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• CSA remembers the century

The Center for Student Activities concludes a four part series of panel discussions reflecting on the 20th century next Monday. The topic for discussion is "The Arts, Literature, and Entertainment" featuring panelists Robert Eberwein and Brian Murphy, Professors of English, and Carol Halsted, chair of the department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Discussion runs from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

• Students:

Did you know that you can connect with the Advising Resource Center via email? Simply send questions to arc@oakland.edu, and let them help you!

• Campus Ministry panel discussions

As part of Religious Diversity week (Dec. 1st through 8th,) St. John Fisher Campus Ministry will present two panel discussions about how religion has affected the professional and personal lives of faculty members. The first, held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room will discuss Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. The second, also held from noon to 1 p.m. in Gold Room A will discuss Catholicism, Mormon and Tibetan Buddhism. Each panelist will speak for 15 minutes, then 15 minutes will be allowed for audience-panel dialogue.

UAW Local 1925 backs down, talks continue

By Shajan Kay
OF THE OAKLAND POST

If the holiday spirit seems to be missing in offices around OU, blame the mood in part on the stalled contract negotiations between the clerical technical

union and OU.

Last week, the CT union cancelled its traditional holiday party set for December 9 after OU failed to respond to its annual request to allow its members release time to attend the festivities which run over the lunch hour.

According to a letter from the CT's negotiating team to the membership, "on October 22, 1999 the union's annual request was put forth to the university for release time to enable our members to attend our annual holiday luncheon being planned for December

9th. A second request was made the following week." According to the letter, no response was ever received from OU.

The letter said that because there was no longer time to send out invitations, as well as the risk that the union could lose money on its

deposit if members were unable to attend the luncheon, the event would have to be cancelled.

Contract negotiations between the CTs, who represent the secretaries, office assistants and lab technicians, and OU will be submitted

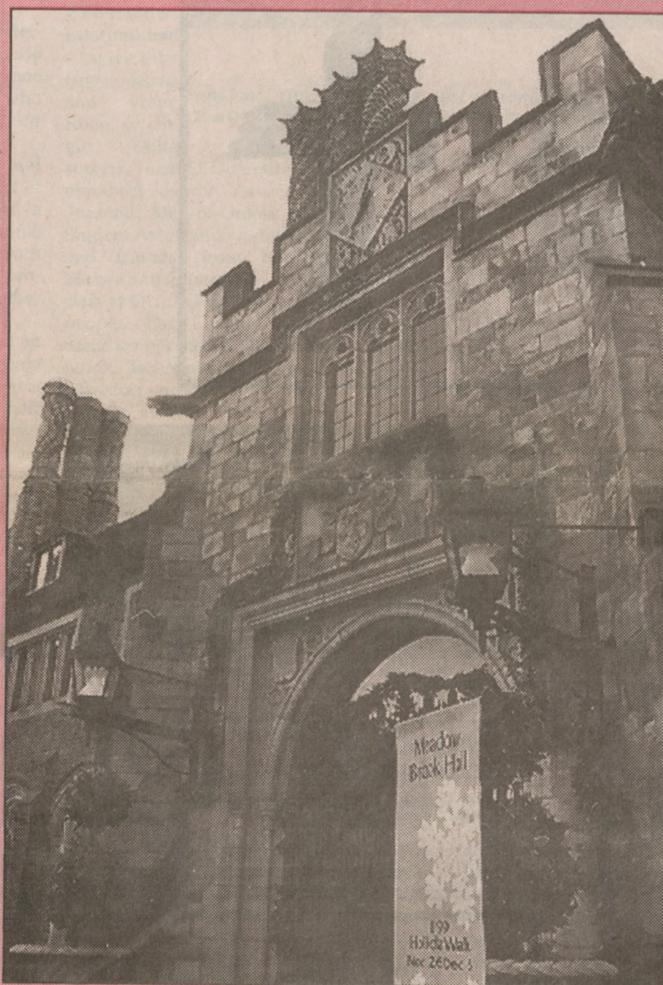
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Joyeux Noel at historic mansion

Visitors of all ages have an opportunity to enjoy OU's traditional Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall. The event will continue through December 5.

Among the featured exhibitions is the French Collection which includes fine and decorative art from the Dodge and Wilson family collection. Meadow Brook Hall is decorated with elegant holiday decore and fresh floral arrangements.

There will be three holiday gala dinners held on Dec. 2, 3 and 4. For further information please call the Visitor Services Desk at (248)370-3140.

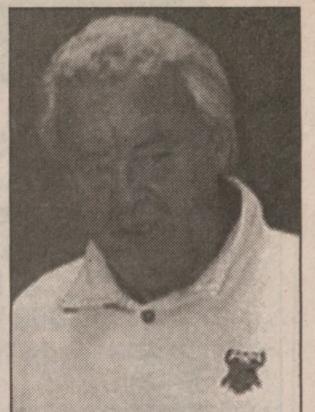


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Truth can be tough to tell

Bill Bonds, Jerry Stanecki advise future journalists on the "business" of ethics

By Pam Hendrix & Carmen Abrego
OF THE OAKLAND POST



Fist banging and loud voices erupted November 22 during Neal Shine's Ethics class. This time it wasn't striking newspaper people, but instead, it was Bill Bonds and Jerry Stanecki commenting on modern journalism.

Bonds, a WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 commentator joined Stanecki, a former Channel 7 "News Hawk" investigative reporter and current writer for the Oakland Press, to captivate and teach future journalists about the past and present and to possibly give a look at the future.

The main focus of the discussion: How does the media effect lives, and how do reporters cover the news ethically?

"Viet Nam changed our lives. It was the first time in the history of man that we took live pictures of Americans killing Vietnamese boys and girls. We saw first hand our boys arrive home in body bags, while our president lied to us about the number of boys killed," said Bonds.

According to both Bonds and Stanecki, this live reporting began the "desensitization" of viewers. When the "bean counters and consultants muscled into the media boardrooms saying people like blood, sex and violence, this changed the face of television," said Bonds. This all adds up to, "The media going for the slick and the obvious. It doesn't

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Campus community mourns three fond friends

By Brent Chismark
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Three faculty members who made significant contributions in their respective disciplines, were remembered fondly by colleagues and students this week. Their contributions to their school and society will be remembered fondly by students, alumni and staff.

Robbin Hough

Veteran economics and business management Professor Robbin Hough died on Thanksgiving after a two and a half year battle with esophageal cancer.

Hough was characterized by his love for teaching and students, which kept him teaching after his health deteriorated.

He was also known for his unusual teaching techniques. Once named one of the Detroit Free

Press' Eccentric Professors, a picture of him in his bathrobe holding class in his garage once graced the pages of the Newspaper.

Dr. Hough was a strong advocate of computer technology during his tenure, who was once laughed at for his idea that everyone should have a personal computer. When he learned of his illness, he scoured the internet for information on how to treat his illness, according to former Dean of Business Administration Ron Horowitz.

Dr. Hough was also involved in many community activities in Rochester. He was chairman of the Rochester Association for Planning, and the Rochester Bike Path Committee.

He is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren. Services will be held at noon Saturday, at St. John Fisher Chapel on Walton Blvd. Memorial contributions can be made to the Dr. Robbin R. Hough Fund for Global Transformational Thinking, 1142

Main St., Rochester 48307.

Carl Vann

Longtime faculty member and founding faculty member of the Health Behavioral Sciences program Carl Vann, died November 13 of prostate cancer at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Dr. Vann joined Oakland University faculty in 1964 in the Political Science department. He began serving as Director of Health

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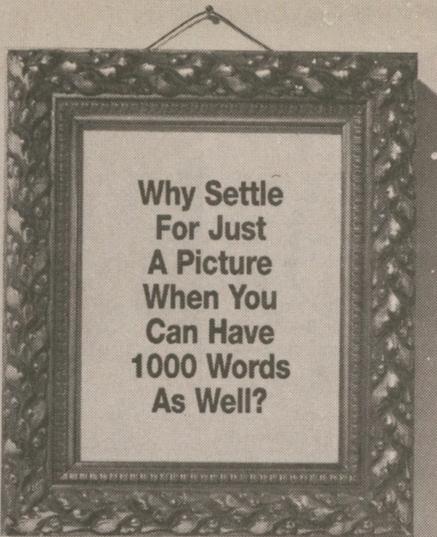
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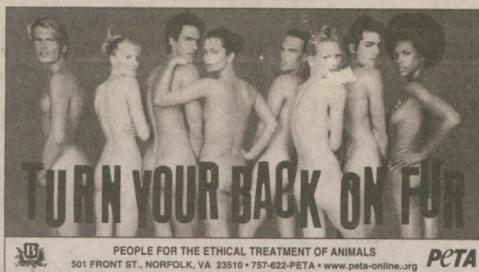
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UPDATING OU

• **Graham Health Center** reminds you to come see us before the holiday break if you need any health concerns addressed or prescriptions refilled. We do re-open January 3, 2000 if you want to be seen before winter semester starts. Call us for an appointment at 370-2341.

• **Congratulations** to the Intramural Men's Soccer Champion Team for 1999 - Man U. Also, Team M.A.D. won the Women's Intramural Soccer Championship on November 8th.

Do you smoke? Did you know that one pack of cigarettes per day for one year adds up to \$1,350.50. If your health is not a good enough reason for you to quit, then think of all the things you could buy with \$1350.50. You could buy Christmas presents for your loved ones, a computer for yourself, 1,975 Taco Bell tacos, a play station and 20 games, one 27" color TV, VCR, and 218 video rentals. **Graham Health Center** encourages you to call if you need help with smoking cessation, 370-2341.

• **Campus Recreation Updates:** Winter semester intramural sports applications are now available at the Rec Center. New for the winter semester—noon time intramural sports. Stop by the Rec Center for more information. Anyone interested in **Masters Swimming** please contact Terri Eudy at 4533 to sign-up. Modified holiday open swim hours will be posted the week of 11/29. **Holiday break passes** will be available again this year for individuals wishing to purchase them for family members. These passes are good until January 9, 2000. Call the Rec Center at 4732 for more information.

• **Need an answer to a perplexing career question?** Email the Career Resource Center at crc@oakland.edu and we'll help you get some answers. Also, visit our web site at <http://phoenix.placement.edu/crc/home.htm>. Select CRCLinks for information about careers and majors.

THIS WEEK

• **Mid-Con conference swimming championships** are December 2-4. Modified open swim hours will be in place. Please call 370-4732 for information.

• Catch the next home game of **Men's Ice Hockey Club** at **OU** against Calvin on December 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rochester Onyx Ice Arena. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Come to the Oakland Center December 7th from 12 noon-3 p.m for your last chance to get your Flu and hepatitis B shots. **Flu shots are \$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.

EDUCATION MAJORS

Placement & Career Services will hold a "Resume Writing for Educators" workshop on December 8th in rooms 126-127 of the Oakland Center. This workshop will be repeated on December 13th in the Lake Michigan Room of the Oakland Center. Contact Placement & Career Services with any questions at 370-3250.

• **Swim lesson sign-ups** start January 12, 2000 at the Rec Center welcome desk.

• **Coming soon!!! "We Got Game" 3:3 Basketball** on Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

• **Graham Health Center** wishes you Happy Holidays. Remember to eat healthy, and don't overindulge on those yummy Christmas sweets too much. If you do catch yourself overeating, remember to increase your level of activity to burn off those extra calories. See you next year!!

