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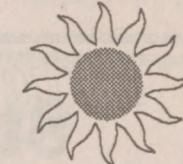
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By KRISTI TWORK  
Staff Writer

For the third time in four years, students will have to wait to find out who the new student body president is going to be.

The results of last week's election were to be announced on Monday, but have been delayed until further notice due to charges that have been filed in the Student Congress office.

Twelve charges have been filed with the validations committee on behalf of student body presidential candidates Carina Moore, Michael Ott and write-in candidate Philip Hall.

The charges were reviewed Monday by the validations committee. Charges one through five were filed by Moore against the Elections Commission, presidential ticket candidates Nick Mitchell and Rob Filer and against student body president Scott Andrews.

Charges six through eight were filed by Ott against Mitchell/Filer and also against the elections commission. The last four charges were filed by Hall against Mitchell/Filer and the Elections Commission as well.

An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on April 11. Plaintiffs will submit evidence for the validations committee to review, and the defendants will be heard. The charges may then be dismissed or, if validated, will be presented at a formal hearing.

Tension was high at the validations committee meeting with Filer rising to his feet on several occasions, and Moore continuously waving her hands to request the floor. At one point, unable to obtain the floor, she stated, "then I'm going to speak out of turn."

Moore objected to Andrew's seat on the validations commit-

tee as a defendant of one of the charges. Pointing a conflict of interest, Moore compared it to letting a prisoner sit in on his own jury deliberations. She also questioned several other members of the validations committee who are also members of the elections commission.

Andrews consented to recuse himself from deliberations of all charges if he was found guilty of the charge against him.

The charges by Moore are as follows:

1. Against the Elections Commission because "the ballots used in the Oakland University Student Congress Elections were not presented in a clear and understandable manner."

2. With respect to an election guideline prohibiting active campaigning within a 40-foot boundary of a voting area: a) against Mitchell/Filer for an individual wearing a campaign T-shirt within the boundary and b) against the Elections Commission for failing to clearly mark the boundary area.

3. Against the Elections Commission for leaving a ballot box unattended in the student congress office.

4. Against Scott Andrews and the Elections Commission for actively campaigning for Mitchell/Filer by posting signs and carrying campaign materials.

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Post Photo/Jenn Madjarev

Students could vent in a humorous way and for a good cause, as Congress President Scott Andrews took a pie in the face Thursday, during the April Fool's festivities outside the OC. Each try donated \$3 to charity.

See related story on B1.

## Board votes yes on phase one of complex study

By TANIA PREPOLEC  
Assistant News Editor

After much deliberation Thursday, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to a proposal allocating up to \$130,000 to the consulting firm for a phase one of a proposed \$400,000 feasibility study of the still conceptual multi-purpose complex.

The amendment authorizes OU President Gary Russi to go forward with phase one of the study in partnership with the Smith Group and Ernst & Young Kenneth Lavinthal in consultation with the Board.

Trustee Henry Baskin was still opposed to the resolution even with the amendment, arguing that phase one is not "fact specific", as well as questioning the need for outside consultation for money which he felt could be better utilized by OU.

"How will we utilize what we have left of the university?" Baskin asked.

Jennifer Bartholomew, music freshman, delivered a statement at the meeting, stating that proposal "has no academic bearing" and is just a "money-making

venture."

"We are in dire need of performance space for our students," said Jackie Wiggins, music, theatre and dance acting chair.

"If the Palace would pay for the building of three theatres, not one, then the (MTD) department would support it, and so would Meadow Brook Theatre," she added.

In other Board actions, revisions to the 1999-2000 academic calendar were approved.

Due to anticipated computer problems caused by the Y2K bug, the beginning of

the Winter 2000 semester was postponed by a week to Jan. 10. The registration is moved to Thursday, Jan. 6.

The Fall 1999 commencement was moved from Sept. 12, the date Rosh Hashana, to Sept. 19. The board also recognized awarded students.

Darrin Hanna, math and computer engineering senior, and journalism senior Becky O'Connell were recipients of the annual Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson awards.

Also, communications senior Barry Gray received the annual Human Relations Award.

## Political funding goes both ways, yet disparities exist

By ERIKA MILLER  
Staff Writer

If there is a litmus test used by Michigan governors to determine who gets appointed to public universities' boards of trustees, the first color they see is green.

Money doesn't exactly buy anyone a spot on OU's governing board. But by all indications, the eight people appointed have it. And most gave some of it to various politicos, especially Michigan's third-term governor, John Engler.

The OU board is not alone in this practice. Most public universities have a history of governmental support that goes both ways.

However, despite the gift-giving by most of these schools' trustees, funding disparities remain among institutions. Northern, Wayne State, and University of Michigan got the most state money, according to Engler's press secretary

John Truscott because they had the most powerful political representatives.

Truscott says that Engler's criteria for picking university trustees includes finding "like-minded people who support the governor's philosophy. It has led to an increased competency and caliber of university presidents. There's been a dramatic improvement in the quality of people appointed."

In the last statewide gubernatorial campaign, five of the eight OU trustees privately contributed to Engler's campaign a total of almost \$18,000.

No direct contributions to Engler were made by Henry Baskin, James Sharp, nor recently retired trustee, Dennis Pawley. Baskin, a lawyer, contributed money to judges' campaigns instead. Sharp was appointed by former Gov. Blanchard; but his term expired under Engler. His boss at Waste Management is a GOP donor. And Pawley, OU alumnus and former executive vice president

of manufacturing for Chrysler Corp., opened a business in Colorado.

OU is not out of line compared to total direct giving by other appointed trustees:

At Engler's alma mater, Central Michigan, all seven trustees contributed to his last campaign a total close to \$16,000. At Northern, over \$21,000 went to Engler from seven of eight trustees.

Of eight trustees at Michigan Technological U., six contributed about \$10,000. Between \$6,000 and \$4,000 came from each of four schools: Eastern, Grand Valley State, Western Michigan, and Saginaw Valley State. Less than \$900 each came from Lake Superior State and Ferris State.

Although Ferris State trustees gave the least, they have a big connection to Engler's office through one trustee's wife, Nancy Patera, who handles appointments, including those of trustees. (She relayed that a replacement

for Pawley is still undecided.)

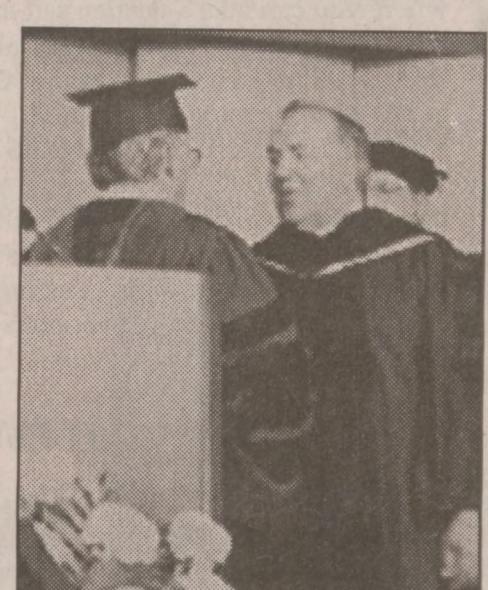
A strict dollar connection between the governor and trustee appointments is not apparent. Engler is only following the practice of his predecessors by generally appointing party loyalists to the various schools' boards. More to the point are other collaborations which influence state universities' funding.

According to trustee Sharp, "If our students in 1990 could have received the amount of money that was going from the state to Northern Michigan, we wouldn't have had to charge tuition. They had the chairman of the appropriations committee representing that district (the late Sen. Jacobetti)."

Likewise at Wayne State, with elected trustees, the late Rep. Hood of Detroit used his committee power to increase its subsidies.

"Since they're gone, we're trying to add more fairness to the process," says

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SHAKE YOUR MONEYMAKER: The connections between state politics and academia often seem to include "mutual funding."

## FAST

## FACTS

• Third Annual OU Day at the Capitol, scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, is a free all-day visit to Lansing and a view at the functions of the govern-

mental system.

The visit will include panel discussions, attending committee meetings, observing the Senate and House in session, a lunch with Oakland and Macomb County legislators, and a reception in the Governor's Room.

Guest speakers include Secretary of State Candice Miller and James McBryde, special

assistant for Drug Policy. For information, call Rochelle Black, director of Government Relations, at (248) 370-3500.

• This year's Judd Award reception will be held Friday, April 9 in honor of recipient Bruce Mann, associate professor of English. The award, from the Judd Family fund, is given for the English Department Faculty

Achievement.

The reception will be held 4:50 p.m. in the Oakland Room, OC.

• History Film Series continues with the screening of "The Rise of Louis XIV" and a short historical introduction by Sarah Chapman, assistant professor of history.

The film will be shown Monday, April 12 at 5 p.m. in the

Meadowbrook Room, OC. The screening, sponsored by the History Society Phi Alpha Theta, is free.

• La Pittura, the student organization of Art and Art History, will be hosting its annual Spring Tea from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 in room 310 in the Wilson Hall. All are invited.

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# Student Affairs Student Affairs **EVENTS** UPDATING OU

• **COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AND ENHANCED CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AWARDS.** Applications for both awards are now available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 OC, for the 1999-2000 academic year. Deadline is April 19. See Post ad for details.

• **FOUR REASONS TO REMAIN ABSTINENT.**

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• **APRIL VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY.** Oakland County MSU 4H Youth Programs need volunteers to assist with "after school" fun educational programs for children in Pontiac. To volunteer, contact Julie Scislowiz at (248) 858-1018.

• **MICHIGAN JOBS CONSORTIUM.** Upcoming and recent graduates seeking employment should explore a recently expanded network of job openings made possible by the recent formation of the Michigan Jobs Consortium. Access can be gained through the Placement & Career Services web site at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu> (click on Job listings).

• **PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT RECRUITING.** The 1998-99 recruiting season has now concluded and the Placement and Career Services Dept. would like to thank those students who participated throughout the year in on-campus recruiting. We are already planning ahead for the 1999-2000 recruiting year which will begin in October 1999. If you are planning to graduate within the next year, stop in to see us to get a head start on job placement preparation. Contact Professional Placement at 370-3250 for details.

• **CHEAPER THAN A MOVIE TICKET!** For one of the best entertainment values around, check out the Student Rush Tickets at Meadow Brook Theatre. For only \$5 per ticket, you can see productions at this award-winning professional theatre. Buy 1 or 2 tickets per ID for \$5 each at the Box Office in Wilson Hall the day of the performance. Call 377-3300 for more information on current productions.

• **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC).** The following Workshops will be offered during the month of April: "Steps to Career Planning" on April 7 (2 p.m.) and April 12 (3 p.m.) at the CRC, in room 154 of North Foundation Hall, and "Career Planning for Athletes" on April 14 (6 p.m.) in the Pioneer Room at Lepley Sports Center. Call the CRC at 370-3263 for details. Explore your CAREER OPTIONS ... Spring hours for the CRC are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **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!

## THIS WEEK

• **NATIONAL ALCOHOL SCREENING DAY.** Have you shown up late for work, disappointed family members, or discovered you couldn't remember what happened the night before because you had too much to drink? Are you concerned that alcohol is becoming a problem? Tomorrow is National Alcohol Screening Day and the OU Counseling Center is offering free, anonymous educational sessions for OU students where you can take a written self-assessment for alcohol problems, ask questions and talk to a health professional - all for free. Call Graham Counseling Center at 370-3465 for more information.

• **SECOND ANNUAL WINNERS CIRCLE RECEPTION.** Mark your calendars now to attend this reception tomorrow from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, OC honoring all student nominees and recipients of various university awards. The university community is invited to attend this celebration of its students and their accomplishments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **SENIOR SEND OFF.** All graduating seniors are invited to attend OU's "Senior Send Off" on Tuesday, April 13, 1999 in the Fireside Lounge of the OC between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. A brief informal ceremony hosted by Dr. Russi will take place at 4:30 p.m. Deadline for responses to the Student Affairs Office, 144 OC is April 12. Please plan to attend.

• **EDUCATORS RECRUITING DAY.** Educators Recruiting Day will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999. Limited openings are still available for interviews with area districts and schools. Contact Placement and Career Services (370-3250) for details.

• **JOB QUEST.** The Job Quest 1999 Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at the University of Detroit Mercy Outer Drive Campus. More than 75 employers are expected to participate. This unique job fair is an excellent opportunity for liberal arts students to market themselves to outstanding employers for full-time and additional career-related opportunities. To register to attend, contact Vicki McNiff at Placement and Career Services (370-3250).

# Money

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Truscott.

That process includes Engler's proposed tier system, which ties funding to a formula.

But pure political clout still holds sway in the political economic system, where state subsidies matter most. It's crucial to schools like OU, which don't have a wealthy donor base. (Compare 1998's under \$40 million endowment of small schools like OU, Eastern, Central and Grand Valley to that of Big Ten schools like U of M's \$2 billion.) "On a per student basis,"

Truscott says, "(OU) hasn't gotten as much as they deserved. Oakland has been at the bottom end of the funding scale in the past because, frankly, it's been a political system and OU didn't have powerful alumni. Oakland never really had anyone in power who could fight for them."

Recently, that changed. Three years ago the current OU trustees and president, coupled with their government liaison office managed by OU's lobbyist Rochelle Black, began a concerted effort to squeeze more attention and money out of Lansing using different lobbying strategies.

Since Engler turned the state's

1980's deficit into a billion-dollar rainy day fund, they treasure more than ever their relationship with Lansing. That, plus knowing the political economic climate can suddenly reverse its fortunes, drive former academics to become paid politicos.

"The big change," trustee Doyle says, "has been because of Dr. Russi. He met with state leaders. (He's) done a wonderful job. As have other university presidents, he is testifying to (the) appropriations (committee)."

The most recent pitch was last month.

But, despite Engler's high-profile affection for education and Russi and Black's efforts today,

university subsidies that steeply declined over the last three decades show no sign of reversal. Compared to 70 percent 30 years ago, OU's portion is 47 percent now, says Black. Even that, says Truscott, seems high for today's standards.

Though funding dollarwise

has actually increased, OU's percent of the total higher education budget continues a 20-year slide, according to the office of Michigan Sen. Schwartz (U-M alum), chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education:

2.9 percent in 1979-80 to 2.7 percent this school year.

Fears of decreased funding motivate

"There's no requirement that you contribute in any way, shape or form. It pays nothing. They're doing it because they feel strongly about OU and want to help. It not only does not pay, but costs a fair amount of money to attend the functions."

• Ann Nicholson, Vice Chair: "What you need to understand about money is that it doesn't buy results, it buys access. You may be invited to functions. But if you have a dumb idea or are clearly in it for your own self-interest, (well,) they're not going to do anything stupid for \$5,000."

• Henry Baskin: "You have to have a relationship with the governor of sorts, but it doesn't mean financial. He and I had worked together on the domestic violence task force. He thought we had worked well together...No one sits a trustee down and asks, What is your contribution? He's looking for quality. I think that's the bottom line."

• David T. Fischer: "I don't think it's a money connection. I think that's silly. We believe these are important pieces of society. This is my home. It's the best thing we can do for our kids."

• Louis Grech-Cumbo: "I don't think financial contributions make things happen. I wouldn't be involved if that was the case (given my lack of wealth). I think (Engler) entrusts that role to people who are going to do things for the right reason, not because it's popular."

• Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.: "The governor called me—I've known him since 1974—and he indicated to me that education was one of the priorities in his administration, and he wanted to appoint a number of people who could commit time and energy to make higher education more effective."

• James Sharp, Jr.: "There's no litmus test to being appointed."

