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### •Battle of the Bands Revisited

The winner of the original Battle of the Bands, Lackluster, will be giving an encore performance at 8 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Gold Rooms of the OC. This event is free of charge, and presented by SPB. Anyone with questions can call (248) 370-4295.

### •Honors College Life Seminars

The Honors College is hosting Life Seminars Winter 2000, featuring discussions on Science, Religion and the "Theory" of Evolution. Events will be held from noon-1 p.m. beginning today in room 112, East Vandenberg Hall. Other discussion dates are March 8 and April 12. OU students and community are welcome to attend.

### •Join the Mouse!

Walt Disney World 2000 recruiting interviews begin at 10 a.m., Feb. 7 in Gold Room A. Students interested must attend a presentation before their interview.

### •BOT Meeting.

There will be a Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, 2 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the OC. Discussion topics include Affirmative Action and others.

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# New ceremony breaks tradition

Students petition against new graduation location

Lisa Remsing  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Last year's dress rehearsal of holding commencement ceremonies in the new O-Rena was such a success that there may be an encore this year, much to the disappointment of many OU students, faculty and staff.

Last spring was the first time graduation for all schools except the School of Nursing was held in the O-Rena. Before then, commencement ceremonies took place in the Baldwin Pavilion at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

OU students are challenging the decision to move graduation ceremonies, and efforts

are being led by OU students Carrie Goclan and Rick Durso. "We don't want to cause problems, but students are concerned and their voices should be heard," said Carrie Goclan, President of the Walt Disney World College Program Alumni Association. "They have worked hard and graduation is their time to shine," she said.

Many students, faculty and staff are not in favor of breaking tradition and holding commencement elsewhere. A sense of history and the fact that students were not consulted is creating the main concern. Limited parking, overcrowding of the O-Rena, and limited seating is also causing concern among OU students. Students argue that

there has been no problem with the pavilion in the past years, so this year should be no different.

According to the Palace of Auburn Hills box office, 7701 people can be seated at Baldwin Pavilion, and only 3500 can be accommodated in the Recreation Center.

An email message was sent to all of the leaders of Student Organizations asking for help in this matter. On Friday, a petition went into circulation throughout campus for students, faculty and staff to sign.

"We aren't only asking students to take petitions to their classes, but to encourage others to pick up their own," said Goclan. "I've even heard that professors are taking

petitions and announcing it to their classes," she said.

In addition to circulating petitions, tables for students to sign petitions are set up in the Oakland Center, and emails are being sent to President Russi concerning the relocation.

"It's extremely important that students voice their opinions early on so we don't have another golf course or Pepsi scenario. If students only begin to voice their concerns one month before the event, those concerns will never be taken seriously. It's extremely important for both students and staff to support each other on issues they both feel strongly about," said Student Congress.

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## NCA report evaluates OU

By Jenn Madjarev  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU scored high marks in some areas and below average marks in others in the final reaccreditation report by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

Despite a glowing OU press release, NCA is planning to return for two "focused" visits in the next five years.

The first visit will be next fall to review international programs in Vienna and Beirut since their existence was not properly reported to the NCA prior to the first reaccreditation visit.

The other visit, in 2004 or 2005, will look at general education and assessment of student academic achievement.

The NCA report highlighted OU's strengths such as improvements in student life with the opening of the Student and Athletic Recreation Center, and praised the Eye Research

Institute, the Center for Biomedical Research and the Kresge Library. The library had been an area of weakness in the 1989 report triggering a focus visit in 1994.

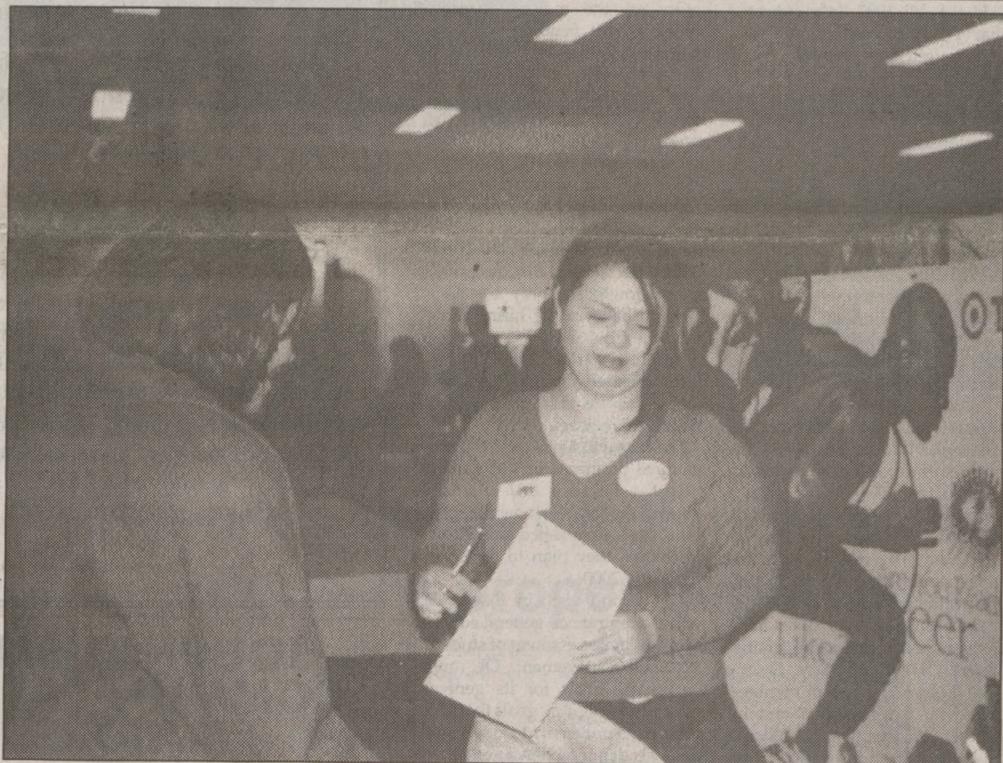
The 1994 NCA evaluators noted that OU and the Kresge Library had made appropriate progress in addressing the issues and concerns of the 1989 team. The 1999 report stated, "The library has developed a policy on services to off-campus patrons which accords full library privileges to such patrons upon presentation of an OU student ID."

The NCA also gave strong marks for OU's partnerships with business and community organizations.

However, the report noted some problem areas, as well. They include general education and assessment, the high failure rate of students in mathematics classes and disgruntlement on governance among the faculty.

OU also received a rap on

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Jenn Madjarev/The Oakland Post

**CAREER BOUND:** Over 16 employers met with eager students seeking internships, jobs and advice during Thursday's Annual Diversity Career Fair.

## Amendment to change Senate

Vote to remove student seat awaiting BOT okay

By Brent Chismark  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

By a vote of 15 to 10 with five abstentions, The University Senate is one step closer to becoming a faculty only group. With a bare quorum present of the 54-member body, the amendments passed.

The amendments to the University Senate constitution will reorganize the membership in the body, eliminating students and representation from Deans and Administrative Professionals.

According to the Senate Constitution, any amend-

ments must be announced in a public hearing before being presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The hearing is scheduled for noon-1 p.m. Thursday, February 11th in the Lake Michigan Room of the OC, and will provide a forum for discussion by students, faculty and staff.

The change is an effort to "increase communication" between faculty members and the OU administration. According to the NCA, a petition to pursue this action was signed by 180 faculty members last year.

Proposals to change the

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## Media pros share experience glance

By Cara Plowman  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Last Wednesday, communication and journalism majors got a feel for what a career in their field might be like. Visiting OU for a panel discussion was Detroit News Columnist and Features writer Tom Long, WDIV and Q 95.5 weather personality, Chuck Gaidica, and OU Alum and Marontate & Co. advertising executive Denise Sedman.

All three talked about the demands of their respective careers as well as what it takes to get ahead in the field.

One piece of advice was common during the discussion: Get experience while in school.

"When I stepped into the job market, I had a lot of practical experience," said Gaidica. "You need to get practical experience (in college)."

The business of communications is forever changing. New trends are



Cara Plowman/The Oakland Post

**CAREER TALK:** Three local media personalities participated in panel discussion about career experience.

constantly thrown into the mix.

Sedman explained how difficult some of the trends are to adjust to. "I'm just a word person. Visual stuff, forget it. I'm not there. Now, we're getting information to people through electronics and web sites. It's becoming more and more sophisticated."

The panelists all agreed that the hectic lifestyle of their careers is something that can be difficult but is necessary to be successful.

Long said that having children and a

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## GRADUATION

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SAFB Chair, Adam Kochenderfer.

Not everyone is opposed to the change of location. "We are trying this in response to many people who have made phone calls and sent emails concerned about the lag time between final exams and commencement," said Ted Montgomery, Director of Media Relations. According to Montgomery, there was nearly a six-week time lapse between finals and commencement when ceremonies were held in June at Baldwin Pavilion.

"Holding it in our brand new facility means we don't have to worry about weather and will bring commencement much closer to the time of final exams," said Montgomery.

According to Montgomery, 62% of total graduates marched in last Winter's commencement ceremonies in May, or 1,197 people. "Last year went just fine in the Recreation Center," said Montgomery.

"I don't remember any complaints about the old location", said Priscilla Hildum, former Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who coordinated the commencement for the college and the schools.

## NCA

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the knuckles for what the NCA evaluators termed "misleading and inaccurate statements" in recruitment materials for students. NCA evaluators challenged OU's claim that "98 percent of OU classes are taught by full-time faculty members." The NCA report said the fall 1997 data indicated that 14.5-37.5 percent of classes was taught by "supplemental" faculty.

The evaluators also criticized OU for inaccuracies in its promotional materials citing: "All academic programs are accredited by North Central Association" and "all OU graduate and undergraduate programs are accredited by NCA."

In reality, as NCA noted, its accreditation is to the entire institution not individual programs. The NCA instructed OU to make sure future publication contained "accurate wording."

Another concern dealt with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs positions. The evaluators noted that six individuals had held the job on either a permanent or temporary basis in the intervening ten years since the 1989 visit. The instability in that area created concerns for faculty, the evaluators noted.

The evaluation team of ten interviewers from other universities visited OU last February. During the NCA visit, the team members met with the president and his cabinet, Trustees, faculty, students, alumni, staff and administrators. On site, the team had the opportunity to review academic and financial documents, planning documents, minutes of governance, group meetings and other materials.

The last accreditation visit was in 1989. Following that visit, the NCA team recommended a focused evaluation on the library, which was completed with a positive review in 1994.

The 1989 NCA noted 13 concerns in its report. The present team's assessment of OU's response to these concerns is in the 1999 NCA Team Visit Report.

The 1989 team noted that the library is drastically under funded for an institution of its quality, size and scope. The 1999 team concluded that OU had "satisfactorily addressed" the concern.

The second challenge focused on the low number of assistantships and graduate stipends needed to support graduate level program development, particularly at the doctoral level. The recent report stated that OU has just

"The beauty of Baldwin was the lawn space. There were always people sitting on the lawn even if there were seats available". According to Hildum, who retired this fall, there was always a rain plan but it was never used. "In general we were very lucky," she said.

"The size could be a problem and the sound is not great", Hildum said when asked about the last year's move to the O-Rena. "The floor covering is not attractive, and the lighting was a problem last year, with brilliant lights shining on the platform," she said.

"I have attended many commencements in the pavilion and it seems that the O-Rena would be much more impersonal and institutional and less pleasant," said English Department Chair Brian Connery. "The pavilion is comfortable. I imagine the O-Rena is not comfortable with all of the chairs and people stepping over each other".

Petitions can be picked up in the Disney cubicle in the Student Organizations Office in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Anyone with questions or concerns can email Carrie Goclan at cloglan@oakland.edu, or Rick Durso at rldurso@oakland.edu.

begun to address this issue. The report also stated that it had not been resolved, warning that OU's ability to insure the "quality of its graduate programs" will be at risk.

Other concerns included the communication barriers between OU administration and faculty. The team stressed the need for improvements in this particular area.

One of the major concerns, which is still pending on OU's campus, is the student-faculty ratio. It remains at 19-1, just as it was in 1989. With the increasing enrollment of 14,000 students, the average classroom size has decreased at all levels. Although this is quite an accomplishment, OU has managed this balance by hiring more part-time faculty members. The report stated that OU has recognized that the enrollment growth can only sustain a "proper balance" by hiring more full-time faculty.

As noted earlier, the NCA has recommended and scheduled two focus visits to take place within the next five years.

The first will focus on OU international programs in Vienna and Beirut. Because OU did not inform the NCA when the program was established outside of Michigan, they plan to revisit in the fall of 2000.

The second visit, in 2004-2005, will concentrate on general education and the assessment of student academic achievement. OU must "articulate goals for its general education program, goals that will permit the university to assess student academic achievement in a manner that can promote reform and strengthen the teaching-learning process.

