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## Faculty oversee plans for road works



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**FUTURE PROJECT:** The one-and-a-half mile stretch of Adams Road might get a facelift in the next five years.

Plans for Adams Road expansion under careful scrutiny, dwellers of faculty subdivision cautious about project

By LIDIJA MILIC  
News Editor

For at least a decade, talk has been on the town about a possible expansion of Adams Road.

It may still be only talk, but the possible project has been closely watched by the people who might feel the impact of construction in their own backyards.

The council of the OU faculty

subdivision met Saturday to discuss the possibility of the road widening.

"Where exactly are they going to be widening it?" asked Linda Benson, council member and associate professor of history.

The stretch of Adams rumored to undergo expansion runs right between the new golf course and the subdivision.

Some inhabitants of the subdivi-

vision are afraid the new stretch of asphalt might end up at their backyards, or even replace the row of houses right next to the road.

"Holes one and 18 (of the R & S Sharf golf course) are right along the Adams Road," Benson said.

"If the road is widened (on the other side), they'd have to take out about one-fifth of the subdivision," she added.

According to Benson, the subdivision was Matilda Dodge Wilson's project dating back from the time when the city was undeveloped. The donor of the land for the university also donated a subdivision for housing of university employees.

The land of the subdivision belongs to OU, Benson said, but

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## Congress plans elections, responds to criticism

### Projects for 2000 include renovations, upgrades

By MATT GARCIA  
Staff Writer

As the season changes, change could also be coming to OU in the near future.

OU's Board of Trustees approved the submission of the Capital Outlay Budget Request for the fiscal year 2000 to the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget. After that, state legislation will decide which projects will be funded.

The budget request includes three priority projects. These projects are the construction of a building for the School of Education (which is currently located in O'Dowd Hall), and renovations for Varner Hall and Dodge Hall. An estimated total for the budget is \$48,278,000.

"The existing buildings need updating and modification to meet growing university needs," said Lynne C. Schaefer, vice president for finance and administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees.

According to a copy of the State Capital Budget Request (where most of the information is drawn from), there is a request to construct a 95,000 gross square foot building for the School of Education and Human Services.

The School of Education is organized into five departments. These departments are Counseling, Instruction and Leadership (Curriculum), Human

Development and Child Studies, Human Resource Development and Reading and Language Arts. This new building will provide specialized teaching areas, computer labs, adequate space for faculty and staff offices and other features.

The new building will also incorporate the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education. The Lowry Center will have developmental programs for young children all year around and provide science, math, technology summer day camp for children aged three to eight. The center is focused on training and research about child growth and development.

"The School of Education has had a dramatic need for more space in recent years. There is a need for more classroom space, laboratories, and office space to accommodate the growth of the student population," said Schaefer.

Varner Hall was next on the priority list for the requested budget. Varner Hall, which was designed in the late 1960's as a performing arts facility will undergo various renovations. The biggest change will be the relocation of the School of Business from Varner Hall. The extra space will be utilized for computer laboratories and practice studios. Also, a 2,500 square foot addition to the scene shop area is proposed in the budget. Other

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**AWAITING UPGRADES:** Varner Hall is scheduled for renovation in the 21st century.

By LIDIJA MILIC  
News Editor

Although the Student Congress meeting was cancelled Monday, plenty of activities took place in the past week, including work on the 1999/2000 elections and a response to criticism received from the Dean of Students office.

According to Congress President Scott Andrews, the deadline to turn in candidates' application packages for next year's Congress was last Wednesday.

The three official teams on the tickets for next year's presidency are: Michael Ott for president and Linda Hickmott for vice president; Nick Mitchell for president and Rob Filer for vice president; and Carina Moore for president and Adam Kochenderfer for vice president.

The presidential candidates and their running mates attended an orientation Monday. The orientation and overall preparation for the elections is handled by Jeff Hase, administrative assistant for Congress.

The election dates have yet to be determined. Andrews said the tentative dates were March 30-31 and April 1, which will likely be approved at next week's meeting. The election results will probably be released April 5.

Andrews added there are 14 people running for the legislative positions for next year's Congress. With 25 positions available, all of the candidates and the 11 write-in candidates will probably be elected, Andrews said.

Andrews added Congress plans to have extended hours for voting, and have voting polls



Post Photo/Jenn Madjarov

**FUTURE LEADERS:** The candidates for next year's student government attended an orientation session Monday.

available at more locations campus-wide.

The next year's Congress will inherit an organization that has had a stormy year.

The bulk of problems that arose this year between the Congress and OU student administration was summed up by Dean of Students David Herman in a letter sent out to Congress members at the beginning of March, criticizing the organization's poor performance.

Andrews said, "We are probably going to have a lengthy, detailed and formalized response (in writing)."

Several criticisms arose over the issue of spending. In the letter, Herman stated that the payroll has been a "constant source of concern," since the Congress leadership refused to provide the Student Life office the work sheets for hours worked since

they gave themselves a raise.

The letter also raised the issue of possible fraud because of hours reported during Christmas and winter break.

Also, Herman criticized the lack of financial support that Congress has traditionally given other student organizations and events, especially the Student Life Lecture Board, SAFB, WOCOU, CSA and the Keeper of the Dream banquet.

Andrews responded that this year's Congress took over a budget "in the red" and had \$35,000 less to spend than last year's Congress. As a result, less staff was employed, but they received a boost in salary since they had to complete more work, Andrews said.

He added that, due to limited resources, Congress became more selective of events to sponsor. Andrews said the selection was based on the relevance of the event requesting funding to the student government and leadership representation.

By that formula, lectures and concerts should be sponsored by the SPB, banquets and student organization events by the SAFB, and events like the trip to the capitol by Congress, Andrews said.

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Candidates for 1999/2000 Student Congress	
Presidential	Running Mates
Nick Mitchell	Rob Filer
Carina Moore	Adam Kochenderfer
Michael Ott	Linda Hickmott

### FAST FACTS

• Classes in RAD Training (Rape Aggression Defense) are offered in a four-meeting sequence March 15, 17, 22 and 24 in three-hour sessions at the Rec

Center, from 7-10 p.m. The sessions, open to women only, will be presented by the OUPD Officer Terry Ross.

To register, call Officer Ross at (248) 370-4244 ext. 1004 or e-mail him at [RAD@oakland.edu](mailto:RAD@oakland.edu). Limit is 12 participants per class.

• History Film Series, sponsored by the History Society Phi Alpha Theta, presents "Birth of A

Nation" Tuesday, March 23 at 5 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room, OC.

Carl Osthaus, associate history professor, will give a short historical introduction to the film. The event is free.

• Major Exploration Workshop, presented by the Advising Resource Center, will take place in three parts

Wednesday, March 24, noon-1 p.m. in the Room 126, OC; Wednesday, March 31, noon-1 p.m. in the Room 128, OC; and Wednesday, April 7, noon-1 p.m. in the Room 126, OC.

The workshop is designed to help students undecided about their major to find their field of study.

Seating is limited. Please call (248) 370-3227 or stop by 121

NFH to register for the event. The workshop is free.

• Campus Book Fair sponsored by the Educational Resource Lab (ERL) in partnership with Dorling Kindersley Family Learning will be today from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in the ERL, 216 O'Dowd Hall.

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## Student Affairs Student Affairs EVENTS

### UPDATING OU

• **SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARD.** Nomination forms for the Sidney Fink Memorial Award are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 OC. These \$100-\$200 awards are given to OU on-campus student employees nominated by their supervisors who have demonstrated an aptitude and ongoing commitment to improve race relations. **Deadline** for nomination applications is **Friday, March 26, 1999.** Call the Dean of Students Office at 370-3352 for more information.

• **CAMPUS RECREATION.** The Department of Campus and Recreation is accepting applications for Spring, Summer and Fall employment. Applications are available through March 26. Positions include: life guard, group exercise leaders- all types, especially water aerobics and hip hop/funk, fitness assistants, facility assistants, welcome center and sports officials. Stop at the Welcome Center in the Recreation Center for an application.

• **NATIONAL STD AWARENESS MONTH.** Chlamydia is the most common contagious STD in the United States. Most people aren't even aware they are infected by it. NO symptoms occur in three quarters of women and half of men. When diagnosed, chlamydia is easily treated and cured. Call the Graham Health Center at 370-2341 for information.

• **STUDENT LIAISON TO OU BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Applications and nominations for this position are still available at the following locations: Student Affairs Office, 144 OC, Student Congress, 100 OC or Center for Student Activities, 49 OC. **Completed applications are due** at the Student Affairs Office **March 31, 1999.** Call (248) 370-4200 for more info.

• **ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER.** 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215 - **Free Tutoring services, old math exams for review, math review video tapes.** STOP BY! Looking for campus work? Tutors are paid to work in the Academic Skills Center. STOP BY!

• **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER.** Are you experiencing "career confusion?" If you are, please stop in at the Career Resource Center in North Foundation Hall. Our hours for Winter 1999 are **Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Appointments are optional. To make an appointment, call (248) 370-3250 (Dept. of Placement & Career Services).

• **CAREER COALITION.** Explore a career through Career Coalition. Contact OU alumni and other resources. Contact the Placement & Career Services web site at: <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/connect/career.htm>.

• **GENERAL MOTORS Production Supervisor Alternating Co-op Program.** GM is currently looking for students who are majoring in Business, HRD, HRM, Engineering or Arts & Sciences. Please contact Placement & Career Services, Experiential Education, at 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213) to find out more on this exciting opportunity with GM.

### THIS WEEK

• **PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT RECRUITING.** On-campus recruiting continues at Placement & Career Services. Don't miss out on the opportunity to interview right here on campus for top-notch positions with premier employers. Contact Placement & Career Services (370-3250) for details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

• **INFORMATION SESSION.** On Wednesday, March 24, 1999, from noon to 1 p.m., the company Lab Support will conduct an information session for students in Room 125 of the OC. OU alumna Kristie Maciejewski will discuss employment opportunities for Bio and Chem majors. Refreshments provided.

• **The MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE JOB FAIR.** The Spring Michigan Collegiate Job Fair will be held on Friday, March 26, 1999 at Burton Manor in Livonia, Michigan. Nearly 200 employers are expected to attend. To obtain an updated list of registered companies, check the "Upcoming Events" section of the Placement & Career Services web page at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> or call 370-3250 for details.

• **EDUCATOR'S RECRUITING DAY.** The Educator's Recruiting Day will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999. Teaching candidates and graduates are invited to participate. Nearly 30 districts and schools are expected to attend and will conduct interviews on campus. Bidding began on March 15. Students must be registered with Placement & Career Services to participate. Contact 370-3250 for details.

• **JOB QUEST 1999.** Liberal Arts Majors - mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 5! This is the date for the Job Quest 1999 Job Fair. Nearly 75 employers are expected and they will be looking specifically for Liberal Arts students and graduates for a variety of full-time, part-time and career-related positions. Contact Vicki McNiff at Placement & Career Services, Professional Placement (370-3250) for details.

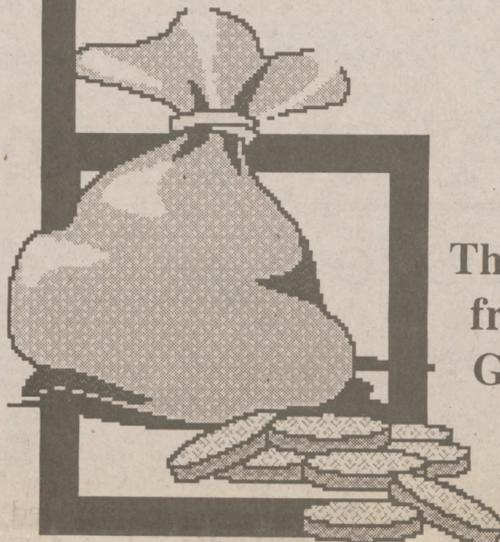
## Economics Students' Association

Presents:

### Dr. Mustafa Mohatarem chief economist at GM

Speaking on:

### The U.S. and Japan "Comparing Two Economic Superpowers"



Thursday March 25th,  
from Noon-1 p.m. in  
Gold Room C of the  
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## Art Fair at the Pavilion

Fine array artists of national artists  
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ARTSTREET

## Road

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the houses belong to the OU employees who lease them.

According to Craig Bryson, public relations officer for the Oakland County Road Commission, the road widening is still an uncertainty, although the expectations are it will be done in 2003-04.

The cost of the one-and-a-half mile road widening, between Avon Road to about half-a-mile north of Walton, would cost approximately \$10 million, Bryson said.

"We have \$2 million in the budget right now," he added.

The rest, he hopes, will be awarded from the federal road budget. But that is still a few years down the road, he said.

Bryson added the Road Commission is working closely with OU on this project.

"Our engineering department is in touch with the university and the city of Rochester Hills," he said.

"Our goal is to preserve all of the historical sites and the old trees in the area," he added.

The sites include a stone wall along the side of the road by the subdivision and the woods in which the subdivision is located.

In the meantime, the council of residents is watching every move made towards the project. Recently, they decided to consult external legal help in the matter.

"OU is our employer. We wouldn't want (this issue) to become something adversarial," Benson said.

She added the council has had extensive correspondence with Susan Aldrich, assistant vice president of capital planning and design.

"We feel like we've established good communication," Benson said. "We're doing this in good faith, and we hope they are too."

The hiring of external council, Benson said, came as a response to recent events.

"After the golf course, a lot of faculty lost confidence," she said.

"We want to try and work this out together... so that we are not surprised by bulldozers in our backyard," Benson added.

## Congress

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Andrews added he did not think of this change among student groups as negative.

"I think we just fine-tuned our partnership," he said.

Andrews also said the payroll issue arose because the Congress' academic advisor Jean Ann Miller requested that Congress employees submit time sheets instead of the overall payroll.

"For 15 years, all they ever asked us to do is fill out payroll," Andrews said. "That's the first time the advisor asked for that."

Andrews added there were doubts about the hours reported, because many legislators worked during the vacations at home.

Other concerns voiced in Herman's letter included Moore's recent firing and the publication of Shawn McLernon's home phone number in the ad in THE OAKLAND POST.

Andrews said Moore's dismissal was not handled properly by the administration. In her appeal process, Moore has been given special rights, he added.

"The state of Michigan is at will employer, (which means) you can fire someone for any reason or no reason," Andrews said.

However, in the course of Moore's appeal, Andrews is called upon to explain his reasons for firing her, which he views as special treatment, he said.

As for the publication of McLernon's number, Andrews said he apologized to her for making that mistake.

"I guess I just wasn't thinking about it," he said.

The formal apology will be printed in next week's issue of THE OAKLAND POST.

# ON CAMPUS

## Faculty senate proposal proceeds

By TANIA PREPOLEC  
Assistant News Editor

Faculty discontent with the OU's administration handling of the golf course controversy fueled a move to reconfigure the University Senate as a faculty one.

A proposal to revamp membership will be voted on at the Senate's April 15 meeting.

But before then, an open hearing will be held 3-6 p.m., Thursday, March 25, in 201 Dodge Hall.

Currently, faculty members dominate Senate membership holding 43 of 61 slots.

Under amendments proposed at Thursday's meeting, faculty membership would grow to 50 with total membership limited to just 53.

The three non-faculty slots would be filled by a student, an Administrative

Professional representative and the Provost.

The amendments were drafted by 11 faculty who had been proposed as members of a Senate Amendment committee at the February meeting.

