

Students speak up

Parks, McGuinness chosen to lead student body

By LAURA ANGUS
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Once opponents, turned running mates and now victors, Jonathan Parks and Michael McGuinness are ready to take their places as OU's Student Congress (OUSC) president and vice president.

Pulling 646 of the 1,163 logged votes, the pair won the election over Matt Edwards and Mario Hagar by 183 votes. There were 31 write-ins and 23 voters left

the presidential field blank on their ballots.

Less than 10 percent of OU's student population voted in this year's election, but more students turned out this year than last.

Next year, OUSC will have a full legislature, with 25 students from various on campus organizations representing the student body. Only two of these students were on Congress this year.

Parks said one of his first priorities for his next term is to help WXOU, the radio station, "so the campus can



Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post
Jonathan Parks and Mike McGuinness plan how to lead the OU student body next year.

enjoy the (station's) programming," he said.

Another goal Parks has is to increase awareness of the students about government on the state level.

He and McGuinness want to encourage Congress to be active in the university, as well. Parks said he wants to push to all students the message that "it's fun to serve."

"We have to be a role model for that," he said.

"Beginning April 12 (the swearing in of the new Congress), that will be the focus."

Parks said incentives like Legislator of the Month awards might be in place next year to encourage congress members to be active and involved, and make Congress enjoyable.

McGuinness said one thing he would like to see is to have an issue addressed

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Unity goal of games

By LIBBY BAKER
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

Students around campus are gearing up for the first ever OULympics scheduled to take place from 4-7 p.m. on Friday in the Rec Center.

The games, sponsored by more than 10 student organizations, have been in the works since October and will bring students from different backgrounds together for a few hours of fun, entertainment and free food.

The event was developed by student leaders who wanted to come up with a program co-sponsored by as many organizations as possible that would bring students from different back-

grounds together, said Omar Brown-El, Retention Coordinator for the Center for Multicultural Initiatives. Sports does this, he said.

"This is an opportunity for students to meet students that they have never met ... and to work together toward a common goal," he said. "It's an opportunity to learn and understand students who are different than they are."

Stefen Welch, senior and president of the Association of Black Students (ABS), said the event was intended to draw a diverse group of students with various backgrounds.

"We wanted to bring OU Please see REC on A6.

Equality for all OU couples

By TRACY ESTES
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

No matter what a person's sexual orientation is - OU does not discriminate.

Tom McMillan, Oakland County commissioner, and Wendy Wagenheim, communication director for the Michigan branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), debated about gay marriages in the Fireside Lounge of the OC last week.

McMillan took the stance that homosexuals choose to be gay and can be changed, whereas Wagenheim feels that trying to change a person's sexual orientation was discriminating. She feels people should not be denied rights because of their sexual preferences.

McMillan made it clear in his argument that homosexuals have the right to marry as long as it is a marriage to someone of the opposite sex.

The debate attracted many OU students, faculty and staff along with other people from the community.

The subject of gay marriage recently moved into the national spotlight, and is having a large impact on the presidential elections this coming November.

OU is a community of its own; there are gay faculty members on campus and OU tries to treat everyone equally.

Ted Montgomery, director of media relations, said there is no discrimination toward gay persons and/or couples on campus.

OU employees receive health insurance benefits through COBRA and the benefits are the same for heterosexuals as

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Alexis Smith/The Oakland Post
The Gay Straight Alliance is an organization unifying and informing the gay community on campus.

Law group goes Greek

By KRISTIN SOMMER
THE OAKLAND POST

There's a new fraternity on campus. The Pre-Law Society recently became one of the newest charter members of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International.

Fifteen members were required to get the charter, and OU went "above and beyond what was needed," Chapter President Rainer Kuleukampff said.

There were 24 members inducted at a special ceremony held two weeks ago. A representative from the main office in Baltimore presented each member with a pin, according to Chapter Advisor Emmett Lombard.

Phi Alpha Delta has roots going back as far as 1897, according to its Web site, PAD.org.

Chapters are organized into three groups, Alumni, Law School and Pre-Law. More than 200 colleges across the United States and Puerto Rico have Pre-Law chapters.

The co-ed fraternity is self-proclaimed as the largest international law organization in the world.

OU will join good company in Phi Alpha Delta. Several former presidents have been members, including William Taft, Woodrow Wilson and Bill Clinton.

The organization plans to remain at its current size until the fall.

"Obviously next semester we will be recruiting more members," Kuleukampff said.

The current members will be helping the



Photos Courtesy of Phi Alpha Delta

Above: Phi Alpha Delta works at Coalition of Temp. Shelter (COTS) making plaster masks for a fund raiser called MASK-OR-AIDE.

Right: Phi Alpha Delta during one of its meetings. The group is the new fraternity for pre-law students at OU.



Detroit-based charity Coalition of Temporary Shelter's MASK-OR-AIDE fundraiser next month.

Since club membership had dropped to two students before joining Phi Alpha

Delta, Lombard is hopeful more than the name will change.

"I think it will give it a little added interest and more prestige" to be part of Phi Alpha Delta, Lombard said.

Virtually there

Career fair brings students, employers together in cyberspace

By REBECCA WYATT
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Students and alumni looking for full time, part time or summer jobs can meet with perspective employers while wearing pajamas. Career Services' Virtual Career Fair helps students chat it up across the internet.

Kimberly Tran, systems specialist for Career Services, said students and employers use chat rooms as they would a career fair.

According to a press release from Career Services, job seekers will have the chance to "express interest in the position, discuss career goals and qualifications with employers."

Students can apply to chat with a company by submitting their resumes to Career Services. If their skills match up with the company's qualifications, a chat can be set up.

Participants can take part in the chat from

any Internet-ready location, including the computers available in the Career Services office, Tran said.

Some of the employers participating in the Virtual Career Fair are Aspen Marketing Services, BioConnections, Bruce Building Company, Detroit Medical Center, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National City Corp., Paychex and Quicken Loans. Tran said not all

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Petition comes to OUSC

OU Student Congress (OUSC) received a petition during Monday's meeting from a student requesting changes be made to the computer lab in the basement of the OC.

John Tinkham, OU student, said the petition, signed by 75 students, is a request for better technical attention for the lab including problems with printers and the overall capabil-

ities students have while using the computers in the basement.

"We feel that our claims have been ignored," he said. "I'd like something done about it."

In other business:

Congress discussed issues regarding extending the breakfast service time at Vandenberg Hall to 10

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Homeland focus at OU

Campus community stays safe with federal grants, emergency response team

By TRACY ESTES
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Since that devastating morning of Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. has taken great precautions in providing increased security nationwide.

The OU Police Department (OUPD) and top administrators are among many across the nation constantly working to make sure the community is a safe environment for everyone. To aid this

effort, OU was recently approved for grants in homeland security funding.

The money is being spread out between two specific phases, the first to help planning and exercises.

A few things that will come out of this phase include an emergency evacuation drill in one of the dorms on campus. This drill will help with OUPD's response, along with local response.

On April 16, there will be an

injury prevention and wellness day in the P2 parking lot. With this event, various local first responders from Oakland County will be on hand to explain operations and safety measures to all in attendance.

Later this year, selected top administrators and the OUPD command staff will also participate in simulated exercises to continue to enhance response capabilities.

The second phase is for training

of OUPD personnel and to enhance their ability to respond.

"Any institution needs to do their best for any contingency, and training is important," said OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido.

Lucido declined to respond to how much funding the university receives for homeland security, but he said, "the money is helpful for us to accomplish what we need to do."

OU President Gary Russi said a crisis management team was

established on campus, consisting of many members who play a key role in handling emergencies.

As head of the team, Russi makes the decisions in consultation with the Vice President for Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer to activate the team.

Lucido said that OU has a written emergency response plan in place, which involves a protocol

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New ATM to assist impaired

By JUSTIN MULARSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

Now adding to the resources on campus for disabled or handicapped students is a "smart" ATM machine that will make it possible for the visually impaired to access their money on campus.

The "smart" technology was added to the ATM machine between North and South Foundation Halls through a donation from the OU Branch of the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union. The technology provides a jack where users can plug in a headset that will give instructions to them on how to complete the transaction.

John Savio, vice president of the OU Branch, told OU that the credit union felt donating the machine was important to make life easier for the visually impaired.

"The machine is easy to use and provides clear instructions that will allow just about anyone to use it without any difficulty," Savio said.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs, was touched by the generosity of the donation.

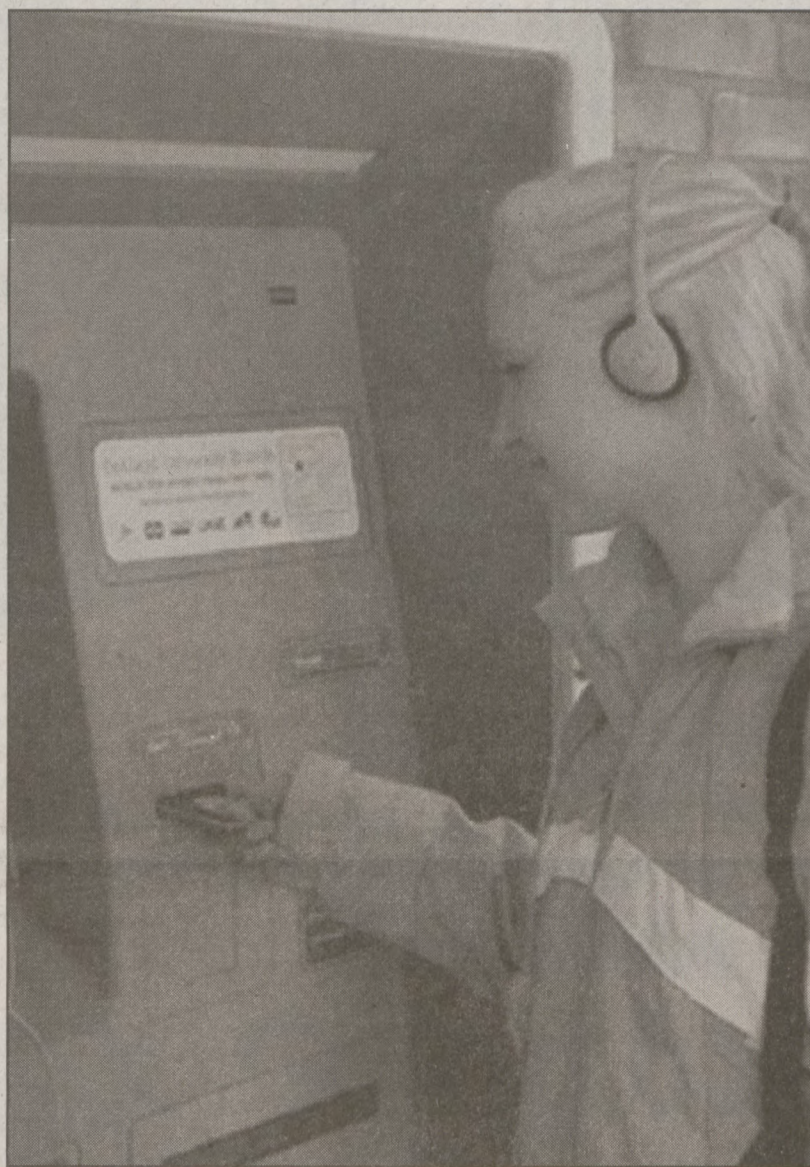
"In a time when funds for these sorts of things are becoming increasingly scarce, it's heartening that the credit union stepped up to the plate to make this important donation," she said.

There are roughly 425 students with disabilities at OU, 12 of whom have visual impairments. The Office of Disability Support Services said that number includes students with learning disabilities, and is constantly changing with new registrations.

Linda Sisson, director of Disability Support Services (DSS), said that the machine will help make OU more accessible to those with disabilities.

"It fits with the general philosophy of OU being inclusive, of having a diverse, inclusive student body, and that includes disabled students," Sisson said.

She also said she was sure the machine would be used by those



Courtesy of Oakland University
Sophomore Lindsay Elmore uses the new Smart ATM, which will aid the visually impaired.

in the local community who might otherwise not have access to that type of technology.

The DSS office provides several services to students with disabilities, such as maps detailing handicap access across campus, special housing and parking options, and assistance with

testing, note-taking and reading through volunteers.

For more information on services available to disabled students, visit the Office of Disability Support Services in 106 NFH; call (248) 370-3266 or visit www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ouportal/index.asp?site=20

Sigma Xi hosts U-M engineer for lecture

By JUSTIN MULARSKI
THE OAKLAND POST

As winter semester winds down, the weather is getting warmer and attention spans are getting shorter.

To help remind students there are still a lot of academic pursuits to get involved on campus, the OU chapter of Sigma Xi will be hosting its annual lecture, featuring University of Michigan electrical engineer and computer science professor Dr. Kensall Wise.

The OU chapter of Sigma Xi, a National Scientific Research Society, is dedicated to supporting young researchers as they begin their careers and to introducing younger faculty members to the OU community. According to Brad Roth, president of the OU chapter and Associate Professor of Physics, the group's monthly lunch seminars are some of the "few ways that scientists and engineers can interact and find out what is happening in other departments."

