continues with a rap by Hill in "Do You Like the Way" and, in a hip-hop feel in "Maria Maria," featuring Wyclef Jean. And, yet again, Santana covers another music genre featuring Eric Clapton in a session of dueling guitars in "The Calling."

"Supernatural" is truly a CD for music lovers who love all styles of music. Even with the diverse group who collaborated on the project, it is a seamless piece of work. Anchored by the lead guitar skills of Carlos Santana, the horns and percussion add an extra flair to keep the Latin feeling in every track.

What to do after a BREAKUP

1. Hang out with friends
2. Work out
3. Focus on school
4. Get involved in something
5. Date other people

What not to do after a BREAKUP

1. Call your ex and hang up
2. Be a couchpotato
3. Drop out of school because your ex goes to OU
4. Join a hate group
5. Drink too much

By Gabriela Ardelean



Stephen Ernest Cramer
WXOU General Manager

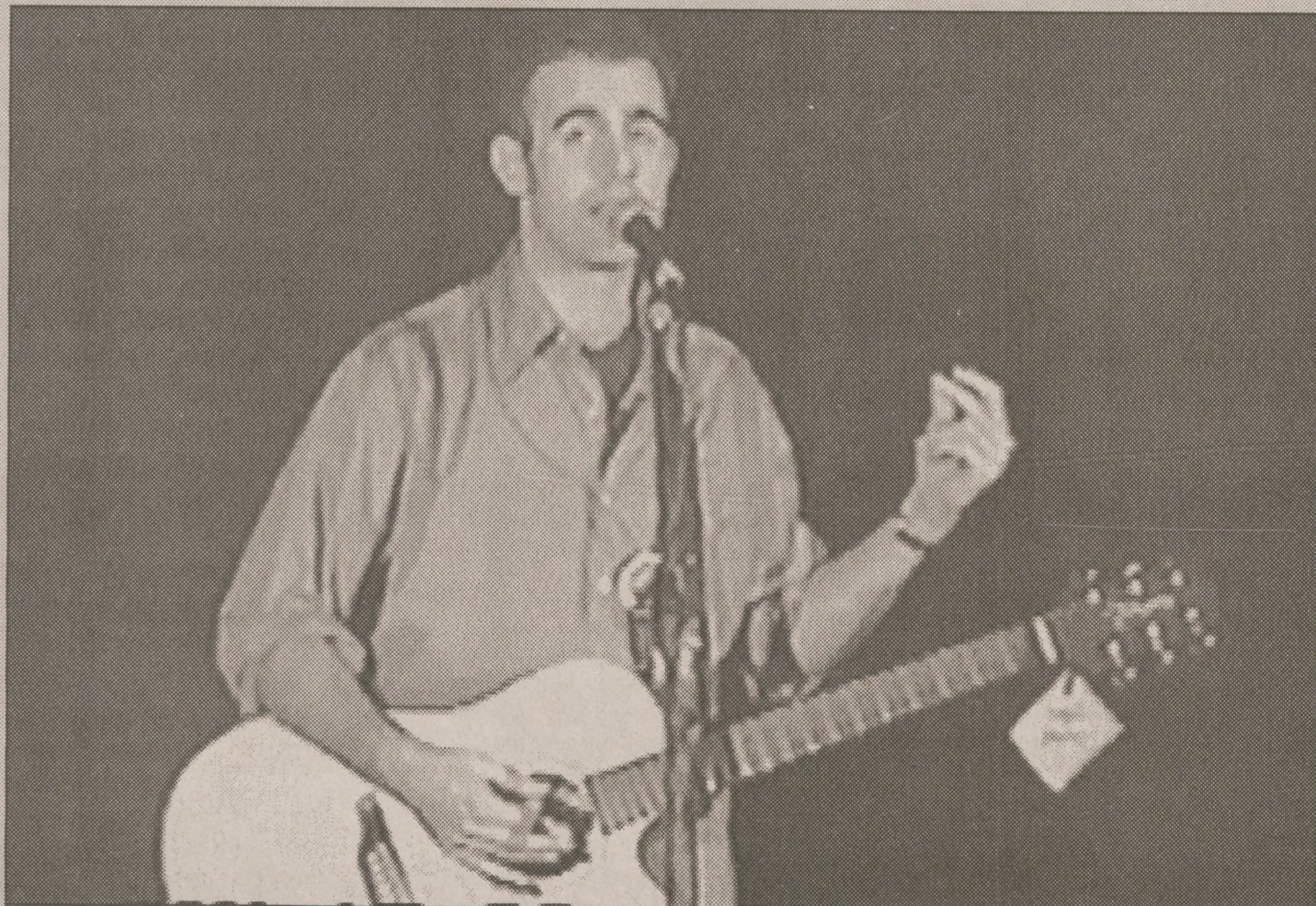
Do you want to see your favorite songs in the SOUNDTRACK box?

Drop by the Post with your list (and a picture of yourself if you have one).

WHAT IS the SOUNDTRACK of your life?

1. "First Grade Love Affair" -Shoestrings
2. "As I Let You Go" -The War Effort
3. "I Can't Run (But You Can't Stop)" -The Red Shirt Brigade
4. "I'd Smoke a Cigarette For You" -The Boyish Charms
5. "Crushworthy" -Gritty Kitty
6. "The Art of Cooking For Two" -The Lucksmiths
7. "Love Won't Desert Us (Famous)" -The Push Kings
8. "Super Hawaii" -Kincaid.
9. "The Sign" -The Mountain Goats
10. "Good Friends Are For Keeps" -The Carpenters

GOOD COFFEE...



By LaToya Smith
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland Center's Heritage Room was filled with an upbeat, chatty and joyous atmosphere Saturday night.

Student Program Board presented its first Underground Coffeehouse session of the semester featuring comedy folk singer Wally Pleasant.

In the dimly lit room, filled with glow sticks, and tablecloths bearing the many signatures of past and present SPB event attendees, Pleasant joked with audience members, and sang charismatic songs.

OU students and their guests were treated to such anecdotal songs like "Post-Graduate over-educated auto-worker blues," which spoke of being unemployed after having earned a degree from college.

ments as playing a child-sized xylophone.

Maribeth LaBadie, freshman, secondary education, said, "The show was really funny. It was one of our best because a lot of people showed up and seemed to be enjoying the performance."

The coffeehouse has been described as a place that allows people to escape to another planet where everyone is nice.

Pleasant's big break came after a radio station requested song materials that he had not yet recorded. So, he sat down, with a boom box, and filled a 90-minute Memorex tape with his songs.

It sold over 5,000 copies.

Miranda records has sold over 75,000 copies of Pleasant's music. He has toured all over the country and has been featured in top magazines like Billboard and newspapers such as the WallStreet Journal.

PLEASANTRY:
Wally Pleasant entertained Underground Coffeehouse-goers last Saturday. It may have been SPB's best turnout thus far.