However, that proposal was delayed in a procedural move by Engineering and Computer Science Dean Michael Polis who called for a quorum.

Senate rules require a quorum at 30 to conduct business, but by the time the proposal was coming close to a vote only 27 remained.

To put the proposed changes on a fast track, the 11 met anyway and presented a three-part proposal to amend the Senate constitution on Thursday that would fundamentally alter the Senate itself.

If the amendment is approved in April, the proposal will then sent out to all OU faculty for a formal vote.

The proposal is likely to pass since more than 75 percent of the full-time faculty, or 273, have already signed a petition endorsing the idea.

If approved, the measure would then be presented to the Board of Trustees for action.

The amendments were introduced by Mathematical Sciences professor Kevin Andrews, a member of the ad hoc committee and the only Senator of the 11.

He confirmed the golf course controversy triggered this latest move to a faculty Senate. The idea has been discussed periodically for a number of years but never garnered widespread faculty support.

When OU's administrators pushed ahead on the golf course despite strong faculty opposition, the faculty senate movement coalesced.

When word leaked out as course construction began last fall, faculty and stu-

dents staged demonstrations and protests in an effort to block the development which jeopardized long standing biology research projects and destroyed pristine woodlands on east campus.

Though more than 200 faculty and students attended the Board of Trustees' December meeting to voice their objections, the Board turned a deaf ear to their concerns by quickly adjourning without responding to the public outcry.

The bulldozers continued to level the woodland area though some changes were made to protect the area where research was ongoing.

The faculty union, the AAUP, filed a grievance against OU that is still pending.

"We feel that the faculty should have a body of its own," said Susan Wood, professor of Art and Art History.



Brian Reindel

### Depressed? Get help

Are you getting angry? Do you feel like you're losing control of your emotions? Does the advice of friends and family seem like biting criticism? Is darkness an invitation to your only peace, which comes in the form of sleep? Then you are feeling what I felt about six months ago.

Does your world seem to be folding around you because of events in the past? Do you dread getting up in the morning because you fear the new day? Do you have trouble eating, sleeping or finding a will to do the simple things you used to enjoy? Then you are feeling what I felt about two months ago.

If your reality has crushed you, you have splitting headaches, and a permanent feeling of nausea fills your stomach, then you are where I was a week ago - at the bottom.

Living with depression is hard. That is why most people decide not to live with it. They overdose, hang themselves or jump off buildings.

It is a harsh sentiment. But it is the truth.

Depression is caused by many things, but it is driven by two components: a lost sense of purpose and a lost sense of hope.

The difficulty is that these are the first to go, and the last to be recovered. I am blessed.

I have a family, friends and a loving, forgiving God. I have long since had an easily recognizable purpose (at least now).

I am finally getting help. That is my hope.

I read a story a few days ago. It was enlightening. I pray it can help others.

A little girl named Annie was placed in an insane asylum at a time when rats were a normal food for patients.

Her condition worsened, until the "doctors" labeled her incurable. She suffer with her disease.

An anonymous nursemaid felt Annie was not beyond help. She talked to her on a daily basis. She fed her, read to her and kept her company.

Annie not only got well again but was also released from the custody of the asylum. Her full name was Annie Sullivan, the woman who taught a deaf and blind Helen Keller sign language and speech.

Helen Keller once said in a speech that the worst thing about having sight would be being able to see, but having no vision. She is right.

I made two phone calls - one to my pastor, the other to a counselor. These were the two hardest phone calls I've ever made in my life.

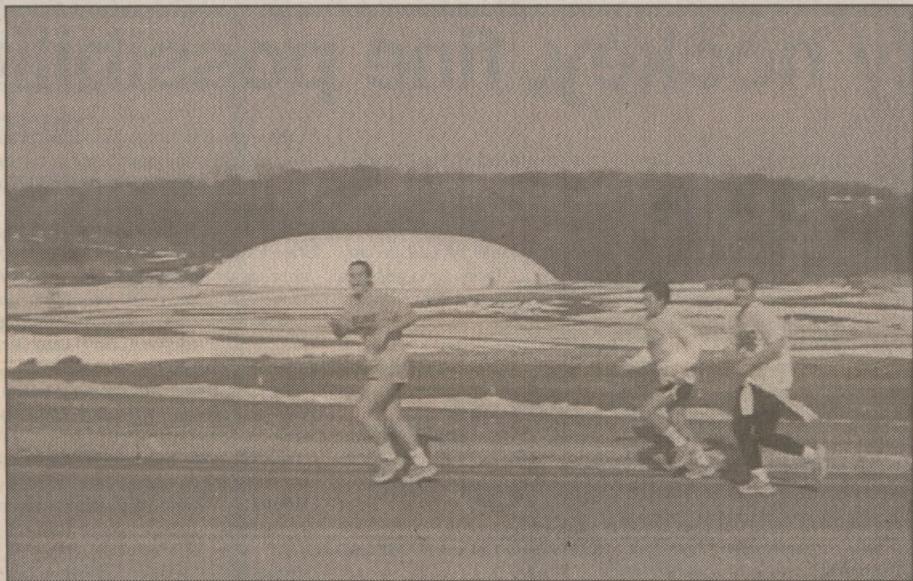
No one could make the first step for me. I hid from my loved ones, and no one knew. I was scared, embarrassed and lost. But I called somebody.

You can call, too. You may feel you have no one, but that's not true. There are people out there who care; you just need to find them.

Find your purpose. Find your hope. Please.

Call the Counseling Center at (248) 370-3465 or the 24-hour Common Ground Crisis line at (248) 456-0909  
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## RUNNING INTO SPRING



Post Photo/Jenn MacJarev

The race is on for nice weather.

With occasional piles of snow still on the ground, some OU students braved the chills of wind yesterday and took a dive into much anticipated sunny spring, scheduled to arrive to a running track near you this Sunday.

## More parking tickets issued on campus

By JOE GRAY  
Staff Writer

OU grabbed nearly \$12,000 more from students last year than in 1997.

Students' and others pockets were picked to pay for parking tickets.

The university added 18 parking meters last summer, bringing the total to 40. The new meters more than tripled expired parking meter citations from 436 in 1997 to 1410 in 1998. A \$20 fine per ticket would mean \$19,480 in potential revenue, but OUPD Lt. Mel Gilroy said the revenue statistics are projected because only about 65 percent of the fines are actually collected.

OU loses the ticket revenue when a citation is contested in court or when the violator simply ignores the ticket and does not pay the fine. If a ticket is not paid within 30 days, a \$10 fee is added to the cost of the ticket and a \$10 charge will be added every 30 days until the fine is paid.

"Failure to pay fines can result in holds on a student's registration," Gilroy said. "Unpaid tickets could result in a warrant being issued."

Gilroy said if a student accumulates \$100 or more in unpaid fines, a hold can be placed on their account.

Along with the parking fines, the meters have generated \$10,872.84 in nickels, dimes and quarters since July 1998. Even though pennies do not add time to the meters, the police often find them in the machines, OU Police Chief Richard Leonard said.

Leonard said the meters have 45-minute time limits to create turnover and allow students and visitors who need to get in out quickly easy access to campus buildings. The metered spaces are not intended for students to use during classes, he added.

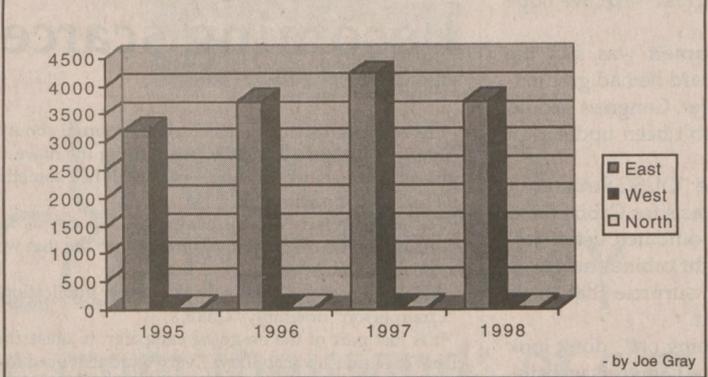
"There is sufficient parking on campus but most students do not want to walk," Gilroy said, commenting on the increased number of citations.

Using a computer to analyze the data, the Oakland Post has learned despite the nearly 1,000 additional expired meter citations, total tickets issued only rose by 503 last year. Other violations such as, illegally parking in handicapped spaces, fire lanes and non-designated areas all dropped in 1998 by nearly 40 percent.

While checking meters is part of a police officer's duties, the police department does not want to give the impression writing tickets is top priority.

"Our overriding responsibility is to the

Numbers of tickets issued from 1995-1998



- by Joe Gray

safety of the students and part of that job is parking regulation," Gilroy, a 27-year veteran of the OU Police force, said. "The lots are designed to get the maximum amount of cars in the lots and still allow emergency vehicles in."

"When we are rolling the lots, we are looking for parking violations, possible car break-ins and safety for the students walking to their cars," he added.

Leonard said, department policy is to be "strict and fair" in writing tickets. The police do not give warnings or

allow any leeway during the first two weeks of the fall semester, typically the busiest time in the parking lots.

"If we are not consistent, something might fall through the cracks, and someone might get hurt," he said.

The change dropped into meters and the money collected from citations is used to enhance safety. The parking revenue has paid for two fully equipped police vehicles, 24-hour close circuit TV monitoring of the parking lots and an

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### CRIME

#### WATCH

#### Car Break-In

A student reported last Tuesday that her car was broken into while parked in the John Dodge House lot, next to the

golf course.

The student told police her 1998 Jeep Convertible was parked there between noon and 5 p.m.

The right door window was broken and several items taken from the car, including a CD player, 37 CDs, a CD case, Nike book bag, a calculator and eight mechanical pencils.

The value of missing items was \$1160.

The dashboard and the center console were damaged.

Also, the student reported that some of her credit card bills were missing, which had her account number and home address on them.

The student said she did not see anything suspicious in the area.

#### Conflict at Rec Center

A student allegedly caused a disturbance at the Rec Center last Tuesday when the staff would not let his friend

enter the facility.

The student's friend allegedly tried to enter the building using someone else's student ID.

The student employee at the window noticed the ID did not belong to the man and refused him entry.

The student allegedly came to the support of his friend and was yelling profanities and threatening the student employee at the desk.

The student then allegedly offered to

pay the guest fee for his friend.

At this point, the Rec Center employee said he denied him entry because of the student's disorderly behavior.

An OUPD officer arrived at this time and advised the student to leave the building.

The officer also warned him that he will be arrested if he persists with such behavior in the future.

The student and his friend then left the building.

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### EDITOR'S VIEW

## Congress fails constituents

Congress' performance this year has been a disappointment.

This is not meant to be a personal attack on any individual members, but this year's student leadership cannot seem to complete the simplest of tasks.

It's not a question of trying to keep everyone or anyone happy. At THE OAKLAND POST, we know that we cannot make everybody happy. Every week we get complaints about coverage of articles or syndicated comics. We listen carefully to them, try to do the best job we can, and keep on trying every week to publish a quality newspaper that covers the campus warts and all. That's our job.

Congress is here to do a job, too. Congress' job is to represent student interests, disburse student monies to various organizations and defend student rights when and if they are encroached.

But honestly Congress, what have you accomplished?

From sitting through meetings over the last three years, it appears to us that your chief accomplishment this year has been to achieve a level of unprofessionalism that has surpassed anything we've previously witnessed. A dubious distinction, that one.

Aside from the obvious petty politics (who's against whom and who dislikes whom), the muffled snickering, sloppy dress code and talking while others voice very relevant concerns are a few behaviors you might want to work on before the academic year's end.

Then there's Congress' website. For many students and alumni, the Internet is a great way to keep tabs on their student government. Has anyone bothered to visit the OUSC website these days? For Congress' sake, we hope not.

We weren't aware that Bryan Barnett was still the Student Body President. Last we heard he had graduated and Scott Andrews had taken over. Congress should be embarrassed that its website hasn't been updated in the current year.

When clicking to find out about the "OUSC Structure," browsers won't find this year's contacts for Cabinet and Legislative members, but rather an outdated list of former Congress members. Of the eight cabinet members listed, only two are correct. It's no surprise that those two held the same positions last year.

If one wants to find out "What's going on?" don't look to Congress for help. According to the Congress website, you should go to CIPO. Well, CIPO's name changed, it's now called the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

And lastly, maybe if the information was correct on the "Questions and Concerns" page, Congress wouldn't be having such a hard time communicating with members of the student body, faculty and staff. (But then again, poor communication seems to be a problem at several levels on Oakland's campus these days).

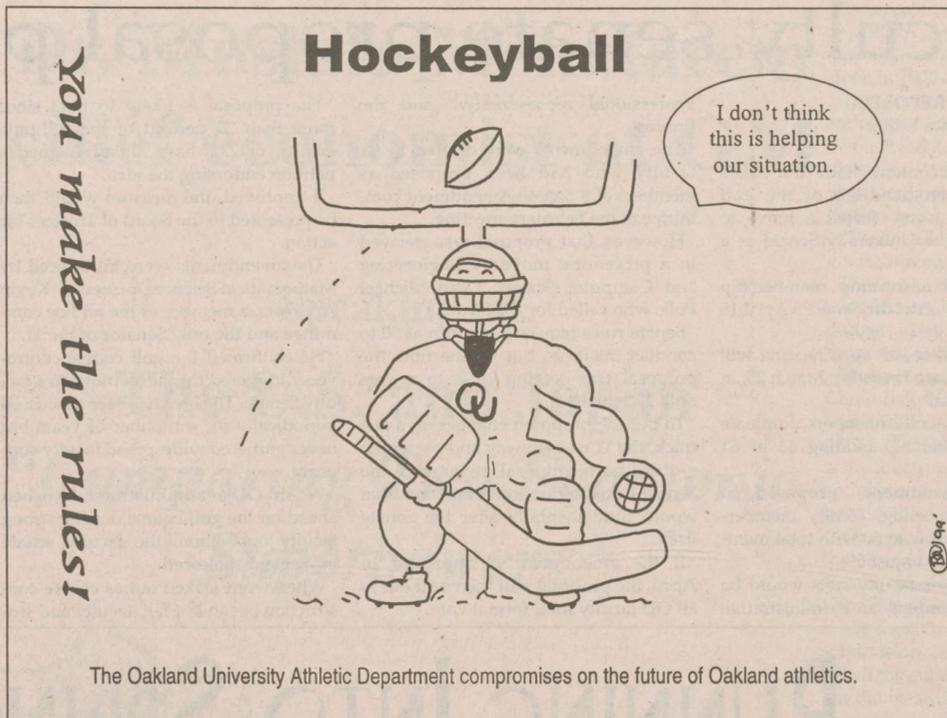
Listed on the page, visitors will find incorrect e-mail addresses, the wrong location for Congress' Monday meetings, the wrong steering chair contact, and even, advertising for the 1998-99 academic year election. Maybe students should demand a recount!

It's simple things like this that can make a big difference and enhance tarnished images. If Congress showed an ounce of real leadership, maybe more than 14 students would enter the Congress race. With a Congress roster of 25, the sad fact is a majority of next year's Congress will inevitably be drafted for the job by being written in.

That may well explain the leadership vacuum that exists.

