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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

## Activist talks of politics, justice

By ERIKA MILLER  
Staff Writer

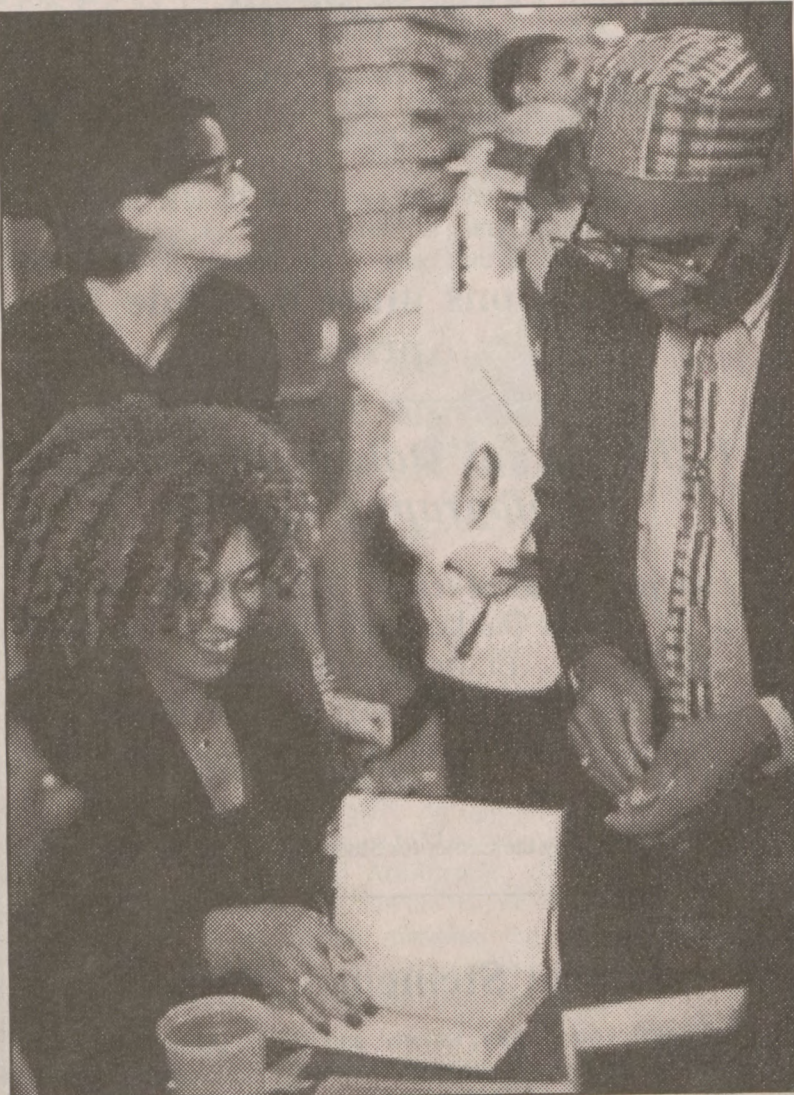
She was a violent young punk in dungarees and an overblown Afro hairdo who plotted to overthrow the United States government by force. Angela Davis, now 54, who spoke at OU last Saturday, still wants to overthrow the government. But she's turned terribly chic.

At her College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) sponsored speech in Varner Hall, for which she was paid \$10,000, anti-capitalist and radical feminist Davis was, from head to toe, as impeccably well-heeled as any bourgeoisie. But her message is still clearly Marxist proletariat.

She called her presentation "The Politics of Race and Gender in the Criminal Justice System." Its theme harks back to 1970, when she and her Black Panther buddies shot-up a California courtroom while trying to free black friends awaiting sentence. Several people were shot to death in the melee, including the white male judge.

Today, Davis is a professor in the history-of-consciousness program at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Behind this inaugural



Post Photo/Erika Miller

**BOOK BUSINESS:** Following the lecture, Angela Davis autographed books for fans in the lobby of Varner Hall.

Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, planned as an annual event, is CAS dean David Downing's five-member faculty committee: De Witt Dykes, assoc. prof. of history; Carol Halsted, prof. of dance; Susan Hayworth-Hoepfner, asst. prof. and coordinator of women's studies; Vincent Khapoya, prof. of political science; and Downing.

"I don't think her politics are so radical," said Halsted. "I'm more afraid of cancer than communism."

Besides advertising Davis'

lecture to OU students and staff, the committee sent flyers to local high school social studies teachers and their students. Many young faces were present.

Davis condemned business for its exploitation of women, the poor, and minorities around the world. "Global capitalist corporations are the true criminals," she said, "not subject to anyone's laws but their own."

Their global structure is directly involved in slavery and expands into foreign countries

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## Fogel donates to scholarship

By TANIA PREPOLEC  
Staff Writer

Good news for communications majors. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism Department (RCJ) in honor of WJR Assistant News Director and Communications Special Lecturer Gene Fogel.

According to the RCJ Department Chair Wallis Andersen, criteria for the scholarship hasn't yet been determined. However, the money will be awarded starting next year.

The scholarship is a result of Fogel and fellow WJR colleague Rod Hansen being presented the Wade H. McCree Award.



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**AWARD WINNING:** Fogel was honored with the McCree Award.

According to the press release, the McCree Awards are given by the State Bar of Michigan for outstanding report-

ing by broadcast and print media which advance the cause of justice.

"We were very excited to receive the award," Fogel said. "We put a lot of hard work into it...It's nice to know that that was acknowledged," he added.

Fogel and Hansen were each given \$1,000 to donate to the Michigan college of their choice. Fogel chose OU, and Hansen chose Central Michigan University.

How the money will be divided and utilized will be up to the scholarship committee, said Fogel.

This committee is yet to be formed, said Andersen, but

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## Dean Frankie retires from OU, Kresge

By DOMINIC LANZOTTI  
Special Writer

On Sept. 3, OU will be losing someone who has been an important force in its development for the last 15 years.

Suzanne Frankie, dean of Kresge Library, will be retiring from OU. She submitted her resignation March 12.

"I've been a librarian for over 40 years, and as a dean, it's time for the next chapter," she said.

While at OU, Frankie has witnessed many changes, including expansion of the library, and automation of almost all systems.

Frankie has run the library since 1983. Before coming to OU, she worked as a director of public services at the New York University Libraries, and on the

Michigan Library Consortium.

When she started at OU, Frankie said she felt a need to establish her credibility.

"I wanted to be sure I was a good administrator internally, in terms of working with faculty and staff. I also wanted to establish a presence on campus externally, in terms of the roll of the dean being a link between the community, the students and the faculty and staff," Frankie said.

Frankie has also chaired many committees and was instrumental in enacting many OU changes.

She said she was especially proud of chairing the University Strategic Planning Committee, which from 1993 to 1994 oversaw 170 people planning the future direction of OU.

Frankie said she also enjoyed work-

ing with the Student Congress, with whom she had good interaction.

Although she expressed regret about leaving the faculty and staff at OU, Frankie said she will enjoy the free time to do some gardening and spend time with her husband.

She also hopes to do more volunteer work for the community, and have more time to read for Recordings for the Blind.

As for OU, Frankie has a vision of a bright future, she said, with increased visibility and enrollment, as well as improvements in on-campus resources.

She also has hope in the next generation of administrators, faculty and staff.

"The new blood will be good for the university," she said.

The search to replace Dean Frankie has not yet begun.

## Election deliberation continues

By LISA VALENTINE  
Staff Writer

The question of who will head Congress next year remains unanswered still, as Student Congress failed to reach a coherent agreement after two hours of heated debate at Monday's meeting.

Congress voted seven to three to throw out the previous validations committee's decision. The committee was found to be in violation of the Open Meetings Act, which does not permit meetings to be held behind closed doors unless the subject matter pertains to certain exceptions.

The matter brought to the validations committee did not.

"The process by which the validations committee made their decision was tainted, and therefore their decision was tainted," said Presidential-Candidate Scott Andrews.

"The meeting should have been held in public," said Dean of Students David Hermán. "(Congress) either needs to redo the election or (create) some sort of validations committee."

After making the decision, Elections Commission Chair Becky Forster presented Congress with three options.

Option one was to hold entirely new elections.

"That would be an insane process," Forster said.

She said a new election would mean an election run during finals, with results not available until spring semester.

Another option was for Congress to validate the elections as a whole, which many Congress members felt would be ignoring the charges that were made and leave congress open to possible litigation.

"Someone needs to address the charges before validating the election," Herman said.

Vice-Presidential Candidate Scott Pettigrew said, "We are saying those things (the charges) don't matter when we ignore the rules... but decorum does matter. You are taking a very serious course of action if you choose to ignore the charges."

Andrews responded, "We

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## OU math equals positive results

By CHRIS FLOETER  
Special Writer

Despite years of rumors concerning OU's Department of Mathematical Sciences, a recent informal survey shows that students have an overall positive view of the department and its professors.

The survey, conducted by the Student Advisory Board (SAB), shows the majority of students agree with what the math department claims it has known all along: its professors are more than willing to help students succeed in their math course work.

"Since coming to Oakland University last August, and becoming the departmental chairperson, I've been extremely impressed with its professors," said Marc Lipman, professor and chair of the department.

"I would never put someone in a classroom who can't communicate or doesn't have a real enthusiasm for teaching," Lipman said.

"Students pay to come here, and it's certainly not our goal to try and fail them," he said.

Rumors that the department is under academic probation for unfair grading practices are entirely false, Lipman said. Probation cannot be imposed on the entire department.

In fact, OU students' pass/fail ratio for math courses is consistent with the national average.

"I had Calculus 1 and 2," said Mark Gole, communications senior. "I thought the professors I had did an excellent job teaching, it's just the classes were very demanding," he said. Other students disagreed.