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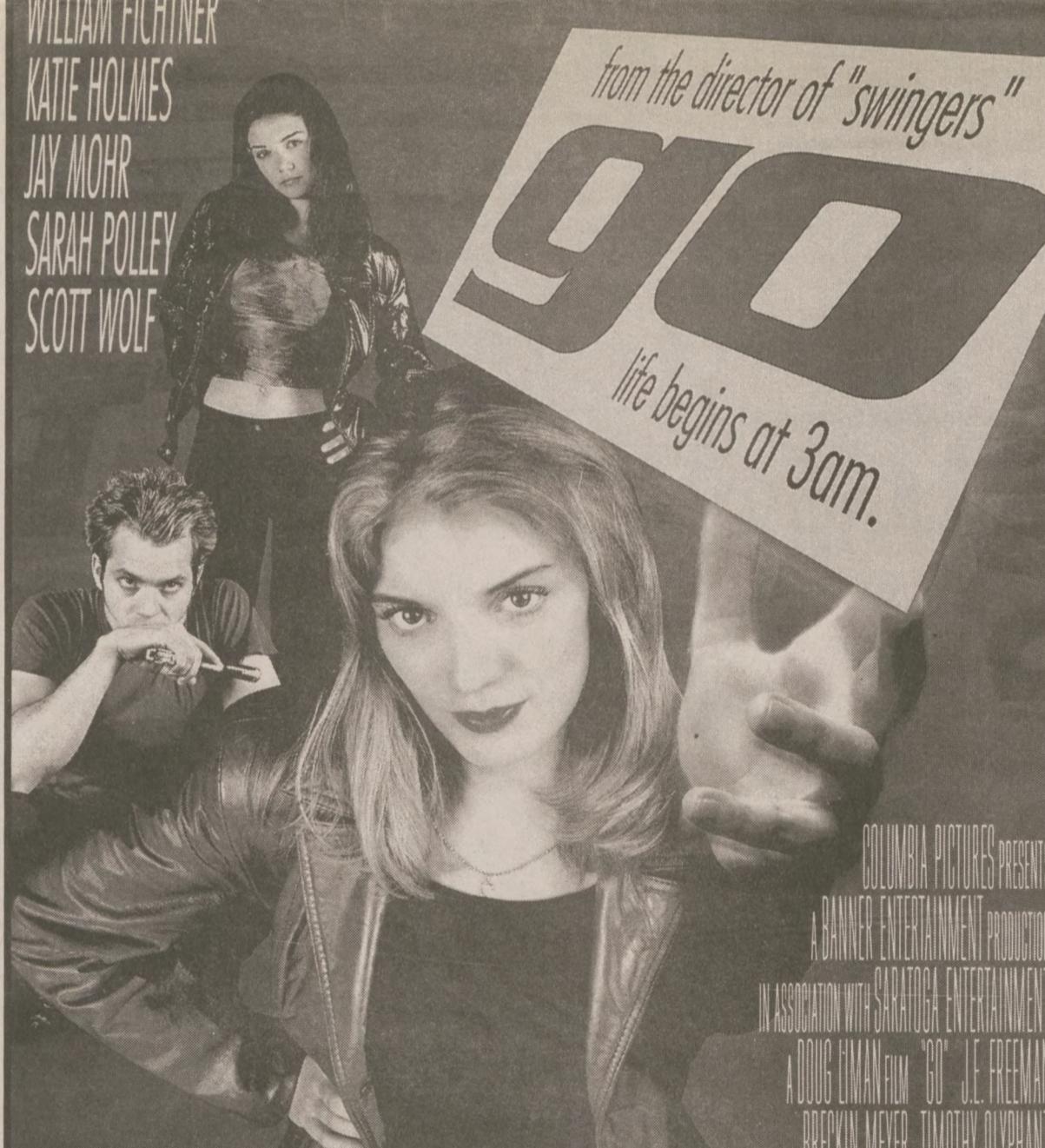
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# ON CAMPUS

## Picture Perfect

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Winners were chosen yesterday at the 16th Annual Photography Contest held in the Fireside Lounge, OC.

Ken Hightower, associate professor of biomedical sciences at the Eye Research Institute, won the first prize in both black & white and color categories.

## Children's camp at the Rec

By ANNE ARNOLD  
Special Writer

Students interested in elementary education now have the opportunity to have an on-campus job as well as receive the contact hours needed to enter the education school program. Felecia Bumpus, coordinator of campus recreation programs, is planning a summer camp for elementary and middle school age children.

The camp, advertised at local schools, would welcome a total of 114 children in computer and recreation sessions.

Bumpus had joined with Patricia Kish, interim director for the Center for Business Excellence, to create an educational camp from June 21 - July 2 and again from July 12 - Aug. 6.

The cost of camp computer session is \$425; if signed up before June 30, there is a 20% discount. Rec Center camp session costs \$385.

The plan has been in the works since last October, when Bumpus conducted a survey of 85 Rec Center members who have children of the aforementioned age. The survey results were encouraging.

Pre-elementary ed students need to complete 70 hours in educational setting, such as preschool or nursery school, in order to enter the elementary ed program at OU.

"This gives students the option of a campus job as well as contact hours. Most of the time they don't get paid for their contact hours (because they tend to be on voluntary basis)," Bumpus said.

The Rec Center camp job, however, starts at \$5.75 per hour

and runs Mon-Fri. beginning at 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. If the student works one camp, he/she can earn an approximate total of 72 hours.

"I think it's a good idea, because a lot of students come into the program with contact hours that are outdated. This also lets them gain contact hours in a setting other than latch key or day care, not to mention it is good as a campus reference, too," said Stefania Morelli, elementary education senior.

Children will take computer classes under the coordination of Kish, and participate in a wide array of sports, under the coordination of Bumpus.

Dodgeball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming and aerobics will all be on the itinerary for the children. The sports will be the main thing on the agenda for the younger children. The limit is 30 children per session.

The computer classes, called "Surf and Swim," are targeted for middle school students. The limit is 27 children for the computer classes per session, and they will be taught by a business student.

The camp will also teach the children about wellness and nutrition.

Bumpus ideally needs six students to act as group leaders. Ten children will be in each group.

"Most things will be held in the activities room or in Court three in the Rec Center. Hopefully times won't clash with Oakland students (using the Rec)," Bumpus said.

Parents interested in signing up children or students interested in working for Bumpus this summer can contact her at (248) 370-4885.

## Former OU student needs help in battle against brain cancer

By MELISSA LESNOFF  
Special Writer

The prognosis is bad for a former OU student Julie Barron.

Barron, 26, was diagnosed on March 23, 1999 with a terminal brain tumor known as Glioblastoma Multi forme.

The tumor is rapidly progressive and total surgical removal is not possible.

One option for Barron is chemotherapy and radiation. This treatment could extend her life another two months to two years.

Another option that Barron saw more promising was an experimental treatment known as neoplasins. She is currently receiving this treatment in Houston, Texas.

"The side effects of this treatment are less aggressive than chemo," said

Barron's friend Diane Schoenherr.

"After her first treatment she is only tired and her doctor said that should subside after her body gets used to it."

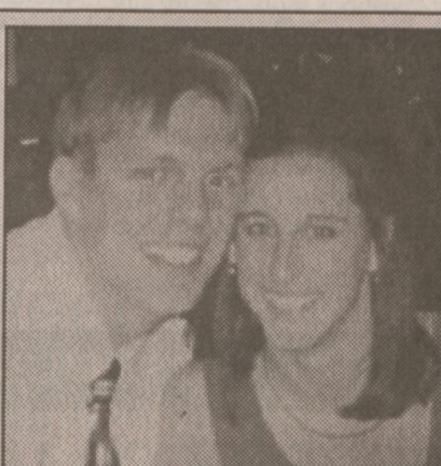
"(Julie) doesn't want to live the last months of her life being sick from chemo," said Barron's sister, Sharon Goulah, an OU education sophomore.

Even if Barron did receive radiation, she would only have a 20-percent survival rate.

The downside of the neoplasins treatment is that it is not covered by Barron's insurance, nor does it guarantee recovery.

"At least she wouldn't be really sick and her quality of life would be better," Schoenherr said.

The treatment is extremely expensive, costing \$14,000 to begin and an additional \$7,000 per month to continue.



BATTLING ON: Julie Barron, 26, with husband Keith.

Barron's friends and family are raising money to help pay for her treatment.

"I would really appreciate any prayers or help we can get," Goulah said.

In addition to flyers distributed by the family and friends, the Barrons also

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## CRIME

## WATCH

### Stolen Car Found in Pontiac

A residence hall student reported last Wednesday his car was missing. The car, a dark blue 1986 Pontiac

Bonneville, was left on the west side of the Vandenberg Hall parking lot the previous night.

The owner of the car said his friend parked it there, because he had a suspended license.

The owner's friend said he left the car locked at the lot around 1 a.m. The owner discovered the car missing the next morning around 9 a.m.

Pontiac police found the car the next day in a street in Pontiac. The OUPD processed the car for prints.

The steering column was damaged, the radio/CD player and the CDs left in the car were missing, the trunk was broken into, and the tires, rims and wheel covers were taken off and replaced.

In addition, the student's clothes left in the car were also missing.

The total value of missing items is approximately \$3,295.

The OU police obtained 15 print lifts from the vehicle.

The case is open.

## Wallace's gets new bookcenter campus lease

By JEANNE KIRKALDY  
Editor in Chief

Out with the old and in with the new ... textbooks that is. Barnes and Noble's lease ends on June 30 marking an end to seven years worth of service to OU.

On Thursday, the Board of Trustees continued its crusade to give OU a new look and its community better services by unanimously passing a recommendation to lease the bookcenter to Wallace's Bookstores.

The bookcenter review committee, comprised of eight faculty members and one student, consulted and reviewed proposals submitted by four contractors. They included: Wallace's Bookstores, Follette College Stores, Barnes and Noble and Textbook Outlet.

Committee member and OC Director Richard Fekel said all four proposals were decent but the majority of the committee members leaned towards Wallace's for several reasons.

He said the committee not only looked for financial stability and gain, but also at the contractors total package and what they had to offer the students and community.

"They (Wallace's) are a very innovative company," Fekel said. "The campus bookstore industry is changing rapidly ... These people are really on the cutting-edge, as cutting-edge as possible (and) show a lot of enthusiasm and expertise."

Another committee member, Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs, agreed.

Aside from the financial proposal Wallace's had to offer, Snyder said creative marketing strategies and long-term goals played key roles in her decision.

"Wallace's has a very futuristic outlook. They are very innovative in their creative approach, very visionary," she said.

One example of a creative approach that Snyder found to be desirable in the Wallace proposal was what the company calls "FlexSmart." She explained that the program calls for modular shelving allowing for flexibility with placement. Further, Snyder said it's a sort of merchandising technique that shuffles stock according to semester trends allowing certain items to be promoted during peak times of the year.

Of the four proposals all offered an online service, textbook scholarships and a

sum to renovate the existing facility. Additionally, the four proposed commissions and payments were all in the same ballpark of one another.

The breakdown of annual commissions stated in the official proposals (based on a contract term of five years) is as follows:

- Wallace's - 11 percent of gross sales up to \$4 million and 12 percent of gross sales more than \$4 million, or a guaranteed annual payment of \$400,000 (which ever is greater);

- Follette College Stores - 10.6 percent of gross sales up to \$4 million, 11.8 percent of gross sales between \$4 and \$6 million and 12.2 percent of gross sales more than \$6 million, or a guaranteed first year payment of \$400,000, second year payment of \$425,000, third year payment of \$450,000, fourth year payment of \$475,000 and fifth year payment of \$525,000 (whichever is greater in any contract year);

- Barnes and Noble (option two) - 10.1 percent of gross sales up to \$5 million and 11.5 percent of gross sales more than \$5 million, or a guaranteed annual payment of \$375,000 (whichever is greater);

- Textbook Outlet - 10.8 percent of gross sales up to \$4 million and 11.8 percent of gross sales more than \$4 million, a commission rate of 3 percent on textbook sales from its Auburn Square location.

The committees' student representative, Hemant Mahamwal, Congress Vice President, said although Follett grabbed him most, overall Wallace's will have a positive affect on campus and benefit students.

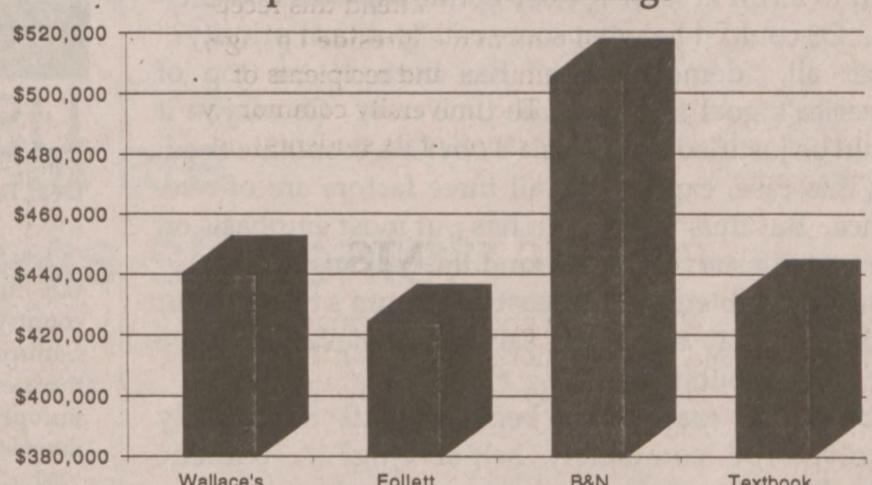
From results of a survey conducted by Mahamwal, he feels that from reading the proposal, the new company will adhere to some major concerns of OU students. Of the approximate 50-70 respondents, 10 percent said they buy on-line, half said prices were their biggest deciding factor, 20-30 percent said availability was the most important factor and many responded asking for more Greek and student organization merchandise.

According to Wallace's proposal, new textbooks will be priced at a 25 percent margin of net priced books and used books will be priced at 75 percent of the new textbook price.

Wallace's Bookstores is scheduled to begin its five year contract on July 1 and

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### Proposed Baseline Earnings



### Harassing Phone Calls

A residence hall student reported Thursday she has been receiving harassing phone calls since last semester.

The student said the calls used to be hang-ups until recently.

Early last week, she said the calls became threatening. A woman on the line would ask for her, and then call her "lying bitch."

The calls were allegedly made about every day since last Monday.

The student said she did not recognize the voice and did not know who might be calling her.

However, in the police report she said she considered joining a campus sorority earlier this year and was shunned by the members because she perceived their treatment of her as hazing.

Some of the members allegedly confronted her and accused her of spreading rumors about hazing.

The student requested a caller ID to be put on her campus phone.

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### EDITOR'S VIEW

## *Albanians might need help, so might many others*

Hundreds of miles away from here and half way around the world, there is a war going on. But you know what? This is nothing new.

In fact, this war – dubbed “The Battle for Kosovò” by the Detroit Free Press and the “Conflict in Kosovo” by the Detroit News – has been going on since the 13th Century. And to put it in terms everyone can understand, it’s over a piece of land about the size of Connecticut.

No, the United States is not directly involved, but we are involved – whether we want to be or not — since three American soldiers were taken prisoner of war by Slobodan Milosevic.

Some Americans can be heard saying “This isn’t our battle” and “We should not be involved,” (and I agree) but despite our personal beliefs we are the minority of the general opinion.

A Saturday Newsweek poll showed 58 percent of respondents approving of President Bill Clinton’s decision to join NATO and 54 percent of respondents approved of sending U.S. ground forces into Kosovo. And, although half would support ground troops, take a deep breath, because the Pentagon has no plans to use ground forces yet.

All facts aside, the major question floating around in the heads of many Americans is, “Why are we involved?”

Why? There are several reasons. Which is the underlying factor, no one knows. And like all games of political football, we’ll never know. Our own University Congress can second that motion.

Is it, being one of two major military powers, that the United States has a moral responsibility to defend those less fortunate than ourselves? On Sunday, the United States and its European allies announced a plan to airlift at least 100,000 ethnic Albanians to shelter. Or could it be what some call “political priority?” After all, “democratizing” has been at the top of America’s goal list for some time now. Or maybe it could be justified by Albania’s obvious economic need.