JEANNEE KIRKALDY

# PERSPECTIVES



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Varsity hockey, fine possibility

Dear Editor,

In the recent paper date March 10, I read a "Letter to the Editor" from one Rodney D. Robinson, (titled) "Football team could enrich funds, spirit, enrollment."

By the title of the letter, I believed it would be about football. I was dismayed, however to find several incorrect assumptions and statements about a university hockey program.

As a board member of Men's Ice Hockey at Oakland University, a program that began a year ago, I felt it was my duty to turn aside some allegations.

Mr. Robinson states that "The decision to have a hockey team is great, but a little unfair because hockey is not a culturally diversified sport."

This statement shocked me! Our organization, although not at the level of a varsity sport, is open to anyone and everyone.

We do not select players based on race or ethnicity, but rather on the desire to play the

sport.

Mr. Robinson also contended that "Hockey does not give all students from any state, country and of all nationalities the opportunity to participate."

The fact is, the same could be said for any sport at any University. There is no possible way to give everyone the chance to compete at the same level.

From the tone of Mr. Robinson's article, it makes it sound like everyone associated with hockey is a racist, and that no minorities can participate.

The fact is, it is a personal choice of what sport to play, not one that someone else can make for you.

Hockey is coming of age in this area right now, and it is my belief that it would be foolish for the University to not even look into the possibility.

(Additionally,) The success of the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Vipers has increased the level of hockey awareness and participation throughout our state. If the

University did not take some action to at least look into the possibility of having a varsity hockey team, I would find them quite lacking.

Also, one of OU's main competitors, Wayne State University, has already begun building a hockey program, which is another reason a hockey program at OU should be looked at.

Making race an issue in anything is one thing this country is good at, and it certainly is not a good thing.

The only thing that making a case of race does is make it harder for everyone to be equal, because it separates people.

Everyone has the chance to participate in any sport they choose, and the race of these people should not determine which sports are 'better.'

Sincerely,

Jeremy Sarnovsky  
Sophomore  
Treasurer - OU's Ice Hockey Club

## Alumnus contends: English word "man" becoming scarce in America's society

Dear Editor,

I recently read an article in a business journal about the efforts of a company to regain its market share using the newest Internet technology. I remember this article because it had something in it I hadn't seen in a long time.

The article referred to the company's top guy as the "chairman." "Chairman" I thought. How refreshing to see that word again after such a long time.

Today every major journal, book or other publication uses the word "Chairperson" or simply "Chair."

It is just part of the on-going campaign to erase the word "man" from the English vocabulary. Every word that used to contain "man" or "men" has been changed to something more acceptable to our cultural elite.

"Policeman" is now "Police Officer," "Fireman" is now "Fire Fighter," "Mailman" is now "Postal Worker," etc. You see, the establishment feels that if they can change the language we use, they can change the way we think.

And that, of course, is the goal - to change the way you and I think. All major publications have joined in the effort.

An article in Scientific American I read last week refers to a new medicine's benefit to "humankind." You see, the word "mankind" can't be used because it contains the word "man."

Interestingly, though, it may be more difficult for our language police to erase the word "mankind" than other words they have targeted.

This is because Neil Armstrong (inadvertently, I'm sure) cemented the word "mankind" into history with the phrase "... One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

It will be hard for the establishment to erase that phrase from the history books (although I'm sure they will give it their best).

The effort to erase the word "man" has been largely successful in most areas of our society. Today, the only place you will find the

word "man" is, perhaps, at the Selective Service department - where only "men" are slated to be drafted and sent to war.

That's right. While the government has been feverishly rewriting laws to make men and women equal, this is the one law they have chosen to keep as it is. You may also find the word "man" within the hundreds of "affirmative action" programs specifically designed to discriminate against men in school admissions, hiring, promotions etc.

Why have the efforts to erase the word "man" been so successful in our country? Because American men are suckers. While other groups fight for their rights and try to increase their power in society,

American men are told that they don't have a right to do the same (unless, of course, they are a man "of color").

We have accepted the establishment's rules on this and haven't questioned it. Until we wake up and stop being such suckers, the establishment will continue to succeed in their efforts.

Sincerely,

Jeff Burhans  
OU Alumnus

### SETTING IT STRAIGHT

THE OAKLAND POST corrects factual errors that appear on its pages.

• Those interested in participating in anxiety screening can visit the Counseling Center on March 18 at 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### POST INFORMATION

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## Tickets

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officer's position was added last year.

In 1995 the department began leasing four Autocite portable computers to write and record parking citations. The hand held devices are used to write and print out copies of the tickets. After a patrol, the computer is plugged into a phone line and records of the violations are sent to Enforcement Technology Inc. in Irvine, Calif.

Enforcement Technology Inc. leases the four Autocite computers to OU for \$400 a month and processes the tickets at a cost of \$1.50 each. Leonard said the processing fee is cheaper than hiring employees to process the tickets at the OU station.

Since the police department began using the Autocite system four years ago, the total number of tickets issued has risen on an average of 500 a year. Records before 1995 were not available, but Gilroy said there were many years when over 8,000 tickets had been written.

In case you think OU is not doing enough to accommodate its 2,300-member staff and over 14,000-student body, the school added 1,300 parking spaces last year jumping its total to 6,300. That is a 26 percent increase in spaces while student enrollment has risen just over eight percent in the last four years. Also, there has been ongoing surveying in the parking lots for expansion next summer.

## Plans

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renovation plans include items such as humidity controls, telephones, and a general facelift for the building.

The third priority went to the renovation of Dodge Hall. Departments including the School of Engineering, the Eye Research Institute, Biology, and administrative and academic computing offices currently use Dodge Hall. According to the budget plan, a portion of the computer center will move into the new Classroom/Business School Office building. The renovation proposal also requests HVAC renovations and, like Varner Hall, will receive a general facelift.

The projects to be funded have yet to be determined by state legislation. Once it is determined which actions to take, changes to the University could occur as early as 2001, according to the proposed budget.

"We're optimistic that state legislature will take some actions and allow us to move forward with the projects," said Schaefer.

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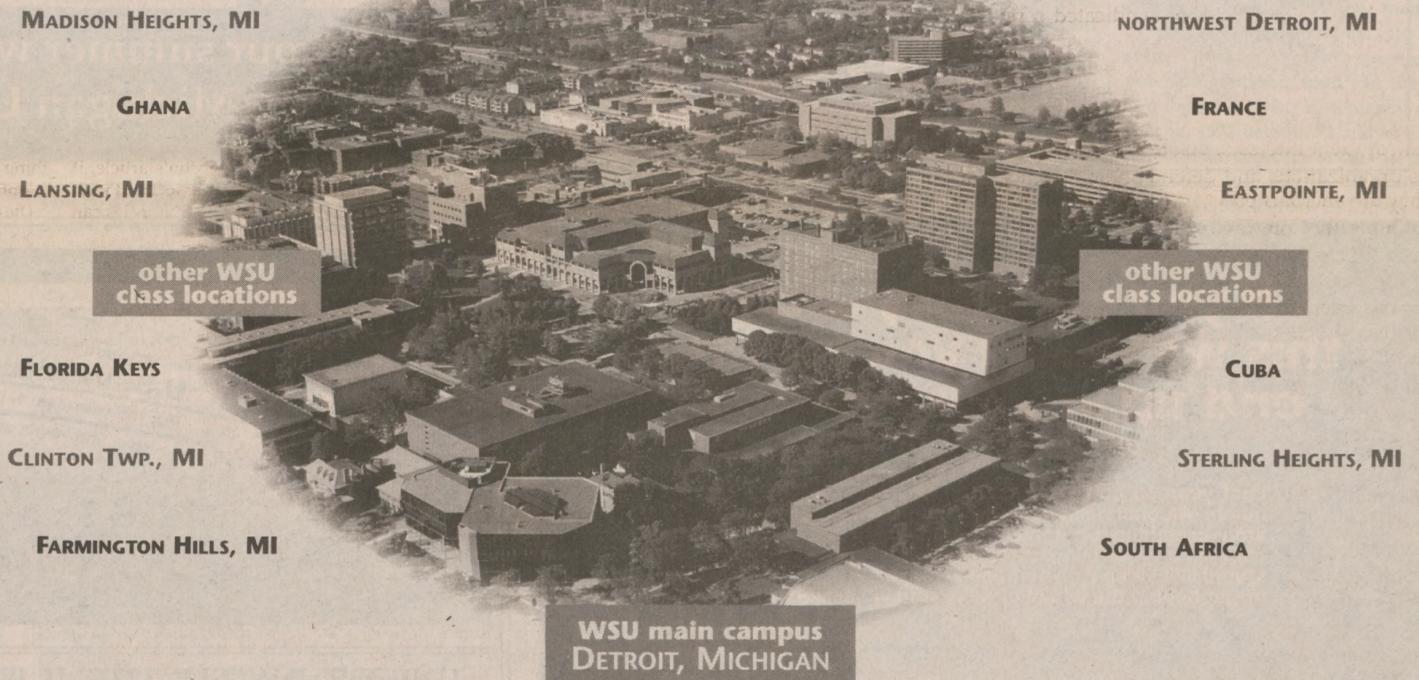
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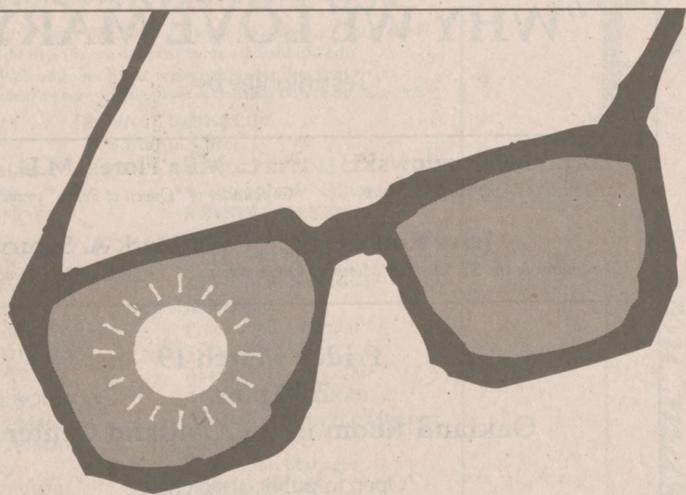
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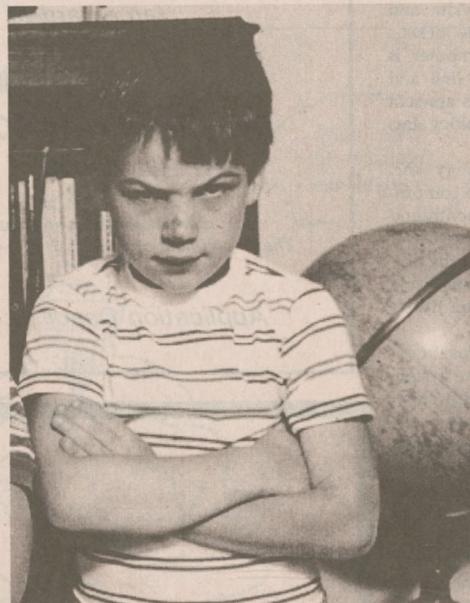
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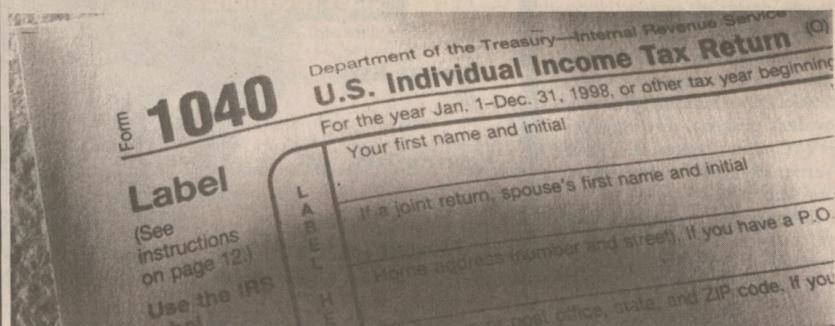
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**• Home & Garden Antiques Show**  
Mar. 19, 2 - 9 p.m.; Mar. 20, noon - 8 p.m.; Mar. 21, noon - 5 p.m. Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Admission: \$7, good for all three days; children under 13 free. Call (810) 469-1706.

**• International Builders Show and Detroit Flower Show**  
Mar. 18 - 19, 2 - 10 p.m.; Mar. 20, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Mar. 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cobo Center, Detroit. Admission: \$6.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$4 ages 6 - 10, under 6 free. Call (248) 737-4477.

#### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**• From Disease to Wellness**  
A free educational program for the community. Mar. 17, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. Maple Grove Community Education, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-6170.

**• Establishing a Good Credit History**  
Credit Counseling Centers, Inc. will discuss types of credit, qualifying for credit, the pros and cons of credit, consumer rights and more in this free seminar. Mar. 22, 7 p.m. Southfield Public Library, Southfield. Call (248) 948-0461.

**• Water Safety Course**  
State law now requires operators of personal watercraft born after Dec. 31, 1978 to pass the water safety course. The next course dates are Mar. 18, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Bemis Jr. High, Sterling Hgts. Call (810) 795-2300. Course is also offered Mar. 23, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Romeo Community Education Center, Clinton Twp. Call (810) 752-0310.

#### BENEFITS

**• Tourette's Fundraiser**  
Bowling to benefit the Detroit and East Michigan Chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association. Anyone who collects at least \$50 in donations bowls free, other participants can bowl two games for \$6, which includes two games, shoes, pizza and pop. Mar. 20, noon at Regal Lanes in Warren and 1 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland. Call (810) 755-6937 or (734) 525-6245.

**• The Great Hatsby Fashion Show**  
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## Student investments pay off

By NICOLE BONSALE  
Special Writer

The adrenaline rush from poker, bets or whatever your game might be thrilling for the moment, but usually leaves one empty-handed, or even worse, in the hole.

That's why some students are gambling on their future with the stock market — a wager that not only reaps more rewards but is also legal.

OU Journalism and History Junior John Stoll prefers playing his cards in the stock market. With his winning results, he made enough moola from his stocks to pay his tuition without loans. Stoll became pro-active in the stock market when his previous boss, an astute investor, invested a fraction of his hourly wages.

At first his money didn't add up, and it wasn't until last year that he finally felt the payoff.

His \$600 dollars worth of investments in Pfizer, the maker of Viagra, and Yahoo! turned into \$3000, which covered his tuition.

Stoll said he feels his "killing in the market" was a once in a lifetime, but cool.

Recently, he's cut back on investing because he doesn't have ample amounts of money and his boss lives too far away to advise him.

Now with the investment choices in his own hands, Stoll says he relies on financial firm Dean Whitter to assist him in making sound investments. He says he'd eventually like to trade stock online, claiming that it is a cheaper way to do business.

Overall, Stoll said he feels that investing is a great way to make money "...As long as you're not using money that's supposed to feed your family."

This is something other students, like OU General Studies Senior Shari Kenny have found out firsthand.

Kenny is also a regular market player, who claims that she was rather "in-the-dark" about investing not too long ago. An economics professor at OCC changed that when he made her class

analyze stock market trends for an assignment.

According to Kenny, the project taught the students that playing the market could result in "coming out ahead or losing your shirt."

This exposure to the volatility of the market, along with a brother-in-law who is a stockbroker, made her realize that although playing the market is chancy, there is a lot to be gained. Even with a rocky stock market in 1998, she says she still earned about 75 percent off her investments.