Photo by Mark Russell

Pleasant kept the audience entertained by inviting a few to participate in bingo games. He also allowed them to accompany him onstage with such entice-

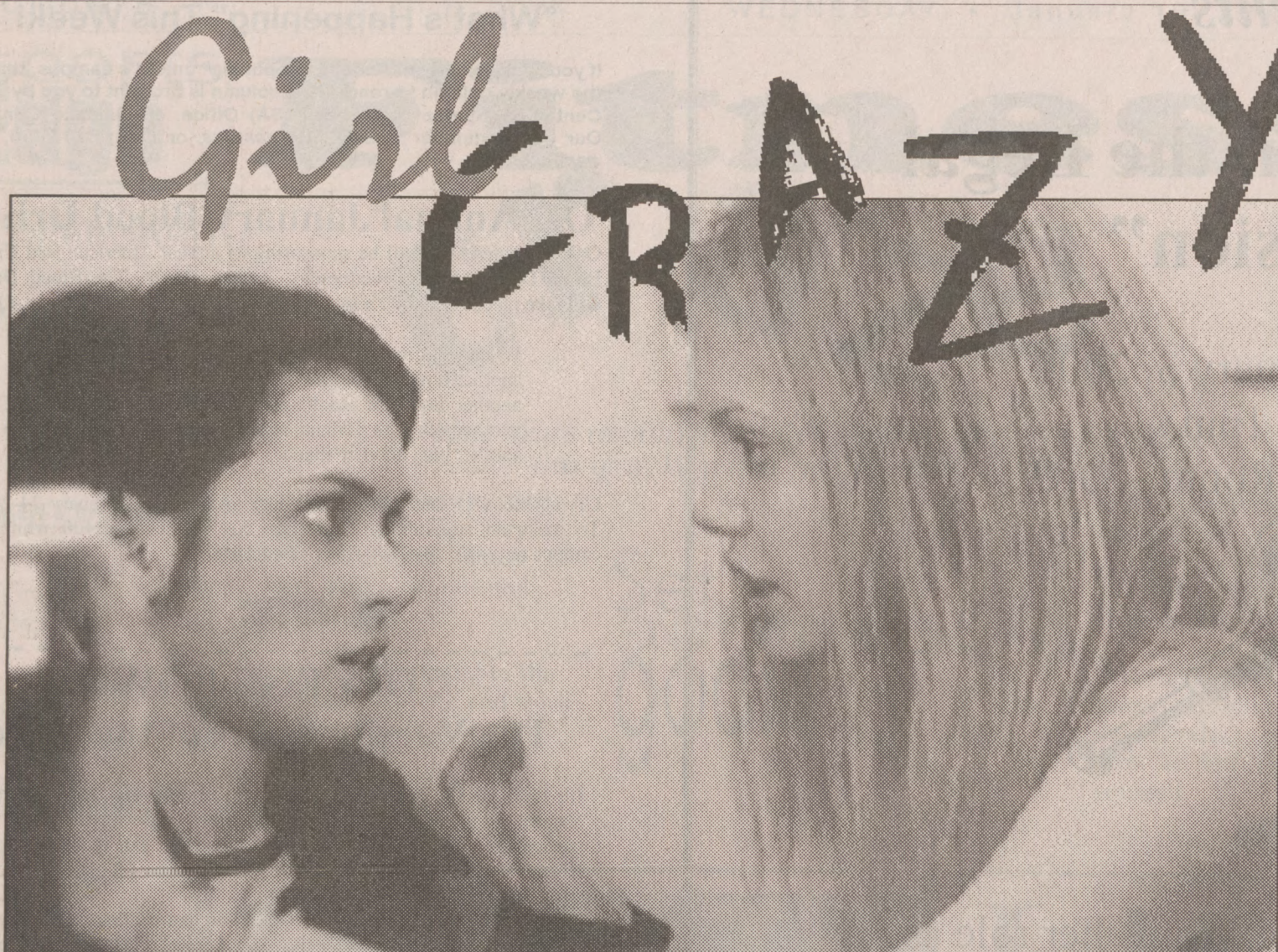
Good Times

GET OUT

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Susanna Kaysen (Winona Ryder) has her first encounter with Lisa (Angelina Jolie) a sociopath who is also housed at the mental hospital in "Girl, Interrupted."

Ryder, Jolie recreate memoir

By Sara McDowell
OF THE OAKLAND POST

In 1967, Susanna Kaysen, (Winona Ryder) voluntarily checked herself into Claymoore, a mental hospital, after the push from a therapist. Though she chased a bottle of aspirin with a bottle of vodka, the 17-year-old is more depressed and lost than she is mental.

Ryder begins the movie by explaining possible reasons for her stay at Claymoore. She says, "Maybe I was just crazy. Maybe it was the 60s, or maybe I was just a girl, interrupted."

"Girl, Interrupted" inspects the fine line between sanity and insanity. It also questions friendships, trust, freedom and independence.

When sent to Claymoore, Susanna befriends the other girls on her floor. The most eccentric being Lisa, played by Angelina Jolie. Lisa is a sociopath, and proud of it. Susanna's roommate is a pathological liar named Georgina (Clea Duvall). She would rather be living in Oz, and believes her father works for the C.I.A. Polly (Elisabeth Moss) whose kindness and inner beau-

ty stands separate from her self-inflicted burnt face. Daisy (Brittany Murphy) is a laxative junkie who is fixated on eating chicken, and only chicken. The offbeat women make up Susanna's new confidants.

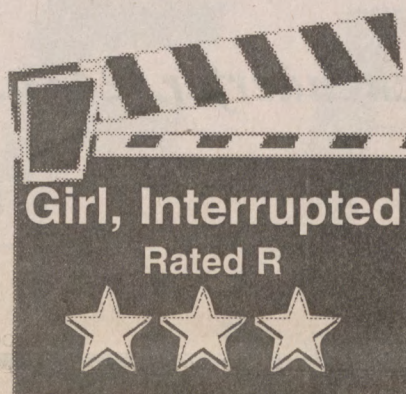
Susanna ends up bonding the most with Lisa who is charismatic, wild and carefree. Jolie plays this role so convincingly, that it is no wonder that she received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Supporting Actress. Her performance is captivating and riveting. At times her lack of guilt and remorse make her a pure wonder to watch. Her presence on the screen is illuminating.

Ryder's doe-like eyes are piercing. They portray sadness and being lost. At times her words are slowed and slurred, as she becomes her character. She gives a solid performance throughout the film, which she helped co-produce.

The way that Ryder and Jolie interact during the film is possibly more entertaining than the actual plot of the film. Their connection of friendship is touching, amusing, and dangerous as Lisa plans for the two of them to run off to Disney World to get jobs as Cinderella and Snow White. Society often sets the standards for normal, yet

all people do not fit into that category. The film deals with this and the inner thoughts and trials that an adolescent entering adulthood may experience. While trapped in a world of "crazy" we see that crazy is sometimes just an insightful and honest, yet confused look at one's self.

Susanna eventually realizes that she must make an effort to become well. She must take the journey down the road to self-discovery. As she struggles with the strange world of insecurities, she eventually realizes what she really lost, herself.



