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No waiting at OU

OU outsourcing of application process speeds up admissions but increases app fee

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Individuals seeking admission to OU might soon be able to forgo the three to four week wait to hear back about their applications.

Today the admissions office will propose implementing a new program that will enlist the assistance of a Louisiana company to quickly process the data from the more than 15,000 grad and undergrad applications OU receives each year.

With the new system, the applications would be scanned and sent to a company in Louisiana called Admin.701.

The company would then process the data on the application and send it back to OU's admissions office.

"This will be a two day turn around," said Pete Nacy, interim associate vice president for enrollment management and director of admissions.

He said this would allow OU to respond to applicants in three to four days, and provide better

customer service to prospective students.

This proposal would not result in any lost jobs at OU, Nacy said, but there will be changes in the admissions office.

"Jobs in admissions will be different," he said.

He said the changes have not been definitely set.

Nacy said the company would provide the computer and scanners for the program.

This proposal would cost OU \$20 per application, but Nacy said this could be offset by

increasing OU's application fee, which is also part of the proposal.

Currently, undergrad applicants pay \$35 to apply and grads pay \$30. If the board approves this proposal today, the cost would go to \$40 and \$50 respectively.

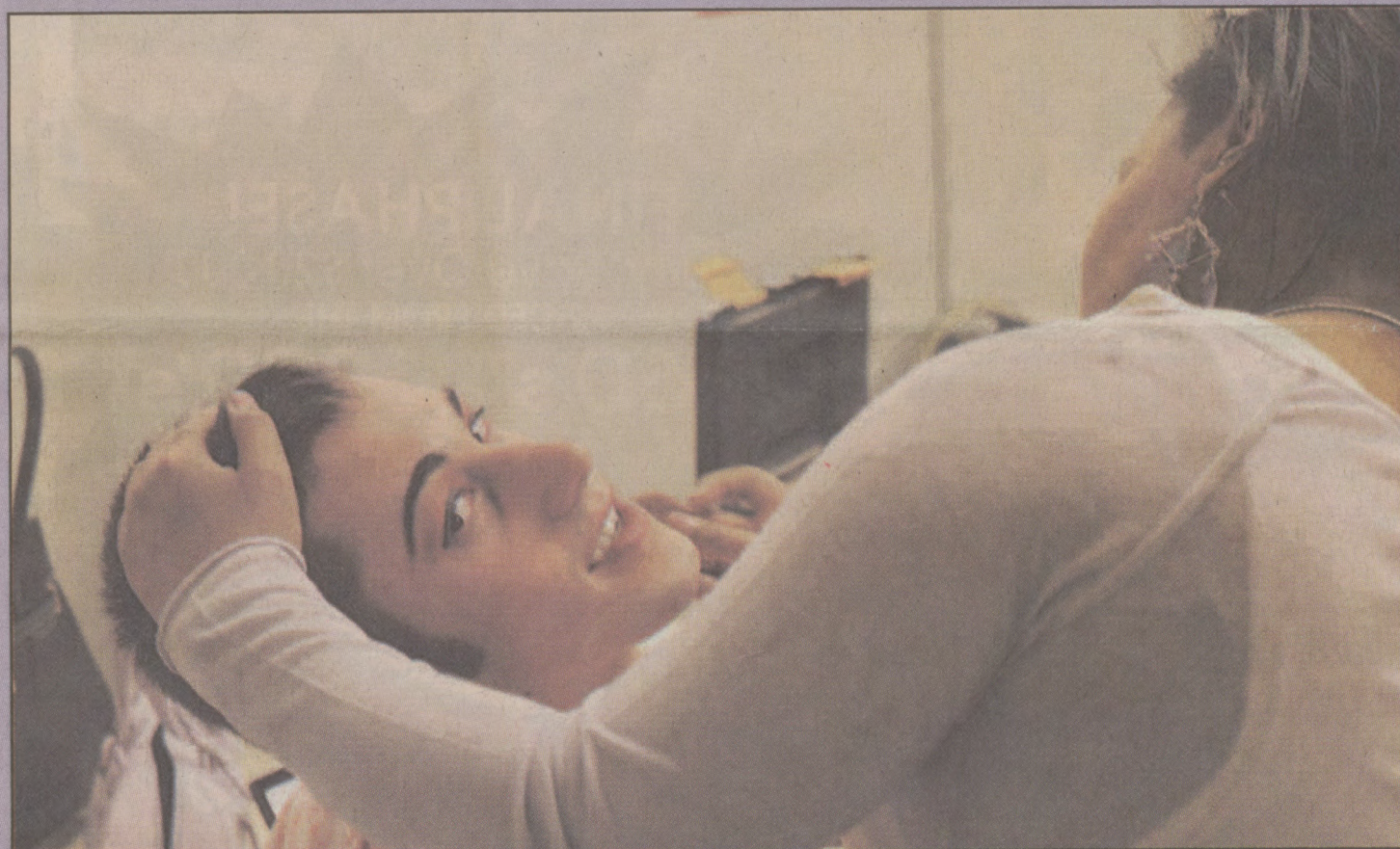
In other Michigan universities, application fees range from \$25 to \$55, so OU's would be in the mid-range, Nacy said.

The board of trustees will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post
Admissions at OU will speed up when OU outsources the application process.

Queens for a night



Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post

Mike McGuinness prepares for his time in the spotlight as a drag queen.

By STEPHANIE TOMOVSKA
& KANIQUA DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

The Gay Straight Alliance and the Women's Issues Forum combined forces last Thursday night, bringing the first-ever drag show to the OU community.

For more drag show coverage, please see "Drag queens rule the night" on B3.

Earthly lessons

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The world faces a greater threat from global warming than from terrorism, according to an article on the Greenpeace Web site.

With that in mind, Mark Rigstad, assistant professor of philosophy at OU, is inviting and encouraging students, faculty, staff and community members to get involved in issues concerning our environment.

Rigstad recently created the Environmental Quality Forum (EQF), which will hold its inaugural event from noon-4 p.m. on Monday, April 12 in Gold Room C of the OC. Four OU professors, including Rigstad, will present their work during the public lecture series.

According to Rigstad, who formally taught at Caltech, there isn't a campuswide group devoted to environmental issues, and he said he hopes the forum will encourage interested students to come forward. Monday's lecture and future EQF events will give students the opportunity to learn more about local environmental issues, he said.

"We all have to invest in our environment," he said. "We want it to be clean and safe."

At Caltech, Rigstad was involved with an organization similar to the newly founded EQF, but Rigstad said he has a much broader vision for EQF at OU.

He said in the future, he hopes to invite representatives from local environmental organizations to come speak and recruit students. He would also like the forum to eventually sponsor evening events off-campus.

In addition, Rigstad said he would like to have students come and present their own work.

Don Mayer, professor of management at OU, will also speak at Monday's lecture. He said the forum is an opportunity for faculty from different departments to share current insights and research on the environment.

Mayer said the things people around the world desire, like clean water and air, are at risk due to overpopulation, overconsumption and overuse of unsustainable technologies.

"... no one person or nation can solve our environmental problems, but assuming that someone else will do it, either now or in the future, only guarantees that the problems will come to our doorstep both larger and sooner," Mayer said.

In addition to Rigstad and Mayer, Emmett Lombard, associate professor of political science and Linda Schweitzer, assistant professor of environmental chemistry, will present their work at Monday's event.

For additional information on Monday's lecture or future events, contact Rigstad at rigstad@oakland.edu.

Student wants smoke out

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Secondhand smoke kills, and an OU student wants the university to adopt stricter policies to protect nonsmokers on campus.

Mara Mazzoni, senior, presented her case to OU Student Congress (OUSC)

during Monday's meeting.

"It seems strange that ... we can smoke in our rooms, but when it comes to lighting a candle, we cannot," she said.

Mazzoni, who once was a smoker, presented smoking policies from other universities, including the University of Michigan,

Michigan State and Grand Valley State, and asked that OU do more to implement and enforce a stricter policy.

She proposed that the university adopt a policy to designate specific areas for smoking. She said the designated areas should not be near the entrances of buildings.

Within her plan, the OU Police Department (OUPD) would issue tickets to offenders.

In other business: •Shaquonda Binion, OUSC administrative assistant, spoke to congress regarding her meeting with a university official regard-

Please see OUSC on A6.

Machine is new type of box office

By REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Forget the hike off campus to the video rental stores. OU now has a DVD rental machine in the OC available to the campus community.

Located just inside the new section of the OC, Pilot Video's Box Office Express machine boasts more than 700 DVDs, including monthly new releases, multiple copies of 120 popular titles in the

categories of action, drama, thriller, comedy, science fiction, war and westerns. There are also about 20 different Playstation 2 and Xbox games, said the owner and operator of Pilot Video, Karl Wagner.

"Doing research over the Internet, I found this industry doing well in Europe and thought it would do well here in the States," Wagner said of the DVD distribution machine.

He found a company in

Hollywood, Florida called American Entertainment Distributor (AED) putting this concept to work.

"Since entertainment is the United States' largest export, and I had already been familiarized with automation, I thought it was time to give Blockbuster a run for their money, by automating the process of DVD distribution."

Like any video store, there is a charge for renting from Box Office Express. New releases cost \$3.75

for 3 days, popular titles are \$2.75 for 3 days and games cost \$5.75 for 5 days. There are no late fees, no membership fees and no sales tax.

Comparatively, Blockbuster located at Walton and Squirrel rents new releases for \$4.29, new releases that can be kept out for two-days or five-days depending on the movie. Favorites, or older movies, are \$4.29 for DVDs and \$3.29 for VHS one-week rentals.

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Education prof honored

Cramer honored by International Reading Association

BY ROXANNA RIVES
THE OAKLAND POST

Professor of Education Ron Cramer was recently awarded the 2004 Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award and will be formally recognized in May.

The award comes from the International Reading Association, a professional organization for people who teach reading and writing on the college level.

Cramer presently teaches a variety of education courses in the reading and writing fields at OU.

At OU since 1967, he has helped to establish the Lowry Early Childhood Education Center, and the OU's early childhood masters degree. His "Spelling" series of educational books for grades K-8, read by many elementary students, and his most recent book, "The Language Arts: A Balanced Approach to Teaching Reading, Writing, Listening, Talking and Thinking," is used by many

professors here on campus. These accomplishments are just a few of the many in his career.

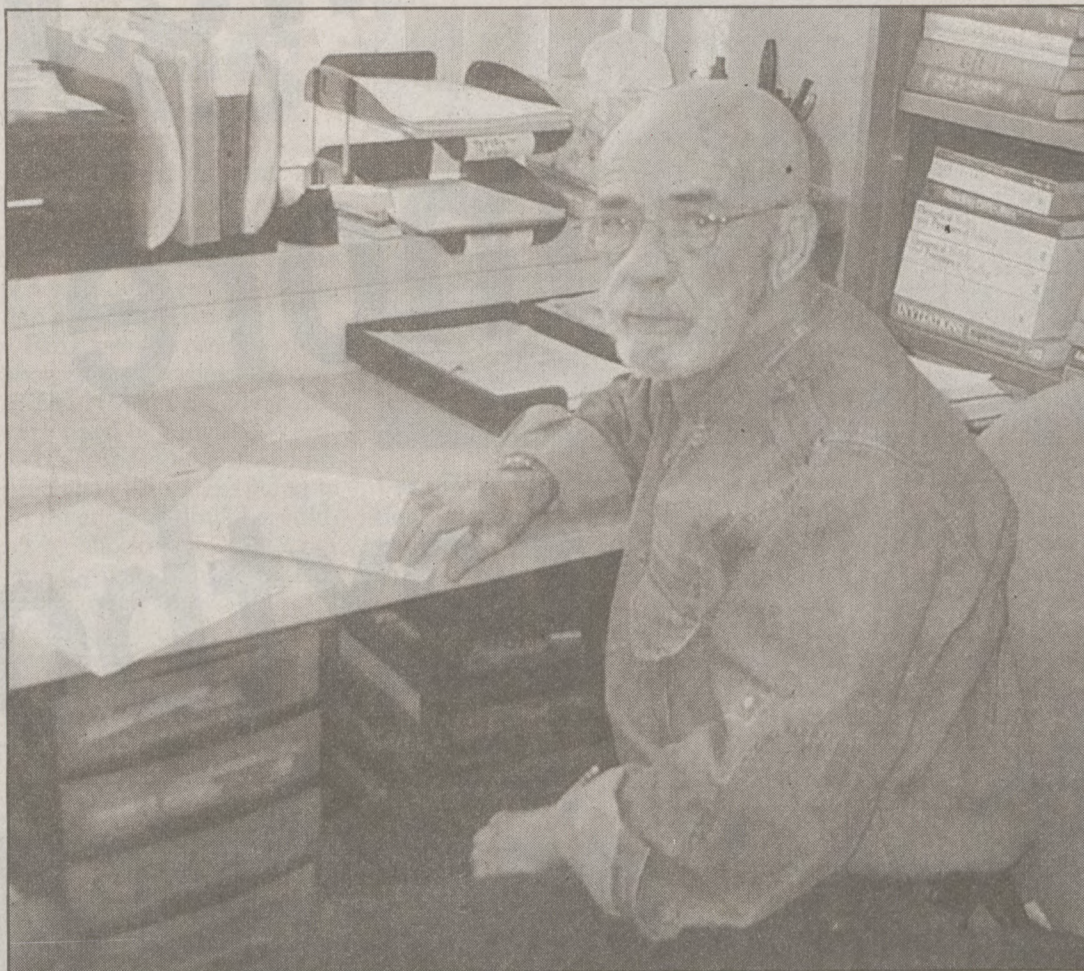
Cramer was named OU's distinguished professor last year and has added a lot of much needed inspiration to the education field, said Mary Otto, dean of the school of Education and Human Services.