After research, she finally takes full advantage of her benefits at her Ford Motor Company job. Just being in tune with investing has made it possible for her to watch her 401(k), IRA (Individual

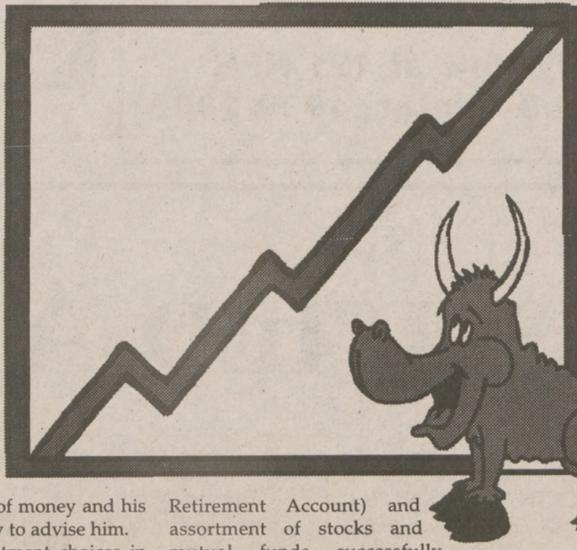
Retirement Account) and assortment of stocks and mutual funds successfully mature.

OU General Studies Junior David Ceci also minds the market, hoping to one day buy real estate with his investment profits.

Ceci was exposed to the market through work and urging from his father. Since then, he pays attention to his investments, but hasn't gotten into the habit of obsession with them. And even in the past year when the market reaches staggering highs and lows, he didn't let it faze him.

Ceci is convinced that being young is a good time to invest.

"I don't have to worry about losing money because I have a long time to recoup it," he said.



So far, he has watched his investments flourish and hopes to use it to buy real estate or save for retirement.

But even with these examples, investing isn't a trend among most students. Many are intimidated by the lingo, feel they don't have enough money to invest, are afraid of the risks, or are convinced they don't need to think about investing until they've graduated.

However, according to Charles Schwab's Guide to Financial Independence, a pamphlet from the Charles Schwab brokerage firm, "the biggest risk in investing is doing nothing."

The analogy of buying a car is used in the pamphlet to illustrate how to demystify investing misconceptions. "You don't want to do it on a whim, or without some research, but it's do-able," it states.

The pamphlet also notes that "Every investment is associated with a certain amount of risk, and you have to decide what amount of risk you feel comfortable with and invest accordingly."

But before you run to the nearest brokerage firm and plunk down your money on stocks, the ins and outs must be learned. Become educated by reading money magazines, reading the Motley Fool column in The Oakland Post and The Detroit Free Press, visiting financial websites and by asking those who invest for advice.

Tuning into WXYT's (1270 AM) "Money Talk" program from noon to three on weekend afternoons isn't a bad idea either.

Financial planner and attorney, Rick Bloom hosts the radio show, which explains the ins and outs of personal finance in plain English.

His interaction with callers brings forth a variety of issues pertinent to all investors. Often, someone is likely to call in with similar concerns.

Once educated, it's time for you to invest. Many companies will open bids on stocks starting at \$250 dollars.

Even though that seems like a lot to start with, consider the following: If you save 75-cents a day, you'll have \$250 a year later. And if you play your cards right, you can garner 35% or more off an investment.

You also don't have to wait for 401(k) plans to kick in at your place of employment when there's IRAs and mutual funds available. Hypothetically, investing the maximum amount of \$2000 dollars annually in an IRA from age 18 to 64 can lead to \$1,744,000 dollars.

Or, buy \$50 dollars a month worth of shares in a mutual fund, earning about 12-percent, and in ten years you could have more than \$10,000 dollars. Chances are that a poker game won't bring in these kinds of results.

Of course, if this all sounds too good to be true, you're learning about the game too fast. Not only are there unforeseeable risks, but there are tax consequences as well to consider before becoming a market player.

As with any gamble, there is a price to be paid. But on the whole, the stock market can be a wise investment if intelligently played. Besides, if you don't play, you can't win.

## Dow flirts with 10,000

By KIM CONNELL  
Outside Oakland Editor

Yesterday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average peaked at 41.35 points at 10,001.78 at around 9:50 a.m. EST, amazing both traders and investors alike.

It eventually closed down 28.30 from Monday's tally ending up at 9930.47.

The crowd on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange let out a roar of excitement as the 10,000 mark hit, but not all were happy about the increase.

Many worried that the surge would wreak havoc on computer trading systems anticipating a Y2K type problem when the Dow reached five digits, but no major problems were reported.

John Chilcott, a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch, wasn't impressed with

the number saying, "10,000 is just a round number that people are psychologically fixated on, similar to the Y2K number."

Chilcott attributed the boom to many variables, including the increasing number of investments made by those of the "Baby Boomer" generation.

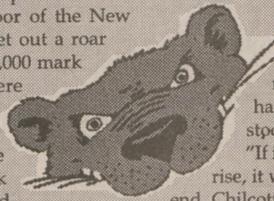
But this doesn't mean that stocks can't take a hit and make a sudden drop, according to Chilcott.

He predicted that rising oil prices would have a negative effect on stocks.

"If it (oil prices) continues to rise, it will cause inflation in the end, Chilcott said.

And if inflation heats up, nearly everyone predicts a bear market.

"(Federal Reserve chairman) Alan Greenspan will force interest rates up, and more people will sell stocks and buy bonds," he said.



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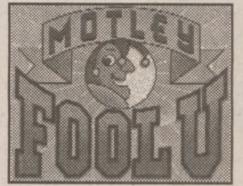
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Journalism Sophomore Valerie Shultz is the Weather Forecaster for THE OAKLAND POST.



### Timing Y2K

**Q: I think the market will fall late this year due to concerns over the Year 2000 problem. I am considering transferring money out of stocks in October or November before the end-of-the-year panic, and "buying low" later on. What do you think? — B.B., via the Internet**

**A: We think it sounds as if you're trying to "time the market." That plan might work, or it might not. But the odds are always heavily against any investor who thinks that he can buy into the market at its lowest point and sell when it peaks. We Fools believe that any money you're not planning to spend for five years or longer is probably best kept fully invested in the market.**

Backing up a bit, we'll give a short synopsis of the Year 2000 problem (a.k.a. Y2K, the Millennium Bug or "that thing that's happening at the end of the year that everyone keeps talking about"). Back in the Middle Ages of the computer era (the 1970s), memory bytes were expensive and the year 2000 seemed ages away. To save space, computer programmers used just the last two digits of a year to represent each year, so 1972 became 72 and so forth. But with the approach of the year 2000, computers operating on the two-digit system simply will not be able to compute calculations based on these dates. Everything, doomsayers say, will then go kabloolie.

Sure, the market may tumble in response to Y2K. But then again, it may not. No one really knows what will happen, but make no mistake about it — investors have been thinking about Y2K fallout for some time. Their predictions are already being factored into the price of stocks. So trying to predict a sudden change in the future is next to impossible.

We think that investors should keep an eye on the long term and not sweat the day-to-day movements of the market. Consider, for instance, the returns on small-company stocks between 1925 and 1992. If you had been invested in small-company stocks over this period, your average annual return would have been 12.1 percent. If you sat out the single best month during that 67-year period, you would have made only 11.2 percent a year. If you missed out on the best five months, well, forget it. You would have notched gains of only 8.5 percent. Finally, if you had missed the best 10 months, you would have retained only 6.3 percent annual gains, almost half of what you could have made had you been fully invested. This data and other data like it have proved again and again the wisdom of buying and holding stocks.

#### What Now?

Disagree with us that Y2K isn't the end of the world? Check out [www.ita.org/year2000](http://www.ita.org/year2000) for the latest Y2K bug news.

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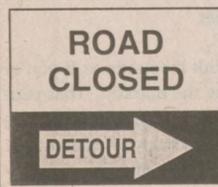
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# Global givings

## Campus sorority raises funds for world project

By **KRYSTAL KALTZ**  
Assistant Life Editor

A fifth grade girl uses a wheelchair to help her get through the day. She was born with a muscle disorder and can not walk on her own two feet.

A 14-year-old boy was involved in a car accident and also uses a wheelchair to get around.

A 10-year-old child in Romania has no use of her legs. She has no wheelchair to help her out. She is confined to her home unless someone carries her where she needs to go. She can't attend school or even go outside to play.

There may be hope for her, however, thanks to a program called "Wheels for the World."

The program began in 1992 by a woman named Joni Eareckson Tada after she lost the use of her arms and legs in a diving accident.

The program volunteers collect used wheelchairs, have them repaired and then ship them to third world countries that don't have medical insurance to help those in need of the wheelchairs.

OU's Gamma Phi Beta sorority is raising money for the repair of donated wheelchairs.

Erica Bourgojn, elementary education senior and president of Gamma Phi Beta, got the sorority involved in the program because of her great aunt Dorothy Pitsch.

Pitsch is the person in charge of the program in the Detroit area.

When people donate a used wheelchair, it usually comes with a story. A lot of them come from teenagers that have died from various muscular disorders.

"It helps the grieving family to know that the loved one's wheelchair will go on to change the life of another," said Pitsch. "I've heard this over and over."

"It's difficult because we have no place to store the wheelchairs, so we're raising money instead," said Bourgojn.

Storage has been one of the hardest things to find in the program. There are a lot of people willing to donate used wheelchairs, but no place to put them.

Shurgard and Classic Storage companies have donated storage for the wheelchairs in nine different locations throughout the metro Detroit area.

Additionally, DaimlerChrysler has



**SITTING PRETTY:** Mary Lou Pitsch, with her PAWS dog, is an inspiration to "Wheels for the World."

donated a truck and driver to take the wheelchairs to Nashville, where they will be repaired and prepared for shipment by prison inmates who have been trained by mechanics.

"The prisoners say it has changed their lives," said Pitsch. "Some say they feel like they are giving something back to the society for the first time in their lives."

This time around, the program has been collecting wheelchairs since before Christmas. The drive ends at the end of April and Pitsch hopes to have collected 500 wheelchairs by that time.

"Wheels for the World" has donated over 6,000 wheelchairs since the start of the program.



**READY TO HELP:** OU's Gamma Phi Beta sorority is raising money to repair wheelchairs.

Marnie Diem, elementary education junior and public relation vice president for Gamma Phi Beta said, "I think it's an absolutely wonderful program. I don't think we realize that third world countries don't have the

privileges we have in America."

The sorority is having tables in the OC later in the month to collect money for the program.

They are putting on a "Penny Wars" fundraiser with the final four basketball teams. You can vote for the team you think is going to win by putting pennies into its bucket. You can also make larger donations, but be sure to put them in the loser's bucket, because anything besides pennies will count against the team.

"It's just getting rid of your loose change for a great cause," said Diem.

Monetary donations can be made to Gamma Phi Beta. If you wish to donate a wheelchair, contact Dorothy Pitsch at (248) 661-3317.

Mike  
Murphy



## With Spring comes basketball, love, Tae-Bo

Our weather this Winter is like that annoying drunk guy at the party that absolutely no one will talk to and that will just not leave no matter how bad you treat him.

It's sunny but cold, overcast but warm, warm but cold, rainy but stupid — it makes as much sense to us students as our classes do. I don't know about you, but I'm looking at my notes from last week with a blank state of amnesiac horror, because not only don't I remember last week's material, I don't even remember writing it down.

But it's changing. I mean the weather, that is.

Spring is coming, but there's going to be a delay. But when it's finally here, it'll be a fine spring day.

A day when every young man's fancy turns to that time honored spring ritual where forces of nature come together to create beautiful unions of souls and bodies.

I'm talking, of course, about the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Finals — where the littlest team of nobodies can come rushing out of nowhere with the hell-bent intention of pissing off the entire world by totally messing up everyone's basketball pool brackets.

For example, one of the teams I had picked to go to the final four this year lost in the first round to a team from a college that I'm not entirely convinced exists.

But young men, as a rule, are dumb. It's part of our charm. Young women, on the other hand, will be thinking about love. Those that have it will wonder why it's not as good as they thought it would be, and those that don't have it will wonder what the hell is wrong with themselves.

The answer to that question is simple. They obviously haven't tried Tae-Bo.

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But Tae-Bo will not snag you a man. Men are the rhinoceroses to the woman big game hunter — we're slow and easy to track, but nearly impossible to bring down.

Most guys are good at any interacting with a woman that isn't serious. It's when the talk between a couple stops sounding less like "Friends" and more like "Jerry Maguire" that men balk. We have to be convinced that these male feelings are sincere.

So how do you do it? How do you grab a man and get him to say nice, sincere things? I don't know. But when genders meet and hormones fly, anything can happen.

The hunt is on. And if you do find love, get ready. The wild Rhino will do and say things that make no sense. But if you scream at him, curse his ancestry, burn all the CDs he left in your car, hit on his best friend and break his Red Wings collector's mug and he still comes back, then it's love, so congratulations.

Will he ever get angry? Yes, but not at you. He'll be mad because Duke just lost in the first round to a team from an agricultural community college in Oregon with an enrollment of 23 whose nickname is the "Fighting Codpieces." If only Duke had learned Tae-Bo...

Junior Mike Murphy is a journalism major and staff writer for THE OAKLAND POST.

## Gordon Bennett plays benefit gig

By **DAN MACNEILL**  
Special Writer

Last Monday, OU's own Gordon Bennett Band did a charity event for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Gordon Bennett played an all ages show from 5 - 10 p.m. at the Hamlin Pub North, and raised more than \$2,000 for the Lake Orion/Oxford chapter.

"The Boys and Girls Club was low

on funds, and with Gordon Bennett's help, the Club is turning the old Elizabeth Street School into a huge community center for teens on down to infants," said Hamlin Pub Owner Paul Steffens.

People in attendance ranged in age from 5-year-olds to 65-year-olds.

"We managed to connect with everybody. Everybody had a good time. We definitely had a good time," said keyboarder Jeff Zawacki.

Guitarist John Schreffler said, "It was a great chance for us to help them out."

Gordon Bennett has been playing the local bar circuit since October of '98, and has been picking up steam ever since. The band has a very tight mix of covers and originals, ranging from funk to good old rock 'n' roll, with a little bit of everything thrown in the middle.

"We don't get chances to do all ages

shows, and it was a nice opportunity to get some of the younger folks in there," said drummer Tim Webber.

The Hamlin Pub North is located on 741 S. Lapeer Road in Lake Orion. The band will play this Thursday at 9:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For further information, call (248) 650-0428, or check out the band's own website at [www.gordonbennettband.com](http://www.gordonbennettband.com).

CURRENT

EVENTS

ON CAMPUS

- "Celebrate the Decades," 8 p.m. tonight; Recreation Center Social Lounge. Call (248) 370-4REC.
- "Gypsy," 8 p.m. tonight; 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

THEATRE

- "Beau Jest," 8 p.m. Friday; 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday; Ridgedale Playhouse. Call (248) 988-7049.
- "Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; Knox Auditorium. Call (248) 644-2087.
- "The Rainmaker," 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; Grosse Pointe Theatre. Call (313) 881-4004.
- "The Hole," 8 p.m. tonight; 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday; The Purple Rose Theatre. Call (734) 475-7902.

