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FAST facts

•The OU Student Congress announced the official opening of the 24-hour Dodge Corridor Computer Lab at its Monday meeting. Also created was an ad hoc committee to strategize the distribution of \$3,000 of Student Congress scholarship money.

• GRE Test Prep Workshop Offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, this workshop will meet for four Tuesdays and three Thursdays from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. beginning November 2nd. Sessions will be held at Seaholm High School in Birmingham. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125

• FAFSA recall not an issue. A recently announced national recall of next year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid will not affect OU students. The Financial Aid office has not made its order for the coming year yet, so when FAFSA forms are ordered in early November, the forms will be corrected.

Campus becomes alcohol aware

• SOBERING OU STUDENTS •

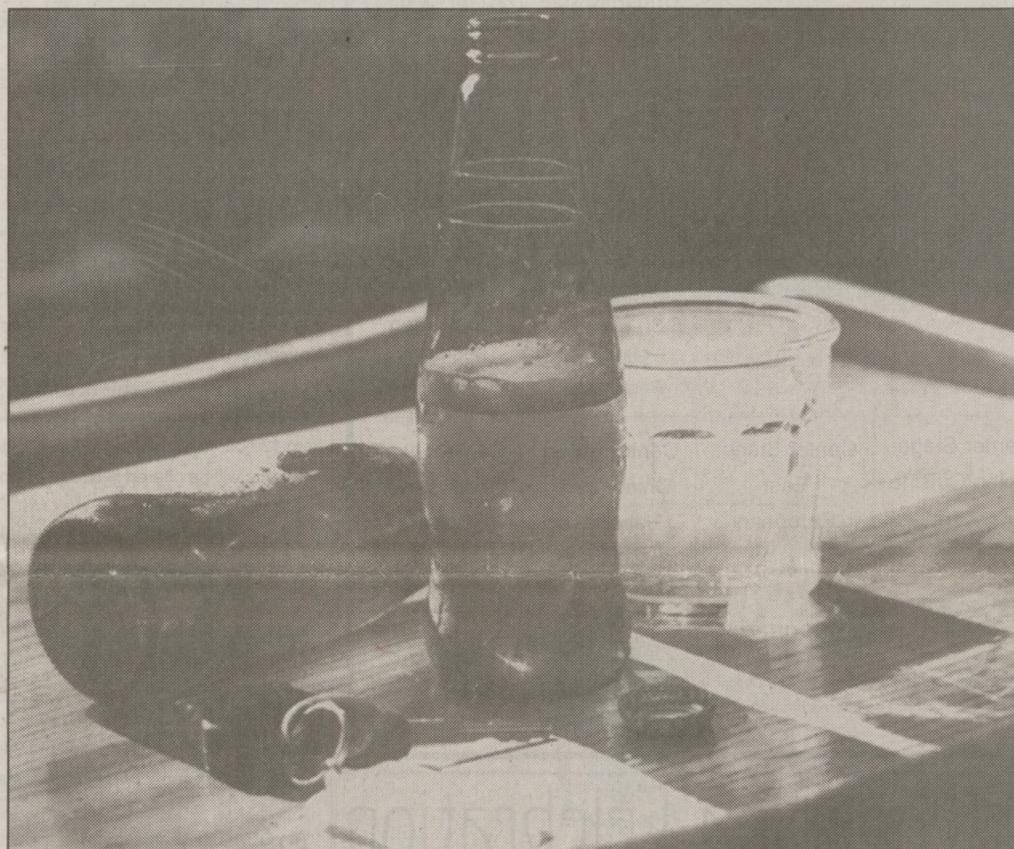


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ALCOHOL AWARENESS: Students observed a drunk driving stop and a mock drunk driving trial as part of OU's Alcohol Awareness Week.

Students at OU got the chance to experience both a drunken driving stop and a mock drunken driving trial last Wednesday, October 20th, during Alcohol Awareness Week.

During the lunch hour in the Fireside Lounge, Sgt. Gordon, of the OU police department, went over what goes on when an officer stops a suspected drunken driver and the methods of testing whether a suspect is sober or not. To give the audience an idea of the danger of drunken driving, Sgt. Gordon began by stating some statistics. Just nine years ago 22,000 deaths were attributed to drunken driving accidents. That is the number of people it would take to fill three jumbo jets. That number dropped to 17,000 in 1995. Also, one third of all drunken drivers are repeat offenders, according to Sgt. Gordon. A law passed this month is expected to deter repeat offenders by eliminating plea-bargaining for those accused of drunken driving.

Following this short lecture, Sgt. Gordon demonstrated a number of sobriety tests on five "happy" OU students. According to Jean Ann Miller, OU did not supply the students with alcohol, but did monitor them through out the day to make sure that they were not drinking before they took the tests and that they did not drive after drinking. The tests used by Gordon were alphabet recitation, heel-to-toe walking, counting backwards, balance tests, coordination tests, and Breathalyzer test.

Two women and three men were tested, their results are as follows: Both women recited the alphabet perfectly, one woman did not stop counting backwards at the desired number, the other swayed a bit during the balance test, the first woman's breath test result was .095, the other's was .02. Sgt. Gordon said the second woman, who drank the most had the lowest blood alcohol lever (BAL) due to slow absorption time. The first and second men passed all tests well; their breath test results were .048 and .045, respectively. The third man added a few steps to the heel-to-toe walk, but passed all other tests and his breath test result was .105.

The basic discovery found through this demonstration was that everyone is affected by alcohol differently. Depending on a person's height, weight, metabolism, and other factors, alcohol may affect that person more quickly or more slowly than another person. Therefore, the best answer to the question "How much is too much?" could be as little as one drink if you plan on driving.

Later in the evening, the mock trial was held in Hamlin Lounge. At eight o'clock students gathered to experience what a trial for a drunken driver is really like. Judge Ralph Nelson of the 52nd District Court presided over the affair as Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Hala Jarbou served fittingly as prosecutor, and fellow Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Rob Giles represented the defense. Student Congress Vice President, Rob Filer, played the defendant. Other characters in the trial were Kristen Deremer, Lori Appolson, and Rick Schenkel. After hearing all the testimony and evidence Judge Nelson read the audience/jury the official instructions before deliberation then sentenced the defendant as the jury ordered. The prosecution was victorious over the defense, as the character Filer played was found guilty of driving while intoxicated. He would receive 90 days in jail, a \$500 fine, 6 points added to his license (which would be suspended), 45 hours of community service and an alcohol assessment to conclude whether or not he would need counseling.

CAREER continues on A5

Career Resource Center offers job seeking services for students

Lisa Remsing
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

It's the age-old question, "What are you going to do with your life?" If answering that question causes you to break into a panicked sweat, you're not alone. If you're like thousands of confused college students, you just have no answer.

The Career Resource Center here at OU can assist you in finding the career path that's right for you.

Located in North Foundation Hall, the Career Resource Center is affiliated with the Career and Placement Services here at Oakland. This free service has books, videos, computer programs, and trained coun-

selors to help students to choose a major or career. OU students can learn the hot jobs of the 21st century, what they can do with a specific major, and occupational information. Assistance is available from Counselors and Counseling Interns.

"We primarily work with early career development, mostly freshman and sophomores", said Cindy Kozak, Career Resource Center Coordinator. According to Kozak, there are many valuable programs that can be used by undecided students. These programs include Please Understand Me,

which is a personality assessment; MOIS which helps students explore state and national occupations and salaries; and O*Net which is a revision of the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

Another very beneficial program, according to Kovak, is the Career Coalition. This is a database of 75 OU alumni working in various fields. These alumni assist students in job shadowing, and finding answers to their career questions. This is also a free service, but

Student struggles to save stray cats

By Tim Callahan
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

One day last year, Mike George, a student living in the residence halls, walked through a parking lot and found the remains of two small kittens run over by a car. What he saw that day led to him working to create the OU Feline Rescue League.

George soon became active in trying to catch and save stray cats on campus and eventually came into contact with an OU staff member. She had been using live traps to capture dozens of strays for almost three years. They soon formed a team and founded the Feline Rescue League.

According to George, he is in the process of becoming an official OU organization. George needs to have twelve people to meet Board requirements for

an official student organization. He is currently writing a proposal to present to the Student Organization Board. Administration is concerned about the risk management involved with handling the stray cats. George said, "The cats are contained in a cage with a handle on it, so students would not actually handle the cats."

Once they are trapped in a cage, the cats are taken to the White Lake Shelter. The shelter offers a \$70 veterinary service. That includes immunizations, spaying and neutering.

The two members of the Rescue League use cages or 'live traps' to capture the cats. The traps are baited with tuna, and the hungry cats walk in. The traps are checked daily, and the adoption process begins. They then use 'foster parents' to domesticate the cats

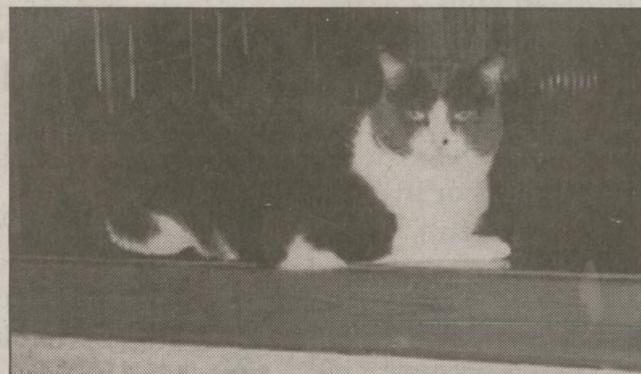


Photo courtesy of Feline Rescue League web page

HOME AT LAST: Bandit is one of the dozens of cats rescued from OU's campus who has found a permanent home.

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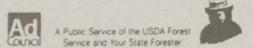
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- **The Office of Disability Support Services** is seeking volunteers for test proctoring and scribing. For more information please contact the DSS office, 157 North Foundation Hall, ext. 3266.
- **Congratulations** to Oakland University's Campus Recreation and Athletic departments. The OU Rec/Athletic Center was selected for the Athletic Business Facility of Merit award. This award recognizes the top ten new sport facilities across the country. OU was among the top ten of 81 nominated facilities and top three for university recreation centers.
- The first **flu and hepatitis B clinic** went well. If you missed it, you can come to the Oakland Center on 10-26, 11-2, 11-5, 11-9, 11-16, 11-23, 11-30 and 12-7. The clinics will run from 12 noon-3:00 p.m. Flu shots are at a cost of \$8, and Hep B shots are \$37 for the one shot. Subsequent Hep B injections are also \$37 and are available at Graham Health Center. There are three shots in the series.
- **Congratulations** to the Men's Ice Hockey Club at Oakland University. Not only did they recently win their first game at the Onyx Arena, they also raised the \$24,000 necessary to pay for their ice time and travel!
- **Keeper of the Dream Award** nomination/application forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. The Keeper of the Dream Award recognizes students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Applicants must be currently enrolled and returning in fall, 2000, must exhibit strong citizenship and leadership, and exhibit scholastic achievement (minimum of 3.0 G.P.A.). Awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 will be made and presented publicly at the annual Keeper of the Dream banquet on February 23, 2000. All nominations are due by **November 19, 1999.**
- 157 individuals attended the recent **OU Family Day** at the **Rec Center**. The next family day will be held on Sunday, November 21 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the Rec Center. Children's games and programs will be offered in addition to open recreation. Entrance is free for OU families.
- Do you have a career question that you need answered? Email the **Career Resource Center** at crc@oakland.edu and we'll help you figure it out. Don't forget to check out our web site at <http://phoenix.placement.edu/crc/home.htm>. Select CRCLINKS for great information about careers and majors.
- **Seniors**, don't miss the chance to interview on campus with top employers visiting Oakland University's Placement and Career Services Office! For information, contact 370-3250 or visit our web site at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>.
- The **OU basketball season** is about to begin. Season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic ticket office in the O-rena North.

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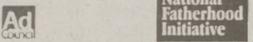
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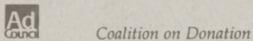
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cultural diversity: completing the puzzle

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- **ATTENTION HRD AND COUNSELING STUDENTS.** Placement and Career Services **CAREER RESOURCE CENTER** is pleased to present a workshop entitled "I've Got My Degree-Now What?" on November 16th from noon-1:00 p.m. in the Oakland Center Heritage Room. Two HRD/Counseling Specialists will discuss what they do and what you can do with your degree. Seating is limited to 20 students. Call the CRC at 370-3263 to register.