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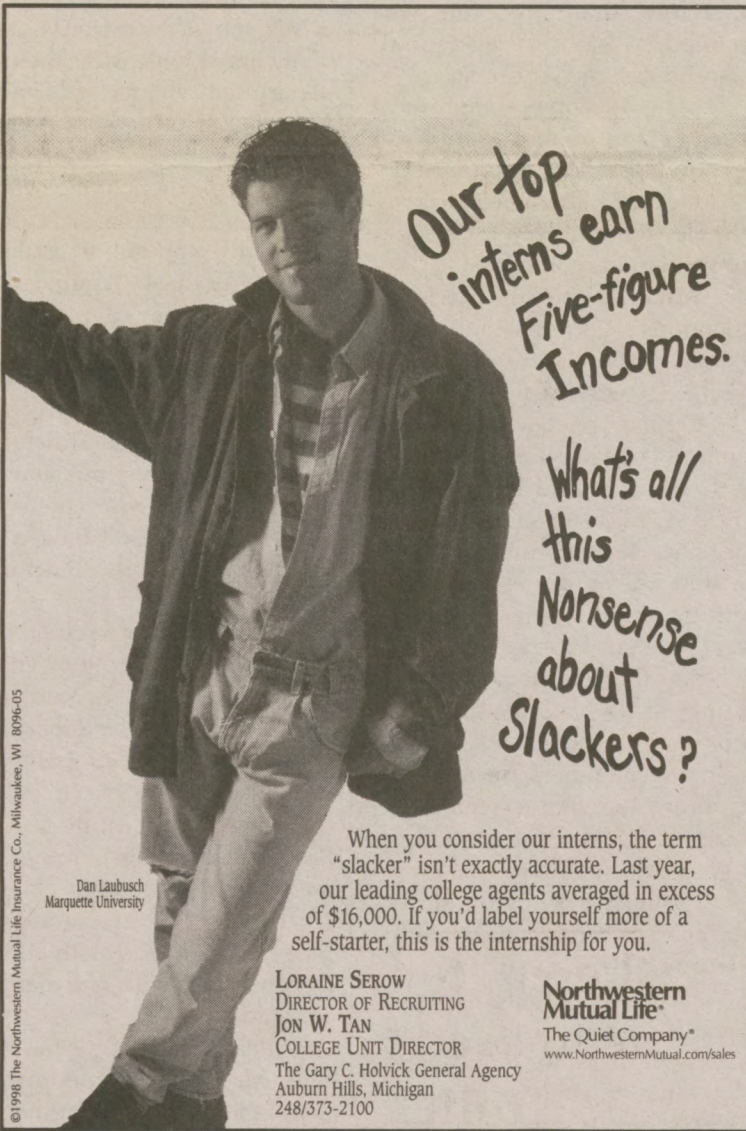
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Get your pictures ready! This contest is open to all current Oakland University students and employees. Entries are due April 3, 1998.

Pictures will be displayed in the Fireside Lounge April 6-8, 1998. \$600 in prizes will be awarded.

Sponsored by the Center for Student Activities and SPB

Gloria Steinem Lecture

A devoted writer, editor, lecturer, and activist Gloria Steinem is undeniably a leader of the modern feminist movement. Inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993, Ms. Steinem is recognized for the transforming effect of her work, and she continues to speak eloquently and sensibly on equal rights. Her honors include numerous journalism and humanitarian awards. She was listed for nine of the ten years in the World Almanac listing of the 25 Most Influential Women in America.

Currently, she is a writer and consulting editor for Ms. Magazine, an international feminist bi-monthly magazine that she co-founded in 1972. Included among her books are *Moving Beyond Words: Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*; and *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*. Her writings have also appeared in the New York magazine - a weekly she helped establish in 1968 and served as political columnist until 1972 - and in many other magazines, newspaper, and anthologies, nationally and internationally.

As an organizer, Gloria Steinem helped to found: The Women's Action Alliance, a national center which provides non-sexist, multi-racial children's education and communication among women's groups; the National Women's Political Caucus, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She is president of Voters for choice, an independent bi-partisan political action committee that supports candidates working for reproductive freedom. She is the founding president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a national multi-racial women's fund that supports grassroots projects to empower women and girls.

Currently, she is one of the ten International Working Group members of "Beyond Racism," an initiative of the Southern Education Foundation that includes a two-year study of comparative racial relations in the United States, Brazil, and South Africa. She is also working on a book about her three decades of travel as an organizer in this country.

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The Center's Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have:

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- Gloria Steinem Lecture

Sign up and get tickets for the following SPB events:  
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SPRING ROCKS!	
April 1	Festival of Fools Mock Wedding
April 1-2	Car Show
April 3	Alpha Delta Pi Party
April 4	Spring Egg Hunt ABS Ball
April 6-7	Blood Drive
April 6-8	Photo Contest
April 9	The Art of Kissing
April 16	Gallagher: The Living Sequel
April 17	Student Organization Recognition Night
April 18	Good Bye Abstention Coffeehouse

Refer to Spring Rocks posters on bulletin boards for more information.

Student Affairs  
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THIS WEEK:

• Winter Semester recruiting continues at **Placement and Career Services**, 275 WVBH (370-3250). Employers recruiting during the week of April 6 include Detroit Medical Center; Eften, Inc.; Payroll I; RDA Group; Ross Roy Communications; Insite Industries; Modern Engineering; OASIS; GMAC Mortgage; U.S. Bureau of the Census; Kelly Services; and Rouge Steel. Students must be registered with **Professional Placement** to participate. This will conclude regularly-scheduled campus interviewing for this academic year. To review the complete **Recruiting Bulletin** (updated weekly), visit the Placement and Career Services **web site** at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>.

• Student Success Services presents a "No Fee" Seminar open to all students. **Preparing for Graduate School** will be held on Saturday, April 4 in the Heritage Room in the Oakland Center from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. This seminar will provide students with information on the application and admission process to graduate programs. A panel presentation will discuss financial aid, scholarships and allow students to talk with graduate faculty. RSVP is necessary for attendance and lunch. Call 370-3262.



• Let **Experiential Education** show you how to Earn the Money. Visit one of our **Information Sessions**:

Wednesday, April 1 @ 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 @ 4 p.m.

Monday, April 6 @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 7 @ 2 p.m.

• **Professional Placement** (370-3250) will be hosting on-campus information sessions by **Modern Engineering** on Wednesday, April 1 (noon to 1 p.m., Gold Room A, OC) and by **U.S. Bureau of the Census** on Wednesday, April 8 (6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gold Room C, OC). Refreshments will be provided at both sessions. Students interested in interviewing with either employer on their recruiting dates, as well as all other interested students, are welcome to attend these sessions.

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• Are you looking for a career-related, internship, co-op or summer position with an excellent pay rate and flexible hours? If so, contact **Experiential Education**, 371 WVBH, 370-3213.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• The Center for Leadership and Student Development offers a series of programs for experienced student leaders. The **Leadership @ 3** series will be 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 in 126 OC, "Make the transition as a new officer/member."

• **SPECIAL RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY:** In addition to **Statistics** and **Math**, graduating seniors with a Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D. in **Social Behavioral Sciences, Business, Computer Science, Management Information Systems, or Economics**, who are interested to interview with the **U.S. Bureau of the Census**, should immediately submit a resume to **Placement and Career Services** (275 WVBH). Census currently has more than 400 immediate openings. U.S. citizenship is required. Interviews will be held on campus on April 9. Students interested in interviewing with U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as all other interested students, should plan to attend an on-campus **information session** hosted by **Professional Placement** on Wednesday, April 8 (6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gold Room C, OC). Refreshments will be provided.

• **Placement and Career Services** will host the **3rd Annual Educator's Recruiting Day** in the OC on Wednesday, May 13, (9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gold Rooms). 23 Michigan schools/school districts will be participating in this year's event, which is open to all Oakland University graduating teachers and alumni. Please contact **Professional Placement** at 370-3250 for registration details. Interview bids MUST be placed by April 15.

# CAMPUS NEWS



## Fight in East Vandenberg

A fight allegedly ensued Friday night between a residence halls student and a visitor on the sixth floor of East Vandenberg Hall.

The student told police she had a history of conflict with the visitor, and that the two women had argued over a man one of them was dating.

The student said she was sitting in her room when the lights in the hallway went out.

When the students stepped out into the lounge area, she was allegedly attacked by the visitor.

The visitor allegedly hit her on the head with a lock attached to a chain. In the struggle, the student allegedly pulled the chain and lock out of visitor's hands.

The friends of the students allegedly came to help her and took a stick away from the attacker. Once disarmed, the alleged attacker fled.

The alleged attacker told police that the students attacked her first, and that she was acting in self-defense.

## OU proudly presents... Two professors honored for achievement Yang Xia

By DIANE FRKAN  
Staff Writer

An OU researcher has developed a technique for early detection of arthritis without invasive surgery.

Arthritis, a painful, long-term disease affecting mobility, is uninvited by about 38 million Americans, said Yang Xia, assistant professor of physics.

Xia has developed a technique to detect arthritis by using magnetic resonance imaging or an MRI to "see" the collagen fibers and other molecules in bone cartilage.

According to the press release, by detecting a change in the orientation of the collagen fibers, the MRI could detect a change in the bone cartilage or articular cartilage found in the joints.

"This is still basic science, but I think this will lead to a clinical application in detecting arthritis," said Xia.

The cartilage is composed of three molecules: water, collagen and proteoglycan. The collagen sets up a rigid, three-dimensional framework, while the proteoglycan absorbs the water.

Once the cartilage is diseased, the concentration of water, proteoglycan



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

and collagen changes. As it worsens, so will the structure.

According to Xia, cartilage is like a sponge soaked in water. If the cartilage decays like in arthritis, the joint swells.

Until now, the only way to detect arthritis in its early changes was with invasive surgery, or going under the "knife."

In his research, Xia examined bone cartilage using an MRI technique called T2 Relaxation Anisotropy, where the cartilage molecules are magnetized first.

After, a time measurement is taken to see how long the molecules take before returning to their thermal equilibrium.

According to the press release, the MRI will map and detect changes in

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## Nigel Hampton

By ANDREA NOBILE  
Sports Editor

Leonardo da Vinci once said, "learning is the only thing that never disappoints us." For OU English Associate Professor Nigel Hampton, that certainly is true.

Hampton received the Judd Family English Department Achievement Award last Wednesday, with a pride-filled grin accompanied by a symphony of heartfelt applause from the audience.

"He's just a wonderful teacher," said Robert Eberwein, English professor.

The annual award is designated for outstanding, innovative, or distinguished accomplishments by a faculty member in the English department.

The Judd Award of \$1000 was established in 1995 by OU alumnus and area attorney A. Randolph Judd, a former student of Professor Hampton.

Hampton, who will retire after the 1998-1999 school year, joins the company of Professor Jane Eberwein and Special Lecturer Martha Hammel. Both served on the award's committee this year.