In this case, experts say all three factors are of relevance. But thus far Clinton has put most emphasis on the tragedies revolving around the Balkans.

This undoubtedly is the least of Clinton’s reasons, but is the best way to try and salvage whatever might be left of his reputation.

Could the reason for becoming all too closely involved be completely self-serving? A pathetic thought ... it may be his only recourse in earning an honorable place in the history books.

Regardless, the United States is not here to fight everyone else’s battles ... Yes, I know we have soldiers who are prisoner of war, but those brave fellows would be safe and home with their families if we didn’t put the problems of others on our backs.

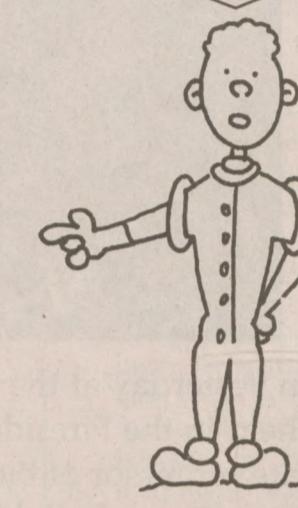
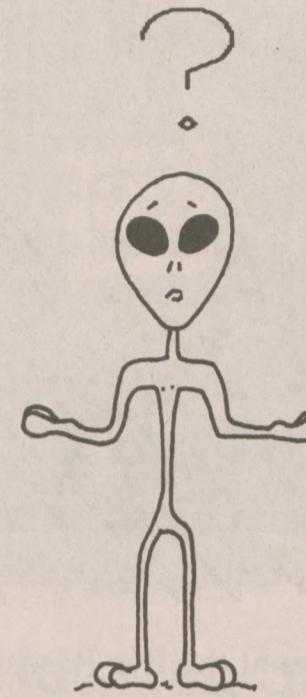
But, hell, the Albanian/Serbian war isn’t the only feud going on across the oceans. Consider this. More than hundreds of thousands have been killed in Africa in a civil war that’s been happening for years between two rival tribes, the Hutus and Tutsis. Maybe they need our help.

JEANNEE KIRKALDY

If you wish to comment on this editorial or any other story in this issue send an e-mail to oakpost@oakland.edu

# PERSPECTIVES

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Alcohol Screening Day tomorrow

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many OU students have ever woken up next to someone they didn’t know and couldn’t remember how they got there? How many students have failed a test or done poorly on a paper because they were hung over?

Because we know that these are situations faced by college students all too often, OU’s Counseling Center is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day.

Tomorrow students can take a self-test for alcohol problems and attend educational sessions that will answer important questions about alcohol use. Some topics include:

- How many drinks are considered “binge-drinking?”
- How do you know if you or a friend has a drinking problem?
- Why can some people handle more alcohol than others?
- Where can you go for help if you are concerned about yourself or a friend?

Students who attend will also have the opportunity to complete an anonymous written questionnaire about alcohol, talk one-on-one with a trained individual who can answer their questions more specifically, and, if appropriate, direct them to support or treatment services.

Research tells us that the 18-21 age range is the developmental period of heaviest alcohol consumption for most drinkers in the United States. Binge-drinking is the type of alcohol problem most often engaged in by this age range.

In fact, a 1997 study found that 42.7 percent

of college students reported binge-drinking at least once within two weeks of being surveyed. The dangers of binge-drinking can include property damage, disciplinary problems, poor academic performance and physical injury, illness, and even death.

The college component of the National Alcohol Screening Day focuses on binge-drinking and alcohol poisoning, but also educates students about the clinical disorders of alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

The Counseling Center is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day because we believe that students need information to make informed choices about their alcohol use as well as guidance and understanding when things go wrong. This anonymous program is designed to make it easy for anyone on campus to explore their use of alcohol, and their attitudes around alcohol in a non-threatening, stigma-free environment.

I know from my work with OU students that many are concerned about their levels of alcohol use and want more answers. I hope that students will take advantage of this offering and turn out in large numbers to this event.

Students who wish to attend can come to Graham Health Center on April 8. We will be offering two screenings, 12-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Make a point to attend.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hartman, Psy.D, LLP  
 Coordinator of Substance Abuse Services  
 OU Counseling Center

Professor says  
 Post writer  
 uninformed

Dear Editor,

(The March 31) editorial refers to student apathy concerning student government elections.

It then goes on to give a fairly superficial analysis of the candidates, slogans, friends, etc. and ends with a rather tepid recommendation to “go with the underdog.”

If the writer of the editorial is no better informed than this, and is not prepared to learn more about the issues and the candidates, it is perhaps not surprising the average student is both uninformed and apathetic.

Sincerely,

David W. Shantz  
 Associate Professor of Psychology

*Editor's note: News Editor Lidija Milic, author of the March 31, 1999 editorial, has been in charge of the coverage of this year's student elections. On the first day of voting, many students asked her for a “one-sentence scoop on all three candidates” to help in their decision-making; thus the aforementioned editorial.*

### GUEST OPINION

## US interference unnecessary

Dear Editor,

President Bill Clinton has authorized the U.S. military to engage in air strikes against a country with whom we are not at war, to end centuries’ old ethnic conflict which does not threaten the United States, in a part of Europe in which we have no national self-interest.

Why? Why are American soldiers being sent off to die in this Balkan wasteland?

Bill Clinton has answered: “It’s a moral imperative.” The President’s “moral imperative” is motivated entirely by the desire to sacrifice American soldiers as global policemen.

The essence of his policy is, “We have a duty to prevent any more atrocities from occurring precisely because we don’t have a national interest in Kosovo.”

Yet, a foreign policy that abandons our self-interest is doomed to fail and can only result in tragedy. Already one U.S. plane has gone down and despite hundreds of sorties by U.S. and British fighters, Slobodan Milosevic has increased his assaults on ethnic Albanians.

Milosevic knows he has nothing to fear

from us. When our legitimate interests have been at stake, such as with Iraq and Osama bin Laden, America has demonstrated that it is only a paper tiger.

Given America’s past failures to defend its interests and the inherent sacrifices of the current action, the bombing of Serbia is doomed to fail.

What is the solution? We must reject the sacrifice of American lives and declare that the United States exists for its own sake. We must return to the idea that our military exists to protect America, not Kosovar autonomy, oppressed Albanians, Kurdish rebels, or starving Somalians.

We must immediately withdraw from this conflict, announce that our military will be used when only U.S. interests are at risk, and uphold this policy consistently.

This is the only way to regain our credibility, protect America, and prevent such deadly mistakes in the future.

Sincerely,

Don Thompson  
 Boston College Law School  
 Class of 2000

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

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

### POST INFORMATION

Due to OC renovations, THE OAKLAND POST has moved to the south side of campus. The office is temporarily located next to the Science and Engineering Building in Trailer B.

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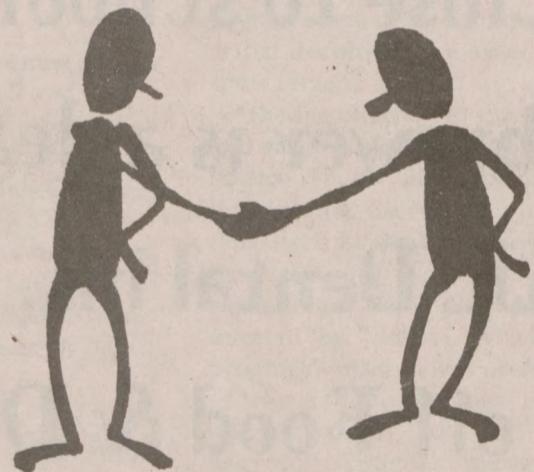
**\*\*The concert will be held in Vandenberg Cafeteria in the event of rain\*\***

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**Wednesday, April 14**

For more info and to sign up contact AMY TOWLE,  
Director of Legislative Affairs @ 248-370-4294 or  
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**\*\*Sign up by April 9th\*\***



# How Music Affects Race Relations

A Discussion  
sponsored by the  
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Monday, April 12th  
@ 8:00 p.m.,  
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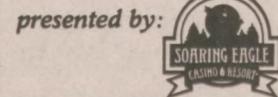
This reception honors all student recipients and nominees of various university awards. The Oakland University Community is invited to attend this celebration recognizing distinguished OU students and their accomplishments.



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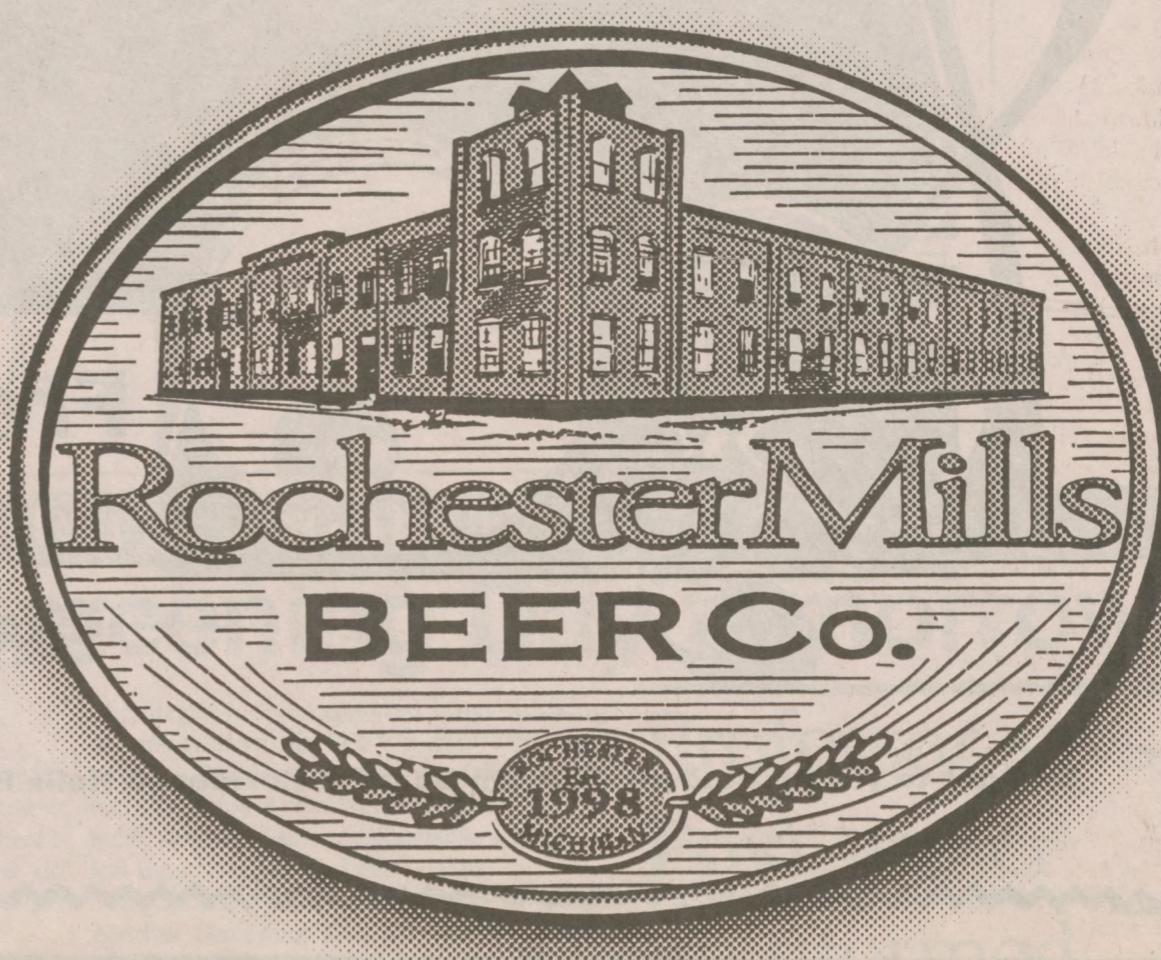
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# OUTSIDE OAKLAND

## COMMUNITY

### CALENDAR

#### FESTIVALS & SHOWS

• Antique Show  
Apr. 9, 2 - 9 p.m.; Apr. 10, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Apr. 11, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Novi Expo Center. Admission: \$6 adults, 16 & under free, seniors 65 & older \$5. Free parking. Call (616) 629-3133 or (248) 348-5600.

• Home Improvement Show  
Apr. 8 - 9, 2 - 10 p.m.; Apr. 10, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Apr. 11, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Novi Expo Center. Admission: \$6.50 adults, family ticket \$9 for two adults and children at Farmer Jack supermarkets. Call (248) 737-4477 or go to [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

• Bloomfest  
Interactive gardening displays, hands-on crafts, live animals, playscape, lectures and more. Apr. 10, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Apr. 11, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cobo Center, Detroit. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children ages 3-17, under 3 free. Call (248) 646-2990.

• Political Campaign Props Sale  
An annual spring collectibles show and sale of presidential political campaign memorabilia, sponsored by the Michigan chapter of the American Political Items Collectors. Apr. 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Doubletree Hotel, Romulus. Free admission.

#### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

• Adoption Tips  
A public seminar on the child adoption process. Apr. 13, 7 p.m. Macomb County Library, Clinton Twp. Call (810) 286-6660.

• You and Your Aging Parent  
A series of four classes, led by Marcia Graham, a registered nurse with the Oakland County Health Division. Counseling alternatives in care and housing, safety issues, psychological changes of aging and the safe use of drugs will be discussed. Apr. 13, 20 & 27, 7 p.m. Independence Twp. Library. Cost: \$10 per family. Call (248) 645-2212 to register.

• County Commissioner Speaks  
Oakland County Commissioner Shelley Taub is the featured speaker at the next Republican Women's Club meeting. Apr. 13, 11:30 a.m. Program officially starts at 1 p.m. Fox and Hounds Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets: \$18. Call (248) 625-3829 or (248) 851-7046 to make reservations by Apr. 9.

#### BENEFITS

• Race For The Cure  
5K competitive run for women and for men, 4K walk & run for all and one mile fun walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Sponsored by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Race is Apr. 24, 8 a.m., Detroit Zoo. Cost is \$18 for registering by Apr. 9, \$20 by Apr. 16 and \$30 thereafter. Call (800) KARMANOS or go to [www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit](http://www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit) for more info.

#### OF INTEREST TO ALL

• Roll In The Silverdome  
Skate in the 'Dome to the latest tunes. The next dates are: Apr. 7, 8, 13, 14; 6 - 9:30 p.m. Skate rentals available for \$5. Call (248) 546-1646 for schedule information and cost.

• Ms. Unique Beauty Pageant  
Contest is for single or married women, ages 18 or older. Pageant does not include talent competition. Sponsored by Menage Cosmetics Company. Apr. 11, 7 p.m. Detroit Renaissance Center. Call (734) 591-8135 for information.

Let us know about upcoming community events. Call Outside Oakland Editor Kim Connell at (248) 370-4267

## Bill challenges student vote

By ZVONKO BLAZEVSKI  
Staff Writer

A bill currently being reviewed in the Michigan House of Representatives may cause voting problems for campus-residing students if passed.

State Bill 306, recently proposed by Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, would make it illegal for the address on a person's voter registration card to differ from the address on their driver's license.

Rogers says he proposed the bill because it would help to eliminate voter fraud and make the voting procedure more efficient.

"(The purpose of the bill) is to clean up the inconsistencies in voting," said Rogers.

"You have to vote where you reside."

However, critics of the bill, led by Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, feel that college students who live on campuses across the state would be negatively affected by the bill if it is passed.

"For college students, voting is not their top priority," said Brewer. "They do not have the time to vote."

"(The voting process) should be made easier, not harder," he added.

Brewer said that dorm-residing students would have to return to the voting district of the address listed on their driver's license instead of conveniently voting at a district near campus.

For some students, this might involve a lengthy trip to another city just to vote.

Brewer gave the example of a college student from the Upper Peninsula that

lives on campus in East Lansing.

If State Bill 306 was enacted, that person would not be allowed to vote in East Lansing. The student would have to go to their home district in the Upper Peninsula to vote. Otherwise, the student would have to change their address on their driver's license to their school address.