Wise will be giving a lecture titled "Wireless Integrated MicroSystems (WIMS): Coming Revolution in the Gathering of Information." Roth knew Wise, who is currently working on making small size electronic sensors, through his work "on designing microelectrodes for neural stimulation, to be used to restore function of limbs or in auditory prostheses."

Dr. Hoda S. Abdel-Aty-Zohdy, of the School of Engineering, recommended Wise as a speaker. Abdel-Aty-Zohdy's research is closely related to the work done by Wise.

"The push to smaller and smaller sizes has been a driving force behind many technological advances," Roth said.

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Blood levels low, OU can help

By LOREEN BAHRI
THE OAKLAND POST

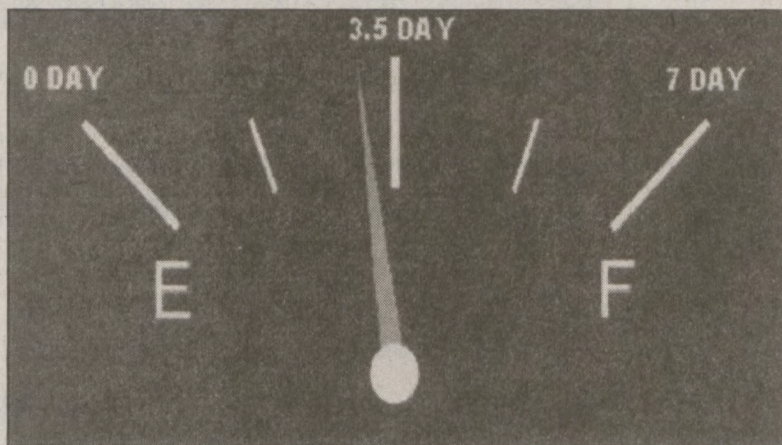
Blood supplies for the American Red Cross are still at critically low levels and donations are needed from students, to help meet the demand and continue saving lives.

OU will hold the spring Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-9 p.m April 5-7 in the OC Gold rooms.

There are four blood drives per year on campus and OU has been holding them for the last 25 years, said Paul Franklin, coordinator of Campus Programs.

The blood will be taken to the Southeast Michigan American Red Cross Center, and be dispersed to hospital offices throughout the area.

As the spring Blood Drive



Courtesy of The American Red Cross
Blood levels in Southeast Michigan are dangerously low.

flyer suggests, OU students can make a difference if one student from each floor of the residence halls and one student from each organization, all donated blood.

"To get as many people to donate as possible ... that is the goal," Franklin said.

Over the course of the winter, the American Red Cross had a national issue with a danger-

ously low blood supply.

Certain blood type supplies were almost non-existent, said Andrea Ward, spokesperson for the American Red Cross. The goal is to reach a five to seven day supply.

However, right now it is at three.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, the guidelines for giving blood are: a person must be 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and not have donated blood in the last 56 days.

The donation process will last one hour and start with questions on health history, followed by a brief examination during which blood pressure, temperature and blood count are meas-

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P.S. Top 10 reasons to give blood, according to the Red Cross

1. It's easy and convenient.
2. You get free juice and cookies.
3. You will weigh less - one pint less than when you came in.
4. It's something you can spare - most people have blood to spare ... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
5. You don't have to do any heavy lifting as long as you have the bandage on.
6. You will walk a little taller afterwards - you will feel good about yourself.
7. Your donation will help ensure that blood is there when you or someone close to you may need it.
8. It's something you can do one equal footing with the rich and famous.
9. You will be someone's hero.
10. It's the right thing to do.

Police Beat

• A student's cell phone was stolen from his study area in the Kresge Library on Thursday, March 18. The student said he left his books and cell phone on the table and went to the bookstore to purchase a book. Upon returning, his phone was gone.

The phone was a Samsung 175 and activated with T Mobile at a value of \$299.

There are no witnesses and no suspects at this time.

• A student living in North Hamlin Hall received several threatening phone calls Tuesday, March 23 that left her clueless as to what the caller was talking about. Apparently, the caller wanted the student to "stop sleeping with her boyfriend Chris" or she was going to

hurt her. The student did not know the caller, who called herself "Keisha" or the boyfriend "Chris." The caller has made 10 phone calls since the first threats were made.

• As of Thursday, March 25, a student is without her laptop computer, as an unknown suspect entered her Vandenberg Hall dorm

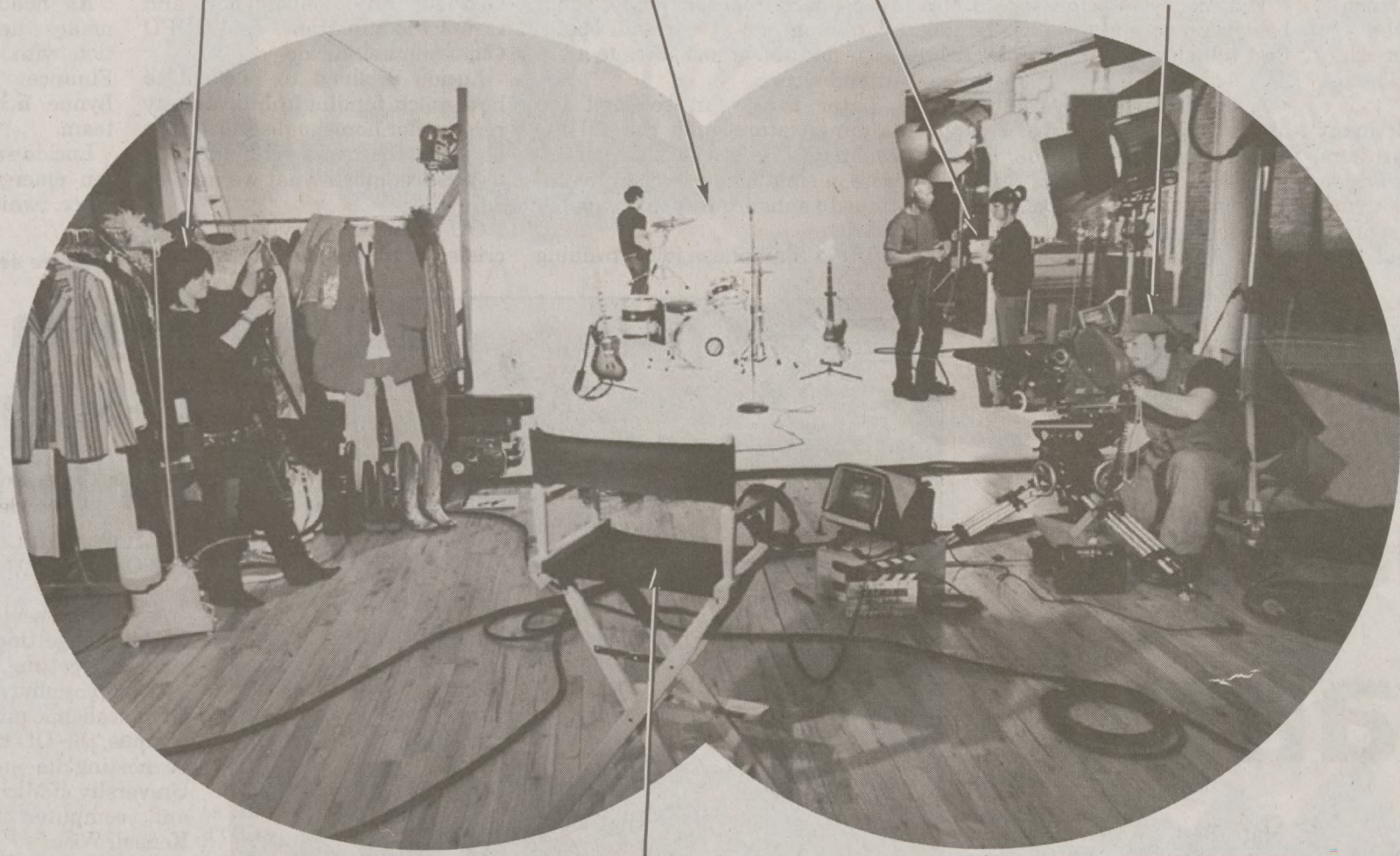
room and stole it. The student left her room for about 20 minutes and had locked her door. She believes the suspect entered through the bathroom door connecting the adjoining suite.

There were several other items of value surrounding the computer that were not taken. There are no suspects at this time.

• Vandenberg Hall was evacuated Friday, March 26 due to a fire alarm on the third floor. OUPD was called and responded to room 359, noticing a hot curling iron and an open jar of hair product on the dresser near the bathroom. The window was open and the responding officer made sure the scene was cleared and considered safe with no one harmed.

• A student was standing on a chair Monday, March 29, when she fell off, hitting her arm against another chair. She was found conscious, yet she was holding her arm in pain. The Rochester Hills Fire Department was called and transported the girl to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac.

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Local News

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Coming up:
Who will win this match-up;
Red Wings players or the
Troy Police Hockey Club?

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Venue gives city \$31 million ticket

By KRISTEN HERLIHY
THE OAKLAND POST

Those annoying concert service charges are just a drop in the bucket—just ask the City of Sterling Heights.

They're paying Hillside Productions, Inc., the company that manages the 7,000-seat Freedom Hill Amphitheater, \$31 million dollars.

A settlement was revealed at the city council meeting last Monday after months of confidential negotiations.

Hillside agreed to drop charges against the city and former city manager Steve Duchane for illegally trying to shut the venue down after receiving noise and traffic complaints from the densely settled area around Freedom Hill. In return, Hillside will construct a new roof and additional sound-proofing, and will abide by a 95-decibel limit.

Residents at the meeting were split on the settlement. Some felt the city did the right thing by reaching a compromise, while others were angry and called the settlement "one-sided."

"I don't think the residents were very well represented here," said Steve Holister, who lives a quarter-mile from the venue.

Sterling Heights City Councilman and OU alumnus Steve Rice said the negotiations were intense, but he's optimistic about the result.

"There will always be a portion of the community that will



never be satisfied... but I'm hopeful this will help," Rice said.

Mayor Richard Notte agreed, saying that the settlement is the best way to end the conflict.

Hank Riberas, Hillside's spokesman, said the construction at Freedom Hill won't interfere with the summer concert schedule.

"The roof isn't scheduled to be done until June of 2005, but the design has been completed. We're waiting until after the summer concert season ... construction will start this fall," he

said.

Riberas noted the widening of Metro Parkway has alleviated the city's traffic concerns.

"Traffic is no longer a problem," he said.

City officials plan to sell a \$25 million bond to cover most of the costs, and use money from pending insurance claims to cover the rest.

The settlement will be paid in three installments with the first \$10 million paid March 23.

The mayor assured residents taxes would not increase.

Above: The open-air venue will be getting a roof similar to the one at DTE.

Left: The venue has been under attack from the city for more than five years.

Photos courtesy of Freedom Hill Amphitheater

Going back to its roots

By KRISTEN HERLIHY
THE OAKLAND POST

A lack of time and money is no excuse to skip an exotic summer getaway. Dave Moilanen invites residents to take a \$4 trip back in time with a visit to the new Environmental Education Center at Indian Springs Metropark in White Lake, Mich.

"We've recreated what was here in southeast Michigan before European settlement," Moilanen, chief of interpretive services and public relations, said. "People won't be used to seeing (landscape) like that and it's all native."

The \$12.4 million attraction, which Moilanen said will open in stages beginning this summer, will feature about 60 acres of plants and animals in 11 different ecosystems, an underwater pond viewing room and an adventure playground for younger children.

"Once the prairie is mature, people will be able to see what they really look like and get an idea of the plants that used to live here," Moilanen said.

"The center will give us a historical perspective of our natural heritage and it will give people an idea of how drastically we've changed the environment. We're

used to cultivated lawns and planting a few flowers in the summer... (at the center), we're planting hundreds."

He said he hopes visitors will come away from the experience with a newfound understanding of how much the Michigan environment has changed since it's been settled, and how we might learn to live while being more friendly to the environment.

"There are companies that specialize in native plants. People would be able to buy seeds and grow what they see at the park in their own yards," he said.

Next fall, schools visiting the center will have access to a fully equipped biology lab with computers, microscopes and interactive videoscopes to analyze and share data collected on-site.