This is Hampton's second time of

official honor bestowed by OU. He received the Teaching Excellence Award in 1984 from the university.

"This (award) is kind of the book-end. It feels good," he said. "It's good to find that you're doing the right thing."

"He's a delightful professor to have," said former graduate student Hammel, one of about 50 Hampton-admirers at the presentation.

"He knows what he's talking about and he delivers his lectures in a gentle manner," she said. "He doesn't cram it down your throat."

Hampton is known throughout the English department for leading graduate students through their independent studies, with great results.

"We're especially proud of independent study students," Hammel said.

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## Compactor to aid OC in recycling, saving

By MICHAEL JONES  
Special Writer

Despite the upcoming renovations to the OC, estimated at \$1.9 million, the student center staff is making an effort to lower costs.

The OC recently purchased a cardboard compactor that will help with the recycling of used material.

The compactor, located behind the food court on the upper level in the OC, compresses approximately three bales of cardboard each week.

The custodians create a bale when they place cardboard inside the compactor and then periodically compress, creating bales weighing 500 pounds or more. The compactor can only compress cardboard.

The compactor costs \$7,000, and the OC provided the funding for its purchase.

According to Richard Fekel, OC director, the university will save money on the space that was previously consumed by cardboard inside the dumpster.

The dumpsters were emptied six days a week, but now they need to be emptied only five days a week.

Fekel said the compactor allows the university to save \$150 per week, with the one less day the dumpsters need to be emptied each week.

Given time, the cardboard compactor will eventually pay for itself through the money that OC saves, Fekel said.

Along with implementing an efficient cardboard waste removal system, the university is also making a positive effort to improve the environment.

"It will hopefully save a few trees," Fekel said.

The only other recycling areas on campus are the bins for the white paper collected throughout campus.

In the future, it is hoped that there will be more bins placed in the food court for plastic, glass, and cans to be recycled, Fekel said.

Recycling creates the need for more employees to sort through the bins and the OC is not able to provide that support right now. But it is a definite goal for the future, Fekel said.

ARAMARK, the bookstore and custodians will all use the compactor to dispose of cardboard, Fekel said.

## Surprising weather brings spring fever



This week's temperature has skyrocketed, tempting students to play outside. Students have been seen flying kites, rollerblading, biking, having picnics, frolicking in the sun and even swimming in the Beer Lake.

-Photo By Lisa Belanger

## GHC director warns students of hepatitis B infection

By DIANE FRKAN  
Staff Writer

Beware. There is a serious viral infection that is life-threatening and a 100 times more contagious and easier to get than HIV.

Hepatitis B, a highly contagious, sometimes fatal viral infection; but it is preventable by a vaccine.

Hepatitis B is becoming a major health problem in the United States due to the fact that anyone can get hepatitis B. So far, more than one million people are infected with the virus, according to a hepatitis B pamphlet from the Graham Health Center (GHC).

The virus is spread through body secretions and excretions such as blood and/or plasma transfusions, semen and vaginal fluids, and saliva.

According to Karen Olsen, nurse practitioner and clinical director for

GHC, exposures result from unscreened hepatitis B blood transfusions, sharing contaminated needles in drug use, tattooing, body piercing, consistently sharing someone else's water bottle and having unprotected sex.

Hepatitis B is a serious infection carried in the bloodstream that attacks the liver. The virus destroys liver cells for which we need a healthy liver to live and in extreme cases, an infected person needs a liver transplant.

Young adults are considered to be at high risk in becoming infected with hepatitis B because of the attraction to

an alternative lifestyle like body piercing and tattooing, Olsen said.

Having unprotected sexual relations is also an easy to get the virus because there is no way to tell if someone is infected, even have the symptoms or may never know they have the virus.

Often, people do not know for a while if they are infected until they develop a serious medical problem. And an infected person can become a

chronic carrier which leads to serious liver infections onto liver failure that requires a liver transplant, Olsen said.

According to the 1995 Official Report of the American Public Health Association, 80 percent of liver cancer

patients world wide develop the disease due to hepatitis B infection. About 15 percent to 20 percent of persons with chronic infection will die prematurely of either cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Because there are no actual symptoms of hepatitis B, there are some indications of the virus, if an infected person is clinically diagnosed. These symptoms include abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting and sometimes a rash, and fever may be present often progressing to jaundice, Olsen said.

Testing for the presence of the virus can be done. If the virus is present, only time, rest and proper nutrition can cure it, Olsen said.

Hepatitis B can be prevented from spreading by following a few simple guidelines:

- Practice safe sex by using a latex condom;
- Make sure all syringes and needles are sterilized, especially if one visits tattoo or body piercing parlors;

• Don't do drugs or share water bottles or other containers consistently where saliva is present.

Olsen said the best way to protect oneself from the virus is to get vaccinated. The vaccine stimulates the body's immune system, she said.

GHC offers a discount rate for the three shots needed for immunization. The first shot is taken, the second follows one month later and the third is given after five months. Currently, the shots are offered at \$37 each at the GHC.

By becoming immunized, a person becomes protected and prevents the spread of the hepatitis B virus.

"I think anyone who chooses to be sexually active at this time in their life is at high risk for hepatitis B. (They) should seriously consider receiving the vaccine," said Olsen.

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## EDITOR'S VIEW

# Fairness is everything we need

It's been almost two weeks, and there's still no word - except, "We're still working on it."

Most agree that March's Student Congress election processes were less than professional.

Some felt the controversy began with campaigning rules. Others simply blamed the validations committee's actions of discussing charges behind closed doors.

Whatever the cause, one thing's for certain - deciding what to do next is creating more headaches, both for Congress and the student body.

At Monday's Congress meeting, members were presented with three options: re-run the election, create a new validations committee or validate the entire election and name the winners.

Though only about 700 students voted in this year's Congress election, expecting students to come out and vote again is ridiculous. The election would probably run during finals week, a time when students are preoccupied with studying.

Validating the entire election allows Congress to simply ignore the campaign charges against the presidential ticket of Scott Andrews and Hemant Mahamwal. The university legal council even advised against this option, since it could bring lawsuits against the student organization. In light of this, I hardly consider this an option at all.

That leaves one choice - creating a new validations committee to decide whether or not the elections process and campaigning was followed by the rules. But this, too, hides the real problem at hand.

It seems odd that Congress itself is even partaking in a discussion to fix the election problem. Congress technically has the authority to do this, since it delegated its authority to the elections committee, and thus to the validations committee.

However, it does not necessarily have the right to decide the fate of the election.

Many of those currently on Congress ran again for next year. Even the presidential candidates, who are Congress legislators now, voted to determine the outcome. It is a conflict of interest to have the organization vote on an issue such as this.

An impartial committee of students, faculty and administrators might be the best option.

Each candidate has a vested interest to make sure he or she comes out on top, making it difficult to come to any consensus.

Students voted to be heard, but our voices are being lost in confusion. All we really want is a sincere president and Congress to represent us.

We will wait as long as we have to. All we ask is that the results are fair.

# OPINION



## Letters to the Editor

# Campus reacts to elections held by Congress in March

## Clumsy process ruins voting

Dear Editor,

As a student, I am disgusted by the actions of my Student Congress last week.

Although I wouldn't consider myself a seriously involved student, like many of the members of Congress, I do have friends on Congress and I hear about their escapades on a regular basis. I find it ridiculous that a college election would be so botched up that it would require seeking the aid of the university's legal counsel.

According to last week's POST article, Scott Andrews, a candidate for student body president, admitted to taking a ballot and using it for campaign flyers. Mr. Andrews contends that he felt it was okay to use it.

How silly does this sound? If ballots were that accessible for a candidate to get his hands on to make flyers out of, how can we be sure ballots weren't taken by anybody else and used to stuff the ballot box?

To make matters worse, when I did vote, there were people at the ballot table telling the people around to vote for Mr. Andrews and his partner Hemant Mahamwal.

This is not to say that Mr. Andrews' actions were the only thing I found annoying about this election: the endless amount of flyers were asinine. It was worse than a cheesy high school prom. Some of them were vague (what is a Hat Trick Initiative, anyway). And some were just downright rude and stupid (the "Tricks Are For Kids" attacks on this Hat Trick Initiative by Shajan Kay and Scott Pettigrew - some substance would be appreciated, gentlemen).

Now, I have to wait not only to find out if the people I voted for president and vice president won, but also the members of Congress, as well. They are being forced to suffer because people are too busy trying to play politician and seem to really not care about anything else, other than to further their own personal agendas and resumes.

Sincerely,

Chad Moore  
 Junior  
 History

## Andrews deemed irresponsible

Dear Editor,

After reading last week's OAKLAND POST article regarding the controversy surrounding the recent Student Congress elections, I feel I must seriously question the ethical standards upheld by Congress.

In the article, it stated that there was a guideline violation charge by Scott Andrews and Hemant Mahamwal about posting signs outside of Vandenberg Hall.

They were excused of this charge because they received permission from the Residence Halls office.

But why, in the interest of good sportsmanship, didn't they share this information with their opponents?

Also, Mr. Andrews was charged with taking a ballot from the Congress office and using it for his and Mr. Mahamwal's campaign.

It seems that there would be rules against using ballots in this manner. If he did this without anyone's knowledge, then that is stealing.

I don't know if I want a president who will resort to underhanded tactics such as this in order to get elected.

Mr. Andrews felt he didn't do anything wrong. But if that was the case, why didn't anyone else take a ballot?

Probably because they knew that there should be something wrong with that.

I find it even more distressing that instead of taking responsibility for his actions, the article says that Mr. Andrews admitted to his guilt and suggested that every name on the ballot should be guilty, so as to bring everyone down with him.

Instead of blaming the committee for being unfair, I feel they should be commended for making such difficult decisions and putting aside personal relationships in order to see justice prevail.

I'm sure the people on the validations committee knew the people who were brought up on charges, as well as those who brought forth the charges, and the fact they were able to separate themselves from the issue should be admired for their objectivity.

I don't ask for much of the university, and I ask even less of the Student Congress, but what I do ask for is for people with integrity to work as my student leaders.

Mr. Andrews, it looks to me that you have only yourself to blame for your actions.

I urge you to be mature about this situation and stop putting the blame on innocent people trying to do their jobs.