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- SMOG wsg Galicja, 8 p.m. tonight; Alvin's. Call (248) 645-6666.
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- Pat McGee Band, 9:30p.m. Saturday; Blind Pig. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Lyle Lovett, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Michigan Theater. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Neemi Jarvi, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday; 8:30 p.m. Saturday; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5100.
- Tin Star, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; the Shelter. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Napalm Death wsg Today is the Day, 8 p.m. Tuesday; St. Andrew's Hall. Call (248) 645-6666.
- Preservation Hall Jazz Band, 2 p.m. Sunday; Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. (810) 286-2222.

EXHIBITS

- "Image, Light & Structure '99: TRANSITIONS," 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; Oakland County Galleria. Call (248) 858-0415.
- "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary," 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Friday; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Schwartz Graphic Arts Galleries of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.
- "Boundaries of the Universe: A Suite of Prints by Lynne Avadenka," 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday - Friday; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Spring Used Book Sale, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday; Rochester Hills Public Library Auditorium. Call (248) 650-7178.
- Black Beauty CD Release Party wsg Thornetta Davis, 8 p.m. Saturday; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.
- Thursday Night "Brew & View" featuring "Swingers," 8 p.m. Thursday; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

# Students question OU growth

By HEIDI HENDERSON  
Special Writer

"Two round-trip tickets to OU, please."  
Oakland County's novel academic and adventure wonderland offers fun for everyone. Spend the day, or even a weekend, at this all-in-one educationally themed amusement park.  
Sound like a vacation straight out of a richly-colored Walt Disney World brochure? It could happen.  
As OU continues to build itself towards the turn of the century, more and more non-educating facilities are springing up around campus.  
Besides another golf course, campus may also get a hotel and conference center, and a performing arts cultural center.  
Combine those additions with the Recreation and Athletic Center, the

Pioneer Food Court and Meadow Brook Theatre, and it looks like OU is really growing.  
While there are certainly benefits to these sorts of entities, many students are less than thrilled.  
"I haven't spent any more time on campus this year, and I don't think anything could change that. It makes me wonder who they're planning new facilities for when they build them," said senior Amy Gudenau, anthropology.  
Gudenau argues OU has always been a commuter school, and that it's unlikely anything will change that.  
Junior Kim Horstman, psychology, thinks it's time OU did add some non-academic facilities to its campus.  
"I've always thought OU needs to start catching up to other universities. Other colleges have had what we're finally starting to get," Horstman said.  
But perhaps it might be something else all together that OU is finally catching

up to — the business aspect of a college.  
Mike Vigilant, public relations manager for MBT, said, "If they're doing these things (non-academic additions), they would have to do them in some way to make OU a more visible place, and at the same time have it benefit the students."  
He believes the proposed multipurpose complex would bring great opportunities for the theatre and dance program.  
"It would attract great visibility for our students in the program, and there are fantastic possibilities for retailers as well," Vigilant explains. His notion on the issues is that if it is to be done, it should be done right and benefit all those involved.  
But some students, like senior Hanna Gibson, sociology, don't like the idea of exposing OU to the business world.  
"Their (Board of Trustees) job is to provide a good, academic environment for

students, and not to woo businessmen," she said.  
Gibson also agrees that both the new and proposed additions have not, and will not, succeed in getting her to spend any more time on campus.  
"They do these things and then they make us pay for it and we don't want it. I don't want it," Gibson said.  
Students who are tired of the controversial additions will be happy to know that there are some educational buildings being planned for the future.  
Work for the new Business and Applied Technology Institute has already begun, and there is a possibility for a School of Education and Human Resources building in the distant future as well.  
So unless you see Mickey Mouse frolicking around campus somewhere, don't expect campus valet parking just yet.  
Now there's an idea for the students.



## Let them entertain you

Have a "Gypsy" of a time starting tonight, when the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents the popular musical about Vaudeville and Burlesque, at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.  
From left, junior Rebecca Sokoll (Louise), musical theatre, and sophomore Emily Wilson (Rose), also musical theatre, star in the tale of an infamous stage mother and her performing children.  
Rose traveled with her brood of showbiz kids across America's vaudeville circuit in the 1920s, until the act eventually landed in a steamy burlesque house in Wichita.  
The musical, based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, is directed by Theatre Professor Karen Sheridan.  
Gypsy features musical theatre staples such as "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Together Wherever We Go" and "Let Me Entertain You."  
"Gypsy" opened on Broadway in May of 1959, starring the legendary Ethel Merman in the title role.  
Since then, two Broadway revivals and two feature films have been made.  
"Gypsy" runs March 17-21, with 8 p.m. performances Wednesday-Saturday, and two 2 p.m. matinees March 20-21. Call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 for ticket information.

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## 'Glory' paints delightful Detroit portrait

By ANDREA BURMANN  
Staff Writer

The Detroit community has received a gift of glory from Meadow Brook Theatre's Playwright-in-Residence and Literary Manager.  
Karim Alrawi's script for MBT's latest play pays homage to the Motor City through the superb staging of local history.  
"A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts" is based on the true story of the creation of the "Detroit Industry" murals on the walls of the DIA.  
Not only is this play delightful and entertaining, it is also informative.  
A lot of people do not know the history behind the murals. This play brings into the limelight one story about Detroit of which you can be proud.  
"A Gift of Glory" is a brightly-colored, multi-themed work of art, much like the actual frescos painted by Diego Rivera.  
Alrawi's script pairs themes that are as opposite as auto industrialist Edsel Ford, who commissioned the murals, and renowned artist Rivera, a Mexican communist.  
Art and industry create the backdrop to a story rich in local history and politics.  
We witness the dynamics of friendship and hatred through a cast of characters that include the Ford family, Diego

**"A Gift of Glory"**  
It's a gift  
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Rivera, Ford Motor Company's director of security, Harry Bennett and other local personalities.  
Karim Alrawi wrote this play, directed by Debra L. Wicks, especially for the Meadow Brook stage. It made its world debut on OU's campus one week ago today.  
The play's script splashes around plenty of local color, including references to Grosse Pointe, Dearborn and Royal Oak.  
Not only does it capture the spirit of 1930's Detroit, it plunges the audience into the Depression that plagued the nation.  
Alrawi uses humor to tone down the seriousness of the play's events. It functions much like the short musical interludes found between the scene changes, carrying the play along with a light-footed stride.  
There are many settings throughout the play, most in the Metro Detroit area. A 32-foot black screen projects parts of Rivera's murals as a backdrop to the play's scenes.  
The wonderful acting is what brings



the play to life and makes you forget that this story is straight from the history books.  
Of particular greatness is Chris De Oni, who portrays Diego Rivera. His commanding presence proves that it's what's on the inside that counts.  
While the other actors continually appear in tailored suits and fur, De Oni is often seen in paint-covered smocks and dull colors. Nevertheless, he makes his character shine with depth and brightness.  
He blends perfectly into Alrawi's work of art.  
"A Gift of Glory" runs through April 4, with Tuesday - Saturday performances at 8 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 and 6:30 p.m., and some Saturday performances at 6 p.m. For more information, call the MBT Box Office at (248) 377-3300.

Photo Courtesy / Meadow Brook Theatre

GLORIOUS THEATER: From left, Kirsten Giroux and Dan Kremer star as Eleanor and Edsel Ford in Karim Alrawi's latest, "A Gift of Glory."

# GET OUT

## 'City' of laughs

The Second City offers a night of wry wit, hearty laughter

By LISA SHANNON  
Staff Writer

Two sex-crazed lovers in search of "protection," a barber shop conversation involving the Lion's former quarterback Scott Mitchell and four businessmen stuck in a bar at Metro Airport discussing the latest in gang initiations — it all comes together to form one crazy night of comedy at Detroit's very own Second City.

Seven cast members unite to write and perform in this hilarious comedic triumph.

Hitting on cultural and social topics with an emphasis on Detroit, the ensemble creates an entertaining routine drawing from the extreme. The troop focuses on a variety of current issues, with nods to cultural references and city icons such as former Mayor Coleman Young, Mayor Dennis Archer, and yes, even the Red Wing's own Karen Newman.

Rico Bruce Wade, The Second City producer, has played a part in each aspect of the comedic troop. He has acted in, toured with and produced the widely



Photo Courtesy / Olympia Entertainment

JEST A 'SECOND': Cast members of The Second City in Detroit perform their latest revue of wry wit and humor, "Impeachment and Cream."

successful company.

Since the actors themselves write the productions, it's interesting to see how they all play a part in the deliverance of the comedic elements as individual characters.

In writing the different shows, each player offers his own expertise to create the medley of ideas that blend in each production.

"The veterans have a better handle on knowing what works and the rookies are still trying to figure that out," Wade said. "But the new members always help to keep the seasoned players fresh."

Wade offered this key advice: "It's important to find out what you think is funny. Then you can work on that and make something great that other people will laugh at too."

There are two acts to each program, and at the end of the night on Fridays and Saturdays the performers hold an improvisational set free of charge. Thanks to audience participation, the direction of this set is always up-in-the-air.

The audience throws out suggestions and ideas, and the actors pick up on what sparks their interest.

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Andrea Nobile



Tempting tidbits about Oscar that you don't know

Either you're so darn excited you can't even contain yourself, or right about now you're thinking, "Oscar who?"

Regardless of whether or not you care, this Sunday's telecast of the 71st Annual Academy Awards is set to be one of the most unpredictable — and one of the most entertaining — in Oscar history.

But do you know the total number of films that were eligible for Best Picture this year? I didn't think so.

Here are a few facts you don't know about the Oscars this year. Some are rather informative, and others are titillating trivia tidbits you can wow your friends with at parties.

This year, 281 feature films were eligible for nominations. That's six more than last year, and the most ever since 1973's awards show.

So what makes a film eligible? Films must be over forty minutes long to be considered a feature, and they must receive a public theatrical exhibition with a paid admission in a community theater in Los Angeles County between Jan. 1, 1998 and midnight Dec. 31, 1998.

According to the March 19 issue of Entertainment Weekly, there are a total of 5,500 ballots counted for the Academy Awards, if everyone votes.

Surprisingly, those ballots are manually counted (yes, counted by hand) by the accountants at Pricewaterhouse.

And the accounting firm takes major pains in making sure the winners remain secret until the night of the Academy Awards.

The EW article had rather interesting comments from one of the accountants on exactly how they keep the information secret.

According to Lisa Pierozzi, one of the head accountants for Pricewaterhouse, those who know the names of the winners are kept secluded in a secret location with no windows. They need a special code to get in the door. They even sit four in a room with their backs to each other.

And if that weren't enough, they spend the entire weekend before the show memorizing the winners, just in case an overzealous announcer says the wrong name. So don't expect any fluke winners this year, even though there might be some major surprises.

Italy's Robert Benigni, whose film "Life is Beautiful" has seven nominations (including Best Picture and Best Foreign Film). He could be the Cuba Gooding Jr. of the evening. He's the first foreign filmmaker in Oscar history to be nominated for directing, acting and writing.

But don't expect to see director Peter Weir's name announced Sunday. Although he got a nod for the "The Truman Show," the film didn't. No director of a non-nominated film has won the category since 1930.

Speaking of outsiders, if Best Actor nominee Ian McKellen ("Gods and Monsters") wins, he'll be the first openly gay actor playing a gay character to ever win the award.

And although he probably won't be protested this year, Elia Kazan, the night's Mayhem Achievement recipient, may be.

No one's really sure if the auditorium will cheer or hiss when the controversial filmmaker takes the stage. Back in his heyday, the industry was none too happy when he blacklisted his fellow filmmakers by naming names in the infamous McCarthy hearings. A major protest could happen live on stage.

So keep your eyes peeled. Don't you just love live TV?

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### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## 'Stomp' booms, bops into your heart

By ANDREA NOBILE  
Life Editor

"Stomp" is so invigoratingly fresh, original and entertaining, you'll be on a "Stomp" high for hours.

Yes, it's that good.

Besides there was "Riverdance" and "Tap Dogs," — two other shows of immense international success that deal heavily with feet beats and percussive boom — there was "Stomp."

The speechless, plotless show, currently playing through March 21 at the Fisher Theatre in downtown Detroit, uses pots, pans, kettle drums, garbage lids, newspapers and even the kitchen sink, to make a heavenly hot and loud noise that permeates through even the most dowdy of audience members.

Last Friday night's standing ovation was surprising, started by an ...ahem, older, um... white gentleman.

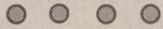
The appeal of this national touring company is so widespread, you've just got to stand up and cheer for the sheer fun and exuberance of it all.

Eight drummers/dancers/comedians, create rhythms of ferocity and fun in twenty separate, independent show numbers of varying intensity. Some have you laughing out loud. Others will actually make your jaw drop.

From a quiet number involving com-

### "Stomp"

Ground breaking



out of 4 points

plete darkness and some rather talented Zippo lighters, to an eye-popping show-stopper in which cast members drum on street signs, saucers and more while suspended from rope more than 20 feet up, this show delivers.

Unlike many "musicals" before it, this show actually deserves all the tremendous success it has been given in its eight years of existence.

"Stomp," created by Brits Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas, was first previewed at London's Bloomsbury Theatre, and premiered at the Assemblies Rooms in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1991. After garnering heartfelt praise and applause from international audiences throughout the world, including Hong Kong, Barcelona and Dublin, it hit New York's off-broadway Orpheum Theatre in 1994. There, it went on to win both the Obie and Drama Desk awards for Most Unique Theatre Experience. Two more American casts were created in 1995, joining the New



Photo Courtesy / Fisher Theatre

STOMPING GROUND: Cast members of the ever-popular "Stomp," at the Fisher Theatre until March 21, perform the show's heart-stopping finale.

York cast and a previous touring company. Throughout the years, the "Stomp" phenom has been translated into an award-winning short, an HBO special "Stomp Out Loud," and umpteen guest appearances.

The performers in this company, every one as adept and often hilarious as the

next, are inspirational in that their smirks, smarminess and sweat get in your soul. You'll want to drum playfully on the guy's shoulders in front of you.

Think I'm kidding? In the parking garage after the show, horns could be heard honking in actual rhythm patterns. "Stomp" gets in your blood.

### FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT — THIS WEEK

#### TELEVISION

• Tonight's "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame: Class of '99" may include performances by inductees Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel. The late Dusty Springfield is also being inducted, at 9 p.m. on VH1.

• "History's Best Pictures," grades this year's crop of Oscar-nominated films in terms of their accuracy, realism and educational value, at 10 p.m. Thursday on the History Channel.

• In case you didn't already know, the "71st Annual Academy Awards," (the mother of all awards shows) will air at 8 p.m. Sunday on ABC.

#### FILM

• Super popular cinema cuties Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck combine their box office power this week in the quirky romantic comedy/disaster/road movie pic, "Forces of Nature."

• Legendary actor/director Clint Eastwood stars in "True Crime," as a gut-instinct journalist attempting to prove an convicted rapist is innocent.

• The over-rated yet ultimately successful Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and I," about love, cross culture and the King of Siam gets an animated treatment this week by the people at Warner Bros.

#### BOOKS

• Anne Rice's latest, Lestat-less "Vittorio, the Vampire," focuses on teenage narrator Vittorio, who is determined to avenge his slain family — until he falls in love with an undead.

• "Our Kind of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class," by African-American lawyer Lawrence Otis Graham, is a detailed social history that peeks into this "hidden" culture.