Book tells the story of Susanna Kaysen

By Katie Washbourne
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Philosophers throughout the ages have pondered, which came first, the chicken or the egg? Modern, 20th century philosophers have come up with a slightly more realistic question...is it possible to make a movie as good as the book?

Winona Ryder's newest film,

"Girl, Interrupted" will have to be a brilliant example of modern film techniques to be better than the memoir it is based upon.

Susanna Kaysen's novel, "Girl, Interrupted," offers readers a poignant, frightening, and sometimes hilarious view into the life she lived for two years in a mental institution. She speaks to her audience in a very real and natural voice. Even though her experience wasn't fun, she comes off sounding matter-of-fact and not at all whiny. She is

merely relating her encounter with a personality disorder, not searching for sympathy, as so many similar stories seem to do. Kaysen also manages to make her mental disorder sound very normal and ordinary, relating it to emotions and neurotic behavior that every adolescent and young adult experiences at least once. This serves in drawing her readers further into her life. In the end, "Girl, Interrupted" becomes a voice for mental illness and forces society to see the mental-

ly ill as human beings, rather than raving lunatics that need to be locked away and never seen again. If nothing else, Kaysen's story will change any sensitive reader's opinion of those trapped in the prisons their own mind creates.

The book is dragged down slightly by the medical charts and letters scattered throughout it, but for the most part moves along at a good clip and firmly holds the reader's interest.

A wake up call

They call it senioritis, and not even the mighty power of homeopathic medicine can cure it. Think about it. You can take all the herbs, berries, and nuts you throw at me, and while that may make you regular, it still comes.



MIKE MURPHY

When you can count the number of classes left before you shuffle off this undergraduate coil, it begins. Slowly at first. A few minutes late to class here, a few points off the old exam there. You find yourself zoning out of class discussions, more and more, to the point where showing up to class seems fairly moot. You spend your time instead at the coffee shop, skipping away, wondering when this stuff will help you in "the real world." What a phrase...Homework begins to lose its appeal when the ominous specter of real work is hiding just around the corner. And right about now, this whole transition from college to the "real world" is beginning to look like waiting in a long line to get on a upside-down roller coaster in the dark with no seats, a bumpy track, and an under-qualified alcoholic with a history of nervous twitches at the controls. The only scarier thing out there is, of course, graduate school.

It sinks its claws into you, then. When you get closer to the front of the line it whispers in your ear: "Hey there. Yeah you. You know, your GPA is, realistically, set." Like a commuter on the way here at 9 a.m. on M-59, it's not going anywhere fast. Past successes (or, well, failures) have that important little number stuck in the mud wherever it's at, good or bad. This becomes a problem when it's time to, say, study. Or go to class. Or do the reading. Or buy the books.

Of course, that nagging feeling that offsets my own biological urge to goof off is the one cure of senioritis: the classes. They don't exactly get easier, do they? I think back with yearning for my 100 level classes. I would give away my lifetime supply of blue books for the chance to buy a scantron and actually use it on an exam.

My last in-class essay final was one question. My answer to it was 16-and-a-half pages long, filling two of those disgusting books. My hand cramped up around page 12, and my grade depending on my sucking it up, tasting the pain, and scrawling my way, letter by letter, to the finish. My conclusion to that essay must have looked like a four-year-old writing in Sanskrit. I had to ice it down and refrain from video games for days. Days!

Maybe I need some herbs or something to make me feel better. Maybe graduation will be the best things that ever happened to me, or the worst. Maybe the ride of real life is going to be a decades long thriller with ups, downs, loops, and a nice ending. And maybe, just maybe, I should go to class.

After all, this is only my first senior year.

Mike Murphy is a senior journalism major and columnist for THE OAKLAND POST.

For Your ENTERTAINMENT

literature

"Welcome to the Monkeyhouse"

Not enough time to read anything other than textbooks? Think again. Kurt Vonnegut's "Welcome to the Monkeyhouse," a collection of short works, offers twenty-five stories averaging thirteen pages each. The book sells for \$11.95 and offers a quick fix for those who don't have much time, but still want something entertaining to read.

the arts

Papel Picado at the DIA

Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Nelo creates masterpieces by using the traditional folk art of *papel picado*. At 2 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the DIA, Garcia Nelo will demonstrate *papel picado* techniques. His exhibit can be seen in the DIA's Rivera Court.

concert

CSNY 2000

Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young will play at 8 p.m. on Jan. 24 at The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets are now on sale. The veteran rock and roll band reunite for their Y2K tour.

film

"All About My Mother"

Straight from the Cannes Film Festival, "All About My Mother" was the only award-winner to receive a standing ovation. The film is a vibrant and funny portrait of women who discover the power within themselves, to heal themselves. The film will be playing at various times Friday-Sunday at the DIA. Call (313) 833-3237 for showtimes.

The Law Society of OU Presents

“Mediation in the Legal Profession”

Thursday, February 3, 2000
12pm – 1pm
Lake Michigan Room – O.C.



Mediator Colleen Davis explains her role as an arbitrator in several court cases. Come find out more about law schools' growing trend in teaching: mediation.

President Adam Kochenderfer (248) 370-4291

The Center for Student Activities

“What’s Happening” This Week!

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

OU Annual January Blood Drive

Oakland University will be sponsoring its annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday-Wednesday, January 24-26. The Blood Drive will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., in the Gold Rooms, OC.

When you give blood you give . . .
another birthday, another anniversary,
another day at the beach, another night under the stars,
another talk with a friend, another laugh,
another hug, another chance.

Giving blood is safe. Please consider giving blood January 24-26!!! To make an appointment, call the CSA Office at x2400 while on campus or (248) 370-2400 from off campus.



COLLEGE BOWL

The Varsity Sport of the Mind

It's time for College Bowl! Those of you who are familiar with the Varsity Sport of the Mind already know how much fun it is to participate and how many prizes are involved. For those of you who haven't heard of College Bowl, here's what it is all about...

College Bowl is a trivia game competition that challenges the minds of college students from all over the United States. Teams consist of 4 to 5 players who work together to answer questions about popular culture, history, math, sports, music, and many other subjects.

Oakland University will be sponsoring a campus tournament on Saturday, January 29, to determine the top college bowl team on OU's campus. The first place team will win a total of \$400 in prizes. In addition, the first place team will win the right to represent Oakland University at the Regional College Bowl Tournament at Kent State University, February 18-19. All entry fees, transportation, lodging and meals will be provided. The second place winners will receive a total of \$200.

Entry forms are available in the Center for Student Activities Office and 20/20 Information Center. Entry forms are due by Thursday, January 27. There may be teams who need players, so individuals or partial teams are also encouraged to enter.

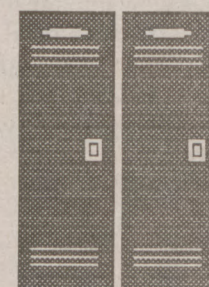
Bumpers: OC Games Room is hosting the ACUI Region 7 Qualifying Tournaments

Saturday, January 29, 2000

On Saturday, January 29, Bumpers: OC Games Room will sponsor several tournaments in the following events: Men's and Women's Billiards (Nine Ball), Men's and Women's Table Tennis, and Euchre. All competitions are for singles, except euchre, which is a two-person team competition. The winners of these tournaments will win the right to represent OU at the ACUI Region 7 Championships which will be held at Kent State University, February 18-20. All regional entry fees, transportation, lodging and meals will be provided for the winning individuals and teams. The entry fee for each of these competitions is \$5.00 per person. The entry fee for Euchre is \$10.00 per team.