Sincerely,

Joseph Johnson  
 Junior  
 Biology

# New mascot sparks name complaints

Dear Editor,

This morning on my way to class, I happened to hear an announcement on public radio about our new mascot. The sportscaster let it be known that we are no longer the Oakland University Pioneers, but the Golden Grizzlies.

As he said this, I heard a slight snicker in his voice. Our school's new mascot was funny to him. Rather than feeling indignant, I just felt embarrassed. After all, the guy is right. It is a dumb name.

Upon arriving at class, I turned to my fellow students for their opinion. Someone

said that it sounded like we were in California, while another stated that it was silly, but at least the logo is cool. I have to agree with them. It sure doesn't sound like a "Michigan" name, yet the logo is fairly cool in its own right. If you haven't seen the logo for yourself, it looks like a fierce grizzly bear coming right at you.

But the question I have to ask is, "Why a grizzly?" The only grizzly bear I have seen in Michigan was riding a bicycle in a big tent.

If regional relevance was not an issue, why not the Platinum Porpoises or the Steel Three-Toad Sloths? Why isn't our mascot the Titanium Trilobite? At least the trilobite once

wiggled upon what would one day become Oakland University's campus.

The thing that makes me sad is that our fine institution spent both time and money trying to come up with this new mascot. Had I known, I could have given them the same for about five bucks in five minutes. You should see my Titanium Trilobite. It looks pretty mean.

Sincerely,

Mark Katakowski  
 Sophomore  
 Physics

More Letters to the Editor

Speaker at campus event brings out views

UU leaders say universities should be arena for all opinions

Dear Editor,

As an officer and campus minister of the Unitarian Universalist Community, we were pleased to help bring Russ Bellant to the Fireside Lounge on March 25, to present a view of the Promise Keepers that is different from the media image of the organization.

Unfortunately, too many people came with preconceived opposition to the speaker, rather than hear what he had to say.

Mr. Bellant did not intend to criticize those who have attended Promise Keepers rallies and improved the lives of themselves and their families. Nor

did he come to criticize Christianity. His purpose was to expose Bill McCartney and other founders of Promise Keepers as having a background in extreme, cult-like, far right-wing, religious and political organizations.

Obviously, many of those attending the program were unwilling to hear these facts.

One member of the audience actually threatened Mr. Bellant after the program, telling him, "You better not come back. Don't set foot on this campus again!"

A university community is supposed to be a place where the exchange of

ideas, however unpopular, can go on in an atmosphere of freedom, safety and respect.

The Oakland University community failed to provide this atmosphere for Mr. Bellant. Hopefully, we can do better in the future.

Sincerely,

Amy Walton  
UU Community President

Rod Schnaar  
UU Campus Ministry Coordinator

Bellant encourages intellectual thinking

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Pride Forum and the Unitarian Universalists for bringing Russ Bellant to the Oakland University campus. Mr. Bellant tried to defend his position that the Promise Keepers try to extract all loyalty from its members, such as a cult would.

Few of his points were valid. What encouraged me was that the overwhelming majority of the audience's comments related directly to the Bible and what God would have us to do.

You see, Promise Keepers was set up to bring Christians together, because God only has one church. There are no denominations. There is only God's

church.

There are two choices: to believe or not to believe. Not making a decision is not a choice. This is why it was so nice to have Mr. Bellant come to OU. His visit caused everyone to think about their belief or disbelief.

Thank you, all those who spoke up, and also to those responsible for this discussion. God used even Saul. Isn't He awesome.

Sincerely,

Connie Adamowicz  
Junior  
Pre-Physical Therapy

Xia

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three cartilage zones; the superficial, where collagen fibers run parallel; the transitional, where the fibers run randomly; and the radial, where the fibers run perpendicular to the bone surface.

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According to Xia, "The goal is to develop a technique to diagnose and monitor arthritis early enough, in order to repair or possibly cure through exercise and drug therapy."

Hampton

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"Students find it to be a very profound experience," she said.

Eberwein said the kindness and mutual respect Hampton and students have for each other is palpable.

"When you see Nigel with a student in the office," he said, "the atmosphere just exudes from the office."

"In a way, I get paid to learn," said Hampton. "Isn't that nice?" he said.

"I've always found most of the students to be enthusiastic here about learning," he said.

Besides quoting da Vinci that afternoon, Hampton also pulled words of

wisdom from 18th century French philosopher Joseph Joubert, who said, "To teach is to learn twice."

Hampton said, "I think the opportunity to teach has reinforced the truth of (both phrases) for me."

Hampton was given a plaque at the awards ceremony, with an inscription by Ralph Waldo Emerson. The poem describes Emerson's ideal poet, and also Hampton, according to Brian Connery, departmental chairperson.

It reads, "Simple maids and noble youth are welcome to the man of truth. Most welcome they who need him most ..."

"His achievements really touched people," said Connery. "The committee really wanted to express their gratitude to him."

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the March 25 edition of THE OAKLAND POST, the article "Andrews, Mahamwal invalidated from ticket," it should have stated that Student Congress presidential candidate Aaron Gibson was the person who charged: "Jason Young had no prior knowledge of being put on the posting, and should be a special consideration (when considering the charges against Scott Andrew and Hemant Mahamwal)."

Please see related story, regarding the elections results, on page 1.

In the March 25 edition, the writer of the story "Bathroom graffiti has students feeling disgusted, disgraced," was Steve Meyers. The writer of the story "Shakespeare class to help students with drama," was Rachael Norman.

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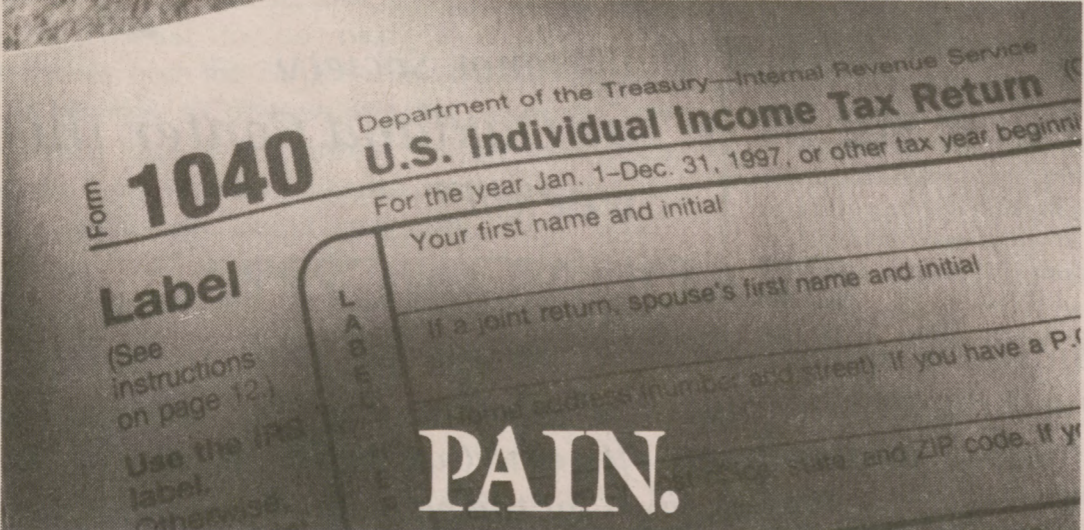
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# Speaker reviews Promise Keepers

By DAMON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Fifty seats were set up in the Fireside Lounge last Wednesday for listeners of Promise Keepers' critic Russ Bellant.

Despite seating, nearly 100 people showed up — sprawled on couches, standing in the main hallway, stopping and eating the free food.

Bellant, who recently won an investigative reporting award from the Christian Press Association, was brought to campus by the Unitarian Universalist Community and Pride Forum.

"Our group wants to provide speakers who have alternative religious views — different from the media — so people can make up their own minds themselves," said Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry

President, Amy Walton.

The event lasted almost two hours, though the speech only lasted about one hour.

He began with a brief history of the Promise Keepers and how it grew from a small Colorado church group to having million-men conferences.

His speech also dealt with how the Promise Keepers operates, and how the system is not perfect.

He focused on the recruitment of members, which he found comparable to cults.

"You go to retreats with escalating time commitments, with people saying you need to submit, and finally submission to a shepherd," Bellant said.

Bellant also argued that the male bonding groups created within the organization makes the individual "transparent" — void of religious, sexual, or

familial privacy.

The remainder of the time was a question and answer period, which brought up many arguments against Bellant's discussion, the subject of submission.

Bellant said the submission of women was negative, while many audience members argued that the definition of submission, according to the Bible, is different from the common definition.

Another source of debate was the Promise Keepers' goal of "eliminating all denominations and having one under God," as Bellant said.

Despite the criticism of the group, it is still a positive organization, said Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship President Mark Phillips.

"The Promise Keepers have engaged men to make a religious con-

nection with God, and that's why I look at it as a positive organization," said Phillips.

Phillips said though he supports the Promise Keepers, he thinks critics should be allowed to speak.

"Chi Alpha, or any other Christian organization, do not discourage other groups from speaking," he said.