"He is an outstanding role model for those of us in higher education because in addition to being a full time scholar, he continues to focus on the classroom where students and their learning remain his highest priority," she said.

"He concentrates on helping his students become excellent teachers so that the cycle of teaching and learning endures into the future."

The award Cramer will receive is to help recognize a professor who teaches reading methods or reading related courses.

The nominee for this award has to be engaged in teacher preparation in read-



Professor of Education Ron Cramer edits in his office in the Education Building. Cramer will receive the 2004 Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading award in Reno, Nev. in May.

ing for the graduate or undergraduate student in a university. The nominee must also be a member of the International Reading

Association.

Cramer will be receiving the \$1,000 award on May 5, at the International Reading Association conven-

tion, in Reno, Nev.

Cramer is clearly pleased with his award and said, simply, it made him feel "Damn good."

SEHS offers help

BY DEANNA BELGER
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is continually striving to improve the quality of life and education for students – and now students can help.

Next fall, the Human Resource Development Department in the School of Education and Human Services is spearheading a new mentoring program for freshman and sophomore students.

Volunteer upperclass students will mentor underclassmen on what the Human Resource Development program has to offer, what classes they should take and help them decide if this is the right major for them.

By working closely with their peers, the students will have someone they can talk to with experience for guidance.

"I don't want them to feel isolated and all alone," said Dr. Monica Tracey, the faculty lead on the project. She said she is hoping to build a community atmosphere for students on campus.

Freshman and sophomore students will be providing a lot back to their mentors.

"It's a two-way relationship. Mentees will give us new ways to look at things, new attitudes, a new viewpoint on things," said Pam Ferig, assistant professor and graduate student.

The new program encourages the students to form lasting relationships that will benefit both the mentors and the mentees. Currently, there are close to 200 declared undergraduate majors in the program, with more to come next fall.

Graduate students interested in mentoring and undergraduates looking for guidance are encouraged to contact Tracey at (248) 370-1465 or tracey@oakland.edu for more information.

Founders' memory celebrated

BY TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

OU has grown a great deal since its creation in 1956, and now it celebrates Founders' Day honoring the memory of the university benefactors, Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson.

The Office of the President will be hosting Founders' Day at OU April 15.

Beginning in 1997 with the ribbon cutting of the Science and Engineering building, each year has brought a significant event relevant to future years on campus.

Ann Ruppenthal, assistant director of media relations, said Founders' Day is a chance for the university community to celebrate the past and recognize and thank those who have contributed to the future of the institution.

"Founders' Day was established by then-interim President Gary Russi in 1997 on the occasion of the university's 40th anniversary as a way to honor the university's legacies of a distinctive educational mission and strong community and alumni support," she said. "President Russi spoke about both OU's history and future on that day, as the campus and community also celebrated Dr. Russi's investiture as Oakland's fifth president."

This year's theme is "Celebrating our past and embracing our future."

To start the day, there will be a ceremony from 10-11 a.m. to unveil the name of the Education and Human Services building. The building will be named Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall after the OU trustee and alum and his wife, Carlotta.

"We are fortunate enough to be honoring two people who exemplify those traditions of inspired philanthropic support and service to our students," said Russi. "The Pawley's are long-time supporters of Oakland and recently made a generous gift to the university, one of several they've made over the years."

The ceremony invites all OU students,



Courtesy of Oakland University

Matilda Wilson, one of OU's benefactors, will be celebrated for her and her husband's generosity during Founders' Day.

faculty and staff, as well as the surrounding community.

The ninth annual faculty recognition luncheon will also be part of the Founders' Day celebration beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the banquet rooms of the OC. This event is by invitation only.

To close the day, there will be a dinner with the merchants of downtown Rochester to celebrate recent partnerships. The downtown area provides shopping, dining and entertainment for the OU community and also internship opportunities for students. This event is also by invitation only.

Founders' Day is a day where faculty are honored for their outstanding accomplishment on campus and a day to thank the Wilson's for their gift of 1,500 acres and \$2 million.

"Founders' Day is an important day for us, as we celebrate and remember the great contributions made by those who were

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Seminar set for Thursday

BY LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

The 10th annual Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy Seminar on China will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall.

The event is named in honor of Woodcock, a former U.A.W. president and the first U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

The event provides current information on business, government and education officials regarding the current economic and political relationship between China and the United States, according to Lt. Mel Gilroy of OU's Police Department and a co-chair of the event.

"We, at Oakland University, try to support a positive relationship between the U.S. and China," he said.

This year's event will feature speakers both from China and the U.S. Michael Michalak from the U.S. State Department will return from the American embassy in Tokyo to represent the U.S. government at the event. Michalak is an OU alum.

Gilroy said the event is a project of the College of Arts and

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Partnership for autism created

BY TERESA PIZZORNI
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is building as a national model for education in autism.

A new resource center for families with autistic children is being developed on OU's campus that will be the first of its kind.

The resource center is the result of a partnership between Jack's Place for Autism, a non-profit organization, and the School of

Education and Human Services. The purpose of the collaboration is to create a state-of-the-art autism resource center.

The center will be a place for families with autistic children to learn more about the disorder and gain access to different resource groups and organizations.

It will also be a place to educate OU's future teachers on how to work with autistic children. Future plans include creating

internship opportunities and an academic course based on working with autistic children.

"This is a unique collaboration that benefits the university, the foundation and most of all, families and children with autism," said Mary Otto, dean of the School of Education and Human Services.

The resource center, as of now, is Web based.

Soon, both groups aim to

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Police Beat

• A student living in West Vandenberg Hall passed out on Wednesday, March 31. The student reported she felt weak and hadn't eaten all day and was concerned because she was seven months pregnant. The student was waiting on results of a test she had gotten ear-

lier in the week for gestational diabetes, and she was transported to Crittenton Hospital for further evaluation.

• A resident assistant in West Vandenberg Hall believed there was underage drinking going on in a dorm

on Thursday, April 1.

The RA gave the responding officer four identification cards of the individuals she suspected. The RA was making her rounds and heard loud noises coming from a room and knocked on the door to quiet the group down. She noticed several

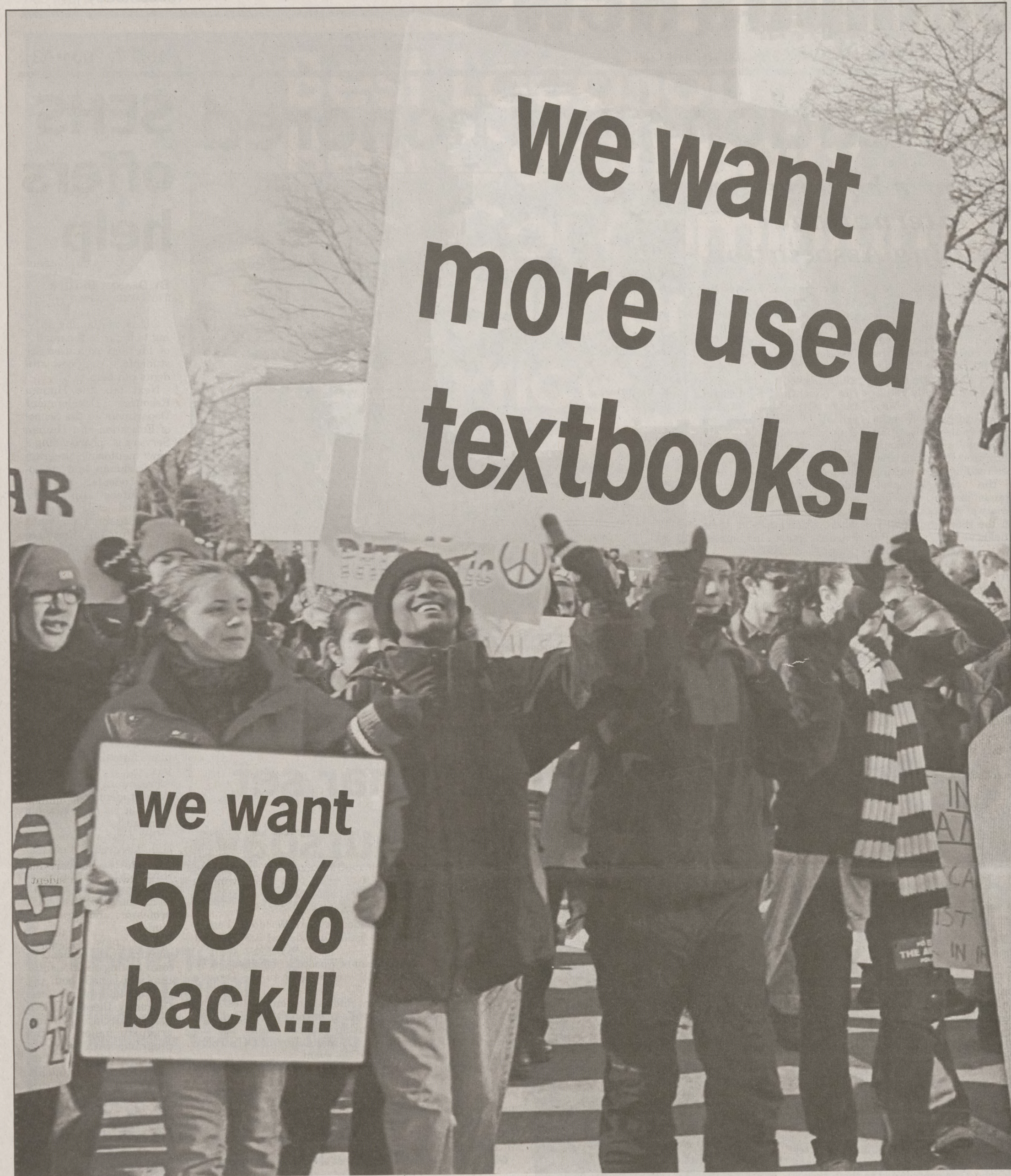
beer bottles and asked for ID from the occupants of the room. The responding officer checked the room out and did notice alcohol on the breath of one male student, after he said he wasn't drinking. The student was given a breath test, and he blew a .035.

Other tests were given to the individuals in the room, all said they were not drinking. Citations were given to two of the students and all alcohol was disposed.

• A student's cell phone and \$10 were stolen from his locker at the Rec Center

Monday, April 5.

• After an initial traffic stop April 5, OUPD arrested a person who was driving on a suspended license in front of the 1000 building of the University Student Apartments. Byers Towing took the car away.



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OPEC pumps up gas prices

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

As Oakland County drivers are squeezed by record gas prices and experts predicting relief is nowhere in sight, consumers are starting to point fingers of blame.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which controls roughly half of the world's crude oil supply, said the reason for high prices is supply and demand—when the supply of oil is low, like it is now, the price goes up; when the supply of oil is high, and price goes down.

Gas prices have sky rock-

eted since the beginning of 2004, jumping nearly 30 cents per gallon, according to the Fuel Gauge Index provided by the AAA Web site.

Jim Rink, Michigan spokesperson for AAA, said there are many contributing factors to high oil prices.

"The price of oil depends on the fact that the world demand for oil is high," he said. "It also has to do with market speculation and how much the oil companies can get," Rink said.

According to AAA, the U.S. gets 17 percent of its oil from Canada, 13 percent from Mexico, 13.8 percent from Venezuela, 14 percent

from Saudi Arabia and less than five percent comes from Russia, Norway and a few other countries. The other half comes from domestic resources.

Rink said recent data showed a decrease in gas prices. He said the market is very hard to gauge.

"It's impossible to say how much gas prices are going to go up or down, but I wouldn't be shocked to see \$2 per gallon this coming summer," said Rink.