• **The African American Celebration Committee** announces Christy S. Matthews, President and CEO, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, as the major speaker for the month. She will be speaking on Monday, February 7, 2000 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Also, Cornell West is confirmed for Thursday, March 9, at Varner Recital Hall. The Committee on Race Relations/Vice President for Academic Affairs is sponsoring this lecture. Call the Center for Student Activities and Leadership at 370-2400 for more information.

Good Luck to All Students on Your Upcoming Final Exams!

CRIME watch

• Brush Fire

Police were radioed to respond to a fire November 16 in the field near Butler Road, one-fifth of a mile east of Squirrel Road. The Auburn Hills fire department determined the fire was on OU property and called OUPD to unlock the access gate. The brush and mulch fire was put out and is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

• Property Stolen in Rec Center

A man put his personal items into a locker in the first floor locker room of the Rec center November 18 and locked the locker with his own combination lock. When he returned, he found the lock missing and his personal items missing. Included in the items missing were the man's social security card, credit card, \$20 in cash and a gold necklace valued at \$600. The man told police that there was an unknown male in the same row of lockers who may have stolen the items.

Police reported November 19 to the third floor of South Foundation Hall, where a woman had passed out. When the officer arrived, she was conscious, but was having trouble with her thoughts. She told the officer she has a heart problem and is on medication but still has blackouts. She hit her head when she fell out of her seat, but refused to be transported by ambulance. She had a classmate drive her home.

• Open Credit Card Statement.

A woman reported to police headquarters November 16 with a credit card statement she had just received. She reported that when she picked it up, the envelope seal was broken, and she feared someone had copied her number. The reporting officer examined the envelope and saw no evidence of tampering. He deduced that the envelope had been improperly sealed by the credit card company, and had probably come open during shipment.

Group offers opportunity to explore different faiths

By Natasha Vanover
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Exploring world religion is closer to OU's campus than you may think. Spirituality in Service offers students the chance to take part in an interactive day that is focused on teaching the fundamentals of religious service in the community. Each month OU students will have a chance to participate in a year long program that will take 12-15 students to one of seven different religious community sites which include Islamic, Catholic, Mormon, Protestant, Baha'i, Jewish, and Buddhist faiths.

"It is important to gain a better understanding of one another," said Shaunda Scruggs, a biology junior. "Religion is one of the things that can divide people who may have everything in common but their religious differences."

Scruggs who attended the Islamic and Catholic service project is the president of the Association of Black Students and a Diversity Ambassador. She and Annie Chung, a pre-physical therapy senior, both attended the Spirituality in Service program to learn about another religion other than their own.

"In the first service project we visited an Islamic site in Dearborn. Many people have the mindset that the Islamic religion is mysterious because the women cover their hair," said Chung. "As people we are trying to understand other spiritual beliefs. We are willing to accept and understand others and their beliefs when they are willing to open up the door of opportunity to let us see their reality."

Before entering the Islamic House of Wisdom all female students and faculty wore scarves to cover their hair. Students in attendance came with different backgrounds. International students from Japan and Hong Kong, a single Delta sorority sister, Diversity Ambassadors, members of the Association of Black Students, Men of Umoja, and the Muslim Student Association mingled with students and friends' from Professor Charles Mabee's comparative religious studies class at OU. This first site attracted over 30 people. Each event takes place one Saturday per month. The host site provides lunch. Transportation is available through volunteer carpooling.

Each Saturday event is created around three components. The first part of the day is structured to explain the fundamentals of the religion and also to show how community service is viewed. The second part of the day is dedicated to gaining first-hand experience in working with people on the

service project. "Preparing clothes for the needy at Islamic House of Wisdom was an experience in which we had an opportunity learn about another culture and at the same time unite in serving the community we must share," said Ralph Williams, a med sophomore.

Lastly, students and hosts take part question and answer period that is included by further discussion which is placed with the sharing of an authentic prayer.

Students learned that in Islam women pray at least five times per day. In Islamic religion men are forbidden to wear gold. Students asked many questions brought up misconceptions as well as clarify the Koran and the meaning of

Islamic symbolic sword of wisdom and education. An Imam and scholar visiting from Tanzania also attended adding insight to the discussion.

At the first site, students learned about the Islamic religion as well as culture. Students who volunteered at the Catholic site went to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit and had a chance to speak one on one with the adults and children who ate there.

There is a two year waiting list to volunteer at the soup kitchen explained Lisa Abad, OU Catholic campus minister and co-facilitator for the site.

"The Capuchins serve meals to around

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KEEPING THE FAITH: Spirituality in Service volunteers help out at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Lisa Abad (far right) is a OU campus minister and Karen Bennett (second right) is the president of the Catholic student organization.

OU graduate creates Banner software, heads multi-million dollar corporation

By SunShine Joy Collins
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Mike Chamberlain, an alumnus at OU, helped lead the team that created the Banner suite of software for education currently used at OU.

Chamberlain graduated from OU with a bachelor of business administration in 1967. He is President of SCT Global Operations, and since joining the team in 1986 has helped the company profits skyrocket as the business went from one that lost \$6 million to one that gained \$299 million in 1999.

SCT's growth has been



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OU alumnus Mike Chamberlain

fueled by its market-leading products and services, and its deep industry knowledge and experience in four different key markets. "SCT enables clients such as OU to achieve breakthrough results by leveraging their key relationships," said Chamberlain.

According to Chamberlain the solution and implementation of Banner was the best choice and the clear market leader. "At OU, the selection process took two years and was completed with a unanimous vote of the cabinet and the input and recommendations of expert 'outsiders,'" said Chamberlain.

SCT has had a proven track record and a client base of 1,300 colleges and universities, in the United States and around the world. Banner has been implemented in 49% of U.S. schools with enrollment greater than 2000 enrollment.

Chamberlain believes that

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Student wraps campus in caution tape, good will

By Beth Collins
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Erik Thor Rasmussen, OU Freshman, stood outside many days this semester handing out caution tape to students as they passed by. His intention was simply to serve as a reminder for people to say good morning or good afternoon to other people they passed.

"I had noticed upon arriving at OU that there were a great many people looking at their feet with little regard for common courtesy," said Rasmussen. "Too many people, it seemed, were afraid they would turn to stone if they dare make eye contact with another human being."

Rasmussen admitted that the original plan was Jolly Ranchers until he came across the caution tape.

"I think in the end its success is primarily because it wasn't thought of before," said Rasmussen.

He said he has received many different responses from students ranging from being ignored to curiosity and interest.

Junior, Carolyn Mrowczynski said she thought it was weird at first, but once she knew the reason behind it, the purpose was much clearer.

He believes he can change the world by doing his best to help encourage someone and having that person encourage another.

"That is my motivation," said Rasmussen. "I do my best to live for Jesus."

Rasmussen said he would like to thank all those who keep their heads up and say good morning or good afternoon to people.

Religious devotion should be a personal choice

I was sitting down to dinner last night in Vandenberg Cafeteria when this young lady came up to me and started talking. We talked for a few minutes, the conversation ranged from the poor quality of food in the cafe to what we did for Thanksgiving. She was very polite. Everything was going fine. Then she dropped the question.

"Would you like to go to Bible study with me?" she asked.

I should have expected the question. This wasn't the first time I had been asked this, in fact people come to me and ask this question quite frequently. Perhaps it is because people see me around campus a lot.

Well, I thanked her for asking me, I had to tell her no. The conversation



SHAJAN KAY

quickly dried up, and she moved on to a different table. Anyone who has spent as much time on this campus as I have will have noticed, that in the past year, there has been a growth in the amount of religious events on campus.

I used to go to church every week, and I also took part in teaching Bible study to children in Mexico and rural regions of Alaska. Like many people my age, however, I became

disillusioned with going to church got tired of it, because it all seemed so fake to me.

Now as the new millennium approaches, it seems as if more and more people are starting to go to church.

It doesn't really matter to me that other people choose to explore the religious beliefs. Everyone should have the right to do that. What bothers me is that it is constantly thrown into our faces. Some people don't seem to understand why others don't want to take time to learn about their religious beliefs.

As the year 2000 approaches, I don't intend to start going to church. I am certainly not going to suddenly start reading the Bible.

I will live my life as I always have, with decency and respect for others. If for some reason I am going to be judged for anything let it be the last 23 years of my life, not the last two months.

As I grow older perhaps I will find a need to look for spiritual growth I am willing to wait for that time to come. When the time does come, I will know it I won't need anyone else to help me find the way.

Senior, Shajan Kay is a Human Resource Development major. sdokay@oakland.edu

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SETTING IT straight

This space is reserved to correct factual errors that appear in **The Oakland Post**

EDITOR'S view

Students prepare for final days

The end is near. The predictions are true. We are entering a time of unparalleled fear and confusion. There is no stopping it and no matter how many jugs of water you hoard or how much canned meat you have stacked in the garage, you are in trouble.

So crawl out of your bomb shelters and face the dawning of the most frightening time in your life - FINALS. (Did you think I was talking about Y2K?)

Final exams can be a stressful time in a student's life. There is a lot of pressure to do well. Sometimes the only thing preventing you from failing a class is aching the final.

Don't be too hard on your professor for putting you through this hell, they are only following a path that dates back to the beginning of higher education.

Final exams are a tradition that dates back to the earliest days of European education. There was no requirement in the amount of classes to take to earn a degree. A student would attend classes until he (women were not allowed to attend the universities then) felt he was ready to graduate. Then, he would go before a group of professors, who would question him on the subjects taught at the school. If they felt the student passed their "final" examination, then he would receive a diploma.

On the surface, this sounds like an easy way to graduate, but try to imagine a group of the toughest professors you ever had questioning you for hours (with no bathroom break) about history, philosophy, math and Latin. Yuck. (I'd rather take the multiple choice test).

What do you do when you find yourself under the pressure of finals? The best thing to do is study a little every day during the semester so you don't have to cram the night before the test. (Ha! Ha! Ha! I can't believe I just wrote that).

Seriously, the best thing is to relax and tackle each test separately. Study for one exam and then the next one and then the next one. Do not try to do everything at once.

If you are hoping things will be easier next semester, they won't. Finals have been around for hundreds of years, and they are not going to go away.

Joe Gray
Managing Editor

LETTERS TO THE editor

CT 'thanks' Russi for OU's offer

Dear Editor,

After five months of negotiating with the University, I would like to publicly thank President Russi for his GENEROUS offer that he has proposed to the Clerical Technicals, and thank you, V.P. Schaeffer, for making the generous offer public.

First of all I would like to say that the average wage for a CT is \$28,000 (round figure). The average estimated expenses for a single CT are as follows:

Deductions	\$800.00 mo
Rent	\$650.00 mo
Car payment	\$300.00 mo
Car insurance	\$ 85.00 mo
Misc. expenses such as dental, medicine, gasoline, car repairs, household expenses, renter's insurance, etc.	\$125.00 mo
Total	\$1850.00 total

This leaves our average CT with a grand total of \$458.00 per month for food, clothes, entertainment, etc.

If this person is a single parent, the cost of childcare is \$150.00 a week per child. This adds up to \$600.00 per month. This is if you want to leave your preschool child at a registered daycare. You may find someone less expensive, but with the conditions the world is in today, most of our

mothers are more cautious.

And then there are food and expenses for a second child whether he be (in) preschool or not, they do have to eat and pay for the little cursed incidents that come up with going to school.