Karen Kietzman, Associate Director of NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher Learning said, "It is not uncommon for universities to be reevaluated before their next ten-year reaccreditation. There are many issues, items and concerns, which crop up. A lot can happen in 10 years."

The NCA report follows good news from U.S. News & World Report, which ranks OU among the Best Regional Schools in the year 2000 edition of its guide, "America's Best Colleges."

"We're very pleased that the NCA is recognizing Oakland University for the dramatic transformation we have made over the past few years," said OU President Gary Russi. "OU continues to add faculty and expand facilities, classrooms, academic degree programs, internships, co-ops and research opportunities with corporate partners."

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## Oakland University Student Awards

### WILSON AWARDS

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### HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Nominees must be graduating in April 2000 or have graduated in June, August or December 1999. The Human Relations Awards recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

**Nomination forms are available at the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, or by calling 370-3352. Deadline for both nominations is February 14, 2000.**

### M.A.G.B. AWARDS

Nominees for the 2000 Michigan Association of Governing Boards (M.A.G.B.) Outstanding Student Awards must be at least junior standing, have an academic record of 3.0 or better G.P.A. and have distinctive leadership and community contributions. Nomination forms are available in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Deadline for M.A.G.B. nominations is February 11, 2000.

## JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATION MAJORS:

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9. Hold them pickles
8. Monster size it.
7. Can I get that in a size eight?
6. One large pepperoni please.
5. How much is the hot wax?
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## UPDATING OU

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### NEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE

The Career Resource Center is offering a series of comprehensive career tests **FREE OF CHARGE** to students and alumni. After the tests are taken, you will discuss the results with a career counselor and plan the next steps to take in your career decision making. Call the Career Resource Center at **370-3263** for an appointment.

### ASK THE CAREER COUNSELOR

Too cold to walk across campus? Too busy to stop in and see us? We're as near as your computer. Email your career questions to the counselors in the Career Resource Center at [crc@oakland.edu](mailto:crc@oakland.edu) and **we'll help you find answers. Also, visit our website** <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/crc/home.htm> for links to some great career sites.

• **CAMPUS RECREATION DEADLINES EXTENDED!** There is still time to form your intramural teams for the winter semester. The following sport deadlines have been extended:

Sport:	New due date:	Captain Meeting:
Co-ed water Basketball	February 7	February 8 @ 5 PM
Co-ed Dodge Ball	February 7	February 8 @ 6 PM
Co-ed Floor Hockey	February 7	February 8 @ 7 PM
Indoor Soccer	February 7	February 8 @ 8 PM

Stop by the Rec Center and pick up your team sport entry form! Please call Felecia @ 4885 for more information.

• **THE ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER, 103 North Foundation Hall, (248) 370-4215** would like to welcome students to the winter semester of 2000! We offer tutoring for most 100 and 200 level courses, and our tutors are students who've taken the courses you're taking. **STOP BY!!!** We also have handouts that offer tips for taking better notes, reading college textbooks, and writing research papers. **AND MUCH MORE!**

## THIS WEEK

• **Are you interested in a tattoo or body piercing?** Did you know that tattooing is one of the fastest growing industries in the country right behind bagels and cell phones? To get more information come talk to the Oakland nursing students at our table in the Oakland Center **February 7, 2000** from 11 AM to 1 PM. We will be discussing safety issues, care and complications of tattoos and piercing.

### GET INVOLVED...GAIN EXPERIENCE...

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE...JOIN AMERICORPS!

Have you heard about AmeriCorps? Attend one of three orientation sessions held **Tuesday, February 8** from 5-7 PM in Lake Superior B (lower level); **Wednesday, February 9** from noon-2 PM in the Oakland Room; and on **Thursday, February 10** from 3-5 PM in room 126-127. **You must attend one session to be considered for membership.** Earn a living wage and educational award! Make an impact on a child's life! Gain experience for your future career! Lend a helping hand! **BECOME AN AMERICORPS CADET!!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• Are you losing a lot of weight? Are you intensely dissatisfied with your body? Are you fasting and exercising excessively? Do you binge and purge? Do you know anyone who does? Are you interested in learning about body image problems and eating disorders? **Sign up to participate or just come in to the Eating Disorders Screening Program sponsored by the Counseling Center on Thursday, February 17 at 10 AM or 1 PM. For more information and registration please contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465.**

• **February 17th, 6 PM** at Varner Recital Hall, "Driving While Black," a discussion of racial profiling. Free admission.

• Watch for more information about the upcoming **Campus Recreation Family FREE Days** scheduled for **February 19, March 11 and April 8, 2000.**

• Come hear **Oakland University's poets** read their work and lose your mind for awhile: Rebecca Emlinger Roberts, Joseph Sheltraw, Maureen Dunphy, and Jeff Vande Zande on **Tuesday, February 22** at 3:30 PM in 129-130 Oakland Center.

• **Meeting of Minds VIII.** The University of Michigan-Dearborn will host the 8th annual Meeting of Minds Symposium on **Friday, May 19, 2000.** Registration and proposal forms will be available on **February 1, 2000** in department offices.

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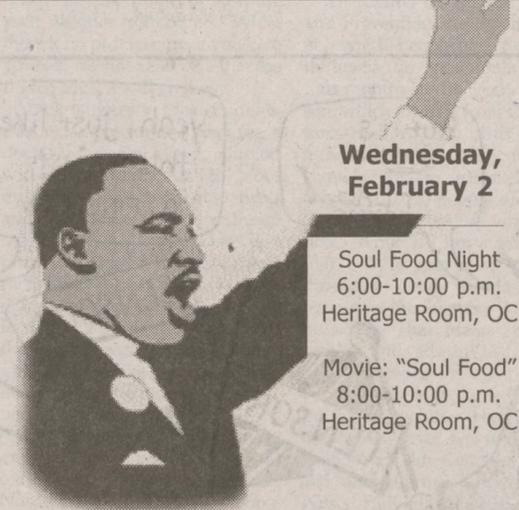
## CRIME watch

• Two Van Wagoner residents, one from Harrison Township, the other from St. Clair Shores, were arrested Thursday and charged with possession of Marijuana. An RA at Van Wagoner noticed the smell and alerted police. After police arrived a small baggie containing the marijuana, a glass pipe and a metal pipe with ashes still in it was confiscated.

• A 17 year-old female student was ticketed for underage drinking last Wednesday after reportedly blowing a .106 on a Breathalyzer while in her dorm room. An RA noticed noises coming from her room after quiet hours had begun and knocked on the door to see an open bottle of Bud Lite sitting on a table. After officers arrived, they too saw the open bottle of Bud Lite. The student's boyfriend, an underage non-student, blew a .040 and was not given a Minor in Possession.

• Police arrested an Auburn Hills man Wednesday for allegedly stealing a "University Service Vehicle Parking Only" sign out of Lot-36, just west of Dodge Hall. The theft was reportedly videotaped on the Police Department's closed circuit surveillance system. The man also reportedly admitted to stealing two more of the same type signs on Nov. 11th. The man allegedly told police that he did so "because the University had removed 50 spaces in that lot, and did not see why there had to be spaces reserved for University Service Vehicles when they can park on the sidewalks anyway."

• A student reported last week his car had been egged while parked in Lot-2 outside the OC. The student stated that he was a member of Sigma Pi and that he told police he thought the vandalism was the work of a rival fraternity. Alleged problems between these two fraternities date back to an October, 1999 football game.



Wednesday, February 2

Soul Food Night  
6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Heritage Room, OC

Movie: "Soul Food"  
8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Heritage Room, OC

Thursday, February 3

Remembering the Motherland Part II

7:00 p.m.

Lake Michigan Room, OC

Friday, February 4

The Life and Career of Stokely Carmichael

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Gold Room A, OC

Tuesday, February 8

The Influence of African-Americans in Sports

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Fireside Lounge, OC

Wednesday, February 9

Male Fashion Extravaganza

8:00 p.m.

Gold Rooms, OC

## African-American Celebration Activities

"Celebrating the African Influence in the America's"

JANUARY 17- FEBRUARY 23

## Diversity group discusses inequality



TOWN TALK: Samino Scott, Carole Crum, Catarina Barajas, and Michelle Guy, lead Monday's panel discussion on the white privilege on OU's campus.

By John Stoll  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

"In an effort to better understand the needs of all citizens in America's broad racial spectrum", President Clinton started promoting a broad based dialogue concerning race on college campuses. At that time in June of 1997, Clinton did what most politicians do when they "take action" - he appointed a committee.

OU's Diversity Group, an administration and faculty led team committed to campus equality, followed the president's

lead this year by sponsoring a committee. The panel led dialogue at the Jan. 24 campus town hall meeting in the Oakland Center: "Changing Faces in America" was designed to confront the subject of "white privilege".

The four-person panel leading the discussion was composed of Samino Scott, Assistant Director of Admissions and Enrollment, Carole Crum Director of Oakland's Bachelor of General Studies program, Catarina Barajas, who heads up student outreach, and Michelle Guy, an OU student. Gloria Sosa, Assistant Director of the Office of Equity, served as the panel's moderator.

White privilege, according to Ms. Crum, who was the only white person on the panel, is "not having to worry if I'm a target just because of the color of my skin." Crum suggested that such a privilege should be shared by all people and not just enjoyed by those with lighter colored skin.

Scott, who is an African American, agreed. "Many people just look at white privilege as an employment issue or a school admissions issue," but Scott insisted it's much more than that. He described an incident when he was at a local hardware store where he was singled out when trying to pay with his credit card because of the color of his skin. "The incident wasn't just about racial issues, it was about someone perceiving me as being different than them and treating me on that basis."

Students were given a chance to stand up and participate.

Ralph Williams, a student and founder of Men of Umoja, pointed out the most obvious disappointment of the afternoon's event. "Look around. What do you see?" asked Williams to an overwhelming majority of black students. "The same people always rally around the minority concerns and makes me ask 'why an open dialogue?'. In order to have sincere resolution to what we go



John Stoll/The Oakland Post

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STUDENT VOICE: Ralph Williams participates in topic discussions.

## Black star presents one woman show

Adilah Barnes honors African-American women

By Khaliyah Walker  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU students were visited by several dynamic African American women in the Oakland Center on Monday, when Adilah Barnes presented her award winning "I Am That I Am: Woman, Black," a nationally touring one-woman show that honors African-American women.

The nationally touring show stars stage actress Adilah Barnes, known to television audiences for her five-season role as "Anne Marie" on Roseanne.

Barnes brings to life Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Zora Neale Hurston, Lorraine Hansberry, Angela Davis and Maya Angelou, "some of the most influential women who have ever lived," according to Barnes.

Barnes performance begins with the words "I am that I am- woman, black. Come journey with me as I take us back. The times of so many are long gone. But the rewards of their efforts live on and on."

Adilah Barnes took her audience through a historical trip travelling from Africa to America and on a one-way ticket north out of slavery on the Underground Railroad.

When the show began, she captivated her audience with just a glance, and after that, no one made a sound except Sojourner Truth, who was the first character portrayed.

Each character she played came alive right before the audience's eyes as if they were standing right before them. Another of Barnes' characters, Zora Neale Hurston, had a childlike spirit and flirtiness that brought a smile to every audience member's face, but the message of determination and willpower that "Zora" was expressing was surely not overlooked.

When Barnes went into the character of Angela Davis, a militant attention surfaced on the audience. The strong political message that Barnes expressed through her gave a sense of the times Davis lived in.

Barnes told the audience

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## Business etiquette dinner teaches students proper behavior

By Latoya Smith  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Sit up straight. Don't put your elbows on the table. Don't chew with your mouth open. Sound familiar?

It did last Wednesday evening at Meadow Brook Hall ballroom when Nonnie Cameron, known as Mom Nonnie to college students

across the nation, shared the standard for business etiquette dinners.

Doron Elliott, President of OU's chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, introduced this woman who, according to participants, taught them more about etiquette than they would have ever known.

OU students enjoyed a candlelit four-course meal while Mom Nonnie instruct-

ed them on what to do and what to avoid at the dinner table, both at home and during job interviews.

The training was designed to increase confidence in image, business etiquette and interpersonal skills to help build rapport and trust with business customers and associates.

Cameron said, "I enjoy being able to share this information, that I know will be

important to college students, and it will make a difference in their lives."

All the while, she amused the participants to near tears with anecdotes of what she's seen at the table.

What would you do if you were sitting at a table and your guest licked the top of a ketchup bottle?

And did you know that in dinner interviews seasoning

ETIQUETTE continues on A5

## Flu case closed

Graham Health Center helps prepare students for influenza

By John Stoll  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

"You dial 911 and you hear, 'Everyone's out sick, please call back in May.'" According to David Letterman, that's the number one sign that cold season has hit your town.