CRIME watch

• Handicap permit fraud

An officer on parking enforcement noticed a duplicate handicap permit hanging in a car in Lot 5. The driver of the car was identified as a residence hall student. She was asked to report to her car. Upon questioning, the student allegedly told police that the permit belonged to her mother. The officer gave her a ticket for improper use of a handicap permit, confiscated the permit, and told her to move her car. Police later learned that the same student had a warrant out for failure to appear on the same charge in Dearborn. She was able to post bond and avoid arrest.

• Attempted suicide

An East Vandenberg resident called police or help when he discovered a female friend unconscious in his room. The resident told police that woman had evidently taken 20 pills of his prescription medication. He told police she was upset with him and that could have been why. She was revived, given an IV and glucose before being transported to Crittenton Hospital.

• Very tired student

Police were called by a male resident who reported seeing a man slumped over the steering wheel in a car with the engine running in Lot 5 across from the residence halls. Police found the man in a blue Plymouth Sundance. Police knocked on the window several times before the man woke up. He was disoriented. Police administered a breathalyzer test, but the results were .000. The man told police he was very tired and fell asleep after he parked.

• Backpack stolen from Bookcenter.

A male student left his book bag in the foyer of the OU Bookstore Monday, and reportedly returned four to five minutes later to find it missing. He told police the contents included \$105 worth of textbooks, class notes and sheet music.

Event benefits local youth charities

Alpha Delta Pi raises \$6,000 for Volunteer Place and the Orchard's Children Service



Shajan Kay/The Oakland Post

A DIFFERENCE MADE: Students, faculty and staff donated 31 boxes diapers, formula, stuffed animals and clothes in OU's Fifth Annual "Make a Difference Day." The event was sponsored by AmeriCorps and The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

By Tara Revyn
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Saturday was the day to "Make a Difference" and four volunteer community activities were held for OU students and staff to get involved in. This is OU's fifth year hosting the event. The four activities held on and off campus included a campus clean up, a walk-a-thon, a second clean up in Pontiac, and the collection and sorting of baby's and children's items.

The children and baby items were being collected for the Volunteer Place and Orchard's Children Service. The Volunteer Place delivers baby items to low income, new mothers. As for the children's items, the Orchard's Children Service gives those to children who are entering foster homes with no personal belongings.

Nikki Benning, of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, had only positive comments regarding the 5k on campus walk-a-thon. "We had a very good turnout and overall everything went very well.

There were 73 walkers, most of them students. Other participants included mothers of members of

Alpha Delta Pi and some alumni.

Between the walk-a-thon, a raffle, and a bake sale, the sorority raised \$6,000. Two thousand dollars more than last year's total.

Carol Ann Ketelsen is the program director for AmeriCorps and she helped run the clean up of the Furniture Resource Center, in Pontiac. "It went great," she said "Many hands made for light work. We got done before we thought we would because of the wonderful help."

A total of 34 students worked together to help rake leaves and clean up dirt and other waste at the center. A majority of the students that helped clean up were members of OU's AmeriCorps program, as well as REACH a community service student organization.

AmeriCorps and the CSA sponsored the collection of items for the Volunteer Place and Orchard's Children's Services.

The collection went well, although more donations are always needed. If anyone has more items to donate to this on going collection, contact Carol Anne Ketelsen at (248) 370-3216

OU Ph.D hits airwaves, hosts health show

Kelli Guzinski
OF THE OAKLAND POST

An OU faculty member is hosting a new show on radio station, WJR 760, on Sunday nights, reaching 39 states.

Fred Stransky, Ph.D., director of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, has been hosting "The Secrets to Good Health," a weekly series of live shows, since October 10.

A recent mission of OU is to "grow the university" outside of Oakland County. After dark, when "The Secrets to Good Health" show airs, WJR reaches 39 states. "The show provides great exposure for the University nationwide," Stransky said.

The show's main focus is on improving how individuals feel and develop personal responsibility. Stransky said, "The potential to prevent disease is controlled by our own behavior."

The show was developed with efforts from both OU's Health Institute and WJR. "We



[the Institute] felt that the concept of health needs to be shared in our community and all over the country," said Stransky, "We also felt that it was important to use the influence of the media for this message, when at the same time WJR was looking for a health program."

Stransky has been a guest on WJR many times on shows such as the J.P. McCarthy Focus Show and Paul W. Smith's show, acting as the host for a week. From this rela-

RADIO continues on B4

Students must pay as deadline approaches

By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Nearly a third of the student body may have an early Y2K problem—they won't be able to early register for the Winter term classes if they haven't paid off their fall tuition bills under a new policy begun during the summer.

Final tuition payments are due Nov. 10. Early registration begins five days later.

The new tuition payment policy was implemented to eliminate student and faculty stress caused by cancellation. In the past, students' registration was cancelled prior to the start of the term or during the term leading to problems in classes. Filled

sections were reopened then filled again. When students paid off their bills, they were reinstated into their original classes causing enrollment overloads in some areas.

Students are issued a monthly bill for unpaid tuition plus 1.5% interest per month after the first bill.

Paying tuition on time is important because "we want students to be able to register through SAIL," said Dave Herman, dean of students.

According to Herman, as of two weeks ago, approximately 5,000 students have unpaid tuition bills, and this number is constantly decreasing as the days count down. These include students waiting for financial aid, resident students mak-

ing split housing payments, and those relying on work study money to pay tuition. Also included are students who have no extenuating circumstances.

However, students who have not paid their bills, can still register if they fill out a hold release form available at whatever department is placing the hold on their registration. If it is approved, the student can then register at the registration windows by presenting the form.

Registrar Steve Shablin urges students to get their unpaid tuition resolved as soon as possible. He reminded students that the longer they wait, the more classes will be potentially closed.

President tackles campus diversity question

In the numerous meetings I attend weekly and as I walk all over campus, one word continues to come up both in conversation and in formal reports: diversity.

No one will dispute that diversity is a good thing or that diversity is necessary, but what many will argue about is the process in which it is gained.

One group may believe public action is the way to go while others may feel that diversity is something that people should celebrate privately or individually.

Currently the trend on campus seems to be an "in your face" form of celebrating diversity, using it as the primary objective of nearly every event/award/scholarship involving OU's name or money. This can be a good thing, however, much of the hype involving diversity is just that, hype. All too often people do a good deal of talking about how we can be more diverse or how important it is to be a diverse campus, but nobody ever does anything about it. Ideas and objectives are only half the battle, following through with them is the real struggle.

Often students approach me and ask how we can make the campus more diverse, and my answer usually is very simple: get involved. Students need to lead by example, meaning that if you read



NICK MITCHELL

the Post every week and become angry because there are not enough "diverse" activities covered, don't just complain. Instead, why not join the Post and cover those activities? Or if you think that Student Congress is not representative of you and your peers, instead of bitching about it, get involved. We are always

happy to have as many students from as many areas as possible on our Legislature or Cabinet. My point is that complaining just doesn't get the job done, get out and make the changes you're looking for.

Throughout the rest of this semester and next, I encourage everyone to remember that the differences between us are good. After all, variety is the spice of life. So often we create conflict between us merely because we are different, whether it be black/white issues, gay/straight issues, or American/foreign problems. The point is that we can learn a great deal from each other if we just accept the fact that we are different. And it is in my belief, that if we all make a conscientious effort at accepting diversity, we wouldn't need to keep bringing it up in all the meetings or in conversa-

tion. We wouldn't have to continually worry if our campus was "diverse" enough, because as soon as everyone realizes and accepts the differences between us, it becomes a moot point.

I'm proud to say that Student Congress is dedicated to keeping life on campus as diverse as possible, which is why we are sponsoring Diversity Day. As part of Cultural Awareness Week, Diversity Day will be a fun-filled event celebrating the diversity around us using food, entertainment, and fun as a means of learning more about other cultures. You'll have the chance to get a taste of foods from all over the globe as well as entertainment from many different corners of the earth. Diversity Day will take place Monday, November 1st from 11:00 to 3:00 in the Gold Rooms. Everything is free so please stop by and get a taste of diversity.

Remember, Student Congress is here for you. If you ever have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to ask. My name is Nick Mitchell, and as always, thank you for your support.

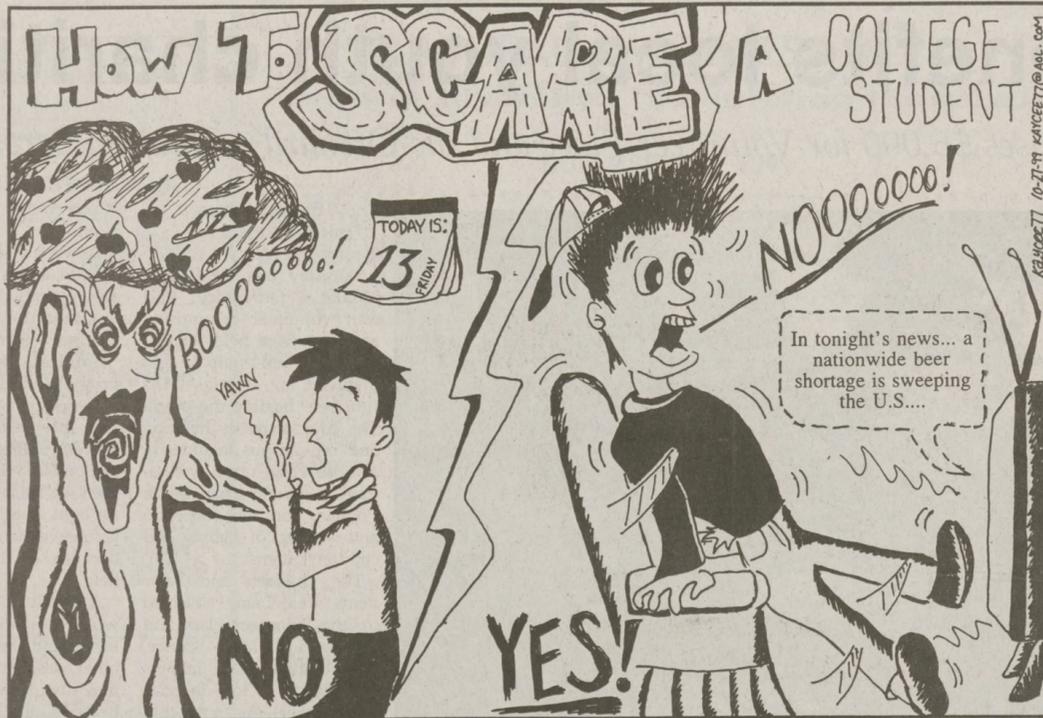
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EDITOR'S view

Halloween, getting "real scary"

Halloween has always been an important date on a child's calendar.

When I was growing up (in the late 70's and early 80's) Halloween ranked above the last day of school and just below Christmas in matter of importance.

Halloween was a time of fantasy, candy and being scared. By scared, I mean "fun scary" not "real scary."

"Fun scary" is watching a movie about a group of teens getting diced up by a psycho-killer wearing a hockey mask.

"Real scary" is being chased by a psycho-killer in reality.

Halloween has lost its luster for the children of today. They still like trick-or-treating and dressing up in costumes, but the children don't seem to frighten as easily.

The problem is today's youth get involved in adult problems at too young an age, so it takes a lot more to scare them.

Look at some of the issues facing our children. Drugs, drinking, teen pregnancy and violence are all obstacles in the path of a normal childhood.

These are not new problems. They have been around as long as there have been children, but in some ways it seems to get worse every year.

In Pontiac, there is a 13-year-old boy sitting through jury selection for his murder trial. He allegedly killed a man two years ago. The boy was 11 at that time. ELEVEN! Think back to when you were 11-years-old. Could you have even

understood the enormity of a murder trial?

What about rape and prostitution? There have been a couple of stories in the news about children forcing other children into prostitution. Also in the news is an alleged incident where four teenage girls were held captive and raped over a two week period.

When talking about child violence, we can't forget about the Colombine High School shootings. The image of that tragedy will be on our minds for a long time. One of the saddest aspects of the shootings is that it reminds us that this happened before and probably will happen again.

Where does all this violence and sexual abuse come from? Why are children harming, even killing, other people?

Some would say movies and television are the cause. Others claim poor parenting is the reason children are out of control. There is even the argument that society is deteriorating, and nothing can be done to fix it.

I wish I had the answer to the problems facing our children, but I don't.

I wish I could fix Halloween. I would make it so children could go trick-or-treating alone, without the fear of being raped or beaten. I would make it safe enough so you didn't have to worry that the person walking toward you on a dark Halloween night, was going to pull out a gun and steal your sack of candy. There would be no need for Halloween night curfews or candy bag X-rays.