"Most students change their college addresses anywhere between three and six times, and there is a fee to change addresses

email, and fax.

"It makes it easier for students to comply with the law," said Rogers.

Some dorm students like Sophomore Sociology student Julius Harden, originally from Flint, still have concerns about the proposed law.

Harden said he feels that driving long distances or going through the process to change addresses just to vote was unfair.

"We are residents here on campus, and we should have the right to vote on campus," Harden said.

Other dorm students like Freshman Kevin Donovan, said they wouldn't mind if the bill became law.

"I do not mind because I live only 20 minutes away. I feel bad for those people that live far away," Donovan said.

Elementary Education Junior Greg Butler, said he would probably not feel any change from the law.

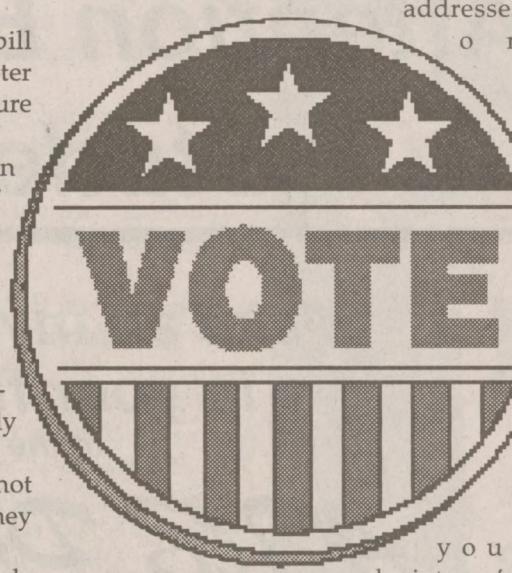
"It does not matter because I am used to voting in the area I come from. I am concerned with local issues in my community and I feel that I am contributing to my community when I go back and vote," Butler said.

The bill is currently on its way to the House in Lansing and should be ready for Governor John Engler's signature by the end of April, according to Rogers.

Brewer is in the process of alerting Michigan college students about the bill and encourages all students to contact their local legislators to voice their concern.

For more information, contact Rep. Lingg Brewer's office at (517) 373-1770.

Outside Oakland Editor Kim Connell contributed to this story.



your driver's

license each time," said Brewer.

"It makes sense to retain your permanent address on your driver's license."

Rogers disagrees, saying that he does not see the bill causing a problem for students, due to other methods in which a votes can be cast, such as using absentee ballots.

There are also newer, convenient ways to change a person's address, according to Rogers, such as via phone,

## "Melissa" computer virus still on the loose

By KIM CONNELL  
Outside Oakland Editor

The originator of the "Melissa" macro computer virus may have been caught last week, but some computers out there may still have the virus.

Melissa wreaked havoc since its release during the last week of March when it overloaded many computer servers with massive amounts of e-mail, eventually causing networks to freeze or shut down.

The virus temporarily paralyzed computer networks in thousands of companies across the nation in mere hours, including those at large computer companies like Microsoft and Intel.

Melissa is sent to an unsuspecting person's e-mail account as a friendly-titled e-mail with a file attachment.

The subject line says, "Important message from [USERNAME]. with the username of someone the receiver knows.

When opened the e-mail reads, "Here is that document you asked for -- don't show anyone else :-)"

If the file attached to it is downloaded and read using Microsoft Word 8 or 9 (Office 97 or Office2000), the virus invades the user's computer, embedding itself in the Word saved files and templates. All Word files opened or started new from that point on are infected by Melissa, which turns the program's macro virus protection off.

Melissa then searches through the address book of the computer's Microsoft Outlook program, selecting the first 50 e-mail addresses on the list. It poses as the user, putting their username in the subject line, and automatically sends a corrupt Word file to them



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CLEAN HOUSE: OU's labs are well protected against computer viruses with constantly updated virus checkers and monitoring.

with the Melissa virus file attached. The message also contains links to various pornographic websites.

Melissa tries to add a little bit of humor to the situation, depending on the date and time. If the numbers in the timestamp and the day the e-mail was sent match, the text in the message will be replaced with a quote from Bart Simpson that reads: "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here."

Despite the virus' innocent-sounding, feminine name, Melissa has the potential to cause big problems for a few users.

Microsoft Word documents which contain social security numbers, credit card numbers or other confidential information to others may be e-mailed to others if they are infected by the virus.

Since 30-year-old New Jersey computer programmer David L. Smith, was captured April 1 and is slated for prosecution by the government, other sly imitator viruses have sprung up.

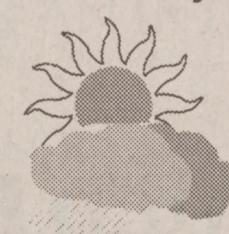
The "Papa" virus is similar to Melissa, but replicates under Excel 97. It sends infected workbook files to 60 e-mail addresses in Outlook's address book.

"Syndicate" sends out 69 virus-infect-

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## VALERIE'S FOUR DAY FORECAST

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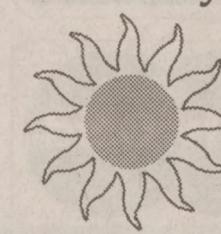
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### Friday



Cloudy / Sun  
High - 62°  
Low - 47°

### Saturday



Sunny  
High - 57°  
Low - 40°

### Sunday



Partly Sunny  
High - 57°  
Low - 39°

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



## The Right Moment to Invest

**Q:** I have my eye on a few stocks now, but I don't have enough money set aside to buy even a few shares. I'm worried I'm going to miss the boat. What should I do? — R.L., via the Internet

**A:** You know you want to invest, and you think that now's the time. "Waaaait for me!" you yell. "Sto-o-op!" you plead. But the stock, heedless of your plaintive cries, doesn't wait and it doesn't stop. It just keeps going up and up, and you feel left in the dust.

What to do?

The fact is that great companies over the long term are great companies to buy, period. Don't worry too much about the "when" of investing. Sure, it'd be nice if you could get in when a company's stock is \$6, and still be holding when it's \$160. But at the early stages of a company's development, there is often a good deal of uncertainty — that's one of the reasons that the Fool urges you to do your homework before making an investment decision.

If you can't begin investing yet because you don't have enough money set aside (or because you have personal debt to pay down), don't panic. Don't go borrowing from seedy-looking loan sharks on the expectation that you'll double your money in a few days or weeks and be able to repay that loan. (Those broken bones and brass-knuckle bruises won't be worth it.)

Instead, make a sensible start. Your goal is to accumulate money to invest. Become disciplined about it. If you're working and can put aside \$50 a month, do that. Have it automatically deducted from your paycheck, if you can. If you're able to set aside more, then do so! Take this time to really learn more about the companies in which you're interested in becoming a part owner.

And don't kick yourself when you hear Wall Street's Wise men saying that your stock has peaked. Remember, every time the market goes down, you'll hear a flurry of pronouncements from so-called experts that the "buy and hold" approach is dead. Journalists, armed with quips from traders and market timers, write stories that play up how "dangerous" stocks are. And when stocks start skyrocketing? Those same reporters will be writing "what if" stories illustrating the riches you'd have if you had invested in Amazon.com in 1956. (That's a joke. If you'd had the foresight to even guess that a company would be selling books over the Internet in 1956, you'd probably be polishing your Nobel Prize for Great Technological Guesses right now.)

The point is that there will always be investment opportunities. As your portfolio grows, you'll have ample opportunity to invest in companies that are at various stages of their growth curves. In the case of a great company with great long-term prospects, you will very likely do well to invest in that company down the road, just as you would if you were to invest now.

### What Now?

To look at the trading history of some of the greatest American investments — companies like Coca-Cola, America Online and General Electric — go to [www.bigcharts.com](http://www.bigcharts.com) and look at their 5- and 10-year histories.

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## CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Spring Fling 1999**  
**March 31-April 10**



**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**  
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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.

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### OU Day at the Capital

Join Oakland University Student Congress on Wednesday, April 14 to meet Michigan Legislators and decision makers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> OU Day at the Capital. There will be panel discussions concerning governmental processes and opportunities for input. The day includes lunch with Oakland and Macomb County legislative districts and will conclude with a reception in the Governors Room in the Lansing Center. Activities will run from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Students who are interested in going should contact the University Student Congress Office (370-4290) prior to April 9. The trip is free of charge.

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## Virus

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ed e-mails to other persons, and one to project1@nym.alias.net that reads "Guess who's infected:" and the person's e-mail address. Authorities have not been able to track the owner of the e-mail address.

Other viruses which have similar characteristics include "Mad Cow" and "Marauder."

Many businesses and other organizations with computer networks are taking precautions against Melissa and her sister viruses, including OU.

Ron Cigna, Vice Provost of Information Technology says the virus "could possibly" infect campus computers.

However, because the campus uses the UNIX-based PINE e-mail program for e-mail editing instead of Outlook or Eudora, the risk of infection may not be as large.

"As far as I know, we have not had any incidents," Cigna said.

He did say the lab had been plagued with few viruses in the past, one being "Happy98", which was quickly discovered and eradicated.

Cigna said that all lab computers run updated virus scanning programs from McAfee and Norton daily, and the network is constantly monitored.

He also added that to protect viruses like Melissa, users should invest in virus protection software and download periodic updates. They should also never turn Word's macro protection settings off, and never download attachments without knowing exactly what they are, no matter who they are from.

Anti-virus websites like [www.avertlabs.com](http://www.avertlabs.com) advise home users to delete any e-mail messages with "important message from" in the subject, even if it's from someone you know, and disable the "use Word as your e-mail editor" feature of Outlook.

Computer users can find more information on Melissa and other viruses by checking out [www.avertlabs.com](http://www.avertlabs.com) or [www.melissavir.com](http://www.melissavir.com).

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## Charges

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5. Against Mitchell/Filer for wearing a campaign T-shirt in the student congress office.

Ott filed these charges:

1. Against Mitchell/Filer for door-to-door solicitation and campaigning in residence halls, which is a violation of an election guideline and a residence hall rule.

2. Against the Elections Commission and Mitchell/Filer for failing to post boundaries limiting campaign materials and for individuals wearing campaign T-shirts within the boundaries, respectively.

3. Against the elections commission for the use of student congress property to aid a campaign. (Andrews allegedly stored Mitchell/Filer materials in his office.)

Lastly, the charges filed by Hall are:

1. Against Mitchell/Filer for wearing campaign T-shirts within the boundary.

2. Against the Elections Commission for a member (Andrews) actively campaigning for a candidate.

3. Against Mitchell/Filer for distributing campaign flyers which named several individuals without their consent.

4. Against the Elections Commission for accepting petition signatures which were obtained on behalf of a candidate who failed to run for office.

There were also objections to the validations committee's failure to place an Administrative Professional on the committee.

According to Filer, the candidates were to be notified of any indiscretions when they are wit-

nessed by the Elections Commission. They were never told to stop any of their campaign tactics. He indicated that all the candidates broke some of the rules, and that there was a verbal exchange between him, Adam Koehendorfer (Moore's running mate), Hall and Ott to forgo filing charges for the sake of the election. He is disappointed that Ott reneged on that agreement.

"Carina Moore has a huge grudge against Scott Andrews because of the firing," Filer said. He added that Moore associates Mitchell and him with Andrews and is motivated by a personal vendetta.

"I'm never out to get her, but it seems like she's out to get me," he said. "I don't care if I win or lose, as long as the students have a voice. If we invalidate the election, that tells the students that their voice doesn't count." Filer is preparing an 18-page report to be submitted at the evidentiary hearing for his and Mitchell's defense.

Ott admitted to an agreement with Filer, but said, "These charges aren't about Carina Moore, they aren't about Phil Hall and they're not about Michael Ott. They are about the integrity of the student body, and the integrity of the office of the president of the student body," Ott said. "It's a shame to the students. Students have a voice and that voice is being marred."

He said that he decided to proceed with filing charges after speaking with Moore, and concluded that, "if somehow, somebody wins who cheated, and that wouldn't be fair to the students."

Moore denied any intent other than seeking a fair election process.

"The reason that made me file

the charges was (that) it was in the student's best interest that the election be looked at closer due to all the violations that took place," Moore said. "The main point is that I'm not doing it for my own personal interests. I would like to see the elections run over in a fair manner and an unbiased manner. If that isn't done, I would like to see the violators removed." Moore stated that she had no knowledge of any verbal agreement between candidates to resist filing charges. "I would never have made that agreement," she said. During the campaign, Moore witnessed some of the violations, and brought them to the attention of Jeff Haase, the head of the elections commission. She was told that Andrews could not be removed from office at that point.

Mitchell feels personally attacked by the three candidates who filed charges against his campaign.

"I think the charges are absurd. I think it is a dirty political tactic. It was a clean campaign, and the elections were run smoothly," Mitchell said. "We campaigned really hard."

He added that it was more than coincidence that after the election was over, the other three candidates filed charges, and suspects that a validations committee member leaked information about the results of the election. He feels that the charges were filed out of envy.

"I am certainly confident that the committee will find in our favor. I just hope we can get through this quickly. I'm looking forward to being the next student body president," Mitchell said.