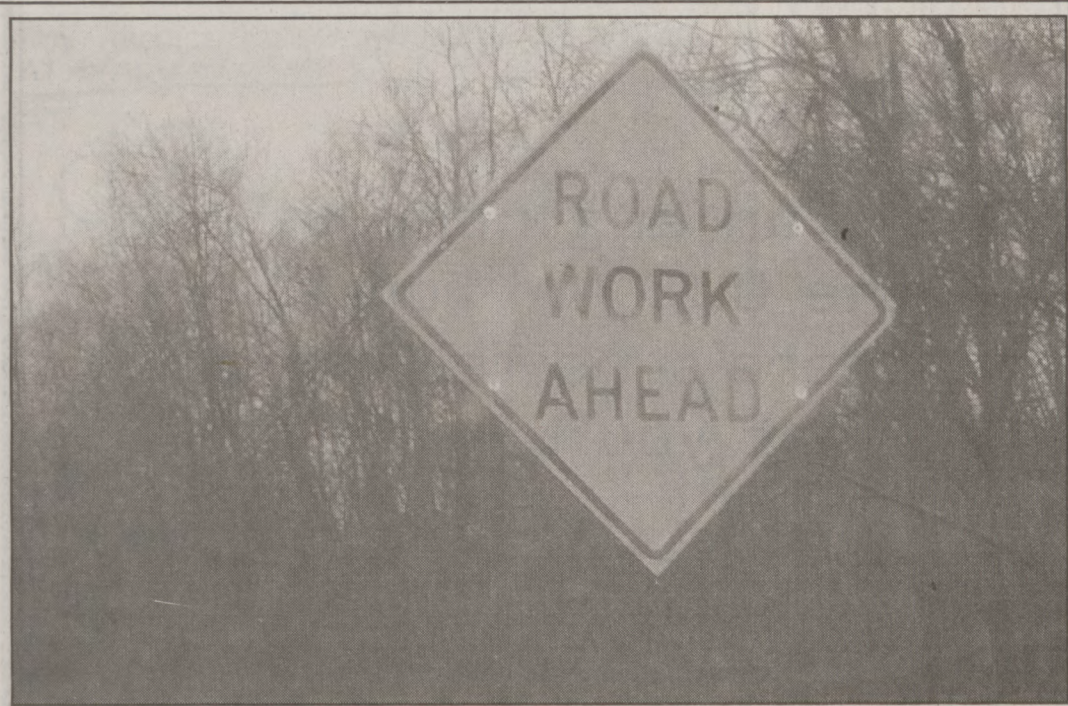
Moilanen said the center will also attract university classes and research projects.

"We're really targeting all age groups ... people at all levels will be able to enjoy the park whether they are there for scientific research or a casual stroll," he said.

Microbiology student Jason Watts thinks this will be a good place to do some research.

"It sounds like it will be a nice way to make observa-

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Margaret Pasikowski/The Oakland Post
Construction around OU is causing some commuter students to take different routes to get to class.

No end in sight for orange obstacles

By NOAH PURCELL
THE OAKLAND POST

Traveling up north this summer on I-75 may take Michigan residents a little longer than expected, and next summer, getting back will be the problem.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is resurfacing the northbound lanes of I-75 from M-15 in Clarkston to I-475 in Flint, as well as rehabilitating four bridges along the route this summer. The southbound lanes will enjoy a facelift next year.

"It is something that needs to be done," said Rob Morosi, spokesperson for MDOT. "In this line of work, we unfortunately need to inconvenience (people) to help in the long run."

MDOT started widening I-75's shoulder last fall so it can be used as one of the two lanes that will remain open throughout the summer. The widening of the road will be finished in April and the resurfacing will commence in May.

"The biggest impact on traffic will be on Friday and Saturday. We are advising motorists to stagger their departure times ... maybe leave a little earlier or later in the day," said Morosi.

"It's always going to be an inconvenience for someone," said junior Troy Vulaj.

According to MDOT, the normal traffic volume on I-75 north of Clarkston is approximately one-eighth that of the busier parts of the road such as areas at 14 mile or the I-696 interchange.

"We plan to complete the resurfacing on the north side of the road this summer and the south side next summer," said Morosi.

The project will resurface 14.5 miles of road and will cost more than \$35 million, the north side project costing \$14.3 million and the south side project costing \$21.4 million, due to more bridge work.

"It's going to affect me getting home," said Mark Beukema, senior and a Clarkston resident. "Sometimes, I will have to get off and take another way home."

According to MDOT, the new surface's lifetime will be 10 to 15 years, the bridges will last 20 years, and the overpass work will last 30 years.

Global Glance

•The Statue of Liberty will reopen to the public this summer, after being closed for nearly three years. The monument was closed immediately after the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Currently, tourists can visit Liberty Island but cannot go inside the statue. Donations of more than \$7 million will finance the upgrades and reopening.

•Rahul Gandhi, heir to India's best-known political party, announced his bid for a parliamentary seat that has been a family stronghold for nearly four decades. His entry into politics has been seen as an attempt by the Congress Party to ease the attacks on it by Hindu-nationalists about foreign-born members, namely Rahul's mother, Sonia Gandhi.

•The Supreme Court unanimously decided yesterday that the government does not have to release photos from the suicide of Clinton administration White House lawyer Vincent Foster. A California attorney went after the pictures saying they might prove Foster was murdered as part of a White House cover-up. This ruling will make it harder to use a public records law to access law enforcement records.

•Joseph Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, has put the nation on high alert after police arrested 15 men for a military coup attempt. Gunmen attacked four military bases and two television stations, killing one soldier. Congo's Interior Minister said the attack was by armed military personnel seeking to undermine the internal security of the Congolese state.

Global goof

•Passengers flying Virgin Atlantic Airways will no longer get the lip service they might have had in the restrooms of the clubhouse at JFK Airport. The company has scrapped the idea of installing bright-red urinals shaped like women's lips after receiving complaints saying that they were offensive. The airline has said they never meant to offend anyone and the urinals were even the idea of a female designer. The product is rumored to have a new buyer, the "Good Ol' Boys Sportsmen Club" of New York.

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Information taken from various news sources.

FAIR

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will participate in the chat portion of the fair.

Job fields include business, customer services, IT, engineering, law, management, sales and science.

For more information on the Virtual Career Fair, visit www.oakland.edu/careerservices or call (248) 370-3250.

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students together and . . . get everybody to work together, compete and get the camaraderie going," he said.

Friday's event will feature games such as a scavenger hunt, three-legged race, volleyball, a relay race, tug of war and an obstacle course.

Prizes will be awarded to both those in the stands and those competing in the games. Spectators have the chance to nab free t-shirts, OU paraphernalia and a cell phone offered by T-mobile.

Teams finishing in the top three spots will be awarded with Spirit Cash in the amount of \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place. In addition, all participants in the games will receive a certificate for competing.

"(Spectators) will see fellow students who usually may not work together or hang together chilling and having fun together," said Mario Hagar, sophomore and president of the Residence Hall Council (RHC).

BENEFITS

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well as homosexuals.

There aren't gay marriage benefits per se, because Michigan doesn't recognize gay marriage, Montgomery said. Regardless of sexual orientation, if an active employee dies, the partner will receive insurance for 36 months. If an OU retiree dies, his/her partner will receive coverage for the rest of their life.

Montgomery said this is the same life insurance benefit that applies to married couples. OU employees can name anyone as a life insurance beneficiary, he said.

OU tries to provide a safe and equal environment for

everyone on campus and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and Students Administrators and Faculty for Equality On Campus (S.A.F.E.) are two organizations that support the gay community.

S.A.F.E. consists of a dedicated team of students, administrators and faculty members who are committed to providing a safe haven and support for anyone dealing with issues related to sexual orientation or gender identity. They also educate themselves and the university on certain issues facing the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender population, such as gay marriage.

Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development for CSA and coordinator for S.A.F.E. believes that equality is the issue and factors should not be about a person's sexual orientation.

Crampton said she believes OU is doing a good job with its nondiscrimination policy.

In the policy, sexual orientation rights are the same whether heterosexual or homosexual, she said.

"As an academic institution, we've done a great job in providing a venue allowing students to have their opinion either way," she said. "This is a national issue."

People should be able to have greater knowledge of the different view points on specific issues, such as gay marriage, to make a more informed decision on where they stand, Crampton said.

Former GSA president Mike McGuinness said that gay marriage is just one issue. GSA serves two main purposes on campus. First, much like S.A.F.E., it provides a support system for students who are tackling issues with their sexuality, and second, it acts as a political lobbying group for equal rights.

"Gay rights span over many aspects of everyday life," McGuinness said. "We want to raise awareness

about this issue and others, and to enforce positive change."

Awareness is essential in addressing concerns, McGuinness said.

There are programs available on campus for people with questions about gay rights, and support systems for those in need of help dealing with concerns about their sexual orientation.

For more information about S.A.F.E. On Campus, call Crampton at (248) 370-2024. For more information regarding the Gay Straight Alliance, contact the president, Karina Lepkowski, at kalepkow@oakland.edu.

OUSC

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a.m. The cafeteria currently serves breakfast food until 9 a.m.

• Congress discussed issues regarding the vending food choices in Varner Hall.

• Shemeka Pearson, director of student services for OUSC, discussed with Congress her meeting with Rebecca Wyatt, Editor In Chief of The Oakland Post.

Pearson said a representa-

tive from The Post may attend an upcoming Congress meeting to discuss concerns.

• Congress offered congratulations to those elected by the students last week. The new Congress will be sworn in on Monday, April 12 in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

-BY LIBBY BAKER
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VOTE

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each week by the legislators. The issue would be brought up at a meeting, and then Congress would go out to get feedback from the students on it and bring it to the next meeting.

"(We want to) bring together the legislature as a whole organization,

working to make progress," said McGuinness.

Another idea they have is the Presidents' Meeting, which would be held every month to get information out to the leaders of all of OU's student organizations.

In spite of these goals, Parks said he will remain open to student input on

what issues Congress should deal with.

"Once you get into things, you got to focus on what people bring to you, as well," he said.

Parks, McGuinness and the 25 new legislators will be sworn in during the OUSC meeting on April 12.



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Perspectives

Coming up:
A column from OU President
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Editorial at a glance

The Issue:
Unsolicited e-mail is clogging inboxes.

Editorial stance:
Slowing down the spammers is not enough. Users need protection from the spam

E-mail users need new spam defense

Spam is out of control. No, not the mystery meat in a can, the kind that floods your inbox and makes you think of a variety of other four letter words.

Spam is the unsolicited junk mail that you receive from a multitude of companies trying to sell a product or advertise for an X-rated site or sex enhancement drugs.

Many people are harassed by these e-

mails on a daily basis and it's getting worse. Users need to pass their address around the Internet with discretion. Any company who gets its claws on your e-mail address may sell it.

Using the "remove me" link in the e-mails doesn't work either, because to some spammers, it just verifies your e-mail is active, making it more valuable.

Spammers have figured out how to get

around junk mail filters using creative spelling in the subject lines, meaning junk mail still gets into the inbox.

So what is an e-mail user to do?

Many proposals have been made, including making spammers pay for sending out mass e-mails. That makes it expensive if people aren't reading the e-mails and buying the products they are trying to sell.

Another idea is having them type in an alphanumeric code for each e-mail sent, making it more time consuming to send out those mass e-mails.

But these solutions only slow down the spammers; they don't protect the users. There needs to be an anti-spam list, much like the Do Not Call list, to protect spam victims from the overwhelming number of junk mail they

get.

Rather than changing e-mail addresses when the spam becomes too much, users could get on this list and be free of spam, and spammers would be fined for any mail sent to users on the list.

E-mail is becoming a form of communication for many people and companies. E-mail and the users should be as protected as regular mail.

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

DEAR EDITOR,

I believe that the people debating the topic of the week should actually have an elementary grasp of what they're talking about. It never fails to amuse me how ill prepared or absurd the authors can be. Regarding the topic of the death penalty returning to Michigan, I know that neither of the individuals did any research on its proposed deterrent effect. There is no significant difference in the rate of crime or in recidivism in death penalty states. It was as if the two were manufacturing an argument through the lack of research or by evading it entirely.

Regarding immigrants allowed to be president, Ms. Perov feels that "natural born" citizens are better equipped for leadership positions than non-natural born citizens. Is it something in our food or water that is responsible? Or perhaps magic? What about indi-

viduals born in the U.S. of immigrant parents and raised in another country? Would they be better able to "... symbolize American heritage?" And what is "American heritage?" Imperialistic colonialism? Mom and apple pie? These articles are sub-par and warrant strengthening or removal.

All the best,

p.s. love the Police Beat

BEN SUNDLING
SENIOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

DEAR EDITOR,

Newspapers endorse political candidates all the time. Just like every other editorial, endorsements simply give papers a chance to comment on current events.

The Post is getting way too much flack for endorsing Matt Edwards for student body

president. The criticism is coming primarily from supporters of Jonathan Parks, the incumbent whom Edwards ran against.

In a recent letter to the editor, senior Sarah Cook complained that The Post was showing bias by endorsing Edwards and offering a not-so-sunny view of Parks' leadership.

When an Oakland Post editorial endorsed Parks last year, we gushed on and on about why we thought him to be the better candidate. As editor in chief, I didn't hear a single complaint about bias.

When the editorial two weeks ago backed Parks' opposition, sharp accusations of favoritism and unfairness started flying. That's completely hypocritical.

Saddest of all is that the ugliness surrounding this race might discourage other OU students from getting involved with their government.

ANN ZANIEWSKI
FORMER POST EDITOR IN CHIEF

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Avoid "Tater-gate"



HOLLY SHREVE GILBERT

Post adviser and journalism instructor

A few semesters ago, a student in one of my journalism classes wrote a stunning profile about a member of the OU faculty. It was, arguably, one of the best pieces I've ever had the pleasure to grade, yet she received a zero on the assignment.

Her blunder—she misspelled the professor's name.