So, we thank you very much for the generous increase you have offered the CT's. Yes, this will amount to possibly a gross of \$53.00 a month which may almost pay for the gas to go back and forth to work for the month depending on whether we have an economy car. Oh, yes, then for us with more than two years service there is an additional 1/2% increase which is approx. \$11, and this will pay for taxes on the \$53 raise we received. Of course, then there is the increase in our medical expenses and prescriptions going from a minimum of \$2 to \$5 which may not seem like a lot to you, Dr. Russi, but when you have to take that away from the \$53 it does drop our pay increase.

I might mention, too, that most of our CT's are educated and have degrees. These people are hoping someday to have this degree pay off with all the expense it cost them to go to college.

Oh yes, we did get an increase of 1% in our retirement which will only go to our employess with 3 years or more of service and some day that may be important to the CT, but it is not helping their present problem. So we want to thank you again for your generous offer.

Beverly Holesapple
Office Manager
Placement and Career Services

What I like about OU is that you can go to Vandenberg cafeteria and pay for your dinner, but then there is never anything to eat.

I think Carly Nelson should have actually done some research for her guest column about the Senate Bill that, according to her, takes away our First Amendment rights. If she had actually researched the topic, she would have found out that it only punishes people who try to kill someone or blow something up.

If Oakland is serious about big-time athletics it should look into getting hockey and football

I wonder what the Student Program Board finds so interesting about Connect Four?

INTRODUCING CAMPUS forum

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The Oakland Post's Reader Forum is an anonymous call-in-system that allows readers to voice their opinions on any topic for 20 seconds. To call the FORUM, dial 370-5395.

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Behavioral Sciences in 1975.

He was also a founder and chair of the Allport College of Human Behavior which was an integral part of Oakland's campus from 1969 to 1975.

Dr. Vann taught classes in Political Science and team-taught in Health by a part-time adjunct, and his HBS class has been turned over entirely to his teammate, Dr. Phil Singer, who was also a good friend of Dr. Vann.

Political science chair Vincent Khapoya said that Dr. Vann was liked by his students because of his personality and extensive work of friends and professionals in Political Science.

A resident of Southfield, Michigan since 1972, Dr. Vann was an avid supporter of the arts, including Interlochen Fine Arts Academy. He is survived by his wife Diane Moody, his sister Eleanor, his two children and two grandchildren.

No memorial service was held. The family requests donation to the Carl R. Vann Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Dr. Suzanne Selig, The University of Michigan-Flint, Health Care Department, Flint, MI 48502.



Carl Vann

Marilyn Becker

A heroine and special lecturer in the Women's Studies concentration, Marilyn Becker, died last Wednesday of cancer.

Throughout her life, she was active in many community organizations and a strong activist. She demonstrated against wars, worked on "Our Bodies, Our Selves," and was a co-founder of the organization "Listen to Women for a Change."

Here at OU, she helped develop and teach the "Women in Transition" course in the Women's studies concentration. She also worked as a social worker from 1972 to the present at three different institutions.

Marilyn's first-person account of caring for her dying father was published in Ms. Magazine. Her book Last Touch: Preparing for a Parent's Death is also about this experience.

She is survived by her husband and two daughters. A Memorial Service for Becker will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday in the Fireside Lounge. Memorial contributions can be made to Oakland University-Women's Studies, Rochester, 48309-4401.



Marilyn Becker

BONDS

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give people the proper perspective. The bottom line became what's important, the answer money," said Stanecki.

As an example, Bonds viewed a story he wanted to tell his viewers about but was not allowed to air on TV. He talked about a local car dealer who runs millions of dollars worth of commercials on Channel 7. This dealer whom he did not name puts a device on his cars that makes them undrivable

if the payments are late. Sometimes payments are only a day late. At times the dealer tells the customer they've been approved and they take the car. The next day they find out they weren't approved, but it's too late. The old car is gone and they can't afford another.

According to Bonds, Channel 7 had the facts backed up by proof, but the bottom line was that they couldn't lose the advertising money. "This is why the truth doesn't get out," said Bonds.

"This is an attack on the spirit of all Americans," said Stanecki.

"Shows like 60 Minutes fought to get the truth out about what the cigarette companies were hiding," said Bonds. But the wealthy cigarette companies said, "If you tell the truth we will shut you down."

"We are failing as a community to hold the media responsible. We should have integrity, go back to checking three sources and maintain our objectivity," said Stanecki.

"We want to get on the air before the other channels. Editing is gone, we don't do it anymore. It is easy to get the facts, but that doesn't always lead to the truth," said Bonds.

CT

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to non-binding fact finding.

Morale among the 260 members of UAW Local 1925 reached another low point Thursday, November 18, when a threatened walkout was called off with no explanation by the CT leadership.

Angered CT members searched for answers in hallways and hushed telephone conversations with other members, but little information was forthcoming from CT President Susan Russell.

The decision not to strike and instead go into non-binding fact finding struck many as a retreat by the union. "We had the momentum, we were ready to

go," said one CT who asked not to be identified.

"We came to the brink, and our leaders blinked," said another CT. "We were ready to go," said another. "I was waiting for the call."

"I know one secretary who literally stayed up all night because she was afraid she'd sleep through the strike call," another said.

A telephone tree set up by union members to notify each other of a strike was not activated.

The decision to go to fact finding comes after the unsuccessful effort of a state mediator to negotiate a settlement between the two sides.

Russell said by moving into a fact-finding stage OU and the union would gather all facts and

data that related to disputed contract items. Data gained from other institutions could also be used in comparison to OU. The information found during the fact finding period would be non-binding, however, it would be made public, she said.

The union and OU need to "agree on a fact finder, prepare a meeting schedule, and prepare their cases," said Russell, who described it as a "short process."

According to Ted Montgomery, Director of Media Relations, "There has been no settlement and no walkout," in between the union and OU. Montgomery did not have an additional information.

RELIGION

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3,500 people per day in the city of Detroit including breakfast, lunch and dinner with no questions asked," said Professor Charles Mabee, director of the Spirituality in Service program. "The culmination of the experience was receiving food and sitting with the guests, rather than serving."

Before meeting in the soup kitchen, students were taught the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience that Brother Ray, the facilitator, took when he became a Franciscan monk. The three knots on his cape represented his vows. After the meal, students had a chance to meet Sister Nancy who instituted an art therapy program at the main soup kitchen for children.

"Few of us will soon forget Jim, the 10 year old who proudly showed us his pencil drawings of superheroes that clearly had the ability to overcome the social problems that he has not yet discovered," said Mabee who was pleased to see how the children joined in song and dance initiated by two Islamic OU students.

Richard Stamps Associate Professor in Anthropology will coordinate the next event. For further information sign up in the Center for Student Activities office in room 49 in the lower Oakland Center. All Saturday projects meet at 9 a.m. on the designated days in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

The next Service in Spirituality Project will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday December 11th at the Mormon Bishop Storehouse.

BANNER

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clients and prospects achieve leverage with all their key constituents through solutions that help them to use information in new ways.

"We believe that universities are implementing the system because we are immersed in the industries we serve and our knowledge of the needs of our clients' markets is extensive and deep," said Chamberlain.

Chamberlain added that any Banner System problems are due to the stresses that are sometimes encountered during conversion and not directly related to the Banner Software. "Systems conversions are often difficult times for all involved," said Chamberlain.

The initial development of the Banner Student System took approximately one year. The other systems Finance, Financial Aid, Human Resources, and Alumni/Development also took approximately one year for their initial releases. Banner is continually being modified and upgraded with enhancements.

Before joining SCT's team, Chamberlain worked for General Electric, IBM, and McDonnell Douglas Automation Company. SCT's headquarters is in Malvern, PA and operates globally, employing more than 3,700 employees and serving 2,500 clients worldwide.

Chamberlain told students to work hard in order to reach high levels of success. "Believe in the importance of what you do, always keep learning, and surround yourself with people of high integrity," said Chamberlain.

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Today versus tomorrow

Is the concern quality education or technological competition?

By Ashlyn Cates

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

For those of you who thought book and tuition fees were expensive, start saving your pennies now for a mandatory laptop computer.

Students at colleges across Michigan, including Northern Michigan University (NMU), have piloted laptop programs hoping to create a unified technological environment.

Gavin Leech, director of Budget and Financial Planning at NMU, organized the school's laptop lease program.

"In the beginning, there were some questions, but overall there has been a positive response from students and faculty," said Leech. "We work with IBM and offer students direct online access, walk-in support, and a warranty in addition to other services."

This semester, 1,000 students participated in the laptop lease program at NMU. "Many students believe this program helped them to become organized. It took a lot of work to prepare the school for this program, but now students and teachers are able to access computer files anywhere on campus," said Leech.

The cost for each unit is \$385 per semester, which includes unlimited service, a warranty and insurance coverage to protect against loss or theft. However, there is a \$500 deductible in case of damage or loss. On-site replacement laptops are offered to students while they wait for repairs.

OU students can relax for now. According to Louis Esposito, vice president of Academic

Affairs and Provost, "We have not talked seriously about requiring laptops at OU. Soon we will be discussing strategic plans for information and instructional technology for our campus. At that time we will likely discuss this topic."

Esposito listed several changes that would be necessary prior to OU requiring the use of laptop computers: "Our campus would have to be hard-wired, that is every student in class would be able to hook their computer into the system all at one time. OU would have to design course curriculums that would require extensive use of a laptop computer." Esposito said, "I think that, at this time, a laptop requirement would be a burden to our students."

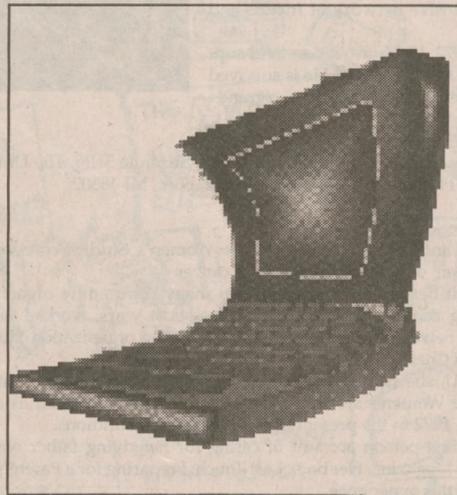
Dr. David Boddy, professor of Engineering and Computer Science, also feels that there is not currently a need for students to have laptops.

"Laptops are convenient because the cost is becoming smaller, and they are adequate to the tasks of the computer science student. However, the labs at OU are easy for students to access, and some are even open 24 hours," said Boddy.

Currently, there are pros and cons to the use of the laptop. Students, faculty and administrators are just beginning to access their usage.

Other area universities are looking into laptop programs. Dr. Morell Boone, dean of Learning Resources and Technology at Eastern Michigan University, believes that providing computer access for everyone is the key to success.

"Although we have made no formal attempt at a pilot program, we are seriously



REALITY BYTES: Laptops will be part of the future for all students. Get ready.

examining the use of ubiquitous computing on campus," said Boone.

Heather Shevokas, a communication sophomore, thinks a laptop is unnecessary. "It's expensive enough having to pay for books and other items, let alone a laptop computer."

Important Note

"Laptops are covered under most homeowners insurance policies. The policy covers up to \$3,000. Additional insurance can be purchased for \$9 and that will cover and extra \$10,000. As long as the students primary residence is at home, theft will be covered," said Jan Slosek, office manager, AAA.

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By Kathy Sauer

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Christmas is right around the corner and that means parties, pressure and serious shopping. If you're tired of packed parking lots, long lines, petty thieves, snarling, overworked, hard to find salespeople, you have another option.