• "The Skinny: What Every Skinny Woman Knows About Dieting (and Won't Tell You!)," by comedy writer Patricia Marx and Susan Sstrom, puts a rather amusing spin on America's obsession with losing weight.

#### VIDEO

• Critics ravaged "The Waterboy," but Adam Sandler fans flocked to this simple story of a waterboy demanding respect. It eventually grossed \$169 million at the box office.

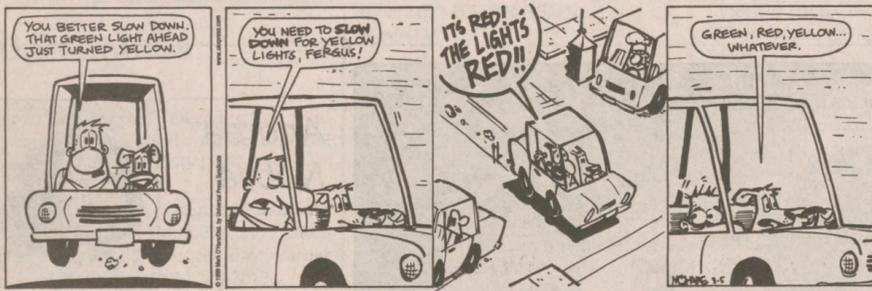
• The little seen but critically-acclaimed "Living Out Loud" starring Holly Hunter and Queen Latifah tells the inspiring story of a recently divorced woman with a new lease on life.

• "From Dusk Till Dawn 2: Texas Blood Money," is a straight-to-video B-level sequel to the 1996 Quentin Tarantino/George Clooney vehicle, that features the original's gore, but none its glory.

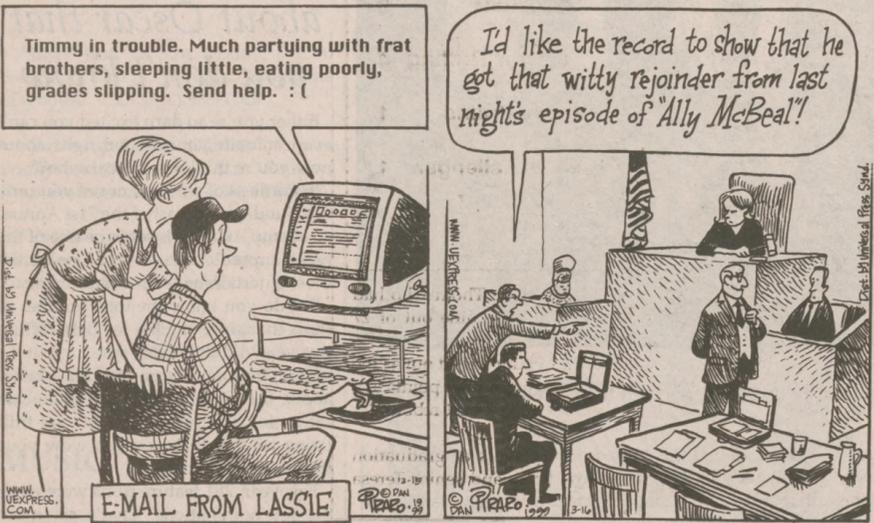
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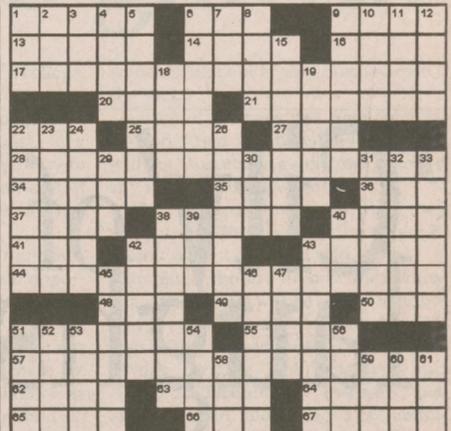
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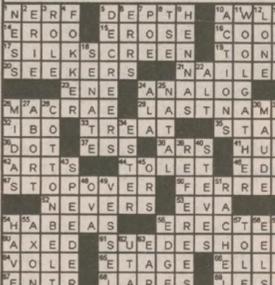
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  - 17 HAPPY
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  - 21 Start of the strike zone
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  - 65 Jed's classic TV daughter
  - 66 Blocker of Bonanza
  - 67 He hit more homers than McGwire



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- 18 Hostile forces
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- 24 Hash mark
- 26 Whirlybird's landing place
- 29 Wood, Brown or Howard
- 30 Doggie dr.
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- 32 Word with summer, elephant or giver
- 33 Strong supporters of art?
- 38 Dandie Dinmont
- 39 Soak hemp
- 40 Michael Jackson's ratty song
- 42 "The Friday Book" author John
- 43 Place where a famous stone was found
- 45 "Remember the Alamo!" for one
- 46 Japan
- 47 Kemp's running mate
- 51 "Could \_\_\_\_\_ Magic" (Manilow)
- 52 Patricia of "Ghost Story"
- 53 Oldest title in English nobility
- 54 Not worth \_\_\_\_\_ cent
- 56 On the Adriatic
- 58 Place for sweaters?
- 59 Thrice, in prescriptions
- 60 Mayo to mayo
- 61 Campaigned

## PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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## Damon's SIGNS OF THE TIMES

March 17 - March 23  
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- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) - Hard work gives plenty of rewards. Your love interest may be kind of aloof right now; this will pass. Think before you take action this week.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) - Progress is slow, but projects must be completed to continue forward. Keep your humility in regards to your worth. This is a good time to challenge yourself.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - You will probably get a lot of joy out of competitive activities this week. Look beyond self-interest and don't let self-absorption interfere with logic.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Traveling will help you regain your emotional balance - the farther away, the better. Friendships require work but give many rewards.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - This is a good time to examine yourself and to look for ways of improvement. Your career brings difficulties, but also recognition.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Find ways to flex your brain muscles to keep happy. Introspection is good this week, and a conflict with a partner may spur on this self-examination.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) - Your partners are talking - be sure to listen. Work and romance mix together. Financial matters become a primary concern.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Work brings fun and luck. A silent partner has what you need to succeed. Positive changes will happen at home if you are more patient.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Work with children gives you peace and satisfaction. Your personal secrets may interfere with your family life - be sure to clean your closet skeletons.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Though you may feel a little lost, right now you have insight into your true character - warts and all. Relax and use this time to know yourself again.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Try to find a happy medium between your desires and the needs of others. Stability and positivity are found in close friends and family.
- PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - This is the time to take action. Emotional tension may be high, but you can use that energy to propel you forward. Family members help with financial resources.

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## Cheap Psychological Tricks Lucky Breaks

by Perry W. Buffington, Ph.D.

You have one chance in 649,739 of being dealt a royal flush in poker. No big deal; you only need one chance. Of course, you could use that one chance to luck out and win the lottery (roughly one in about 5.2 million). Or maybe you would prefer to score a hole-in-one on a golf course (one in 49,952). It's got to happen to somebody.

Unfortunately, as the old song says, many people believe that if it "wasn't for bad luck, they'd have no luck at all." And the odds suggest that's true: The relatively better odds of being audited by the IRS (one in 99) or injured in a car accident (one in 75) lend credence to the belief that bad luck is more prevalent than good luck.

But is it possible that Lady Luck might be enticed to grant you a favorable boon instead of a bust? Absolutely; just use a cheap psychological trick.

The trick begins by understanding a brain propensity. Called the Zeigarnik Effect, it simply means that humans dwell on things uncompleted or wishes unfulfilled. Negative thoughts spring to mind more often, and the memory trace lasts longer. If asked to list your lifetime regrets, they would pop to mind almost immediately. If asked what you have accomplished, the Zeigarnik Effect predicts that successes will be harder to remember.

Fortunately, the reverse can work in your favor. Those people who experience good fortune "turn off" the Zeigarnik Effect. As loser Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire" explained: "You know what luck is? Luck is believing you're lucky." He was half-right. Believing you're lucky temporarily turns off the Zeigarnik Effect, but the other half, the action half of the formula, completes the cheap psychological trick.

Here's the what to do: Watch for any instance when Lady Luck glances your way, then go for broke. On those days when Lady Luck turns her back, do nothing.

Those people who are the luckiest have the ability to notice when things seem to be going right and then push for more success. For instance, say you're having a great hair day, you knotted your tie correctly for the first time, traffic moved swiftly with slower cars giving way to you, there was a parking space right up front, the elevator door opened almost magically as you walked forward, the meeting started on time and its objectives were accomplished. When lucky people have a morning like that, they buy a lottery ticket on their lunch break.

Contrast that with a bad hair day, a lost tie, a car won't start, traffic that's jammed, no parking place, a slow elevator and a

## Lady Luck

If you're like most Americans (75 percent of them in fact), There's a lucky charm in your pocket. And why not! After all, you can never have too much good luck and anything you can do to curry favor with Lady Luck is probably a smart move. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people who don't understand how to garner this fine lady's affection. Some of these people are downright cynical. Are you Lady Luck's best friend or a spurned devotee? Take this quiz and see if you believe in luck.

1. Catch a lucky charm ...
  - (a) and be slapped with a lawsuit.
  - (b) who wants another short date?
  - (c) it couldn't happen!
2. Four-leaf clovers ...
  - (a) are just an aberrant mutation trying to happen, mostly found near atomic energy sites.
  - (b) stay where they are; I'm not going to crawl around in the dirt looking for one.
  - (c) are perfect for decoupage or framing as a reminder to celebrate the moments of your life.
3. The lottery is ...
  - (a) for suckers.
  - (b) helping so many underprivileged youth.
  - (c) a cheap gamble in the game of life.
4. At LuckyLand Amusement Park ...
  - (a) I just love the three-legged rabbit mascot.
  - (b) I think the place is a developer's dream come true.
  - (c) I'm a "Luck-a-teer" and my hat has four-leaf clovers in place of ear flaps.
5. On a flight to paradise,
  - (a) I'll be late.
  - (b) I'll get a middle seat.
  - (c) I'll get bonus frequent-flier miles.
6. Your long-lost cousin died, named you in the will, and the check was ...
  - (a) lost in the mail.
  - (b) detained by the court as part of your divorce settlement.
  - (c) successful at easing your grief.
7. For me, luck is ...
  - (a) a four-letter word.
  - (b) a positive thinker's meager attempt to trick himself into feeling better.
  - (c) expected, demanded and enjoyed.

**Scoring:**  
 For every (a) you marked, give yourself one point; for every (b), two points; for every (c), three points.

**If your score was nine or less:**  
 You're a realist. You believe what you can see, and Lady Luck is a figment of

others' imaginations. You prefer, much like spock of "Star Trek," to think rationally about your future. A bird in the hand is worth much more to you than two lottery tickets. No doubt you believe that hard work will take you far, and it will - straight into old age. One little word of advice: While you may not believe in Luck, you may want to increase your network of colleagues and friends. Doing so has been shown to increase good luck whether you believe in it or not. The more you know, the more likely you are to hear about new possibilities and directions. For many, knowing in advance is a sign of good fortune.

**If your score was between 10 and 16:**  
 You were obviously scared and hurt by Lady Luck when you were a child. You're so cynical about luck that you push good luck away from you. Or at least, that's how you want to come across to others. Chances are you're a closet "Luck-a-teer." You probably buy lottery tickets just to prove you can't win, but secretly you want to. You scoff at good fortune, but you secretly enter contest and raffles. You vociferously explain that you are master of your fate, but you secretly hope that Fortune will smile on you again. Not to worry; your secret is safe.

**If your score was 17 or higher:**  
 Luck is your middle name. Everything, literally, everything is interpreted as a lucky event for you by you. Even when bad things happen, you're able to manufacture a silver lining in a black cloud. That's quite a talent. But face the facts: You're a bit of a Pollyanna. You're the personification of positive thinking. While there's always a smile on your face, recognize that positive thinking is tricking yourself into feeling good. There's nothing wrong with believing in good luck, provided it's tempered with a dose of reality. Real luck is better than imagined luck any day.

cancelled meeting. Get the unlucky picture? On this day, lucky people know it's smarter to keep the buck for the lottery ticket in their pocket.

Lucky people believe they're lucky and are always looking for opportunities to prove it. For them, this believing, observing and proving counters the harmful consequences of Zeigarnik Effect. That's how they are able to exploit the momentum of several lucky moments and bend the luck

curve to their advantage.  
 Bottom line: Hard work will take you far, but exploiting Lady Luck will get you there quite comfortably.

To learn more about the psychology behind this "trick," check out: "How'm I Doing?" Psychology Today, May-June, 1996, p. 16.

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# SPORTS

## Wrapping up OU basketball

By KELLI PETROVE  
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The Men's and Women's Basketball teams closed out their seasons, leaving behind many games and plays that will remain on the minds of fans and players.

The men started off the season with an unexpected win against Illinois State, 72-71 on Nov. 15. The home season then started off with a sold out crowd to watch the televised MSU game.

Fans on the student side sported Kampe's Korner T-shirts and cheered their support throughout the game. Although the Grizzlies fell short in the Spartans' hands, the team secured a moment in history as they played the first game in the new arena.

The women opened their season with a loss at Cal State-Northridge, 72-83 and a disappointing loss in overtime against Cal State-Fullerton. But, the women pulled themselves together to score a victory at their home opener against Ball State, 77-71.

After exciting home openers, both teams drew large crowds to their games. The men had attendance at their home games totaling 17,795 and the women drew a total of 7,300.

After including away games and neutral site games, the men showed their talent in front of a season total of 79,840 fans, and 13,193 for the women.

Athletes that stood out exceptionally at these games included Brad Buddenborg racking up the most points in nine out

### 1998-99 top scoring Grizzlies

Men		Women	
Brad Buddenborg	9	Tamika Bates	14
Dan Champagne	8	Sarah Judd	9
Jason Rozycki	5	Courtney Ruffing	4
Myke Thom	4	Stacey Premo	1
Sean Carlson	3	Teresa Tallenger	1
Mychal Covington	1		

of 27 games. Giving him a hand was Myke Thom who had the highest amount of rebounds in a game nine out of 27 times.

For the women's team, senior Tamika Bates stood out as the outstanding player, sinking the highest amount of points in a game 14 out of the 27 games, she also ranked best rebounder in 14 games.

The men's team will not lose any players at graduation time, however the women will lose Bates and senior Teresa

Lisa Borich



*Boxing for the championship, who really should have won?*

The bout was set, the predictions were made and the bets were dealt. After Saturday night there was going to be one heavyweight champion.

The event was held in New York City at Madison Square Gardens. Approximately 8,000 British came to see their countrymen, Lennox Lewis, fight against the reigning American champion, Evander Holyfield.

Thousands of spectators surrounded an 18 square foot ring anticipating the outcome of this national bout between an American and a Brit.

Along with the spectators, were three judges. An American woman from New Jersey, a South African, and a Brit.

Not knowing really about boxing I asked some questions to my fellow sports fans so I would know more besides that one man beat the other up in a ring till two is knocked out.

One question was, "What is a draw?" Frank, a guy who seems to know almost everything about boxing, said, "Impossible, I have never seen a draw, it's nearly impossible."

Well I guess the impossible was made possible on Saturday.

The bout went the whole twelve rounds, with no one giving or taking a hit hard enough to fall. In the end, it was left up to the three judges.

The American voted for Holyfield, the South African voted for Lewis, and it came down to the Brit. The Brit voted the bout a tie.