Ironically, if traffic at the Graham Health Center is any indication; the flu bug has yet to arrive in forces.

According to Joanne M. Talarek, Graham's Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner, "Doctors have seen a lot of cases in the Oakland County area, but [Graham's] case load isn't consistent with that trend.

We have yet to see anyone concerning the flu."

She said that doesn't mean that students aren't getting influenza (the proper term for the flu), "they just are not coming into Graham Health Center."

Still, students should know that the staff at Graham is there to help.

Starting in October, Graham nurses and staff people were aggressively making students aware of the availability of the flu shot. Efforts continued on until mid-December with more than 450 students responding to the call. The shot is a vaccine that is 70 to

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## SEHS building in planning

By The Oakland Post Staff

Editor's Note: The following story was run incompletely in our last issue. Here is the story reprinted in its entirety.

Hard hats and construction trailers might continue to dot OU's landscape well into the future with the approval in mid-December by the Governor and state legislature for OU to begin the planning process for the proposed \$31.5 million School of Education and Human Services classroom/office building.

Authorization to begin planning, at OU's expense,

was one of 43 college and university projects authorized around the state late last year.

The Governor and the legislature did not give approval to two other campus priority projects-the proposed \$16.8 million renovation of Varner Hall and the proposed \$9.9 million renovation of Dodge Hall.

Among the state's schools, only two construction projects, one at U-M Ann Arbor and the other at Mott Community College in Flint, were approved this year.

OU officials made the education building its top

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# PERSPECTIVES

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## SETTING IT straight

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

## EDITOR'S view

### 'Stars and Bars' shows true 'Southern hospitality'

Sometimes utter stupidity has to be addressed. The SuperBowl was played in Atlanta on Sunday and the Confederate flag controversy sparked up. The state of Georgia incorporates the "Stars and Bars" in its state flag, and many African-American groups would like to see the National Football League (a league where more than 60 percent of the players are black) not play its championship game in states that fly the Confederate flag.

African-American groups attempt to eliminate the Rebel flag from flying over state capitals is not stupid, it is very justifiable and the correct action to take.

What IS stupid is a comment made on a national sports talk radio program last week. The caller said the Confederate flag should be allowed to be used as a state flag (it is the state flag of South Carolina) because it is not a symbol of racism.

The caller continued to say the flag represented "Southern hospitality." If by hospitality this person meant buying human beings, forcing them to live in conditions that would offend a farm animal and taking newborn babies away from their mothers to make a few dollars, I'll pass on "Southern hospitality."

Over the last few weeks, local newspapers printed many letters concerning the Confederate flag controversy. Most of the letters condemned its usage, but there were many letters that defended the states that fly the flag.

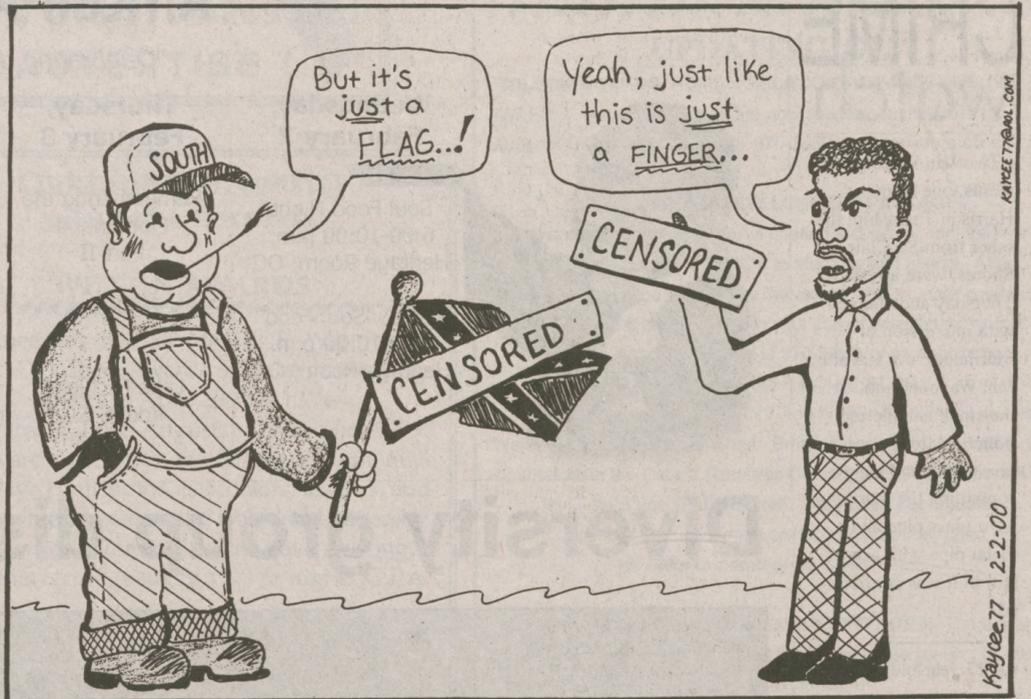
One argument in defense of the Confederate flag is that the Civil War was fought over the concept of states rights and not slavery, and therefore the flag is not a slap in the face of African Americans.

This argument is the biggest load of... well, you know what. The "right" in question WAS slavery. The South wanted new territories that were to be admitted to the Union to be able to decide whether they wanted to be "slave" states or "free" states, and the North wanted all new states to be free. The South succeeded and the worst war in our nation's history was fought on our own soil.

The bottom line is this - the Confederate flag represents a group of people who felt it was okay to treat human beings as property and to rape, whip and kill them as they saw fit.

Why people today cannot understand why the symbol of that ideology should not be flown over state capitals, is unimaginable.

Joe Gray  
Managing Editor



## LETTERS TO THE editor

### Student asks Senate to reconsider move

Dear Editor,

I have just finished reading the article in The Oakland Post by our student body President Nick Mitchell. In this article, he mentions that the Oakland University Senate has voted to eliminate the student representation in that body.

I understand that this is an issue that has been ongoing, so one might ask why I wait until now to voice my opinion. The honest answer is "I don't know." I suppose that a part of it is the fact that I am a less than average student. Why would (or should) anyone with a doctorate in anything listen to my opinion.

Another reason that I didn't speak is that I honestly could

not fathom that this would come to pass. Oakland University has stated that it will be operated as a business. If that is so, then we, the students, are its customers. A business has no opportunity for success until it finds out what its customers want or need. With no voice in the senate, there is no medium with which to express our needs, and no way for the University to fulfill these needs.

In closing, I would just like to ask the senate to reconsider their decision. I am fond of Oakland University, just as the first Americans were fond of England. However, if I have no voice, I may be forced to seek other educational opportunities.

James R. Dye  
Junior  
Secondary Education

*I would really like to see the inside section of The Oakland Post start with the sports page rather than the campus life. In many newspapers, the sports page is a section onto itself, and it's the most read section in many papers. So, I'd like the front section to be news, the inside section start with sports and add campus life at the end. Thank you very much.*

*I think the Campus Forum is a plot to get into the minds of America's youth. Beware my friends, the truth is out there.*

*I think it was unfair of The Oakland Post to make fun of the university. The political cartoon that was in the paper last week made it look like a possible nature preserve here on campus was going to be really small. How do you know its potential size?*

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**FLU**

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90 percent effective in making a person's system immune to the epidemic. But, as Amanda Mack, Graham's Registered Nurse pointed out, "Just because you get the shot, doesn't mean you don't get the flu."

So what should you do if you feel like you are getting the flu?

Graham Health Center, or any other provider, can prescribe one of two recently FDA approved drugs to help drown out those miserable flu symptoms: Tamiflu or Relenza. Neither of the drugs should be considered to be preventative medicine, nor should they ever replace the traditional methods of protecting oneself from the flu. But if taken within the first two days of contracting the virus, these medications can help your body escape the pains you would normally encounter with the flu.

So, if need be, make an appointment at Graham or with a family or local physician to make sure that things are all right.

Also, if you get the virus, do what mom tells you to do: get

plenty of rest, bundle up, drink a lot of liquids, stay away from the dairy products and be courteous to those who don't have the flu by either staying home or keeping your distance from others. While there is no proven cure, if you give yourself the time and care that the flu requires, it will go away.

Mack suggests that students take extra precautions and see a doctor if they feel a fever coupled with dry mouth, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, head and muscle aches or extreme fatigue. After all, the flu isn't just a runny nose, it is an acute respiratory illness that, if not properly diagnosed or cared for, can lead to illnesses like pneumonia. Also, there are diseases such as meningitis with flu-like symptoms that may actually be more severe and need additional treatment.

What should you not do? Most experts seem to agree that antibiotics are a bad idea. Said Tamar Nordenberg of the FDA, "Don't bother taking antibiotics to treat your flu; antibiotics do not kill viruses. They should only be used

for bacterial complications such as sinus or ear infections. Overuse of antibiotics has become a serious problem."

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that at least 930 people have died from influenza or pneumonia in the four months of this year's flu season, which extends from Oct. 1999 through April 2000. This number indicates that the worst is yet to come for this flu season since, on average, 20,000 people die in the US annually from the viral infection. While it's not a prediction that people are going to start dropping dead in classrooms because of the flu, there is a strong possibility that many students, faculty and administrators still haven't escaped the Y2K flu bug.

If you have any questions about the flu, or any other medical questions whatsoever, feel free to give Graham Health Center a call or just drop in the office next to Wilson Hall on the northwest corner of the campus.

**STAR**

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that out of all the characters she played, she felt the most connected to Angela because she herself lived through the same era that fought for civil rights amongst African-Americans and minorities.

Adilah Barnes has performed her show in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and New York. She has performed for presenters such as the Watts Third World Festival and the National Woman's Theatre Festivals in Los Angeles and Las Vegas

"I Am That I Am: Woman, Black" is an illustration of just how much African-American women have contributed to the construction of America. Though all the women portrayed by Barnes were talented in different ways, they are all a part of the building blocks that have constructed our country.

The primary reason the show is a hit is that Adilah Barnes goes far beyond just acting. Through her portrayal of each character, she paid tribute to each and every one, and to each she delivers 100 percent of herself time and time again. Leah Hayman, undecided, stated "She became the character, it was as if each one of them was

right before us."

In a post-performance discussion with the audience about the characters portrayed, Barnes expressed her purpose and reason for creating the show. She explained to the audience that ninety-nine percent of the words spoken are those of the people themselves, she simply adds her spirit and acting techniques.

One audience member asked how she prepared for her show. Barnes responded by gracefully explaining that as she is portraying each character, she feels their presence and spirit around her which is how she is able to become them if only for a matter of minutes.

**ETIQUETTE**

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food before tasting it is a sign that you make decisions without knowing all of the facts? Prospective employers pay attention to those details.

The dinner began with shrimp cocktail followed by French onion soup, salad with a raspberry vinaigrette dressing, and seasoned grilled chicken with vegetables.

Oakland students from many different majors attended the event out of curiosity and at the encouragement of Oakland faculty and administrators.

Xavier Golightly, 18, engineering freshman, said, "Originally, I didn't think I'd learn anything I didn't already know, but I ended up learning something that I'll keep with me for the rest of my life"

Lisa Mah, 19, finance sophomore said she was to learn more about etiquette so that she doesn't feel out of place in formal settings.

The evening came to a sweet ending with a chocolate cup filled with flavored mousse as dessert. Mah said, "This dinner was very informative and will be very helpful in my future as a business entrepreneur.

The event was sponsored by NSBE in conjunction with the Career Prep Week sponsored by Placement and Career Services.

**MEETING**

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through in a white society, we can only rely on self help."

Susan Wood, an Art History Professor, suggested that something else also needs to happen if OU students want to see change. "With white privilege," says Wood, "you run into a psychological reaction that blinds us [white people] to the privilege we have." Said Wood: "The reason people get defensive when they are accused of 'privilege' is because they are afraid of losing something they didn't earn. [Dialogue] is not going to help until we get white people talking about these problems."

Sosa said the event went well, but lacked the needed participation for real change to happen. This dia-

logue was the second of the 1999 - 2000 school year, the first having occurred in October focusing on race in America.

Sosa reported October attendance as having far exceeded the Jan. 24 meeting.

The next Diversity Group event will occur on March 9 in the O.C. and will feature author and Harvard professor Cornell West as he brings his national struggle for racial equality to Oakland County.

The Office of Equity hopes to attract a larger number of students and a more realistic balance to represent the racial mix on campus to listen to West talk about his latest book, "Race Matters".

**PANEL**

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family can be especially tough. He said that most women have to take time off from work to have their children.

Gaidica said, "Lucky for me six hours of sleep is all I demand." Gaidica also said that his day starts at 7:15 a.m. when he broadcasts the weather for radio station WKQI from his home.