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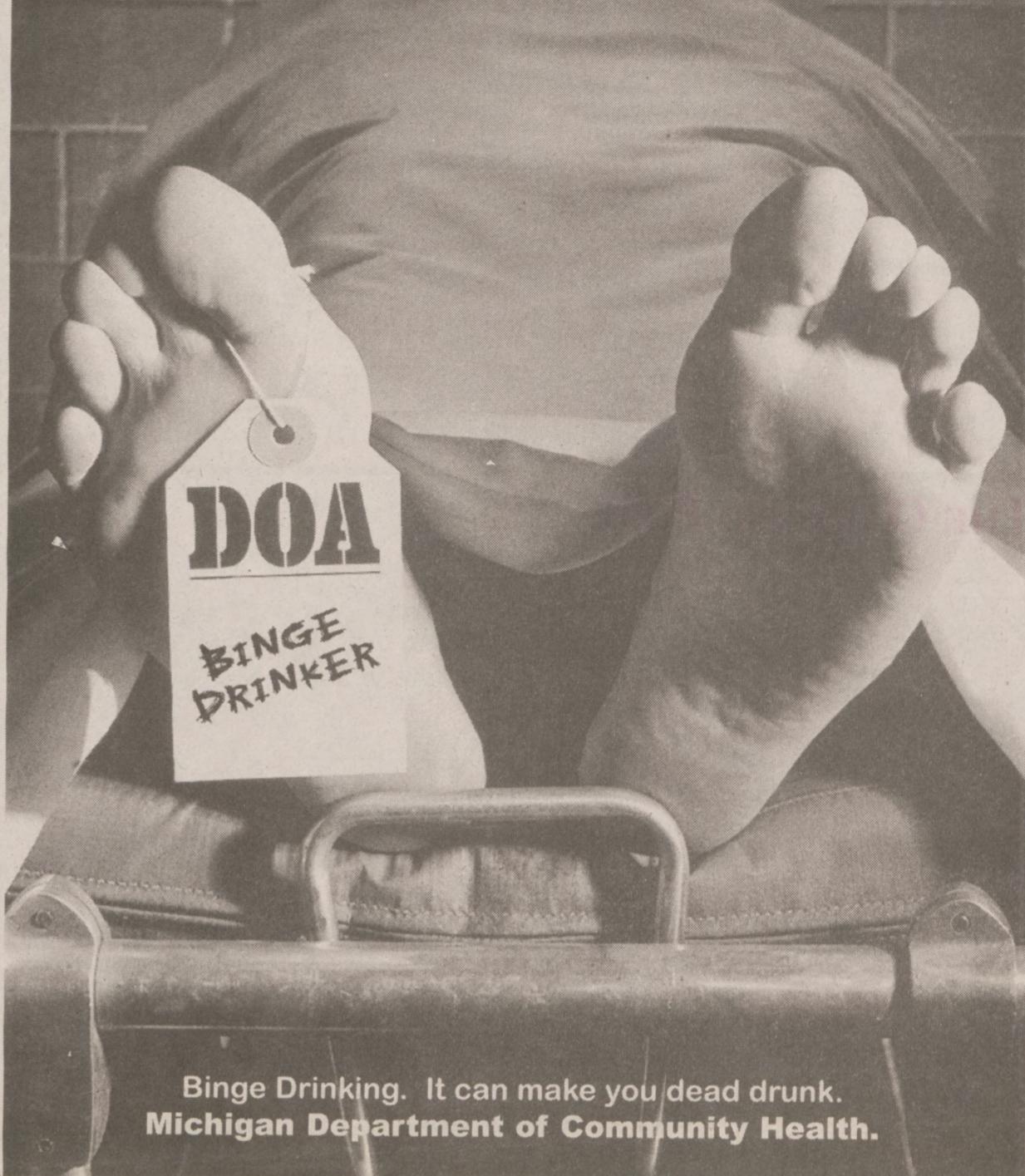
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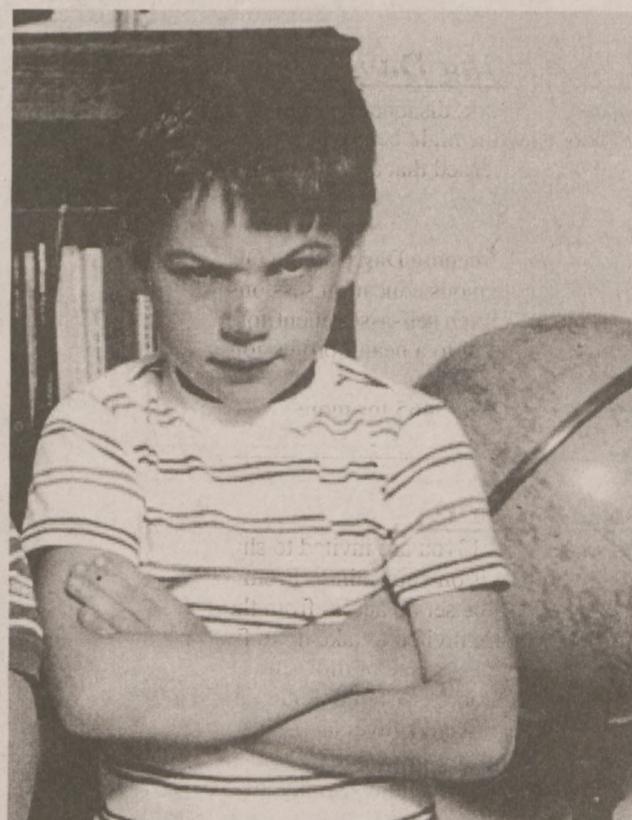
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have a web page dedicated to the fund raising.

The web page is run from the Patti Engineering, the company where Barron's husband Keith works.

The web page contains a list of fund raising events in the area, as well as businesses that participate in fund raising. Also, it carries links to other web pages related to the type of cancer Barron has.

The web page can be found at [www.juliesfight.com](http://www.juliesfight.com) and also contains e-mails of contacts for the fund raising.

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*News Editor Lidija Milic contributed to the story.*

**Wallace's****Continued from page A3**

ends June 30, 2004.

Snyder said, "I think (Barnes and Noble) have done a very good job. The manager (Denise McGee) has been a very strong supporter of campus life."

McGee added Wallace's has said they will interview current staff interested in becoming part of its team, but the ultimate decision is in the hands of Wallace management.

When asked if Barnes and Noble is bitter over the decision, Fekel answered, "I would hope not. Those types of operations come and go on college campus' frequently."

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Section B

**BEFORE AND AFTER:**  
Junior Allison Castellani, exercise science, gets a face full of whipped cream from a friend at OU sorority Gamma Phi Beta's "Throw a Pie for Gamma Phi." The event, which raised just under \$300 for the Wheels for the World Foundation, took place on April Fool's Day last Thursday in the outdoor lawn between the Oakland Center and the Foundation Halls.



# Fools for Fun

By TODD WALKER  
Special Writer

**R**oaming entertainment, an Oktoberfest and live swing music — it's all a part of the new season.

OU's annual Spring Fling, which kicked off last Wednesday with the National Student Film Festival and continued the next day with the Festival of the Fools, runs through April 10.

At last Thursday's Festival of the Fools, snacking students at lunch in the Pioneer Food Court were treated to traveling entertainers, roaming jesters and interactive musicians.

Flying pies were also seen around campus on April Fool's Day. OU sorority Gamma Phi Beta sponsored "Throw a Pie for Gamma Phi," where participants could throw a cream pie at everyone from their sorority sister to Student Body President Scott Andrews for just a small donation fee. The event raised just under \$300 for the Wheels for the World foundation.

The Festival of the Fools first appeared in April 1 of 1997. Since then, Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, has brought in more student organizations to fill the day with activities, creating the multi-event program it is today.

Freshman Peter Varon, communications, said, "I feel that it is great for the University and helps to bring together a diverse group of people ... I feel this (social event) will help bring, in many years, a better name to the university," he said.

"The guy playing the guitar and harmonica was great entertainment while eating lunch," said freshman Nicole Field, elementary education.

Other students didn't have such a positive outlook on

the entertaining day. "I think on the surface (it's) a waste of money and perhaps foolish, but it brings variety to our everyday lives in the OC," said junior Joel Sellentine, elementary education.

Sara Porzondek, an English sophomore, shared Sellentine's opinion.

"I think it's amusing, but a waste of time and money," said Porzondek.

Other students thought that past events were better.

"I think the Student Program Board could have come up with something better to do and use the money more wisely. The create-your-own-video thing was cool," said Ryan Vinson, a physical therapy sophomore, referring to an SPB sponsored event from earlier this year.

Other Spring Fling events include the 16th Annual Photography Contest. All entries are on display today in the OC.

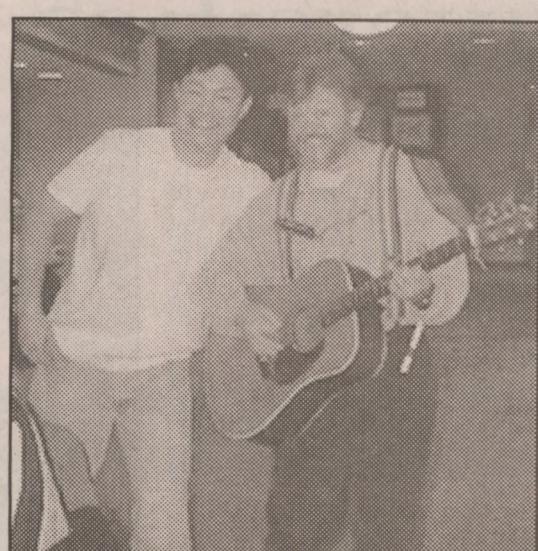
Today's "Oktoberfest in April," presented by the German Club, features music, German food and authentic dancing by a Bavarian dance group, said assistant treasurer for the club, senior Mike Kopmeyer, history. Music begins at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. with a march around campus. Dancing

starts at 7:30 p.m. Polka fanatics can dance their hearts away in a Polka dance contest.

Kopmeyer said this is the first time the "fest" will be at OU, but the group hopes to make it an annual event.

The swing sensation comes to OU tomorrow with an outdoor concert by swing band Blue Lunch.

Ballroom dance lessons are offered April 9, followed April 10 by the Association of Black Students annual all-campus Ball.



**GUITAR MAN:** Students enjoyed the talents of this singing, smiling guitarist.

Life Editor Andrea Nobile contributed to this story



**STILT STUFF:** One entertainer in The Festival of the Fools roamed Pioneer Food Court via stilts while juggling three clubs.

Photos by Jenn Madjarev

## CURRENT

## EVENTS

## ON CAMPUS

• "Parallel Visions:" Exhibition of contemporary Russian and American paintings, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. today; 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Call (248) 370-3005.

• Meadow Brook Estate Spring Spectacular: Broadway and film production numbers, 10 a.m. Thursday; Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-2030.

## MUSIC

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• Dave Holland Quintet, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. tonight; Bird of Paradise. Call (248) 645-6666.

• Joshua Redman, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; The Ark. Call (248) 645-6666.

• Roomful of Blues, 8 p.m. Thursday; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

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• "Image, Light & Structure '99: Transitions," 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday; Oakland County Galleria. Call (248) 858-0415.

• "Flameworking," 8 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday; 12 p.m. - 11:45 p.m. Sunday; Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. Call ((313) 593-5400.

## MISCELLANEOUS

• Bookarts Workshop, noon Saturday; Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

• "Framing Tradition": Watanabe Yoshio and the Photographic Representation of the Ise Shrine," 2 p.m. Sunday; Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall. Call (313) 833-7900.

• Wednesday Night Brew & View: "200 Cigarettes," 8 p.m. tonight; Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

• Kent State University poet & editor Brooke Horvath with WSU's Lynne Meredith Cohn & Katie Scott, 12:30 p.m. tonight; Wayne State University Department of English Building. Call (313) 577-7713.

## Artistic director leaves MBT

By ANDREA BURMANN  
Staff Writer

Meadow Brook Theatre's artistic director Geoffrey Sherman will be stepping out of the spotlight at the conclusion of the 1998-1999 season. Sherman has decided to leave his position after producing four seasons of plays, including award-winning productions "The Piano Lesson," "Arcadia" and "Angels in America."

He's resigning for various reasons, the main one being a desire for more time to write. Also at issue is the clash between his artistic taste and that of the audience, he said.

"It's a matter of my taste and what the audience coming here wanted to see happen," Sherman said. "Theaters — cultural institutions — hire someone's taste when they hire an artistic director, and if the director's taste doesn't agree with the audience's taste, they should move on. This is how I look at it."

"I am who I am. I can't, and neither should I change," he said.

Sherman said MBT has lost subscribers since he has been the artistic director (only the third director MBT has had since it was founded in 1967).

Nevertheless, he said the theatre is making more money now than before he started. Both donations and single ticket

sales have increased.

Sherman said he has a couple of job offers from theaters on the West Coast, but he's not sure if he wants to continue directing.

"I've had a slightly more fulfilling life as a freelance writer," he said.

Sherman, who used to write play adaptations, is now writing a documentary and a screenplay.

He said it's possible he'll move from Auburn Hills to Los Angeles with his wife, MBT actress Diana Van Fossen, and his 13-year-old daughter.

Succeeding him as interim artistic director at MBT will be Debra L. Wicks, current associate artistic director.

Mike Vigilant, public relations manager for MBT, said, "I think we've done some very exceptional shows while Geoffrey was here. 'Angels in America,' which was named 'Best Play of the Year' by the *Oakland Press*, and 'I Am a Man' were certainly artistic achievements."

John Michael Norman, an actor and recent graduate of OU, is currently working with Sherman on the company's final production of the season, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Norman said he admires Sherman's artistic taste and decision to produce some plays that a conservative audience might not support.

"I'm sorry for students and patrons

that Geoffrey's leaving," said Norman. "He has taken incredible strides in bringing Meadow Brook Theatre up to date."

Vigilant said Sherman has introduced a greater degree of diversity in MBT. For the Catholic community, MBT staged "Over the Tavern." "Beau Jest" was produced for the Jewish community and there were four plays produced for the African-American community, the most recent of which was "Having Our Say."

Sherman also created a co-producing relationship with the Plowshares Theatre Company, the state's only African-American theater, and played an important role in the formation of the New Studio Company, an alliance of MBT and OU's department of music, theatre and dance.

"There has been a lot more interaction with the rest of campus since Geoffrey has been here," said Terry Carpenter, stage manager at MBT for 18 years.

"We've taught some courses for the department of music, theatre and dance, and their designers have worked on some of our show," he said.

Other achievements from Sherman's tenure at Meadow Brook Theatre



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**ARTISTIC INTEGRITY:** Geoffrey Sherman is leaving his position as artistic director at Meadow Brook Theatre.

include the development of educational outreach programs, the creation of a community advisory board, and the hiring of the theatre's first development director.

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# LA Little night music



*Photo Courtesy / Oakland University*

Meadow Brook Estate, OU's resident show choir, entertains young and old this weekend with everything from swing to disco.

"Set the Night to Music," a flashy and fun program that features music by Shania Twain, The Temptations, The Jackson Five and more, hits the stage April 9-10 at 8 p.m. and April 11 at 3 p.m., in Varner Recital Hall.

MBE, directed by Paul D. Moran and assisted by Jennifer Johns, is comprised of students in the department of music, theatre and dance.

Tickets are \$6 for students, \$10 for seniors, and \$12 for everyone else. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets, or one hour before performance time at Varner Box Office.

## Student leader diversifies campus

By CARA PLOWMAN  
Staff Writer

On March 26 students thronged together to watch a video on race relations. The video seminar, dubbed Skin Deep, was headed by communications senior Barry Gray.

Gray came to OU for many reasons, and realized almost immediately how different it was than the Catholic schools he'd attended since elementary school.

Since his childhood years, diversity has played a major role in Gray's life. Growing up in Detroit and attending Lutheran High School East in Harper Woods were contributing factors.

"It was always mixed (races), but the majority was white," said Gray. "(At OU) I started really noticing more racism."

His mother, Alene, had two goals for him to accomplish: finish school and not put her in a home. He said, "I'll be the first person in my family to graduate. Growing up, it was just me and my mom. I'm more happy that I get to walk (in May) for her."

The modest Gray has accomplished much during his reign at OU. He was the president of the Association of Black Students, he works for Student Congress, was involved in race relation retreats and is Lt. Strategist of Kappa Alpha Psi. In addition, Gray recently became the recipient of the Human Relations Award, given by OU.

"The honor fits the person, and the person fits the honor," said Assistant Director of CSA Jean Ann

Miller. "He'd be the ideal politician, (because) he's so sincere."

Driven by opportunity and the mentors he turns to for support, Gray has made much progress in the racial diversity on campus. He passed a proposal to cease classes in celebration of Martin Luther King day (an idea that many doubted would succeed). His optimism persevered the criticism.

"If you get an opportunity take it," Gray said. "At Oakland there are people who want to lend a hand. (Shay Howell) is one of the only faculty that 100 percent overwhelmingly supported me. Everywhere I was turning I was getting 'this isn't going to pass.'"

His recent project, Skin Deep, is available for anyone to attend and may be an ungraded requirement for future OU students. A racially controversial video is shown and followed by a question and answer portion, Gray said. Open discussions usually blossom from the views expressed by audience members.

Gray leads the sessions and allows candid views to create solutions. "If you can't be open and honest how can we solve problems? You can't candy-coat things."

Dean of Students David Herman said, "I think his greatest talent is being able to bring people together to talk about race relations. He's very personable and outgoing."

Gray realized we all are affected by many of the same things on campus not because of race, but because we are all students.

Michelle Guy, ABS President, feels Gray has succeeded in reaching numerous groups on campus.

"He has a wide range of friends," said Guy. "(Barry)



*Post Photo / Jenn Madjarev*

**GRAY MATTERS:** Center, Barry Gray, in white hat, talks with other student leaders.

can go from one group to another. He's probably one of the most down to earth guys I've ever met."

In a letter from President Gary Russi regarding the Human Relations Award, Russi said, "(Gray has) made significant contributions to (his) community... (Gray) truly (has) made a difference."

When asked what he would like to tell people who don't know him he said, "Never underestimate the power in yourself to make changes. When someone tells you you can't — go out of your way to do it. Without conflict there isn't resolution."

His post-graduation plans are just as focused as his time at OU. "Eventually, I want to change the world," he said.

# GET OUT

# Happy trails

Springtime makes walking beneficial to body, spirit



ROLL N' STROLL: Inline skaters, joggers and walkers took advantage of the warm weather earlier this week at Rochester Municipal Park.