A minimum of six entries is required to hold a tournament for each event. Winners will have their names posted on a permanent plaque as well as represent OU at the ACUI Region 7 tournament. Sign-up for the tournaments is at the front desk in Bumpers: OC Games Room. Sign-up will begin on Monday, January 10 through Wednesday, January 26.

Lockers for Rent!



CSA has lockers available to rent in most academic buildings and in the OC. The cost is \$5 per semester plus a \$5.00 refundable deposit.

Lessen the burden of carrying your belonging all over campus! Rent a locker!! To rent a locker, just come to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center.

Attention!
Sign up in the
CSA Office today!

Student Organization Officer Training

Thursday, January 27
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Lake Michigan Room

Catch the fever!!

at Student and Greek Organizations Day
Monday, January 31
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Organizations can sign up in the CSA Office
until Wednesday, January 26.

--- CSA SERVICE WINDOW ---

CSA events you can sign up or buy tickets to:

- College Bowl Campus Competition, January 29,
- Business Etiquette Dinner

SPB events you can sign up or buy tickets to:

- Annual Ski Trip to Shanty Creek, January 21-23,
- Trip to Punxsutawney, PA for Groundhogs Day, February 1&2
- Trip to Hell (and back) February 12

Win Free Books for the Winter Semester 2000!

You need to be Present to WIN

SIGN UP AND PLAY IN THE SECOND ANNUAL
“WE GOT GAME”
3:3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2000
STARTING AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE REC.
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: JANUARY 17TH

Teams will be matched in a round robin double elimination style of play. Each team will be guaranteed two games. Oakland University student athletes are ineligible. There will be a male and female divisions. Space will be limited to the first 20 teams per division. A standard field goal is worth one (1) point. Two (2) points will be awarded to baskets made behind the three-point line as marked on the court. Possession changes after each scored basket. Players call their own fouls and violations, however, each court will have an official to monitor disputes and control the game. The official will have the authority to call flagrant or intentional fouls with the penalty comparable to a technical foul. Each game will be played to 15 points, win by 2, up to a maximum 20 points.

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- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Copy Stop, etc.
- ARAMARK Food Services
- Oakland University's Bookstore, Major Sponsor
- Student Activity Funding Board, Major Sponsor
- The Office of the Dean of Students

Win fabulous door prizes: T-shirts,
socks, hats, shoes, sweatshirts and
campus recognition

*You need to be
present to WIN!*

There will be a \$25.00 registration fee
for all non Oakland University stu-
dents. No more than two non OU
students per team.

Payment should be made payable to
Oakland University.

Saturday, January 22, 2000

1:00 p.m.

“We Got Game” 3:3
Basketball Tournament

Contact Felecia B. Bumpus at
(248) 370-4885
for more information

“WE GOT GAME” 3:3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Jan. 15	
Michigan	161
Oakland	134

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 13	
Oakland	71
Valparaiso	64

Jan. 15	
Oakland	78
Chicago State	46

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 13	
Valparaiso	58
Oakland	56

Jan. 15	
Chicago State	67
Oakland	73

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

Jan. 14	
Saginaw Valley	6
Oakland	5

Jan. 15	
Oakland	17
Mott Comm.College	3

UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JAN. 20 - at Oral Roberts, 8 p.m.
JAN. 22 - at UMKC, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JAN. 20 - at Oral Roberts, 5:15 p.m.
JAN. 22 - at UMKC, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

JAN. 22 - at Penn State, 1 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING

JAN. 22 - MICHIGAN STATE, 1 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

JAN. 21 - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, 7:30 p.m.
JAN. 22 - NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY, 7:30 p.m.

INJURY UPDATE

Dan Champagne will not return to the Men's Basketball team this season. A petition will be filed with the NCAA to get a sixth year of eligibility for Champagne.

Fitness craze

New Years resolutions push people to gyms to get in shape; this year, keep that resolution the entire year

Set achievable goals

1. Set goals that are possible to achieve. Don't try to lose 100 pounds instead start with 5 pounds and work from there.

2. Start off by going to the gym twice a week and work your way up to four or five days a week.

3. Be accountable to yourself and ask others to help you keep on track. Work out with friends to increase chances of success.

4. Remember that results aren't immediate, all fitness results take time to show, so don't give up on yourself.

Rec Center Activities

Group exercise classes offered for the following activities:

- Cycle Reebok
- Strength training
- Boxing
- Funk/Hip Hop aerobics
- Hi/Lo aerobics
- Step aerobics
- Water aerobics
- Sport conditioning

Fitness assessments are being held at the Rec Center to evaluate current fitness levels and health risks. The cost is \$15 for students, \$25 for all other members and first year students can be assessed for free.

Women's strength training classes will be held once a week for an hour each session. This class will teach women how to correctly perform exercises for each muscle group.

Registration for specialty classes began on Jan. 10 in the Fitness center. Session 1 runs Jan. 17 - Feb. 21. Session 2 runs March 6 - April 10.



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REACH FOR THE SKY: Freshman forward Katie Wolfe jumps over Chicago State player to get a shot off. The women defeated Chicago State and improved the Mid-Con record to 3-1.

LIGHTING the court on

FIRE

Women Grizzlies take Chicago down and improve OU's record to 3-1 in the conference and 7-7 overall

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

There was something burning at the 'O' rena on Saturday afternoon, and it wasn't the hot dogs or pizza.

OU's women's basketball team set the nets on fire against Chicago State with almost 50% shooting for the game. The Grizzlies ended up winning 78-46.

Led by Beth Zeone's 22 points on 11 for 18 shooting, OU improved its overall record to 7-7. The Grizzlies took a 39-15 lead into the intermission and never looked back. Chicago State had an 0-14 overall record going into the game.

Coach Beckie Francis said, "We

didn't say anything different, (before the game), because we need to play our game plan and

"I think we just play really well as a team, Tish Martin makes great passes and it's not like and individual thing. We have really intense practice, and that helps us play good in games."

**Katie Wolfe
Freshman guard**

take care of business and that's how we win, but I did mention that we need to stay intense, because it's going to be a different level of game so I had to prepare them for that. We considered that beating Valpo was the biggest win in Oakland history, they were conference champs last year, and they didn't lose on their floor a lot, and to beat them on their floor with some injuries, it was the biggest win we ever had, and

when you come back and play against an 0-14, it's more like, don't mess up, play well."

Katie Wolfe said, "I think we just play really well as a team, Tish (Martin) makes great passes and it's not like an individual thing, and we have really intense practice, and that helps us play good in games."