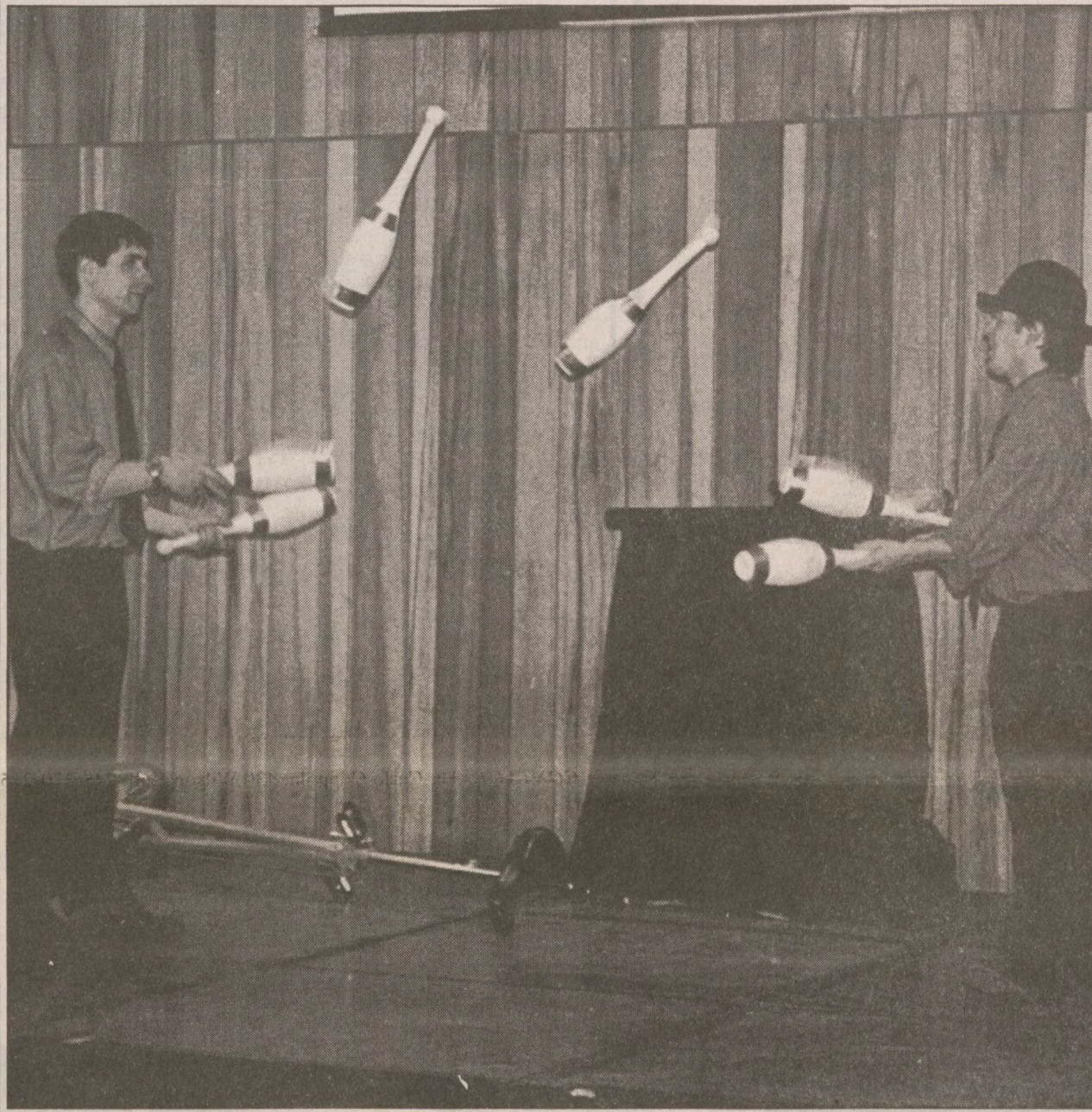
Pride Forum Steering Committee member Sean Kosofsky said the speaker was just giving facts.

He said that, like Pride Forum's previous event dealing with homosexuality and the Bible, Bellant just presented a different side.

"Everybody already knows about the Promise Keepers. Everybody already knows that the Bible is known to condemn homosexuality. But our viewpoint is lesser known," he said.

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## High risk bowling



Post Photo/Damon Brown

**Approximately 40 students gathered at noon on Tuesday to watch the Gentlemen Jugglers demonstrate their talent in the Gold Rooms. The two-man team from Seattle, WA, travel the county showing off their art of juggling different objects.**

## Renovations keep WXOU rocking on

By CHRISTOPHER FLOETER  
Special Writer

New improvements to our campus radio station are being planned to coincide with the downstairs renovation of the OC.

WXOU's location will be moved down the hall where new live, production and auxiliary studios will be built, along with a new office and a separate library space.

"The year long interim will be extremely difficult for us ... We will be losing our library because it will all be going into storage," said WXOU Music Director Chris McCullen, junior communication.

When completed in March or April 1999, WXOU will be nearly double its existing size. The station hopes to hire a student engineer to repair and maintain the station's equipment, some of which will be new with the facility.

April 1, WXOU must move to its much smaller, temporary home for the duration of the construction, but no interruptions in programming are expected.

The present studio will become the offices of the building crews.

Despite the renovations, no increase in signal is being planned as part of the improvements, and it will remain difficult to receive WXOU south of campus. The station is broadcasting at 120 watts, where its signal is pointing north toward Bald Mountain antennae.

The signal can reach as far north as Flint, but receives interference from other stations, notably Andover High School, Troy.

The Board of Trustees oversees the funding for WXOU, and the current budget will keep this the signal strength and range of station for the foreseeable future.

WXOU has been on the air since fall 1996, yet receives little feedback from listeners. It is hoped that a new phone board can make it easier for listeners to call and be aired live.

Sophomore Nick Dubin, communications, hosts his own jazz show on WXOU. He will be one of the D.J.s who will see the transition of the station.

"I think, for about a year, it's going to be a tight squeeze, but when the renovation is completed, it's

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### MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

## Local band uses '80s sound to make '90s music

By BRANDYN ANDERSON  
Special Writer

The Redford-based band "Saint Ashley" is hard to describe, but best looked at as music inspired by '80s bands.

"Saint Ashley" features Christopher Tait on rhythm guitar and vocals, Eric Cojocari on lead guitar, Jared Styles on bass and Eric Perrone on drums.

"Saint Ashley's" new CD, entitled "Driving Music for One," is a zany, swinging collection of dark music.

Confused yet? You should be. Granted, the lyrics aren't very soul-searching. Try to imagine Violent Femmes lyrics infused with music that seems to be inspired by The Cure. Understand that this is "driving music."

I can imagine driving down I-75, thumping my fingers against the steering wheel in time to these heavy-hearted, yet loose arrangements.

In the first track, "Just for Tonight," Tait croons, "I love how your hair falls into your eyes. It's amusing how it blinds you from everyday life"

Just when you're about to be engulfed in a leather n' lace love song, he rips into the chorus "Shake it up!

### "Driving Music for One" Saint Ashley

out of 4 points

Come on, sisteerrrrr!"

It's like a gothic interpretation of "Whoop, There It Is!"

Another mentionable song, "More of Her," is a ballad and parable.

Tait laments to a friend about his own ex-girlfriend, who is his friend's current lover. However, the lesson is lost in a mass of convoluted and awkward pronouns and references.

Fast forward to track three: "Lucy Brown's Revenge." Bass guitarist Jared Styles provides a smooth bass line throughout the song.

It's the only cohesive element in this wacky ditty. Tait's sleepy vocals weave and swerve through the verses as if he is singing through a dream.

The CD is enjoyable. It is perky, with a slight appreciation of the laissez-faire, alternative-to-the-alternative, dark metal edge.



Photo Credit/Thom Rolland

**FINGER THUMPING:** Local band, Saint Ashley, releases CD, "Driving Music for one." Band members from left to right: Jared Styles, bass; Brian Perrone, drums; Christopher Tait, vocals/guitars; Eric Cojocari, guitars.



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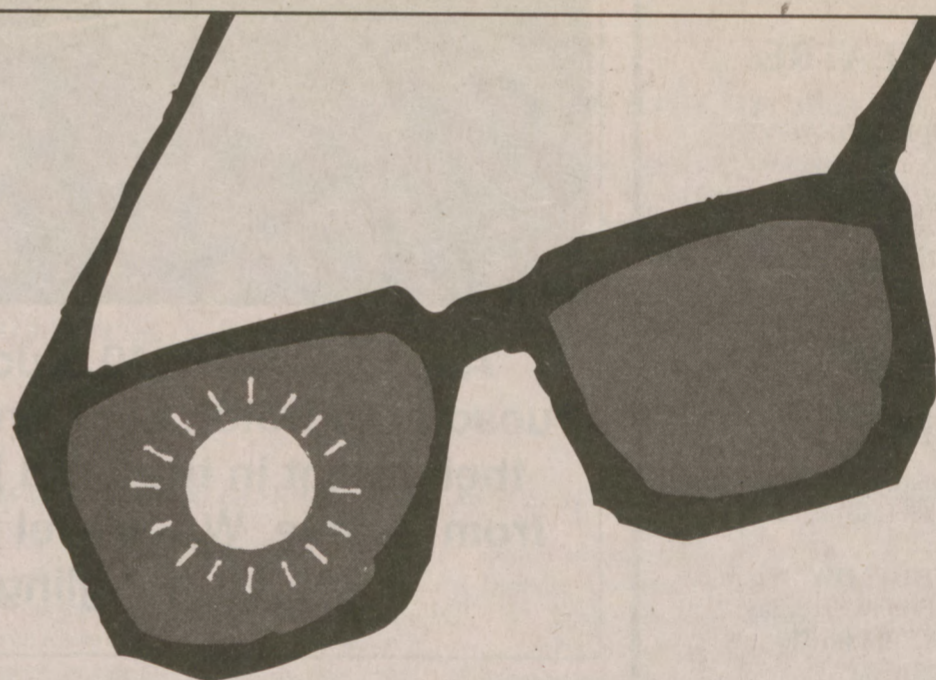
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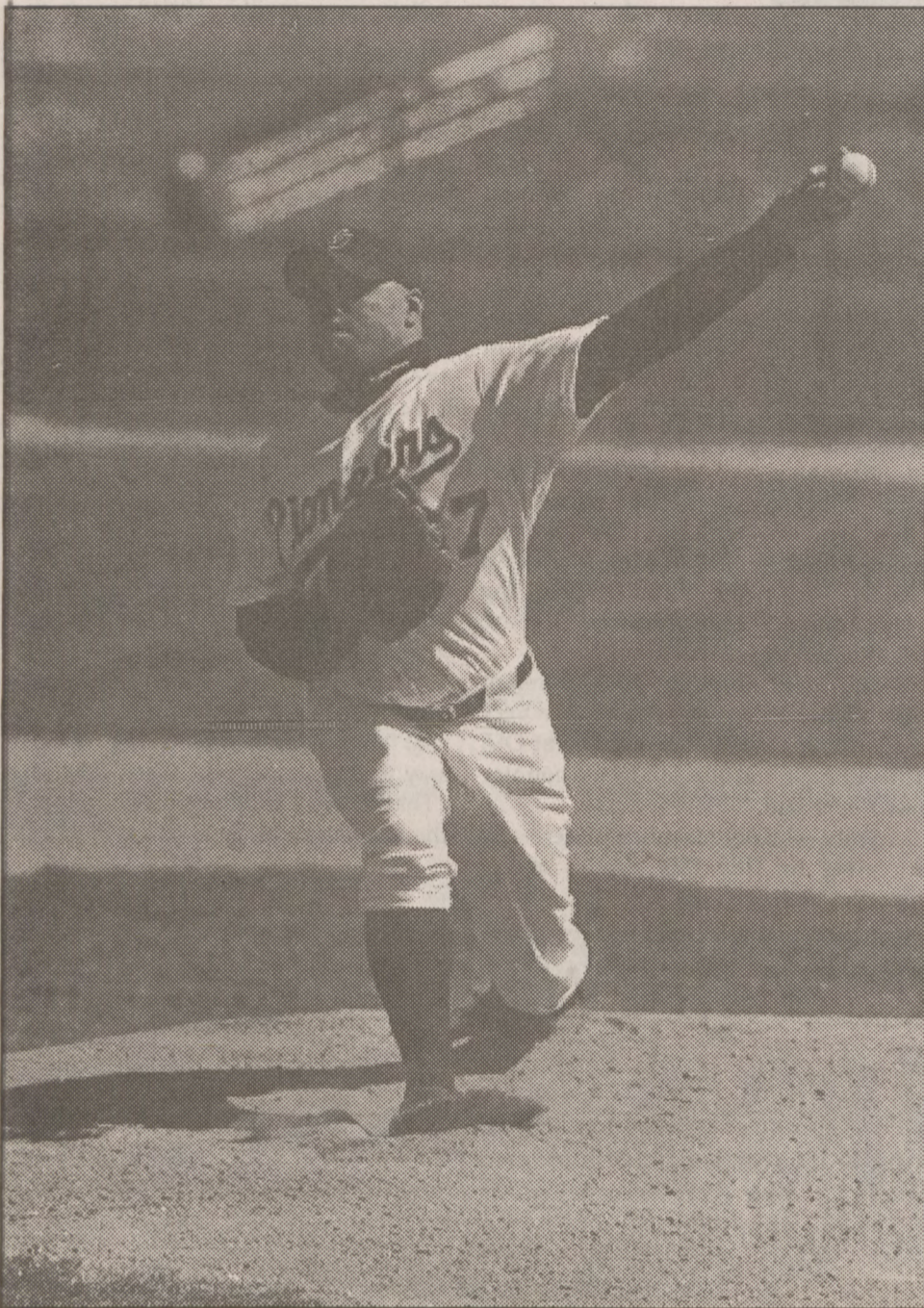