She was mortified, naturally, about the grade as well as the mistake, which was committed to print 20 or 30 times. "At least I was consistent," she quipped. Later she expressed her gratitude that the error was caught before the story was published, and in the end no harm was done, either to her GPA, or her credibility.

I wish I could say the same about myself. More than once I've been caught in print with my ambition up and my standards down. I call it "indecent exposure."

The indecent part isn't about my lexical ineptitude, we're all prone to that frailty. The indecent part is about the incompetence and arrogance it suggests.

Remember Dan Quayle? Some historians say the ex-vice president's White House hopes slipped through his fingers in 1992 when he misspelled "potato" at a sixth-grade spelling bee. Quayle innocently plunked an "e" at the end of America's favorite tuber, and that became, in his own words, "... a defining moment of the worst kind imaginable."

My friend, colleague and editor extraordinaire, Kathy Dahlstrom, will no doubt get a laugh out of me lecturing about spelling and grammar. She knows that I can be a woefully inept proofreader, especially of my own writing, and she has bailed me out more than once.

I have the pleasure of advising the students here at The Post. They don't take any chances either. That's why the dictionary in the newspaper office is dog-eared. It's also why copy-editor Sara Weigold, spends the better part of her Tuesdays fixated on the proofs. Armed with a red pen, a bag of pretzels and a pair of the most discriminating eyes I've ever known, Weigold performs a critical function. Every grammatical and spelling mistake in the paper erodes its credibility.

Likewise, the grammatical and spelling mistakes you (and I) make on paper, or in public, erodes our credibility. They also wreak havoc on grades, and, seniors, take note; they can undermine your career search.

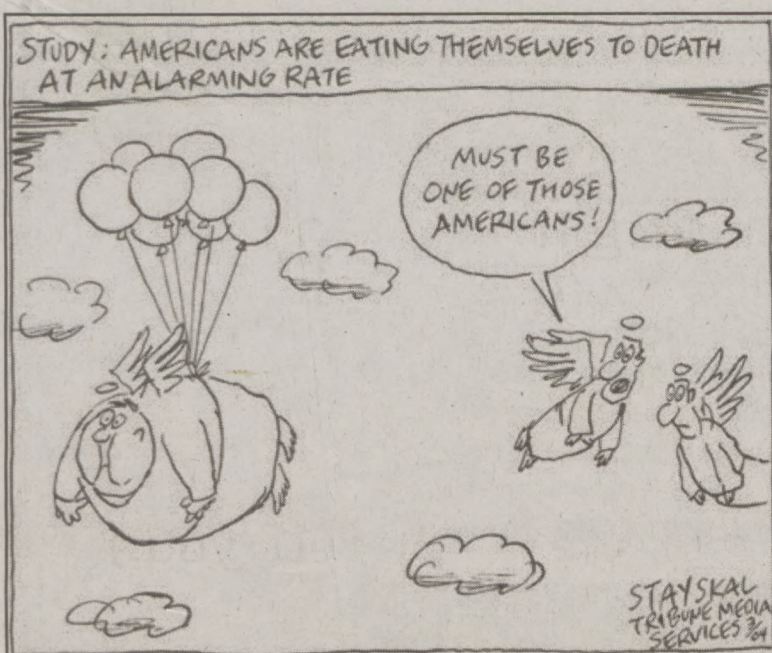
Poor language skills, imprecise resumes, letters and sloppy speech habits will hurt students most when they are applying for jobs. Right or wrong, the people who do the hiring in the business world often judge applicants on their use of language.

Thursday evening, a host of senior journalism, English and communications majors will be meeting with professionals and faculty for portfolio evaluations. I can guarantee students that some of those experts have an ulterior motive; they're keeping their eyes peeled for future hires. Make their time, and your time, worthwhile.

You're never too accomplished, or too smart, for an edit. Do it yourself by reading your work out loud; then read it backwards. When you're finished, have a colleague read it again.

And next time you're tempted to blow off any of the above, repeat after me ... "po-ta-to."

Holly Shreve Gilbert is a journalism instructor and adviser to The Oakland Post. The portfolio workshop for senior English, journalism and communication majors takes place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the Lake Michigan Room of the OC. For more information, e-mail Gilbert at shreve@oakland.edu.



Should the U.S. boycott the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens out of security concerns?

YES

BY REBECCA WYATT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Security concerns have caused U.S. officials to consider boycotting the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, as well they should.

The U.S. has been the target of attacks that have grown far more bold and intense. Put the U.S. athletes together in the same area as those from our allied countries, and the U.S. is in the middle of a bullseye for a terrorist attack.

In 1972, Palestinian terrorists were able to get inside the Olympic Village where the athletes are housed during the Games. They broke into the rooms of Israeli Olympians, killing two in the Village and nine more in a firefight as they tried to leave the country.

In 1996, during the Olympic Games held in Atlanta, Ga., a bomb exploded killing one person and injuring more than 100 bystanders.

On March 14, a bomb was found outside a U.S. bank in Greece and it was detonated. Is this a foreshadowing of what might be in store for this summer's games?

The games create an opportunity for terrorists and security preparation is key. But many of the sporting venues for the games aren't even completed yet, and many security measures can't be installed until they are done.

Greece has spent nearly \$800 in security and is requesting help from NATO on surveillance.

The only positive development at this point is U.S. troops are helping the Greek forces practice for terrorist situations that might arise. But if the U.S. wants to be certain it's athletes and the athletes of other countries stay safe, the U.S. should just boycott the games.

No

BY BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

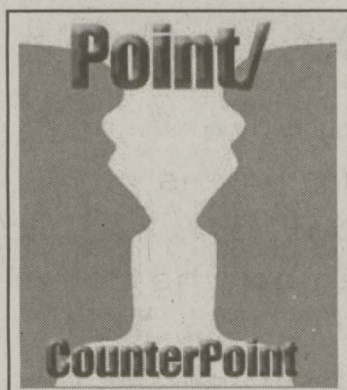
In an age when American athletic competition has been tainted by steroids, greed and selfishness, the Olympics remain a beacon of the purity of sports.

The idea of a U.S. boycott is not only disheartening, but almost unbearable.

Understanding the recent bombing in Madrid obviously raises concerns for the upcoming Athens Olympics, I still can't find cause to boycott the event.

With four years between Olympics, athletes have a limited opportunity to participate in the international competition. Boycotting might take away the one chance some athletes have to represent their countries in an event they have trained years for.

I am not saying all cautions should go unheeded and athletes be thrown into the fire with a



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and policy for dealing with many emergency possibilities that could happen. "During the power outages (from last year's ice storm,) there were several administrators taking very active rolls in managing those events," said Lucido. But there has not been a reason to activate the crisis management team as of yet, he said. "We have a very close working relationship with local emergency first responders; law enforcement, fire department and EMS," he said. "Our plan is

continually being evaluated and revised and it is important to establish a good working relationship in the area for back up and support." It's not a static process, but rather a dynamic process, Lucido said. Lucido declined to discuss specific security measures, but did ensure that the OU community is in good hands. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of police officers on staff in the past two years for the OUPD. It may seem that

this is related to past events, but Lucido said the increase in based more on the enrollment and the population increasing so much over the years. Lucido encourages students, faculty and staff in the OU community to be aware and alert. "They need to be proactive themselves in notifying us," he said. "We all work together in ensuring a safe environment." In case of an emergency, dial 911 or call the OUPD on campus at (248) 370-3331.

BLOOD

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ured. Also a drop of blood is required to ensure a person has enough red blood cells to donate safely. The actual blood drawing will last seven to 10 minutes, until a pint is taken. Afterwards the donor will spend a few minutes relaxing with refreshments to allow the body to adjust. "One blood donation can be broken down into platelets, plasma and red blood cells, which potentially can save the lives of three people," Ward said. "If you can make one donation, it would be a wonderful thing." Ward said the Southeast Center does not have enough blood for 100 percent of the area's need. Blood is often imported from other regions. Because the blood supply is low, there have been more imports. However, the Red Cross is trying to reach

its five to seven day supply goal in order to become self sufficient. Jennifer Assaff, junior, said she would give blood. "I think it's great people need blood and other people are willing to give it to them," said Assaff. "Where else are they going to get it from?" Students interested in giving blood are advised to make an appointment by going to www.givelife.org and typing in "OUBlood" in the sponsor code box. Though walk-ins are welcome, students with appointments will have first priority. For more information regarding the spring blood drive call the Center for Student Activities office at (248) 370-2400.

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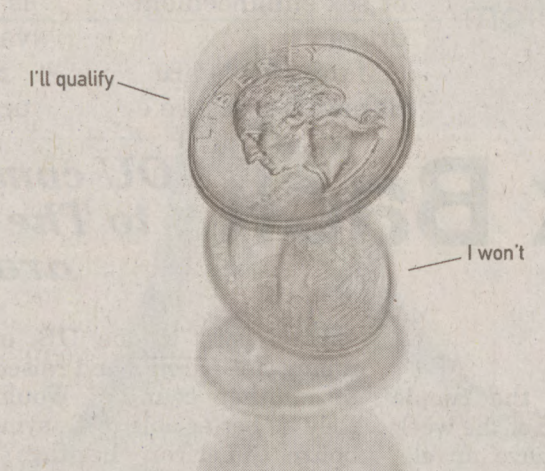
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The work of Sigma Xi also expands to the local community. This year, the group will be handing out their first High School Science Teacher award, which will bequeath the chosen teacher with a \$50 award and framed certificate. Jolie Booser of Kimball High School in Royal Oak will receive the inaugural honors. Booser was selected for her contribution to OU's atmospheric chemistry project to measure ozone levels. Roth and the organization were convinced by the chemistry department to honor Booser, whose "extraordinary efforts helped ensure the success of the project." The lecture is scheduled at 1 p.m. on April 5 in banquet room A of the OC, and is open to the public free of charge. It is co-sponsored and co-organized by Sigma Xi and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)/CHAPTER-1: Circuits and Systems. Following the lecture will be Sigma Xi's annual initiation and banquet, where seven new members, most of them OU students, will join the organization. The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the Christopher Wren dining room at Meadow Brook Hall, and is \$20 per person, or \$10 for OU students. More information on Sigma Xi's work, the lecture and banquet is available at www.oakland.edu/org/sigmaxi, or by contacting Roth at roth@oakland.edu or (248) 370-4871. For more information on the work of Wise, contact Dr. Abdel-Aty-Zohdy at zohdyhsa@oakland.edu.

PARK

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tions in a natural environment," Watts said. "It's good that they're incorporating a little education in a fun atmosphere." Bronwyn Parry, junior, lives near Indian Springs and has visited the existing park many times. "It's one of the coolest parks I've ever been to. There are so many trails and places to walk around for the day. My boyfriend and I go up there and it's really romantic, too," she said. Parry said she's definitely interested in checking out the new center once it's finished. Moilanen will have a busy spring, preparing for the center to be opened for the general public, but he's already talking about plans to expand the center's offerings. He said the center are working on creating an interactive center online so students who can't make it to White Lake will still be able to use data and information collected at the park. For more information and construction updates, check out the Indian Springs Metropark Web site www.metroparks.com/parks/pk_indian_springs.php.



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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE wraps up winter 2004 semester with "The Best of Detroit Comedy featuring H.B. Sanders and Mike Green"

Friday, April 16, 2004, 7 PM, Vandenberg Dining Hall

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John recently made his late night television network debut on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Late Show, and also shot the pilot show for "Last Comic Standing." Last year he landed the lead role in the VH1 sitcom Smash. John performed at the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, NBO/Aspen Comedy Festival and on NBC's Late Friday and Comedy Centrals Premium Blend.
Event in Vandenberg Dining Hall and Free admission and refreshments.

Offense still lags at Classic

By DAVE PEMBERTON
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's baseball squad has been a team of streaks so far this season.

OU won its first game of the Michigan Classic, defeating the University of Detroit (UD-M), 4-2, to extend its win streak to five. Then the Golden Grizzlies lost three straight, losing twice to the University of Michigan (U-M) and once to UD-M.

Head coach Mark Avery was not pleased with the outcome of the four games at the Classic.

"It's very disappointing," Avery said. "As well as we have been playing, we took a step back. The good thing about collegiate baseball is we play five games this week. We can't look back and worry."

Avery said the team's pitching has been outstanding, but it needs to work on its offense and fielding.

"We need consistency at the plate. We have gone backwards offensively," said Avery. "We need our lineup to score five to six runs a

game and we have to pick up the infield play. Errors have been extremely costly."

With the win and three losses, OU stands at 5-11.

"We have nine games until conference starts and the games really count," Avery said. "We need to figure out who is going to play where and when."

In OU's first game on Saturday, UD-M jumped to an early lead scoring a run in the first and adding another in the bottom of the third. The Grizzlies got on the scoreboard in the fourth when junior first basemann, Ty Herriott, drove in one run with a single.

Down 2-1, OU scored three runs in the top of the seventh off sophomore center fielder Bryan Marulli's two-run double and senior shortstop Ryan Freiburger's one-run single. UD-M could not manage a comeback in the bottom of the seventh as OU got the win, 4-2.