By KRISTAL KALTZ  
Assistant Life Editor

**I**t's getting harder to get to class — and stay there the entire time. Who would want to be inside when it's so warm and beautiful outside?

What better way to spend the day than walking outside, soaking up the springtime?

Aside from providing a way to enjoy the weather, walking is actually a beneficial exercise.

The NutriStrategy website, located at <http://www.nutristrategy.com>, gives approximate counts for calories burned per hour of walking.

For a person weighing 140 lbs., a slow, languid stroll through the park will burn off 159 calories per hour. That same stroll for a person weighing 195 lbs. would burn 221 calories.

Increasing the rate of speed when you walk will also increase the number of calories burned.

Physical activity, yes — even walking, can have a great impact on your overall health.

According to NutriStrategy, if you walk on a regular basis, chances are you will reduce your chances of dying prematurely, reduce any feelings of depression and anxiety you may have, help control weight, help build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints and promote psychological well-being.

And all by doing something that comes naturally and easily for most people.

And there are plenty of nice places to walk in the area.

Metro Beach in Harrison Township offers miles of paved trails for walking, running and skating.

Inside the park is the bike trail, which is approximately two miles long. This trail connects to another paved path that runs along 16-Mile Rd.

"It's at least ten miles outside the park," said Jim Pershing, park superintendent.

Stoney Creek Metro Park is located in Shelby Twp., and has 6.2 miles of pavement around the circumference of the park, and some unpaved trails for mountain biking and hiking, which range from 3.6 miles to 5.7 miles.

According to Mia Mouzourakis, criminal justice sophomore at OU, and dispatch secretary at the park, the paved trails are the most popular.

"Most people used the paved trails to rollerblade and walk," she said.

Closer to home, Rochester offers us Paint Creek Trail, running from the Municipal Park to Lake Orion.

The 9-mile trail was established in 1983 as part of the Rails-to-Trails project.

Track Coach Todd Bauer from Lutheran Northwest in Rochester Hills often brings members of his team there to run.

"It's a good place to go running," said Bauer. "It's a trail instead of cement."

David Herald, one of the members of Bauer's team, said "It's pretty straight, so it's not very exciting, but it's better than concrete."

And for those who don't want to go far, there are also some trails here on campus, located in the wooded area on the south end of campus. However, some have been torn up due to golf course construction. For more information, contact the Meadow Brook Health Institute at (248) 370-3198 for a brochure on walking around campus.

**Mike Murphy**



**Bubbly beverages face off in fight to the death**

Be ready. There's a storm coming OU! A world-wide conflict will soon spread to our campus.

Lives aren't on the line in this war. Something far more important is:

We're talking about the big two meetings right here, right now; more serious than the U.S. vs. Kosovo; more violent than the Red Wings vs. the Avalanche (if that's possible); even more dangerous than the time when Mr. D caught Willis with a beer on "Dif'rent Strokes."

We're talking about the cola wars — the battle over pouring rights, the ability to exclusively sell sugary beverages on campus.

Though growing exponentially in the past few years (our campus philosophy seems to be "Oakland University: Growing Without Exactly Thinking"), it is apparently still not big enough for two different kinds of soda.

So, if the cola companies get their way, one's gotta go, and one brand of cola will reign supreme at OU.

Sounds like wrestling, doesn't it?

It's going to be a war, Oakland University! It'll be Coke taking on Pepsi in the steel cage match of OC! There will be banners and light boards flying everywhere! Hold on to your fries!

Marvel as Dr. Pepper throws down with Mr. Pibb in the squared circle of the Rec Center! The building may be torn apart by the ferocity of the contest! Or the building may fall apart by itself!

Experience Cherry Coke squaring off against its own brother, Wild Cherry Pepsi.

The unstoppable force of Mountain Dew vs. the immovable object that is Mellow Yellow on top of the SEB! When these two titans collide, somebody's going over the edge!

You'll buy the whole seat but only need the edge when Pepsi One and Diet Pepsi gang up on Diet Coke in the war of sodas that taste bad and have no ingredients! Saccharin will be spilled! We don't know who will win, but somebody's probably going to get cancer!

Two will enter campus, one will survive!

Yes, as students appreciate our caffeinated sweet liquids enough to cause a full-scale wrestling war between multi-national corporations over who gets to pour. How surreal is that?

Personally, I feel extremely flattered. I want gigantic corporations vying for my attention. I have no preference between brands of cola. So I, personally, am willing to go to the highest bidder. And I will gleefully throw journalistic ethics out the window at passersby and endorse whichever company gives me the most goodies.

Do you hear that, Coke? Listening, Pepsi? I'm for sale, just like every other student here, apparently.

Yes, it's possible that we might choose to have a choice, but what fun is that? We won't get to see Dr. Pepper throw Mr. Pipp in the Scorpion Death Lock if we can just walk up and pick either, you know.

But this University will continue to grow, all in the name of education, so that one day we'll have learned enough to think analytically and realize exactly what kind of soda we really want to drink.

But by then, we won't have a choice. So have a Coke, and wear a smile, because the new generation's coming, it's really pissed off, and somebody's going down.

I'm prepared to fight for either side. I'll be ready to put the figure four on any beverage, if the price is right. What side are you on?

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# 'Oz' faithful to film's wonderful world

By JEANNE KIRKALDY  
Editor in Chief

You'll find flying monkeys, dancing trees and these little people from a place called "Munchkinland."

Yep, you guessed it. I'm talking about "The Wizard of Oz."

If you're looking for an entertaining retreat, try taking a trip down memory lane — or the 'Yellow Brick Road.' You can find it now through April 11 at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

The classic 1939 film we all used to watch during our childhood days comes to life wonderfully in this stage adaptation as part of a multi-city national tour.

Jessica Grove, 17, plays the role of Dorothy, and she couldn't have been more perfect for the part. Born in Royal Oak, the stage actress originated the role of Dorothy at Madison Square Gardens in New York City, and is reprising the role in this Detroit production.

Coupled with her twin braids and superb voice, she lights up the stage with charm, bringing to life a childhood story of innocence, dreams and self-discovery.

But she's not the only one who puts on a wonderful performance.

Theater goers will also have the pleasure of witnessing Mickey Rooney in a dual role of the Wizard and Professor

## "The Wizard of Oz"

### Magical moments



out of 4 points

Marvel. Rooney, who's starred in more than 50 feature films, plays the bald, froggy-sounding man to a tee. With his additional improvs, he'll make you crack a smile more than once, and even make you giggle aloud.

Speaking of giggles, the Scarecrow (Casey Colgan), the Tin Man (Dirk Lumbard) and the Cowardly Lion (Fancis Ruivivar) will have you entertained throughout the 90-minute production with their wit, clumsiness and antics. And, even the Wicked Witch, played by Karen Babcock, with her nastiness, will have you charmed.

Aside from the dashing cast, the scenery and costumes aren't so shabby either. Honestly, I'm not quite sure what was better. How come I never see any costumes so cool in the Halloween stores I go into?

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BRAIN POWER: From Jessica Grove (Dorothy) and Casey Colgan (the Scarecrow) star in "The Wizard of Oz" at the Fox Theatre through April 11.

To see a one of your favorite childhood classics come to life, check out Radio City's production. Even with its own little additives, like a group of characters called the Jitterbugs and some ad-libbed dialogue you won't find anything closer. It's basically the movie-on-stage, with all the color and fun

involved in the film directly in front of you.

"The Wizard of Oz," runs through April 11 at the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit.

Ticket prices range from \$45.50 to \$17.50, and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets.

## FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

### TELEVISION

• Let's talk about sex, with "Body Human 2000: Love, Sex & the Miracle of Birth," a less than salacious look at infertility problems, premature birth and more, at 10 p.m. tonight on CBS.

• Turner Classic Movies presents "Jazz in Film," a showcase of four films devoted to the music every Thursday in April from 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. on TCM.

• Didn't see Lillith Fair? Don't Worry. "The Best of Hard Rock Live: Women," features the pillow talents of rock darlings Lisa Loeb, Natalie Imbruglia and Ani DiFranco, at midnight Saturday on VH1.

### FILM

• Cinema Cinderella Drew Barrymore stars in this Friday's "Never Been Kissed," as a geeky twentysomething journalist who infiltrates high school, and faces some cruel school demons in the process. David Arquette also stars.

• "Go," director Doug Liman's follow up to "Swingers," follows a fractured night in the life of stars Katie Holmes, Scott Wolf, Jay Mohr and more.

• Hopefully martial arts guru Jackie Chan will have more luck with that whole identical-brothers-who-are-complete-opposites thing than Jean Claude Van Damme did, in "Twins Dragons," about two twins who ...well, you know.

### MUSIC

• New Kid Joe (now Joey) McIntyre takes a bubble gummy stab at boy toys like Backstreet Boys and N'Sync with "Stay the Same," his solo effort.

• "Abba — A Tribute," employs such diverse recording artists as Hazell Dean, E-Rotic, Evan Dando, Mike Love and even Peter Cetera to celebrate the greatest disco hits of the quintessential 70s pop band.

• Krayzie Bone, Bone-Thugs-N-Harmony's fronter, grinds his way to a double cd, "Thug Mentality 1999," a 38-song solo package featuring cameos by Snoop Dogg and Mariah Carey.

### VIDEO

• Edward Norton's Oscar-nominated performance as a bigot headed for jail drives "American History X," an overlooked but critically acclaimed saga about skinheads in middle America.

• Brandy joins survivor Jennifer Love Hewitt (and the teensploitation genre) in "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," a tepid revisit to the antics of the knife-wielding fisherman original.

• "A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries," a spirited memoir starring Kris Kristofferson, Barbara Hershey and "Deep Impact" darling Leelee Sobieski as Kaylie Jones, daughter of "The Thin Red Line" author James Jones.

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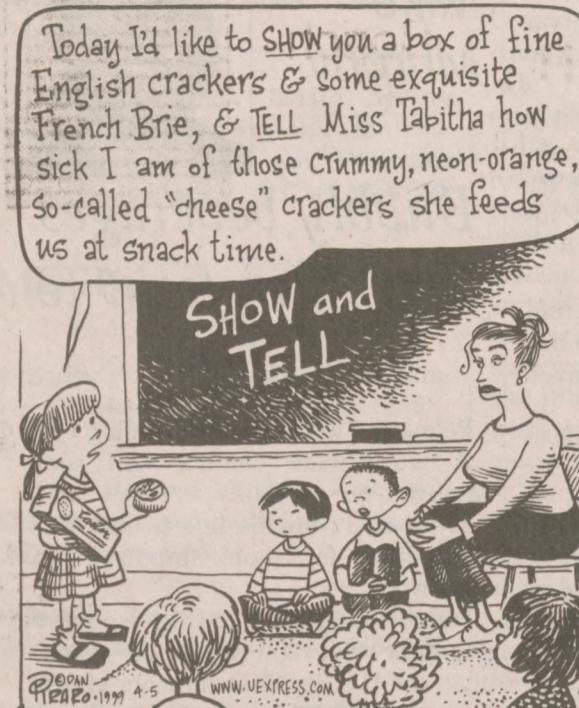
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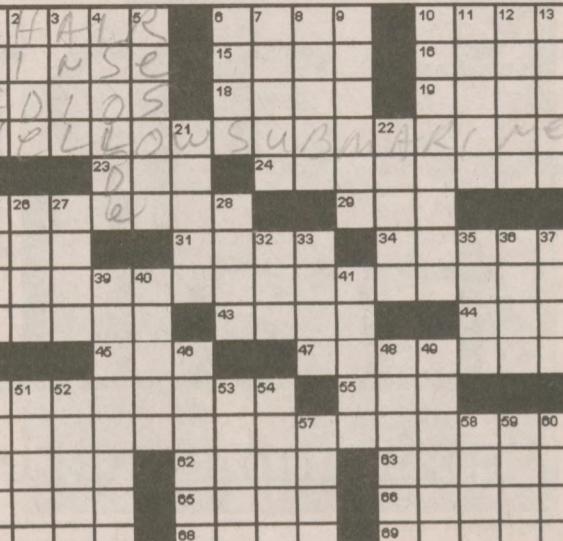
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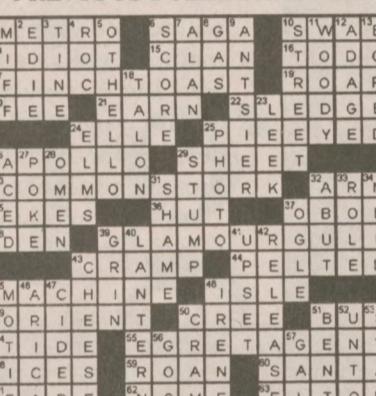
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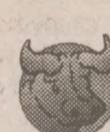
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) - Eliminate those elements of your life that are not necessary. Progress is slowed down by obstacles, you will prevail at nearly anything you put your mind to.



**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) - Partnerships ease the burden of heavy responsibilities. Unresolved issues creep up over the next couple of days.



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - More work is accomplished with partners. Friendships bring spontaneous travel and insights. Show your emotions to those you are close to.



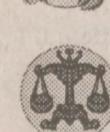
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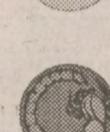
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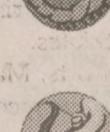
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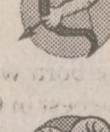
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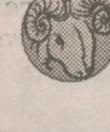
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Your money may increase over the next couple of days, as long as you gain it honestly. Planning financially for the future also will help you tremendously.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Keep your emotions in check, as they will be intense this week. Family, especially younger members, will help you find direction with your life.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Try not to reflect on the past too much now - what is done is done. Work at home can bring surprising financial benefits ... or surprising debt.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Family and close friends stabilize you emotionally. Your energy right now is strong, but too dynamic. Look for ways to harness your strength.



**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Enjoy the financial luck you are encountering, and save as much as you can. Your passion will be at work today, so productivity is high.

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## Cheap Psychological Tricks

by Perry W. Buffington, Ph.D.

### WISHING WELL

each day they mentally practiced shooting and sinking the ball successfully. The genie in their brains did all the work and granted their wish.

Here's how this trick could work for you. Say, for instance, a big race is coming up this weekend, and you're in training for it. You wish you could practice more, but you have a 40-hour job, and your employer doesn't understand your need to train. While you're sitting at your desk, wish for a successful race and visualize running it well.

The trick here is to mentally practice the race as close as possible to the same time of day you will be physically run the race. If the race starts at 7 a.m., then mentally practice at 7 a.m.

Next, make the mental practice as specific and as accurate as possible. If you know what you'll be wearing during the big race — especially shoes — then mentally see yourself wearing that outfit. If you know the specific smell associated with the event, then throw that smell into your mental practice.

This may sound like pop psychology, but it's actually based on the laws of habituation. Assuming that you have a semblance of the abilities you're trying to master, mental and physical practice teach your brain a

routine. The more you practice, the more you settle into the groove, the more automatic the behavior becomes, and the more anxiety is defeated. It's commonsense psychology.

One important caveat: Remember that practice does not make perfect. Instead, practice makes permanent. The same is true with mental practice. Because practice makes permanent, no matter when or where you mentally rehearse, do it the same way every time. Correct form is essential. Many a pianist who need to practice knows that rehearsing correct fingering mentally, even without actually sitting at a piano, goes a long way toward mastery of the piece.

The reverse of this is equally true. Perhaps you want success, but every time you mentally think about achieving it you see yourself failing. You'll probably get the failure long before the success.

Bottom line: Wishing is the art of "wishing well." Coins in the fountain are optional.

To learn more about the psychology behind this "trick," check out: "Spring Forward, Fall Back" by R. Vollmer, Psychology Today, September, 1983, P. 18.