Avoid the hassle this year and snuggle up in front of the computer. Oh yes, and bring a credit card that is not maxed out.

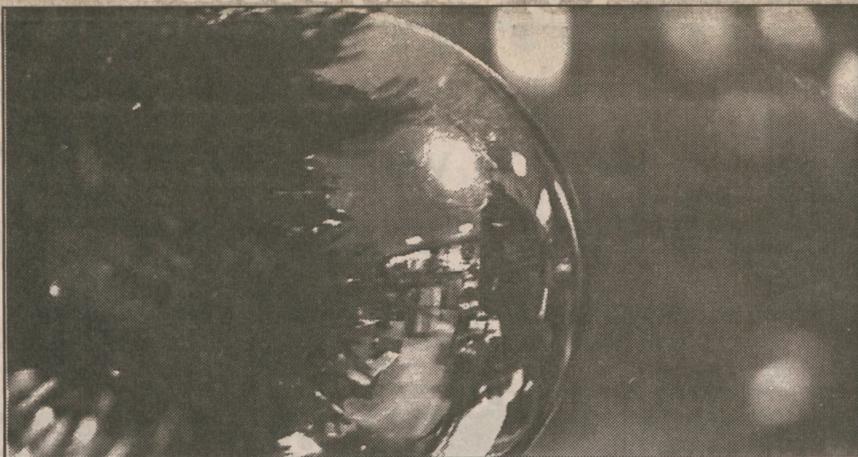
Each purchase online takes 5-10 minutes. Take a test trip to the local mall add shopping, parking, and standing in-line time. How long did it take?

According to Jupiter Communications, an Internet research provider, consumers spent \$700 million online in 1996, and \$7 billion in 1998. Robert McKinley, president of CardWeb.com estimates that, "This year's credit and debit card debt will reach \$126.5 billion."

To increase sales this Christmas season, many web sites are offering free shipping, added discounts and virtual shopping. Amazon.com offers a "wish list" from which family and friends can choose the perfect gift.

It is clear that online shopping is easy and convenient, but what is the downside?

Be sure each web site has security. It should have Secure



Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

SERIOUS SHOPPING: The malls are crowded, the lines are long, become part of the new century. Be a savvy computer shopper. Do it online.

Socket Layer Protocol (SSL) technology. This scrambles personal information to prevent online theft. If the site is unprotected, don't use it.

Although interest rates are currently below 14 percent on most credit cards, card fees are on the rise, according to McKinley.

The Federal Government protects consumers by limiting a cardholder's liability. Fraudulent purchases made by credit card must be caught within 30 days.

Sometimes shopping online is so easy it doesn't seem real. However at the end of the month when the bill comes due, reality sets in.

Imagine that \$500 was spent online. Every month the minimum balance of \$25 was paid, the interest rate was 21.98 percent (it is only 14 percent when the balance is paid each month). It will take 26 months to pay, at a cost of \$628.

Good news for students though, according to a 1997 study by Visa, "Fifty six percent of college students typically pay their credit card balances in full each month." An article in Credit Card Management magazine found that only 40 percent of cardholders paid their balance each month.

Many OU students have tested online shopping. Mary Bobish,

sophomore, with an undecided major said, "Online shopping is quick, easy and more efficient than hitting the mall. But I still am a big fan of the mall."

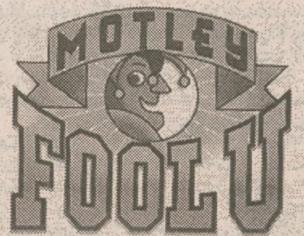
"It's fun, it's easy. I don't have to deal with crowded malls during holiday seasons. Usually I spend less than when I go to the mall, because I find exactly what I want," said Carrie Meek, senior, sociology.

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SELF-MANAGED ROLLOVER IRA

Q: Is there anything I should watch for when moving pension and 401(k) assets into a self-managed rollover IRA? — M.B., via the Internet

A: A self-managed IRA, also known as a self-directed IRA, is an individual retirement account (or "agreement," if you want to be really picky) that you set up with a broker instead of with a mutual fund, an insurance company or a bank. This means you can buy and sell individual securities such as stocks, and that you're taking control of your investments.

Here are some things to keep in mind: — Beware of financial "experts" who tell you that traditional IRAs opened with retirement plan rollover money can only be put into mutual fund accounts. It ain't so.

— If you have an existing IRA and a 401(k), if you leave your current company, you can roll over the 401(k) money into the existing IRA without paying a penalty or taxes. To avoid potential tax problems, you should see your benefits administrator to discuss the procedures for arranging a custodian-to-custodian transfer.

But if you do transfer the 401(k) money to an existing IRA, you will lose all eligibility to later transfer that sum and all its earnings to a future employer's 401(k) plan. Therefore, if retaining that eligibility is important to you, the 401(k) monies should be transferred to a separate and distinct IRA known as a "rollover" or "conduit" IRA.

— Money you transfer to an IRA from your retirement plan *does not* count against your annual contribution limit. You may transfer unlimited sums from qualified retirement plans or other IRAs with no impact on your ability to contribute up to \$2,000 per year to an IRA.

— Trading costs (commissions) must be paid from monies available in your IRA account. If you send your broker a check for these costs, then that payment will count against your annual IRA contribution limit. That, in turn, could lead to an excess IRA contribution for the year that results in problems with the IRS.

— Say you rolled your old IRA over to a new one four months ago. Must you now wait a year before transferring that money to another IRA? Hmm ... itchy and fidgety, are you? Well, the answer is that you don't have to wait, provided you use a direct transfer of the money from the old IRA custodian to the new IRA custodian.

This is different from a "rollover." A rollover occurs when you get the money from an existing IRA and then deposit it in another IRA within 60 days. You may roll over the same money only once every 12 months.

In a direct transfer, however, the money flows directly from one IRA custodian to another. You never see it. Direct transfers may be made as often as you want. If you now wish to invest in a new IRA, just call the provider and tell that agency you wish to open that IRA by using a direct transfer of monies in an existing IRA. That agency will send you two forms. One is a basic IRA application, and the other is a set of instructions to your existing IRA custodian directing that agency to liquidate the existing IRA and transfer the proceeds to the new IRA provider. Complete and return those forms, and then sit back and wait. In 30 to 45 days, depending on how slow the old IRA custodian is, the money will be in your new IRA.

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What he predicted

By Chelsea Charles
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

What does the new millennium have in store for the planet? This the question many are pondering as the year 2000 crawls closer each day.

To find answers to these questions about the future, many people are turning toward the past.

One of the most commented on sources are the prophecies of Nostradamus, a physician and prophet of the 16th century, who wrote predictions about the future (including some on the millennium) using a form of poetry known as quatrains.

What makes him different from other seers of the past, is that many of his reported prophecies have been fulfilled. He is credited with accurately predicting the French Revolution, the deaths of the English King Henry II and John F. Kennedy, and the destructive power of Adolph Hitler.

So what are Nostradamus' predictions on the near future? The interpretations vary because his quatrains are scrambled, but here are some of the most common interpretations.

Nostradamus believed that a "King of Terror" will come sometime during 1999. The Antichrist may be the evil Mabus that he makes references to in many of his quatrains. He will supposedly be a reincarnation of the warlord Genghis Khan, King of the Mongols.

He also predicts that the seven great events of the Old Testament will happen as mankind reaches Armageddon, Nostradamus' Millennium. These signs are religious deception, internal revolution, worldwide war, famine, the poisoning of the earth, earthquakes and disease.

He claimed that the world has to quickly change its selfish lifestyle to prevent these prophecies from coming true.

Give or take of few years, his predictions might be correct, but some theories say that we've already missed the millennium, that on New Year's Eve it's really turning 2006.

Who's to blame? Likely, a monk named Dionysius the short, who was working with bad sources from gospels of Matthew and Luke.

SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY HIS PREDICTIONS HAVE HAUNTED MANY, NOW SEE WHAT THE WORLD IS IN STORE FOR WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES 12

Are you prepared for Y2K?

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

In a time when people are running around in circles seeking 'the answers' to either solve Y2K or to survive it, many more are on the internet writing, reading and laughing at all that millenium stuff.

Time is running out; there are only 30 days left of 1999. Hopefully, the bugs have all been worked out so there won't be too much hassle on the first.

Some people are not optimistic though. The internet seems to be the voice box for a greater part of America. Many people have taken to the world wide web to talk about their Y2K ideas and plans.

As in the case of Matthew Woelk, self-proclaimed doctor of stuffed animal psychology, his website located at www.sock-monkey.com, will intice your "Y2K Panic Panic Panic!!!!"

Woelk said that he has done adequate research and has come to the conclusion that sock monkeys are our only hope in solving the Y2K problem. His idea grew from the theory that 'a million monkeys working at a million typewriters would eventually write a Shakespearean play.'

While some sites meddle on the lighter side of the new year, some are completely aimed at raising awareness that it is the end of the world. In a New York Post

article from the (at www.lightshift.com/vitalend.html) writer Bill Sanderson said, "computers will crash, and markets may fall."

In the same article Scott Schuster, computer consultant in Atlanta, said that he thinks 1,500 people will die in hospitals due to the computer bugs.

Whatever you believe will happen on that shortcoming day, some people might make some money off of it all.

At www.cartoon2000.com, find 100 steps to kill the M-BUG! Humor seems to be the best option. The site jokes that companies may wrongfully award large amounts of vacation pay because of the Y2K bug.

Check out www.duh-2000.com to find out who said what (people send in quotes from famous/semi-famous people- mostly politicians) about Y2K.

Allegedly, either Pat Buchanan or Bill Press, of CNN's Crossfire, said on their show entitled "Year 2000: Will the World's Computers Crash?", "Let me tell you something. I have been doing the show two and a half years, every day we have started on time. When you got a deadline, it seems to me, you get there... I'm a total skeptic on this, I think this whole thing is a total fraud. You can't tell me they're not going to fix (Y2K)."

On the same site, Sergei Kalashnikov, from Russia, talks about his country and its Y2K planning.

He said, "Russia is ready for the millennium bug. It's

true we don't have the money to do all the necessary work rapidly, but it will be completed before the New Year." That seems fine enough, but by which New Year might Russia be ready?

For a complete "Urban Survival" kit, click on www.y2kchaos.com. The site gives reasons why people should stay in the city for the millennium such as "millions of people will scour every square inch of the city for food before trying to escape to where there is food and clean water."

Some ideas don't make much sense in the wake of reason, but hey, freedom of speech makes it all possible.

Deja Communities has many discussion forums dealing with Y2K. In one such forum, Dennis Prouse voiced that he believes "the 'authorities' (want) us to believe that nothing will happen..."

"If nothing will happen, why is the mayor of Amsterdam spending New Year's Eve in a bunker, below the city, if nothing will happen," he asked.

Everyone is trying desperately to "survive." Advertisers are trying to market Y2K-friendly merchandise, stores proclaim that they have 'everything you need for the millennium,' and many more are trying to capitalize still.

Be a skeptic at every corner. Remember that this will all be over in 30 more days.

It's the end of

Effects, not Swartzenegger, make *End of Days*

" New York City, 1979: In a Manhattan hospital, a newborn child enters the world, a beautiful baby girl. That same day in a lofty cathedral in the Vatican City, a young pontiff informs the Pope of the birth of the child. Her birth has been feared for centuries. The scripture has indeed proven true: the child, Christine, bears the birthmark of the anti-Christ. **"**

From www.end-of-days.com.