If I could do it, and it may not seem like a lot, I would make Halloween scary again. You know, the slasher movie kind of "fun scary," not the getting chased by a gun-toting lunatic trying to steal your Halloween candy kind of "real scary."

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LETTERS TO THE editor

Student criticizes flyer on mock Men's Studies major

Dear Editor,

Last week as I was strolling through Dodge Hall, scanning the bulletin boards, I was blindsided by an obtrusive act of sarcasm: "What Do We Want? A Men's Studies MAJOR. When do we want it? NOW!!"

Momentarily stunned by this sharp hook, I regained composure. This is a deliberate response to the department of Women's Studies credible, and may I venture to say, dignified flyer campaign advocating the creation of women's studies major here at OU. "What Do We Want?" A Women's Studies MAJOR. When do we want it? NOW!!"

Whether this act was a sincere assault against the student's efforts to enact a women's studies major or just a jokester's prank is irrelevant. This message is a blatant act of ignorance, sexism and fear. A poor excuse of a college student(s) use of time and "brain power."

Moreover, the author(s) of this flyer lacked the

"balls" to leave an e-mail or phone number. The author(s) not only lack compassion for women's rights, but defies the fundamental idea that all-living things, big and small, advanced or primitive, are equal and entitled to live as they see fit.

The most frightening thing about this situation, for me, is the realization that this institution of "Higher Learning" like society as a whole, is in fact, filled with people that oppose anything (ideas, beliefs, practices) that is different or challenges their narrowly constructed perception of the world.

The campaign for a Women Studies Major is not only a Women's Rights issue; it is a Human Rights issue. Power to all (WO)men!!

Norbert Ryan IV
Senior
History/Education

Today's issues less relevant than in the sixties, seventies

Dear Editor,

In a recent "Editor's View" column, Editor-in-Chief Jenn Maldrev (sic) lamented that the OU's student body has not responded to the "important and controversial stories" that the Post has covered this semester. In response, I would argue that, although many issues face the University today, it is quite possible that they are not as important as those faced in decades past. Therefore, it is illogical to expect a strong response from students who, finding that nothing of public concern greatly stirs their hearts and minds, turn increasingly to personal affairs.

The article continues, saying, "It's a shame no one cares!" Is it? For indeed, the stakes are lower now. As the editorial points out, "students...made themselves heard on the pressing issues of the day...," and in the 1960's and 70's, the foremost was the Vietnam War. Vietnam was one of the most divisive and controversial events in our nation's history. Many of the American soldiers killed were our age or younger. It is not surprising (sic) that students around the country, their fates at stake, banded together to vigorously protest the draft system. However, protests about toilet cams and "our outdated library resources" would be surprising (and unquestionably weird). Unlike misguided govern-

ment war policies, an old book can't kill you- unless you throw it someone really hard.

Whether you hear "The Sound of Silence" depends on what you're listening for. I understand that, without controversy and loud public discourse, newspapers would have little to report, but this does not mean newspapers should try to manufacture these things. Perhaps there is silence on the issue of President Russi's \$30k raise, but (dare I say!) SO WHAT? Thirty grand- what is that, two bucks from each student and faculty? Let him have it. I'll get by without it, and I don't feel the burning desire to address the issue with my fellow students.

Why not, you ask? Because it's much more fun and worthwhile to spend our time talking about personal experiences in life, to help each other with our classes, and to build relationships that are based on mutual esteem- not a mutual hatred for the school's film toilette policy. My time is valuable. I refuse to spend it griping about two dollars I should have, or the fact I can't find a Coke anywhere- except the thousands of stores off campus. I will have performed a great service if I convince the Post to stop turning tugboats into Titanic. I suspect there are some real Titanic out there yet to be found.

Benjamin D. Phenicie

CATS

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and find homes for them. "The money we spend comes from our own pockets. I'd like to have more traps, but at \$60 each, that's too expensive," said George. The biggest area of need is in money and people to help. But because the Rescue League is not an official organization, it cannot collect funds to continue its work.

If you want to help the Rescue League get going, there are a few things that you can do. Donations of food, toys, cat litter, live traps, cages or anything else cat related would be accepted. Also needed are foster homes and adoptive "parents".

"This is a project that you should not undertake on your own, without some experience, as feral cats, commonly known as strays need special handling," said George. "They may not have been exposed to people before and may have resorted to natural instincts for survival."

George has established a home page for the OU Feline Rescue League. This page contains much useful information about the process of domesticating feral cats and also tells how you can get involved.

Interested students and staff can contact George by logging onto the Rescue Leagues home page at www.oakland.edu/~mcgeorge/feline. You can also email George at mcgeorge@oakland.edu.

CAREER

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students much register with the Career Resource Center.

"I always wondered what I could do with an English degree, and the counselors showed me some really interesting options", explained Junior Amy Stasiak. Many students, like Stasiak, have not only taken advantage of the walk in assistance, but also the internet site that the Resource Center has. It is a link from the Career and Placement Services site, and has various links concerning career awareness, personality and skill assessment, decision making, and goal setting.

Kovak offers some advice for students, "Don't panic. It seems

like students have a fear of choosing the wrong major", Kovak explained. "Don't be afraid to pick one. I don't know if there is a such thing as a wrong major."

An upcoming workshop with the Career Resource Center, Human Resource Development, and Counseling programs is planned for November 16th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Oakland Center for those students interested.

Office hours for the Career Resource Center are Monday and Thursdays, 10:00a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Fridays 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Walk in assistance and appointments are available. Any students with questions can call (248) 370-3263.

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Financial planner Rick Bloom will speak at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at The Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, at the Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Rd. The topic is "Planning Your Financial Future". The program is free and open to all. For information call Professor Harvey Bronstein (248) 471-7744.

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One of the largest haunted house displays in Michigan, it is open from 7 p.m. - midnight now through Oct. 31. It is at the Old Stone Building. Adults \$10 for information call (313) 566-5393.

• **Strike Out Cruelty**
Nov. 13, is the Tail Waggers Bowl at Woodland Lanes in Livonia and the Milford Lanes in Milford. This is a fund raiser for abused and injured animals sponsored by the Michigan Human Society. Call (313) 803-1821.

OU sells personal information

By Sarah Everson
SPECIAL WRITER TO THE POST

Received a few credit card applications in the mail lately?

Wondered how the credit card company got your name? For students at OU there are a couple of possibilities, the Alumni Relations Office and telemarketers.

According to Susan McGough, Director of Alumni Relations, OU has signed a three-year contract with Maryland Bank of North America, (MBNA) an affinity credit card company (meaning that it works with the university) located in Wilmington, Delaware. Other universities in Michigan also have contracts with MBNA: these include U-M and MSU.

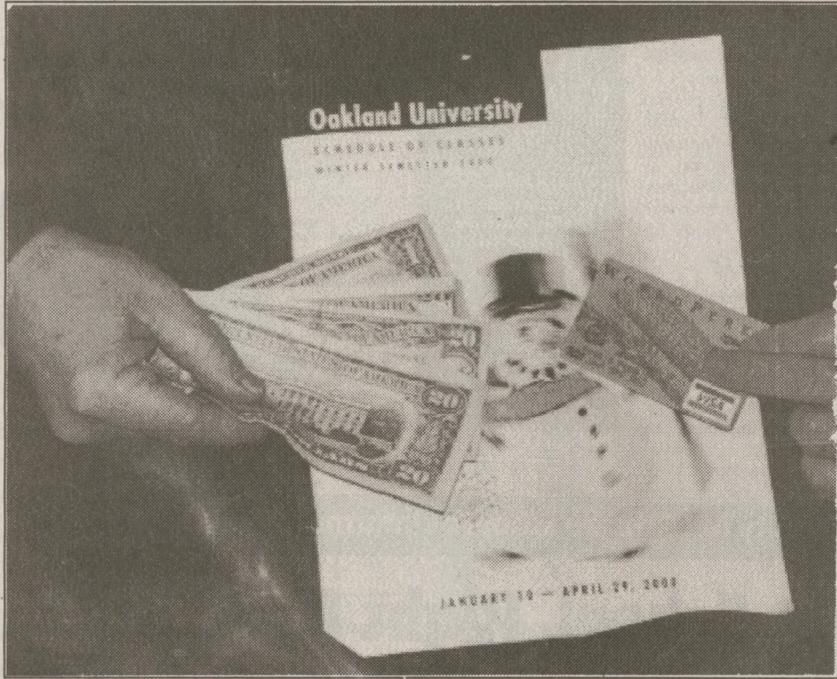
A percentage of every purchase made with the OU credit card goes toward the Alumni Memorial Endowment.

The endowment is funded primarily by a percentage of the money that alumni have donated over the years. This percentage is based on a contractual agreement between OU & MBNA and the type of credit card used (Gold or Platinum, etc.). MBNA sends a quarterly check, which goes into the endowment.

So far, a cumulative amount of \$105,000 has been contributed to the endowment by MBNA. The Alumni Memorial Endowment awards one scholarship to the college and the Honors College here at OU. The amount of the scholarship is the interest on the endowment. According to McGough, OU does not profit in any other way from this contract. Alumni Relations receives its mailing list from the Registrar's office, which in turn sends to MBNA.

Telemarketers hire students at universities to pick up student directories. The telemarketing company then puts those names into a database and sells that information to other companies.

Jerry Sigler, Associate Executive Director of U-M's Alumni Association, said that U-



OU RECEIVES KICKBACK: Registrar provides student's personal data to credit card companies.

M signed a seven-year contract with MBNA in 1997. A percentage of all the purchases made with the U-M credit card goes back to three of U-M's divisions: the Alumni Association, which started a scholarship fund, the department of Student Affairs which established a leadership program and to the Athletic Department.

The Alumni Association's contract with MBNA also requires it to keep the percentage confidential. The Alumni Association then allocates the money to the other two divisions. "The percentage that goes back to U-M is based on the number and type of accounts that are opened and the number of purchases made with those credit cards," said Sigler.

Also MBNA created its own scholarship fund at the University of Michigan. Sigler said like OU, the Alumni Association receives its mailing list from the Registrar, which it forwards on to MBNA. Students can fill out a form when they enroll or register, to take their

name off the list that is given to the Alumni Association.

MBNA also has a contract with MSU's Alumni Association, as well. However, according to Sandy Soifer, Assistant Director of Marketing for the Alumni Association, the MSU credit card is targeted more toward alumni but also to students. A percentage of all the charges made with that credit card also go to the university, and are divided up by the university itself. This percentage is also based on the amount of purchases and how many people apply for the card and are accepted, which also may include a transfer balance.

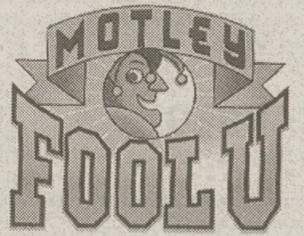
The Alumni Association has the same database as the Registrar. Students at MSU can also fill out a form to be taken off the list that is given to the Alumni Association.

OU students who wish to have their names removed from the student directory should go to the Registrar's Office (100 O'Dowd Hall) and fill out a confidentiality form. This will block

all outside access to a student's personal information (this includes checking schedules with the Sail system, so you'll have to go to the Registrar in person to do such things) This will also keep that information off the database that Alumni Relations gives to MBNA.

A student may also call Alumni Relations and ask the staff to write do not solicit on their record.

Another way that people in general can remove their name, address, and other personal information from going to telemarketers is through the Direct Marketing Association (DMA). More than 4,100 companies are members of the DMA including AT&T, IBM, Microsoft, and the NY Times. Even though the DMA is not responsible for removing a person's name, address, etc. from a company's mailing list, it does send a list which requests the removal of a customer's personal information. (www.the-dma.org/consass5/consasst-mps5a3.shtyml)



The Fed

Q: Could you explain what "The Fed" is? — M.S.Y., from the Web

A: The Federal Reserve Board, or "Fed," is made up of seven presidential appointees whose terms are 14 years in length. The Fed's job is to govern the Federal Reserve System, which was created in 1913 to bring federal oversight to a banking system that at the time was best described as "one big ugly mess."

The Federal Reserve System does much of the mundane work that is necessary in any monetary system — processing checks, processing Treasury securities transactions, lending money and, of course, keeping various large, marbled bank halls well-polished. Federal Reserve member banks and their holding companies must also submit to the supervision of the Fed, which votes a movie critic-style "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to proposed mergers in the banking industry.

The Fed's real authority, and the reason it is mentioned on the news even more often than which celebrities might run for president, is its influence over monetary policy. That influence is exercised by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which is made up of the seven members of the Federal Reserve Board and five Federal Reserve Bank presidents, who serve on the committee on a rotating basis.