Junior pitcher Tim Edick picked up the win, his first of the season, and junior pitcher Mike Lozier earned his first save. Senior pitcher Steve Kniebbe had a solid start, going five innings with eight

strikeouts.

OU started off slow in its second game Saturday, allowing U-M to take a 6-0 lead through eight innings.

OU attempted a comeback in the eighth. Freiburger hit a one-run single and sophomore left fielder Tim Doig scored off a U-M walk. The comeback fell short, however, as OU went on to lose 6-2.

The Grizzlies looked to be on track to defeat UD-M again Sunday morning. OU jumped out to an early lead when Doig hit a RBI single in the first and senior Michael Trosen added another run with a home run in the fourth.

Then in the top of the seventh UD-M's Charlie Anderson tied the game with a two run home run.

The game went into extra innings, but OU could not manage any more runs.

Detroit scored five runs in the top of the 10th to win, 7-2.

Junior pitcher Heath Craven had the start, going six innings allowing no runs and striking out four. Senior pitcher Ryan Good suffered the loss.

In the final game on Sunday, U-M used an early lead to win, 9-3.

Sophomore pitcher Billy Schneider suffered the loss, dropping his record to 1-3.

Freiburger led OU's offense, going 2-4 with an



Bob Knoska/File Photo
Junior team captain Kyle Boehm goes through is windup during a game last season.

RBI and Doig went 1-3 with two RBIs.

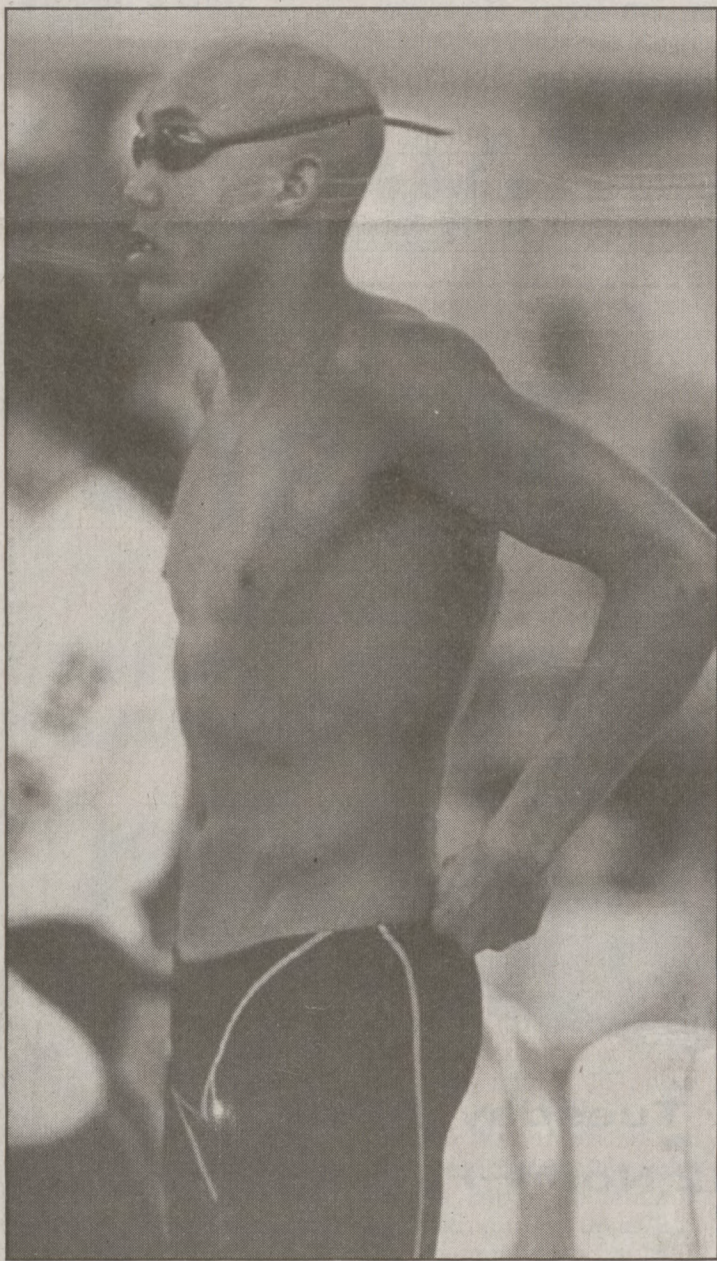
The Grizzlies have a full slate of games this week, including their first scheduled home games of the season and a five-game series with Eastern Michigan University (EMU).

At 5 p.m. Thursday, OU opens up the series against EMU in Ypsilanti, with a repeat the following day.

The series will come to OU for the remaining three contests, scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Game Preview

Who: OU (5-11) vs. Eastern Mich. (8-10, 3-0)
When: Friday-Tuesday
What: OU will take the field against Eastern Michigan in a five-game series over the course of six days.



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Junior Chris Sullivan settles into the zone before a race during a meet earlier this season.

NCAA duo ends strong

By DANA UTZ
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The men's swimming and diving season came to a close this weekend.

Junior Chris Sullivan and freshman Hunor Ma'te' returned from Long Island, N.Y. on Sunday after a grueling weekend at the NCAA Championships.

This was Ma'te's first time competing in the NAAs. He was one of the few freshman invited, while Sullivan returned for the third time in three years.

Sullivan swam in the 100-meter freestyle, the 100-meter butterfly and the 50-meter fly.

It was the second straight year he competed in all three events.

Ma'te' competed in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Throughout the season, both Ma'te' and Sullivan competed in events measured in yards.

But due to this being an

NCAA Times

Chris Sullivan

50-meter fly: 22.20 (19th)

100-meter fly: 54.66 (33rd)

100-meter free: 49.35 (28th)

Hunor Ma'te'

100-meter breaststroke: 1:02.78 (28th)

Olympic year, the NCAA Championships were swum in meters to prepare.

Sullivan swam the 50 fly on Thursday and finished 19th with a time of 22.20.

Friday, Sullivan took the waters in the 100 fly race.

He took 33rd place with a time of 54.66.

On Saturday, Sullivan swam the 100 free.

He swam against 59 other competitors and finished in the top half placing 28th

with a time of 49.35.

The top 16 swimmers from each event on Saturday afternoon move to the finals which are held on Saturday night.

Sullivan missed placing into the finals in the 100 free by .72 seconds.

Ma'te' swam the 100-meter breaststroke Friday.

He finished with a time of 1:02.78. That time placed him 37 out of 38.

Ma'te' sent a Mid-Con record with him time in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 54.55.

Having two swimmers invited to the NCAA was a strong way to end a season for the men's team that was depleted by unforeseen losses.

The men's team's final record in dual meet competition was 5-4.

Both Ma'te', who swam one of the fastest 100-yard breaststrokes this season, and Sullivan, who received numerous Mid-Con accolades, will help booster a young squad next season.

Inconsistency continues for softball

By BRENDAN STEVENS
SPORTS EDITOR

As a team chock-full of youth, the OU softball squad has continued to go from one extreme to the other.

Its up and down cycle continued in back-to-back doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday against Centenary College in OU's first taste of Mid-Con competition this season.

The Golden Grizzlies pulled out the win in the first game, defeating the Ladies, 2-0, in 10 innings. But OU lost the three remaining games of the series, two of which were shutout losses.

In Friday's opening win, the teams needed extra innings to decide the victor.

But in the top of the 10th inning, OU broke the scoreless tie and put up the only two runs of the game.

Leadoff hitter, junior left fielder Toni Salo started the rally with a single down the left field line. She was moved to second by a sacrifice bunt by junior right fielder Christina Schulte.

After sophomore center fielder Camie Knorr was intentionally walked, a throwing error by senior Centenary pitcher Cheyenne Daries doomed the Ladies.

On Daries' error, Salo and Schulte scored and the batter, sophomore pitcher Nicole Marzano, made it all the way to third.

The rally was ended, but Centenary was shut down

by Marzano in the bottom of the 10th, to seal the victory.

Marzano pitched all 10 innings for OU, allowing just two hits and striking out 11 en route to her eighth win of the season.

In the second half of Friday's doubleheader, the Grizzlies opened up an early lead, but Centenary quickly grabbed the lead and would not let it go, winning 6-3.

OU scored in the top of the first inning, taking a one-run lead on a home run by Schulte, but Centenary responded with a two-run burst in the bottom half of the inning.

The Ladies added two more in third inning and scored one run in both the fifth and sixth innings.

OU attempted to mount a

comeback, putting two runs on the board in the top of fourth inning on a two RBI double by freshman first baseman Maria Benza.

But Centenary cooled the Grizzly offense, shutting them down for the remainder of the game, on its way to a 6-3 victory.

In both games of Saturday's doubleheader, the Ladies shut down OU, posting shutouts of 10-0 and 2-0. The Grizzlies managed only four hits in the losses.

In the first game, Centenary scored early and often to bury OU. Five runs in the first inning, two in both the second and third, and a final run in the fourth gave the Ladies the win.

Centenary once again used early scoring to put the

Grizzlies away in the second game, putting up its two runs in the bottom of the first inning while shutting down OU's offense.

Results and stats from Tuesday's road contest against Western Michigan were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

After having its first scheduled home game relocated and then canceled, the Grizzlies will have three chances at home-field advantage this week.

At 3 p.m. today, OU will square off against Central Michigan University.

The Grizzlies then continue conference action with back-to-back 2 p.m. doubleheaders against Western Illinois University on Friday and Saturday.



BRENDAN STEVENS

Sports Editor

The most wonderful time

Can you feel it? It's almost here.

Forget the media event that is Opening Day of Major League Baseball.

I'm talking about something much bigger than a mere spectacle to begin a lethargic schedule that only heats up when the temperatures drop again in the fall.

My excitement is a mere week away.

Forget rising temperatures outside, I want to be inside where the thermometer may read low, but the action is hot.

No, not the close of the National Basketball League (NBA) season.

In Detroit, with all apologies to the Pistons and their fans, something overshadows the NBA and its playoffs.

That's cause we're in Hockeytown.

It's time for National Hockey League (NHL) playoffs, and the Red Wings' annual drive toward a Stanley Cup Championship.

Octopi fly, jerseys adorn the most prolific of city symbols and tickets sell at more than my monthly income.

It's a dream come true for a guy like me, and for many more sports fans around the area.

Hockey isn't a poor man sport thanks to the ticket prices, but it is the least supported of the four major sports in the United States.

And with a shutdown looming, due to the upcoming collective bargain agreement, which is nowhere near settled, there is no certainty about what will happen next.

Yet the playoffs are nearly here. Hopes are still high, and not just in Detroit.

All 16 teams that qualify have a legitimate shot at hoisting the Stanley Cup.

Hockey isn't about one superstar carrying a team. It's about the parts bettering the whole.

With the exception of the goalie, no player plays more than half the game. And the goaltender can't do it all.

Even when goalies stand on their heads to back stop championship teams, there needs to be clutch goals and strong team defense.

At least three lines need to be rotated, opening the door for seemingly no-name players to turn themselves into heroes in moments.

Okay, maybe my view is slightly slanted because hockey is my favorite sport to sit down and enjoy watching with no analytical strings attached.

Sure, the Wings are my favorite team in all the world, in any sport.

But does that make me biased? Err, don't answer that.

Whatever the case, I can't wait until the puck drops on the NHL playoffs.

Who do I think will win it all? The Colorado Avalanche ... just kidding. Go Wings.

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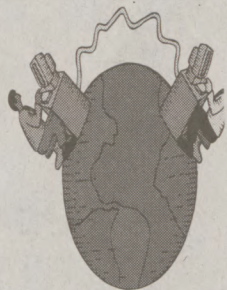
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Noon-1 PM --- Fireside Lounge, OC

"Take Back the Night" Rally, March & Speak Out
6 PM --- Front of Kresge Library (Rally & March)
6:45 PM --- Banquet Rooms, OC (Speak Out)

Thursday, April 1

Ending at Our Beginnings: "OU's Phenomenal Women Present Selected Readings By and About Phenomenal Women Who Have Influenced Our Lives"
Noon-1 PM --- Fireside Lounge, OC

"Drag Show"
8-11 PM --- Banquet Rooms, OC

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

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ON TAP @ OU

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

Thu April 1, 5 p.m.
@ Eastern Michigan
Fri April 2, 5 p.m.
@ Eastern Michigan
Sat April 3, 1 p.m.
vs. Eastern Michigan
Sun April 4, 1 p.m.
vs. Eastern Michigan
Tue April 6, 3 p.m.
vs. Eastern Michigan

Softball

Wed March 31, 3 p.m.
vs. Central Michigan
Fri April 2, 2 p.m. (DH)
vs. Western Illinois
Sat April 3, Noon (DH)
vs. Western Illinois

Tennis

Fri April 9, 2 p.m.
@ Centenary

Men's and Women's Golf

Fri-Sat April 2-3
Cleveland State Invite
Fri-Sat April 9-10
Mussato/Beau Classic
Sun-Mon April 11-12
Bronco Invitational

Grizzlies served loss

By Mike Larson
The Oakland Post

OU's women's tennis team suffered its third loss of the spring on Saturday at the hands of the Vikings of Cleveland State, 6-1.