By Katie Washbourne
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

One scene in particular stands out in Arnold Swartzenegger's new film *End of Days*.

While it is the scene with the least amount of special effects and nearly no action, it showcases the screenwriters' ability to make the audience squirm and allows Swartzenegger an opportunity to exercise his skills with dialogue and true acting, rather than his usual shoot first, explain later technique.

It also allows Satan to step in and perform a chilling and eerie rendition of the Prince of Lies. Even Al Pacino would be proud. If for no other reason, go to the theaters or rent the video when it comes out merely to watch this single scene.

Swartzenegger's newest project is only one in a seemingly endless series of violent and gory action flicks: however, *End of Days* manages to

salvage enough plot and talented acting to make it stand out compared to other Swartzenegger films such as *The Terminator*.

It is one of many films that could have gone two ways: it could have been a suspenseful and gut-wrenching psychological thriller in the leagues of *Psycho* and *Silence of the Lambs*. Or, it could have been a chance for computer geniuses to exercise their abilities to make Satan a viable and frightening real entity.

Makers chose the special effects route. Graphics of flames and a surreal, nearly invisible, Satan are smooth and flawless. The explosions are among the largest created by Hollywood yet. The guns Swartzenegger seems to have glued to his hips are enormous and loud enough to make the most



Photo courtesy of Universal Studios

THE END IS NEARER: Movie explores yet another side of the year 2000- the birth of another supposed 'anti-christ.'

analytical gun lover squirm with delight.

Unfortunately, while the explosions are breathtaking and the guns raucous, the plot and dialogue suffer in return. However, if wild flames and shooting bullets are your preference, *End of Days* is not to be missed.

The original orchestral score is magnificent and far superior to the greatly hyped soundtrack. The composer has excellent command over the singing violins and Gregorian-style chanting that add the perfect touch of subtle and creepy undertones to make the film seem more real.



What do you
think will happen
1-1-2000?



"I don't know. It might be society that intensifies things to be worse. Different people might make certain things happen."

Ann Tlpa
sophomore, biology



"They're going to stress themselves out because nothing's going to happen."

Leo Curry
freshman, industrial health and safety



Everything's gonna go down. We're gonna be in the dark. I'm preparing for the worst."

LaShawn Gainey
sophomore, biology



"I think everything is pretty much taken care of as far as computers."

Felicia Felton
junior, political science



"I think everyone is pretty much prepared for it."

Mike Andrews
senior, physical therapy



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Change your ways in the ending days

Change. Nobody likes change when they are forced to do it. Nevertheless, we face change everyday. Whether it's taking a different route to school or work because of road construction, traffic or an accident, or finding yourself single one minute, and falling in love at first sight the next. No matter what changes we have ahead of us, we manage to live with the change and get used to the new circumstances until the next obstacle appears in front of us.

Unless the significant people in your life change at the same rate as you, many people, including your parents, won't like facing the changes you force upon them.

For example, why is it when a woman finds someone she wants to marry, her parents often tell her to re-think her decision instead of embracing her with approving open arms. They should be happy that you have found someone to be with instead of setting up their own standards for you to live by.

I think that one of the main reasons why parents aren't immediately accepting is because they look at their child as just that, a child, and not as an independent responsible adult. As soon as you mention the word marriage to some par-

ents they freak out because that means they have to let go. The change frightens them.

It seems that no matter what you do in life, there are usually at least one or two people who don't approve of the changes you've made.

But who's to say that the changes you are making are wrong just because someone else doesn't agree with them?

It's your life. Many parents struggle to make sure that our lives are similar to theirs when they were growing up, and that we don't

make the same mistakes as they did. Some parents don't want to see their children struggle, but I think it's just part of growing up. The decisions we make in life are what we learn from, whether they were mistakes or not.

I'm not talking about rebelling against your parents. We typically get that over with in high school. In college, however, most of us know enough to at least listen to what our parents have to say, we just may not go by what they say if we don't

agree with it.

Nearly everybody falls in love at one point in his or her life. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. But like the cliché goes, it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. When my time comes, I would rather say that I have found someone to share my life with rather than to have spent my entire life looking for the perfect person just to end up alone.

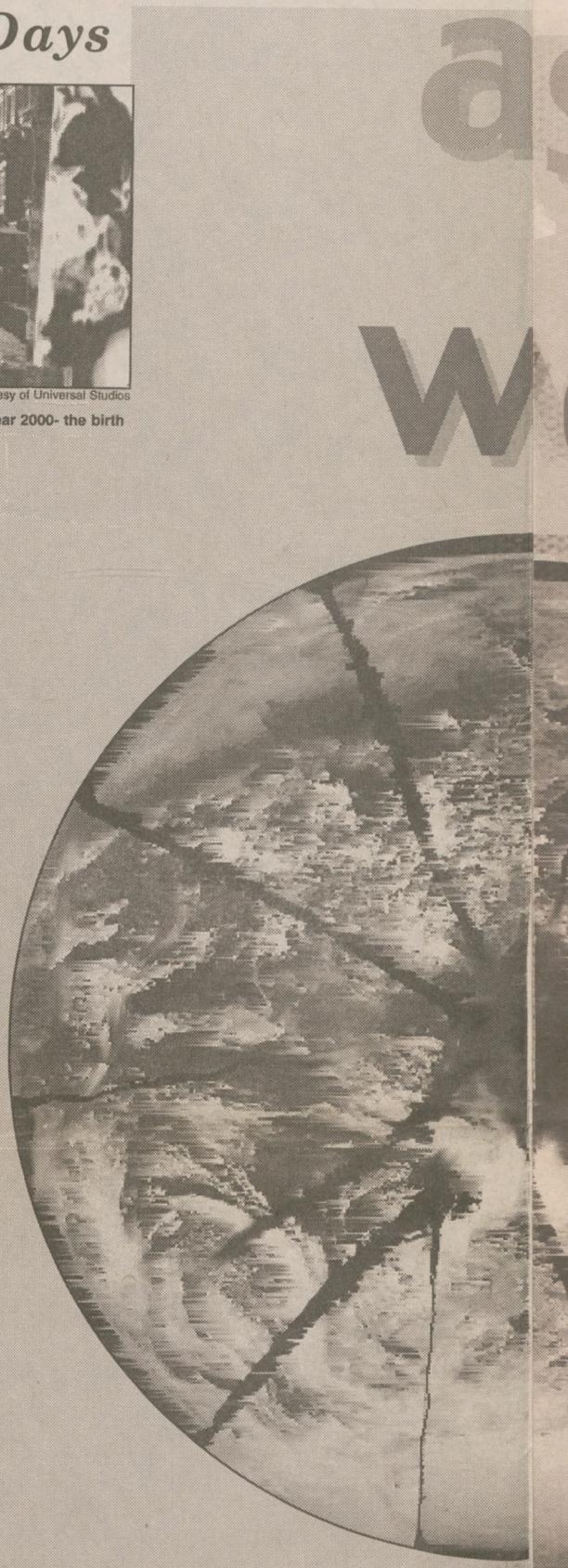
Change isn't easy, but it's necessary. Change is what makes experience and wisdom. Change enables things to become better. In 31 days, we will all be faced with a major change: the end of the century. Will you be welcoming the new or watching in fear from the sidelines?

As for personal change, the end of the semester brings the end of all my classes, and I will be doing an internship next semester, so I will be stepping down as Life Editor for The Oakland Post.

Last week Bill Bonds told Neal Shine's Ethics class, "I don't write to be read, I write to be listened to."

Thanks for listening to me.

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of the world...

Campus swats out the Y2K

OU students voice out their Y2K opinions

(85 students involved in the poll)

Do you know what Y2K is?

100%- yes

Are you worried about it?

79%- no

Are you preparing for it?

20%- yes

Do you believe there will be problems?

82%- yes

Is there too much Y2K hype?

87%- yes

Would you fly in an airplane on 1-1-00?

34%- yes

Do you believe the end of the world theories?

89%- no

By Kathryn Pina

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Theresa Rowe, manager of Student Information Systems at OU, answered questions about Banner, the new system that replaced ISIS and IFIS, in order to allay any student concerns about Y2K and whether or not it will affect student records.

Q: What specific changes have been made in the past month that makes you confident that the complete crossover to Banner will be successful, especially when Jan. 1, 2000 arrives?

A: We have reviewed and installed updates made available by the vendors involved with products that support the Banner environment. Also, we've already built much of the Banner environment needed to support the year 2000, including the schedule and registration modules. We've been admitting students for the year 2000 for some time, and now we're registering students. We have planned one more system verification test, and we will be reviewing this over the next couple weeks. We are confident at this point that there are no major problems.

Q: When the change was made from ISIS to Banner, were there any problems that occurred that will not be fixable in the near future?

A: I am not aware of any problems that are being reported as "not fixable." If anyone has concerns about specific problems, I am happy to meet with them. I am confident we can find a solution. In fact, most of the requests I am getting right now are the "fixes," but added on enhancements—things people want to add to the basic system.

Q: It has been said that Banner, unlike ISIS, holds all academic and financial records. Throughout the conversion, have there been any records that have been lost or altered in any way?

A: Banner and the prior conduct Symmetry (ISIS and IFIS) both held a full suite of academic and financial records. Banner has additional capabilities. There is no possibility that records were lost or missed from consideration. We followed a very thorough procedure to move records from one system to the other system. It is fully documented (I have a couple 3-inch binders in my office). Described simply, we listed every data table in ISIS, and every field on that table. Then we mapped it to a corresponding table in Banner. In some cases, like with an old schedule of classes data from 1992, a decision was made not to copy the data to the new system. For those tables that we did copy, like academic history, we know exactly how many records resided in ISIS. We had an exact match on the record counts loaded into Banner. We can account for every record. It was very important to us to be able to do that to make sure absolutely nothing dropped out or was lost.

Q: Are there any steps students need to take to make sure their academic or financial records are correct and intact?

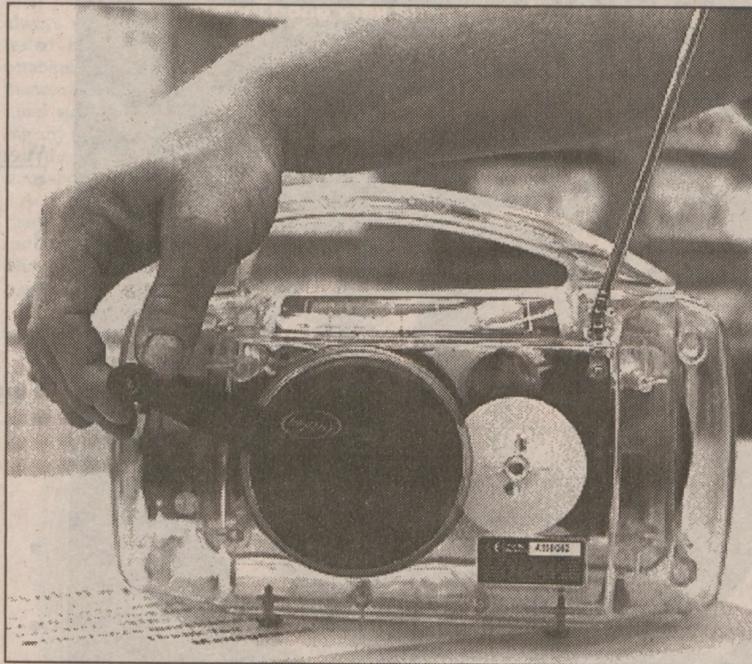
A: Students are always encouraged to review all records and make sure they are correct. The installation and implementation of Banner does not change that, or make it more of an issue. It is always a good idea to make sure your records are accurate with anyone with whom you do business or interact. Read the material the university sends to you—look over your bills and your grade mailers—but not because of Banner because it is good business practice.