The FOMC meets eight times a year. The meetings traditionally include a selection of tasty beverages and fine breakfast rolls as well as summaries of international economic developments, reports on conditions in the domestic financial markets and the banking system, and a presentation on the U.S. economy as a whole. When the members of the FOMC have finished breakfast, policy options are laid out and a long discussion follows, at the end of which a vote is taken that decides whether the Fed will act, and possibly what to order for lunch. The minutes of Fed meetings are made available only months after the fact, and disclosures about dinner plans are never announced.

If the FOMC does take action, it is typically to raise or lower the Federal Funds Rate, which is the interest rate banks charge each other for overnight credit. Banks holding excess reserves will lend to other banks, which may need to borrow funds because they don't have enough cash on hand to meet their own reserve requirements (which, remember, are set by the Fed). The raising or lowering of this interest rate can have important effects on the cost of operating America's businesses and the expectations of profits for companies borrowing money.

Got all that? What makes the whole process especially confusing is that the Fed's instruments are only indirectly connected to the economy as a whole. The Fed doesn't control the market, but it does hold sway over short-term interest rates — not only because that's part of the interest-rate spectrum affected by its open market operations, but because the market, in the short term, sometimes "fears" the Fed

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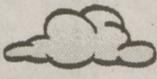
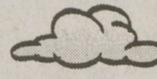
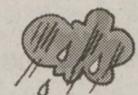
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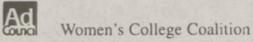
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•Association of Black Students presents the **PLAYER'S BALL** tomorrow in the Gold Rooms.

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•**COLLARS and CUFFS:** The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630-1880 begins Friday at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

•"A Rainbow of **DIVERSITY** at Oakland University" Oct. 25-Dec.1.

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•Doors are at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Majestic for **DAVID MURRAY's** Fo Deuk Revue. Advance tickets only \$20.

•**THE WHY STORE** with special guest **ANGRY SALAD** play at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Blind Pig. Tickets are \$8.

•Rogers' & Hammerstein's **THE KING & I** is going on at the Fox Theatre now until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$15-45.

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COMING SOON

•The **LONE STAR TOUR** will be at 8 p.m., Nov. 12 at the Masonic Temple Theatre. Tickets on sale now for \$29.50 and \$37.50. Includes some of today's best blues-rock musicians including The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Clarence Brown & Gate's Express, and C.J. Chenier & The Red Hots.

A CURE for the common *itis*

Top 10 WAYS TO TELL IF SENIORITIS HAS SET IN

1 You start to contemplate changing your major.

2 You start telling off all your professors that didn't give you the grade you thought you deserved.

3 You start partying and sleeping less than you're studying.

4 You realize that your car is older than the incoming freshman.

Sorry, Brian... the only cure for Senioritis is to **STUDY HARD** and **GRADUATE!**



Students nearing end are slowly coming down with senioritis

By Lisa Borich
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Seniors, if you're experiencing burnout, the feeling of not having any control in your life and fear of the unknown, consider yourself diagnosed with a case of senioritis.

Many students ending their academic career face the transition from being an active student to having just a 9-5 job.

"It's the fear of the known (structure)

to the unknown (un-structure)," Jean Ann Miller, Assistant Director of Center of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

At noon on Friday, OU will lend one more helping hand to those graduating. Former Graham Health Center counseling intern Debra Luria, will give a seminar called "Senioritis" in the Oakland Center, Oakland Room.

The presentation was developed after Miller was approached by a few senior students, expressing concern about feelings of confusions and fear of life

after colleges.

Together with Luria, Miller hopes to develop a support system to guide OU seniors to their next chapter in life.

"It's another passage into almost another adulthood," said Miller.

Miller expressed that the seminar will only last about 45 minutes with plenty of time for questions.

"It's to help negotiate the transition in life," said Miller.

As for a cure for this "itis," Miller said, "Have faith there's a light at the end of the tunnel"...maybe a paycheck.

5 You know the janitors on a first name basis and visa versa.

6 You consider staying to get your masters, to put off getting a job.

7 You become immune to rejection.

8 You find yourself booking a two month trip to Europe, without an itinerary, to "Find yourself."

9 After circling the parking lot for 15 minutes.

10 You have to use both hands to count the number of years you've been at OU.

Senior laments burnout

Watch out, it's contagious, spreading

It sneaks up on you without any warning. First it's just a homework assignment, next it's an exam. You plan to do it all, but then the disease consumes your whole body and you're left doing your studying (if your lucky, and it's caught in time) for the night before.

I'm talking about senioritis. And I have been diagnosed with it by many of my professors. You work hard for three or four years to get to this point in your life, and then your brain just goes numb. It's not burnout, but a simple case of senioritis.

The first year of college, students are excited because it's a new chapter in their lives—new scenery and new faces. The second year is still exciting

because you know the territory and you have the schedule down to a tee. The third year, you long for it all to be over because you're sick of the same routine. The fourth year, you still are hoping for it all to end, but it's getting closer and closer. You get to a point, in your fourth year, where the end is nearing and you just can't wait.



LISA BORICH

Then when you have finally reached graduation, you wonder where the time went, and the real world is welcoming you with open arms.

Shock then kicks in and you want to be in college again because it was stable, and you knew where you were going a month from now, or even a year from now. School.

What once filled your life with

homework and exams is no longer there.

That's why school's made up Masters programs, for people who can't let go of school, and the stability in their lives.

You have that piece of sheepskin in your hand and your waving it in prospective employers' faces, but no one is grabbing onto you, saying "We want you." The only people you see doing this is the U.S. Army.

Throughout our lives we have had a mission, a purpose, go to school. That's all we know, school, homework and exams. It was secure and stable. Now that graduation is around the corner, the security and stability is fading away. Panic is taking into effect.

Not knowing where your job will be and (if you're lucky enough to find a job right out of college) if you're going to be happy in this environment.

We always say, "I can't wait till I'm

outta here," but when we are released from something that has consumed our lives for 16 or more years, many find themselves lost.

Many shadow these feelings by going to Europe backpacking or on a road trip across the country to "find themselves." When really they knew who they were before they even left.

Senioritis is contagious, but you can fight it before it eats you up.

If you feel the sudden urge to break free, fight it.

Enjoy your college experience while you can. And when this chapter in life has ended don't hesitate to move on to the next chapter.

Let the wind catch your sail and let it carry you along into the real world with a big gust. Let's just hope it's not a hurricane force wind.

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'Tintypes' teaches audience a lesson in history

Meadow Brook Theatre production teaches history in entertaining way

By Matthew Garcia
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Some history is worth repeating. Tintypes, a history based musical production by Mary Kyte, Mel Marvin, and Gary Pearle, is worth seeing again and again.

Tintypes, which is playing at the Meadow Brook Theatre through Nov. 14, has early American music ranging from 1876 to 1918. Songs include "America the Beautiful," "The Ragtime Dance," "We Shall not be Moved," to "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." All of these songs, plus an entertaining story line are spiritedly performed by a talented cast.

The cast includes Christopher Howe as the flamboyant Theodore Roosevelt. Howe recently appeared in Chicago's Shear Madness play and has a solid background in Shakespearean acting. He has had small roles in feature films, including "Rookie of the Year" with Gary Busey.

Making his first appearance at Meadow Brook Theatre is Bart Philip Williams as "Charlie." Williams has an M.F.A. in acting from Wayne State University and lives in Chicago. Williams has performed in plays including "Everything in the Garden," "Measure for Measure," and played King Herod in "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Others in Tintypes include Lea Charisse Woods who plays Susanna, an African-American domestic worker. Woods' accomplishments include performing in "Showboat," "Big River," "Dreamgirls," "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Streetcar Named Desire."

Also featured are Stacy White (who plays Emma Goldman) who earned her B.F.A. from New York University and Leisa Way. Way has performed internationally and has been in plays such as "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!"

The characters these actors portray represent different ideals and personas in America. For example, William's character Charlie is an immigrant who sees a chance for a new life in America and, at first, embraces his new citizenship. The Charlie character is based on Charlie Chaplin and true to the fabled actor of the "silent screen," Charlie is a tramp. Charlie is an underdog in this play as he has to cope with pre-union working conditions, seeking love, and just getting something to eat.

A counter to this humble, bumbling character is Howe as Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt is used as a symbol for patriotism and big government.

Roosevelt often is upon a soap box during the play speaking with his legendary strength.

The foil to Roosevelt is Emma Goldman. Emma is a socialist activist (who in real life was associated with anarchists). She often goes toe to toe with Roosevelt and his beliefs, often with humorous results.

Leisa Way comes on stage as the beautiful blonde singing French bombshell of early American stage,

Anna Held. Anna would be a feminist's nightmare, as she loves the attention of being a sex object.

Just the opposite is Wood's character, Susanna. She often sees a social wrong in the way

African Americans and women are treated (one scene is where the other characters sing

"Shortnin' Bread" while she watches with a

look of disgust on her face). Susanna often sings her feelings and eventually steps on a soap box too to speak out for civil rights. All of these characters interact in one way or another, thus reflecting the melting pot of beliefs that is in America.

The music is very simple as only five instruments are used. But what makes the music of early America great are the actors. From Charlie singing

Yankee Doodle Dandy with a Russian accent when first arriving on Ellis Island to Anna singing with a bubbly French accent in a music hall scene.

The set is simple and not very distracting to the audience. In the background were brick arches with Ellis Island, and New York written on it. Most of the action revolves around the clever use of props by the actors. The props were the eye candy of the play. Among the cleverest is a bicycle which, when dismantled and reassembled to the tune of "In my Merry Oldsmobile" by the cast, becomes a frame of an old fashioned car.

The light usage is terrific. Often times when a character was photographed, the lights would flash in a dirty yellow light, and the stage would look like one of the yellowing old pictures which surrounded the stage. From good use of spotlights to floor lights for a Vaudville routine showed careful consideration to detail in the play.

The performance has both strengths and weaknesses. With almost 50 songs in the musical, the actors did not skip a beat and blended together both as solo artists, duets and quartets.

The acting was superb, particularly when the cast performs a few "silent film" skits involving the Charlie character. In these scenes, the lights softly flicker and the stage takes on a faded look. The authenticity of the character's movements made these moments of comic relief most enjoyable.

A weakness of the play was the singing style of, Anna. Granted, she does have a beautiful voice, but the opera-like way of singing her music hall songs becomes irritating after a while. A few of the audience members even groaned when she reappeared again in the Vaudville scene, perhaps in anticipation of another drawn out, high pitch routine. The Anna character is supposed to be a radiant, music hall

TINTYPES continues on B4



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: The cast of "Tintypes" sets up to entertain the audiences at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Corner

music

Boxhead squares away album



By Kathryn Pina
OF THE OAKLAND POST

"I love music," said Boxhead bass guitarist Bryan Smith. "That's the reason why all of us are in the band. I've loved music every since I was a kid with a Sesame Street Disco tape."

Thanks to over four years of hard work (and lots of sing-along practice as kids), the CD by the band Boxhead, titled *Bake* is now available to listeners who are attracted to the "very Seattle sound" of the band.

According to Smith, he and Chris Thomas, guitars, vocals and percussion, and Mark Peterson, drums and percussion, went into a Pontiac studio last April to record the "eclectic grunge" style of music that can be heard on the new CD.

The style is "what we like and what other members bring into the band," said Smith. "The sound changes every once in awhile."

Their first offering, *Bake* has a variety of songs on it that range from sounds like Metallica with grunge and modern punk, to acoustical guitar numbers that resemble country music.

Boxhead has had about three drummers and four guitarists come and go over the last four years, all of whom contributed to the end product of the new CD. When Smith joined the band, Thomas had already written five songs, all of which are included in the album.

The end product is somewhat a mixture of styles and flavors of bands like Pearl Jam, Green Day, Sound Garden and Nirvana. *Bake* shows promise in its genre, and it guitar parts and vocals are well done. If you are more of a Backstreet Boys fan than Pearl Jam, this CD is not for you; but it emulates the musical style of reminiscent grunge. However, the sound is not so hard that a grunge fan would be put off by it. Actually, it's greatly representative of the sound and depth found in this style of music.

With lyrics like "Bottled up and you know I'm going to pop/ Can't sit still from the things that/ won't stop/ Tied down but ripping through the fear/ Drop the trans and kick into high gear..." from the song "Go," OU students are sure to relate. All of their lyrics reflect the years spent on them; they are well-written and apparently well-thought out.

To check out Boxhead in concert or buy a CD (\$10), go to their website at www.boxheadband.com or email one of the band members. Otherwise, wait until Dec. 3, when Boxhead will perform at OU's "Battle of the Bands."