The match, which was the ladies' final home contest of the year, took place on the indoor courts of Lifetime Fitness in Rochester. It was the Golden Grizzlies second non-conference loss in four days, bringing their overall record this year to 3-6.

Saturday's contest started out rough for the Grizzlies and never got any easier.

OU began the match by losing the doubles point, with the number two tandem of senior Britney Maxey and freshman Jessica Erickson being the only victorious OU doubles players, winning 8-5.

The number one pair of sophomore Lisa Pellafone and freshman Angie Trecola dropped their match 8-3, and the number three team of sophomore Emily Kahanak and freshman Lauren Sanchez-Murphy lost their match, 8-0.

The Grizzlies, who have been unable to find their strokes this spring, were outplayed in the singles portion of the match, dropping five of the six matches, all in straight sets.

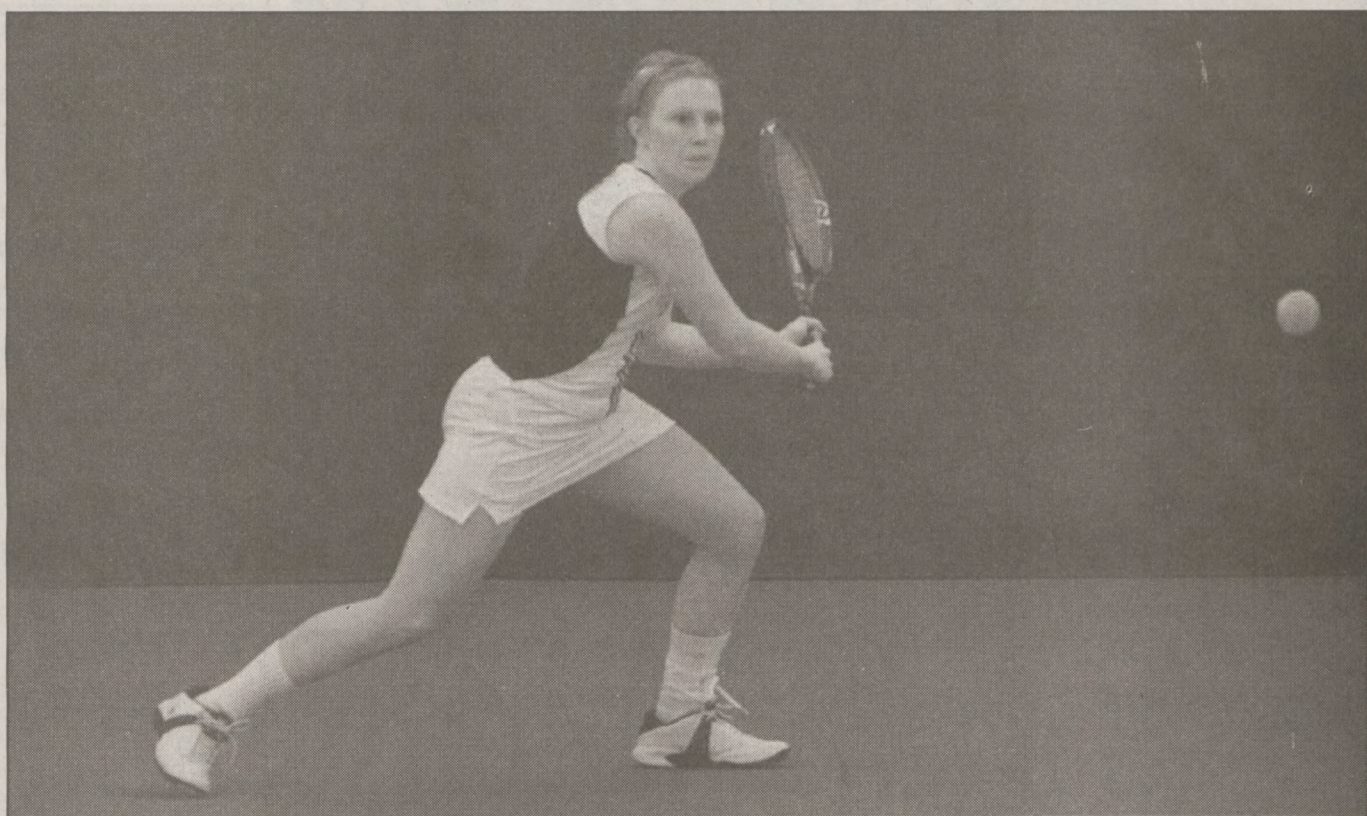
The lone singles win, and the team's only point of the match, came from the racket of the number six singles player, Sanchez-Murphy, who defeated her counterpart 7-7 (7-5), 6-2.

In the other singles matches, number one Maxey dropped her match 6-3, 6-3. Pellafone dropped her number two match by the score of 6-4, 6-1.

At number three, Trecola was bested 6-4, 6-2, and Erickson lost her match at number four 6-1, 6-2.

Finally, at number five, freshman Stephanie Potiris was beaten 6-3, 6-2.

The non-conference loss was a dis-



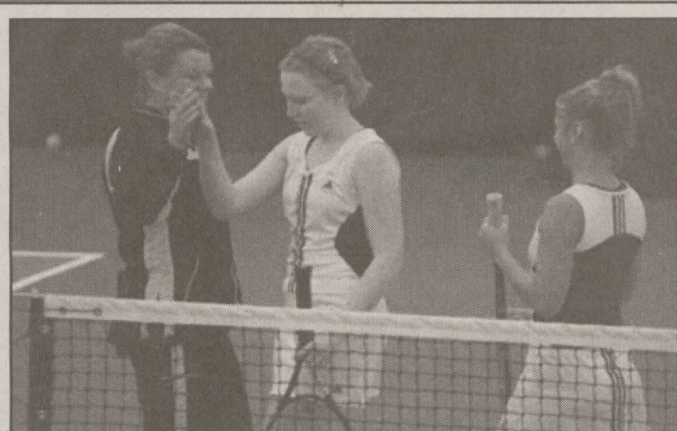
Above: Senior Britney Maxey gets ready for a backhand shot.

appointment for the squad, but it remains upbeat.

It sees these kinds of matches as learning experiences, and necessary for them to improve and mature as a stronger team, Kahanak said.

"The score of 6-1 really doesn't show how close this match was," said Kahanak. "I don't think we were outplayed; I think we beat ourselves. We are just as good athletically as any team out there, we just need to work on our mental game, because that's where we're lacking right now."

The Grizzlies really don't have much time to reflect on this loss, as they will spend the remainder of this week and next preparing for a weekend trip to Chicago, where they will face Mid-Con foes, Centenary College, Valparaiso (Valpo) University, Chicago State University (CSU), Oral Roberts University (ORU) and Western Illinois University (WIU) in their first conference cluster of



Left: OU head tennis coach congratulates Maxey and freshman Jennifer Erickson after their doubles' win.

Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

the season.

OU will start this weekend's Mid-Con cluster, hosted by CSU, with a 2 p.m. match against Centenary.

The Grizzlies will come back the next day for a pair of matches, with the first against Valpo at 10 a.m. and the second against host CSU at 2 p.m.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, OU will serve it up against ORU and then wrap up

the weekend at 2 p.m. against WIU.

This will be the first of two conference road trips for OU.

The next cluster, which will be hosted by Southern Utah University (SUU) in Las Vegas, will pit the OU squad against SUU, Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City on April 15 and 16.

Women shoot season-best

By Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

Despite posting its best score of the spring and fall seasons, the OU women's golf team came two strokes shy of fourth place at the Northern Kentucky Spring Fling tournament.

With a score of 625, the Golden Grizzlies placed fifth overall, two strokes back of fourth place finisher Grand Valley State University.

DePauw University took the team title with a score of 512, one stroke better than Southern Indiana University. Host Northern Kentucky University finished with a 517 team total. Eighteen teams participated in the tournament.

Sophomore Patricia Ellsworth led OU, firing a second round score of 77, for a two-day total of 157, placing in a tie for 24th.

Senior Mara Mazzoni and freshman Stacey Goins also tied for 24th with totals of 157, both putting up a 79 in the first round and a 78 in the second.

It was the first time this



Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Sophomore Patricia Ellsworth. She tied for 24th overall this weekend.

season Mazzoni has not been the sole top OU finisher.

Prior to the final round of the Spring Fling, Ellsworth's low round for the season was a 78, her only sub-80 round.

Mazzoni still has the lowest scoring average, 78.29, on the squad.

Ellsworth is second on the team, 82.90, and Goins is third with an average of 84.43 this season.

Just two strokes back of the three 24th-place finishers was junior Leigh Gulbransen, shooting a 78

in round one and an 81 in the second round.

Freshman Christina Cibrario rebounded from a first round 88 with a 76 in the second round, one of the lowest scores of the day, to place in a tie for 46th.

Cibrario and Gulbransen have been fighting closely for the fourth best scoring average this season.

Gulbransen trails her teammate by three one-hundredths of a stroke.

The women also competed in the Bellarmine Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, but results were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

This weekend, the Grizzlies will compete in the Cleveland State Invitational, in Avon, Ohio at the Red Tail Golf Club.

Men follow suit

After winning five of six tournaments in the fall, the OU men's golf team has had trouble getting back into the swing of things.

The Golden Grizzlies finished third last week at the

Butler Invitational and placed fifth this weekend at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

Nine strokes back and in fourth place after two rounds of the Eastern Kentucky Invitational, OU shot a team total of 299 in the final to slip to fifth place.

Host Eastern Kentucky University took the event title with a score of 854.

Junior Brian Stuard placed in a tie for third, shooting par or better all three rounds, with a low of 69 in the second round. Stuard shot a 212 overall.

Stuard leads the Grizzlies with an overall scoring average of 72, and has won two individual titles this season.

Senior Ryan Yelen and sophomore Jonathon Pauli both tied for 18th place, shooting totals of 221.

Yelen and Pauli have paced each other this season, ranking second and third, respectively, on the team in scoring average.

Rounding out the Grizzlies' squad, junior Matt Pullen posted a score of 227 to tie for 35th place, and

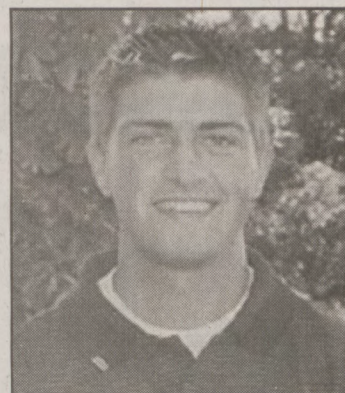


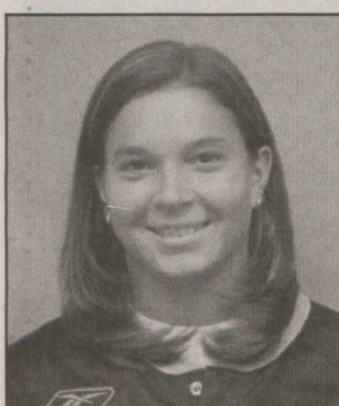
Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Junior Brian Stuard, who tied for third overall this weekend.

sophomore Rob Tate tied for 62nd with a 235 total.

Looking to improve on its spring outings thus far, OU competed in another tournament this week: the Bellarmine Intercollegiate.

Results for the Monday and Tuesday tournament were unavailable at this issue's deadline.

The men's squad will travel to the Red Tail Golf Club in Avon, Ohio to compete in the Cleveland State Invitational, along with the OU women's squad, on Friday and Saturday.



Nicole Marzano Sophomore, Pitcher

Marzano has been the workhorse for the OU women's softball team this season. It was no different this weekend when Marzano pitched all 10 innings in the team's 2-0 victory over Centenary College on Friday. She recorded 11 strikeouts enroute to her eighth win of the season. Marzano has an earned run average of 2.21 with 72 strike outs this season. The Grizzlies are 9-12 overall.

Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

NCAA liaison retires after 41 years

By Brendan Stevens
Sports Editor

Jane Bentham has worked with four athletic directors and seen the closing of one sports center and the opening of another.

But that run will end today when Bentham officially retires after 41 years of service at OU.

A retirement reception will be held for Bentham in the Athletics Center from 3-5 p.m. today.

For the last year, Bentham has worked as the OU NCAA Self Study liaison.

Before taking on the role as NCAA Self Study liaison, Bentham served as the Athletics Department's office manager and assistant to current Athletic Director Jack Mehl.

Bentham was here when Lepley Sports Center opened and witnessed the successful beginning of the new Athletics Center.

She has also helped OU Athletics



Photo courtesy of OU Athletics
Jane Bentham with all four athletic directors she's worked with.

make the transition from Division II to Division I.

Bentham graduated from OU in 1983 with a degree in human resources.

Men's soccer signs recruit

Head OU men's soccer coach Gary Parsons found local talent to add to his squad next season.

Adam Brent, a native of Rochester, is a defender from Rochester High School.

He also plays club soccer for Vardar III SC.

Parsons said in a press release he saw Brent play at the Disney Showcase and was impressed with his abilities.

"He is a very good player at outside back who tackles well and has very good one-on-one defensive skills," Parsons said.