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# SPORTS

## Not so sunny results in Florida



By KEITH DUNLAP  
Staff Writer

It was understandable why they were in such a hurry to come back home.

The OU Men's Baseball Team arrived back home early Sunday morning, after going 2-8 at the Homestead Challenge in Florida.

"The difference was Division I pitching," said Tom Biljan, junior catcher. "They threw pitches in the 90's (mph) and ours were throwing in the 80's (mph)."

"Their batters could adjust to our pitching," he said.

According to Head Coach Steve Lyon, the Pioneers have a young pitching staff, but they are Division I quality pitchers.

"It seems like everytime I had to make a pitching change, I had to put in a freshman," he said.

After starting the Challenge 1-3 on the first weekend, the Pioneers could only manage one more win the rest of the week.

On Tuesday, the Pioneers lost both games during a doubleheader, falling to Northeastern by a count of 14-10 in the first game. They then lost to Upper Iowa 21-4 in the second.

In the first game against Northeastern, the hitting star for the Pioneers was sophomore first baseman Matt Barr. He collected two hits and had three RBI's.

In the second game against Upper Iowa, OU racked up 14 hits, but could only manage to push across four of them.

Junior outfielder Eric Paul and freshman first baseman Eric Hardin led the way offensively, each banging out four hits.

After Wednesday's offday, OU was back in action on Thursday, losing to Harvard in a slugfest 17-9.

Freshman infielder Eddie Dewalt led the way with two RBI's. Junior Jason Hoom was the pitcher.

On Friday, OU split a doubleheader, beating on Mt. Mercy in the first game, while losing to Ottawa in the second.

Against Mt. Mercy, OU picked up its second victory of the season, thanks to a strong pitching performance by freshman Brad Knorr.

Knorr pitched seven innings and struck out eight to get the victory.

Pacing the Pioneers' offensive attack was Hardin, who had two hits and three RBI's, including bases clearing triple.

In the second game, OU was led offensively by freshman second baseman Matt Moore who had two hits, and freshman pitcher Rick Green, who went 3-3 and had two RBI's.

On Saturday night, OU played its final game in the Challenge, losing again to Dartmouth 4-3.

Sophomore outfielder Kevin Prater went 2-5 and scored two runs, while Hardin went 2-4 with a RBI to lead the Pioneer offense.

Despite the loss, there was a bright spot. Freshman Justin Robertson pitched 8.1 innings, striking out seven Dartmouth batters, and giving up only four runs in a losing effort.

"We got better as the week went on," said Lyon. "We were more competitive."

OU will start its home schedule on Friday with a doubleheader against Sienna Height. There will be another doubleheader at home Saturday against Indiana Tech.

Start times for both first games is 2 p.m.



Joe Gray

## New mascot: Embearassment of riches

When OU commissioned the SME Design Company to create a new mascot and nickname, the university wanted an image that was marketable, or in other words — a moneymaker. For \$82,300, OU got the Golden Grizzlies.

On the surface, the result of OU's search seems more grizzly than golden.

The announcement brought out some giggles and jokes.

"sounds like a cereal," and "are there such things as gold-colored bears?" were some of the comments made.

The local newspapers and radio stations that carried the news of the change made light of the nickname.

Did OU make a mistake? Should we have kept Pioneers or changed to the Race Cats, Sabrecats or some other kind of cat?

Absolutely not.

OU will be on the minds of a lot of people during the next few weeks. Even if people are joking about OU, they will still be talking about the university.

There is a saying that there is no such thing as bad publicity. (Just ask President Clinton).

Every story about the new mascot included mention of OU's switch to Division I sports in the fall. This has to make OU President Gary Russi happy because the word is spreading.

By the time new merchandise is ready for sale, the jokes will have died down and people singing, "Oh, those Golden Grizzlies, Oh, those Golden Grizzlies..." will be a distant memory.

The bear motif has a lot of potential. Just think of the marketing possibilities.

The new sports center can be called the "Den." At games, OU can sell foam bear paws with the index finger extended claiming "The Golden Grizzlies are No. 1."

T-shirts can be printed with sayings such as, "Bear Down OU" and "OU education, more than the Bear essentials."

Also, think of future headlines involving OU sports teams. "OU defense un-bear-able for competition," or "Cold shooting puts Golden Grizzlies in early hibernation," or "Golden Grizzlies claw to the top of Division I."

All OU needs now is a costumed mascot, someone to dance around at games and inspire the teams to victory, and inspire the fans to buy stuffed bears and Golden Grizzly coffee mugs.

Once a mascot costume is designed, a name will have to be selected for it. The name has to be gender neutral so no one is offended.

How about, Goldy or Fuzzy.

If OU wants to sell more merchandise, the school should create two mascots, male and female. They could be named, Pawl and Pawlina.

OU is entering the world of Division I athletics. A world of bigtime sports and bigtime revenues.

What's next? Shoe deals for the coaches? Advertising boards at the rec center? How about a flying grizzly blimp dropping advertisements at games?

Instead of painting bear paws on the new cheer team's cheeks, Nike swooshes should be used. This should bring in a few bucks.

So go out and buy your black, white and gold merchandise, before teal and pink are decided to be more marketable.

Junior Joe Gray is a journalism major and Assistant Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

## Bubble pops to a new location

The move is adding 150 feet of new area to the current Bubble

By BILL PETRICK  
Staff Writer

The two year purgatory period is over for OU's volleyball and basketball teams.

The Bubble, which has served as the teams' home since the fall of 1996, was taken down last week and will be moved to the lower fields, where a 150 foot extension will be added.

"I believe it will be ready sometime in the summer," said Greg Jordan, director of Campus Recreation.

According to OU's Sports Information Director Amy Hirschman, the Bubble will be used for indoor practice by baseball, soccer and softball, when it is added next year.

The Bubble's floor will be sent back to the Pontiac Silverdome, where it was rented from.

According to Jack Mehl, athletics director, the floor cost nothing to rent. "They were kind enough to help us," he said.

Next year the teams will move

to the new athletic complex and say goodbye to the Bubble, which according to Men's Basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe, had a few good points, but many more bad ones.

"Game day, it was a very festive atmosphere," Kampe said. "Every other moment was a nightmare."

According to Kampe, the lack of practice space and cold temperature during winter were two of the biggest

negatives.

Kampe said the basketball team had to purchase sweatshirts for players to wear to practice due to the freezing temperatures.

Having just two rims to work with was also limiting during practice, he said.

While Kampe admits that the Bubble, with a capacity of 477, could become very loud, he thinks that it may have provided a psychological advantage for opposing teams because of its uniqueness.

"It wasn't just another game for other teams," Kampe said. "It was a great place to shoot."

The Bubble experience is finally over for the team, and OU will have a new state of the art facility, but Kampe will always remember the "nightmare" years.

**"It was two years and now it's something to look back and laugh on."**

**Greg Kampe**  
Men's Basketball Coach  
Reflecting on times in the Bubble

"You did it and you did it with a smile on your face," he said. "It was two years and now it's something to look back and laugh on."

Moving away from the Bubble only means better things for recreation sports and activities on campus.