Gas stations try to stay close in price and are not allowed to price gouge to stay ahead during hard times.

Brett Szuch is a gas sta-



Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post

Gas prices may hit \$2 a gallon before the summer.

tion attendant at the North Hill Marathon station on the corner of Rochester Road and Tienken. That Marathon is charging \$1.79 per gallon of unleaded gas, and Szuch believes that because the station is in a higher income area, the price doesn't matter much.

"The demand is still there. People need to drive and put gas in their cars," he said. "People always complain about gas prices, even if the price is \$1.39 or \$1.49, it doesn't matter."

Marathon, like most gas stations, does not set the

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Global Glance

•Monday, Lithuanian President Ronandas Paksas became the first European leader to be removed through impeachment. Parliament found him guilty of granting citizenship to a Russian businessman in return for campaign funding, influencing the outcome of privatization and divulging official secrets. Until another election can be held, Parliamentary Speaker Artura Paulauskas will serve as interim president.

•A Chicago resident set the record for sailing around the world, almost six days faster than the previous record. Steve Fossett crossed the finish line after 58 days, nine hours, 32 minutes and 45 seconds. Fossett, a 59-year-old millionaire also holds other world records in sailing and flying.

•Rwandan officials said the West bears "criminal responsibility" for the country's practices of genocide in 1994. Nearly one-million native Tutsis and Hutus were slaughtered by extremists during a 100-day campaign of brutality after a plane carrying the Rwandan president was shot down in April 1994. Rwanda now blames the West, specifically the U.S., France, and Great Britain, for not stopping the genocide because Rwanda had "no strategic importance."

•More rain is expected in northern Mexico and southern Texas after weekend storms forced Rio Escondido to pour over its banks and cause flash flooding throughout the area. More than 30 people drowned and dozens are still unaccounted for. Mexican President Vicente Fox declared a state of emergency and ordered soldiers to the area to help in the rescue efforts.

Global goof

•A New Zealand city tried to host its own version of Pamplona's "Running of the Bulls," but it was a baah-d idea. The inaugural "Running of the Sheep" was pure chaos as 2,000 sheep trampled throughout the middle of town. The puzzled animals split up and ran in every direction except the planned route through the capital, Wellington. The event organizer, John Grainger, said the spectacle was to emphasize the fact that sheep are the backbone of New Zealand's economy. While spectators hope this will become an international event, no one is taking credit for the idea of the "Running of the Sheep."

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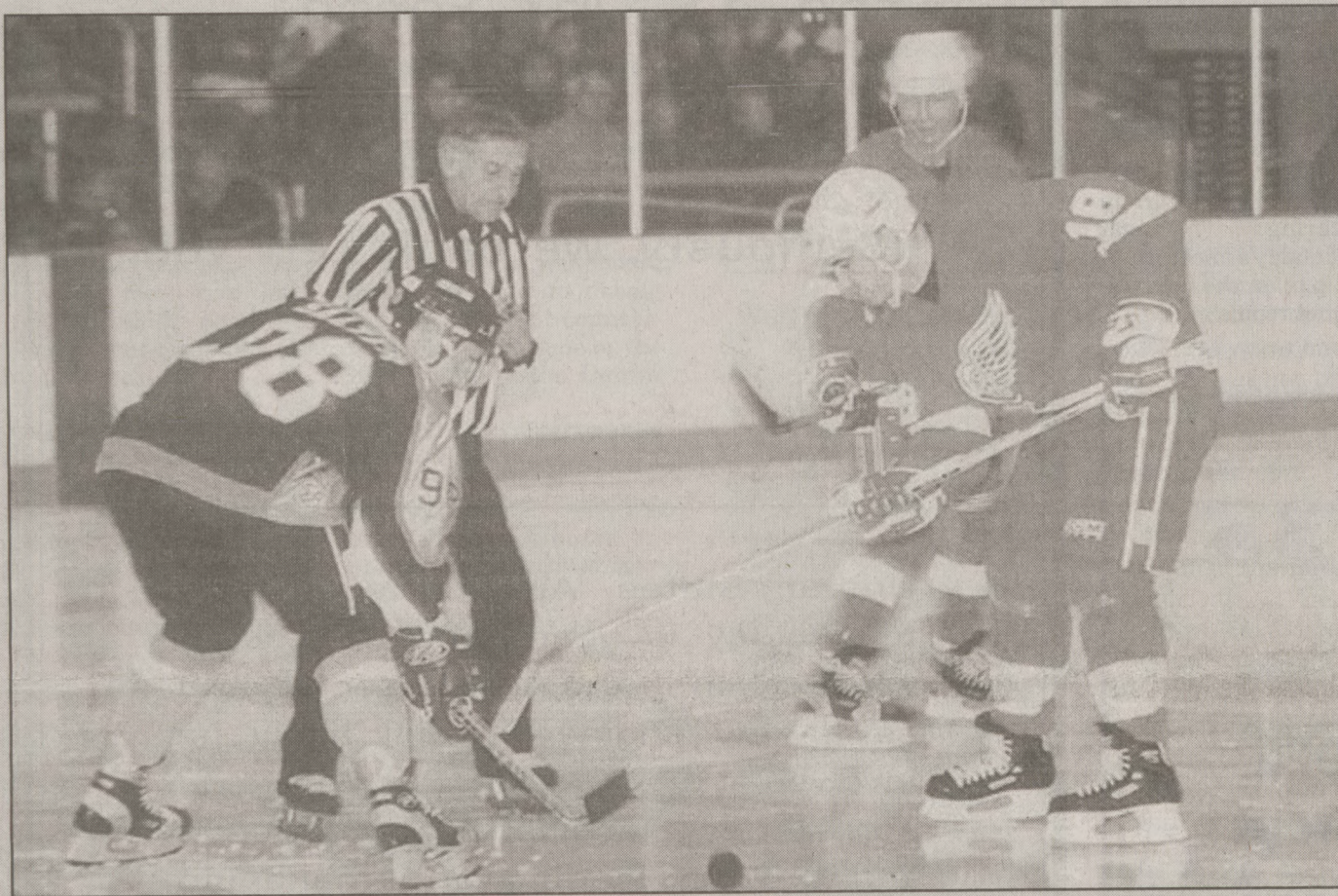


Photo courtesy of Troy Police Department

It was a close game, but in the end, the former Red Wings managed to beat the Troy Police Hockey Club, 8-7, in their third annual charity game.

Wings win for charity

Troy Police faced off against retired Red Wings

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sept. 11, 2001, Troy police officer Charles Mulvihill died of a heart attack he had while on duty.

For the third straight year, the Troy Police Hockey Club honored his memory by squaring off against retired Detroit Red Wings in a charity game.

Proceeds from the event went to its sponsor, the Troy Police Benevolent Association, a nonprofit organization established by Troy police officers, city employees, community volunteers and concerned citizens to provide assistance to people in need, including families of public safety employees experiencing financial distress or personal tragedy.

Lt. Scott McWilliams said the event raised over \$21,000 for the Association, up from last year's total of \$17,000. In the game's first year,

\$24,000 was raised that went directly to the Mulvihill family.

Money is raised through ticket sales, advertising in the game's program and a silent auction of donated items. This year, the silent auction raised \$3,000.

McWilliams said Mulvihill was a big hockey fan, and the idea originated to help raise money for his two sons' college education and then became a yearly event.

Now, any city employee or even citizen can benefit from the Association's hard work, McWilliams said.

He said city employees have a special bond that makes them want to look after one another.

"When something happens to one of your co-workers, people want to express emotions to the family," McWilliams said. "We're like a big family. It's not just a place to work. It's close-knit group."

The game sold out, raising more

then \$11,000, with the former Red Wings defeating the Troy Police, 8-7.

"Everyone was a winner," McWilliams said. "It raised a lot of money for a good cause. A crowd that size really makes the game more exciting."

Twenty-two officers from the Troy Police Hockey Club skated in the game against the Red Wings squad. Shawn Burr, John Ogrodnik and Craig Wolanin headlined the roster of former players.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceyca skated with the Red Wings as a special guest.

Among the notable attendees was former Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov, who has attended all three years of the event.

McWilliams said the Troy Fire Department is in the process of planning another charity event, either a spaghetti dinner or a fire department versus police department hockey game.

Walk through history

By KRISTEN HERLIHY
THE OAKLAND POST

The snow is melted and the grass is looking greener. Finally—spring is in the air.

Just last week, hundreds of Michiganders took to the streets of Rochester for a leisurely stroll at this year's first of four Downtown Rochester Gallery Crawls.

"It's really fun," Liesl Scullen, gallery coordi-

nator for participating gallery, Designhaus, said. "It's a great way to show how much art we have in the community."

Designhaus is one of nine galleries that open their doors free to the public for a gallery walk four times each year in March, June, September and November.

Designhaus features landscape and nature photography, but that's not the only medium the Crawl has to offer.

Visitors can discover a wide array of art including sculptures, paintings and more.

"People can walk around and visit with different local artists, and we also offer hors d'oeuvres and beverages," Scullen said.

Betty Brice works at Hermitage, a painting gallery, and says the best part about the evening is that she sees "new" people in the store enjoying art.

"It really brings people

in," she said.

Each walking tour also has its own theme. Last year, the galleries each donated a piece of art for a silent auction to benefit Paint a Miracle, a nonprofit art studio that offers people with disabilities a chance to explore the arts.

Scullen says they have also worked with local elementary schools and the Older Person's

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The Avenue Gallery is just one stop on the walking tour.



Nose for news?

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ing the university's school closing procedures in the event of inclement weather or emergencies.

She said the university has a system in place for making decisions regarding canceling classes. She also said the university does its best to ensure students are safe.

•Legislator Jeff

Galecki said the OC has ordered a part to help correct the problems with the computers in the lab in the lower level of the OC. He said they have also hired a student to monitor problems in the lab.

• Michael McGuinness, Student Activity Funding Board (SAFB) Chair, said congress might

find it advantageous next year to form a joint committee with members from the Residence Hall Council (RHC) to deal with food service and other issues.

•Next year's congress will be sworn in during next Monday's meeting at 4 p.m. in the OC banquet rooms.

DVD

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Video games are \$6.49 for a five-day to one-week rental, with a membership.

The Box Office Express machine requires no membership, but there are benefits for being a member. Users get a free movie when they sign up for a membership and \$15 in free movies for any referrals who sign up. Non-members can use the machines as well. By using a credit or debit card, students can rent from the machine.

Movies are returned to the same machine they are rented from.

Trailers for movies can also be viewed right on the screen so viewers can determine if the movie is some-

thing they want to rent.

Wagner said the Box Office Express service will soon expand. He said, customers will soon be able to log on to a server and check movie availability and reserve it for up to an hour. He said the Web site will also have previously viewed DVDs and new stock ready for sale.

The Box Office Express is not only a new concept for OU, but also for colleges in the U.S.

"The company has informed me that this is the first to be installed in a U.S. university. Since, there have been over a dozen already heading to universities across the U.S.," Wagner

said.

Richard Fekel, director of the OC, said he saw the Box Office Express at a conference and thought it was a new concept that would work well at OU.

Fekel said the OC is a prime location for the machine because it's a high traffic area and it doesn't limit customers to just dorm students; it can include commuters, faculty and staff as well as the residents.

According to Fekel, OU does receive an undisclosed amount of money from the machine, which is put back into the OC's operating budget.

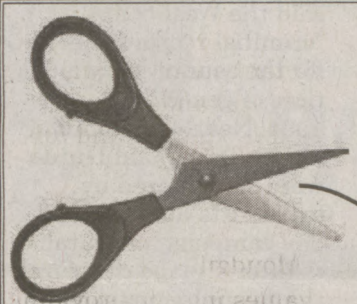
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The Academic Skills Center would like your help in naming our Distinguished Tutor for 2003-2004. We are currently accepting nominations from students who have used the tutoring services and feel that a tutor has made an impact on their academic career or has gone above and beyond the duties of a peer tutor. Nomination forms are located throughout the ASC and are easy to complete. Please take a few minutes to help us honor our dedicated staff of tutors. All nominations are due by 5 PM Thursday, April 15, 2004 and should be turned in to Beth DeVerna, Tutor Coordinator.

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Perspectives

Editor: Rebecca Wyatt•editor@oakpostonline.com

Coming up:
A column from OU Provost
Virinder Moudgil and departing
staff members

April 7, 2004•A7

Editorial at a glance

The Issue: Many students are never taught about personal finance.

Editorial stance: College is the best time to help students understand and build credit.

Education should include personal finance

We learn a lot of things in high school and college. We read books we would never pick up otherwise. We try our hand at languages and write papers about a variety of topics. However, there is one topic we aren't taught that is actually very important to our future: personal finance.