Week 'n' Review

- Primus
- Boxhead Band
- The Climax Divine

Primus 'runs against the grain'

By Dan MacNeill
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Anti-pop is primal Primus. Undoubtedly its best since *Pork Soda*, and maybe just as good as *Sailing The Seas*. *Anti-pop* shows Primus getting back to what makes it a great band with a heavier emphasis on the songs, which as a whole, makes the album as strong as anything that group has done previously.

Primus is led by bassist/singer Les Claypool, guitarist Larry LaLonde, and drummer Brain. Primus has been around for 13 years and nine albums, but *Anti-pop* is the third album with the drummer Brain. Many of the band's fans in the past haven't liked Brain. Many felt he wasn't good as his predecessor, Tim Alexander, who left the band in 1996.

Anti-pop does show improvement in the drumming department, but it really doesn't matter a whole lot because Primus has always been about the bass playing.

Les Claypool is considered by many to be one of the best bass players around - "nobody - but nobody - can play bass like Les," as Bass Player Magazine so aptly puts it. His style is

weird, fast and always front and center.

Primus is playing some seriously heavy stuff this time. For example, "Eclectic Electric" stretches almost nine minutes and is made up of three different parts (Part I - "Blinded by the Sun," Part II - "Sanity is coming to Town," Part III - "Pressing on towards the Light"). It's something unlike anything the group has ever done.

The interesting thing about *Anti-pop* is how Primus explores different textures. Tom Morello, guitarist from Rage Against The Machine, adds his guitar and production assistance to three songs ("Power Mad," "Electric Uncle Sam" and "Mama Didn't Raise No Fool"). Also, Stewart Copeland, drummer from The Police, helps with the production and the drum sounds.

Of particular note, "Natural Joe" is classic Primus - funky bass and disjointed guitar. "Dirty Drowning Man," has some very cool things happening in it - Claypool sounds like he's actually trying to sing. It sounds like he's experimenting a bit with odd vocal harmonies, a la The Police, who were a major influence on the band.

Of the three songs done with Tom Morello, "Power Mad" and "Electric Uncle Sam" are the best. "Power Mad"

could be the best track on the album. Morello plays the song with LaLonde. They're two of the more interesting guitarists of the '90's.

Another one of the better tracks on the album is the hidden track - about 45 seconds past the last song. Claypool repeatedly sings, "It's just a matter of opinion," in the midst of some really heavy playing.

As is the case with a Primus album, there are one or two clunkers, but the overall musicianship makes up for that.

With all the extras brought in, it still sounds like Primus. The bass playing, as you would expect, is excellent. The lyrics are left-of-center as usual, if not more political in some songs than they have been in the past. As Les Claypool says in the title track, "I am Anti-pop, I'll run against the grain 'til the day I drop. I am the Anti-pop, the man you can not stop."

On an overall, relativity scale, *Anti-pop* gets a four out of six. Five being reserved for the excellent albums, and six being for those very, very rare albums of pure sonic heaven. *Anti-pop* is a good surprise for a band that many worried was getting too old.

Band knows no boundaries

By Katie Washbourne
SPECIAL WRITER TO THE OAKLAND POST

"It's all about having no boundaries, and taking influences from classical jazz and all other types of music and forming it into your own personal sound," said Curtis Glatter, drummer for Climax Divine.

"No boundaries" seems to be the motto for the local band, Climax Divine. Having known each other since 1986, and forming their band in 1992, drummer Glatter, bassist Al Coolsaet, and guitar/vocalist Dana Sayve are on the verge of making the break into the professional music world.

When first starting out in the early '90's, the Climax Divine worked the coffeehouse scene, playing gigs all over Detroit. As time passed and the style of the Divine developed into the fluidity and edginess heard in the early Dave Matthews Band, coffeehouses no longer welcomed the group and it started performing at college bars.

Unfortunately, the bar scene does not cater to younger listeners, something the players of the Divine wrestle with. In attempts to appeal to the listeners too young to frequent bars, the Divine have played at such

events as the Earthfest, where, according to the band, poor mixing led to overpowering drums and no acoustic melodies at all. Still, with a guitarist frequently compared to Frank Zappa and Jimi Hendrix, and a drummer on his way to study at Carnegie Hall this November, the band is well on its way.

Its first CD should be out by the end of next week. It will be recorded this Friday at The Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, and available either at Gold Dollar or through the drummers' email address, kageltte@oakland.edu.

For those who can't get into the bar to see the group perform live, their music will be on the web by Thanksgiving, found under the sub-heading of The Detroit Metro Times.

For fans of music that is well-constructed, flows well and is also a little bit edgy, this CD should prove to be a welcome and refreshing treat.



Photo courtesy of Climax Divine

"It's all about having, and taking influences from classical jazz and all other types of music..."

Curtis Glatter
Drummer of
Climax Divine

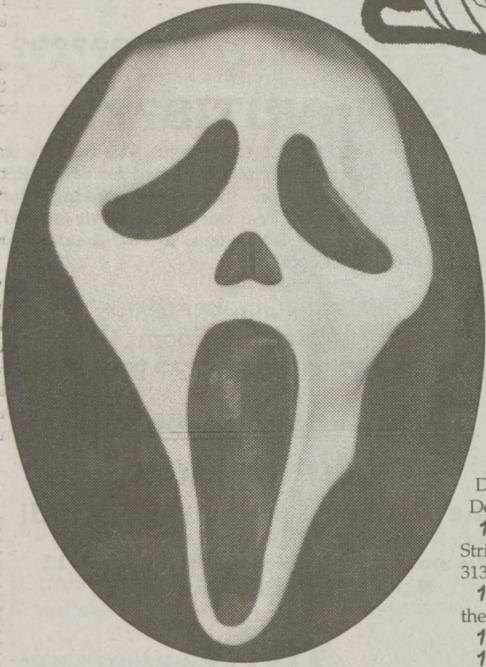
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Thirty-one things to do for Halloween



By Sara McDowell
OF THE OAKLAND POST

1. See Gordon Bennett play and participate in the costume party at Hamlin Pub North in Lake Orion. 248-650-0428
2. The Wired Frog in Eastpointe is having a Halloween party. 810-498-9500
3. Carve pumpkins with friends.
4. WRIF radio station along with Mickey Strange and the Kings of Pain will be at the Token Lounge in Westland. 734-513-5030
5. The Suann Gallery in Detroit presents "A

6. Have a costume party of your own.
7. See Animal Myths and Superstitions at Kensington Metro Park, Milford. 800-477-3178
8. Innercourse will be at Gameworks at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills.
9. Spend the night with the Queen of Darkness at Niagra's Art Show at CPOP, Detroit. 313-833-9901
10. Speedball, Supersuckers and The Gaza Strippers will be at the Magic Stick, Detroit. 313-833-9700
11. See Robben Ford and The Blue Line at the 7th House, Pontiac.
12. Make caramel apples.
13. See Humble Pie with special guest
14. Jody Raffoul at the Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. 248-305-5856
15. Go to the Halloween Brew and View Bash at the Magic Bag, Ferndale. They are playing the original "Psycho" and are holding a costume contest. 248-544-3030
16. Go to the House of Nightmares Haunted House, west of Gratiot road. 810-445-6730
17. The Fright Factory Haunted House, Detroit, will be open for the 31st. 313-566-5393



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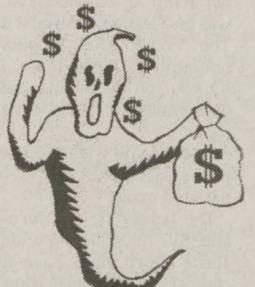
18. Blake's Night Time Spooky Hayride and two story haunted barn, Armada. Call 877-4-SPOOKY
19. Rent scary classics like The Shinning, IT, Sleep Away Camp or Candyman.
20. Go to The Terror Zone at Johnny Appleseed Cidar Mill, 26 Mile Road west of VanDyke. 810-677-9988
21. Go to the Evil Intentions haunted attractions, 9 1/2 Mile Road Woodward Heights. 248-542-0302
22. Go trick-or-treating.
23. Have your Halloween candy screened at POH Medical Center, Pontiac from 6-8 p.m.
24. Borrow your mom's broom, dig up dad's flannel shirt and use your imagination making a scarecrow.
25. See Flanagan's Wake at Ristorante Baci, Pontiac. 248-745-8668
26. Roast pumpkin seeds. Try using different seasonings like cajun, garlic or cheese.
27. Don't forget to turn back your clocks for Day Light Savings.
28. Make popcorn balls. Experiment with flavors like peanut butter, caramel or marshmallow.
29. Make a pumpkin or pecan pie.
30. Make your own Halloween decorations, cards and costumes.
31. Be smart and safe and have fun.

Haunted House OR Porn Palace?

Haunted Houses try to wake the living dead in all who take on the challenge. Not all of them have what it takes though.

By Chelsea Charles & Ann Hansan
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Haunted houses have become a favorite pastime during the Halloween season. Brave crowds shell out thousands of dollars a night hoping that the attraction will compare to their deepest nightmares.



Karen Dedischew/Oakpost

Well, what if a haunted house could combine your deepest nightmares with some sexual fantasies? (We would say that's a bonus!)

Terror Town, located in Four Bears Water Park of Auburn Hills, puts a kinky twist on the traditional haunted house. It really is the "mixture of horror and sexual suspense" that the radio hailed it to be.

Melissa Young-Masaras, owner of Terror Town, explained that this attraction is unique because it is not limited by censorship.

"I consider Terror Town more of like an unrestricted art form," Melissa said.

A boy waving a gun, and demanding that you step inside his "pervert box" greets customers at the entrance. His box is a small black room that spins around a few times and then opens into a dark corridor.

The first few minutes are like any other haunted

house. There was screaming, lots of blood, and people dressed in black waiting to jump from shadowed corners.

Then comes the unusual. A girl crouching atop a stool looks down on the passers-bys, waving her arms and screaming obscenities. She is naked from the waste up. Her bare body was painted in curving lines that glowed in the black light above her. Young-Masaras explained that Terror Town actually has a make-up artist from Universal Studios do the body painting.

The next couple of corridors show disturbing scenes.

A man was chasing after a woman in a kitchen screaming, "You've done this to me for the last time slut." The word bitch was scrawled in blood all over the walls around him.

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History of Halloween rooted in tradition, not satan

Along time ago, it was thought (wrongly) that Halloween was a time for sacrificial practice, public hangings and freedom for the devil. Let the truth be told, no one really knows for sure.



CARA PLOWMAN

According to wilstar.com, the history dates back to the 5th century b.c. in Celtic Ireland. Oct. 31 marked the end of summer as well as their New Year. The holiday, called Samhain, was not celebrated in jest, though.

"One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year," [wilstar](http://wilstar.com) tells.

The tradition of trick-or-treating might have come from the practice the people had of defending their towns and bodies by not letting the spirits win easily.

They would extinguish all lights in their homes and take to the streets. Then, dressed to look as frightening as possi-

ble, they would destroy things in their neighborhoods. The spirits were thought to have been scared off by this. The people would then be safe because the spirits wouldn't want to possess their bodies.

If someone in the town was thought to be possessed, they would have been burned at the stake or hanged.

Ever wonder why we hollow out pumpkins and put candles in them? The story of the Jack-o-Lantern is an old Irish folklore of a man named Jack who was a master of pranks. Once, it is told, he lured Satan into a tree and then carved a cross into the bark. This trapped the devil in the tree.

It is said that Jack wanted the devil to stop tempting him, so he made the devil a deal. Jack would let him out of the tree if he promised to stop taunting him. Satan agreed.

Jack died a while later but was denied entrance into both heaven and hell. The devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the darkness. It was placed within a turnip to prolong its glow.

Instead, Americans use pumpkins because large turnips are rare.

Visit www.neopagan.net/halloween.html for an alternate view of Halloween. In an essay entitled "Satanic Panic Over Halloween," a few of the legends that are somewhat woven into the fabric of American folklore are disproven. Some of the traditions have been here for 2,500 years.

The fact is, the holiday's meaning and practice has completely changed over the centuries. For kids, it may be a fun night of costumes and candy.

But the 'Hallmark' concept has wailed out of control yet again. It has claimed the life of beautiful tradition and meaningful folklore once more.

Even scarier than the haunted houses, monsters, ghosts and tooth decay is the fact that the tradition and the original meaning of the day may already be half forgotten.

Cara Plowman is a sophomore journalism major and Assistant Life Editor for THE OAKLAND POST.

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literature

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campus arts

Through Nov. 14 Meadow Brook Theatre presents the musical "TINTYPES." Catch the last major production from MBT of the millenium. It'll take you back to an America of invention, soda shops and political correctness.