Holyfield would stay the heavyweight champion.

Thousands of people were in shock. During the match it seemed obvious to all that the match should have gone to Lewis. He not only packed in more punches, but he also looked like he wasn't even touched by Holyfield.

Holyfield, on the other hand, looked as if the tired old man had fought for his life. His face was swollen and his body looked achy.

After the bout was called a draw, an interview was conducted in the ring. Holyfield was interviewed first and said that it was a good fight, and that the judges were the ones who called it, not the rest of the world.

When it came time to interview Lewis, he was seen exiting the ring and heading back to the dressing room mad about the decision.

It seemed obvious to many that the bout was dominated by Lewis, but in the end, Holyfield walked away from the match the champion.

Were the judges correct in their decision? Why does it seem that the Brit judge sold out his fellow countrymen?

I was talking to my dad about the decision and how ridiculous it seemed that Lewis lost.

My father said something that seemed to make some sense. If someone is challenging the champion, the challenger needs to not only beat the champion, but surpass the champion to prove he is that much better than the champion.

Holyfield won a few rounds, and even though Lewis dominated most of the rounds, Holyfield was still left standing. Holyfield did not once show that he was overpowered.

I think the only way Lewis could have walked away with the championship was to knock out Holyfield.

Growing up my father always taught me not to challenge someone unless you know you can win it.

Maybe someone should have taught Lewis that.

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## Lacrosse Club travels to win Starts season 3-0, faces Top Ten U-M Saturday

By ZVONKO BLAZEVSKI  
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The OU Men's Lacrosse Club has gotten off to a solid 3-0 start playing three games in two days at Columbia, Missouri.

The Lacrosse Club at OU opened its season off with

a bang blasting St. Thomas of Minnesota 16-0.

Sophomore Towbey Kassa led the Golden Grizzlies offensively with seven goals and three assists.

Freshman Mike Dungan scored six goals and had two assists. Senior Co-captain Justin Suarez netted three goals and also contributed five assists. Junior Dan Cashman and freshman Jeremy Barber com-

bined for the shutout.

Freshmen Drew Walkotten and Dan Marcus, and sophomores Paul Patra and Anton Botosan helped out defensively to preserve the Golden Grizzlies' shutout.

"We played good defense, and our offense was unstoppable," said Junior middle Phil Hall. "We came out ready to play and came together as a team."

OU continued with a 14-0 victory against Kansas State University's Wildcats.

OU started out quickly scoring ten goals in the first half.

Kassa scored four goals and added five assists. Dungan contributed with three goals and two assists. Junior attacker Todd Miodek scored twice and had two assists for the Golden Grizzlies.

Four of OU's middies also scored for the Golden Grizzlies.

Freshman Shawn Penzian, sophomore Paul Bedient, junior Brandon Oblinger, and Suarez each scored a goal.

In the third and final game, OU defeated Washington University of St. Louis, 9-1. OU quickly came out of the gate and scored seven of its nine goals in the first half.

Dungan lead the OU attack with three goals and an assist. Kassa contributed two goals and three assists. Freshman added two goals and two assists. Freshman middle Josh Rabb scored his first goal of the season and also added an assist. Miodek also scored.

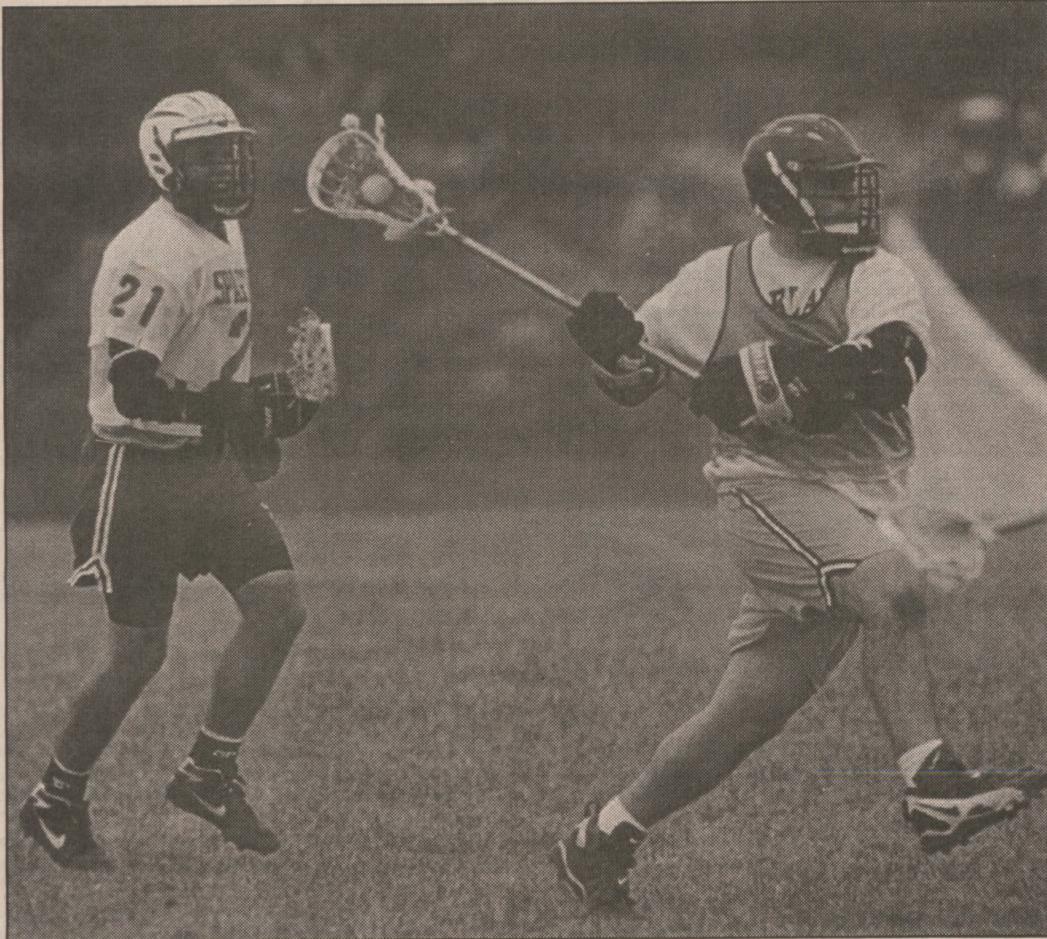
Washington scored its only goal in the third quarter. Cashman and Barber both had four saves.

"We wanted to focus and play a simple game," said Assistant Coach Karl Bunker. "We wanted to run our plays and bring our game (which emphasizes ball movement) to them."

The next game for the OU Lacrosse Club is a big one against the U-M Wolverines at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Osterbaun Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines will enter the game against OU ranked in the Top 10 in the nation.

Zach Fetty summed up the Golden Grizzlies plan for Saturday's game.

"We have to hustle hard," said Fetty, and make no mistakes to beat them."



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SWINGING OUT: David Livingston, 13, takes control of the ball against MSU player Jason Callender, 21. OU played MSU in earlier in the fall semester. OU is now gearing up to play against U-M on Saturday at the Osterbaun Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor at 7 p.m.

## Natatorium hosts state HS swim, dive meet

By ERICH KELLY  
Special Writer

The OU natatorium packed a full house Friday and Saturday when hosting the 1999 Boys High School Swimming and Diving Class A state meet.

Swimmers, coaches, and spectators from 90 different Michigan high schools were in attendance. A crowd of over 1,200 people came to see high schoolers

swim their fastest.

"OU did an excellent job of hosting and running the meet," said Yoav Ritter, OU men's swimmer.

OU's men and women's swimming and diving teams volunteered their time to help make the meet run smoothly. Some were timers while others provided crowd control. This was the first meet in OU's natatorium to sell out both seating and standing room. People had to buy their tickets for finals

on Saturday after the prelims on Friday to get a seat.

Bill Sargent of Birmingham Seaholm broke an old state record in the 100-yard freestyle. The record 44:83 was crushed by a new time of 44:63, in the finals Saturday. This was the only record to be broke this year.

With the great organization of the Athletic Department and the Recreation Department, the 1999 Class A state meet was a success.

# Baseball team feeling spring fever

By CHRIS NORRIS  
Special Writer

It's time to think spring again. OU Baseball is back in full swing, and even though the team might not win every game, their future looks very bright.

Mark Avery, Andy Fairman, and Dave Marcon are three reasons why OU fans have hope.

These coaches are highly regarded after they rescued a near dead Wayne State program.

While at Wayne State, the coaches took a team that won only 12.5 games a year, and made them win 28 games.

The coaches expect OU to be

ranked in the top-40 in the nation within the next five years.

"There is an 80% chance that the recruits coming in will make it to the Major Leagues," said pitching coach Dave Marcon.

But just what will qualify a successful season for these Golden Grizzlies who, like the Basketball team, entered Division I?

Senior left fielder Eric Paul said, "A .500 record is used as success."

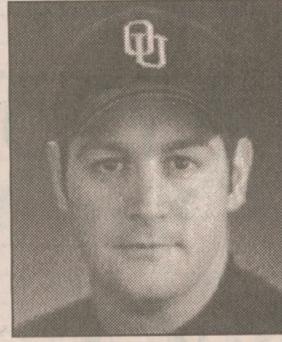
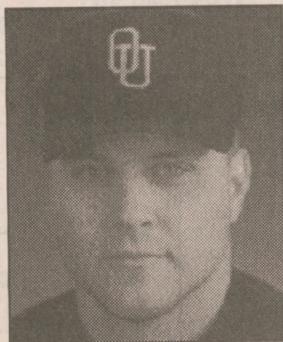
These coaches may be tough, but they know how to get results they want.

"We have a unique system, 95% of the teams don't do this system," said Dave Marcon.

This team may be fun to watch this season with all of the running that they expect to do. Head Coach Mark Avery would like to tailor his team to that of the New York Yankees.

"They have a great depth in pitching, are solid up and down the lineup and play great defense," said Avery.

The team will take some losses that are going to be hard to swallow, but as defensive coach Andy Fairman said, "This new struggles for us as well. The caliber of competition in Division I is better."



Post Photo/1999 Baseball Media Guide

OU'S LINE-UP: OU's new baseball coaching staff. (Left) Head Coach Mark Avery, (Middle) assistant coach Andy Fairman, (Right) assistant coach Dave Marcon.

## After injury, Rec Center is questioned

By RAMEZ KHURI  
Staff Writer

When a residence hall student was injured in a pickup game of basketball on March 1, he raised concerns that OU's response was inadequate when the staff failed to summon an ambulance to take him to the hospital.

The student, Junior Jason Gradowski, had a head injury that needed seven staples to close it. He was driven to the hospital by a friend.

He raised his concerns to The Oakland Post last week.

But Gregory T. Jordan, Director of the Department of Campus Recreation, defended his staff's response.

Jordan reported that 91 people suffered injuries during the Rec Center's first term of operation last fall. Of those injured, three were taken by an ambulance to local hospitals, 10 others also sought hospital emergency treatment but were transported by a family member or friend.

Jordan said that standard procedures were followed when Gradowski was injured noting that head injuries, even minor ones, often bleed profusely.

After an accident report was written up and Gradowski signed it, the OUPD was notified evidently because of the amount blood.

OU police Lieutenant Mel Gilroy, who was summoned to the Rec Center by staff, told Gradowski that it was the police call whether or not an ambulance should be summoned based on the severity of the injury. His injury was deemed minor since he was both ambulatory and coherent.

Jordan said that most of the time with a head injury, it is going to look worse than it is because the head tends to bleed a lot when it is cut, and the fact that Gradowski was playing basketball, his blood pressure was higher than normal, increasing the bleeding initially.

"I was bleeding badly, and the police officer that was there was joking around, but he was serious when he

said I had to get my own ride," Gradowski said.

"They said they wouldn't call an ambulance because it would cost too much money. It would seem like they would have some kind of emergency policy. It seems like anybody who got hurt would have to find their own ride. That's tough, especially for people who live in dorms and who don't have cars."

But Jordan says there is an 18 page emergency policy that was followed. The policy of OU is not to transport an injured person to the hospital unless it is a life threatening injury, or unless the injured person requests an ambulance.

If the injured person is ambulatory, meaning they don't need any assistance to walk, as was the case with Gradowski, he must find his own way to the hospital. Gradowski also did not request an ambulance.

OU does not cover ambulance charges, Jordan said. The injured person's health insurance would pay those costs. He also said that OUPD could have trans-

ferred Gradowski to the Graham Health Center, but the accident report was made at 6:25 p.m. and at the time the Health Center was closed.

"We pay all this money, and we have a membership, and I could see if it were a faculty or staff member that was injured, they would get taken care of right away. But for a student who does not have a ride, or any friends who does not have a car, they're pretty much in trouble," Gradowski complained.

Jordan conceded that problem. "His point about, if you have no transportation, if you don't have a friend or if it's not an ambulance, there is a challenge, I don't necessarily disagree with that, I suppose that an individual who has no vehicle, no friends, and doesn't require an ambulance, that would be a challenge.

"The emergency action plan deals with a number of situations, this being somewhat typical, certainly we have an obligation both legally and philosophically to help individuals when they

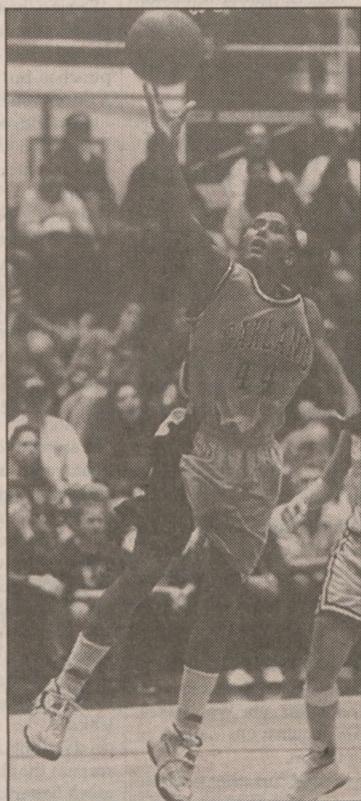
become injured, and we plan for a worse case scenario, because unfortunately on occasion there have been instances where individuals have had severe injuries and even died. That's the nature of normal operating procedures when you have people who are physically active. So there is nothing unusual about that, so we have a very good plan in place dealing with the not so severe injuries."

"If there were two injuries at the same time, the one that was more severe than the other would get the attention first," Jordan said.

"If he (Gradowski) feels like he was treated in some way unfairly, I'd certainly invite him to seek me out because I feel very strongly that we treat everyone the same with regard to emergency action plans," said Jordan. "I really take strong exception to that perception that there is any kind of preferred treatment of any kind going on."

# Spotlight on the Black & Gold

TAMIKA BATES  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Post Photo/Bob Knoeka

By RAMEZ KHURI  
Staff Writer

When the Spice Girls made the phrase "Girl Power" famous, it is almost as if they were thinking of Tamika Bates, a graduating senior at OU.

Bates, a Co-captain of the Woman's Basketball Team, is graduating with a degree in nursing and a GPA in the high three point range.

Standing at 5'11", she has a dark complexion and big, black eyes that seem to say, in a modest way, "I will succeed."

Being the little sister of seven siblings, everyone in Mt. Clemens, where she grew up, knew her brothers and sisters, but she didn't know everyone like they did.