Q: What can you tell students to reassure them that their academic and financial records will not be affected by either the change to Banner or Y2K?

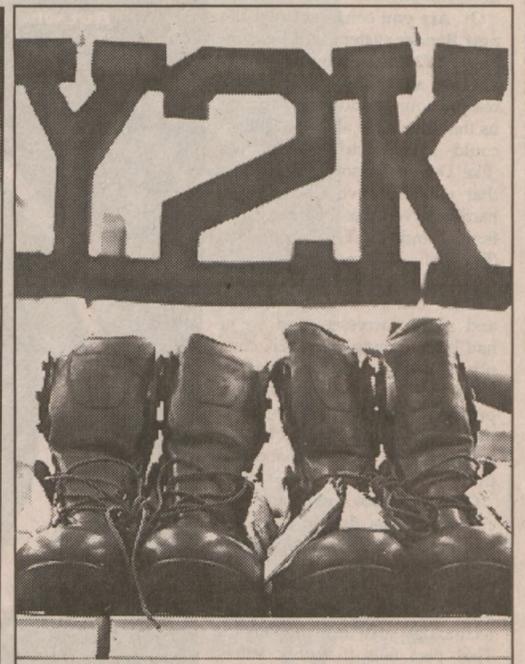
A: We share everyone's concerns about technology issues, whether it is related to Y2K or the implementation of a new system. No one working at OU wants to see problems with student records. We have been working very hard (would you believe since 1992?) to make sure that we could avoid serious problems. Avoiding problems means we have to accept change, and test

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Preparations are underway



Photos by Krystal Kaitz/Oakland Post



BE PREPARED: Store caters to the needs of the Y2K frightened. Most say only the bare necessities (water, food and heat) are actually needed to 'survive' Y2K. (Left) This little radio runs without any batteries or any electricity. The crank in the back gives it enough juice to run. How much planning is enough? Only time will tell.

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The whole world is waiting for, well, no one really knows. Between the Y2K computer crisis, the 'expected' nuclear end of the world and the millennium hoopla, many people who don't know which extreme to conform to.

While the faithful are turning to deities, more are shopping the ration stores collecting items for their 'survival kits.'

Most states or cities are preparing in one way or another. Most are just updating their computer systems and such. Some are affording full-scale shelters—'just in case.'

In one Virginia town, the extensive preparations total about \$150,000, according to the Washington Post. Moreover, the "emergency shelter" would only be able to house about 450 people for six days.

Locally, many stores that specialize in emergency kits have always been preparing for an occasion such as the year 2000.

Joe's Army, since 1945, has sold unperishables, water storage containers, heaters and anything else imaginable to help with survival.

The Waterford store, M59 one block west of Telegraph, tries to lower the terror of the millennium but, at the same time, expresses that people should be consciously prepared.

Owner Jeff Goldsmith said that he generally tells people to prepare according to their personal comfort levels.

He said, "(People should) pick a level of security... that they are comfortable with."

Goldsmith encounters many people who differ in what they think will happen when the clocks roll into the new year. "Some people feel it's going to be months; there are some people saying it's the end of the world," he said. "Some people don't think it will be anything."

Joe's Army is primarily a hunting/camping gear store, but some of the same supplies needed for emergencies can be used by outdoorsmen.

Manager of Joe's Army, Doug Haliczzer, said that when preparing for an emergency such as Y2K,

plan only for the necessities.

"(You will need) propane heat, something to cook with, (food), and a good amount of drinkable water," said Haliczzer.

Humans do only 'require' water, heat and food. After all, for millions of years civilization survived just fine without electricity, telephones or the thousands of other technological advances we now encounter daily.

Most authorities suggest about a week's worth of nonperishables and water, a propane tank or another form of heat, and money 'just in case.'

The sign on Joe's Army, Royal Oak, says we all need to PRE-prepare for Y2K.

Planning and thought should be given to the day the world will cease to be the same, but don't lose sleep building that bomb shelter.

If you are a bit scared and want a few more things besides the basics, Joe's Army holds radios that run without electricity, warm clothes and illumination devices (lanterns and flashlights). "We've got Y2K long underwear too," said Haliczzer.

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thoroughly to make sure the change is a good change. We've been working on the issues, making changes and testing- and we feel that we've done a pretty good job. On the outside chance that there is a problem, we believe that it will be very small, and we have the skills to fix it very quickly.

Q: During your test checks, have you found any errors or problems that could occur due to Y2K?

A: Most recently, on a screen or form, we found just one field that when you first type in the date (let's say January 15, 2000), it automatically changes back to 1900. It didn't affect anything because you could immediately fix it to 2000- it just wouldn't take the first time. So it has been an issue of typing in the date twice, and we are scheduled to get a fix for that any day now. At this stage we are seeing that kind of minor stuff to fix.

Q: What specifically have you found in your test checks, and what, specifically have you done during a test check?

A: Up until now we've been reviewing all of the Banner forms where dates can be entered, various reports, etc. We wanted to make sure that systems would accept and process year 2000 dates. Mostly we have been reviewing vendor release guides and making sure that all product installations are current with Y2K compliant releases. Our testing to date has not uncovered any major problems; we had to make sure that basic systems supported winter registration for year 2000 prior to this November.

This fall we were active in setting up a duplicate test server (another computer) to mirror our production system. This week we will be taking that test server, changing the system date to 12/31/1999 11:30 PM and letting it roll through midnight. We want to make sure the systems handle the date change successfully. Then we will retest all technical processes- stuff we do to make sure the systems work. Later we will run through a full business test- make sure we can admit students, register students, award financial aid, print transcripts, run bills, accept payments, pay vendors, run payroll.

Q: Are you confident that the new Banner system will be completely Y2K compliant in time?

A: We are confident for several reasons- our vendors are assuring us that they have all done all they could- from electrical companies (like Detroit Edison) assuring us that we will have electricity, to hardware vendors, operating systems, and SCT Corporation (Banner). We've worked very hard these past several years- confidence comes from hard work and small successes- and we've had both. Completely Y2K compliant- maybe not- there may be some small date somewhere that a person missed- and my last statement of confidence is that I know we can fix any problem that comes up.

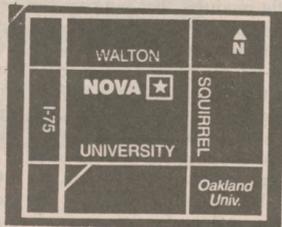
Q: Do you see forsee any specific problems due to Y2K that would not be associated with problems with Banner?

A: Panic is the worst problem- it isn't something that we in the technology area can prepare for. That part falls to public safety. Starting school a week later than usual will give everyone a chance to see what is happening before they have to show up on campus- and university employees will be here during that time to work on any issues. The worst possible outcome would be for students to have reduced confidence in their records at OU- we do not want that to happen. If anyone is really deeply concerned, we are happy to review the situation.

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Remembering the Century

The Arts, Literature and Entertainment

Monday, December 6, Noon - 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC

The last program in the series will be dedicated to how we have expressed ourselves artistically over the past 100 years. How have we pushed the boundaries of society's tastes? What breakthroughs have occurred? What have we enjoyed the most and the least? The panelists for this program include: Bob Eberwein, Professor of English; Carol Halsted, Chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; and Brian Murphy, Professor of English.

Shining Bright

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December 6-10, 1999

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Tuesday, December 7

- **ART, BOOK & GIFT FAIR:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge and Main Hallway, OC.
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** OU vs Bowling Green "Attack the MAC Week" - Free T-SHIRTS to the first 1200 in attendance. 8:00 p.m. at the Athletic Sports "O"rena.

Wednesday, December 8

- **SPB'S STRESS FREE ZONE:** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC.
- **WXOU: LIVE AT NOON:** Noon to 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC.
- **SPB's 80's MOVIE NIGHT:** "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles", 8:00 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Thursday, December 9

- **HOLIDAY COOKING DEMONSTRATION FEATURING ARAMARK CHEFS & MORE HOLIDAY CRAFTS:** Learn how to make and decorate delicious holiday cookies. 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Heritage Room, OC.
- **HOLIDAY RECEPTION FOR STUDENT AND GREEK ORGANIZATIONS:** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Heritage Room, OC.
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Friday, December 10

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Oakland University events you can sign up for are:
 > Meadow Brook Ball - February 5, 2000. Tickets for Juniors and Seniors only November 30-December 1, 1999. Tickets are available for all students starting December 2, 1999.

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 > Martin Guerre, December 16 at the Fisher Theatre
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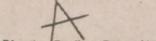
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Valparaiso	2
Oakland	1

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 19	
U-Michigan	82
Oakland	62

NOV. 21	
Illinois State	72
Oakland	67

NOV. 26	
Louisiana State	87
Oakland	80

NOV. 27	
Oakland	82
Hawaii-Pacific	74

NOV. 28	
U-Toledo	74
Oakland	65

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 20	
Santa Clara	84
Oakland	66

NOV. 21	
Oakland	95
Columbia	80

NOV. 23	
Oakland	101
UM-Dearborn	36

NOV. 26	
Xavier	80
Oakland	72

NOV. 27	
Florida State	99
Oakland	90

VOLLEYBALL

NOV. 20
The women placed 7th in the Mid-Con.

UPCOMING GAMES

SWIMMING
DEC. 2-4 - at Mid-Continent Conference Championship

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
DEC. 4 - SOUTHERN UTAH, 4:30 p.m.
DEC. 11 - EASTERN MICHIGAN, 4:30 p.m.
DEC. 22 - CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 7 p.m.
DEC. 28 - at Detroit, Time TBA.
DEC. 30 - at Akron, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
DEC. 4 - SOUTHERN UTAH, 7 pm.
DEC. 7 - BOWLING GREEN, 7 p.m.
DEC. 9 - TOLEDO, 7 p.m.
DEC. 11 - WESTERN MICHIGAN, 7 p.m.
DEC. 18 - at Michigan State, 7:30 p.m.
DEC. 20 - at Cleveland State, 7:35 p.m.
DEC. 27 - at Ohio State, 8 p.m.
DEC. 30 - at Akron, 7:30 p.m.

Climbing the walls

Indoor rock climbing offers athletes another option in sport



Photos courtesy of Justin Silles

HANGING ON FOR LIFE: Senior MIS major and Web editor of the Oakland Post Justin Silles, hangs on the ceiling of an indoor rock climbing room.

By Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The winter weather can cause boredom blues. Tired of skiing, snowmobiling, skating or just vegging on the couch. Indoor rock climbing has people, literally, climbing the walls.

Indoor climbing as a sport has only been around a few years, but the fever to get involved is spreading quickly.

The sport of rock climbing has attracted hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. alone. Its growing popularity has continued because advances in climbing equipment have made climbing safer.

The growth of climbing has expanded into Michigan. Although Michigan does not have the mountainous terrain, rock climbers still continue to enjoy challenges that rock climbing offers.

Currently, there are five indoor climbing gyms in Michigan. Located in the west side of the state are Higher Ground Rock Climbing Centre, LTD, and Inside Moves, which are both located in Grand Rapids. On the east side are Benchmark Outdoor Outfitters in Farmington and Planet Rock which now has two locations, one in Pontiac and its newest gym in Ann Arbor which just opened early last week.