Starring Leisa Way, Stacy White, Bart Philip Williams, Christopher Howe and Lea Charisse Woods.

concert

"Godsmack"

The band Godsmack will play at the State Theatre, Detroit this Friday.

The Boston based band consists of Sully Erna, vocals, Tony Rombolo, guitar, Robbie Merrill, bass, Tommy Stewart, drums.

Their debut self-titled album features the songs "Whatever" and "Keep Away."

Over the summer, the band played the OzzFest tour and with Black Sabbath. They also played at Woodstock '99 in New York.

movies

"Boys Don't Cry"

Opens Nov. 5. Starring Hillary Swank, Chloe Sevigny, Peter Sarsgaard and Alison Folland.

"Music of the Heart"

Opens Oct. 29. Starring Meryl Streep, Aidan Quinn, Angela Bassett and Gloria Estefan.

"Princess Mononoke"

(animated) Opens Nov. 5. Voices by Claire Danes, Matthew Lillard, Minnie Driver, Gillian Anderson and Jada Pinkett.

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Next came a really life-like electrocution. The dummy in the chair had a huge swastika tattooed on his chest. The electric chair pulsed forward, and heavy metal music blared. Steam and sparks then poured from the dummy's head.

Next, was "the most controversial scene of Terror Town, the Dominatrix Chamber." Two topless girls, dressed in shiny black leather, complete with whips and chains, commanded us to "put our hands against the padded bench, and prepare to get whipped." Then she snapped her whip at a male slave who was on a leather leash next to her. The "no touching" policy did not apply to Terror Town. They hit you on the behind and yell obscenities as you leave the room.

A chainsaw-wielding masked man at last chases you out of the haunted maze.

The tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Terror Town does have a disclaimer in the ticket line that states, "This attraction contains scenes of graphic violence, partial nudity, adult language, and strong sexual situations. PG-13."

After traveling through this haunted house you will realize that this is a reasonable warning.

Terror Town was amusing but but it is not "art work" or an "uncensored masterpiece." If you're bored and feel like getting whipped on the bottom with a dominatrix chain, this is the place for you. The price is around a dollar a minute. If you can get whipped for free then stay at home.

Terror Town is sex with no scare.

TINTYPES

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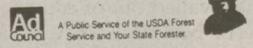
singer, but radiant and overdone are two separate things.

This is a play worth bringing the family to. It is filled with bits and pieces of American history and the story lines are fast paced. The cast is exceptional as they play their five roles and numerous supporting characters. Tintypes is visually clever, and the cast breathes life into the old classics.

MATCH POINT

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RADIO

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tionship with the radio station, Stransky became the prime candidate for the host of the new show.

"The Secrets to Good Health" show addresses current issues in the field of health. Robert C. Atkins M.D., author of "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," debated with Stransky on the validity of this diet during the October 17th broadcast. "It's a hard-hitting show that tries to help expose health frauds," Stransky said, "We [Atkins] really went at it."

Some previous guests include Denise Jenkins, a reporter for The Oakland Press, who has written extensively on the

dietary supplement industry; and Jack Wilson, behavioral psychologist, and former OU Associate VP for Student Affairs and Director of Graham Health Center, who discussed behavioral strategies to improving health.

"We have received a very encouraging number of calls," Stransky said. So far, calls that have come in during the show's airtime to speak with Stransky and email responses and questions from listeners have been very high.

Stransky said that there is no increased activity at OU's Health Institute yet, but it's still too early to see the effects of the show.

The show airs on Sundays between 10-11 p.m. Listeners may call in to speak with Stransky and get advice or

answers to health related questions. The toll-free number for callers is (800 859-OWJR or (313) 875-4476.

Stransky has been a faculty member at Oakland University in the health promotion and disease prevention field for 27 years. Besides directing the Health Institute, Stransky has served as an Associate Professor of Exercise Science. Stransky has also worked in this field in Florida where he graduated from Florida State University.

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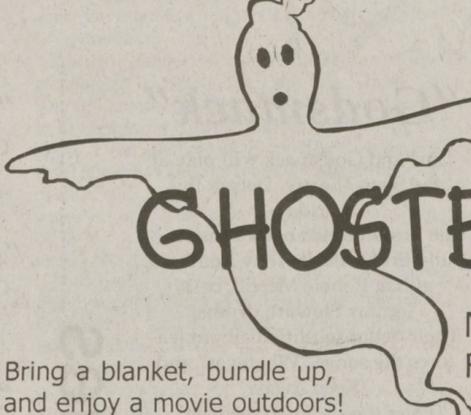
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If you want to find out "what's happening" on OU's campus, this is the weekly column to read. This column is brought to you by The Center for Student Activities (CSA) Office, 49 Oakland Center. Our phone number is 2400, on campus, or (248) 370-2400, off campus.

OU ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Congratulations OU! This year's drive was the largest OU Blood Drive of the 1990's collecting over 360 pints of blood! CSA and the American Red Cross wish to thank all the donors and volunteers who contributed to this very successful blood drive! See you January 24-26, 2000 for our Winter Blood Drive!!

SENIORITIS???

Learn how to negotiate the transition. The remedy is to attend a workshop especially designed for SENIORS who are having personal difficulties making the transition from OU to the real world. Advice on how to get through your last semesters at OU healthy - mentally and physically!!!

Friday, October 29
Noon - - Oakland Room, OC
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Get Ready for College Bowl

The Varsity Sport of the Mind!

Demonstration Week: November 8-11
Noon - - Fireside Lounge, OC



College Bowl, the "Varsity Sport of the Mind," has been part of our culture for nearly half a century. After an illustrious TV broadcast run, College Bowl is now in its 23rd year of being produced on college campuses in the U.S.A. and Canada.

What is College Bowl? Two, four-person teams, compete against each other by answering two types of questions: toss-up questions for ten points and bonus questions for 20-30 points. Whichever team has the most points at the end of regulation play wins and continues to compete against other OU teams.

If you or your organization would like to participate, please contact Danielle Roberts or Paul Franklin at (248) 370-2400.

OU vs. U of M Men's Basketball

on Friday, November 19
at Crisler Arena, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Tickets for COMMUTER STUDENTS go on sale 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 5, at the CSA Service Window. Limit of one ticket per OU student. Residence halls students can purchase their tickets through the Residence Halls Council Office also on Friday, November 5. 47 tickets are available for commuter students. 47 tickets are available for commuter students. Cost is \$12.00 per ticket, which includes FREE bus transportation.

GO OU GOLDEN GRIZZLIES!!!

What's New at Bumpers!

Are you interested in participating in a billiards league and/or joining a billiards club? You are invited to attend an informational session at the OC Games Room on November 1 or 2, either at noon or 5:00 p.m., to find out more details on how to sign up.

Free backgammon lessons will be given on Monday, November 8, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"Bumpers" will be sponsoring a qualifying tournament for 9-ball and table tennis on Saturday, January 29, 2000. The winners of the men's and women's singles for each event will be sent to a regional championship at Kent State University, February 18-20, 2000. Look for entry information at Bumpers soon.

CSA SERVICE WINDOW

- Oakland University events you can sign up for are:
- > SATE: Professional Conference on November 13 in the Oakland Center.
 - > Indian Student Association performance of "Diwali" on November 6 at Varner Recital Hall.
 - > OU vs. U of M Men's Basketball Game in Ann Arbor on November 19. Tickets for commuter students go on sale November 5.

- SPB events you can sign up or buy tickets for are:
- > Annual "Murder Mystery" on November 13 at Meadow Brook Hall.
 - > Tickets for "Footloose" on November 14 at the Fisher Theatre.
 - > Annual Ski Trip, January 21-23, 2000 at Shanty Creek.
 - > Sign-up for "Battle of the Bands" on December 10.

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SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

OCT. 22	
IUPUI	3
Oakland	2
OCT. 23	
Valparaiso	3
Oakland	2
OCT. 24	
Wisconsin-Green Bay	3
Oakland	2

MEN'S SOCCER

OCT. 20	
Oakland	3
Marquette	0
OCT. 23	
UMKC	2
Oakland	1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

OCT. 20	
Oakland	3
Valparaiso	1
OCT. 23	
Oakland	1
Youngstown State	0

MEN'S SWIMMING

OCT. 22
at Bowling Green
Relays - NTS

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

OCT. 23
at Bowling Green
Relays - NTS

MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

OCT. 22
Grand Valley State 3
OU Black Bears 1

UPCOMING GAMES

MEN'S SOCCER

OCT. 27 - at Bowling Green, 3:30 p.m.
OCT. 30 - IUPUI, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

OCT. 30 - IUPUI, 12 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

OCT. 29 - UMKC, 7 p.m.
OCT. 30 - ORAL ROBERTS, 7 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING

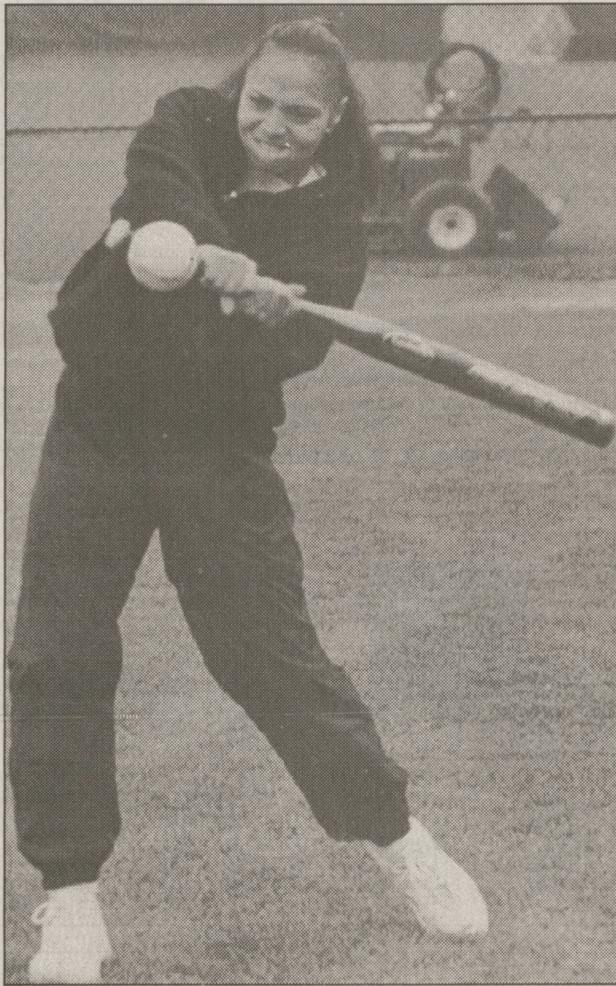
OCT. 29 - at Michigan (EMU, MSU), 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

OCT. 29 - at Illinois, 5 p.m.
OCT. 30 - at Purdue/Miami-(West Lafayette, Indiana), 1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

OCT. 30 - Mid-Continent Conference Championship-UMKC, time TBA



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Rounding the Bases

By Cindy Blaylock
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

New faces are rounding the bases as OU's newest women's softball team prepares for a loaded schedule next February.

This is the first year for OU to have a women's softball team since 1980 because of NCAA/Division I rules. The guideline required 14 varsity teams in order to qualify for conference tournaments. With the addition of the softball team, OU is now in the game.

Building a new team included recruiting players from both out of state and out of the country.

Head coach, Steve Ogg, along with assistant coaches, Donna McDaniel and Liz Jones, traveled all over the country visiting college campuses and high school games throughout the summer in search of a new Grizzly team.

McDaniel, who played at Fresno State, recruited

Crystal Ruddock and Keri Sedgley from California. And the shortstop, Erica Burns, played on the Canadian Junior Olympic team before coming to OU.

OU also received 60 videotapes and numerous letters from hopeful young women wanting to join the team. Try-outs were held in mid-September for all students. The final decision was made on September 12.

The result is a team of 17 players from out-of-state, Canada and local schools all ready to make their mark here at OU.

"We know we have a tough road ahead of us," Ogg said. "But we have high hopes."

With a few games already under its belt and the fall season winding down, the team will be concentrating on its class work.

"They'll use this time to get ahead of the game, academically," said Ogg. "Their top priority is school."

In order to keep in shape

over the holiday break the team works out for eight hours a week in the weight room and participates in aerobic conditioning. During January and mid-February the team will run practice games in the bubble dome on campus.

The Grizzlies finished the fall schedule on October 10 taking second place in the fall tournament.

Most northern teams travel south or west for the early season games for obvious weather reasons and the newest players will start back up on February 24 traveling to Florida for ten games for the spring trip during OU's winter break.