A career in any of these fields is not a nine to five job as the panelists detailed. Often times, a story needs to be covered, an ad needs to be designed or weather warnings need to be issued well into the night. As Sedman put it, "It's a very hectic and dynamic

environment."

Many students found the discussion to be helpful in learning what to expect before entering any of these fields.

"I think that the panel discussion was very beneficial to the students and, the three guests were very insightful and gave excellent advice for those students who are planning to enter into a career situation," said Sunshine Collins, junior, journalism.

Placement and Career Services, Women in Communications and the Communications Honor Society all sponsored the panel discussion, held during career prep week at OU. All of the events were designed to show students the variety of options they have when deciding on a career.

**SENATE**

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senate to a faculty only body have been periodically raised but gained widespread support last year.

The initiative came when faculty input was bypassed on the development of a second golf course. Faculty concerns on construction of the Rec Center and move to NCAA Division I athletics were also perceived by some as being ignored.

Though there is strong support for the amendments, not all faculty members are in favor. According to Linda Hildebrand, secretary to the University Senate,

there have been "A number of faculty members who have spoken against the amendments."

One of them, Jerrold Grossman, professor of mathematics and statistics, disagrees that the amendments will increase communication. "The current arrangement has the faculty talking to administrators, students and staff. The new arrangement has the faculty talking to no one but the faculty.

Students will still be eligible to serve on Senate committees, though their voting seats on the Senate will disappear.

The amendments, passed at the January 20th meeting, will also change the name of the body to the "Faculty Senate."

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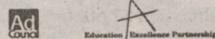


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CHRISTIAN HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 1931: This is where Kenneth Wigton and Marie Smith first met over 68 years ago in the fourth grade.

## OU backdrop for love: Schoolboy crush began 68 years ago

By Kathryn Pina  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Kenneth and Marie Wigton met, married, and raised eight children in the Oakland County area. Their lives have centered around OU. From the time they met at Christian Hills Public School in 1931, which sat across from what is currently the Lowry Center, to the years that they put six children through college here, OU has been a factor.

"Raising a family of eight was difficult," admitted Marie. However, changes had started taking place in the area which made things easier since the years when there was only a small country school to go to.

"By the grace of God, Mrs. Wilson donated that land for a college," said Marie. "The college came to us just in time. In our little country, bucolic life, we couldn't afford school. If we had to send eight kids away to school, the cost would have been inordinate."

"That school was the most wonderful gift we could have ever gotten. Our kids could go there and stay at home, but still be going to a University- and we could afford to do it."

Six of the Wigton's eight children are OU graduates, and they have two grandchildren currently attending. They include an engineer, a doctor, an anesthesiologist, a pipe organ architect, and two teachers with masters degrees, most of whom are still in Michigan.

"We feel it's been a high-quality university that was an honor to graduate from," said Kenneth, who goes by Ken. "That property was well-used."

The courtship of Ken and Marie Wigton began in 1931 in the fourth



THE SMITH HOME: The boarding house on Adams Road burned in 1942.



KEN WIGTON AND MARIE SMITH: In 1941 he enlisted in World War II.

grade classroom of the small Christian Hills Public School, once located on the corner of Adams and Butler road. That courtship of the near-lifetime Oakland county residents continues today, after 57 years of marriage.

Marie, whose last name was Smith before she married in 1942, was born in Capac in June of 1921. Since 1929, she and her family lived on a farm two miles from the school, where her father was the



photos courtesy of Marie Wigton

farm manager.

Ken was born in April of 1921 in Detroit, and moved to the area in 1931 when his mother sent him to live with his aunt and uncle because of the Great Depression. His uncle, William Bates, was in charge of the Meadowbrook gate lodge for the mansion.

Their memories of Christian Hills are good ones, and unlike any that the sprawling University that now claims its former territo-

ry could conjure up.

"There was no such thing as school buses," recalled Marie. She and her four brothers had a two mile walk to and from the school every day.

"We would walk home and we would dilly-dally. There were willows down near the Clinton river, and we would use the branches to swing off of the guardrail on the road."

"At country schools, they always had a recess where you would go out and play scrub baseball or something," said Ken.

"One outhouse was first base," added Marie, "and the other outhouse was third base. They had two outhouses, the boys and the girls. You had to be careful you didn't knock them over."

Ken left after a year to go back to his parents in Detroit.

"It was a memorable year," Ken said, smiling when asked how they ended up getting married some 11 years later.

In fact, they met again after Ken graduated from high school, when he would come back to the area to visit his uncle and aunt.

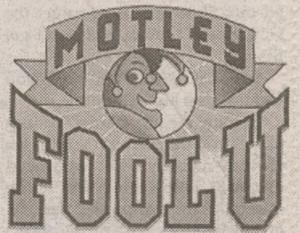
"We're an arranged marriage," Marie said. "Have you heard of matchmakers? That's my mother," she laughed. "His aunt and uncle had their 25th wedding anniversary. My mother didn't even know them very well, but she decided that I should bake a cake for them. The English bake the most beautiful, ornate cakes in the whole world, and I was supposed to bake a cake for them. I was very dutiful, what my mother told me to do, I did. So I baked the cake."

"It was the end of my high school senior year, it was the first of June... we didn't have disposable cake plates, and so the cake plate

FRIENDSHIP continues on B4

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Then, as the child grows, she will come to know that there is a gift of stock that has been given. "Oh? What's that?" she asks one Christmas, eagerly opening yet another Tootsie Roll Pop.

Good question. That gives the parents (or you, if you're there) the opportunity to introduce the idea of investing. Since you, experienced Fool that you are, are well aware of the benefits of long-term investing and the magic of compound interest, you can begin to impart that information right away. By the time she's down to the chocolate core, her cheeks will be red not only with the flush of sugar, but with the flush of excitement at the knowledge that her money is growing.

One good idea is to invest in strong companies whose products the child uses or knows: sneaker companies, cereal companies, candy companies, movie companies — whatever. Of course, you want to try to make your investment a good one, so do your Foolish homework.

You'll want to make sure you know the tax rules as well. If you give (or receive) stocks as a gift, you must know (or provide) the following information:

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•Battle of the bands will be revisited at 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Gold Rooms. **LACKLUSTER**, the 1999 Battle of the Bands winner, will give an encore performance with their harmonic tones and energetic stage presence.

#### CONCERTS

•Contributing writer to the Jay Leno show, **PHIL PERRIER** brings his comedy show on Feb. 3-5 to Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Ferndale.

•**CRO MAGS** with special guests All Out War and Shutdown will play at 8 p.m. on Feb. 4 at St. Andrew's Hall.

•**KENNY NEAL** comes from Louisiana Royal music family, The Neals. Kenny blends his swamp blues with traditional blues and soul on Feb. 4 at Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak.

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•**THE SAMPLES** will play at 8 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the 7th House, Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

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#### COMING SOON

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•**DISNEY ON ICE** presents 75 Years of Disney Magic, Feb. 29-March 5 at Joe Louis Arena. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times.

•When the Pawn Hits, **FIONA APPLE** will perform at 7:30 on March 10 at the State Theatre. All ages welcome. Tickets are now on sale.

•**THE JUDDS**, Wynonna and Naomi Judd with special guest Joe Dee Messina will perform on March 18 and March 19 at the Palace, Auburn Hills.

# ARE YOU SCREAMING? FOR A THIRD!



OH MY GOSH: Ever been so afraid that you wanted to scream? Wes Craven's new Scream movie- the third and final installment- stars Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette and many others.

## Rules do not apply when dealing with trilogies

Scott Foley

By Cara Plowman  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Jenny McCarthy



The final installment of the "Scream" series will be in theaters this Friday. Many await the newest Wes Craven film because he has surprised and scared us all for many years.

This movie takes us to the set of "Stab 3"-the movie within the movie "Scream." "Stab 3" is inspired by the events of the first two "Screams." More murders are taking place on the set, and Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell), Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox Arquette) and Dewey (David Arquette) are drawn in to try, once again, to end the massacres.

Yet again, the new cast members (and victims) are the fresh young faces of the industry. Parker Posey, Emily Mortimer, Matt Keeslar, Deon Richmond and Patrick Dempsey star in the third movie.

Jenny McCarthy ("Singled Out") and Scott Foley ("Felicity") sat down with college reporters across the US for phone interviews about "Scream 3."

The cast was never given a full script, only the pages of their own scenes. So, even they will be surprised the first time they see the full production.

McCarthy plays Sarah Darling, the star of "Stab 3" and a bonafide brat. She said that she liked playing a brat because she isn't one in real life. Both McCarthy and Foley said how much fun it was to be on the Scream set. "I had a lot of fun with the ghost face killer

man walking around the set," said McCarthy. "I would stare at this guy thinking, 'Oh my god, he's scarier in person.'"

Foley also had fun in between takes. "The tone of the set is very serious. The situation you're dealing with is death. To lighten the set (we'd) have unbelievable laughter between takes. (You look and) Neve Campbell is crossing her eyes at you."

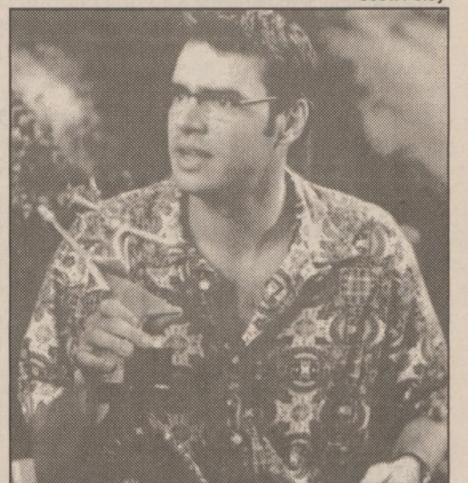
McCarthy said that she has been a fan of the Scream movies because of their suspense and cheekiness. She said that meeting Craven was odd at first.

"When I first met him I was scared. I thought he had to be crazy. He turned out to be the shyest, sweetest little man."

Both actors are making the cross over from TV to film. For Foley, the experience was a bit more high profile and realistic than his previous and current roles.

"If it wasn't for 'Felicity,' 'Scream' never would have come along," said Foley. "The (Scream) movies have a very high profile. I wanted to do something higher profile. Hopefully they'll remember my face."

Horror movies are either loved or hated. There is no middle ground. For McCarthy, she likes watching them for a different reason.



"I'm such a fan of horror movies but, I'm a big baby. I think I became a very holy person after seeing ('The Exorcist')."

The "Scream 3" cast is awaiting the release just as much as the general population. But, are we sick and tired of this type of horror movie? Only time will tell how well "Scream 3" does in the theaters and how much people like it.

So, remember to ask yourself, "Do you like scary movies?" before you go see it. Then, just sit and wait to see who dies first.

## Blood donation draws good feelings

I have the type of personality that is prone to becoming addicted to things. Normally, the things I become dependent on are unhealthy or don't promote my well-being (as my mother would say it).

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CARA PLOWMAN

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Carly Nelson  
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### WHAT IS the SOUNDTRACK of your life?

1. "You Can't Always Get What You Want" -The Rolling Stones
2. "Stupid Girl" -Garbage
3. "Crazy" -Patsy Kline
4. "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" -U2
5. "Fool On The Hill" -The Beatles
6. "What a Wonderful World" -Louis Armstrong
7. "Heroes" -David Bowie
8. "Luck Be a Lady" -Frank Sinatra
9. "Closing Time" -Semisonic
10. "Kumbaya" -Just Kidding :)

Do you want to see your favorite songs in the SOUNDTRACK box? Drop by the Post with your list (and a picture of yourself if you have one).