"I went to St. Marie's in Mt. Clemens, then I went to Regina in Harper Woods, which is an all girls Catholic School, and from there I went to the University of Missouri in Columbus, which at the time was in the big eight, but now in the big 12 conference," Bates said.

She played one year of basketball at Missouri then decided to transfer to OU.

"I can't remember it as well now as I did back then, but they always say, Rose Pedal Glasses cover your looks of the past, but half way through the season, I knew I had to leave because I was starting to really dislike basketball," she said.

"It was the whole idea of the team thing. Our team did not get along well, and our coach at the time did not promote good team dealings, and so I really had to get out of there," Bates said.

It was at that time that she began to realize her love for basketball was beginning to deteriorate and that it was

time to move on to a place where she could rebuild her passion.

That's where OU came into the picture.

"There was a girl from my old high school basketball team that played here at the time, and I asked her how she liked the coach and how she liked the program," Bates said. "She really liked everything here, and I had met the coach at the time, and I liked him and got along with him, so I came here."

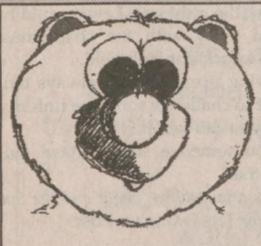
She says she got into basketball because as a child she could not sit still. "I always wanted to be active," she explained. "I love running around just watching different sports and playing different games, and when I was on the cheerleading team, my coach was paralyzed in a car accident, so with no coach, there was no team. There was a basketball team though, so I tried out for that, and I have been playing ever since. I love playing basketball, it made school a lot more bearable. The most fun thing for me was being able to work together as a team to win games."

"I hated running, for me it was for no reason, I was like, no more of that, but I had fun and made it to state finals."

Included in her long list of impressive rewards and trophies are, MVP of three different tournaments, and in all of her years of playing basketball, she was on the All-Tournament team, All-Conference team, All-Defensive team and first team All-Academic.

During the 1997-98 season, Bates was redshirted because student athletes can only play four years of college sports. Being Bates played one year at Missouri and two here, she didn't want to play her last year of college

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GRIZZWALD'S  
INSTANT  
REPLAY

### BASEBALL

- The men lost to Lewis University 3-1 at their season opener in Miami, Florida on March 13.
- The men defeated Hartford University 3-0 on March 14.
- The men defeated University of Bridgeport 12-6 on March 15.

### MARCH 12-19

- The men's baseball team at training camp at the Homestead Challenge in Miami, Florida.

INSIDE  
SPORTS

### MARCH 19

- The women's tennis team host Dayton at 3 p.m.

### MARCH 20

- The women's tennis team host Chicago State at 10 a.m.

## CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### THIS WEEK

#### March Blood Drive

The March Blood Drive will take place Monday, March 22, and Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, Oakland Center. Those individuals with appointment will have priority over those without an appointment. You can make an appointment by calling 370-2400 or at one of the sign-up tables available in the Oakland Center.

The Southeast Michigan Red Cross has a critically shortage of blood and needs over 1000 pints donated every day to supply area hospitals with needed blood. Your donation of one pint of blood assists up to three people. If you have given blood before, you know how easy it is. If you haven't, please consider starting. Yes, it is a bit uncomfortable for some, but it makes you feel good about helping others.

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**Graham Health Center Counseling Center**

#### Oakland University Spring Fling 1999

**March 31-April 10, 1999**

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**April 1<sup>st</sup> Festival of Fools**  
Celebrate April Fool's Day with us..... With the help of roving musicians and jesters in and around the Oakland Center! Enjoy the festivities between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### Dada Day

Enjoy the art of Dadaism the period of "anti-art"..... This form of historical art is demonstrated and displayed by the students and faculty of the Art History Department. La Pittura sponsors the event along with all campus art lovers.

#### April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Contest

Smile your on Candid Camera..... The Center for Student Activities and the Student Program Board proudly sponsor this annual contest of photographic talent. All entries will be on display in the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center for the public to view. Cash prizes will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Pick up an entry form at the CSA window by April 2<sup>nd</sup> or just come browse the entries in the Fireside Lounge on April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Judges will make their decision and winners will be announced on April 6, 1999.

#### April 6<sup>th</sup> Comedian Darren Carter

Laughter is the best cure for any "End-of-the-Semester Stress"..... The Student Program Board invites you to come and enjoy the talents of Darren Carter. He's been seen on "The Jamie Foxx Show" and on Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh". Come see him at 9:00 p.m. in the Vandenberg Cafeteria. All students and Oakland University Employees are invited to attend!

#### April 7<sup>th</sup> "Octoberfest in April"

Come join the German Club for a taste of Germany..... Music, German food, and dancing will make this learning experience a real "Aprilfest." There will be giveaways and Polka dance lessons throughout the evening. We will have a live band and a Polka Contest. Come join the fun beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Court in the Oakland Center.

#### April 8<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Concert featuring "Blue Lunch"

Swing Baby..... Come learn to swing as the Student Program Board presents the soulful, bluesy sounds of "Blue Lunch". This swing band will really knock your socks off, and make your "zoot suit" dance on its own. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. between the Oakland Center and Vandenberg Hall, on the shores of Beer Lake. (Inclement weather site is Vandenberg Cafeteria.) Don't be square - Be there! Bring your dancin' shoes and swing the night away with your friends enjoying the music of Blue Lunch.

#### April 9<sup>th</sup> Ballroom Dance Lessons

Join the Association of Black Students (ABS) and Professional Dance Instructors to learn how ballroom dancing is done..... This elegant form of ballroom dancing has always been the envy of high-class balls and dancing events. If you plan to attend the ABS Ball or are learning just for fun, join us in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center at 5:00 p.m. and let the dancing begin.

#### April 10<sup>th</sup> Association of Black Students Ball

Why not display your ballroom dance talents you've learned from the Friday evening lessons. Tickets will go on sale beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> at the CSA Service Window. Single tickets will be \$10 and a couple ticket will cost \$18. Don't wait! The Ball will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. Don't miss this classic chance to enjoy one of the best traditional events at Oakland University.

#### The CSA Service Window

We now have tickets or sign-up sheets for the following activities:

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Applications are available at:

- ★ Student Affairs Office - 144 Oakland Center
- ★ Student Congress - 100 Oakland Center (adjacent to Heritage Room)
- ★ Center for Student Activities - 49 Oakland Center

Applications are due at the Student Affairs Office March 31, 1999. Questions: Please call (248) 370-4200.

# City

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"The audience is very important in helping generate material," said Wade.

The performers have learned what works well. They grab on to these tossed-out ideas, and just let it go from there. And with a free-for-all theme as an improvised show, each one takes on a different form.

The whole premise of The Second City is to provide humor with cutting-edge wit through community-based theater.

"You'll laugh, you'll have a great time, and at some point in the night, we hope you'll see yourself on stage," said Wade. "That's the ideal."

The three-story Second City building offers a one-man band concept of a night out.

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ond level for a pre-performance meal. Once the show is over you can continue your night on the third floor at The 5 Hole, Detroit's newest hot-spot, where you'll revel in the spirit of Hockeytown.

The City's latest revue, "Impeachment and Cream," opens tonight at 8 p.m.

The show plays Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 Wednesdays,

Thursdays and Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays and \$19.50 on Saturdays. To purchase tickets, call The Second City box office at (313) 965-2222 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

If you think you've got what it takes to write and perform for The Second City, your chance is here.

The Second City holds annual auditions in early April. For more information contact Julie Clement at (313) 964-5821.

# Bates

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ball not in a conference.

When asked how she balanced athletics and school work, she replied, "School is just something that I knew that I had to do, I had to get good grades, there was never a question of, should I do this, or could I get by with just getting a two point zero that you need to play basketball. It was a matter of, I didn't want to waste a scholarship of this amount of money and come out of here with nothing, I really wanted to make sure that I had a career as soon as this was done because I wasn't sure if I was going to play basketball afterwards."

She added, "I'm glad that it's all coming to an end because I'm tired of school, but at the same time I don't want to become a real adult because I have had too much fun playing basketball and just going to school."

As graduation nears, Bates feels she has a solid future, but must remain focused.

"I was offered an internship with Henry Ford Hospital on their Family Center Maternity Unit and that's the kind of nursing I want to do...and I'm going to (try-out for) the Detroit Shock," Bates said.

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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## LEAD STORIES

- A French study, appearing as a February Archives of Internal Medicine article, reported that one of every nine persons admitted to intensive-care units is there because of illnesses caused elsewhere in the hospital (including infections or inappropriate drugs or excessive doses). Also in February, Claudia Archer, 52, settled her malpractice lawsuit against Walter Reed Army Medical Center for about \$4 million. Archer entered the hospital to have a benign tumor removed from her neck, but over the next four months, allegedly because of errors and infections, both her legs had to be amputated below the knee and tubes inserted in her body to help her eat and breathe.

- In January, North Dakota legislators decided against a proposal to crack down on impatient motorists who relieve themselves while driving and then toss their urine- (and even feces-) filled plastic containers to the side of the road. The containers create hazards when cleanup crews accidentally smash them with vehicles and mowers. Said Rep. John Mahoney, "(W)e want to promote tourism, and (such a new law) might be offensive."

- Installation of the first escalators ever in Nicaragua many shoppers who have encountered them, according to a February Miami Herald report. Among the incidents: A frightened middle-aged woman who, fearing her departure at a second-floor landing, leaped from the escalator onto the floor, lost her balance, and staggered through the food court, knocking over tables and landing against a wall.

## KOREANS WHO WANT MONEY REALLY BADLY

- In December, Chung Kyu-chil, 52, reportedly confessed to a scheme to collect on his disability insurance policy by having both feet severed at the ankles by an acquaintance to whom he promised about \$40,000. And in September, Mr. Kang Chong-ryol, 42, was arrested and charged with trying to cheat an insurance company out of about \$7,500 by cutting off his 10-year-old son's finger and claiming that a robber did it.

## FAMILY VALUES

- Ryan Goodhart, 16, was arrested and charged with roughing up his mother in January in Sarasota, Fla., because she and her boyfriend refused to share their marijuana stash with him. And Nathan Ricketts, 26, was arrested and charged with choking his mother almost into unconsciousness in December in Glendora, Calif., because she had failed to remember to buy food for his two 7-inch-long piranha fish (which are illegal to own, anyway).

- After a report of her lifestyle was shown on MTV in November, April Divilbiss, 21, of Memphis, Tenn., found herself in a custody fight over her 3-year-old daughter. She is married to Shane Divilbiss, 24, but the couple shares a sex life with Mr. Chris Littrell, 22, and April spoke of MTV of bringing another female into the home because having sex with two men was tiring her out. Her daughter was fathered by yet another man, whose parents filed the custody petition against April, who also argued that her freedom of religion (as a self-described pagan) was being abridged.

- According to a December Denver Post story, Katy Emery, 27, agreed to a second straight pregnancy for her sister, Judi Conaghan of Chicago, who has been advised against carrying a fetus because of a heart condition. Previously, family black sheep Katy and super-responsible Judi had been estranged, but Katy, trying to shed the image of "the bad kid I'd been through my teen years," agreed to carry Judi's twins to term and enjoyed the experience of pregnancy so much that she signed on again.

## AWESOME, DUDE!

- In October in the Dent de Crolles region in France, sheepherder Christian Raymond, 23, was rescued from a cliff from which he had been hanging by his fingers for about 20 minutes. He had called the emergency rescue operator on his cell phone earlier in the day and managed to make another call from the cliff by pressing "redial" with his nose against the phone, which had fallen down the mountain with him but had landed right beside him.

- Shirley Lawson, 59, of Marysville, Tenn., survived her Jeep's overturning in Whitley County, Ky., in September, even though the vehicle came to rest on top of her with the 3-inch-diameter drive shaft sticking through her abdomen and both legs.

- Recent Episodes of Car Surfboarding: Hampton, Va. (November): William Vaughn, 29, jumped onto a car's roof during a dispute to prevent his friend from leaving, but the friend drove off anyway (distance surfed: 25 miles, at speeds up to 60 mph). Chicago (November): Charles Gardner jumped onto his SUV's roof to prevent its carjacking, but the suspect drove off anyway (time surfed: 20 minutes). Ship Bottom, N.J. (January): Gas station attendant Matt Thomas jumped onto the hood of a car to try to prevent the customer from leaving without paying, but she drove off anyway (time surfed: a few minutes, at speeds up to 80 mph).

- Mathematics professor David Liu of the University of Alberta was named Canadian Professor of the Year in January. The award was based partly on the math clubs he has established for disadvantaged youth, but also partly on his having taught himself to work out equations upside down so that students could follow his explanations from across his desk.

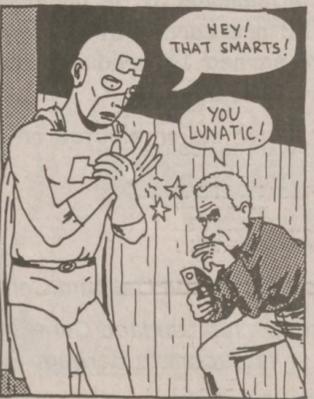
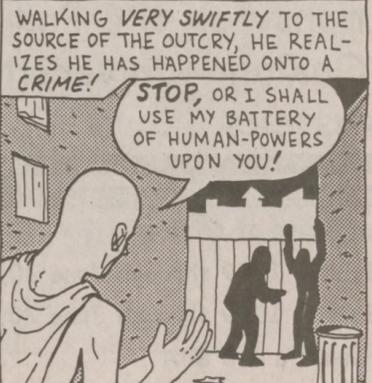
## LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL

- Steve and Michelle Chambers pled guilty in August in Charlotte, N.C., to stealing \$17 million from the Loomis, Fargo & Co. armored car firm in 1997, a caper which hit the headlines again in February 1999 when the Chambers' post-theft purchases were auctioned off to help Loomis recover its money. While on the lam from the heist, the couple called attention to themselves when Michelle walked in to a Belmont, N.C., bank with a suitcase containing \$200,000 in Loomis, Fargo currency wrappers and asked the manager, "How much can I deposit without the bank reporting the transaction?" The couple had also moved directly from a rural mobile home into a \$600,000 mansion and made many other equally exhibitionistic purchases. Said one federal marshal, "It was very much 'The Beverly Hillbillies.'"

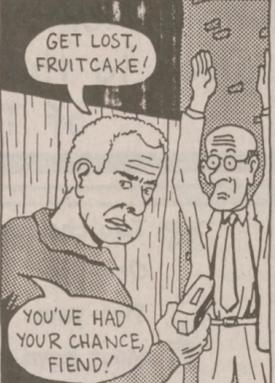
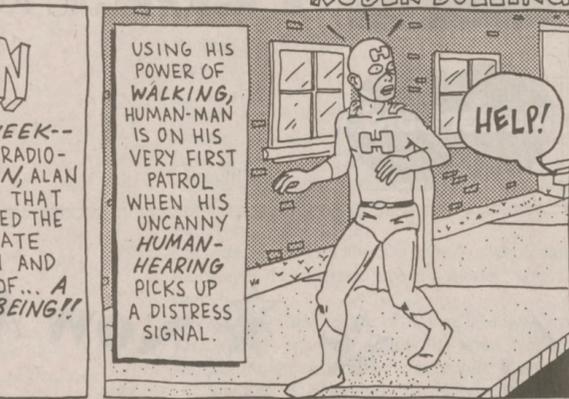
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