Most people have a bank account and some even have checkbooks. It's pretty easy to figure

out how to balance and manage those. Some of us have probably even dabbled with credit cards. The lucky ones have gotten loans.

The problem is there are still too many of us who don't understand mortgages, investments or even credit scores. We would have no idea how to go about buying a house, or if we would qualify for a loan. And at a certain point, some of us are probably too

afraid to ask.

Alpha Kappa Psi and the American Marketing Association tried to help this fall by bringing representatives from Rock Financial to talk about these very topics, and maybe these groups should hold more of these events.

Most of us are pre-home-buying-age, yet far enough along where we can help make it easier when we decide to. So now is the ideal

time for us to learn about this and improve our credit.

Most people think of credit cards as bad, but in this situation they can be helpful as long as they are used responsibly. That means carrying a balance you can control and paying the bills in a timely fashion.

Loans, of course, are a good option for establishing credit.

Many students rent apartments, but it

means putting money every month toward something you will never own.

This topic goes much deeper, but many students don't learn about it until it's too late.

If it's not a class students want to take and pay for, maybe there could be a seminar once a semester.

Just remember, ruining your credit is easy, it's building it back up that can take forever.

Talk Back OU community responds to The Post and events around campus

DEAR EDITOR,

Good grief, I can believe the threat posed to our Olympic athletes as they compete in Athens this year.

With Greece spending nearly eight hundred dollars on security, no wonder they are requesting help from NATO. That's only a few security cameras! They sure need more than that!

God forbid the bomber is a cheap rent-a-cop like the Atlanta incident.

The fact is that the terrorists win when they terrorize us. The chance of getting killed by a terrorist is about the same as getting hit by a bolt of lightning a hundred times in a row. The objective of terrorists is in their name.

I disagree with Mr. Stevens when he asserts

that fear is beginning to lose its grip on the American public for the fact that boycotting the Olympics is even a debate.

And yammering ad infinitum about terrorists just makes people crabby and they start debating whether or not to boycott things.

In the future you should enlist the staff to debate, whether point-counterpoint should be done by the inhabitants of the Detroit zoo.

I'll save you a person and do the "Yes" column.

BEN SUNDLING
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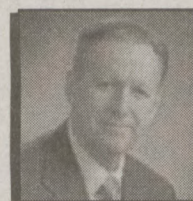
Editor Note: The Point Counter Point from last week should have stated Greece was spending \$800 million in security for the 2004 Olympics.

All Talk Back letters must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU affiliation.

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The OU Board of Trustees will meet today in Elliott Hall at 2 p.m.

Budget crisis is not an academic crisis



GARY D. RUSSI

OU President

I'm very proud of our students, faculty and staff for the way we've all pulled together through these tough financial times. The budget challenges we at Oakland University have faced over the past two years have been daunting. Our budget has been cut by the state four times since December 2002. We've had to make many painful cuts in programs and staff, and all of us have had to do more with less.

Throughout this process, we have remained committed to our core academic values. Despite frequent budget cuts, we have done our best to preserve and even enhance the academic experience for our students.

The challenge is to continue to provide a high-quality education to each of our students, even in the face of tough economic times.

We face a \$2.5 million budget shortfall for fiscal year 2004-2005. This fact played a big role in our decision to slow the rate of freshman enrollment to last fall's level. It is our responsibility to balance student enrollment with our ability to deliver the high-quality education and support services for which we are known. This move is intended to slow the rate of growth, and we will assess the success of the limit on a year-to-year basis.

It's a critical balance. We are committed to moving the university forward in every respect, and yet we must be careful to manage our growth in a fiscally responsible fashion. Growth often necessitates adding critical programs, services, facilities and staff, and yet in this time of economic malaise, it's very

difficult to move at the pace to which we have become accustomed.

On the positive side of the ledger, Oakland University is poised to capitalize on the growth and momentum we have built over the past several years. Our outstanding faculty and talented students, combined with multiple partnerships, enable us to give our students a well-rounded learning experience. And, that experience is getting better all the time.

A recently approved substantial revamping of general education at Oakland will further enhance the value of an Oakland degree by introducing students to a broader base of knowledge, as well as the analytical and evaluative tools needed to lead productive and fulfilling lives of leadership and service. You'll hear more about this soon from Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil.

Our academic values include providing students with a wealth of interdisciplinary learning opportunities in an environment enriched by exceptional teachers, researchers and world-class scholars; developing the individual, since true learners possess both competence and character; and preparing students to make meaningful and significant contributions in the workplace and society.

One of our driving priorities is to deliver to our students an undergraduate and graduate education that prepares them with a portfolio of skills and values that make them productive citizens and highly sought after by employers.

And despite the continuing economic challenges, we will continue to provide a valuable education to all of our students; a high-quality education guided by core academic values.



Student explains why Bush is inspirational



CHARITY JONES

OU Student

One of the many criticisms I hear about President Bush is that his religious beliefs often get in the way of his politics.

Although I dislike listening to attacks on President Bush, this is one of the criticisms that I actually enjoy hearing. What some consider Bush's greatest flaw, I consider his greatest strength.

It takes a man of great courage and character to stand up for what he believes is right. It is much easier to compromise beliefs and morals in the name of political correctness.

As a Christian, I have been pressured to separate my political beliefs from my religious ones.

The notion that my political and religious beliefs can be separated is absurd. They are one and the same.

For me to separate my "Christianity" from politics is impossible. I am a Christian. That is who I am in every aspect of my life. My political beliefs are based on the foundation I have established in Christ Jesus. I cannot separate the two.

I have heard that in order to be a fair politician, to be balanced, I should not

look at issues as a Christian.

That is the equivalent of someone telling me not to look at issues of civil rights, or any issue for that matter, as an African-American, in the name of fairness. Just the sound of that is laughable.

Although I don't agree with everything George W. Bush does, I admire his strength in such a liberal world. I admire his boldness and his willingness to defend his faith at the expense of someone calling him crazy.

I've heard many jokes, some from my beloved professors, when Bush said Jesus was his favorite philosopher. Pardon me, I missed the humor.

The man who preached forgiveness, encouraged giving to the poor, healed the sick, gave hope to the hopeless and gave his life for the sins of the world is Bush's favorite philosopher. Oh yeah, that's really funny.

I think it's ridiculous that it is so easy for people to point the finger at Bush and his religion, his morals, his integrity and in the same breath defend other politicians who claimed allegiance to Christianity but behaviors in office suggest otherwise.

I have also heard the argument of the separation of church and state. I would like to clarify to all separation of church and state proponents, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution says, "Congress shall make

no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition for a redress of grievances."

I have yet to see congress making a law respecting the establishment of religion, however, I have witnessed the First Amendment used to restrict people's constitutional right to free speech concerning religion. Wait, let me clarify,

I have seen the First Amendment used to restrict people's Constitutional right to free speech concerning Christianity.

The fact of the matter is that it is unpopular to stand for Christian beliefs in this day and age, especially in the political arena. Although atheists make up a much less percentage of America than Christians, their agenda is continuously being pursued.

Despite the persistence of many, for me to separate my politics and religion, it will never happen, and I am honored to live in a country where my leader does not back down from his beliefs.

I admire George Bush for his loyalty to his religion and his faithfulness to his God. I pray that I share in his courage, never caving in to the pressure to compromise my beliefs and morals for anyone or anything but standing for what is right in the face of adversity.

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FOUNDER

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instrumental in creating and guiding Oakland University in its earliest days," said Russi. Past Founders' Day events include the Honors College open house in 1998, the ground breaking of the University Student Apartments and the Education and Human Services building in 2001 and the ground breaking of the parking structure, as well as the graduate student center dedication in 2002.

ART

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Commission (OPC) on Gallery Crawl nights, displaying their art. Most recently, each senior artist from the OPC was at the galleries to meet the tourists. A watercolorist who simply goes by "Mrs. Haman" was featured at Hermitage. Betty Brice of the Hermitage said her work created a lot of attention, but it can be tough to pinpoint a single favorite artist from the hundreds of paintings they showed that night. "That's a hard one," Brice chuckled. "I think everyone has their own favorites." The Gallery Crawl was started up again two years ago after a similar art tour died out. "We just started talking and came up with this idea," Scullen said. The next gallery tour will be June 25 in Downtown Rochester and no tickets or reservations are required. "Just show up and browse," Scullen said.

SEMINAR

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Sciences, underwritten by the college distribution program fund and corporate sponsorships. "It's a great public service thing we do," he said. Gilroy said the event is typically well attended

GAS

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price for gas. "The oil company sets the price and we mark it up enough to make a profit to run our business," said Szuch. "We're riding the wave and the gas comes to us." Every motorist is affected by this high-priced petroleum. Commuter students are being hit hard, too, and trying to find other ways to accommodate for the hole in their wallets. Mike Cook, senior, said he had to trade in his truck for a car because prices are too high for him to keep gas in it. Cook got a job delivering pizzas to help pay bills. "I am not making half as much money as I was when I started my job, and

I can't afford to go out anywhere because it costs too much to drive," said Cook. David Michael, senior, is fed up with the price of gas and is convinced they will get higher before there is any relief. "Prices are getting to be outrageous and it's getting to the point where you don't even want to go anywhere because who can afford to keep putting \$20 of gas into their car sometimes twice a week?" said Michael. Gas prices are high and are going to increase, but there are ways to save on gas to beat the prices at the pump. AAA offers a list of saving tips including car pooling, driving less and slowing down at their Web site www.aaa.com.

by students. "It's (the seminar) offered during the school year to give students an opportunity to take advantage of the opportunity," Gilroy said. Although the event is free to the public, registration is required, and Gilroy said space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Gilroy at (248) 370-3339 or at megilroy@oakland.edu today.

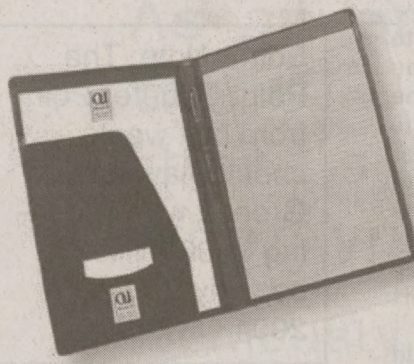
AUTISM

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offer a housed resource center in the new School of Education building on campus. Jack's Place for Autism Foundation is currently providing funding for OU to be able to hire a staff for the resource center. Jack's Place for Autism was formed almost two years ago by Detroit Tiger broadcaster, Jim Price and his wife after they learned their son was autistic. There are an estimated 1.5 million American children and adults with autism. Typically, those afflicted with autism have difficulties in communication, cognitive function and social interaction.

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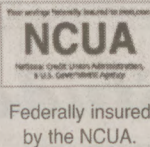
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Skid extends to nine

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

With Wednesday's home opener cancelled due to rain, the OU softball team finally experienced home-field advantage against Western Illinois University on Friday. OU trailed behind Western Illinois both days this weekend losing all four games. The defeats brings OU's record to 9-18 overall and 1-8 in the Mid-Con.

The games began on Friday afternoon with the first game lasting 12 innings, which ended with a staggering loss of 5-0.

"This was not a very good weekend for the girls," said softball head coach Mike Tomlinson. "The team is a young group who doesn't know how to win yet."

The first six innings of the game were uneventful with only four runs scored.

Things didn't start heating up until the seventh inning when both teams battled in a scoreless tie up until the 12th inning.

Western Illinois stepped up the game by getting five runs that inning.

Junior Karen Marie Pena pitched all 12 innings for them, letting only five hits in and struck out five batters.

Pitching for OU was junior Nicole Marzano who gave up six hits and three runs the first 11.1 innings.

Sophomore Carmie Knorr and freshman Korey Schluckbier pitched the remainder of the game and each gave up one run.

"We have a thin pitching staff right now and I need some girls to step up and come out of their comfort zone — they are not used to that," said Tomlinson.

The second game was started on Friday night, but due to the lack of daylight, it continued on Saturday afternoon.

OU was leading 7-4 at the end of Friday night, scoring four runs off of five hits in the first inning.

Knorr got the team going with her triple out to right field and was brought home by junior Christina Schulte.

Sophomore Kate Jones and freshman Dana Blugerman put Schulte on third with their singles.



Above: Junior Grizzly outfielder Christina Schulte makes contact for one of the Grizzlies' hits this weekend. Right: Sophomore OU pitcher Nicole Marzano goes through her windup.

Schulte came home when Western Illinois pitcher, freshman Christine Drankiewicz, walked Marzano.

Next at bat was senior Erica Judge, whose single brought both Blugerman and Jones home to give OU the lead of 4-1.