# A print worthy Experience

By Gabriela Ardelean  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

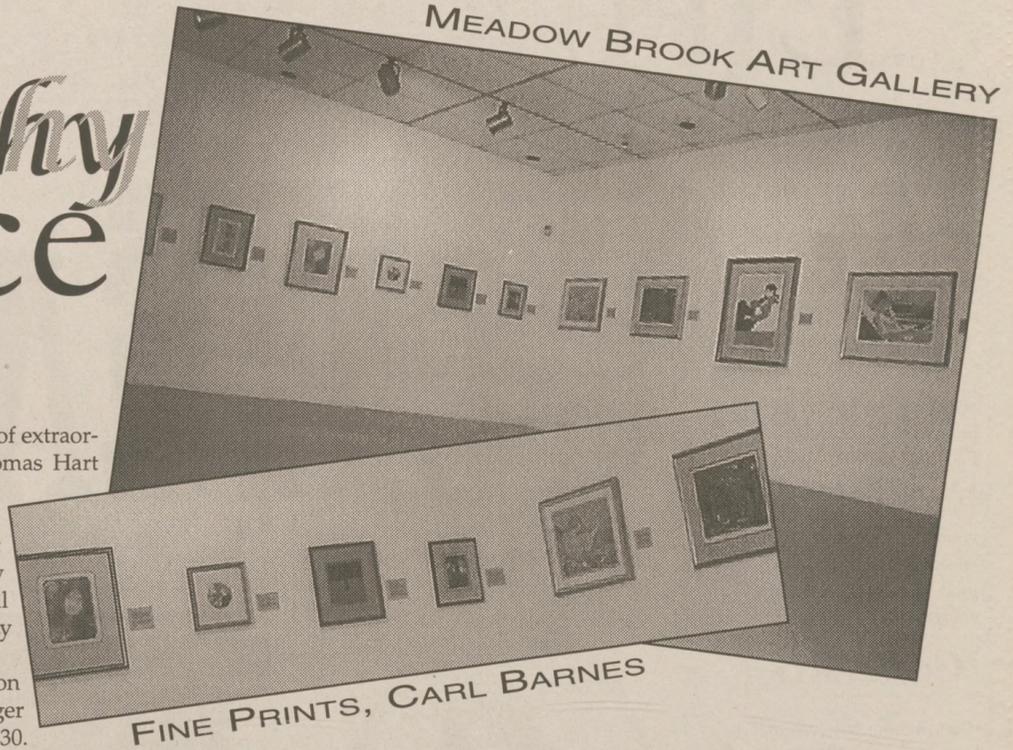
Help support OU's fine arts by visiting MB Art Gallery. "Personal Favorites: Fine Prints From The Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anne M. Barnes" is on exhibit from now until April 2.

The Barnes donated their entire print collection of over 400 pieces to OU for the benefit of students in their art history education. This is a wonderful opportunity to see rare prints dating from the 16th century to

the present, for free.

The exhibit includes the works of extraordinary printmakers such as Thomas Hart Benton, Gerald Leslie Brockhurst, William Blake, Eugene Delacroix, Albrecht Durer, William Hogarth, Winslow Homer, James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Grant Wood and many more.

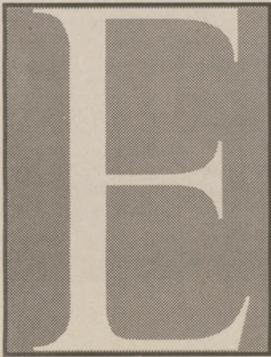
The gallery is located in Wilson Hall. The gallery now has longer hours, Tue.-Fri. 12-5, Sat.-Sun. 1-6:30.



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edanz is changing the way people can search for dance entertainment.

Looking for the hottest club in New York, Chicago or even lesser-known cities such as

Shakopee and Boca Raton? Going out of town and looking for the hottest clubs there? The newly launched web site, [edanz.com](http://edanz.com), offers resources to a variety of dance-related material. Not only is there access to club information, there is also access to weekly news and reviews for various dance genres.

"Other dance sites and directories barely scratch the surface of [edanz.com](http://edanz.com)'s in-depth content," said Marli Maurin, web site editor.

The web site also offers resources to professional dancers, including job and resume postings. Clubs throughout the US. are listed and, information

regarding classes offered at studios, age restrictions and events occurring are also posted.

"We offer a searchable database where people can search for things in their area, whether it be a dance school, company, or clubs throughout the US," said John Keehler, Senior web developer for edanz.

The company is focused on providing accurate information to web surfers. "Right now few cities are not completed as we go through quality control. It is a constant process of updating cities and we are expanding our work force," said Keehler.

Keehler also encourages people to e-mail edanz with information on dance events and dance clubs. Even though all major cities are not completed in the data base, a great deal of interesting information is offered for those who love the music industry.

The site also provides a link to All Danz, a radio station that broadcasts dance music from various genres such as electronica and swing.

Keehler looks forward to when edanz is geared towards the interests of individuals when they log on to the site, a project that is now underway for the

company. A free membership to the site is available and provides members with a screen name where they can access message boards and resume postings. In the future, the company expects to add chat rooms to their list of many offerings.

One of the most impressive things about the site is the detailed search of the venues. You are able to select what type of music you are looking for, from Cuban Motion, Disco Style 70s to Two-Steppin' and Belly Dancing. You are also able to look for a venue based upon dress code, games offered, the type of crowds that attend, and the drinks served there. Another interesting perk that the site contains is a dictionary of dance-related terms divided by genre.

When asked what the goal of edanz is, Keehler said, "To have community and build community for professional dancers and people who love to dance, where they can use the site as a resource."

Edanz is on the road to achieving their goal. Access their web site at [www.edanz.com](http://www.edanz.com).

Sara McDowell is the Assistant Life Editor for THE OAKLAND POST.



## "Magnified" and still looking good

By Cara Plowman  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Two boys met just three years ago and combined their musical passion to set out on a new project. Soon though, that project turned into more than even they had imagined.

Chris Lehmann (Heavy Into Jeff) and Adam Aaronson (My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult) are those two boys. Both of their previous bands were spent and, the two sought something new that would transcend the California music scene.

Lehmann's lyrics are driven by Aaronson's percussion but they needed a guitar and a bass. So, after much auditioning, Mike Kelly, bass, and Andy Shaw, guitar, were invited on board.

All of the members of "Magnified" added to the record creatively. The CD and the title track, called "Stand In Traffic" will be released late this month.

The band mixes up its sound by backing medium-paced lyrics with a driving guitar line and some powerful drum beats. The result is barely noticeable but very effective.

One of the best songs is "Monday." The guitar line will stick in your head and, Lehmann's lyrics soar on the track. Also great is "In LA" because of its cynically driven meaning about the see through city.

This is the type of band that will be great live. Its energy shines through even on the CD. The quick and smart lyrics are definitely going to launch "Magnified" into the music scene. T.V.T. Records signed the guys and they began work on the 12 tracks.

The best song, and one of the best covers, is their rendition of "Is She Really Going Out With Him." Lehmann's voice is able to contort and still sound fresh.

Check "Magnified" out at [www.magnified.net](http://www.magnified.net) or [www.tvtrerecords.com](http://www.tvtrerecords.com). "Stand In Traffic" is set to be released Feb. 29. The disc is surprisingly unique but familiar and grounded.

## "Next Friday" falls short of last "Friday"



By LaToya Smith  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

"Next Friday" is funny, but not as funny as the original "Friday."

This movie boasts new and old cast members. The cast has Ice Cube (Friday, Higher Learning, Boyz n the Hood), John Witherspoon (Boomerang, Friday), Tamala Jones (For Your Love, Dangerous Minds, Veronica's Closet), Don DC Curry (BET Comicview, Def Comedy Jam), Tommy "Tiny" Lister (Jackie Brown, The Fifth Element, Universal Soldier)



SECRET HANDSHAKE: Mike Epps (L) and Ice Cube. Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

and newcomers Mike Epps, Justin Pierce, Jacob Vargas, Lisa Rodriguez and Lady of Rage.

In the initial Friday Craig (Ice Cube) bails his friend out of trouble, survives a climactic confrontation with Debo (Tommy Lister), the neighborhood bully, and ends up with the girl.

In "Next Friday," the bully is back as Debo, who has spent two years behind bars and is bent on revenge. Fearing for his son's safety, Mr. Jones (Witherspoon) sends his son to live with family members in suburbia.

Craig soon learns that trouble can find you wher-

ever you live. Once again, his survival skills are tested and his commitment to helping out family is a challenge.

Cousin Day-Day (Epps) offers comic relief through his own day to day misfortunes. Facing a foreclosure on the home he and his father purchased after winning the lottery, Day-Day and Craig scheme to come up with the money.

Though the movie proved to be funny, it couldn't quite compare to the hilarious antics of Ice Cube and Chris Tucker in the original "Friday."

## DSO brings the history of music, great performances

By Carl Savich  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) featured two major works of Johannes Brahms in its Jan. 15 and 22 evening concerts at Orchestra Hall.

Brahms' Second Symphony was performed with Paul Hindemuth's Mathis der Maler Symphony and a new work by American composer Michail Torke, which was written to commemorate the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

On Jan. 22, Brahms' Piano Concerto Number Two was performed with internationally acclaimed pianist Stephen Kovacevich and Sergei Prokofiev's Sixth Symphony and a new work by American composer Aaron Kernis called New Era Dance.

The conductor for both nights was "Estonian-born

and Russian-trained" DSO Musical Director Neemi Jarvi, who is celebrating his tenth year of leadership at the DSO. Jarvi has recorded extensively with the DSO and other orchestras and has toured with the orchestra. The DSO has established a well-earned reputation as one of the world's leading orchestras.

Several weeks ago, it was announced that Itzhak Perlman will be the principal guest conductor of the DSO for the next season.

The massive four movement and technically demanding Second Piano Concerto was performed deftly by the DSO. Grammy nominated pianist Stephen Kovacevich was on the whole impressive, although notes were flubbed at times and were uneven. The concerto lasted for 44 min.

Brahms' Second Symphony in D Major, Op. 73 debuted in 1877 in Vienna and was a radical depar-

ture from his earlier symphonic style, the Sturm and Drang Romanticism of the First Symphony. In the Second Symphony, Brahms offered the lyrical style reminiscent of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, the "Pastoral." Under Jarvi's lively and animated direction, the DSO brought out the lyricism and tranquil serenity of the work.

Paul Hindemuth's Mathis der Maler Symphony debuted in Berlin in 1934 during the Nazi era. Hindemuth was instantly denounced as a "decadent" and "modernist" composer and, his music was banned by Hitler.

The DSO was most impressive with their performance of Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev's Symphony Number Six in E-Flat Minor, Op. 111, a work which debuted in 1947 in Leningrad. Like Hindemuth, Prokofiev was condemned by Stalin's

government art councils. He had been the leading Soviet composer when he wrote works to commemorate the Soviet victories over Nazi Germany. But when he composed works that failed to gain government praise, he was condemned.

This symphony is a stunning and well-crafted work, lasting about 43 min. in three movements. Under Jarvi's command, the DSO gave a confident and powerful performance of a work seldom performed on any concert stage.

Before each concert, Charles Greenwell gives lectures on the upcoming performances. These lectures are well-researched and highlighted with selections of music. Orchestra Hall is located on Woodward, several blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Admission is \$10 for students. The 1999-2000 Millennial Season of the DSO is not to be missed.

## Deciphering the ART of an era

By Carl Savich

SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Art, the critically acclaimed Broadway comedy, came to the Fisher Theatre last month. It was written by Yasmina Reza and had its debut in Paris, France in 1994.

In 1996, a London production of the play was launched. In 1997, the comedy debuted on Broadway and became a smash hit in New York.

The play, which won the 1998 Tony Award for best comedy, stars veteran television actors Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith, and Jack Willis.

Legendary film actor Sean Connery is a producer of the current show. Initially, his wife, Micheline convinced Connery that the play would be suitable for a film project. A movie of the play may be in the future, but at the moment, the playwright, Reza, is content to have the comedy tour as a play.

The play has achieved international acclaim and has been translated into 20 languages. Christopher Hampton translated the original text for the current play, which is directed by Matthew Warchus.

Art is a one act play that takes place in the Paris apartments of three friends, Marc (Hirsch), Serge (Smith), and Yvan (Willis). The duration of the play is 90 minutes with no intermission.

The set is minimal with changes only in lighting. The musical score was by Gary Yershon. There are only three actors in the play. It is the interactions and relationships of these three actors that are the focus of the comedy.

The plot of Art centers around Serge's purchase of a 200,000 franc painting. The painting is merely a blank, white canvas. Marc is appalled and disgusted by the painting when Serge shows it to him. He regards it as "garbage" and is angered that his friend would spend that much money on a "piece of garbage" without consulting him first. Serge claims that it is art. Marc disagrees. Later, Yvan is shown the painting, but like Marc, he does not consider it art. But unlike Marc, Yvan in vain seeks to appease both sides by taking the middle ground and seeing the merits of both views.

Hirsch, the star of "Taxi" and "Dear John," who has won two Emmy and two Tony Awards, and was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in "Ordinary People," is superb as the main

character, Marc. He is bitter, harshly cynical, and irreverent. His droll comic delivery is excellently suited for the character of Marc, who cynically dismisses the painting as garbage because it has done away with form and substance.

Smith, who played on the ABC series "Equal Justice," and was Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud," plays Serge, who sees himself as an art connoisseur and an example of "modern man" with dead-pan sincerity and conviction.

Willis, who played on "Law & Order" and "Dallas" and currently stars in "The Talented Mr. Ripley," plays Yvan, acting as an intermediary and buffer between Marc and Serge. The comedic timing and delivery of all three veteran actors is flawless and impeccable.

The three close friends debate and argue over the question, "What is art?" What makes something a work of art? Each sees something different on the blank, white canvas. Serge sees a bonafide work of art because the art world has deemed it so. Marc sees the painting as the epitome of pretentiousness and self-delusion. Yvan attempts to reconcile the two views by going along with Serge, although he feels almost the same as Marc about the painting.