Brent won two state championships with Rochester High School and Vardar II SC is currently ranked 10th in the nation, and has been ranked as high as sixth.

Parsons said in the press release the newcomers will have one season to adjust to collegiate level soccer

with most of the Golden Grizzlies' backfield from last season in tact.

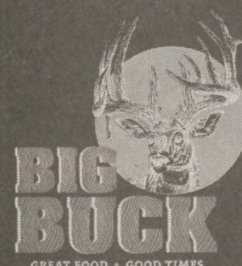
"This is a good situation where we will have all our signees for a year and see what they can do and how much they can help us to determine where they stand with us in the future," Parsons said. "These players coming in will certainly be our outside backs of the future."

Valparaiso lead Cup race

Eleven championships into the Commissioner's Cup race, Valparaiso University (Valpo) has a two-point lead over Western Illinois University (WIU).

Valpo leads WIU by one point in both the Men's and Women's All Sports Awards.

OU is third in all three races, after having led the Commissioner's Cup race after the seven fall championships. OU now trails Valpo by eight points.



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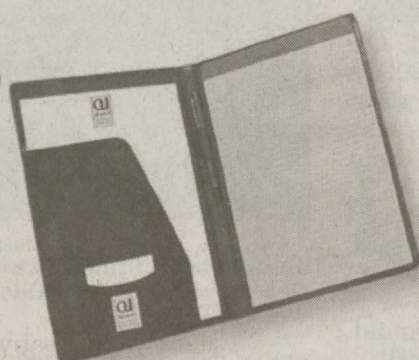
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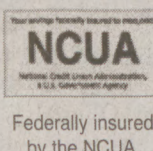
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Vegetables are 'Inn Season'

BY ANDREA MCNINCH
THE OAKLAND POST

The time has come for every Royal Oak connoisseur to travel into the unknown and experience the pure and primal essence of culinary creativity.

Located only three blocks east of Main Street is the Inn Season Cafe, host to the finest organic vegetarian cuisine in all of Metro Detroit.

To most, vegetarian food is for the weak and definitely out of the question when hungry.

So trying to muster up any brave souls to join my adventurous three-block journey was tiring but successful.

Not only were they turned off by the thought of actually eating vegetarian, they were skeptical about the location.

Upon entering the suspiciously hidden red brick corner building, I was curiously comforted after glancing at the front entryway wall.

It appeared to be plastered with awards and kudos from every food writer in Detroit.

We were greeted by a warm smile and instantly led to a small table at the end of the dining room.

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The worn wooden floors are blanketed with colorful oriental style rugs and the walls are neatly lined with local artwork that can be purchased for the right price.

The front window wears white lace that has been strategically secured by a strand of white lights. Every table has a candle and a tiny vase with a fresh wild flower.

As soon as we were seated, bread and water were dropped off at our table.

There was no butter or olive oil in sight, but to my surprise, the bread didn't need it. It was slightly tepid, tender and moist; a rare occurrence.

The idea that we were dining at a vegetarian restau-

rant became apparent when our carnivorous hunger searched the menu trying to find at least some seafood and had no luck. This place is not only true to its claim, but almost every menu item can be prepared vegan style as well.

Our waitress was refreshingly knowledgeable of the food and willingly answered all of the amateur questions we bombarded her with.

When asked what the favorite dish is, she replied, "There really isn't one."

After learning that the chef prepares daily specials consisting of two soups, three different vegetables, three appetizers and two entrées on top of the already hefty menu, I believed her.

Inn Seasons menu is vast,

covering all the basics and surprisingly isn't riddled with tofu. You are given the choice of 'soy' or 'real' when dairy products are involved, giving our innate carnal cravings the slight reassurance it needs.

My Kukicha tea, which is very hard to come by, was served in flowered porcelain china. The packaging was nice, but the tea wasn't hot.

The Budapest mushroom soup was served piping hot and surpassed all expectations. The exotic mushrooms were sliced thickly, ensuring their safety in the hot liquid—there is nothing more disappointing than shriveled up mushrooms.

The base of the soup was like velvet in my mouth, no gritty texture like you normally find in pureed soups.

The slightest hint of dill added freshness.

You are given a choice of eight signature salads that can be topped with a variety of house dressings.

I recommend the Tahini dressing, but with a romaine based salad because of its slight acidic bite, or the thousand island which is tangier and a great match with the mesclun mix—absolutely to die for.

The shiitake mushroom sauté appetizer was a palate of pleaser. The mushroom caps were sautéed in toast-

ed sesame oil, tamari (like soy sauce but made without wheat), garlic and served with a small pile of perfectly cooked organic brown basmati rice. The rice is a nice addition and softens the saltiness of the sauce.

The entrées available are endless. To name a few, they offer your choice of pizza (crust is made with roasted garlic, fennel, organic whole corn meal and organic wheat flour), Mexican, stir-fries, burgers, spaghetti, a steamed vegetable plate and don't forget about the daily specials.

I can now say that there really are enjoyable, delicious meatless burgers.

The Big Baprawski burger is made from flavorful tempeh (cultured soy), topped with sautéed onions, your choice of cheese, lettuce tomato and pea sprouts.

It is served with caraway infused coleslaw and baked tortilla chips.

And forget the ketchup, the optional sauces include tangy barbecue, non-dairy mayo, Dijon mustard, thousand island (my favorite) or tahini dressing.

The Thai stir-fry listed on the specials menu was phenomenal.

Tofu has never tasted so good and the seasoning was just right—just the tiniest hint of spice in the back of

your throat.

Each vegetable was uniformly cut, a sign of the care that went into the preparation, and blanched just long enough to keep a slight crunch.

The sauce was a creatively constructed with Asian-style pesto that complimented the organic brown basmati rice.

Overall, the flavor combinations found in this dish were superb—you begin to forget you ever ate meat.

Inn Season desserts are made in-house and change weekly. The dessert menu is loaded with everything from a vegan/organic ice cream sundae to chocolate 'cheeseless' cake.

My favorite is the opera cake, which is constructed in layers of vanilla coconut cream, mocha cream, chocolate sponge cake, coconut custard and garnished with a dollop of vegan chocolate mousse and citrus frosting—need I say more?

And if that wasn't enough, the plate was liberally drizzled with a luscious raspberry sauce.

Over all, Inn Season ranks on the top of my list, and I encourage all of you to leave the strip, forget about meat and prepare to tantalize your taste buds.

I guarantee you won't be disappointed.



Virginie Perov/
The Oakland Post

Above: The Inn Season Cafe is located three blocks from Main street in Royal Oak.

Left: Established in 1981, the Inn Season Cafe offers a diverse menu of vegetarian dishes.

Culinary Tip

When you chop garlic it always sticks to the knife. The trick to prevent this annoyance is to simply place the blade of your knife under cold, running water then begin to chop.

Your garlic will be beautifully minced hassle free!

~By Andrea McNinch

Get 'locked in' again

SPB and the Alphas host their annual "Lock-In," an all night, indoor event with laser tag, karaoke and more

By STEPHANIE TOMOVSKA
THE OAKLAND POST

The Alphas and the Student Program Board (SPB) are at it again organizing their annual "Lock-in."

This all night party will be held from 9 p.m.-2 a.m., April 4 in the Rec Center.

The cost is that magic word everyone loves—free.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity has hosted this event for the past three years, and SPB joined the bandwagon last year.

"This originally started as part of our Alpha week and then SPB asked to join in," said Ricky Williams, Alpha Phi Alpha's Treasurer. "They definitely have access to a lot more money."

(SPB) is the largest student based programming organization at OU, and the Alpha's are a black Greek fraternity "known for their social and philanthropic activities," according to the OU's website.

Put the two together and you get an all night, non-

stop party called the "Lock-In."

During the first half of this year's lock-in, there will be open swimming.

The lock-in will have many games throughout the night and of course non-stop music.

Erin Jenkins, SPB's Recreation and Leisure chairperson, said there will be inflatable games like jousting, a spades tournament, a three on three basketball tournament, laser tag and karaoke.

"We're doing the spades

tournament which we didn't do last year, and we have a way bigger and better laser tag than we had last year," said Jenkins. "We're trying the karaoke. People can win prizes for the karaoke, too."

Since a lot of people liked the character artist last year, there will be two available this year.

Last year the lock-in had smaller prizes for their contests, but this year, they're bigger and better, Jenkins said.

Prizes include concert

tickets to see Alicia Keys, a game system, gift certificates, a Pistons package including game tickets, food, apparel and more.

Pizza, catered by Little Caesar's, pop and snacks will also be offered throughout the night.

Unfortunately, last year Mother Nature played a part in the turnout of the lock-in.

Jenkins and Williams said there was a really bad ice storm, which caused the lights to go out.

"Last year was kind of

hectic because the power was out, but everyone said they had a good time," said Williams.

Still, 250-300 people attended the lock-in and the Alphas and SPB are hoping that this year's planning will bring an even bigger turnout.

Jenkins said there are a few rules to remember: once you leave, you can't come back in and one guest per OU student.

"And basically just to have fun," Jenkins said.

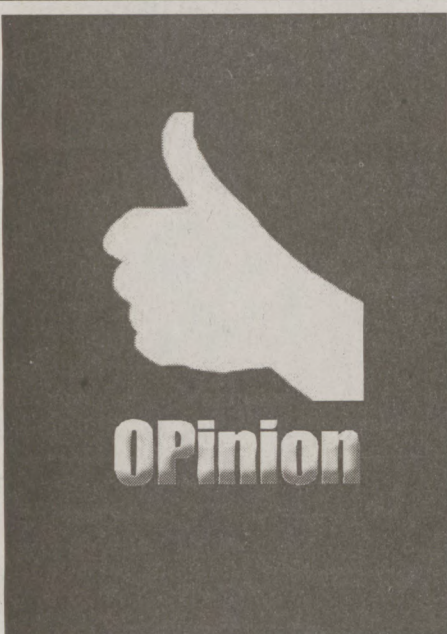


Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Zombies from the original "Dawn of the Dead" take over a local shopping mall.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
This is just one of the scenes that's guaranteed to keep you screaming.

"Dawn": guaranteed to make you scream

By ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

Anyone takes a risk when they decide to remake a movie, especially if the original is considered a cult classic in its respective genre.

Director Zack Snyder and writer James Gunn, however, felt they were up to the task of remaking "Dawn of the Dead," George A. Romero's legendary 1978 zombie flick.

Right from the beginning, it's no holds barred.

Your neighbor, your husband, your best friend and the little girl next door are all coming to kill you.

They act like ravenous beasts, moving with the speed and ferociousness of velociraptors.

And how do you stop them? How do you bring yourself to shoot or stab someone you love when you don't even understand why they are acting this way?

This evil is spreading. Everywhere around you, people are dying, and those who die get up and start killing. The world is in a state of utter chaos and it's only getting worse.

The new "Dawn" is both a remake and a modernization, and nearly the entire story has been redone. The most obvious change is the size of the cast.

While the original only followed four people; the new version has over a dozen.

The characters' plans to stay alive, the duration of time spent in the mall, the way the zombie's act, even the ending has been changed.

The only thing Gunn did not change in his rewrite is the centerpiece of the film: zombies are destroying the world and a small group of survivors barricade themselves inside a shopping mall.

The zombies themselves are very different from their predecessors. The original "Dawn" featured stiff, slow-moving, green zombies who couldn't stop moaning.

A person could push their way through a mob of the creatures with minor to no difficulty at all.

This cliché would be laughed at in any modern movie. The zombies of the new "Dawn" are fast, angry-looking monsters who could smash through wooden doorways and tear down fences in groups of three or less.

It's not hard to see the influence more recent films like "28 Days Later" have had on this movie.

Romero is considered by many to be the father of zombie movies, and his trilogy of the dead ("Night of the Living Dead," "Dawn of the Dead," "Day of the Dead") started a whole new sub-genre of horror.

Obsessive fans of the original may be upset by all the changes made to the classic story. But Gunn and Snyder choose to cater to modern moviegoers instead of reproducing the original.

If the movie were an exact remake, it would be tame by today's standards.

Modern horror relies heavily on suspense and uncertainty. Nobody would be scared if they knew the fate of every character ahead of time.

Having more characters leaves less time for character development, but not enough to ruin them completely.

The cast of the new "Dawn" might not be as convincing as the original, but they are still human enough to relate to.

Fans may be pleased to see Ken Foree, who starred in the original, make a cameo in the remake as a televangelist.

Foree says the movie's tagline in both films. Tom Savini, who played the leader of a biker gang that was left out of the remake, also makes a cameo as a sheriff.

Remaking horror movies is fairly common. "Night of the Living Dead," "Psycho" and most recently, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," have been redone.

Some of these were clones of the originals, with only the cast being changed.

Other filmmakers have taken more liberty with the films, and the results vary in quality.

It's impossible to say whether you should remake classic movies, because you never know how it will turn out. The new "Dawn" is one of the better remakes in the horror genre and will more than likely spawn a new wave of remakes.

While the new "Dawn" could be considered a less-intelligent movie than the original, it doesn't make it any less entertaining. The new version doesn't have the same subtle jabs at consumerism or focus on the effects of social isolationism as the original.