OU had a very balanced attack because in addition to Zeone's 22 points, Wolfe had 13 points and 10 rebounds, Sarah Judd also recorded a double double with 13 points, 11 rebounds and 6 assists, Terry Hermanova finished with 12 points in 13 minutes of play, Romica Clint had 9 points, and Martin ended up with 12 assists and 5 steals.

OU's next home game is on the 31st against Rochester.

Please, turn off Sports Center for just five minutes

If there is one thing that I don't understand it is the relationship that some men have with sports. Now, don't get me wrong, I watch sports and I have my favorite teams and players, but I don't memorize everything about them.

I love Chris Osgood, but I don't know his birthday and all of his stats. On the other hand, I do remember my friend's birthdays and my boyfriend's birthday. Hell, I can even remember when he has classes and when he works.

This is not true of my boyfriend. A total sports fanatic. Steve can tell me how many rushing yards each quarterback ran or passed for any given week during fantasy football, but hell if he can remember my birthday or where I am at any point during the day.

How many times do I have to tell him when I have class. Why is it that his memory works perfectly if I want to know who won last

night's football game, but if I ask anything about work or school he draws a blank. Are men like Steve programmed differently? Are they missing part of the brain that allows them to memorize general facts, and instead given a huge database for sports stats?

My high school cross country coach was the same way. He could tell me times that all of his runners had run in the past 15 years, but seldom did he remember when I had to work and miss practice. I think it's great that he knew every time that I had run in



KELLI PETROVE

my entire career, but why couldn't he just remember my work schedule.

I know that some men aren't like this, my father for example, couldn't tell you who won the

Super Bowl last year, or even who won the Stanley Cup last year. Maybe this is why it is so hard for me to understand. I don't come from a sports-oriented family, but for real, some people go overboard on the memorization of facts.

Back to Steve, he thinks that it is crazy that I watch All My Children or any other show on a regular basis, but God forbid I try to talk to him during a football game. Even if the score is 41-0.

I've noticed a little bit of this in myself. I have an uncanny knack for remem-

bering every word to songs that came out from 1986-present, but damned if I can remember what a Golgi Apparatus is supposed to do.

I think that like anything else, sports should be taken in moderation. Or if there is a serious addiction to football, maybe women could start a clinic or a camp to break the habit of men turning into vegetables when the pre-game show comes on.

And why does there have to be a pre-game show, a halftime show and then a post-game show.

Steve watches the game so intently that I doubt that he misses a field goal or a yard rushed for, so why does he and many other men sit in front of the TV so that commentators can reiterate what they just watched during the game?

That brings me to Sports

Center. It is always on and Steve is always watching, just to see the scores one more time or to maybe catch a highlight that he somehow missed.

Don't get me wrong, I watch the football, basketball and hockey games too, but I don't spend the extra hours watching all the commentators and trying to build up a database with scores.

I'm saving that extra memory space to remember important things like Steve's birthday, which by the way is Nov. 18.

So, guys, turn off Sports Center for just a few minutes and use that memory for something useful that will get you out of trouble one day.

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



READY TO SWIM: Freshman backstroke and freestyler Jordan Longhurst gets ready to take on U-M swimmers at the competition on Friday.

U-M sinks OU

OU holds ground against U-M letting the final score only reach 161-134; OU competes while being out-numbered

By Lisa Cali
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Despite losing to the University of Michigan on Friday, the OU women's swimming and diving team left the meet with smiles on their faces.

The women lost to U-M 161-134 and the Wolverines are ranked fifth in the country.

Coach Scott Teeters was also happy with the results.

"We thought we'd get clobbered, mercied," he said. "But our team stood up very well."

OU took first place in the 100m backstroke with junior Yvonne Lynn's time of 57.72. Junior Veronika Frolova took first place in the 100m breaststroke with

a time of 1:06.93. Sophomore Tamara Swaby's time of 1:01.00 earned her first in the 100m butterfly. Sophomore Kristen Kurssis won the 400m individual medley with a time of 4:38.37. The 400m freestyle relay team of Lynn, freshman Danielle Ward, sophomore Jamie Francisco and sophomore Gracie Bender scored first place with a time of 3:36.71. Kazi Murr scored a 272.63 to win the 300m diving.

Swaby, Frolova, Lynn and Ward took second in the 400m medley relay, Kurssis placed second in the 200m butterfly, Bender finished second in the 100m freestyle, Frolova took second in the 200m breaststroke, Ward finished second in the 500m freestyle and Murr placed second in the 1m diving competition.

Third place finishes went to Ward for the 200m freestyle and Kurssis for the

200m backstroke.

Freshman Anita Stefanovic took fifth place in the 1650m freestyle and junior Kellyann Williams took fifth place in the 50m freestyle.

"We thought we'd get mercied, clobbered. But our team stood up very well."

Scott Teeters
Head Women's
Swimming
Coach

"Oakland kids really take ownership of their sport," Teeters said. From the results of the meet and the looks on the women's faces after it was all over, it was obvious that this is true of this team.

"Michigan is the toughest team we've gone up against, plus we were out-numbered," Teeters added. "But they did great and the Michigan coach complimented them after the meet."

The women are now 9-3 and will be swimming at Penn State on Jan. 22.

Loss has men looking for answers

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

In what's turning out to be a very disappointing season for OU's men's basketball team, Saturday night's home game against Chicago State was no exception. The Grizzlies ended up losing the game, 73-67.

There is also a disturbing pattern that's showing lately. OU has been getting down in the game early, then making a tremendous comeback to get back into it, then just losing in the end.

This pattern has head coach Greg Kampe looking for answers like a student who didn't study for a midterm.

Kampe said, "We can't shoot the basketball, that's our problem. In our last three out of four games we have done the same thing, at Loyola, at Valpo, and then tonight at home. I'm just looking for somebody to make shots. We are not making shots, we shot 36.8 % in the first half. We were 9 of 18 from the post. It's been night in and night out the whole year. We shot 28% from the three and we are supposed to be a three point shooting team, you're not going to win basketball games like that. We just lost a big home game, and now we are going on the road for four tough games. This was a critical, critical loss."

The game started out with Chicago State going up 27-9. However OU made a comeback to cut their deficit to 39-28 at halftime. The Grizzlies weren't finished though, as the team continued its comeback and eventually took the lead with over three minutes to go. Then in typical fashion, the Grizzlies stopped hitting shots. In fact the only shot by the Grizzlies in the last three minutes was a three pointer by Steve Houston with 16 seconds left.

Brad Buddenborg who finished with 17 points for the Grizzlies said, "I thought we had some good shots, but near the end of the game we should get it to a certain few guys. As a team we didn't do what needed to be done."

In addition to Buddenborg's 17 points, Sebastian Bellin had a double double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Myke Thom finished with 9 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists.

The Grizzlies next home game is Feb. 3.



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ALMOST THERE: Sophomore guard Jason Rozycki shows off his shooting skills against Chicago State University.

Black Bears GROWL at Saginaw Valley

Despite a 6-5 loss on Friday, the Black Bears put up a fight against the 17-0 ranked Saginaw Valley team

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The last time OU's men's club ice hockey team faced number one ranked Saginaw Valley, the Black Bears were missing some key players, and ended up losing the game 7-3.