From a debate about the meaning of art, the discussion turns to the meaning of relationships and friendships. Marc and Serge come to blows and their friendship is nearly destroyed by their argument over the painting. Ultimately the painting becomes a Rorschach test. One can decide for oneself what the painting means and whether it is art. It is precisely this freedom to decide that is so troubling to Marc. For to be human is to be free, freedom and humanity are inseparable.

Relationships are about agreement and consensus, about submerging freedom for the benefit of the relationship. Both Marc and Serge are prisoners of their own choosing. Serge is imprisoned because he must blindly follow the dictates of the artistic community even though he may disagree with that view. Marc is a prisoner of his own fear of freedom. He is a cynic, who in the words of Oscar Wilde, "Knows the price of everything but the value of nothing." It is the working out of this Hegelian dialectic that a resolution or synthesis is achieved of these existentialist themes.

By attempting to figure out what art is, we are inevitably forced to see that we have absolute freedom and that we make decisions that are arbitrary and subjective, but also decisions that are established and defined. We have the power to choose. This defines our humanity, this freedom to choose. Both Marc and Serge are initially angry at each other because one is free to choose to like something, while another is equally free to reject something. As friends, they seek to control one another and to impose their will. The resolution comes when they understand that it is futile to attempt to limit the freedom each has.

Art is a departure from the traditional format of a play, but it works. Its aim is not to make one feel good but make one think. Is the play Art itself art? One will have to decide for oneself.

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Photo courtesy of Stagebill Program Publications  
ARTISTIC VIEWS: The three man show of "Art" consists of (L-R) Cotter Smith, Jack Willis, and Judd Hirsch.

## Hey, what are you looking at?

When I was a kid, the night sky was big.

My older brother liked astronomy, and in between beating me senseless and framing me for household crimes I didn't commit (there was a reason why my favorite show was "The A-Team,"), he would teach it to me.

I didn't care. I liked the way the stars looked but had more important things to think about, like Atari and the 1984 Detroit Tigers. But when someone bigger and stronger than you wants you to listen to him, and a beating is at stake, you find the time to hear what he has to say.

So I learned about constellations and planets and comets and the asteroid belt. I saw Halley's comet when I was 8, in 1986. I looked at a little wedge of light in the sky and imagined this huge piece of rock flying



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up there. It was cool.

When I was a kid, I spent whole nights looking up there wondering about space, time, life. I was young, so for the majority of time I tried to comprehend the "size" of space.

The average distance between the earth and the moon is 240,000 miles. From the earth to the sun? 93 million miles, about 400 times that. From the sun to the next star? 300,000 times that.

Already a small person in a big world, trying to imagine distances like that made me feel tinier and tinier.

Growing solved that, and the night sky seemed to get smaller as I got bigger. I looked down, straight ahead of me, instead of up. I stopped thinking about what it must be like in other galaxies, other planets. Instead, I started thinking about school,

friends, and all the other embarrassing facets of pre-teenage life. I owned a pair of parachute pants. I owned a Milli Vanilli album. I'm not ashamed. I got older, you know, and wiser.

And I stopped wondering, I think. Listen: Last Friday, I was in the OC working for the campus radio station, WXOU. We were dropping promotional buttons on the floor of the OC, in the hallway, and whoever picked up the buttons won a WXOU T-shirt.

The buttons were kicked, stepped on, looked down at, ignored. The only person to truly pick up the button, look at it, and keep it was a young boy.

All the big people seemed too busy to look around, too self-conscious to bend over in the hallway.

What does that have to do with my childhood, and astronomy? Everything. I just don't think about the bigness of the uni-

verse anymore, or look for buttons on the ground and pick them up. I'm too busy, too grounded, too fixated on my day-to-day life.

How many opportunities have I missed because I've been focused on the next class, the next meeting, without even thinking about the stars above or the buttons on the ground?

When I was a kid, the sky was big. I'm looking up at it now, and it just isn't the same.

I wonder if I can find that magic I lost when I grew older. I wonder if growth is irreversible. I wonder if I can be like I was, full of awe and amazement and the mystery around me. I wonder...

"We are all in the gutter. But some of us are looking at the stars." -Oscar Wilde

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# For Your

# ENTERTAINMENT

### Want to be a Millionaire?

Disney Interactive brings the latest game show craze to your home computer with "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" software. The game puts home users in the center of virtual action with host, Regis Philbin. Up to 10 players can share one keyboard. Software runs for about \$20.

### "A Soldier's Play"

This powerful Pulitzer Prize winning drama is written by Charles Fuller, directed by Janet Cleveland and is now playing at the Holistic Development Center, Detroit through Feb. 27. Tickets are \$15 and \$18. Call (313) 872-0279 for show times.

### Sno-Core 2000

Enjoy the sounds of System of a Down, Incubus, Mr. Bungle and Puya as the Sno-Core 2000 festival takes place at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8 at the State Theater.

### 4 Turntable Tag Team

Enjoy an evening with spinners Carl Craig and Kenny Larkin at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at The Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. There will also be a live show by Detroit Grand Pu Bahs and Ann Arbor residents Carlos Souffront and Craig Gonzalez. Check out www.intuit-solar.com

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## FRIENDSHIP

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had to come back."

"I was elected to take it back," Ken interjected, laughing.

The plan was foiled, though, when he went to take the plate back and Marie wasn't there. In the middle of conversation with her mother, he noticed tennis rackets in the kitchen.

"He asked, does Marie play tennis? And she said, 'Oh yes.' He made a date to play tennis with me the next Saturday," laughed Marie. "It was the last time he ever played tennis with me. It sure was a total failure!"

"She was very self-conscious," Ken said, "We decided going swimming was better because we were each on our own," Marie added.

Throughout the years at Christian Hills and the later courtship years, Marie lived on a 900-acre farm that ran from Avon to Hamlin and Squirrel roads. Her father was the farm manager for the land, which had been purchased by the Fishers (of Fisher Body) in order to build a mansion next to Meadowbrook. The mansion was never built because the Depression came.

Marie's father was kept as the farm manager during the lean Depression years. Her family lived in a boarding house on the property from 1929 until it burned in a roof fire in February of 1942.

Francis Dodge, who had bought the property from the Fishers some years before, moved the family into a 13 bedroom boarding house whose boarders included horsemen from Kentucky and an English cook.

Those were the dating years, when Ken came from Detroit to visit Marie at the farm on weekends.

"I got so I would go out there weekends and play ball with the boys," Ken said, referring to Marie's four brothers.

"His best friend was my brother Bill," Marie added. "He [Ken] got Saturdays off from the job he had and he and Bill would play baseball all afternoon. His mother was an English cook, but my mother made hamburgers every Saturday. She

made her own hamburger buns, and baked beans... I made cookies for dessert. Ken loved that American dinner."

"I used to ask Marie to go to a movie at night," Ken said, "and then Bill would say 'O.K.'"

"So I always had a chaperone," Marie laughed.

Their courtship, which began in June of 1939, didn't end when Ken enlisted in the army in January of 1941, during World War II. He was sent to South Carolina for training soon afterward, during which time he and Marie wrote letters back and forth.

In fact, it was through a letter that Ken had planned to propose. He had conspired with Mayme Smith, Marie's mother and the original matchmaker, to orchestrate the proposal. He mailed the ring special delivery, assuming Marie would open it that night when she came home from work, at which time he planned to be on the telephone to propose. However, the plan was foiled when Marie came home unexpectedly at noon for lunch, and opened the letter a few hours too early.

"She answered the phone that night and said 'yes'," Ken laughed.

"It was a foregone conclusion," Marie added. "But still, during the war, you didn't know when you would get married. You thought it would be sometime, but you couldn't say a date ever, for fear he would be sent overseas someday, far away and without notice."

Ken and Marie were married two weeks before he was sent overseas on May 15, 1942 in North Carolina where he was stationed at the time.

After two long and lonely years, he returned home safely from the war.

The two spent a year living in the 13 bedroom boarding house, and then moved into a small house of their own. Several years after that, they moved into a white house on Third Street in Rochester. By then, the children had started arriving two years apart.

## BLOOD

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of (and it's not *that* bad. It may sting for a second or two but, you'll live. Every person's donation time is different. Mine is relatively fast. So, I'm in and out of the place in an hour or so (most of that time is spent waiting and filling out forms.

So, why doesn't everyone donate? They even make it easy and bring the donation site to you. The Red Cross comes to campus every few months for two or three days

The insertion of the needle into your arm is the only part to be mildly afraid

in a row, all day. You've seen the signs, and you *can* make the time, I do.

I realize some people can't donate because of problems with their blood, low body weight or an endless list of other reasons.

But, if fear is the reason you're not donating, there is nothing to worry about. The benefits far outweigh the inconvenience. If you ask me, taking an hour out of your day every three months to save three lives is very much worth it.

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## THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

"What's Happening" This Week!

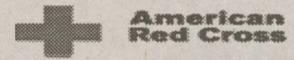
If you want to find out "what's happening" on OU's Campus, this is the weekly column to read. This column is brought to you by The Center for Student Activities (CSA) Office, 49 Oakland Center. Our phone number is 2400, on campus, or (248) 370-2400, off campus.

CSA Office hours are:

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8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

### OU ANNUAL JANUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Oakland University collected 147 pints of blood last week. The American Red Cross thanks Oakland University donors for their continued support. Please mark March 20, 21 and 23, 2000 as the next blood drive at Oakland University.



## College Bowl and Games Tournaments

Congratulations to the winning College Bowl Team consisting of:

Zach Azzam  
Eric Van Horn  
David Cotter and  
Dan Ritter

They will represent Oakland University at the ACUI Region 7 Championship on February 19th and 20th Kent State University.

Winners of the ACUI Region 7 Qualifying Games Tournaments are:

Brian Cherry for Billiards (Nine Ball) &  
Ulvi Cemal Bucak for Table Tennis

They will also represent Oakland University at the Regional Championship at Kent State University.

### The Influence of African Americans in Sports Tuesday, February 8

At Noon in the Fireside Lounge, OC

Join a panel, including columnist Terry Foster, to explore the influence of African Americans in all aspects of sports in the United States. The panel will focus on break-through, challenges, and exceptional performances from some of the greatest athletes of the century. Several challenges facing African Americans in sports for the future will be discussed as well.

### Al Roker

The Student Life Lecture Board is pleased to announce that Al Roker, of NBC's today Show will be it's first speaker of 2000. Roker will be visiting Oakland University on March 21, the first full day of spring. His lecture will be at 3:00 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets for lecture will be available at the CSA Service Window. For OU Students, tickets will be free, OU Faculty, Staff and OU Alumni Association members, \$5.00 each and guests and the general public will be \$7.00. Tickets will be available on Monday, February.

Every weekday morning, millions of Americans tune-in to Al Roker for the first laugh of the day as well as the weather report. With warmth and friendliness he is welcomed into America's households. According to the NY Post, Al Roker "is the best-known and best-loved weatherman in the world".

In his speeches, Mr. Roker talks candidly with his trademark humor and with, about network television, and shares personal stories from his family life. His up-lifting message will encourage you to strive for excellence and will inspire you to live your life to the best of human potential.

### Lockers for Rent



CSA has lockers to lessen the burden of carrying your belonging all over campus! To rent a locker, just come to the CSA Office, 49 Oakland Center.

### Weekly Games Tournaments in Bumpers Game Room

Bumpers Game Room will sponsor weekly tournaments Monday - Thursday evenings. Participants can begin to sign up to one hour (5:30 p.m.) before the tournament begins. Entry fees are only \$2.00 per person. Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry fees are only \$2.00 per person. The Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

Monday: Backgammon and Euchre (Euchre on February 7 And Backgammon on February 14).  
Tuesday: Billiards: Eight Ball  
Wednesday: Billiards: Nine Ball  
Thursday: Chess and Video Games (Video Games on February 3 And Chess on February 10).

### Current Video Games Challenges:

On Golden Tee: (Get a "Hole in One" and win a free hour of table time for Billiards!

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Orientation sessions and interviews will be conducted in the O.C. on

- February 8 from 5-7 in Lake Superior B - Lower Level,
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Jan. 29	
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### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

FEB. 3 - VALPARAISO, 7 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FEB. 2 - VALPARAISO, 7 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

FEB. 4 - at Ohio University, 4 p.m.

FEB. 5 - at Cleveland State, 1 p.m.

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

FEB. 4 - at Ohio University, 4 p.m.

FEB. 5 - at Cleveland State, 1 p.m.

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

FEB. 4 - at Mott, 7 p.m.

FEB. 5 - WASHTEAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 7:30 p.m.

The sports department will distribute T-Shirts to fans attending Thursday night's men's basketball game vs. Valpo. While supplies last

# compassion friendship competition

Women show the spirit of OU, reach out to mourning Kenyon swimmers

By Lisa Cali  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The women's swim team has been very competitive this season, but at Friday's meet, it was obvious they can also be caring and hospitable.