However, the old version lacked shock value and scenes



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Everybody's out to kill you, even the little girl next door.

that would make the audience jump, which the new version has done a great job of incorporating without sacrificing all the thought put into the original.

The real horror of this film comes from the characters' struggle to postpone their own deaths.

They are greatly outnumbered. No help is coming.

It is the end of humanity, and all the struggles they put up only delay the inevitable.

Eventually, the anguish of waiting to die becomes worse than death.

Some may argue this remake was an excuse to take Romero's idea and turn it into a common horror flick, but that is definitely not the case.

The new "Dawn" pays its respects to the original, but adapts itself enough to be its own movie.

You might have a hard time sleeping after this one.

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Dance team gives award-winning performance

By NICOLE BEATTIE
THE OAKLAND POST

OU dancers placed in the top eight of 55 at the American College Dance Association last week, where they got the opportunity to perform at the Gala Concert.

Now, OU's Dance Theatre and Repertory Dance Company will showcase their talent at the Winter Concert in Varner Studio Theatre, at 10 a.m. and 8

p.m. Friday.

The concert is open to the public and will include original student choreography as well as guest artist works.

"The students have been working on this show since the beginning of the semester," said Mariah Malec, director of OU's Repertory Dance Company.

Nine different pieces will be performed in modern and jazz styles, including the choreography of junior, Alexis

DeCapua.

Her dance, "Untitled," deals with child abuse.

"The students enjoy doing this a lot. They are extremely happy that they get to use their creative skills in a professional way," said Gregory Patterson, director of OU's Dance Theatre.

Guest artist works will include the upbeat jazz piece "I've Got Your Number," choreographed by Jennie Hill, cofounder of the Chicago-

based Jump Rhythm Jazz Project.

To close the show, students will perform a chair dance to Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Violins," choreographed by guest artist Jennifer Salk, from the University of Washington, Seattle.

The show will also be performed Saturday and Sunday. Both shows will begin at 2 p.m. To reserve tickets, call (248) 370-3013.

Good vs. bad

Movie critic Andrew DuPont rates the latest releases of the entertainment industry

BY ANDREW DUPONT
THE OAKLAND POST

The Good

Movies: *Kill Bill Vol. 2*

The title gives the ending away, but the second half of Quentin Tarantino's fifth film looks as promising as the first. The action is over the top and there's nothing conventional about it, all the better reason to see it.

Music: *Gwen Stefani*

What makes her different from other singers who have tried to act or start their own clothing line? Moderation and originality. Her acting debut is a very small part in Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator" (due out this November).

Stefani's clothing line "L.A.M.B." unlike others, isn't just jeans and t-shirts with a fancy brand name. The line will feature clothes styled after what Stefani normally wears herself. All this and her first solo-album due out this summer ("No Doubt" hasn't broken up, she's just trying something new) means we can expect a lot of Stefani this year.

Television: *Chappelle's Show*

Comedy Central struck gold when they gave Dave Chappelle his own show. Chappelle is by far one of the funniest comedians in the world. His lackluster parts in movies never did him any justice, but he's found his niche with his own sketch comedy show. Well into its second season, Chappelle's Show is an assault on every aspect of American culture.

The Bad

Movies: *Walking Tall*

The Rock, also known as Dwayne Johnson, says he wants to be the best action star out there, but there's a few things he needs to do to get there. Step one: Stop calling himself by his WWE name. Step two: Stop doing his signature-finishing move in his movies. For now, he might be giving Hulk Hogan's film career a run for its money, but is that really anything to brag about?

Music: *William Hung*

How long will it take people to realize this American Idol reject's "so-bad-it's-good" performances are really just bad? Kosh/Fush record executives who are hastily releasing Hung's album (Due April 6) are hoping nobody will realize until it has made as much money as possible. Looking to capitalize on his 15 minutes of infamy, Hung will belt out 11 songs not even worth getting off Kazaa. Sorry Hung, you're funny, just not \$12.98 funny.

Television: *I Want a Famous Face*

MTV takes a couple of the more superficial people in the world and pays for as much plastic surgery as they want in their attempt to look like a celebrity. So far, nobody has ended up looking like the celebrity they admire. For some reason, these people think looking like someone who is already famous will make them happy or famous. Right, because the world really needs more celebrity impersonators.

THE LOW DOWN

Wednesday, March 31

Student Congress will organize a trip to the state capitol from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Lansing. The trip is free for all students.

Dr. Linda Schweitzer from the department of chemistry will present her research titled "A Forensic Case of PCB Contamination in St. Clair Shores" at 1:15 p.m. in 372 Science and Engineering Building.

The School of Business will present its 2004 Alice Conner Gorlin Memorial Lecture where Professor Jan Svejnar of the University of Michigan will lecture on "Transition Economies: Performance and Challenges." The event will take place at 3 p.m. in 242 Elliott Hall.

CSA will hold a "Take Back the Night Rally." The march will begin at 6 p.m. in front of the Kresge Library and will continue with a speak-out at 6:45 p.m. in the OC.

Thursday, April 1

There will be a Portfolio Workshop for senior journalism, communication and English majors from 6-9 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room of the OC.

The Gay/Straight Alliance will host its first Drag Show at 8 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC. The event is free.

Friday, April 2

The College of Arts and Sciences will host the Oakland Dance Theater and OU Repertory Dance Company, an annual showcase of home-grown talent. Performances are at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in Varner Studio Theater. Also held April 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and April 4 at 2 p.m.

A Special Chemistry Seminar will be given by Master's Candidate CherylAnn Trzasko at 1:15 p.m. in 372 Science and Engineering Building. The topic of her presentation will be "Synthesis of Modified 2', 3'-Dideoxynucleosides and Their Use as Radical Precursors."

OUlympics will be held from 4-7 p.m. in the Recreation and Athletics Center.

Residence Halls Programming will present comedian John Heffron in its Friday Night Live comedy series. The event is free and will be held at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

The College of Arts and Sciences will present University Chorus and Oakland Chorale at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Also held April 3 at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

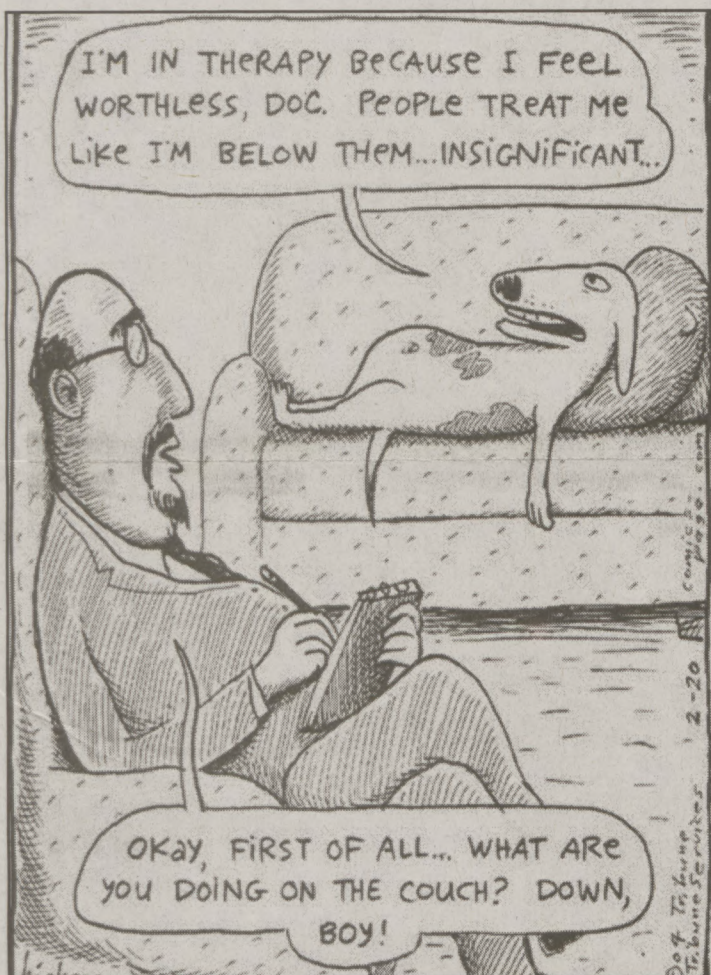
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt from 12-3 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall.

Sunday, April 4

The College of Arts and Sciences will host the OU's Saxophone Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

Monday, April 5

SAIL Registration (Telephone and Web) opens to all through May 2 for Spring 2004 and June 27 for Summer 2004.



HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday (March 31). Love is definitely in your forecast this year. Travel and education look good, too. But don't get too extravagant. You can't afford to pay everyone's way. Money is tight.

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 10 - You ought to be in such a good mood that you won't even care if you have to pay more than you expected. But don't gamble with the rent money.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - This is one of those awkward days when you don't get everything you ask for. So you might as well ask for a lot.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Learning can be a dangerous game. You're liable to find out something that somebody doesn't want you to know. Take it slowly. Don't jump to conclusions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't go out and buy that expensive gift for your friends, at least not yet. There may be other costs that you have to pay before you turn a profit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Think about how your words will be taken. It's always important to sound as if you know what you're talking about. It's better for business, too, but only if it's true.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Turn down a social invitation. You have a deadline to meet. Don't even try to think of excuses. You can't afford to mess up. Traveling is cumbersome, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Plans you make now are apt to be too extravagant. Draw up your dream list, but know that you'll have to edit before presentation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - The final outcome of these negotiations could very well be an increase in your income. Assume responsibility.

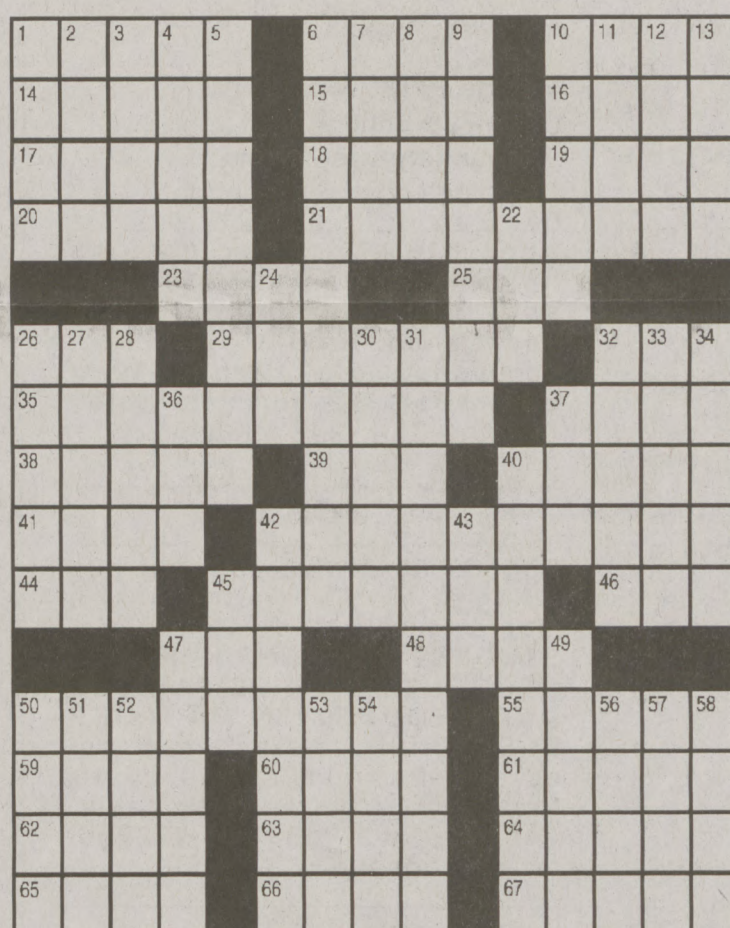
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You should be in a cheerful mood, even though you have new challenges. It's an indication that you're growing. You're into new territory.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Make a commitment to care for a loved one in whatever way you can. You can comfort that person during a tough

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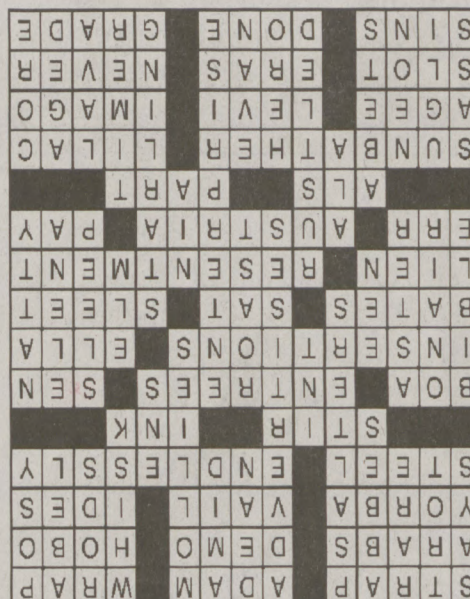
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time. Don't wait for thanks that comes later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You and your partner have set high standards. You want nothing but the best for your place, too. Now, figure out what exactly that is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - It's getting easier to express your feelings, sometimes without words. Words are insufficient for getting your meaning across, anyway.

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