The second time around, however was a closer game as OU had all of its players back, and the team had a little pay back on its mind.

The Black Bears hopes of being the first team to beat Saginaw Valley were once again put to rest Friday night, as the visitors showed why they are number one, beating OU 6-5 at the ONYX Rochester Ice Arena.

It looked as if Saginaw was going to put this one away early, as it built a 3-0 lead, but in typical fashion, OU woke up and mounted a furious comeback, scoring the next three straight goals, two in the first period, and one early in the second period.

After trading goals, the third period started with each team deadlocked at four goals a piece. Saginaw changed that early though, scoring at the 19:09 mark, and eventually taking a two goal lead at 6-4.

As the period neared its conclusion, OU pulled goalie Jeremy Sarnovsky in order to get an extra attacker on the ice, and the gamble paid off as the Black Bears scored at the :33 second mark to cut its deficit to 6-5. It was too little too late however as

that ended up being the final score.

Assistant coach Tom Ricketts said, "Last time we played these guys, we lost to them by four or five goals, and tonight's game was just a hundred percent turnaround and improvement. We need to work on some more things defensively, but overall we were very pleased with the effort that our guys gave us."

Head coach Anthony Jalaba said, "We prepared by talking about what worked for us and what didn't work for us the first time we played them. We basically just broke down some of the reasons why Saginaw beat us the first time, ... this is a team that you can't really make many mistakes on, and if you do they capitalize, so we emphasize keeping our mistakes to a minimum."

The loss dropped OU's overall record down to 10-8, and Saginaw Valley improved to 17-0.

OU goal scorers were Eric Wojno, assisted by Robert Wishaw, Wishaw, assisted by Scott Schnedler, Geoff Acree assisted by Craig Furstenau, Wojno, assisted by Wishaw, and Schnedler, and Furstenau assisted by Vladimir Bacik and Wojno.

There will be eleven home games this semester including games against Michigan State, Central, and University of Michigan. Some games will be televised on local cable stations, and the national anthem will likely be sung by Karen Newman.

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball

	Conference	Overall
Youngstown State	4-1	11-5
Western Illinois	4-1	10-6
Valparaiso	4-1	9-6
Oakland	3-1	7-7
Oral Roberts	3-2	7-8
Southern Utah	2-3	7-8
UMKC	2-4	7-10
IUPUI	1-5	5-10
Chicago State	0-5	0-15

Men's Basketball

	Conference	Overall
UMKC	4-1	9-7
Chicago State	4-1	7-7
Youngstown State	4-1	7-9
Oral Roberts	3-1	7-9
Oakland	2-2	4-14
Southern Utah	2-3	6-9
Valparaiso	1-4	7-10
Western Illinois	1-4	6-12
IUPUI	0-4	2-12

Player of the Week



KATIE WOLFE

❖ Women's Basketball

❖ Forward

❖ Born, February 22, 1980

❖ Accounting Major, criminal justice minor

❖ Cedar Springs High School

❖ nickname-Wolfie

Wolfe was named Mid-Con player of the week the week of January 19.

Wolfe played 34 minutes against Chicago State on Jan. 15 and scored 13 points and had ten rebounds.

She was red-shirted last season and spent the year training for this season.

In high school, Wolfe was the captain of the basketball team her junior and senior years. She also lettered in volleyball and softball. She was a four year member of the National Honor Society.

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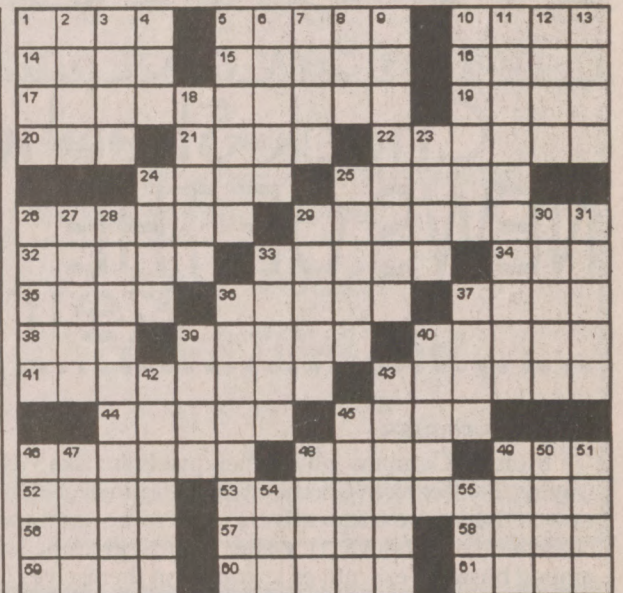
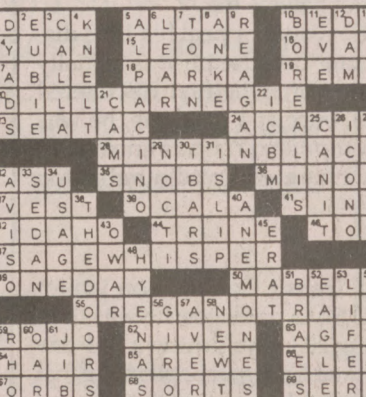


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Damon's Signs of the Times

January 19 - January 25

- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) — Listen to your intuition this week; it is very reliable. Friends and associates can help you with achieving your goals, if you are willing to put your ego aside.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) — You really can make your dreams come true this week; you just need to believe they can happen. Work on your belief system, because they may be in doubt after a recent difficult time.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Your mind becomes more big picture this week; make some plans, though you should try to be realistic. Have patience with those who don't see things the way you do.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Power issues with money or sex pop up; deal with them the best that you can. Traveling is beneficial now. Getting out and enjoying life prevents the doldrums this week.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — A friend can bring your spirituality to another level; this is a great time for a mentor. A difficulty at work became clearer recently; now work on fixing it.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Back away from a current project and you will see what truly needs to be done. Time by yourself soothes your soul, so enjoy solitude as much as possible this week.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) — Artistic skills come to the forefront. Partnerships work well when you concentrate on communicating your feelings. Sacrifices might need to be made at work to get the job done.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — Home is where the heart is this week, with the home at the very least meaning yourself. If you aren't into being at home, traveling alone will clear out your mind.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Inner tensions come from self-doubt; talking with someone you are close to will help you deal with current life changes. Wrap up financial matters for the beginning of the year.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Artistic and romantic blockages become movable; deal with your issues once and for all. Money-making ideas come to you in unusual manners; pay attention to dreams.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Your insight in great right now, though be sure to have patience with those who don't agree with you. Put your ego aside and you can get lots of work done right now.
- PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your dreams suddenly seem accessible; separate the chafe from the wheat and work on the best goals. Money opportunities occur through work if you make them happen.

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LEAD STORIES

• Munich, Germany, physiotherapist Franziska Weber told reporters in December that her supercold (minus 230 degrees Fahrenheit) walk-in freezer therapy, originally designed to relieve chronic pain, now is used more frequently by clients who want merely to relieve stress. One to three minutes in the chamber (cost: about \$11), Weber reports, gives patients a huge energy burst and is especially popular among business executives to condition themselves for important meetings.