OU beat Kenyon College on Friday with a score of 171-118, but what really mattered was the friendship between the two teams.

Two weeks ago, some of Kenyon's swimmers were involved in a car accident that caused the death of one swimmer and the injury of the others. This traffic accident shook up the team and caused them to be short-handed when it came to the meets. Kenyon knew it would be tough, but they wanted to continue with their season.

OU's women have always been close with Kenyon's team, so they did everything they could to make Friday's meet about friendship and having fun.

Because of Kenyon's loss, they were missing some breaststrokes, so Head Women's coach Scott Teeters let them borrow junior Kellyann Williams to swim the 100y and the 200y breaststroke.

"What we did brought the seriousness out of the sport and put more enjoyment and fun into the meet," Teeters said. "The girls made a sign

welcoming them to the meet; we just wanted to reinforce that friendship is the most important thing."

Despite the laid back atmosphere of the meet, the Grizzlies swam well and posted some good times.

"Danielle Ward had another stellar meet and both Gracie Bender and Yvonne Lynn swam well," Teeters said.

Ward placed first in the 200y and 500y freestyle and second in the 100y freestyle. Lynn won the 100y breaststroke and took third in the 50y freestyle and the 200y backstroke. Bender placed first in the 100y freestyle and the 100y butterfly and took second in the 200y freestyle.

The Grizzlies only have three meets left in the regular season before they compete at the NIC championship. All three meets are away, which will be a challenge because Teeters said that they struggle on the road.

These kinds of challenges only better the team and prepare them for big meets like the NIC.

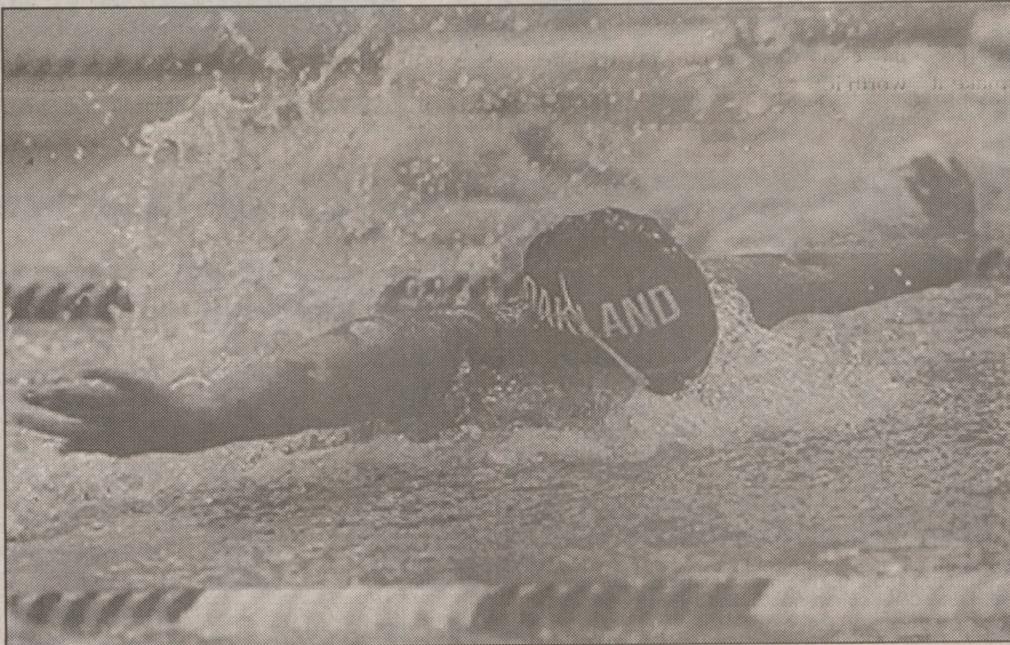
"Both the girls and guys swim team are representing Oakland well in Division I," Teeters said. "Our next step is to try and win the NIC.

OU will be one step closer to that goal after the next meet at Ohio University on Feb. 4.



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TEAM SPIRIT: (left) Kenyon's Abby Brethauer (right) OU's Georgi Kinsela wearing a Kenyon swim cap. The teams have been close for years, and in the wake of disaster have pulled together and formed lasting friendships.



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post

GOING UNDER: Betsy Hansen swims the 100 Fly at the meet against Kenyon on Friday. OU defeated Kenyon 171-118 at home. The Grizzlies have only three regular season meets left before going for the NIC Championship.

## Notre Dame swims past OU

By Lisa Cali  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The OU men's swim team lost to Notre Dame on Saturday, but weren't at all disappointed with their efforts.

The Grizzlies left the meet with 133 points, while Notre Dame scored 161.

"We knew that we'd have a challenge ahead of us, and we rose to the occasion. It was just another good test for the team," Men's Head coach Pete Hovland said.

Leading the way for OU was Dave Hartzel, who won the 200y freestyle with a time of 1:40.83, the 200y backstroke with a time of 1:50.82 and the 400y individual medley with a time of 4:04.59.

Courtney Dunlap won the

50y freestyle with a time of 21.56 and placed second in the 100y freestyle with a time of 46.60, and Thiago Orso won the 100y freestyle, 46.52, and took second in the 50y freestyle, 21.66.

Also placing first for OU were Haitham Hassan in the 100y backstroke, 51.28, and the 400y freestyle relay team of Yoav Ritter, Wes Brown, Orso and Dunlap with a time of 3:08.95.

"Notre Dame was very prepared, and they took the meet seriously. They swam better than they did all season," Hovland said. "But I was glad that we could go on the road and swim as well as we did."

The Grizzlies' record is now 8-2, and their next meet is Feb. 4 at Ohio University.

## Super Bowl Monday, the newest National Holiday

Well the Super Bowl has come and gone and I have one question for the U.S. government.

Can we make the day after Super Bowl Sunday a national holiday so football fans can have a day to recuperate from the excitement?

The Super Bowl is more than a football game, it is a national event that draws \$2 million commercials that are watched with anticipation each year.

My personal favorite was two men and a monkey sitting in a garage just singing. Words flashed on the screen saying that this is what the company wasted their \$2 million on.

It was pointless and hilarious. As much as I enjoyed the commercial I can't remember what it was for, although I know it was a dot.com.

Besides the commercials there is the endless male-bonding that occurs during the game. As the only woman at the Super Bowl party I

went to, I got first hand knowledge of this bonding method.

It's not just the football the guys are watching, it's also the cheerleaders, and Faith Hill singing the National Anthem that drew the loudest cheers.

Forget the halftime show and MTV showing the making of an N'Sync video (Why???) instead a quick game of poker and burgers thrown on the grill in the end of January.

So, you see, it's more than a game and it deserves a day of recuperation. Super Bowl Monday is what it should be called.

It should be a day of cleaning up empty beer bottles, stat sheets and



KELLI PETROVE

football squares that didn't win me a dime.

Men, and women, deserve this holiday for the dedication showed at Super Bowl parties.

All around the country groups of men gathered around one television set cheering for their favorite team and worrying when Blain fell and had a possible neck injury.

Moments like that when all the stadium is on its feet and silence abounds show the respect and dedication that football fans have. Even if Blain was from the opposition, concern and compassion was obvious from all involved.

I sat on the edge of my seat in the final moments when Tennessee stretched to get one more yard or one more second on the clock to tie up the game, and sat back exhausted when it ended.

As I looked around at the empty boxes of Hooters Wings, beer bottles

and papers laying around, I knew it had been a good time. Everyone slowly left after another quick game of poker, because they all had to work in the morning. No basking in the afterglow of a good time, just time for bed. Because work stops for no man.

It's there every Monday, even Super Bowl Monday. And that, government officials, is what needs to change. I think that the country can afford one more holiday in January to give all the working folk a day off.

So maybe next year after the Super Bowl everyone can sit back and relax, because they know that they don't have to work the next day, because it is Super Bowl Monday, the people's holiday.

Kelli Petrove is a senior journalism major and Sports Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

# Kickboxing punch into shape



*Kick boxing popularity grows as recreation, self defense*

By Nathan Borsheim  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Many people are leaving behind their old workout routines and are turning to kick boxing, which is a combination of boxing and martial arts.

It originated in the east, where it tends to be more brutal, and it has made its way to the U.S. Here in the U.S., however, kick boxing, like any other major sport, has governing bodies that insure safety and good sporting conduct.

Because this sport is a great way to get in shape and learn self defense, many men and women are finding that they prefer the intense, total body, cross-training workout they get from kick boxing to that of their old routines. A kick boxing workout targets the abs, gluts, legs and arms. The workout also stresses the cardiovascular.

At the Rec Center, there are boxing aerobics classes offered to the students. The classes are comparable to the popular Tae-Bo type workouts.

"Each instructor has a different style of teaching the punches and kicks," said Krystal Kaltz, journalism senior.

The classes are available on a

walk-in basis, and have proven to be quite popular among Rec Center patrons.

Ed Gomez, head instructor at the Clarkston Christian Academy (CCA), explains that the workouts can be pretty tough, but are made for each individual's level of fitness.

Gomez, a 28-year veteran of boxing and martial arts, says that kick boxing is one of the most practical form of self-defense being taught right now. He uses kick boxing methods to teach some of the local police and Oakland County sheriff's department.

One example that Gomez gives about the practicality of kick boxing involves one of his female students. This woman had a restraining order against her abusive husband that didn't work. About six months into training with Gomez, the woman was out with some friends when her husband showed up and started getting rough with her. After knocking her down, he continued to advance toward her, but she jumped up quickly and got into the fighting stance she had been taught. Before he could touch her again, she knocked

him out cold. Many women who take the classes feel better prepared to deal with such situations.

"I feel like the classes have taught me how to throw a good punch," said Kaltz. "They have also made me stronger all around, physically."

Kick boxing sessions last from about one to two hours and prices range from \$40 - \$60 depending on the gym. The sessions at the Rec Center are free for students.

Gomez says that when checking out somewhere to start kick boxing it is important to make sure the coaches are licensed. USA Boxing and "Kick" are the governing bodies in kick boxing that make the rules and license the proper instructors. In addition, Gomez says that good instructors will make workouts based on individuals and things like reflexes, stamina and attitude.

Area kick boxing gyms include: Azteca in Pontiac, Kerry Roops Super Kicks for America in Rochester, Ken Levy's Executive Boxing Club in West Bloomfield and The Clarkston Christian Association.



KICKING HIGH: OU alumnus Chris Malgan has owned Bruce Lee's Kickboxing school for three years and demonstrates different kicks with student Anne Marie Kreger during a session last week.

## In the "Zeone" with Beth

By Ramez Khuri  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Whoever was lucky enough to be at the 'O' rena on Monday night witnessed first hand the excellent play of guard Beth Zeone.

Zeone, pronounced Zone, has been in a zone lately, being named Mid-Con player of the week on Jan. 24 for her play against UMKC, in which she scored 40 points.

She also scored 34 points at Youngstown State, and Monday night she continued her scoring ways as she led the Grizzlies past Rochester College with 30 points, on 13-15 shooting. She also recorded 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and 1 block, all in 22 minutes of playing time. OU won the game,

108-41.

Head coach Beckie Francis said, "This game really did do a lot of good things for us, we got to work on our zone offense against another opponent, I thought we executed very well, we played smart, good clean basketball and that shows a lot of discipline, and I was very, very pleased with that." Francis said, "I think she (Zeone) is really stroking it, she has confidence, and she has always been a great shooter, wherever she has been. She is just a very good fundamental basketball player."

Zeone said, "Coach Francis has a lot of confidence in me, and that has helped me a lot going through the season."

Zeone scored 14 of the first



CROWDING AROUND: The women's basketball team took on Rochester College on Wednesday and defeated them 108-41.

18 OU points, and ended the first half with 22 points.

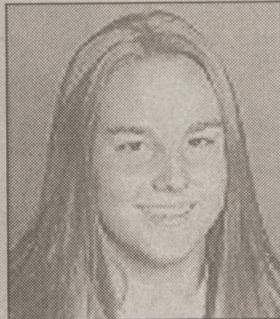
Two OU players finished the game with double doubles, Katie Wolfe scored 19 points, and had 11 rebounds, and Sarah Judd had 11

points, 12 rebounds and 9 assists.

The Grizzlies overall record is 10-9.

The next home game is tonight against Valparaiso.

## Player of the Week extra



KELLYANN WILLIAMS

- ❖ Women's Swimming
- ❖ Breaststroke/IM
- ❖ Born, March 12, 1979
- ❖ undecided major
- ❖ Salem High School in Plymouth, MI

Williams and Kinsela demonstrated sportsmanlike conduct at the meet against Kenyon by wearing Kenyon jerseys and swim caps to pay respect to the swimmer who was killed two weeks ago.

## Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball		Conference	Overall
Youngstown State		6-3	13-7
Western Illinois		6-3	12-8
Valparaiso		5-3	11-8
Oakland		5-3	9-9
Oral Roberts		5-3	9-10
Southern Utah		5-4	10-9
IUPUI		4-5	8-11
UMKC		3-6	8-12
Chicago State		0-9	0-20

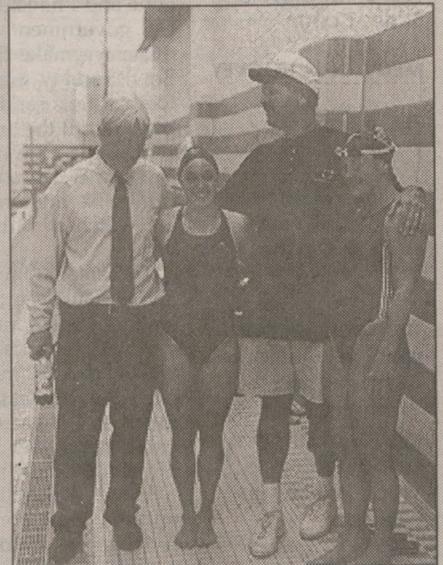
Men's Basketball		Conference	Overall
Youngstown State		7-2	10-10
Southern Utah		6-3	10-9
Chicago State		6-3	9-10
Oakland		5-3	7-15
Oral Roberts		4-3	8-11
UMKC		4-4	9-10
Valparaiso		3-5	9-11
Western Illinois		2-7	7-15
IUPUI		0-7	2-16

## Player of the Week



GEORGI KINSELA

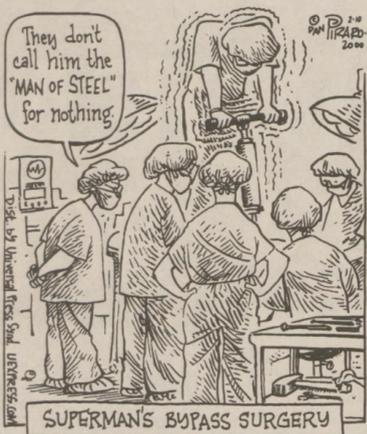
- ❖ Women's Swimming
- ❖ Breaststroke/IM
- ❖ Born, May 24, 1979
- ❖ Physical Therapy major
- ❖ Queenwood School for Girls in Sydney, Australia
- ❖ nickname- Skully or George



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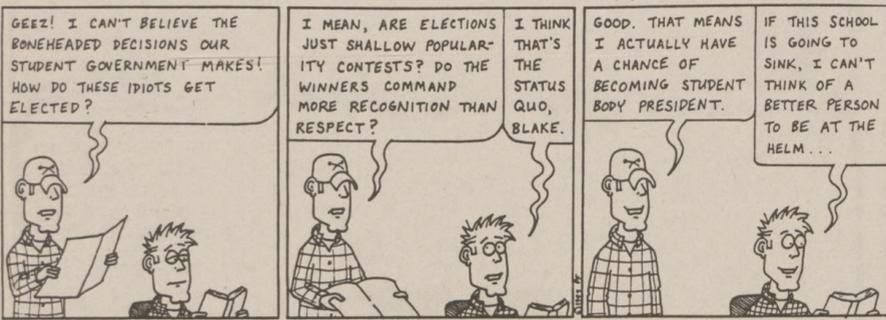
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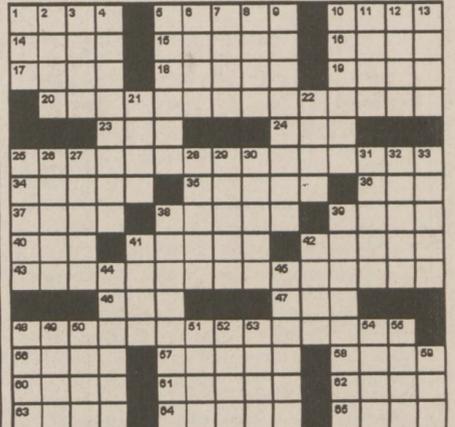
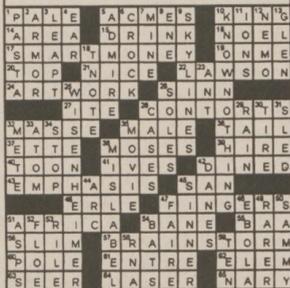


## THE UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 It may be off the wall
  - 5 Impersonator
  - 10 Liberal follower
  - 14 Thug's blade
  - 15 It means "eye" in combos
  - 16 Tangible
  - 17 Name used in exclamations
  - 18 Canary kin
  - 19 Philippine island
  - 20 The going rate for a used car in China?
  - 23 Foreman's superior?
  - 24 Van Gogh had one later in life
  - 25 Legal venue for nickel and dime cases?
  - 34 Fudge flavor
  - 35 Revises crossword clues
  - 36 "The Bells" writer
  - 37 February 14 figure
  - 38 Pairs
  - 39 Word with rush or happy
  - 40 Some claim it's before beauty
  - 41 Tibetan legends
  - 42 Claire in "The Rainmaker"
  - 43 Lion's rallying cry?
  - 46 Major record label founded in 1924
  - 47 Seuss character (with "Sam")
  - 48 Exercised
- DOWN**
- 1 Jeane Dixon's "Do Cats Have \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - 2 Puck, for one
  - 3 \_\_\_\_\_ road-block (become stymied)
  - 4 Jed Clampett's wear
  - 5 Type of tile
  - 6 Cake finisher
  - 7 Fogginess
  - 8 Rival of Bjorn
  - the pet hotel's residents?
  - 56 Tommie of the Miracle Mets
  - 57 Charlton Heston title role
  - 58 J.C. Dithers' wife or infilder Joey
  - 60 Jeff MacNelly comic strip
  - 61 "La \_\_\_\_\_" (Ophüls film classic)
  - 62 William of "House"
  - 63 Something you might lend
  - 64 Dutch artist Jan
  - 65 Wood strip

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



### "ADE-DE-CAMP" by James R. Richardson

- 9 They produce winners
- 10 Jockey who won 17 Triple Crown races
- 11 It might wind up on shore
- 12 Popular cologne
- 13 Turn on an axis
- 21 Parisian Ms.
- 22 Wet-dry machines
- 25 Dirty political tactic
- 26 Homer's love
- 27 "\_\_\_\_\_ as lovely as a tree" (Kilmer)
- 28 MacArthur
- victory site
- 29 Red of fire-fighting fame
- 30 Opposite of edge
- 31 "Once \_\_\_\_\_ Honeymoon"
- 32 Joan of Arc was last seen here
- 33 Short and to the point
- 38 Members of some college teams
- 39 Places to swing
- 41 The Village People say it's fun to stay there
- 42 Kind of duck or phone
- 44 Moderated a variety show
- 45 Type of agenda
- 48 Devil-may-care
- 49 Foreign title of honor
- 50 Atomic number 10
- 51 It's in vending machines
- 52 Unpopular teenage spots
- 53 Brood of pheasants
- 54 Brandi Chastain lost her shirt over one
- 55 Mlle.'s Spanish counterpart
- 59 Ma Bell, once

## Damon's Signs of the Times

February 2 - February 8

- ARIES** (March 21-April 20) — Try a less aggressive approach to your goals this week; diplomacy may be your best bet. Friends will provide plenty of support this week, so try not to take them for granted.
- TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) — Make sure your voice is heard at work; progress and good luck will follow. When making work promises, however, make sure they are realistic or they are sure to backfire.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Get out and travel if you can, preferably with friends. You should have a great time. A friend or lover from your past may make an appearance; deal with those unsolved issues.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Your love life may get a boost this week; at the very least you'll be a little more romantic. Take in an art museum or some type of culture activity and take time to express your artistic side.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your relationships with others might be competing with your workload now; let your career responsibilities be taken care of first. After all, romance may be found at work.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — You are capable of handling the big projects now, assuming you are realistic about the workload and your capabilities. Travel plans go well, particularly of a romantic nature.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) —The home provides stability for you, though many positive relationship opportunities are available elsewhere. Express your artistic side in a positive fashion this week.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) —This is a really good time to implement changes in your life. Close relatives provide support, possibly monetarily. Time spent at work gives you a release.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Avoid setting unrealistic goals now or they'll come back to haunt you soon. If you manage your money well this week you can save and have fun.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Take in a romantic interlude, even if it is just a love story at the movies. Financial problems become clearer this week; use this new objectivity wisely.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — A lot is going on right now, so be sure to take a break to recuperate. Money matters are an issue, but probably should not be addressed now. Wait until things clear up.
- Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20) Conflicts arise, but right now you may not be prepared to deal with them; have patience. Friends provide support and, perhaps, a romantic opportunity.

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## Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE weird

### LEAD STORIES

• British TV Program Guide: The BBC gave one more try in December to save the 1980s hit program "One Man and His Dog," whose viewership has fallen off; the program consists entirely of shepherds (each with his dog) competing to efficiently herd sheep into pens (although producers jazzed it up by equipping some sheep with microphones to capture their "baa's"). And a Fall 1999 British-made documentary, "Hidden Love: Animal Passions," reported on practitioners in Missouri's "zoophile" community (i.e., humans romantically involved with animals), including an interview with an uncloseted zoophile gushing over his "wife" Pixel, a horse; said one activist, "We are not sick at all. Zoosexuality is (merely) an alternative lifestyle."

• According to London's Daily Telegraph, U.K.-funded research revealed in January indicates that within 10 years, countries could require car manufacturers to install \$300 electronic governors that would use satellite technology to control the maximum speed that cars could travel, varying it depending on amount of traffic, highway design and driving conditions.

### Latest Nearly-Ultimate Wisdom

• Convicted murderer William "Cody" Neal, at his sentencing hearing in Golden, Colo., in September: "I (accept) responsibility for the (murder). If I lose my life, I can live with that." And an unnamed woman, when police in Appleton, Wis., came in December to remove her children because of a complaint that she had given her 11-year-old daughter a "swirlie" (holding her head in a flushing toilet): "I haven't had a vacation in 13 years. Go ahead and take them."

### Weird Science

• A November Associated Press report on Jacksonville, Fla., stabbing victim Michael Hill, 44, showed him progressing slowly after the April 1998 incident in which a neighbor mistakenly jammed an 8-inch, serrated blade all the way into the top of his skull. Doctors pulled it out without major damage, and Hill now takes pain and seizure medication and still has trouble with emotions and short-term memory. Hill's sister, at whose house Hill was staying when stabbed, believes the attack was intended for her husband.

• A Palm Bay, Fla., engineer renewed his call in September for testing his theory that bombarding developing hurricanes with nuclear weapons would disrupt their circular wind flow and cause them to dissipate, saving lives and curbing property damage. Henry Payne first made the claim in 1997, but a federal weather official said too many bombs would be needed, resulting in serious nuclear fallout even if the bombardment took place far from land.

• Recent Addictions: Daisy Hales pled guilty in Haymarket, South Yorkshire, England, in September to stealing books to feed her habit of eating paper. And researchers told a conference in Los Angeles in October that more men than women suffer from "body dysmorphic disorder" — people who imagine themselves horribly ugly and deal with it by radical plastic surgery and peculiar disguises. And Canada's National Post reported in October on polydipsia ("self-induced water intoxication"), which causes addicts to guzzle water to the point of getting high (at which point it becomes life-threatening), including some who furtively drink from toilet tanks.

### Least Competent Criminals

• In unrelated incidents, Jesus Gutierrez, 17, was arrested in Springfield, Ore., in October, and Lawrence Eaddy was arrested in Charlotte, N.C., in July, both charged with carjackings rendered unsuccessful because the perpetrators realized too late that they couldn't drive cars with stick shifts. And the man who robbed the First American Bank in Columbia, Tenn., in December managed enough luck to escape; his getaway plans had been set back when he ran out to the stolen car he had left idling, only to discover that he had locked the key inside.

### Also, in the Last Month ...

• A Canadian judge denied a work permit to an "unqualified" immigrant stripper, saying she had worked only topless in Romania while the Canadian job required full nudity. A 792-square-foot home on a 2,800-square-foot lot in Palo Alto, Calif., went on the market for \$409,000 and was expected to be bid upward. Britain's nuclear agency said a Christmas kids' exhibit built by Dounreay nuclear power employees was safe despite its consisting of containers that once held radioactive waste. A 1-year-old girl, idly punching numbers on a telephone key pad, hit 911, bringing police to her home, where her father was hiding out on a parole violation (Winnipeg, Manitoba). A 20-year-old man, picked up on a bad-check charge, was re-arrested, for swiping a squad-car door knob as a "souvenir" (Crossville, Tenn.).

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