The upcoming spring 2000 schedule includes 42 double-headers, half of which are conference. The top four teams with the best scores will play in the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament in May. From there the winning teams move on to the NCAA National Tournament.

No windchill at Rochester Onyx Ice Skating Facility

By Dan MacNeill
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

It's that time of year again. No, not time to go and rake up the leaves, and no, not time to watch football. It's time to sharpen the ice skates.

Instead of waiting for Michigan's erratic weather to freeze the ponds so they can be shoveled off, don't worry, just go to Onyx.

The Rochester Onyx Skating Facility has just opened up, and it's only about a ten minute drive from OU. Onyx offers a variety of programs for children on up to adults for both hockey and figure skating.

"I love skating, the feel of the cold air as you pick up speed...it's such a great feeling," said Donina Boccelli, 29, of Rochester Hills, as she stepped off the ice. "Aside from just being fun, it's a good work-out. Even if it does hurt my legs since I haven't been out since the spring."

Onyx has open-skate on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m., Fridays from 7:15 p.m. - 9:05 p.m., Saturdays from 12:15 p.m. - 2:05 p.m., and Sundays from 3:15 p.m. - 5:05 p.m. For adults it costs \$3 on weekdays, and on the weekend it's \$5.50.

"It's really nice here, it's not too

crowded. I used to play hockey, but don't have the time, so I go to open-skates when I can," said John Dyer, 20, of Oakland Township, who was skating with his girlfriend. "I'm trying to teach her how to skate. She really likes it, but she can't stop yet."

"It's a great opportunity for the kids, or anyone who wants to go out and skate. In the past, we've had to drive down to Royal Oak or Fraser. I wish we had this when I was in high school," said Miles McGray, junior in psychology at OU.

"We've gotten a good response from the people in the area. All of our programs filled up really fast," said Ryan Pardoski, manager of Rochester Onyx. "Most of the kids involved in our house leagues are from Rochester and Rochester Hills. It's a good location for us because Michigan's youth hockey programs keep expanding."

"The open skates are good for those who want to get involved in hockey or figure skating. It's a good chance to learn," said Tim Zvekan, zamboni driver for Rochester Onyx.

Rochester Onyx has skate rentals for \$3. The rink is located on the corner of 24 Mile Rd. and Dequindre. For more information call (248) 601-6699.



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LOOKING THROUGH THE GLASS: Rochester Onyx Ice Skating Facility opened earlier this year near OU's campus. Free skate and league play are both offered at the rink. The Black Bears also play at the rink.

Team spirit alive at Joe Louis; bring it to the O'Rena

If there is one thing that I love about the world of sports it is Red Wing's hockey.

With constant sell-out for games, it makes it hard for the fans to get tickets. But, I had the privilege of going to the San Jose game last week because some crazy person gave up tickets. I'm not going to argue, but why would anyone give up the chance to see the Wings play?

I cheered with more than 19,000 dedicated Red Wing fans and a handful of brave San Jose fans who risked their lives coming to Hockeytown and into the Joe.

As I watched a man dressed in San Jose apparel walk up the stairs with his beer, I hoped he would trip and fall to the bottom of the stairs. Maybe somebody

could have beaten him and sent him home to San Jose weeping.

Where did that come from, sorry that must be in the air at the Joe.

Well, he probably went home crying anyway because the Wings killed the Sharks in a game dominated by Red Wing shots on goal.

As the Wings devoured the opposition, I realized something about Detroit. We love the Wings. The spirit that Detroiters showed for their team was amazing. The constant cheering and chanting were enough to prove to the world that Hockeytown is alive and on the road to another cup.

One thing I wish would



KELLI PETROVE

happen at the game, which I think would have made Hockeytown go crazy, was San Jose putting Mike Vernon in net.

Personally, I don't like Vernon. Sure he's a good goalie, but it makes me happy to see him second to Steve Shields from University of Michigan. I love Chris Osgood and to see the two face off would have been great. But hey seeing the number one ranked goalie, Osgood, must have been quite a treat for the old Red Wing Vernon.

Besides goalie rivalry, there is also Zamboni rivalry for the best Zamboni driver award the NHL is currently hosting. The Zambonis,

reached and instead of watching reruns of "Friends" and the "Simpsons," why not support our student athletes. Living on campus, there's not much else to do. Show a little respect and dedication to OU and give the teams a cheering section. The men's soccer team has ten victories under its belt and how many games have you seen the guys win? I'm not really one to talk because it is rare I get a chance to see them play, but I plan to change that. I will make a dedicated effort to support the Grizzlies, so don't leave me in the stands by myself. Come out and cheer and support OU athletics.

Basically, the Red Wings have brought spirit to Detroit. Spirit that is unheard of at OU.

Our athletic teams deserve at least a fraction of the spirit and excitement that the Red Wings get. There are more than 14,000 students at OU, and I can guess that 75 percent of them have never been to any sporting event on campus. OK, so were aren't in the Big Ten, and we don't have a hockey team or a football team for that matter. But we have many great teams that deserve some support from the commuters on this campus. Dorm capacity has been

reached and instead of watching reruns of "Friends" and the "Simpsons," why not support our student athletes. Living on campus, there's not much else to do. Show a little respect and dedication to OU and give the teams a cheering section. The men's soccer team has ten victories under its belt and how many games have you seen the guys win? I'm not really one to talk because it is rare I get a chance to see them play, but I plan to change that. I will make a dedicated effort to support the Grizzlies, so don't leave me in the stands by myself. Come out and cheer and support OU athletics.

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Spotlight on the Black & Gold

KRISTIE
KIEFFER



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By Kelli Petrove
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Things have changed for cross country runner Kristie Kieffer. She came to OU from Utica High School, whose cross country team won two dual meets in the '99 season and has often not had the required seven runners to place as a team in a meet. Now on OU's Women's Cross Country team, Kieffer, has broken the school record in the 5K with her time of 18:41.

"It feels pretty good to break the record," Kieffer said. "My goal now is to run in the low 18's for the conference or regional meet."

Breaking the record adds to a list of achievements that Kieffer has accumulated in her past. As a first year runner at Utica High School during her senior year, Kieffer was named All-County, MVP of the conference meet and also team MVP. She also played softball for the Utica Chieftains and was All-County and All-Conference.

Kieffer has young legs, since she has only been running for two years. Originally she played for the Chieftain basketball team, but was not seeing enough action so to keep in shape she joined the cross country team, and has found a new sport to achieve her goals.

"This is only her second year running so we are

really impressed with her," assistant coach Martha Young said. "Being mentally and physically healthy has helped her to do well, and we look forward to seeing her in the upcoming years."

Kieffer is a dedicated athlete who realizes that there is a large difference between running at Utica and running at OU.

"It is a lot more competitive here, and we run a lot more miles, about eight each day," Kieffer said.

From running four to five miles a day at Utica and occasionally stopping off at Dairy Queen during practice, things are different now. Eight miles of dedicated and hard running have kept Kieffer in shape and given her the edge.

Kieffer was recruited by Head Cross Country coach Paul Rice and is on partial scholarship for her running. Her personal record at Utica High School was 19:06 for the 5K and she has improved on that already this season.

Kieffer has not yet chosen a major, but wants to do something in business or finance.

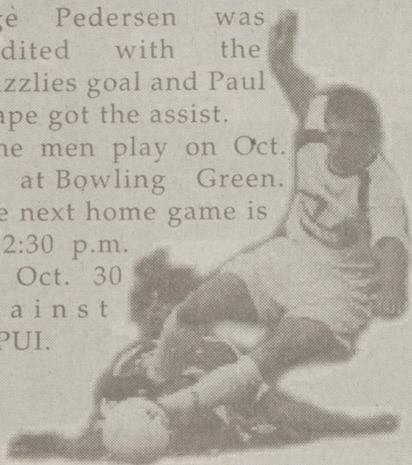
With her family living only 20 minutes from OU, they manage to make it to as many meets as they can throughout the season.

With fresh legs that will only get stronger throughout the years, she could dominate women's cross country at OU.

Grizzly men roar over competition

The men's soccer team has an overall record of 10-4-2 after its game on Oct. 23 against the UMKC Kangaroos. OU fell to UMKC 1-2 after an overtime goal scored by Nick Heisserer of UMKC at the 98 minute mark. Ingè Pedersen was credited with the Grizzlies goal and Paul Snape got the assist.

The men play on Oct. 27 at Bowling Green. The next home game is at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 against IUPUI.



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Ski and Boarder

New club hits the slopes after initial funding problems are resolved

By Mike Murphy
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU's newly-formed Ski and Boarder Club has survived funding problems and plans to hit the slopes this January.

The group plans three trips for the winter semester: to Boyne Mountain in Michigan in January, The Summit in Colorado for spring break in March, and Blue Mountain, Canada or Nub's Nob in northern Michigan in February.

Club members, which include skiers and snowboarders, will receive discounted prices on lift tickets, lodging and transportation, said President Kevin Kolath, sophomore, Mechanical Engineering.

Kolath said the club originally had problems getting funded by the CSA office,

but these problems have been worked out.

"It was tough, at first," he said. "Because we want to go to Canada, which is something no (organization) has really tried to do. But we had a lot of meetings, figured it out, and we're funded for this semester."

The club's first meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on November 8 in the Lake Superior Room. Trip sign-up details will be available at the meeting.

"The discounts will depend on how many people come on the trip," Kolath said. "If more people come, the discount won't be as big. But we want a lot of people to come out."

Kolath also mentioned that equipment rental discounts will be available. Exact dates for the trips have not yet been set,

though the January and February trips will be scheduled on weekends.

The idea for the club started out of ski and snowboarding trips that Kolath, Andersen and friends took last year.

"We had a lot of fun," Kolath said. "But we wanted more people, and this way, we can get as many people as possible."

The club, started by Kolath and Vice President Seth Andersen, Junior, Computer Engineering, was recently officially recognized as a non-competitive club sport.

The Ski and Boarder club will also have an informational table in the OC on Monday, November first.

"The Lockerroom" invades OU

Kirk Gibson, former Detroit Tiger, visited campus to play a friendly game of flag football on Tuesday

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU got a visit from the stars of "The Lockerroom" on Tuesday.

Kirk Gibson, Gary Danielson, and Eli Zaret came to play flag football against the Regulators, an intramural women's flag football team here at OU.

"We were challenged, all over the state we looked for the best powder puff, or ladies, team and we found them to play flag football against," said Danielson.

Being that it was seven on three, one would think that the ladies would have an easy time. But once the game started, Gibson's competitive juices started flowing, and he scored the first touchdown of the game by zig-

zagging through the entire Regulators team, and right

bring you a little better production."

When asked if it was hard to do "The Lockerroom" and be an announcer at the same time, he said, "Not really, it's like anything else, you either fulfill your obligation or you don't and this is something that I made a commitment to." He added, "Josh (Lewin) is very talented, and I think that he will have a very promising career as probably a national TV announcer in the future."

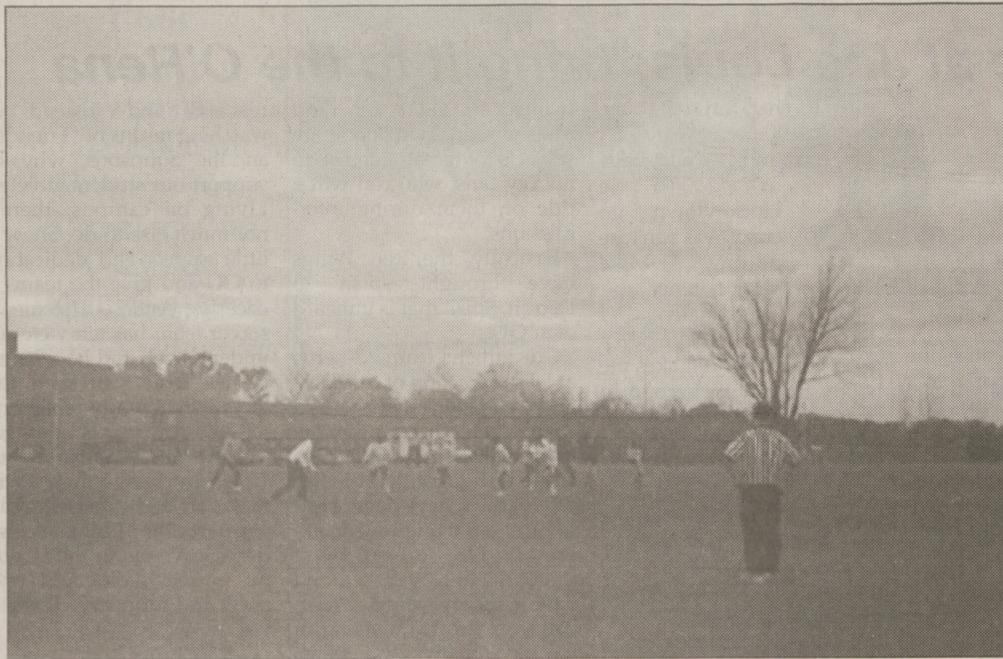
The Regulators ended up winning the game 16-13 as they mounted a big time comeback in the second half. The game will be featured on "The Lockerroom" on Fox Sports Net Detroit in upcoming weeks. Check local listings.