Western Illinois came back in the second inning scoring three runs to tie until Schulte hit a double and brought Knorr home to put OU in the lead once again.

The game ended on Friday with junior Toni Salo and freshman Natalie Webb hitting singles to bring the score to 7-4.

OU had the lead going into Saturday afternoon, but they ran into some difficulty

in the sixth inning when the score fell to 9-8.

Western Illinois stepped it up and had five runs in the sixth inning, while OU was only able to score one more in the seventh.

In the first full game on Saturday, OU was not able to gain any runs, but Western Illinois was able to take advantage of OU's errors and scored 12 runs.

In the last game on Saturday, Western Illinois was at it again and ended the game with a score of 3-0.

"We are in a rebellion stage right now," said Tomlinson. "We need to get fire and intensity in our game; we need to be mentally ready and hopefully next weekend we will be."

The next game is today at the OU Softball Field where they will be playing Wayne State University.

The doubleheader will begin at 3:30 p.m.

OU will also play a pair of doubleheaders against Valparaiso University this weekend on the road.



Struggles continue for OU

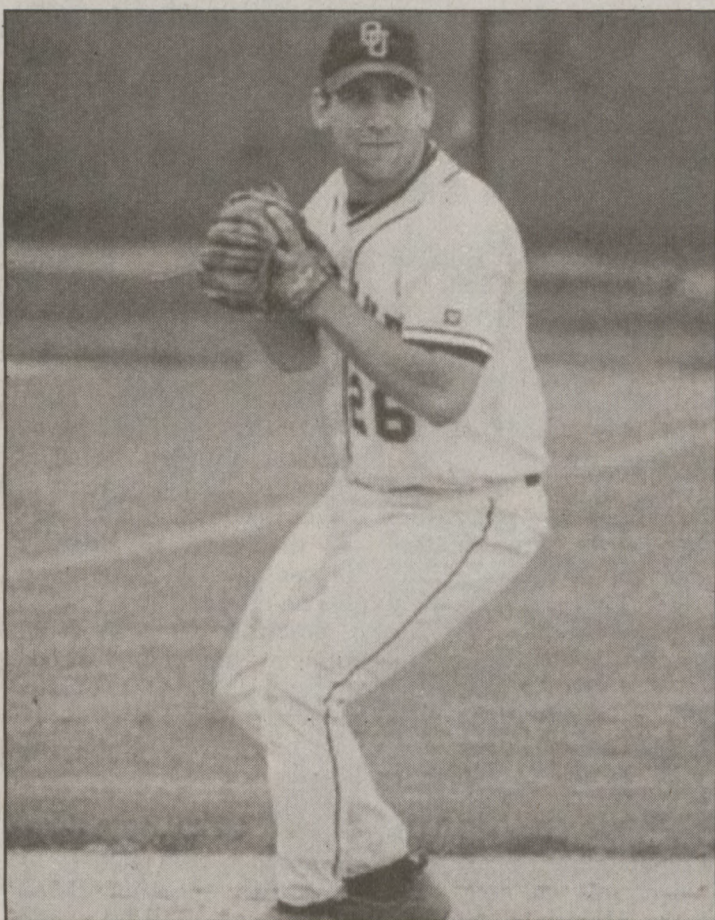


Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Junior OU first baseman Ty Herriott makes a throw in a game last year. Herriott hit his fifth home run this weekend.

By DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

Six home runs were not enough for OU on Tuesday as they lost to Eastern Michigan 9-8.

"Our pitching and hitting were fine," said head coach Mark Avery. "There is a difference between kicking the ball around to lose the game and just getting beat. We got beat and that's ok."

The Golden Grizzlies have now lost nine in a row and are 5-18 this season.

The weekend was not good for OU's pitching staff or its team defense.

OU allowed Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to score 60 runs in four losses.

"We just ran out of pitching," said Avery. "That happens with the number of injuries we have. Hopefully, we will be getting some guys back soon."

In the first game of the double header on Saturday, OU sophomore right fielder Tim Doig put OU on top with an RBI single in the top of the first. Eastern did not

allow OU to have the lead for long, scoring five runs in the bottom of the first.

Down 9-3, freshman left fielder Brad Noel tried to get OU back into the game with a homer in the top of the seventh. Eastern fired back

to score six runs in the bottom of the seventh, and the Grizzlies could not manage any more runs, losing 15-4.

The Grizzlies pitching staff did not fare well in the second game of the doubleheader, either. Junior starting pitcher Heath Craven lasted only 0.2 innings, allowing five EMU runs, four earned.

Craven was one of four OU pitchers to allow at least four earned runs, as the team lost 23-9.

Junior first baseman Ty Herriott hit his fifth HR of the season, as he went 2-4

with three RBIs.

In Friday's game, OU was leading 7-6 when Eastern rallied to score 10 runs in the bottom of the eighth en route to a 16-11 win.

Senior starting pitcher Dominic Carmosino went four innings and allowed four

earned runs in his no decision. Junior pitcher Tim Edick allowed four earned runs in 1.1 innings of work and got the loss.

Herriott went 3-4 and scored five runs.

Next up for the Grizzlies is Ohio State University at 6:35 p.m. today on the road. OU

will then play a pair against Madonna University and Rochester College at noon and 3 p.m., respectively, on Friday.

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, OU takes on Central Michigan University at home.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

Confessions of a broken sports fan

I have to admit it to everyone: I fell asleep during Monday night's men's NCAA basketball championship.

Woe is me.

Granted, I have been overworked lately and needed the sleep more than I will admit.

And the game was a blowout, which did not exactly spur an overwhelming need to keep my eyes glued to the television screen.

But I still cannot hide my shame. As a "sports guy," my nap is unacceptable at best, blasphemy at worst.

My snooze is even more incriminating considering my previous column hyping March Madness as the end-all-be-all of sports.

And there I was, knocked out.

It did get me to thinking, however, and that's always dangerous.

I began to wonder if I have lost my passion for sports, or if I was just plain exhausted.

Admittedly, I have not watched sports for fun much lately. It's been a difficult task in the hectic schedule of a hard-working, overburdened college student.

"SportsCenter," while still my favorite program on television, hands down, is not the staple of my diet it was 'back in the day.'

But, I found hope. Those days are not gone, merely misplaced.

Soon, the sun will shine and the birds will sing and my schedule will free up and...

Wait a second. By the time that happens, it's all going to be over.

March Madness? It's already April.

National Hockey League playoffs? Ending by early June.

OK, at least I still have the National Basketball League, right?

With the enormous spacing between games, those playoffs should get me through May.

All right, I will be isolated up north in July, so that just leaves June.

What do I do with June?

Hockey? Gone.

Football? Not yet.

Basketball? Not even if I wanted it.

No. It's not fair. Why now? Can't I rewind a couple months and just catch up on all the games I missed?

Nope. It's time to 'take me out to the ball game.'

Baseball season is all I have left. Well, at least the Tigers won on Opening Day, there's some hope in that.

Through the midst of these ramblings, one thing is clear: We need to make time for the things that are important in this world.

Like sports.

No longer shall I take seemingly endless seasons for granted.

It is time to appreciate the sports I can watch.

So ... baseball it is.

Wait. Are the

Olympics this year?

Saved by the ... uhh ... torch?

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Check out the times and dates below to get a jump on what's going on in OU athletics this week and beyond. All times are local.

Baseball

Wed April 7, 6:35 p.m.
@ Ohio State
Fri April 9, 12, 3 p.m.
vs. Rochester College
vs. Madonna
Tue April 13, 3 p.m.
vs. Central Michigan

Softball

Wed April 7, 3:30 p.m.
vs. Wayne State
Fri April 9, 2:30 p.m.
@ Valparaiso
Sat April 10, 1 p.m.
@ Valparaiso
Mon April 12, 3 p.m.
@ Bowling Green

Tennis

Fri April 9, 2 p.m.
@ Centenary
Sat April 10, 10 a.m.
@ Valparaiso
Sat April 10, 2 p.m.
@ Chicago State
Sun April 11, 10 a.m.
@ Oral Roberts
Sun April 11, 2 p.m.
@ Western Illinois

Men's and Women's Golf

Fri-Sat April 9-10
Mussato/Beau Classic
Sun-Mon April 11-12
Bronco Invitational

Golfers dominate in back-to-back wins

Preparation nears close with only one tournament remaining before Mid-Con Championship

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

To begin the fall portion of its schedule, the OU men's golf squad rattled off five straight tournament victories.

After a rough start to the spring, the Golden Grizzlies are back on track.

With titles at the Bellarmine Intercollegiate and Cleveland State Invitational (CSI), OU has put together another run of tournament crowns.

At the CSI, the Grizzlies placed all five of its scoring golfers in the top 10 to take a 15-strokes win over their competition. OU's two-round total of 596 was followed by second-place University of Dayton's 611 and host Cleveland State University's third place total of 625.

Junior Brian Stuard led the Grizzlies at the CSI, firing a 146 in the two-round tournament, three strokes beyond the tournament winner. Stuard was tied for third after the first round after shooting a 74, but stepped it up in the final round with an even-par 72 to place second overall.

After one round of action, sophomore Jonathon Pauli was pacing OU after shooting an even-par 72, putting him in second place. But a second-round score of 76 moved Pauli back into a tie for third at the end of com-

petition, two-strokes back of Stuard.

Freshman Charlie Kluesner had his best outing since the opening tournament of the fall, shooting a 149 to place fifth overall.

Kluesner's season-opening score of a par 144 tied him for fifth at the Ferris State University Bulldog Fall Invitational.

Since that opening tournament, he has not shot better than a plus-eight prior to the CSI.

The Grizzlies' final scored golfers finished in a tie for ninth. Senior Ryan Yelen showed consistency, shooting a pair of 77s for an overall score of 154.

Junior Matt Pullen matched Yelen's two-round total, improving on a first round score of 78 with a 76 in the second round.

Two OU golfers competed as individuals (did not count toward the team score), both finishing in the top 30.

Sophomore Rob Tate was in the top 10 after an opening round 75, but slipped out of contention in the second round with an 85, pushing his overall total to 160 and putting him in a tie for 25th place.

Redshirt freshman Rob Reynolds finished one stroke back, opening with an 80 and finishing the tournament with an 81.

At the Bellarmine Invitational, the Grizzlies nearly swept the top three

spots en route to a tournament title. OU bested its competition by 15 strokes, defeating Dayton and host Bellarmine University, which tied for second with totals of 462.

Rain may have cut the tournament down from 36 to 27 holes, but it didn't slow the Grizzlies.

Stuard captured his third individual title of the season, finishing just one stroke ahead of Pauli to capture the top spot. Stuard shot an even-par 72 in the opening round and followed it up with a 37 in the nine-hole second round for a 109.

Pauli had his best finish of the season, placing second with a 27-hole total of 110 (75-35).

Rounding out OU's high-end dominance, Pullen reeled in a tie for third place. Pullen matched Pauli's opening-round 75, but fell one shot back in the final round.

Kluesner placed in a tie for 13th with a 117 and Yelen shot a 126 to put him in a tie for 38th.

This week, the Grizzlies will wrap up their regular season at the Mussato/Beau Classic hosted by Western Illinois University on Friday and Saturday.

It will be OU's final tournament before the Mid-Con Championships, hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, on April 19 and 20.