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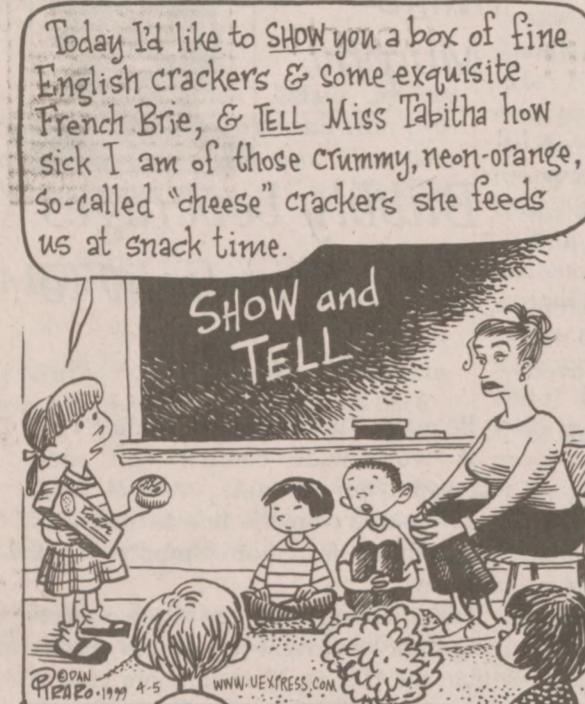
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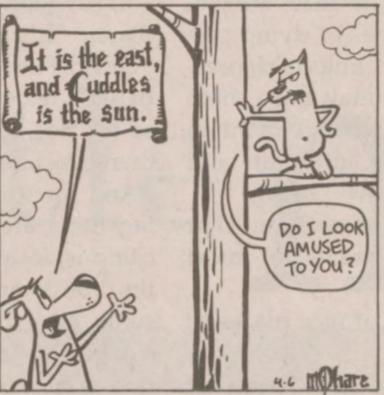
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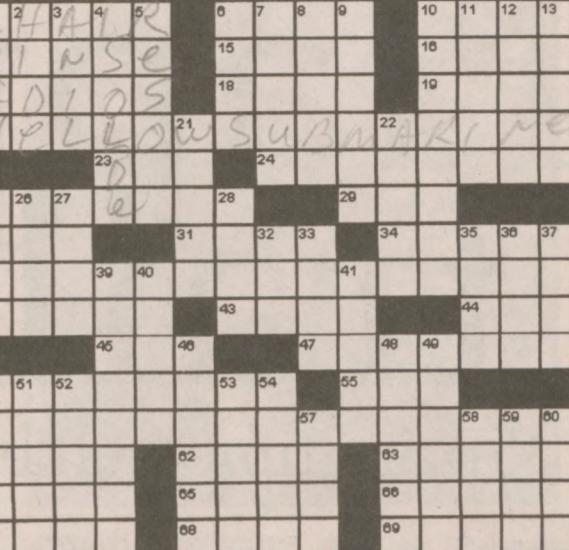
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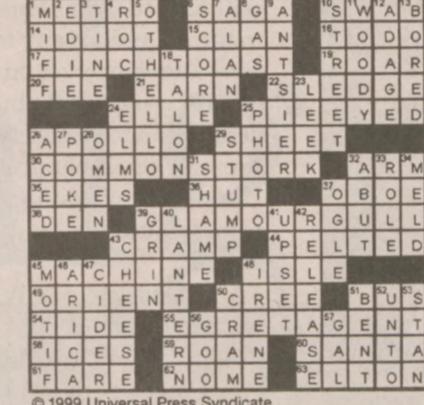
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### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) – Eliminate those elements of your life that are not necessary. Progress is slowed down by obstacles, you will prevail at nearly anything you put your mind to.



**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) – Partnerships ease the burden of heavy responsibilities. Unresolved issues creep up over the next couple of days.



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) – More work is accomplished with partners. Friendships bring spontaneous travel and insights. Show your emotions to those you are close to.



**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) – Time out and about gives clarity on current issues. Conflicts with immature people are resolved by using your leadership skills. Organizational skills are excellent.



**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Younger people enjoy your company, and vice versa. Go traveling as much as possible. Try to expose the delusions of your relationships.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) – Enjoy time alone before your career picks up. Changes in your physical health occur when your emotional health is good.



**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) – Others benefit from your financial insight and help. Family members spur trips which will be beneficial, as well as help you confront past issues.



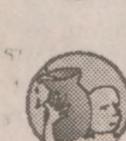
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) – Your money may increase over the next couple of days, as long as you gain it honestly. Planning financially for the future also will help you tremendously.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Keep your emotions in check, as they will be intense this week. Family, especially younger members, will help you find direction with your life.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Try not to reflect on the past too much now – what is done is done. Work at home can bring surprising financial benefits ... or surprising debt.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) – Family and close friends stabilize you emotionally. Your energy right now is strong, but too dynamic. Look for ways to harness your strength.



**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Enjoy the financial luck you are encountering, and save as much as you can. Your passion will be at work today, so productivity is high.

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## Cheap Psychological Tricks

by Perry W. Buffington, Ph.D.

### WISHING WELL

When you wish upon a star, it really doesn't matter who you are; what does matter is technique. "Starlight, star bright" wishers make their wishes out loud. "Birthday" wishers closely guard their desires, sharing them with others only after they come true. Still others require something tangible to make a wish on: Many a martyred turkey minus its wishbone, three-legged rabbit and shoeless horse have contributed to these hopeful causes.

Then there are the people who always seem to get what they want. Somehow, magically, their wishes come true. Actually it's not magic; these people use a cheap psychological trick to turn their dreams into reality. They know the power of mental performance. Instead of just wishing for something, they mentally visualize successfully achieving it.

For an example of how this works, consider the Australian basketball players who wished they could shoot and sink more free-throw baskets. One group of players physically practiced 30 minutes a day and achieved 24 percent improvement. Another group didn't practice and achieved, as you would expect, zero improvement. The last group did no physical practice and still improved by 23 percent. How? Their feet never touched the basketball court, but their brains did. Thirty minutes

each day they mentally practiced shooting and sinking the ball successfully. The genie in their brains did all the work and granted their wish.

Here's how this trick could work for you. Say, for instance, a big race is coming up this weekend, and you're in training for it. You wish you could practice more, but you have a 40-hour job, and your employer doesn't understand your need to train. While you're sitting at your desk, wish for a successful race and visualize running it well.

The trick here is to mentally practice the race as close as possible to the same time of day you will be physically run the race. If the race starts at 7 a.m., then mentally practice at 7 a.m.

Next, make the mental practice as specific and as accurate as possible. If you know what you'll be wearing during the big race — especially shoes — then mentally see yourself wearing that outfit. If you know the specific smell associated with the event, then throw that smell into your mental practice.

This may sound like pop psychology, but it's actually based on the laws of habituation. Assuming that you have a semblance of the abilities you're trying to master, mental and physical practice teach your brain a

routine. The more you practice, the more you settle into the groove, the more automatic the behavior becomes, and the more anxiety is defeated. It's commonsense psychology.

One important caveat: Remember that practice does not make perfect. Instead, practice makes permanent. The same is true with mental practice. Because practice makes permanent, no matter when or where you mentally rehearse, do it the same way every time. Correct form is essential. Many a pianist who needs to practice knows that rehearsing correct fingering mentally, even without actually sitting at a piano, goes a long way toward mastery of the piece.

The reverse of this is equally true. Perhaps you want success, but every time you mentally think about achieving it you see yourself failing. You'll probably get the failure long before the success.

Bottom line: Wishing is the art of "wishing well." Coins in the fountain are optional.

To learn more about the psychology behind this "trick," check out: "Spring Forward, Fall Back" by R. Vollmer, Psychology Today, September, 1983, P. 18.

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# Grizzly golf pars out at Invitational

By LISA BORICH  
Sports Editor

The Golden Grizzly Men's Golf team took a swing at the Butler Invitational on March 27-29.

Also participating was Butler University, Youngstown State University, Morehead State, Indianapolis and Ball State University.

"Overall we played pretty well, we were sixth out of 14 teams and if we finish in the top half in a Division I tournament I think that's great," said coach David Dewulf.

Ball State University walked away as champions of the Butler Invitational with a score of 587. OU scored a team total of 613 placing them sixth.

The individual title was claimed by Ball State's Jamie Brocc with a two-day total of 142.

"I played pretty well for the first tournament, I hit the ball pretty well," said Robinson.

Leading OU was junior Gary

Robinson and junior Steve Skopck each finishing with a two-day score of 166, which placed them both in 11th place.

Other OU players participating in the Butler Invitational was senior Brent DeClark scoring 158, freshman Corey Baird scoring 166 and sophomore Jason Weldy who totaled 155.

With little cooperation, OU traveled to Illinois to take part in the Bradley Invitational April 1-3 at the Lick Creek Golf Club.

"We played very poorly, which is a result of having a young team who are unfamiliar with the territory and unfamiliar grounds," said

Dewulf.

The teams only got in 45 holes, compared to 54 holes, due to the rain on the last day, but Robinson led OU with a three day total of 195 (79-79-37).

"The course was bad, the fairways were long and the greens were hard, I felt like I hit well, but it was hard to score well," added Robinson.

St. Ambrose placed first with a three day team total of 758.

Overall, OU placed 11th out of 15 teams.

The teams included: St. Ambrose, Illinois State, St. Louis, Missouri-Kansas City, Wisconsin-Green

Bay, Southeast Missouri State, Indiana Hills, Butler, Creighton, Lewis, Bradley, Western Illinois, IUPUI, Illinois Central and Dayton.

Dayton had to withdraw from the tournament on the last day.

"None of us played pretty well because of the conditions of the course," said Robinson.

On Monday, the team participated in the Dayton Invitational and finished fifth (311) out of 15 Division I teams.

"Dayton is one of the 50 best courses in the world, and we played better. We had beautiful weather and a beautiful course, certain teams play better under different conditions," added Dewulf.

Zavier placed first in the tournament with a final score of 298. Dayton finished with 300 placing them second and Wright State finish third with 303.

"Overall I was pretty happy with the way I hit the ball, which was my main concern," added Robinson.

# Polar Bears recruit into next season

By RAMEZ KHURI  
Staff Writer

With a 2-3 record, the Women's Ice Hockey Club (Polar Bear's) had a rocky but exciting ride.

"This was our first full season so I think we did okay," said defensewoman Kelli Carrier.

Team Captain, Michelle Hernandez said, "Next season we are going to be in the CCWHA (Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association), and we are going to play against a lot of big name schools, like, Michigan State, U-M and Illinois, just to name a few. We did a lot better than we thought we were going to do at the beginning of the season because a few of our players couldn't even skate, but we all can now."

At the first game, Carrier said, the Polar Bears "got smoked" losing to the Michigan Ice Breakers 6-0.

However, the team enjoyed the second game as Hernandez and Carrier each scored two goals a piece to place the Polar Bears past the Ice Breakers to a 6-3 win.

"We got our revenge in that one," said Hernandez.

Additionally, Hernandez scored once again in the following game to help beat the Troy Ice Dogs 2-1.

The team lost the last two games with scores of 6-3 and 2-1.

Hernandez said, "We are going to be practicing every Friday through April and all through the summer at the West Bloomfield Sports Arena in West Bloomfield at Maple Road and Drake. Next season we are going to have an A team and a B team, (advanced and beginner), and we are still interested in taking new players."

Those who are interested in trying out for the team can e-mail Carrier at [kmcarrrie@oakland.edu](mailto:kmcarrrie@oakland.edu).

# Women fight hard for winning record

By KELLI PETROVE  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Women's Tennis Team spent most of its Easter on the court instead of at family dinners.

The women played three matches two days before Easter, meeting up against Hillsdale, Western Illinois and Valparaiso. The team improved its record to 8-2.

In the first match, Friday, the women defeated Hillsdale with a score of 8-1 winning all three doubles matches, and all but one singles match.

Theo Nae defeated her singles oppo-

sition by a score of 6-0. Additionally, Kristie Mathews allowed only one score against her in her singles match up winning 6-1.

"I feel like I am playing how I should be, and helping out the team," Mathews said.

After the commanding win over Hillsdale, the women traveled to Valparaiso to face Western Illinois and Valparaiso.

First came Western Illinois who took control of the match and won all but one of the singles matches.

Nae was the only OU player to score for the team in this match up. Teams did not play doubles due to a rain out.

However, the rain and dampened spirits did not stop the Grizzlies. The women defeated Valparaiso 6-1 losing

only one singles match.

Nae swept her singles opponent in both matches and, with the help of Jayne Humphrey, defeated Valparaiso's doubles team by a score of 8-1.

Humphrey also swept her opponent in the singles competition.

The tennis team's success has not been handed to them easily.

"The women are really dedicated," head coach Kris Jeffery said. "They are at practice ready to go and giving 100 percent effort."

The spring competition is different from that which the women saw in the fall season. The teams they are facing now are all conference teams.

The move to Division I has also affected the tennis team.

"The games now are more serious," Mathews said. "We are getting a lot more playing time and practice."

Mathews said that the team is expected to come in third place overall next year when they can compete for the championship.

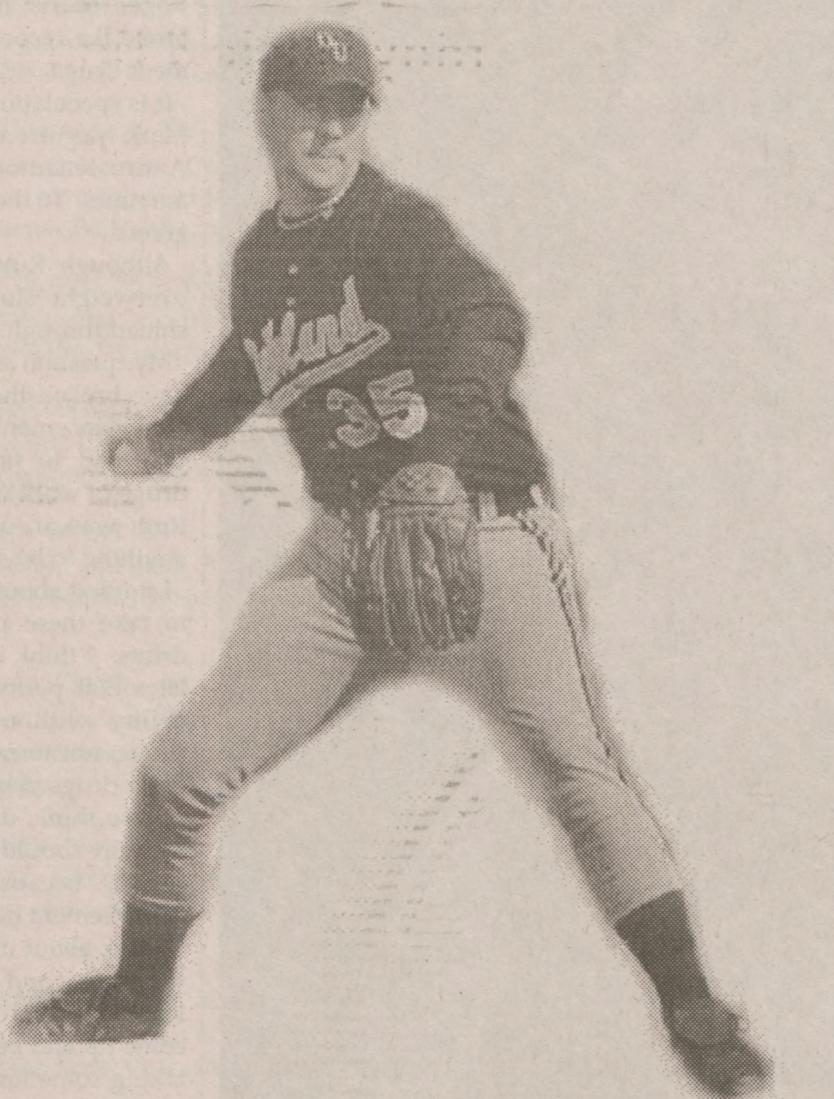
"The women really want to make a good showing during their first year in Division I," Jeffery said.

The women will once again dedicate their entire weekend to the tennis program. They will compete at the Chicago State University Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

"The women play one or two matches a weekend, so this is not that much different for them," Jeffery said.