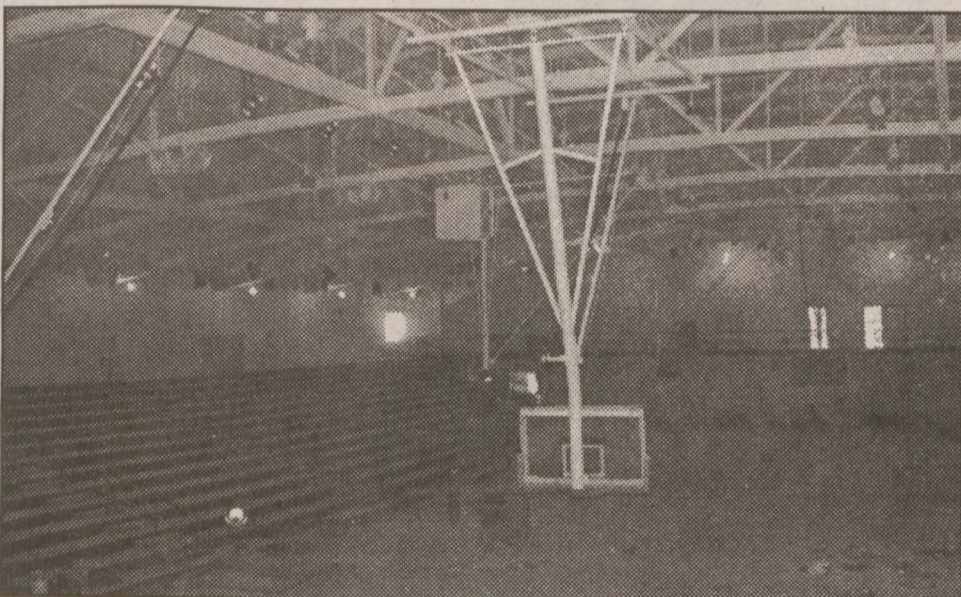
Many activities such as basketball and aerobics were held there for the past two years, but will now move to the new athletic complex.

"There will be a host of new activities there," said Maura Selahowski, assistant director of marketing and business operations.



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

**VACANT STARES:** The bubble was laying adjacent to the Lepley Sports Center for almost two years. All that's left is a field of dirt and stones.



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

**NEW GROUND:** This under-construction preview is of the soon to be completed sports arena that will host all games previously held in the Bubble.

The new facility will have cardiovascular equipment, swimming, open recreation and many other activities that the Bubble could not provide, said

Selahowski.

Editor in chief Jaime Shelton contributed to this article.

PIONEER  
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- Baseball**
- The men lost to Northeastern 14-10 on March 24.
  - The men lost to Upper Iowa 12-4 on March 24.
  - The men lost to Harvard 17-8 on March 26.
  - The men defeated Mount Mercy College 10-2 on March 27.
  - The men lost to Ottawa College 6-5 on March 27.
  - The men lost to Dartmouth 4-3 on March 28.

- Tennis**
- The women defeated Albion 6-3 on March 27.
- Golf**
- The men placed 10th at the Western Kentucky Invitational on March 28.

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- Baseball**
- April 1 - The men at Eastern Michigan at 3 p.m.
  - April 3 - The men at Sienna Heights in a double-header at 2 p.m.
  - April 4 - The men host Indiana Tech in a double-header 2 p.m.
  - April 7 - The men at Michigan State at 3 p.m.
- Golf**
- April 3-4 - The men at the Malone Invitational in Alliance, Ohio.

OU sports excel at gender equality

By ERIKA MILLER  
Staff Writer

Most schools across the country are struggling to add or deduct sports teams and coaches. This is to create so-called gender equity as enforced by federal law, according to a recent story in "The Oakland Press."

But OU has voluntarily phased in women during the past two years as a matter of personal principle, said Jack Mehl, athletic director.

If so, have the men been good sports about it?

"Oh yeah!" said Amy Hirschman, the new sports information director, who took over the job last year from Andy Glantzman.

"The men were used to working with females on the teams," she said. "So it didn't take a lot of getting used to."

"You don't get treated any different. You have to prove yourself, but I never had any trouble," she said.

The emergence of women in OU sports, especially in prominent leadership roles, is the result of women replacing men in a natural turnover of men employees, Mehl said.

Mehl calls it "an exciting, dynamic time of change, an inherently healthy thing."

Besides Hirschman and Francis, OU's women in sports management roles include: Kris Jeffrey part-time tennis coach, Mary Jane Anderson, women's golf coach, Carey Hickson, women's basketball assistant coach, and bookkeeper Schenette Fowler, office

manager Jane Bentham, and secretary Mary-Anne Bowen.

Francis, Hirschman, Hickson, Bowen and Fowler have all been hired within the past year.

"I don't care if it's a law or not," he said. "We have an obligation to provide society with leadership."

The law he refers to is Title IX of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that makes discrimination in college athletics illegal.

In recent years, the courts have interpreted the law to mean not only that race and sex discrimination are unlawful, but compliance requires actual gender balance.

For example, if a student body is 60 percent female, then 60 percent of its athletes need to be too.

Besides scholarship funds being divided likewise, there are eight sports for women and six for men.

In established sports like basketball, swimming and tennis, seasoned women veterans have taken over. Mehl said OU has a strong level of sports and

needs strong women leaders. As an example, Mehl refers to Beckie Francis.

Francis is in her first year at OU, having taken over the position from Bob Taylor. She brings new Division I experience to the athletics department, in addition to Mehl's creating an aura of anxious excitement there.

"Oakland is one school where women athletics don't take second fiddle to men," she said, speaking from a Kansas City hotel room on Saturday.

She was attending an annual coach's meeting at the NCAA Final Four.

"Oakland has been the most supportive I've worked with, in terms of supporting women's athletics," Francis said.

"Oakland has a great future ahead of it with the overall support of Jack Mehl and the administration. The opportunities are unlimited," she said.

She went through three different universities to coach, which were very male dominated, before arriving at OU.

"I feel I have the best job in the country now," she said.

Francis attributes much of her early successes to Title IX's gender equity

program. Many individuals have suffered when other schools' programs have been forced to re-invent themselves while dismantling men's sports to meet sex-balancing quotas, but Francis has excelled because of it.

"I wouldn't have succeeded," she said, "if it weren't for Title IX, which gave me the opportunity to play basketball on a scholarship."

Mehl said the next woman hired will be a women's softball coach this spring.

According to Mehl, the sudden replacement of men by women has changed the texture and personality of the athletics department. He said it's been positive.

Jeffrey said that due to the women's perspective on how to recruit women, scholarships have risen sharply for females in recent years.

Also, due to more of a mix, coaches open up to different coaching techniques.

Today's similarity between men and women can be attributed to the growth of sports, Title IX, and experience, said Francis.

"We are very similar to men. We don't let our emotions get in the way, and we can compete at a very high level," she said.

Jeffrey further substantiated the impact of Title IX on OU sports.

"What Oakland is trying to do is stay in the gender equity act," she said. "That's been Oakland's move to that in the last few years."



Post Photo/Bob Knoske

**TAKING OVER: Women's Basketball Head Coach Beckie Francis is one of five women hired by the athletics department in the last year.**

Golden Grizzlies create a growl on campus

"It's a terrible choice. It has nothing to do with Oakland. It is an obviously an ad change. The Golden Geese, Dodgers or Sailors would have been great. There are a million better choices. What about Crappy Geese?"

Margaret O'Brien  
Instructor  
Journalism

"I don't like it. I thought the Sabercats logo was a lot better. Grizzlies make me think of Canada or the wilderness or something."

Adam Rocha  
Sophomore  
Human resource development

"It's more interesting. Anything is better than Pioneers. We need to get with the times. (The new name) makes us sound more fierce."

Mike Plocinik  
Freshman  
Pre-medicine

"It's pretty cool. I like it. It matches our colors. I like the bear because it's strong and tough."

Amina Kalif  
Freshman  
Business

"The Golden Grizzlies has a nice ring to it. It has a fierce look and makes it look like we can go out there and dominate and win."

Danielle Barnes  
Freshman  
Pre-optometry

"I think (the change) is a good idea because it might draw more attention to the university. The university also needs a mascot which is neutral to race and sex."

Steve Skibins  
Senior  
Mechanical Engineering

"I thought Pioneer Pete was a weird mascot. But Golden Grizzlies? (It) doesn't sound any better."

Sara DiSanto  
Junior  
Marketing

"... People will wonder who the hell the Golden Grizzlies are. People are finally getting to know who the Pioneers are, and now we're going to have to start all over."

Chris Johns  
Senior  
Engineering

Spotlight on the

TOM BILJAN  
MEN'S BASEBALL

# Black & Gold

By KRYSTAL KALTZ  
Staff Writer

Tom Biljan will tell you that he is nothing special on the diamond. He describes himself as your average, run-of-the mill catcher.

However, Head Coach Steve Lyon begs to differ.

"No one works harder at baseball than Tom," said Lyon. "He's really blossomed into a bona fide Division I catcher."

Lyon is counting on Biljan to handle OU's young pitching staff.

"A big part of our young pitching staff's development will fall on Tom's shoulders," said Lyon.

According to Lyon, Biljan will be calling pitches during games.

"I have faith in Tom," he said. "He is a very responsible catcher."

Biljan is the only experienced catcher on the team. He will catch the majority of the innings this season.

Biljan, a junior, is majoring in human resource development with specialization in training development. Other than school, his life revolves around baseball.

Biljan began playing T-ball at the age of five, and has been involved in the sport ever since.

His hobbies are rooted in baseball. He spends time with teammates collecting baseball cards and other sports memorabilia.

He also enjoys reading player autobiographies.

One of Biljan's favorite players is former Minnesota Twins' outfielder Kirby Puckett. He admires Puckett because despite his short and stubby stature he still managed to be an excellent player.

Biljan described himself as short and stubby earlier in his life.

His teammates have given him the nickname Pork because he tends to eat a lot.

Biljan graduated from Utica Eisenhower High School, in 1995, where he earned three varsity letters in baseball and was named team captain in his senior year.

He received all-state, all-district, all-county, all-league and all-mac honors during his junior and senior seasons at Eisenhower.

Biljan's dream job is in the field of baseball. He would like to become a scout, and travel the country visiting different stadiums, especially the older ones.

Biljan feels as if he may have missed out on part of the college experience by not living in the dormitories. However, he says playing on the team has made up for anything he has missed.

"I really enjoy my teammates," said Biljan. "I've built a lot of good friendships."

## Math

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"I think the math professors expect their students to know the material with just a brief once-over," said Bryan Urban, sophomore, computer engineering.

"They can't seem to make the connection between what it's like to be a student and what they take for granted as mathematicians," he said.

"Unfortunately, math can be very unforgiving if one should fall behind," Lipman said. "Math builds upon itself, and

you must have mastered Tuesday's section before you can expect to understand Wednesday's."

SAB which conducted the survey does not wish to publish the results, admitting that the method used is unscientific.

The board consists entirely of volunteers who decide each year on a focus within the university to which it hopes to bring attention.

"This year, our goal is to try and build a positive rapport with the math department and discover what steps, if any, need to be taken to improve it," said Gloria Sosa, SAB advisor.