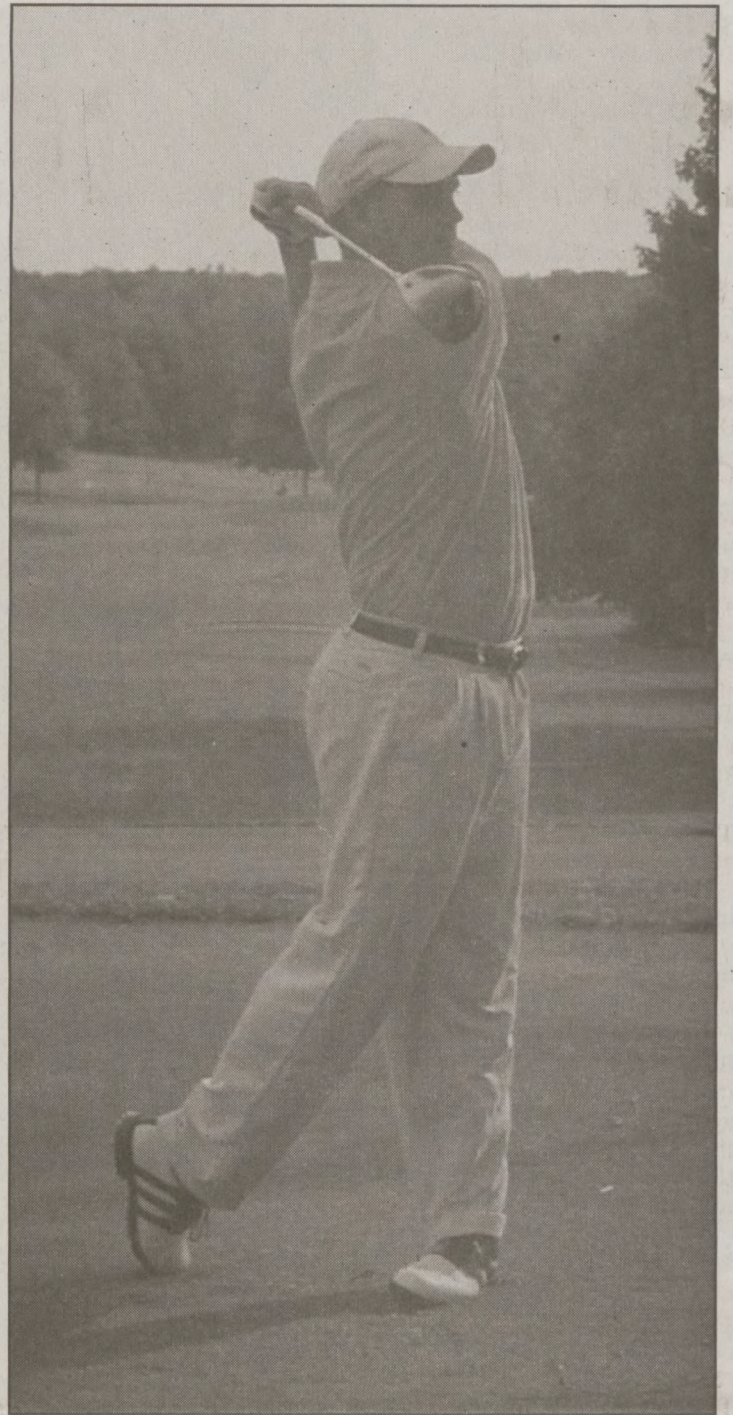


Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Senior golfer Ryan Yelen takes his swing. After having a slow start this spring, the OU men's golf team has rediscovered success, winning two consecutive tournaments.

Variety, success for women

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

In the fall portion of its schedule, the OU women's golf squad struggled to find consistent support for senior Mara Mazzoni, who never finished lower than ninth overall.

This spring, it's been quite the opposite. After finishing as the OU best in six consecutive tournaments, Mazzoni hasn't held the team lead outright in three competitions.

Her teammates have been stepping up, and the outcomes have shown the difference.

The only title OU captured in the fall was at the home-course advantage of the Golden Grizzly Invitational.

But things have been on the up swing for the squad this spring, having already captured two team titles in four tournaments.

The second crown came this weekend at the Cleveland State Invitational (CSI), where the Grizzlies dominated their competition by 48 strokes. That win followed a second-place finish at the

Bellarmine Intercollegiate earlier in the week.

Mazzoni led OU at the CSI, moving up the leaderboard in the two-round tournament to claim the individual title. She opened the tournament with an 85 to put her in a tie for third, but a final round 77 gave her the CSI crown with an overall score of 162.

Sophomore Patricia Ellsworth continued her strong spring performance, placing in a tie for second with a 163 total. Ellsworth paced the field after the first round, shooting an 80 in the opening round.

The Grizzlies placed all five of its golfers in the top 10 on its way to a convincing victory at the CSI.

Freshman Christina Cibrario brought home a fourth place finish, shooting a 170 (86-84), moving up after being in fifth place after the first round.

Fellow-freshman Stacey Goins was on Cibrario's heels, but finished two strokes back with a 172 (88-84) to claim sixth place.

Rounding out OU's lineup was junior Leigh Gulbransen, who

totaled a 178 (90-88) to finish in eighth place overall.

Rain shortened last week's Bellarmine Invitational, killing any chances at a second round run by the Grizzlies, and leaving them in second place, 10 strokes back of tournament champs Northern Kentucky University.

Goins and Ellsworth were part of something that had not happened all season.

For the first time this year, Mazzoni did not have at least a share of the top score on the team at the end of a tournament.

The young duo finished four strokes ahead of Mazzoni, with a pair of 84s. Mazzoni, along with Gulbransen and Cibrario, tied for 13th with scores of 88.

OU will wrap up its regular season at the Bronco Invitational hosted by Western Michigan University, Sunday and Monday.

It is the Grizzlies' final tournament before the Mid-Con Championships, hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, April 19 and 20.

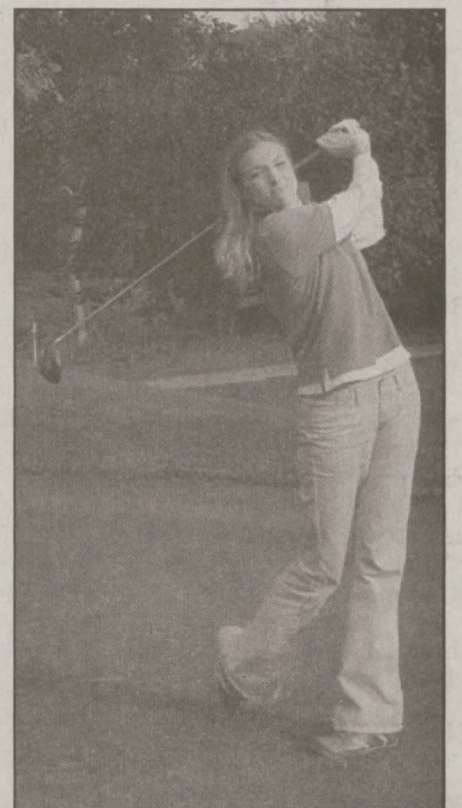


Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Senior OU golfer Sarah Stark

Mid-Con baseball player earns honor

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time this season, a Mid-Con baseball players received national recognition.

After pitching a no-hitter against Chicago State University, Oral Roberts University junior Dennis Bigley was named one of Collegiate Baseball's National Players of the Week.

Bigley faced the minimum of 21 batters in an 8-0 victory over Chicago State, becoming the first Oral Roberts pitcher to throw a no-hitter since 1986.

In the process, Bigley struck out a season-high 12 batters, lowered his ERA to a conference-best 1.96 and bolstered his overall record to 5-1.



Photo courtesy of the Mid-Con
Oral Roberts University junior Dennis Bigley.

Tutt is best from deep

Freshman Ken Tutt of Oral Roberts University and senior Cathy Joens of George Washington University were recognized for their abilities from behind the three-point arc.

Tutt and Joens won the Basketball Hall of Fame's Edward S. Steitz Awards, given to the best three-point shooters in NCAA Division I.

A freshman out of Garland, Texas, Tutt led all Division I freshman in three pointers made (101), three pointers per game (3.6) and three-point field goal percentage (.449).

His excellence from long range helped Tutt earn "Mid-Major" Freshman of the Year honors from CollegeInsider.com.

Tutt led Oral Roberts with 20.7 points per game en route to being named Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year.

He and fellow Golden Eagle freshman Caleb Green were both named to the All-Conference First Team, becoming the first freshman duo to reach such

heights since John Kimball and Les White for the University of Wyoming in the 1930-31 season.

The criteria for the Steitz Award is the most three-point shots made at the highest percentage.

Joens made 96 of 218 attempts, or 44 percent, and averaged 3.2 three pointers per game.

She was also named Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, and was one of only two players in NCAA Division I women's basketball to average over 19 points per game (20.3), six rebounds per game (6.0), three assists per game (3.3) and two steals per game (2.3).

Joens was also recognized as the Atlantic 10 Student Athlete of the Year after posting a 4.0 grade point average this season.

Weekly honors awarded

Baseball - Oral Roberts swept the conference baseball awards last week.

Senior outfielder Matt VanDerBosch, Player of the Week and Bigley, Pitcher of the Week were the honorees.

VanDerBosch went 11-for-17 with a 1.353 slugging percentage and Bigley had his no-hitter.

Softball - Western Illinois University claimed both the Mid-Con weekly honors.

Senior Hallstrom Cassandra was recognized as top player and junior Karen Marie Pena was awarded as best pitcher.

Tennis - Senior Brian Slack of IUPUI and Centenary sophomore Anja Schmidt were named tennis Players of the Week.



Sports Spotlight



Patricia Ellsworth
Sophomore, Golfer

After placing third or lower among OU finishers in her first four tournaments this season, Ellsworth has found her successful swing. She tied for first among OU golfers in both the Northern Kentucky Spring Fling and Bellarmine Invitational. Ellsworth tied for second, overall in the Cleveland State Invitational, one stroke back of tournament winner and her teammate, Mara Mazzoni, senior. With just one tournament remaining before the Mid-Con Championships, the Bronco Invitational at Western Michigan University this weekend, Ellsworth has found her swing at the right time.

BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Drag queens rule the night

BY STEPHANIE TOMOVSKA
& KANIQUA S. DANIEL
THE OAKLAND POST

Step aside RuPaul. "Ms. Roxy Starlick," better known as Mike McGuinness and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), took over the runway last Thursday at OU's first Drag Show.

"The event was primarily planned and put into action by the Gay/Straight Alliance with a lot of support from the Women's Issues Forum (WIF)," said Duane Hurt II, a GSA member.

"The idea was to raise awareness of transgender issues on campus while, at the same time, having fun and engaging the students in something that has never been done at Oakland University before."

The show began with Britney Spears blaring through the speakers and a tall woman wearing a black, patent leather skirt, tan fringed top and sunglasses entering the stage.

Her name is Serena Escevelle, a Detroit native and world-famous drag queen, and she was the MC for the night.

"I don't like the word drag," said Escevelle. "I like to be called a personal female extraordinaire."

Escevelle and the many other divas who performed

at the Drag Show were all female impersonators, with the exception of one female who impersonated a male.

The show had about 12 performers, who danced and sang to a wide variety of songs.

Before the intermission, Joe Grone, a GSA member, did a karaoke duo with "Veronika DiMonaco," one of the female impersonators. They did the famous Sunny and Cher song "I Got You Babe."

"I'm far from professional," said Grone. But his performance proved otherwise judging by the thunderous applause.

Another "queen" of the night who was well accepted by the audience was McGuinness.

"Roxy Starlick" performed two numbers, Whitney Houston's "I'm Your Baby Tonight," and Kylie Minogue's "Love At First Sight."

"It was very exhausting," McGuinness said. "Heels can break a person down, but it was great. I loved it."

McGuinness also said he expected the turnout to be substantial, but was blown away by the size of the audience.

"I love it," said Jamie Pollac, senior, while attending the show. "This is my first time at a drag show. I



Above: Drag Show MC, Serena Escevelle, introduces the OU drag queens.

Right: "Roxy Starlick," a.k.a. Mike McGuinness

saw banners all over the OC and decided to check it out."

The audience was encouraged to tip the performers, which raised \$409 to be donated to Affirmations LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gender) Center in Ferndale and the Triangle Foundation

Mark Ewing, GSA vice-

president, said these are two of Michigan's leading organizations that contribute to the gay/lesbian community.

"They do a lot for gay youths to reduce the lack of understanding, which is exactly what we want to do," said Ewing.

According to Hurt, the Gay/Straight Alliance is a



group that was reformed this year. It was formerly called Pride Forum.

The group was created to promote further understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues on campus and to create an alliance between LGBT students and straight students.

The group is open to all people with an open mind and has recently formed a progressive alliance with the WIF, which is considered their sister organization.

General business meetings are on Sundays at 6 p.m. and social meetings are on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Lights, cameras, action

OU photographers win cash for creativity behind the lens

BY STEPHANIE TOMOVSKA
THE OAKLAND POST

OU photographers are showcasing their talent at the 21st annual Photo Contest.

Photos will be on display all day in the Fireside Lounge tomorrow through Friday, and the winners of the contest will be announced Thursday.

"The students will have a day and a half to look at the pictures without knowing who won, and a day and a half to look at them after the winners are announced," said Paul Franklin, Center for Student Activities (CSA) coordinator of campus pro-

grams. "It's a nice thing when the photos are displayed and there are no names on them. So, when the judges are looking at the photographs, they don't know whose photo they're looking at."

Previous winners and professionals are not allowed to enter the contest. There are two categories in the photo contest: black and white, and color.

Each category will have a first, second and third place winner along with honorable mentions according to the contest rules.

First place winners will receive \$150, second place will receive \$100 and third place will receive \$50.

If an individual wins multiple awards, that individual will be limited to the top award in the category.

"One year, one person won five of the six prize categories," said Franklin. "After that we made a decision of how we can spread it out a little bit."

So what are the judges looking for?