## Spotlight on the Black & Gold

CHRIS DEVANTIER  
MEN'S BASEBALL TEAM



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

By KELLI PETROVE  
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Chris Devantier has what it takes to be a student athlete. As pitcher for the Golden Grizzlies baseball team and an elementary education major, he has the focus it takes to manage his time well.

"He has the ability to focus very hard," his father Nicholas Devantier said. "He is very strong mentally, he gets that from his mother."

DeVantier played varsity baseball for four years at Flushing High School as a pitcher and also a third baseman. He also played golf for Flushing.

After his high school career ended, he spent two years at Mott Community College as a pitcher for their team.

During his time at MCC, OU baseball coach Steve Lyons recruited Devantier.

"Lyons saw Chris during summer ball in Flint and also had contact with the coach from Mott," his father said.

He is now in his senior season and the end of his college athletic career is coming too soon.

His family traveled to Florida for training camp and his father remembers him saying that he wished that the baseball season would never end, because he could do it for the rest of his life.

While dreams of playing for the major leagues

have filled the heads of many children, for Devantier it could turn out to be more than a dream.

His father played in the minor leagues for two years and thinks that his son has what it takes to make it as well.

"He'd love to play in the minors, it has always been one of his hopes," Nicholas Devantier said. "He has a chance to make it because he has very good work ethic."

DeVantier came from an athletic family. Not only did his father spend time in the minor leagues, but his brother Adam plays varsity ball for Flushing High School.

Also, his sister is on a golf scholarship at the University of Findley.

As for the future, the major leagues may be far stretch, but coaching could be the thing that keeps DeVantier in baseball.

"He would like to coach at the high school level," his father said. "He loves baseball."

With the full support of his family behind him, he has learned to manage the difficulties that face many student athletes.

Although it may take him an extra year to get his teaching certificate, his father says, "His mother and I are proud of all of the kids, they work hard and they've never caused us any problems. It's almost like the All-American family."

## GRIZZLAWD'S INSTANT REPLAY



### GOLF

- The men's team placed sixth in the Butler Invitational March 27-29.

- The men's team placed in the Bradley Invitational April 1-3.

### BASEBALL

- The men lost a double header to Western Illinois University 4-1, 8-6 at home on April 3.

### TENNIS

- The women defeated Hillsdale 8-1 on April 2.

- The women lost to Western Illinois 1-5 on April 3.

- The women defeated Valparaiso 6-1 on April 3.

### TODAY

- The baseball team hosts Siena Heights at 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY

- The baseball team hosts Rochester College at 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY

- The tennis team at the Chicago State University Tournament. Time TBA.

### INSIDE SPORTS

### SUNDAY

- The baseball team at Oral Roberts. Time TBA.

- The tennis team at the Chicago State University Tournament. Time TBA.

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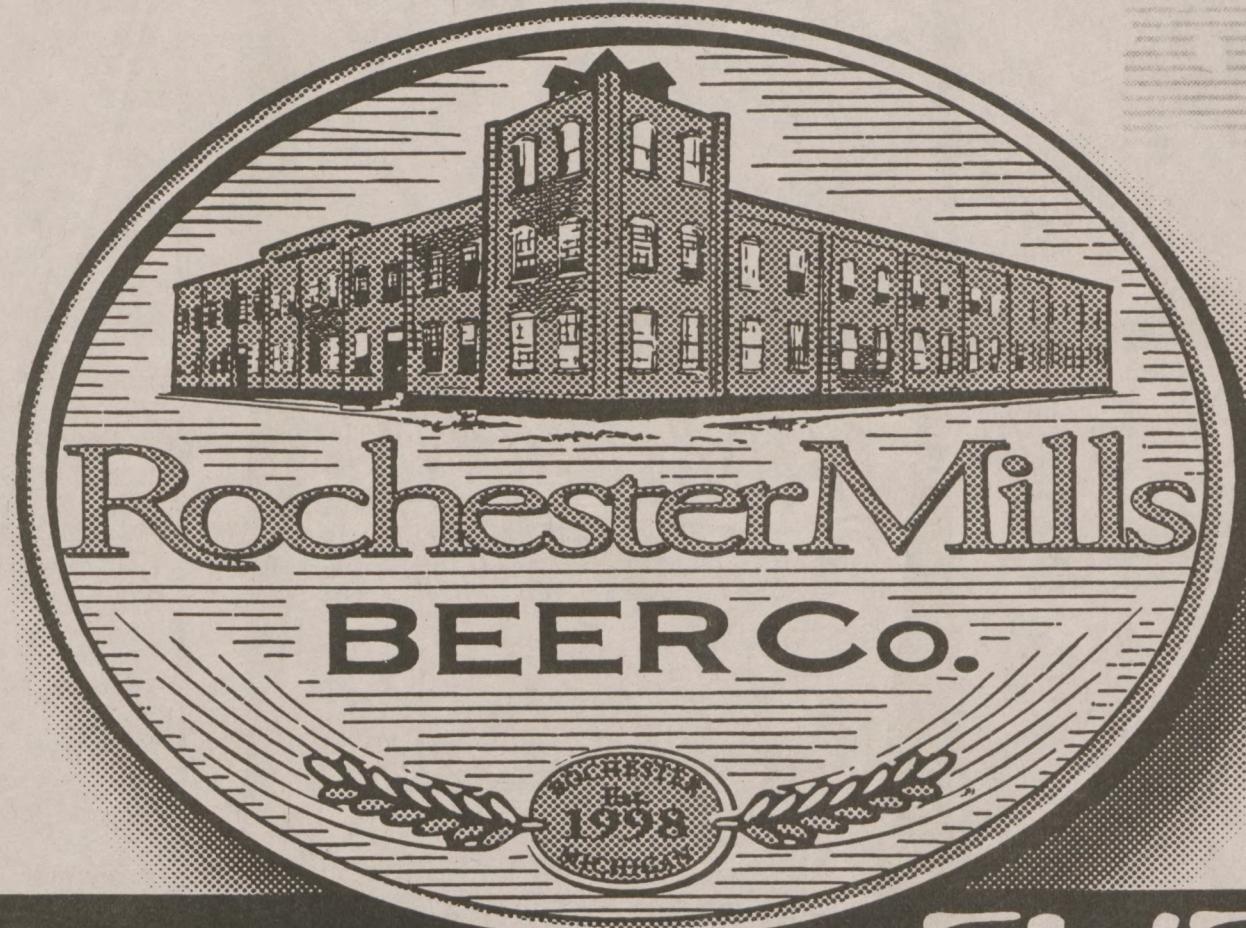
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## Sherman

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"I would hope all the programs Geoffrey has started will continue and as Meadow Brook Theatre gets more funding, additional staff can be hired so we can expand them even more," Carpenter said.

Additional Sherman accomplishments include increased financial support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, local corporations and foundations, and OU. "The present grant from Oakland University only lasts until next year," said Sherman. "I'd like to see Oakland continue that level of support as part of

the university's mission within the community and the state."

Before coming to MBT in 1995, Sherman was the producing artistic director at the Portland Repertory Theatre in Oregon and the Hudson Guild Theater in New York, as well as serving as a guest director at numerous well-known regional theaters.

Reflecting on his experience at MBT, Sherman said, "It has been interesting. Other theaters where I've worked were downtown. So living and working in suburbia has been different and fun.

"Also, having the energy of young people around campus has been very useful for me."

Sherman said his favorite plays produced by MBT were "Arcadia" and "Angels in

America."

Sherman said he has enjoyed working with the actors and the production staff at MBT.

"They're the backbone of what makes each show work," he said. "It's a joy working with them and the stage managers."

A major concern Sherman has as he leaves centers around the survival of MBT. He said an arts complex that seats 5,000 is being planned for Oakland County.

"I don't want to see the Meadow Brook Theatre disappear as an arts complex appears," he said. "People need to be sensitized to this proposal. The survival of MBT is linked to this decision."

He said if an arts complex is built in this area, he'd like to see it work hand-in-hand with MBT.

"This theater has to survive," he said. "It's very important for the community."

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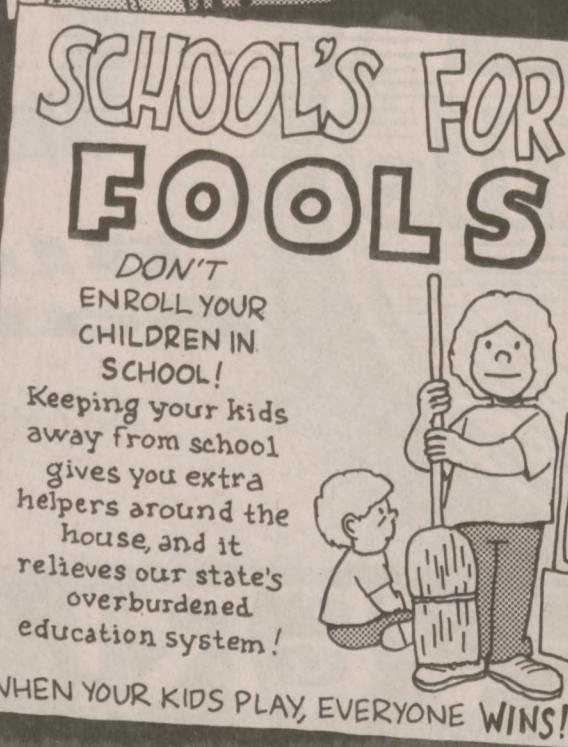
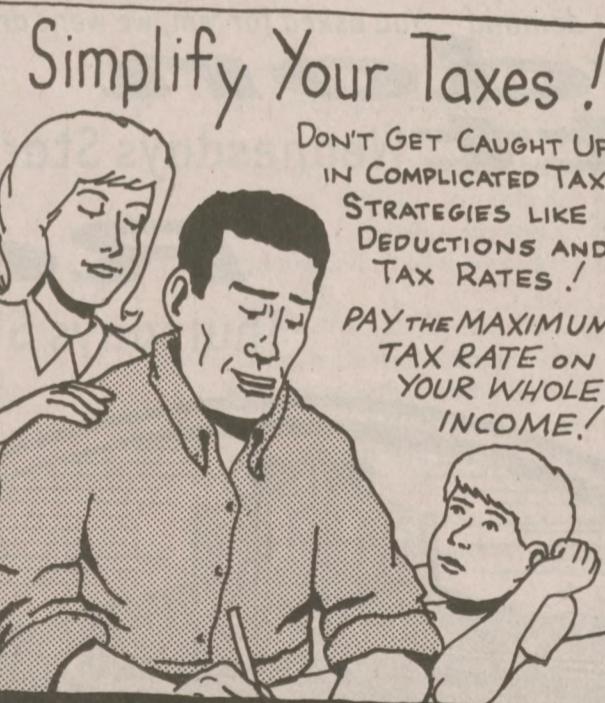
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## Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

### LEAD STORIES

Catholic officials in Brazil attribute the recent 250 percent increase in church attendance to the popularity of priest Marcelo Rossi, 31, a singer and former aerobics instructor described by his young female parishioners as a "hunk" and whose high-energy stadium masses regularly draw 20,000 worshippers. According to a "Byzantine rosary," which reduces time spent in prayer, and buckets of holy water doused by assistants over the screaming, rock-concert-like fans. Wrote a leading Brazilian magazine, "You can't deny that to be Catholic is cool now."

In March, a federal judge in Syracuse, N.Y., rejected the latest lawsuit by Donald Drusky of East McKeesport, Pa., in his 30-year battle against USX Corp. for ruining his life by firing him in 1968. Drusky had sued "God... the sovereign ruler of the universe" for taking "no corrective action" against Drusky's enemies and demanded that God compensate him with professional guitar-playing skills and the resurrection of his mother. Drusky argued that under the federal rules of civil procedure, he would win a default judgment if God failed to show up in court.

### LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

In March, Cairo, Egypt, school superintendent Maryann Maurice, 57, was jailed for illegal street begging; she said she earned about \$150 a day, the same amount the school paid her monthly. Also, in March, retired Russian army Col. Dmitry Setrakov, 69, was arrested after a brief standoff at a downtown Moscow bank; he had pulled a shotgun in an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw about \$22,000 from his own account, which, like nearly everyone else's, is frozen. And the London Daily Telegraph reported in March that Russian soldiers in Chechnya had sold off at least 100 of their colleagues to the other side for as little as \$17 each; the Chechens ransom the Russian soldiers back to their families.

### COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

Among the reasons given by an unidentified Buffalo, N.Y., police officer in February in his request for full disability pay based on psychological injury was his having walked into a stationhouse in 1997 to find other officers celebrating an Easter Sunday mass. According to the officer's lawyer, visualizing the stationhouse now causes him such emotional turmoil that he is not able to perform his duties.

After All, He's an Olympic Athlete: According to records released in January by the world track and field organization IAAF, U.S. medal-winning sprinter Dennis Mitchell denied he had taken performance-enhancing drugs, despite a positive test result. Mitchell said his testosterone was high only because he had sex four times the night before.

Bruce Charles Davis, 36, explaining in November to an employee of a U.S. Bank branch in Sacramento, Calif., why he had just robbed the place: "I only wanted to teach you a lesson. I want a job in bank security." Davis would have been more plausible had he not already had five bank robbery convictions and another one pending.

Alaskan gubernatorial candidate John Lindauer, during a debate in Ketchikan in October, tried to explain why he had been inconsistent as to when his wife had donated to his campaign. (If given in 1997, the donation would be legal; if given during the campaign, illegal.) According to Lindauer, "I said, and (my opponents) took this shot through a radio station mirror, I believe, and took one sentence I was saying." (Lindauer never explained what a radio station mirror was, lost in November, and as of March was facing an ethics investigation about the gift.)

### WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

Leo Koskela, 62, was rescued in Gresham, Ore., in November after being trapped underneath a train. According to police, he was standing between two tracks and was hit by a slow-moving westbound train that dragged him 15 feet before he broke free, but then fell into the path of a slow-moving eastbound train that dragged him 18 feet, thus leaving him in just about his original position.

In February, David Ibrahim filed a lawsuit in San Diego against several law enforcement agencies for \$125,000 to cover the inconvenience and humiliation he suffered when jailed for seven days when police discovered methamphetamine in the gas tank of his Dodge Ram truck. Eventually, authorities came to realize that the meth had been placed in the truck by a drug dealer before the Drug Enforcement Administration seized it in a raid, but that DEA failed to find the stash before Ibrahim bought the truck at auction. (On the other hand, police got a search warrant for Ibrahim's home, based on their truck stash, and in a startling coincidence found 93 grams of methamphetamine that did not come from the truck.)

Turf 'n' Surf: Sergio Gutierrez, 22, was rescued by farmers near Santa Rosa, Calif., in December after his tractor-trailer collided with an exceptionally large bear and spun out of control. Gutierrez was thrown from the cab, but the truck slid toward him and a door ripped open, spilling the huge cargo of frozen mackerel on top of him.

### UPDATES

In a high-profile trial in St. Paul, Minn., reported in News of the Weird in 1997, members of the well-to-do family of Gerald and Judy Dick were charged with hiring a personal shoplifter to steal expensive goods from Dayton's department store (although ultimately only Judy was convicted, and on a lesser charge). In February 1999, the Dicks' son Jim, 34, who had been accused in 1997 of paying a shoplifter \$800 for \$6,000 worth of Dayton's clothing and who now works as a professional model, was hired for Dayton's new spring fashions advertising campaign, apparently without Dayton's executives realizing it. News of the Weird reported in October 1998 on the on-the-job death by snake bite of serpent-handling preacher John W. (Punkin) Brown Jr. Because Brown's wife died three years earlier (also of a snake bite during services in Kentucky), the Browns' three children were objects of a custody fight between the two sets of grandparents. In February 1999, the wife's parents won primary custody, in a Newport, Tenn., hearing, in part because Mr. Brown's parents had allegedly violated an earlier court order never to take the children to a snake-handling church.

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