• In December, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service ordered Maria Wigent, age 37 and a 32-year resident of New York City, deported (thus breaking up the home she shares with her husband and two teen-age sons) after her third shoplifting conviction, involving about \$25 worth of items. And a December New York Times story recounted the plight of a Guatemalan-American in Virginia facing deportation this month for the single act of biting her husband ("domestic violence") during a fight.

Not My Fault

• From a report by psychologist N.G. Berrill, to a New York City court in November, quoting former police officer Justin Volpe on how he came to brutalize Abner Louima's rectum with a mind-of-its-own toilet plunger in the notorious 1997 assault: "I couldn't believe (that Louima didn't apologize for cussing him, Volpe said). The next thing I know, the stick was in (Louima's rectum)." Volpe continued: "I was terrified. When the stick seemed to pop in, I said to myself, 'I cannot believe this.'"

• Born-again Christian David Strein, 44, announced in November that he would appeal his 1998 dismissal from a New Mexico state government job for misusing his computer because he was actually powerless to stay away from Internet pornography. Strein contended that after he first discovered online porn, "Satan told me to check it out some more." Also, said Strein, once at a porn site, he was trapped on a virtually endless loop of sex sites that had taken over his computer. (The administrative law judge had ruled that Strein had visited too many sites and given them his credit-card number too many times to have been blameless.)

Crises in the Workplace

• Fireproof Workers: An arbitration panel ruled in July that Toronto Transit Commission janitor Winston Ruhle had been improperly fired and deserved about \$115,000 (U.S.) in damages; he was fired in 1995 for padding his recuperation time after surgery, improperly missing 203 days during a 244-day period. And English chauffeur John Forbes, 55, won an employment tribunal ruling in September that it was unfair to fire him simply because he had twice dressed in women's clothing on the job and flashed his underwear to passing motorists.

• The lawyer for a former Fort Lauderdale, Fla., phone-sex worker told reporters in November that he had won a workers' compensation settlement for his client based on her claim of carpal tunnel syndrome due to masturbating on the job as much as seven times a day. Steven Slootsky said his client accepted the settlement to avoid the embarrassment of testifying, even though the money is not enough to reimburse her for the surgery she required on both hands.

Kids Growing Up Fast

• Three times during the last two months of 1999, a parent passed away unexpectedly, leaving a small child alone in the house to figure out what to do next. Travis Butler, 9, Memphis, Tenn., went to school as normal for a month, trying to hide his mother's body because he feared being put in a foster home. Lydia Hanson, 7, Peabody, Mass., told her teacher the next day of her mother's death, but the teacher just shrugged, forcing the girl to spend another night caring for the body before finding a grown-up to believe her. Karina Pistorio, 4, Oklahoma City, attempted to nurse her dead father through the Christmas weekend before the police came, having been called by her father's friends concerned that he was missing. (No foul play is suspected in any of the deaths.)

Also, in the Last Month ...

• A lifeguard was rushed to intensive care after drinking from an open Coke bottle in a clubhouse refrigerator, having overlooked the label "Do not drink / Jellyfish tentacles" (Cairns, Australia). On Christmas Eve, Patricia White Bull, 42, abruptly awoke from a 16-year coma and regained most of her faculties (Albuquerque). Twelve people in a high-rise for seniors were hospitalized on Christmas Eve after a woman took Oprah Winfrey's advice and lit an "inspirational" candle, which toppled over and started a fire (Chicago). Seven noodle-making shops were closed after inspections revealed they were preserving their inventory in formaldehyde (Hanoi). Tim Book beat a DUI charge by telling a judge that he had just come from a hypnotist's show and was still in a trance when police stopped him (Bruderheim, Alberta).

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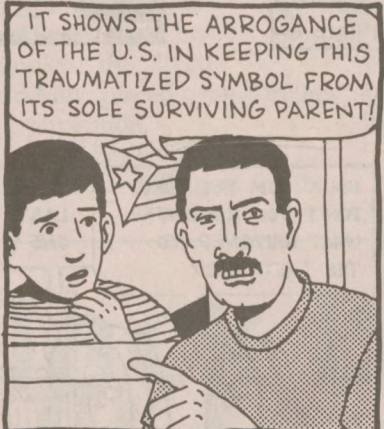


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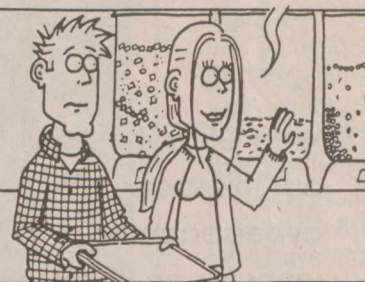


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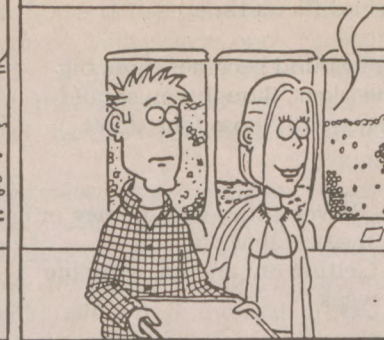