The math department

believes it is constantly looking to improve. It recently added a Ph. D. program in applied mathematics, a project almost 30 years in the making.

"One of our strengths has been our flexibility and adjustment to national trends," said Jack Nachman, mathematics professor.

"Naturally we would be thrilled to see our students perform better than the national average," Nachman said.

"The belief of some students that the math department is out to fail students is not new, nor is it unique to Oakland. It wasn't true then, and it isn't true now," he said.

## WJR

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Fogel will definitely be a part of it.

The award was given as a result of a 13-part broadcast series entitled, "Leaving the Wrong Impression," which ran in 1997.

The series exposed the use of flawed evidence in several criminal trials.

It was inspired by letters and phone calls sent to WJR by prisoners and family members of those charged or convicted of slayings.

In all cases, bite marks left in the skin of corpses were used as sole or partial evidence in identi-

fying the suspected perpetrators, Fogel said.

"Our series investigated the validity of bite mark evidence," he said.

Their year-long research involved doing interviews with prisoners, jurors, and the two suspects who were acquitted as a result of false findings, Fogel said.

It also included sending photographs and dental impressions to forensic odontologists around the country, Hansen said.

A forensic odontologist is a specialist in the study of teeth and bite marks in criminal cases.

Richard Souvion, a Florida odontologist, said that he couldn't positively identify any of the suspects based on the evidence given, Hansen said.

Souvion, the most noted odontologist in the country, was instrumental in the conviction of Ted Bundy in the late '70's, Hansen said.

Some other experts in the field of forensic odontology were too willing to accept bite marks as equal to fingerprints for identification purposes.

Fogel said, in reality, skin is moveable and this makes an exact impression very difficult to achieve.

Furthermore, in our age of sophisticated orthodontics, the impression of one's teeth could be identical to that of another's, he added.

"We are very pleased to have such a fine professional also teaching communication majors at OU," she added.

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"From the meeting we've had, it's going to be a real state of the art facility," he said.

"It will be a lot more like a real station," said Station General Manager Laura Brown, junior communications.

"Right now WXOU has that aura of a college station," she said.

## Promise

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"We're the underdog, and they should respect that," said Kosofsky.

Unfortunately, that was not the case for all. According to Kosofsky, while Bellant was signing books after the program, he was threatened.

"(The threatener) said something to the effect of 'You better not come back to campus. You

better not step foot on this campus,'" Kosofsky said.

Regardless, both Walton and Kosofsky agreed that the event was a success, because it provoked discussion.

Bellant has written for "60 Minutes," "New York Times," ABC, NBC, and "Time Magazine."

He also has published three books: "Old Nazis, The New Right and The Republican Party," "The Coors Connection," and "The Religious Right In Michigan Politics."

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\$100 SIGN UP BONUS  
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If interested call:  
**HOME HEALTH OUTREACH**  
**1-800-852-0995**

### Psychology, Social Work, or Education Students!

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Rochester based home care agency hiring student nurses as home health aides to assist elderly clients in Rochester and other areas of Oakland and Macomb County. Immediate work available, flexible hours based on your availability. Paid mileage and health insurance. Must have completed 1 clinical rotation, have phone and car.

Home Health Outreach  
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**DIV. OF CRITTENTON DEV. CORP.**

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## WE NEED YOU!

The Oakland Sail, Inc. is looking for student board members. If interested, please call Jaime at 370-4268.

The news section of THE OAKLAND POST wants to know if something exciting is going on within your organization or department.

Please call us at (248) 370-4267 or fax at (248) 370-4264

# FEATURES

## SEPARATED at Birth



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Sophomore  
Computer Engineering

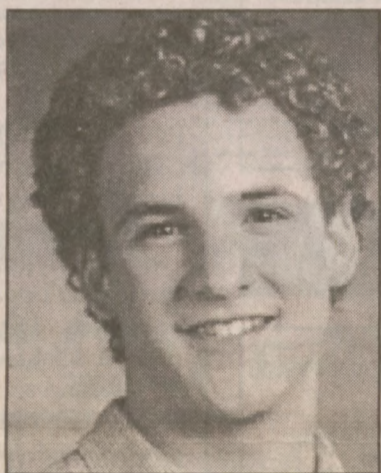


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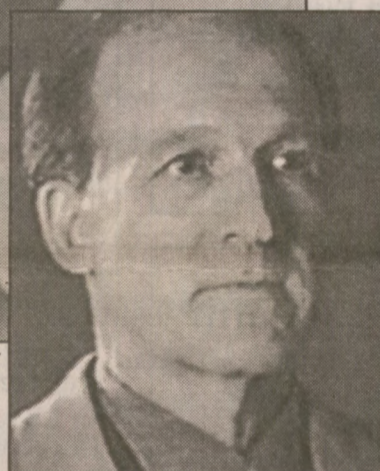


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Daniel J. Travanti  
"Hill Street Blues"  
Actor



Photo Courtesy/Oakland University  
Amy Hirschman  
Sports Information Director



Photo courtesy/Showbiz  
Sigorney Weaver  
"Aliens", "Ghostbusters"  
Actress

### OU students and faculty walk among the stars

By DAMON BROWN  
Features Editor

Diane Keaton is a journalism major at OU. April Fools. Sort of.

Senior Susan Howes, journalism, is sometimes mistaken for the actress, though she hasn't acted since high school.

Evidently, this happens to the campus community all the time.

Ask Sports Information Director Amy Hirschman. Some people think she kills aliens.

"People say I look like Sigorney Weaver in the face," Hirschman said.

She never has had an acting gig, but said she did very well in the opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" in elementary school.

Acting Chair of the Hist. Department Phil ... er ... Carl Osthaus has been known as a dead ringer of a certain talk show host.

"One shouted 'Look, it's Phil Donahue!' A ripple of laughter went across the crowd"

Carl Osthaus  
Acting Chair of the Hist. Department

"I don't think people who look-alike are offended, but it is funny. When meeting new people it helps break the ice," Osthaus said. "But if someone looks like Jeffrey Dahmer, people could be offended by that."

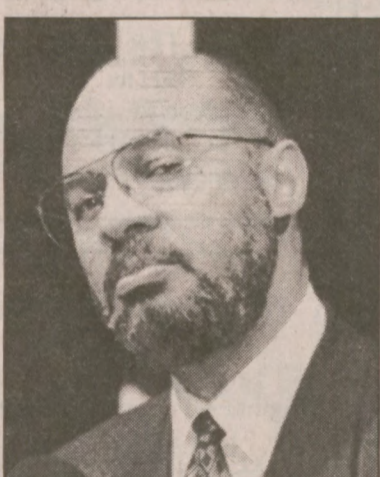
"I was walking across campus awhile ago when a group of kids, middle school age, passed by me. One shouted 'Look, it's Phil Donahue!' A ripple of laughter went across the crowd," Osthaus recalled.

Associate Professor of Sociology Kevin Early has often mistaken for Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. This was especially apparent when he recently went to a service station to pay his bills.

"I go to pay my bills, and this guy says 'Hey, you're Mayor Archer!' I said, 'No, I'm not.' He said, 'Okay,' like he didn't believe me," said Early. Osthaus doesn't look at resemblance as a curse, but a blessing.



Photo Courtesy/Oakland University  
Kevin Early  
OU Associate Professor  
Sociology Dept.



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Dennis Archer  
Mayor of Detroit



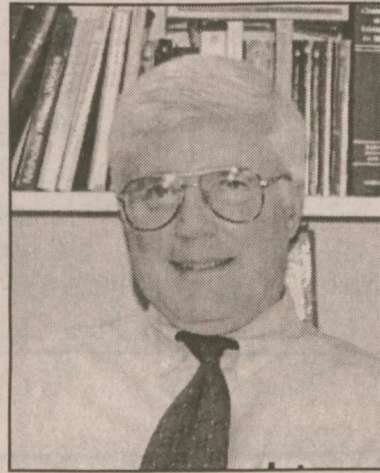
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Diane Keaton  
"First Wives Club"  
Actress



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Susan Howes  
Senior  
Journalism



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Phil Donahue  
Former talk show host



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Carl Osthaus  
Acting Chair of the Hist. Dept.



Damon Brown

### Destination is not important — the journey is

During the past year, my life has changed.

I've gone from late-sleeper, night-owl bohemian, to stressed, type-A personality. And back again.

I've become more experienced, intelligent and passionate. I've also become more confused, shocked and angrier than I ever have in my short life.

All this stems from a job I decided "might be good" a year ago. I decided to take the features editor position at THE OAKLAND POST.

And now it's almost done.

When I think back, I look with pride in what could have been a warm and fuzzy tour of duty.

Laura and I could have done stories on bake sales and campus parties.

We could have sugar-coated your ears with sweet stories of campus harmony and relaxed group interaction.

We could have been OU's public relations department.

But roughly a year ago, a conscious decision was made. We weren't going to pad the news, and we weren't going to be a fluffy features section.

We've made people mad, angry, upset, pleased, informed and sad.

My column on sex made me a trailblazer and a pervert on the same campus, while our spreads on domestic violence and breast cancer helped and informed the community.

And our recent dedication to bathroom graffiti has made an impact already. Some students I have spoke with have confirmed that the bathrooms have been cleaner since the article was published a week ago.

Though I am proud of the work done at THE POST, my point isn't to go on about this year's accomplishments.

My point is, though journalists strive for objectivity, this does not mean that readers should not be emotionally affected by stories.

In fact, in a sense, that is their job, particularly in the features department — to do stories that give insight into the human condition.

In short, we've made people think about what they are doing and why they are doing it.

As we wrap up the last three issues of THE POST, and the sun sets on my two-year career here, I realize how much every person here has grown.

And, as I look back, I think of a poem my mother has on the refrigerator back home.

It was allegedly written by a dying 80-year-old man.

He says he doesn't remember rush-hour traffic. He doesn't think back to 14-hour workdays. He isn't reminiscent of the promotions he worked so hard for.

He remembers seeing his children born. He remembers first falling in love with his wife. He remembers playing when he was little.

In essence, the poem says "Don't sweat the big things, for the little things you'll remember."

In years to come when I look back at this time, I won't remember the stress, the pain, or the headaches.

I'll remember the phone call from someone who was touched by my article.

I'll remember working successfully as a team with complete strangers.

And I'll remember being the messenger, which I hope will never change.

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