"That is up to who enters, as long as they fit one of the (two) categories, the subject does not matter," said Heidi Knaus, Student Program Board (SBP) visual and performing arts chairperson.

Franklin said the contest has done very well with more than 90 photographs entered over the past several years.

Justin Ewald, a former SPB chairperson, entered the photo contest a couple of years ago.

"He didn't win first place but won prize money," Franklin said.

According to Franklin, Ewald displayed some of his work in past contests, but isn't allowed to enter them this year because anyone who knows the judges are not eligible to participate.

There are usually three judges for the contest. There is always at least one OU student and one professional photographer, Franklin said, but the judges are kept anonymous.



Photo courtesy of the Association of Black Students

ABS executive board members gather for a group photo during last year's ABS Ball.

ABS presents a Saturday soiree

BY KANIQUA S. DANIEL
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

To celebrate a legacy of scholarship, community service and campus involvement, the Association of Black Students (ABS) is hosting its annual ABS Ball Saturday from 7-11:30 p.m. in the OC Ballrooms.

Current President, Stefen J. Welch, said students can expect a night of elegance, great entertainment and a gourmet meal all free of charge to OU students.

The Detroit-based band "Hot Sauce" will be performing and A.J. Parker of KISS FM 102.7 is the keynote

speaker.

Aside from showing off flashy formal attire, this year's ABS scholarship recipients will be announced.

The new executive board will also be inaugurated at the ball.

For the 2004-2005 academic school year, ABS will be lead by James Ellout, president and Jamar Lockhart, vice-president.

Gabrielle Smith will be the secretary and Alishia Blakey, the treasurer.

As the newly appointed president, Ellout said he expects the upcoming school year to be a great challenge

as far as uniting students, but he's prepared to give his all.

"I think this year we exhibited the fact that we're not afraid to confront issues that concern minority students," Ellout said. "ABS will be one of the first organizations to address any problems that affect black students on campus."

For more information about the ABS Ball, contact Welch at (248) 370-4285 or abs_oakland@hotmail.com.

Pick up student tickets in the CSA office as soon as possible. Welch said they are selling out fast.

Guest tickets are \$7.

Kill Bill Vol. 2: when too much is just enough

By Andrew DuPont
POST MOVIE CRITIC

The title gives the ending away. The characters aren't even slightly realistic.

The action sequences are nowhere near believable, and the background music is the very definition of cheesy. Is it that bad? No, it's that good.

If you've seen "Kill Bill Vol. 1," you know exactly what to expect in the second half of Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill Vol. 2."

There is a lot less sword fighting and a lot more plot, but it's just as much fun.

"Vol. 2," picks the story up right where "Vol. 1" left off. The Bride (Uma Thurman) continues her quest for revenge. Two targets are dead, three to go.

So who's left? The relatively sloppy Budd, a.k.a. Sidewinder (Michael Madsen) seems resigned to his fate, but is he really prepared to die?

The one-eyed assassin Elle Driver, a.k.a. California Mountain Snake (Daryl Hannah), has a peculiar respect for the Bride despite her adamant desire to kill her.

And of course there's Bill, better known as The Snake Charmer (David Carradine),

the leader of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad who destroyed the Bride's life. Oh, and he's the father of her child, too.

The movie begins with the Bride driving to see Bill, who flashes back to answer some questions.

What happened to Budd and Elle? How did Elle lose her right eye?

What happened to the Bride's daughter when she was in a coma? Why did Bill want the Bride dead to begin with? What is the Bride's real name?

The characters might not be believable, but everyone in the film plays their part well. It's as if the characters know just how ridiculous they are.

You can't go into a movie like "Kill Bill" and expect to believe everything you see. But underneath all the over-the-top plot devices and clichés, there are some deeply effective moments in the film.

One scene involves the Bride stuck inside a wooden coffin being buried alive. For nearly two minutes the screen is black, and like the Bride, the audience is encased in darkness.

The only noise you can hear is the dirt being piled onto the coffin. Even if you're not claustrophobic,

it's hard to be comfortable as the scene plays out.

Soon after, the Bride comes face-to-face with Elle.

This is not the film's most important battle, but it's certainly the guiltiest pleasure.

The two raging women have a down and dirty brawl that far outdoes the battle between the Bride and Copperhead (Vivica A. Fox) in "Vol. 1."

In fact, this fight, like the others, is so enthralling that it makes the Bride's final showdown with Bill seem anti-climactic.

Tarantino usually makes a small cameo in some form in all his films. Perhaps realizing he's a better director than he is an actor, Tarantino only makes an audio cameo as the voice of Kung Fu master Pai Mei (Chiu Hui "Gordon" Liu).

The snake-related codenames aren't just part of the collective cheesiness of the film. Despite the superficial thrills that make up a majority of the movie, it makes an important statement about how we define who we are and identify ourselves.

Tarantino called attention to this not only by giving many characters multiple names for the multiple facets of their lives, but he

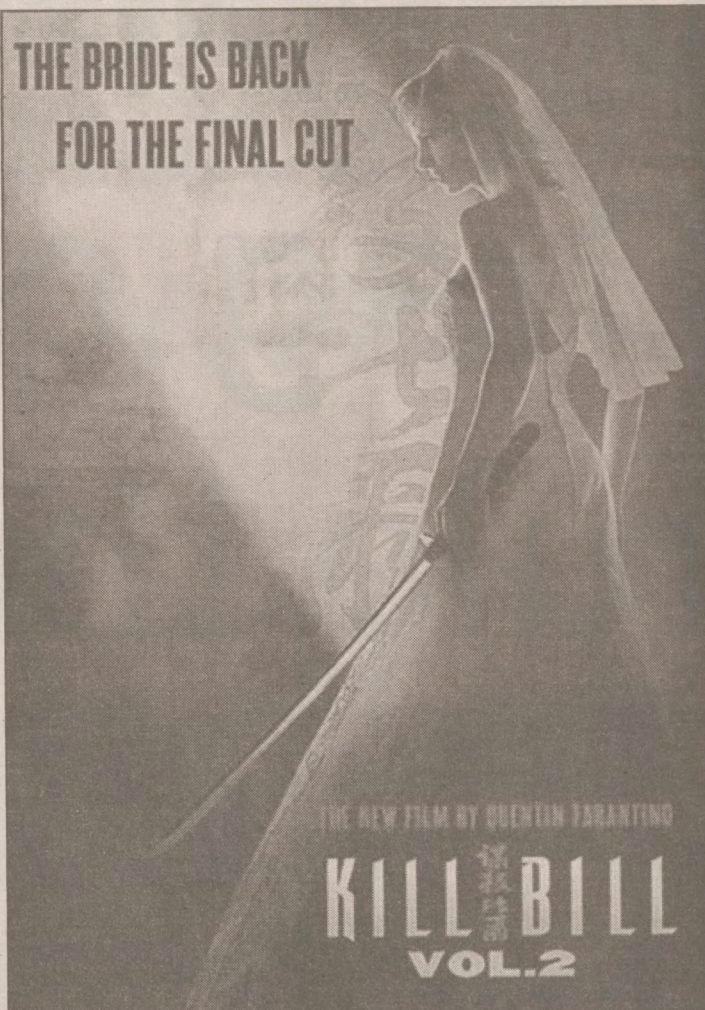


Photo courtesy of Miramax

Tarantino's fifth film promises to satisfy the fans.

with a little anime, and you get "Kill Bill" (parts of "Vol. 1" were even in anime).

If you can't see how "Kill Bill" parallels these films, you must be watching the wrong movie.

While these may sound like reasons to hate the movie, they're the best reasons to see it. "Kill Bill" is an intelligently self-aware mixture of extreme genres that will leave you wanting more.

There is one error in this movie's promotion that needs to be corrected.

"Kill Bill" is not Tarantino's fourth film. The popular belief is that

"Reservoir Dogs" is Tarantino's first film, but the first film he wrote and directed is actually a 1986 short 16mm film entitled "My Best Friend's Birthday."

Tarantino never put the finishing touches on his first film, so it was never commercially released to the general public.

Its status has remained "unfinished" for a long time, but it remains a film nonetheless.

What's left of it is available for purchase on the Internet.

This would technically make "Kill Bill" (as a whole) Tarantino's fifth film.

Trendy Mexican in heart of Detroit

By Andrea McNinch
THE OAKLAND POST

A nice addition to the revitalization of Detroit is the Mexican restaurant Agave. The atmosphere is funky and fresh without the pretentious attitudes that usually accompany most of the trendy hangouts in the 'burbs.

Inside, you will find a cutting edge restaurant with a fully stocked bar that appears to be the focal point of the dining area.

The menu represents a unique combination of traditional Mexican cuisine and your favorite classical culinary ingredients.

The waiter was a strange character, who was pleasant but far from helpful.

Any inquiries made about the menu seemed to distract him from his mission to get our orders and get us out of there.

I had to ask if any specials were being offered and to be completely honest, I am still confused if there are.

Tortilla chips and two mysterious salsas were delivered to our table without their proper identification - this is when my culinary background comes in handy. The chips were perfectly salted and exactly the right size. Big chips tend to make a mess and promote the unwanted infamous 'double dip.'

The radiantly green salsa was a refreshing change from your average salsa; it had a sweet lemony apple flavor, a taste you could only extract from a flawlessly ripened tomatillo.

The earthen red salsa had a subtle fire to it, which drowned out any unwanted bitterness chipotle based salsas can sometimes have.

Sopa Agave, the signature soup, was just OK. It is made from a clever combination of tequila, chicken stock, tomato broth, sautéed onions and cactus.

Disappointingly, it wasn't served hot enough and the soup was almost too thin for the texture of sautéed cactus.

Perhaps if the soup was served hot, its essence could have done its

AGAVE
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Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11p.m.	Cuisine: Mexican with a Twist
Friday 11 a.m.-midnight	Bar is open until 2 a.m. nightly.
Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight	
Sunday 5-11 p.m.	Smoking in bar area only.

job. The cheese and sour cream garnish would have melted, adding more body to the soup.

There are several salads to choose from. The signature salad, Ensalada Agave, is made from a delicious arrangement of mixed greens, dried cherries, fresh cheese, grilled pineapple and juicy jicama (Mexican root vegetable) whose texture is comparable to a water chestnut and has a sweet nutty flavor. The salad is topped off with a lime-tequila vinaigrette and sesame seeds.

The simple flavors in this dish create a complex yet one of a kind taste that I highly recommend.

The Queso Fundido appetizer was served casserole style with warm flour tortillas. Baked Chihuahua (chih-WAH-wah) cheese (Mexican in origin, comparable to Monterey jack) sits atop your choice of chorizo (Mexican sausage), wild mushrooms or shrimp. Again, this was just OK. And without the amazing tortillas, this dish would be second-rate.

For an entrée, the waiter recommended the filet mignon with chipotle-tomatillo sauce, Mahi-Mahi with a chipotle-cream sauce and mango salsa, or the drunken chicken topped with onions, bacon and poblano peppers.

The Pollo Borracho (drunken chicken) was awful. The chicken

was very tender, beautifully braised, but the rest of the dish was a let down.

The bacon pieces were so chewy (could have sworn it was overcooked sausage) they were almost inedible.

There was way too much of the cerveza (beer) pan sauce on the plate, so much that the garlic mashed potatoes became lost in a sea of sauce and it was hard to get any flavor other than the sauce.

The menu read that julienned vegetables accompanied this dish, so I was astonished when the plate arrived and the summer squash was cut into half moons. This was no accident.

Overall, this dish was too soft in texture and perhaps would have been better with less sauce and a crunchier vegetable.

The beauty of Agave's innovative menu is that they also offer traditional Mexican dishes but with an "Agave twist."

The enchiladas Rojas (hot enchiladas) weren't served as hot as I would have liked, but were exceptional in flavor. This dish offers three enchiladas with your choice of chicken, steak or sautéed vegetables and is served with rice and black beans. I suggest trying the poached chicken.

Agave has four desserts to choose from. The Pastel De Tres Leches is a cake made with three different milks and served with chocolate sauce and fruit compote.

The cake was unbelievably moist but had an unpleasant 'ice-box' after taste - when your food picks up the odors of the refrigerator. And again, the menu didn't match the delivered goods. There was no compote found anywhere on the plate, only a few fresh berries.

Agave has an impressive drink menu and is said to have the best margaritas around. In the summer there is outdoor seating and a DJ on the weekends.

The buzz about Agave has been nothing but positive, so I was shocked to have such an unwelcoming experience.

I will go back, but probably for the bar experience only.

Emotions flow

By Courtney Dailey
THE OAKLAND POST

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is brilliant. It is wonderfully confusing and outrageously charming all at once. "Eternal Sunshine," starring Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet and written by Charlie Kaufman, is an emotional movie with an offbeat story.