Planet Rock owner Nick Cocciolone said, "The sport of rock climbing is growing faster and faster. The growth

has stemmed from new technology and safer gear. Indoor gyms have made climbing more convenient and easier to learn."

Because of the potential for serious injury, much specialized safety equipment has been devised, making it a relatively safer sport. Detailed knowledge of safety equipment is crucial for safe climbing, and requires an attention to detail. Although it is possible to climb rocks without equipment, it is difficult to do so safely.

From beginners to novice, rock climbers have a wide variety of equipment to choose from. Although the brand descriptions change, there are pieces of equipment that are necessary for a safe climbing experience.

MIS Senior and Oakland Post Web Editor Justin Silles said, "When top roping, I always wear a good safety tested harness, top grade carabiners and high-performance shoes to help grip textured surfaces. Before making any final purchases, I test out the equipment at outdoor sporting goods stores."

According to Cocciolone, there are three kinds of indoor/outdoor climbing. They are bouldering, top rope and leading.

Bouldering is the purest form of climbing without ropes or harnesses a climber can pull the hardest moves

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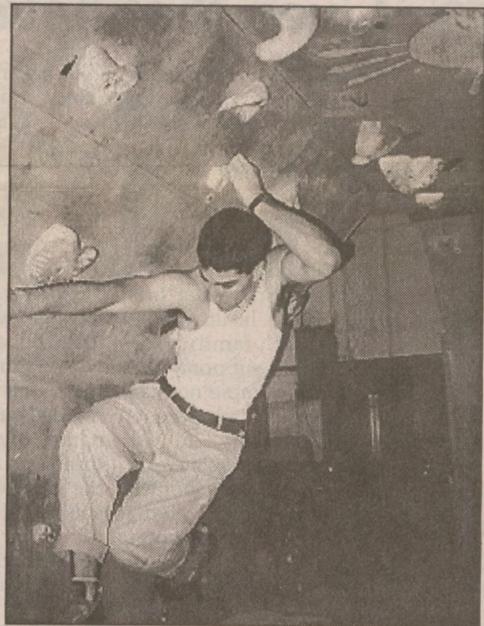
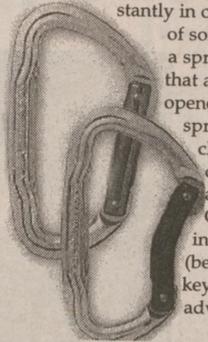


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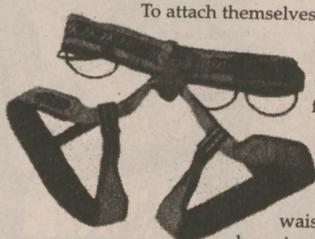
A WALL OF ROCKS: Silles uses his arms to hang onto the side of the simulation mountain.

Designed for safety

CARABINERS Carabiners, used constantly in climbing, are rings of solid aluminum with a spring-loaded gate that allows them to be opened. Normally, the spring holds the gate closed, but the gate can be opened to admit a rope. Carabiners are inexpensive (between \$5 for your keys and \$30 most advanced).



HARNESSES To attach themselves to a rope, a climber uses a sewn harness. A typical one has a wide nylon belt for the waist and a pair of leg loops for the thighs. When a climber is supported by such a harness, most of their weight is placed on their legs, rather than their waist, making it comfortable to hang in.



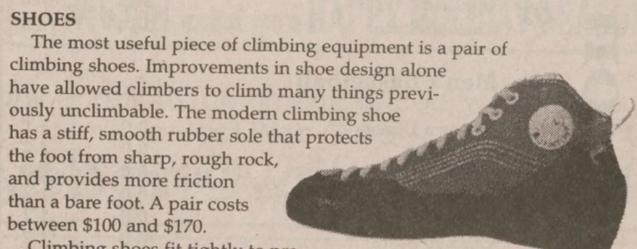
Many variations are available. More expensive harnesses have more padding. Sewn harnesses cost between \$40 and \$80.



ROPE Climbing rope is dynamic: able to stretch a bit under tension. This is because the rope must stop falling climbers. If the rope did not stretch, a falling climber would be jerked suddenly as the rope stops him. Instead, the rope slows his fall more gently. Such ropes cost between \$100 and \$180.



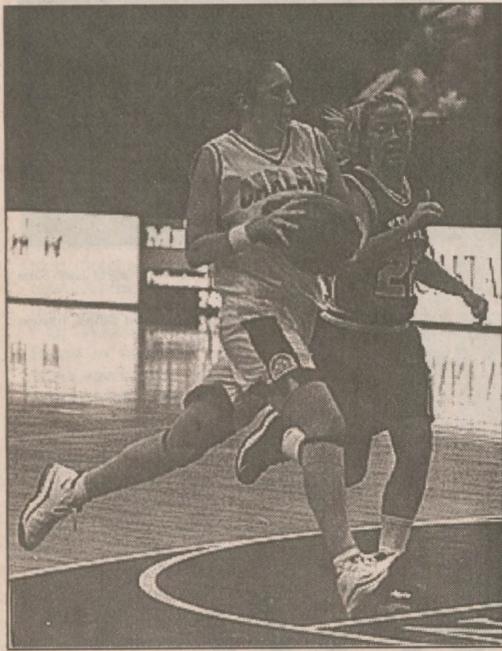
HELMET Helmets are required when it comes to rock climbing, but protecting your head makes sense, after all, you only have one. Helmets come in many shapes, sizes and designs. The helmet is designed to fit around the movements of climbing.



SHOES The most useful piece of climbing equipment is a pair of climbing shoes. Improvements in shoe design alone have allowed climbers to climb many things previously unclimbable. The modern climbing shoe has a stiff, smooth rubber sole that protects the foot from sharp, rough rock, and provides more friction than a bare foot. A pair costs between \$100 and \$170. Climbing shoes fit tightly to prevent the foot from sliding around within. This makes them uncomfortable, but the improved friction and control they afford far outweigh the discomfort.

Rocky start to Grizzly season

Basketball teams are optimistic with important games on the way for both teams



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

READY TO PASS: Junior guard Beth Zeone pushes past U-M Dearborn's Shannon Southern to help the team defeat its opponent 101-36.

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Even with overall records below .500, the men's and women's basketball teams are still optimistic.

With a 2-3 record, the women have lost to three very tough teams, but beat U-M Dearborn by 65 points, and beat Columbia 95-80. During the Columbia game forward Sarah Judd scored 22 points on 8-13 shooting, had 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, 4 steals, 7 assists and no turnovers in 23 minutes.

Coach Beckie Francis said, "The three games we lost, (at Santa Clara, at Xavier, and at Florida State) should be three of the toughest games we will play in the conference. Last year Xavier advanced to the top 32 in the country, and they got four of their starters back this year."

The men's team, with a record of 1-4, have had an even tougher schedule.

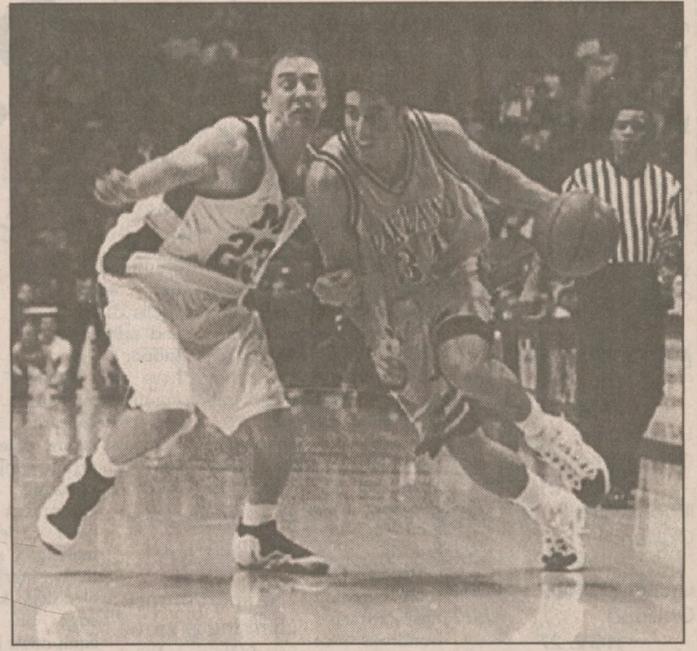
Coach Greg Kampe said, "It's not going too good record wise, we're 1-4 when we would have liked to be 3-2 or 2-3. We lost to two of the top 50 teams in Michigan. We play Southern Utah on Saturday. It's the first league game, and it's a very, very important game. It's a game we

have to win, it's at home and we only play one league game in December, so for a whole month, we're either going to be 1-0 or 0-1 in the league..."

"I'm to the point now where it's our second year in Division I, and those moral victories aren't fun anymore, we want to get some real victories," said Kampe.

The women play three home games and two away games in December. The home games are against Southern Utah on Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Michigan on Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m., and Central Michigan on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. The away games are at Detroit on Dec. 28 and at Ohio University on Dec. 30.

The men play four home games and four away games in December. The home games are against Southern Utah on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Bowling Green on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., Toledo on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., and Western Michigan on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. The away games are at Michigan State on Dec. 18, at Cleveland State on Dec. 20, at Ohio State on Dec. 27 and at Akron on Dec. 30.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

SHOVED ASIDE: Sophomore guard Brad Buddenberg steps ahead of U-M athlete during the U-M game at Chrysler arena on Nov. 19.

FAST FACTS

- The Golden Grizzly men's soccer team was ranked 21st in the nation on Oct. 5th according to the NCSAA/adidas Men's NCAA Division I National Ranking Poll. OU was also ranked second in the Great Lakes Region.
- Sophomore volleyball player Tess Pierce was named second team All-conference.

Lives that have influenced, encouraged and sacrificed

With the century coming to a close, all areas of the media have come up with lists of top athletes and teams of the century. I have come up with the top ten teams/athletes of my generation that have been influential in my life.

10. Tiger Woods. Woods has shown the world what it is like to have a healthy relationship with family. The way his father supports him sets a good example not just for athletes, but for parents everywhere.

9. The 1999 Women's World Cup team. These women brought national media attention to women in sports. They gave little girls all over the world someone to look up to.

8. The 99-00 Detroit Lions. This year's team has proven

that big name stars aren't what make teams work. They have overcome losing Sanders and have done it with style. They have an impressive record without the national star.

7. Vladimir Konstantinov. He touched my heart with his dedication and determination. He has overcome his disability and is still part of the Red Wings, in heart and soul. His name remains on his locker in Joe Louis, in remembrance of the time the Wings were all together.

6. Greg Kampe and Pete Hovland. They make me realize that money isn't the



KELLI PETROVE

overall factor in sports. They have stayed at OU with the Pioneers and now as the Grizzlies. They haven't left for impressive schools or bigger paychecks.

5. The 84' Tigers. The "Bless You Boys" era was one I will never forget. Detroit came together to form a united group of fans who loved their baseball team and Tiger Stadium. The teams of today have traded fame for dedication and a beloved stadium for endorsements.

4. The 89'-90' Detroit Pistons. The "Bad Boys" were plastered all over my walls. They showed me what a team effort can really

do. They were proof of the old saying "There is no I in team." I remember watching those games on my black and white 12" TV and cheering for the boys.