"Hopefully the Tigers will be a little better, and we could bring you a little better production."

Kirk Gibson
former
Detroit Tiger

into the end zone.

After the game, Gibson said that he is signed through next year as a Detroit Tigers announcer for Fox Sports Net Detroit. "Hopefully the Tigers will be a little better, and we could



Krystal Kaltz/The Oakland Post

FLAG FOOTBALL: Former Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson traveled to OU on Oct. 26 to play flag football with the women's intramural team. Gibson currently hosts "The Lockerroom" on Fox Sports Net Detroit.

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The THREE BLIND MICE revisit the FARMER'S WIFE with reinforcement.

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Yeah, looks like you can take down those "LOST CAT" posters.

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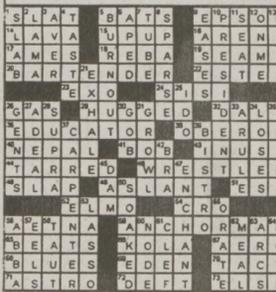
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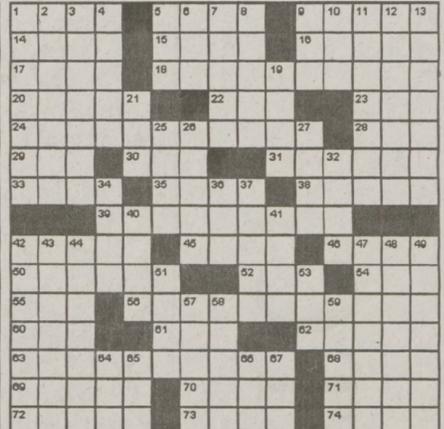
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



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"CELEBRITY CHESS MATCH"

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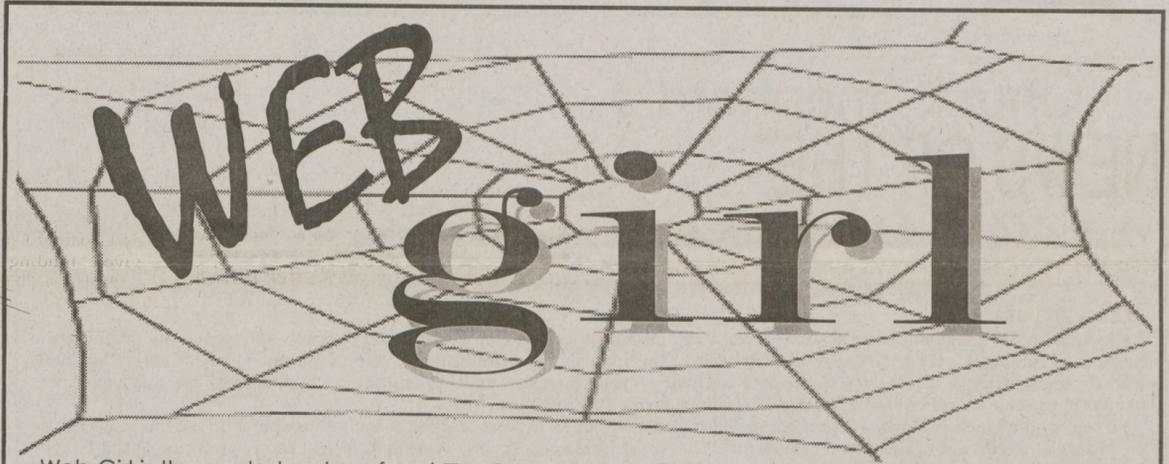
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Damon's Signs of the Times

October 27 - November 2

- Aries** (March 21-April 20) Use your excess energy constructively and get some positive things done. Others may perceive you as a threat, they may be aware of what strength you possess now. Traveling has a strong impact now.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20) Concentrate on hard work and the fun and benefits will come soon enough. You may be looking at your love life too critically, appreciate the positive things you have. Kids help you see things clearer.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Intense emotions mid-week conflict with your mind. Try to find a balance between your heart and your head. A friendship may occur through work with a like minded individual.
- Cancer** (June 22-July 22) A lot of growth can be achieved through other people and listen to what others have to say. Your work load may increase, but it is for the best. Friendships take a frustrating turn, but this could be a good learning experience.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your magnetism and insight is higher than usual, this may be your time to shine in the spotlight, but you may feel like retreating. Deal with your self-doubts head-on and this will be a great week.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Positive insights about yourself or life in general come from rolling up your sleeves and working hard. Support your family and they will support you equally. Make time for romance this week.
- Libra** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) Deal with financial issues that have been lingering. This is a good time to reevaluate your current relationships or to create new ones. Artistic inspiration comes on strong this week.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) Come up with your goals and you'll get them done, just make sure you don't run over anybody to reach your desires because it will come back to haunt you. Work on cooperating with others.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is the time to be an aggressive go-getter, though life may deliver what you want in an indirect way. Romance blooms with mix-ups and mixed emotions, but the results are good.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Relax at home to balance out your heavy workload/stress. Money matters are a sore spot for you or your partner, work on communicating your concerns and working through it.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Listen to your gut. Artistic inspiration comes from thin air, express yourself and you'll feel good, not to mention making a possible profit. Time to yourself is productive.
- Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20) Use your extra energy to get things done because your energy boost won't last forever. Enlightenment comes from communicating with others, so try to stay open-minded and positive.

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Welcome to the Halloween edition of WebGirl! Ready for some frights and delights? Here we go...

If you are going to a costume party this year and don't know what to go as or you are up for something more creative, there is a valuable list of tip sites at <http://users.aol.com/nebula5/hallocst.html>.

You've heard tales about the origins of Halloween... now read the facts at the Darkside Parlour at <http://www.csulb.edu/~merielle/darkside.html>. Also, find out how other countries spend All Hallows Eve.

Ready for some REAL LIFE screams? Check out GoreGallery.com or Rotten.com and you won't believe your eyes. Accidents, autopsies, twisted people...these sites are not for the squeamish. WARNING! They may be offensive and obscene to many!

Ready for a sip of bloody milkshake? How about a hunk of worm cake? These and other creative Halloween recipes are at the [MealsforYou.com](http://www.mealsforyou.com/cgi-bin/personalize?N001363066.696009527+rec47.html) website, at <http://www.mealsforyou.com/cgi-bin/personalize?N001363066.696009527+rec47.html>.



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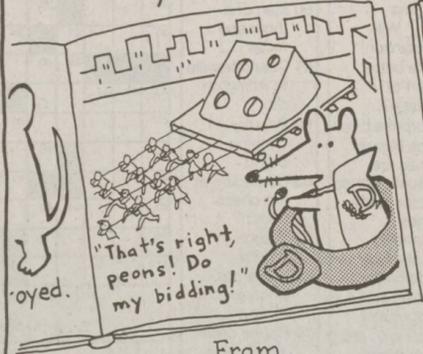
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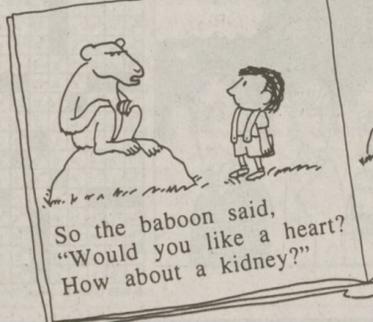
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LEAD STORIES

• In October, Washington state's Department of Labor and Industries began an investigation of Seattle's Internet pornography giant Clublove, according to a report in the Seattle newsweekly *The Stranger*. The investigation will focus on, among other things, Clublove's workers' break policy (less than the state-required one hour per eight-hour shift for its live-nude models) and allegations that female performers must share an unsterilizable plastic dildo equipped with a micro-camera.

• In September, Pinellas County, Fla., officials unveiled what they hope will be a cutting-edge traffic safety program as a model for reducing pedestrian deaths and calming drivers' road rage. The program asks pedestrians to extend their right hands (as if shaking hands) continuously through an intersection, while smiling, to get the attention of drivers. Said a worker in Clearwater, Fla., when the program was explained by a St. Petersburg Times reporter: "Nobody is going to walk across the street with their arm out. I'm not going to do it. Are you?"

DUI: THE NEXT LEVEL

• In separate incidents in the same week in September, Debra Rodriguez, 41, of Ames, Iowa, and Kristin R. Smebak, 34, of Superior, Wis., both of whom had been drinking, forced their young kids to drive their cars home so the mothers would avoid DUI tickets if they were stopped. Rodriguez's inexperienced 11-year-old daughter caused a rollover, injuring both occupants, but Smebak's inexperienced 8-year-old son made it safely over the bridge connecting Duluth, Minn., to Superior before being spotted by a patrolman, who arrested Smebak.

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

• According to police who arrested Fairfax (Va.) High School math teacher Fred Benevento, 47, in April during a drug sting, Benevento said the 13 plastic bags of crack cocaine in his car "came flying through his open window" and that he "was just looking at them when the police officers arrived."

• Failed Murder Defenses: In May, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled 5-to-4 to reject Brad Stone's "automaton" defense, that he was able to stab his wife 47 times only because he was in a robotic state brought on by the trauma of being called a bedroom failure. And in June, an Atlanta jury rejected Christopher Stobbart's claim of self-defense for shooting his boss in the head 14 times, then walking to another room, reloading and shooting him 10 more times.

• Of Course! In July, just after the end of the war, Yugoslavia's ecology minister said the uncomfortably warm and rainy spring and summer weather was caused by NATO aggression. And in May, a mother in St. Cloud, Fla., told police that the reason she let her teen-age daughters smoke marijuana was so they wouldn't become alcoholics like their father. And Yuji Nishizawa, who hijacked the All Nippon Airways Boeing 747 in July and killed the pilot before being captured, told police his main motivation was to see how a real plane flew, after all the flight-simulation video games he had played.

• West German criminologist Christian Pfeiffer, writing in the weekly *Die Zeit* in July, blamed East Germans' proclivities for post-war Nazism and thuggery (they are four times more likely to engage in those activities than West Germans) on too-rigorous potty training. After World War II, the East German government issued manuals on toilet-training for kindergartners, requiring virtually synchronized movements that stripped the kids of their individuality and reinforced government control.

THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY

• Escapee Jimmy Haakansson, in court in Stockholm, Sweden, on a theft charge and who broke a foot leaping through a courthouse window before being recaptured, filed a lawsuit against the police in September for failure to prevent his foolishness. One week earlier, in Roseville, Mich., Cassidy L. VanHorn filed a lawsuit against homeowner Diana Folbigg, whose house he had broken into in July 1997; according to the lawsuit, Folbigg lured VanHorn back to the house the next day, saying all was forgiven, but when he arrived, several of Folbigg's friends beat him up.

UPDATE

• Last year, *News of the Weird* named "Dr." John Ronald Brown "Chief Surgeon to the Weird" upon disclosure that after having had his license revoked for incompetence in 1977, he became the underground surgeon of choice for apotemnophiliacs (who get sexual gratification from having an arm or leg removed). However, one of his patients had died, and in October 1999, a San Diego jury found Brown guilty of second-degree murder. (That same week, Miami Beach's "Dr." Reinaldo Silvestre, who unlike Dr. Brown was never licensed, was arrested after botching several plastic surgeries, including one in which he used a spatula to cram breast implants into a former Mr. Universe runner-up who was expecting only pectoral implants.)

ALSO, IN THE LAST MONTH ...

• Quebec bureaucrats ordered an agricultural center to stop giving its cows "human female names" so as not to offend women. A lake-restoration project near Florida's Disney World caused several neighborhoods to be overrun by a half-million mice. Colin Linge, 54, retired after 29 years and 50,000 hours as a firefighter, having never fought a single fire (London, Ontario). Fourteen worshipers seeking eternal salvation were crushed to death when a crowd surged to touch a visiting evangelist (Abuja, Nigeria). A Washington Mutual bank informed a customer that, because of several mergers and relocations, it had lost his safe-deposit box containing \$250,000 in family heirlooms. (Fountain Valley, Calif.)

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