First, let me say the Jim Carrey fans who simply love his crazy faces, talking rear end and characters like "Fire Marshall Bill" will not enjoy this movie. Those viewers who love a great roller coaster of a movie will stare in awe at the storyline that they are trying to follow.

Carrey has been known for his sidesplitting humor in films like "Ace Ventura" and "The Mask." On the other hand, films like "The Truman Show" and "The Cable Guy," display a different kind of humor in which his characters explore reality.

"Eternal Sunshine" tends to question reality and how we deal with the emotions in our everyday relationships.

It is difficult to tell you what exactly happens in this film. If you have seen any of Kaufman's other films, "Adaptation" or "Being John Malkovich," you would understand my dilemma. I am going to attempt to give an overall idea of what this film is about, without spoilers.

Carrey's character, Joel, slowly starts his dismal day, running off to make his train. It seems like his routine, and simply said, his life is just "blah."

Everything seems normal, until Joel suddenly decides to call into work and play hooky. In an attempt to make his life seem exciting, he decides to take another train to the Long Island town of Montauk.

While on the train, he meets Clementine (Kate Winslet), an eccentric punk rock girl. The two really don't meet; Clementine seems intrigued by him and simply begins to bother him. Joel, who is very introverted, seems comfortable with her bizarre behavior and plays along.

The two opposites spend the day together doing very little but truly enjoying each other's company. But this, my friends, is not the first time they have met.

The film then moves into the future and shows Joel having a very bizarre interaction with his girlfriend, Clementine, while she is at work. She is flirting with another guy and seems to not know Joel. Joel finds out from some of his friends that Clementine has had her memories of their relationship erased. Needing answers, he contacts the inventor of the mind erasing process, Dr. Howard Mierzwaik (Tom Wilkinson).

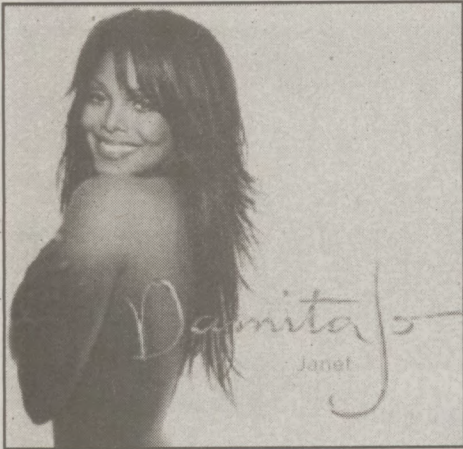
The doctor explains that often when couples split, they tend to focus on the negatives in their relationships. He says that a series of bad experiences lead them to the break-up point, so those unpleasant memories remain fresh in the mind. His company, Lacuna Inc. helps ease that feeling of heartache and loss.

Obviously upset, Joel decides to have Clementine removed from his own memory.

After all of this, this is where the film really begins! I highly recommend seeing this movie. It is touching, sad and funny all at once. You will leave the theater in awe.



Photo courtesy of Focus
Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet offer a good performance.



By ELIZABETH GORECKI
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Sexy and provocative, Janet Jackson's new album "Damita Jo" is as scandalous as she is and definitely worth the two-year wait.

The R&B tunes and spoken interludes mixed with the pop edge Janet is famous for, makes this album her most versatile yet.

While the 22 song compilation may not put listeners in a dancing mood, it's perfect background music for late-night flirting during "SportsCenter."

This is the CD everyone should have cued up to groove to on the dance floor or whenever else grooves are 'got on.'

"Strawberry Bounce" combines a soulful beat with provocative lyrics that provide the perfect atmosphere for dancing alone in your bedroom or curling up on the couch with that special someone.

The mellow hip-hop sounds of "R&B Junkie" get the listener moving to the music and will force even the shyest person to move their body. The lyrics say it all; 'I feel like bumpin' to some old school/ I feel like dancin' all night with you.'

The first singles, "Just A Little While" will get listeners up and dancing with its upbeat rhythm and catchy lyrics. This is exactly what fans have come to expect from Janet, and she does not disappoint them.

What is disappointing is the

Battle of the bands

N.E.R.D. vs. Janet Jackson

By LAURA ANGUS
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

N.E.R.D. CD that was released the same week. Its boring repetitious beats are a snooze.

This noise sounds just like every other pop, alternative-wannabe band out there.

It's a good thing there is nothing sexy about the shirtless wonder on the cover of this album, or else more listeners might pick up the garbage that is N.E.R.D.

The first song "Don't Worry About It" is "bad, bad, bad."

The rhythmless pounding of drums, and repetition of the same ten lyrics is merely a preview of what's to come.

As the CD plays on, is it on auto repeat? No, that's really supposed to be a different song. "Jump" sounds exactly like the two previous songs.

I lost count, but I think the word 'jump' is yelled about 75 times.

They do make up for that though, with the use of "la la la."

Top 5 Reasons Janet is better than N.E.R.D.:

5. Janet's songs are all good
4. The same word is never repeated 50 times in one song
3. Janet is actually attractive
2. Her CD inserts don't scare people
1. No one ever aspired to be a N.E.R.D. back up dancer

N.E.R.D.'s latest release "Fly or Die" repeats the energy, talent and emotion in the group's debut "In search of..."

The album, which came out on March 23, features up-beat dance songs like "Don't Worry About It" and "She Wants to Move."

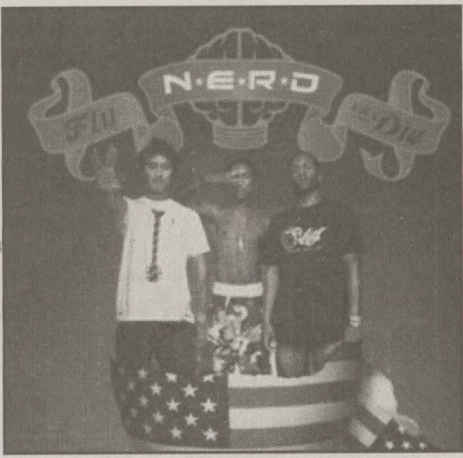
These tracks are the ones listeners are used to from N.E.R.D. and no one will be disappointed in them. The beats, produced by Rob Walker, Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo, otherwise known as the Neptunes, are everything one can expect from N.E.R.D. - fun, complex and infectious.

One exciting song, "Jump" has sort of a Big-band, swing feel and tells a story about runaways.

Benji and Joel Madden of Good Charlotte collaborated with the writing and vocals in this song. Also, Lenny Kravitz plays guitar and Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson plays drums in "Maybe."

This album also has touching, emotional songs like "Wonderful Place" with smooth vocals and mellow beats that just add to the whole album. Each song is better than the last.

This album easily stomps all over Janet Jackson's "Damita Jo" a conclusion I came to after I woke



up somewhere in the middle of track 20 and realized the "sensual" feel of the album was also good background music for a nap.

The 22-song album has quantity, but no quality. Nearly every song is about how horny Janet is and with titles like "Moist" and "All Nite (Don't Stop)," it seems everyone working on the album had one thing on their minds.

No less can be expected from Janet, as this is her zillionth album and it must be hard to put any substance in a song at this point.

And judging from the 25,000 collaborators, it's getting real hard for her.

Luckily for listeners, N.E.R.D. is making new, fresh music so we can jam rather than snooze to our tunes.

Top 5 Reasons N.E.R.D. is better than Janet Jackson:

5. Every Janet Jackson song sounds the same
4. N.E.R.D.'s greatest asset: their talent
3. Janet's greatest asset: her bared breast.
2. Neptunes, the masterminds behind N.E.R.D., have collaborated with many artists, creating new and amazing music.
1. Just look at Pharrell.



HOROSCOPE

By LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday (April 7). This year is about plans and preparation. Get your ducks in a row, but don't march them off quite yet. The closer you get to your goal, the more problems you'll discover. Proceed with caution.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You can share your concerns and feelings of inadequacy with your mate, but don't let the competition in on your little secret. Allow them to believe that you haven't a fear in the world.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - It's not a good day to travel or to test abstract ideas. Stay practical - and close to home - in order to minimize annoyance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - When you're busy, you may forget that you have a goal in mind. If you don't have one, then make one up now, and make it a juicy prize.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to gamble, though you're lucky in other areas.

A friend of yours comes through just when you need help the most.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - There are a few things in your way that aren't conducive to the vision that you and your partner share. You'll have to move them aside.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - With concentration and planning, you can turn your nest egg into gold. Others might make and lose several fortunes, but you'd rather get one and hold onto it. Figure out how, with the help of a rich friend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Creative work pays best now, but it's hardest to pin down. You can't afford distractions, so schedule romance for another time. Friday night should be good for that.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You may not have to say what's on your mind. You can let your partner, or perhaps even your attorney, carry the message to those concerned.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Be forewarned that something you believe to be true could be tested, and soon. In a way, this is good. You'll know which parts are fact and

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Put away cargo
 - Palm blows
 - North Carolina university
 - Gdansk man
 - Brown tint
 - Kilauea flow
 - Expression of love
 - Ginger cookie
 - Fleeting traces
 - Spumante
 - Stagnant
 - Musial or Mikita
 - God of war
 - Neighbor of Miss.
 - Say the same thing again
 - Young boy
 - Greek letters
 - Capital of South Australia
 - Lubricated
 - Dijon donkey
 - Campbell of the NBA
 - Asserting innocence
 - Scorers
 - Running game
 - Unties
 - Comprehend
 - Down for the night
 - Abel's attacker
 - Contribution to the pot
 - Division word
 - Man's talons
 - Spring shape
 - Of animal life
 - Celeb
 - Dropped the ball
 - Aloe
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 - Singer Nelson

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- Tightly packed
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- Protuberance
- Asta's mistress
- Actor Rip
- Chilled
- Cooking fat
- Bump off
- Lofty poem

which parts are fantasy. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - A friend points out a flaw in your reasoning, causing you to reconsider whether you can afford to fulfill a fantasy now. You may want to wait a

while longer. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - A critical person's comments cut deep, and in a most vulnerable spot. Unfortunately, it hurts. Fortunately, it helps you get tough.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - A fantasy bubble will soon pop, so don't be riding in that bubble when it bursts. Allow yourself a little emotional distance.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, April 7

The Department of Chemistry will host Dr. Ray Mernaugh from Vanderbilt University who will be presenting his research on "A Streamlined Approach for the Production and Characterization of Recombinant Antibodies." The lecture will take place at 1:15 p.m. in 372 Science and Engineering Building.

The OU board of trustees will hold a formal meeting at 2 p.m. in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.

Thursday, April 8

The African and Steel Drum Ensembles will perform a concert at 10 a.m. in Varner Recital Hall. For more information, contact Mark Stone at (248) 370-3013.

The CSA will host a "Lunch and Learn Series" from noon- 1 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the OC. This session's theme will be "Crocheting and Knitting."

The College of Arts and Sciences will host its annual Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy Seminar at noon in the Meadow Brook Hall. The event will begin with a luncheon served in the Christopher Wren Dining room, which will continue with the seminar at 1:30 p.m. and a reception will follow at 5 p.m.

The Wellness, Health Promotion, and Injury Prevention (WHP) will hold a meeting from noon- 1 p.m. in 125 Oakland Center.

The Meadow Brook Hall will be offering ballroom dancing lessons from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Hall Ballroom. Lessons are \$25 per couple and the first session will focus on salsa. Registration is required.

Friday, April 9

The African and Steel Drum Ensembles will perform a concert at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. For more information, contact Mark Stone at (248) 370-3013.

Saturday, April 10

Pianist and faculty member Flavio Varani will play for a benefit concert for the Department of Music, Theater and Dance that will be held at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, April 12

Academic Affairs will host an Environmental Quality Forum. This public lecture series will kick off at noon in Gold Room C of the OC. The topics discussed will include: responsibility for future generations, including environmental and worker safeguards in trade agreements and U.S. toxic torts abroad; the frustrations of foreign farmworkers in finding U.S. justice.

Tuesday, April 13

The College of Arts and Sciences will host the Symphonic Band Concert, a night of instrumental music performed by OU's top musicians. The concert will start at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

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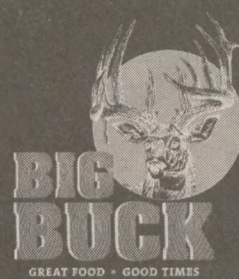
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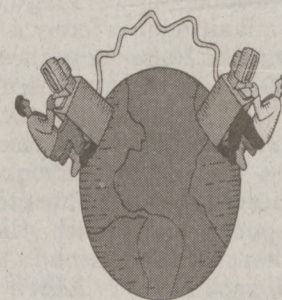
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