3. 97-98' Detroit Red Wings. Stanley Cup came back home to Detroit, once again proving that we are Hockeytown. They overcame tragedy to win the cup a second time and were not concerned with fame, but with getting Konstantinov on the ice to celebrate along with the rest of the team.

2. Joe Dumars. He is the classiest professional athlete alive. When Dumars' father died in 1990 I sent his family a card, and in return Dumars wrote me a personal note thanking me for my concern. This proved to me that he

was human and he had more class than anyone I had ever known or admired. Unlike the original "Bad Boys," Dumars stuck with the Pistons through the rough years.

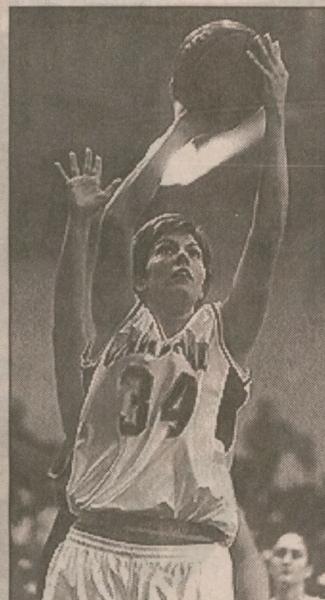
1. Frank Morrow. My high school track coach. Morrow pushed me to be the best I could be, but he did it with love and respect. He never criticized, but he helped. He was also a runner during his high school career and he knew how important good coaching was. As he retired from teaching, he did not have the heart to leave our team and has remained on only as a coach.

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Mid-Continent Conference Standings	Women's Basketball		
		Conference	Overall
	Youngstown State	0-0	3-1
	IUPUI	0-0	3-1
	Western Illinois	0-0	3-1
	UMKC	0-0	2-2
	Southern Utah	0-0	2-2
	Oral Roberts	0-0	1-1
	Oakland	0-0	2-3
	Valparaiso	0-0	1-3
Chicago State	0-0	0-4	
Volleyball			
Youngstown State	13-1	27-5	
Oral Roberts	13-1	23-12	
UMKC	10-4	20-14	
IUPUI	6-8	11-20	
Western Illinois	6-8	10-18	
Valparaiso	6-8	8-20	
Oakland	2-12	6-24	
Chicago State	0-14	1-28	
Men's Basketball			
Western Illinois	0-0	3-1	
Valparaiso	0-0	2-2	
Oral Roberts	0-0	2-3	
Southern Utah	0-0	1-2	
Youngstown State	0-0	1-2	
Chicago State	0-0	1-2	
UMKC	0-0	1-2	
Oakland	0-0	1-4	
IUPUI	0-0	0-3	

Player of the Week

- ❖ Women's Basketball
- ❖ Forward
- ❖ Born, December 29, 1979
- ❖ sophomore
- ❖ Undecided major
- ❖ Graduated from Regina High School in Harper Woods in 1998
- ❖ nickname- Pepper



SARAH JUDD

During Sarah Judd's second year as a Grizzly she has become a key player on the team.

In the Nov. 21st game against Columbia Judd played for 23 minutes and achieved much success.

She scored 22 points, had seven assists, no turnovers and she was eight for 13 shooting from the floor.

She was also three for four from the three point line.

OU defeated Columbia 95-80.

During the Nov. 27th game against Florida State Judd played for 29 minutes and scored 22 points and had two assists.

Florida State beat OU by a score of 99-90.

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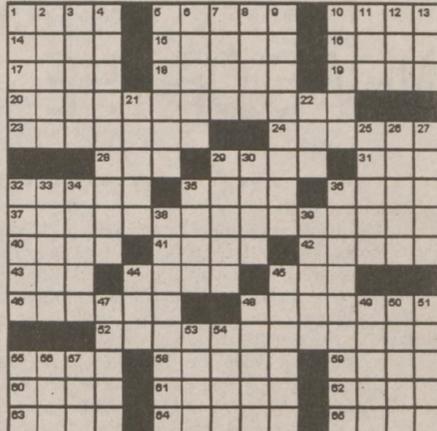


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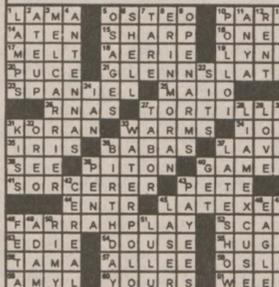
- ACROSS**
- 1 Bryn _____ College
 - 5 Roast figure
 - 10 Quarterback's maneuver
 - 14 Gen. Robert _____
 - 15 Truck, to a Brit
 - 16 A biblical first son
 - 17 Patricia of "A Face in the Crowd"
 - 18 "Ready or not, here _____!"
 - 19 Gull relative
 - 20 Attack The Boston Globe?
 - 23 Nineveh's ancient locale
 - 24 Expensive
- van Gogh
28 Scary urban dweller
- 29 Poems that were sung originally
- 31 Kind of wind
- 32 John Smith, perhaps
- 35 It's a long story
- 36 Emotional request
- 37 Attack a factory machine?
- 40 Cough up, for a hand
- 41 Rooftop turner
- 42 Waste maker?
- 43 Lincoln, but not Roosevelt
- 44 63,360
- inches
- 45 Word heard at the Westminster Kennel Club
- 46 Beethoven's Symphony No. 3
- 48 10,000 _____ (rockers)
- 52 Attack a message container?
- 55 Kingston, for one
- 58 Incensed
- 59 _____ Bator, Mongolia
- 60 Milquetoast
- 61 Word with limits or space
- 62 Stand at the banquet
- 63 Word uttered as milk is spilt
- 64 Has to have
- 65 Salinger dedicatee



"FIGHTING WORDS" by Marjorie Richter

- 6 Café order
- 7 Riding whip
- 8 First name in household humor
- 9 Binoculars part
- 10 Lab dish
- 11 Walk all over
- 12 Vitiate
- 13 Play on words
- 21 Place for nonrecyclables
- 22 Ambulance destinations, for short
- 25 Military installations
- 26 Chosen few
- 27 Satisfy a thirst
- 29 Have one's say
- 30 Stopping point?
- 32 Chop-chop, to Shakespeare
- 33 Kind of module
- 34 Short preamble
- 35 Relative of etc.
- 36 Hackneyed expression
- 38 Boeing's business
- 39 Khaki slacks material
- 44 They may
- 45 They're rattled as a show of force
- 47 Flapjack franchises
- 48 Allocated, with "out"
- 49 It puts the whole world in your hands
- 50 Stake it
- 51 Have an inkling
- 53 Test choice
- 54 Enmity
- 55 Double standard?
- 56 Carnival city
- 57 Little scamp

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



Damon's Signs of the Times
December 1 - December 6

- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) - Any energy slump you had may go away - in fact, excessive energy may be a problem. Make sure the things you do this week have a purpose and aren't just because of restlessness.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) - Your need to control your and possibly others lives becomes a bit more intense this week. Try to be realistic about your workload and you'll get plenty done.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Roadblocks may be prominent this week, particularly at work, but it may not be time to move forward just yet. Partners may have the power, so cooperation helps you in the end.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Insights come from out of thin air, so pay attention. A work conflict may come to the surface; be happy that it is being aired out now and deal with it.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - A power struggle may be happening between you and a loved one, possibly a child. This is a good time to reevaluate your relationships and to start over again.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Conflicts within yourself manifest in your life - deal with your personal issues and things go smoother. Speculative investment may pay off well this week.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) - Beware of excess this week - the opportunity is there and you're susceptible. Inspired artistic endeavors are likely this week; self-expression is high.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Look at your money situation and make sure you're getting the most bang for your buck - though watch out for greediness. Personal time helps you stay healthy this week.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Watch out! You are a little more intense than usual this week - just be aware. Accept taking control of a rough situation, since you are probably the best equipped.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Past personal issues may come to the surface, so deal with them effectively. If you are realistic about financial opportunities you'll make quite a gain.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) - Strange and new opportunities are probably available to you right now - take advantage. Travelling brings benefits, though family needs may conflict with the opportunity to go.
- PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Talking with a wiser person helps you clear your head. You can get plenty of work done this week, but make sure you don't run over your co-workers in the process.

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WEBgirl

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So what's going on in New York City for New Year's? You will be AMAZED! Check out all the details at www.timessquarebid.org/newyear/ and see EarthCam's live images of the party at www.earthcam.com/ny99/ec1.html.

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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE weird

LEAD STORIES

• In October Derek Farmer, 42, who served 18 years in prison for the murders of a civil rights activist and a police officer in Dayton, Ohio, passed Ohio's bar exam and was sworn in as a lawyer. However, two weeks earlier, Kevin Kapel was denied permission to take the same exam because of insufficient "character and fitness" to become a lawyer; Kapel's criminal record consists only of charges that he stole a girlfriend's cat and once tried to take his car back illegally from a mechanic. (Farmer's application was helped by the strong support of his presiding judge and two other judges.)

• According to a November Boston Globe story, upper-crust restaurants in New York and Boston have taken to adding genuine gold flakes to some dishes, not merely as garnish but with the expectation that they be eaten. Boston's Riba restaurant recently offered "risotto of summer's golden squashes with leaf of 24-carat gold." Said the owner, "It's so thin and weightless that by the time you eat it, it's gonezo." She added, "There's a feeling of plenty around. People are feeling rich."

LATEST BRA TECHNOLOGY

• In July, London art student Kursty Groves told reporters she had developed a prototype "Techno Bra," which houses in its lining a Global Positioning Satellite locator, heart-rate monitor and cell phone transmitter, to be activated if the wearer is attacked (which supposedly produces a heartbeat distinct from that produced by exercising or passion). Also in July, a report of an American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery study indicated success with the battery-operated vacuum bra that removes air from its two domes so that breasts are sucked forward; 15 women testers grew by an average of one cup size after 10 weeks.

LATEST RELIGIOUS MESSAGES

• Tensions grow daily in rural Eatonton, Ga. (60 miles southeast of Atlanta), between the Putnam County sheriff intent on enforcing agricultural zoning laws and the 80 African-American disciples of Chief Black Eagle Malachi York, who has built a religious retreat, with shops and 40-foot-high pyramids, called Tama-Re: Egypt of the West. York, a convicted felon who says he was born in the galaxy Illyuwn and who invented the group's Arabic-English-blend language, Nuwabic, teaches that a spaceship will land in 2003 and take away only 144,000 chosen people.

• According to an October report in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, a national Christian "lighthouse movement" seeks to pray for every single person in the United States by the end of next year. Among the techniques suggested: praying for the 10 households to your left and right and to the five in front; praying for people listed in telephone directories; and, in rough neighborhoods, "drive-by praying." In late August, a convention of related groups met near Dallas to assess how they could best spend the remaining months on their particular goal of exposing every single person on Earth to Christianity by the end of next year.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Thieves Living Large: In July, thieves stole more than a mile of natural-gas pipeline, weighing 250 tons, near Kotovskoye, Russia. And in August, thieves stole an entire neighborhood garden in London's West End. And in March, thieves stole an 11-prefabricated-building high school, along with its security fence, in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. And in July, thieves stole every single thing (except a few clothes) out of a townhouse in Montreal, including toilet paper on the holder.

Least Competent Criminals

• In September, Roland Tough, 22, and five colleagues, convicted of theft in Greater Manchester, England, were given prison sentences of from three to six years. The men had burglarized a Tesco's department store in Walkden, with Tough commemorating the heist as the gang's official photographer. However, Tough later dropped off the roll of film for processing at the very same Tesco's, and employees recognized some of the stolen items.

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