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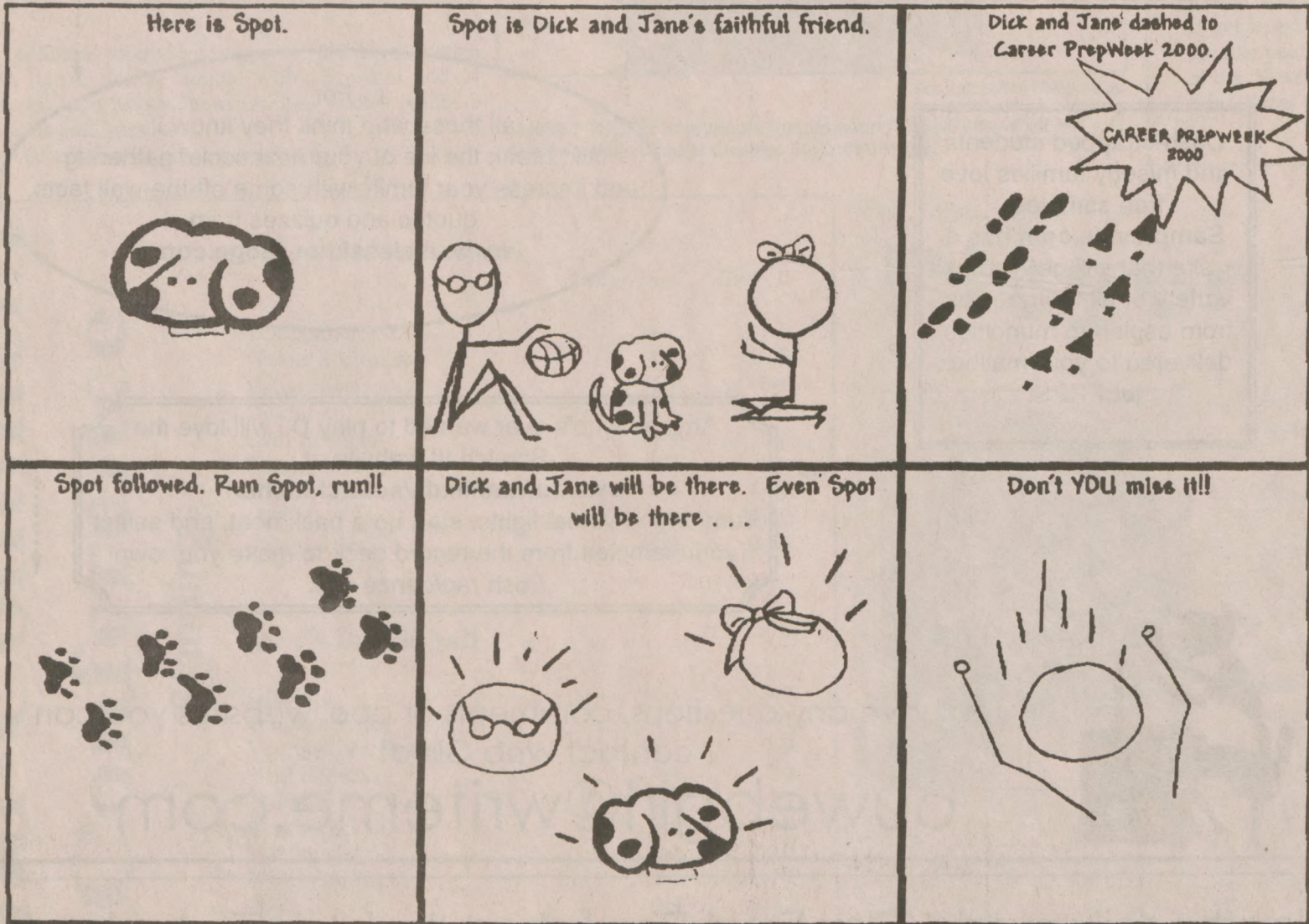


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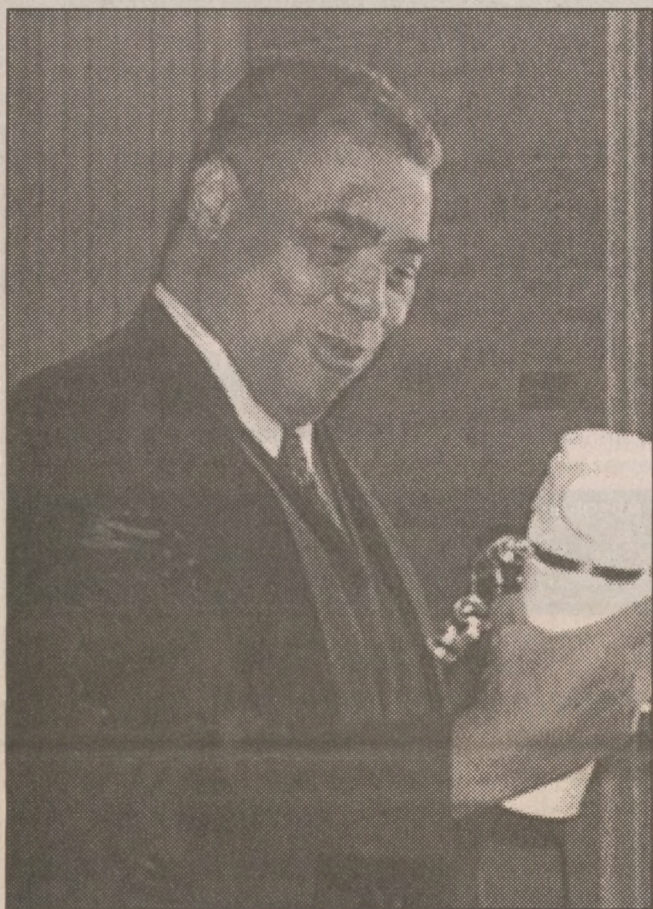
The Dream Marches on...

OU hails the King



ABOVE: Members of the ABS laugh and cheer at the start of the ceremonies.

BELOW: Lowell W. Perry, retiring director of Urban Programs of the State of Michigan, accepts a gift from the ABS.



LEFT: The Association of Black Students leads OU's All-Campus Unity March. The march kicked off the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day activities.

ABOVE: ABS President Shaundra Scruggs prepares to give the paraders marching orders.

BELOW: OU graduate student, Lori Safford, teaches her sons, Graham, 6, and Myles, 4, "We Shall Overcome."



A Living Dream

The best way to keep a dream alive
is to plant the dream in you
for as long as you live
the dream will live,
as you grow
the dream will grow,
as you discover yourself the dream will be discovered.

The best way to keep a dream alive
is to live
to live beyond mere existence or survival
to live, to challenge
to live to create
to live to soar.

The best way to keep alive is to have a dream
for as long as you have a dream,
you have a destination, a purpose, something bigger and better and
sweeter
than everything around you.

Make your dream bigger than your nightmares
and more animated than your desires.

Feed your dream, plant it in good soil,
give it a fresh voice and room to breath

Remember, if you take care of your dream
it will surely take care of you,

And if you take care of it well enough
even when your gone,
your dream will have enough strength
to see its self through.



ABOVE: Kari Whitson and Bianca Hamilton, 9, keep time with the music.

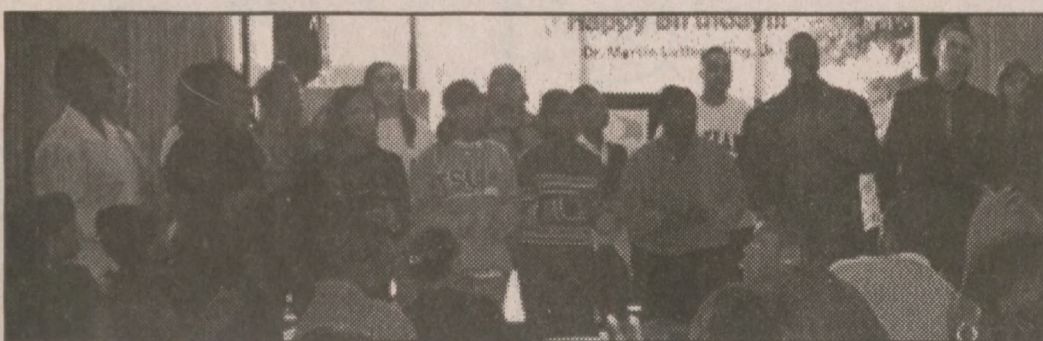
BELOW: Students give Perry a standing ovation.



LEFT: "A Living Dream" provided by Chantra Donald. The poem placed third in the All Campus Contest in Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ABOVE: (From Left) Randy Herring, Ashli Bobo, Joe Taylor and Claude Huddleston warm up their vocal chords.

BELOW: The OU Gospel Choir sings "Happy Birthday" in honor of Dr. King.



LEFT: The OU Gospel Choir uplifts the crowd with spirited music.

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