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• Test Ban

According University Senate legislation, faculty are not allowed to schedule tests or assign papers due during the final week of classes. If this policy is violated, students have the right to file a complaint against the faculty member through the Academic Affairs office in 205 Wilson Hall or call (248) 370-2190.

• Free Testing

The Princeton Review will be holding a free test day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th. Students may choose to take the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or MCAT. The free test will be given in Ann Arbor at the Princeton Review or in Lansing at MSU. Students must call 1-800-2-REVIEW to register for the test.

• Legal Seminar

Managing the investigation of an automobile accident will be the subject of a seminar held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, May 5th at Meadow Brook Hall. A \$155 registration fee includes materials, a luncheon, and refreshments. Deadline for registration is April 27th. For more information or to register, call Continuing Education for the College of Arts and Sciences at (248) 370-3125 or visit the Legal Assistant Program Web site at www.oakland.edu/contin-ed/legalassistant

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Course fees pave tech future

By Autumn Kovach and Jenn Madjarev
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU students are paying a steep price for their education during this evolving technology driven period.

Tagged on to their growing tuition, all students are charged a general service fee as well as an activities fee, and more and more students are being charged an additional course fee for specific specialized courses.

The Board of Trustees approved a special "laboratory" fee of \$10 per course on August 15, 1973. At that time only 12 classes fell into the "laboratory" fee category.

Today the names have changed and so have the number of classes. According to the 1999-2000 Undergraduate Catalog, charges for specific classes are now called Course Fees, and 12 classes have grown to 2,195 classes.

Following the theme of change, the \$10 course fee has grown today to where students can pay anywhere between \$25 and \$170 depending on the class, their major and the total number of credit hours taken.

Although there are many classes that include a course fee, there is little or no specific indication as

to what a course fee is actually used for.

According to Steve Shablin, OU Registrar, "Course fees are used for computer and technology offered as part of the instructional mode."

However, all course fees are not strictly for computer and technology use in classes. Among the classes offered during the winter semester, the Music, Theater and Dance (MTD) department had the highest number of classes where students paid course fees. The 291 MTD classes were charged a course fee for individual and group instruction.

Among the list of courses with fees attached are all classes in the department of biological sciences.

Freshman elementary ed pre-major, Allison Lingenfelter, is currently enrolled in one of the introductory courses, Human Biology. The emphasis in the class is on human anatomy and physiology. Topics include studies of skeletal, muscular and digestive systems. Although students are required to pay a course fee, many of them, including Lingenfelter, don't understand why they have to pay an additional fee on top of their tuition for sitting in a lecture hall.

"It really doesn't make any sense that I'm paying the additional course fee money, but I never participated in any kind of lab-oriented activities. We just sit there and listen to our professor talk," said Lingenfelter.

This year, OU has collected an estimated \$1.46 million in student paid course fees.

According to Pat Nicosia, director of budget and financial planning, the total amount of course fee money is broken down into two major parts. "The largest piece is allocated to Academic Affairs, and the second part is included in the General Fund."

Prior to 1995-1996, allocation of course fee money was distributed not only to Academic Affairs and the General Fund, but a large chunk of money was given to Kresge Library to update computer related library resources. When the course fee budget was set up, Academic Affairs received a set amount of \$552,500 each year. Academic Affairs used the money to upgrade computer labs and equip some staff with computers.

Information Technologist, Thomas LeMarbe wrote a new "phasing" proposal in 1995, to change the fixed course fee budget. LeMarbe was on the Provost staff at that time. The proposal was approved by the Board that same year.

Under LeMarbe's plan the Academic Affairs division received a two percent increase every year until it reached a total of 60 percent.

According to LeMarbe, the original fixed budget

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COURSE FEE BREAKDOWN	
Who's paying the price?	
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Global gathering graces OC

International event exceeds expectations

By Mike Hoban
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The OC looked a little like a United Nations assembly celebration with students, faculty, staff and guests from a variety of ethnicities. The International Student Organization put on its first International Night in five years Friday.

The organization has been planning this event since last semester and the hard work paid off. The event was well attended.

"It was a little bit over our expectations. We were expecting 350 people to show up," said ISO President Edin Sehovic. The 23-year-old senior economics major from Montenegro said he was pleased that 380 people attended, with an estimated 50 percent coming from off campus.

The event featured food, music and dance from around the world. There was Slovenian button box music, a Russian fiddler, a Tai Chi performance, a Spanish guitar player, belly

dancers and Irish music. Dance groups performed traditional dances from Africa, Serbia, Germany, India and American swing.

The food was prepared on campus by Aramark and included: Italian chicken parmesan and pastries, Asian stir fry and egg rolls, Mideastern beef kabob and tabouli, Greek spinach pie and baklava, Russian salad and international culinary delights.

The ISO spent approximately \$5,500 to hold the event, with food being the largest expense. The money came from student allocations.

"Some (of the money) came from Dean Herman's office which was helpful. Multicultural advisory board helped us out. The Center for Student Activities was the biggest supporter with a special thanks to Jean Ann Miller (CSA Director)," said Sehovic.

Individual international student groups helped find the music and dance performers and

Alpha Delta Pi

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DUELING MUSICIANS: International musicians, the Button Box-Slovenia Band was one of the main performers during Friday's International Night.

Internal audit finds \$1,171 missing

Upward Bound program counselor focus of police probe

By SunShine Joy Collins
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

OU police are continuing their investigation of an alleged embezzlement within Upward Bound which was first reported to the department on March 10.

Upward Bound's offers year round programs to prepare high school students for college. The complaint was

filed by the Upward Bound's director, Geri Graham.

Graham told the police, that a program counselor allegedly admitted taking money from two different fund drives that Upward Bound was having. In a letter by the employee, the individual said \$280 was taken between December and February.

OU police referred the matter to the Internal Audit

Department to trace the missing funds. All paperwork regarding the fund-raisers was turned over to David Vartanian, director of internal audit on March 13.

Last Wednesday, April 12, Vartanian reported to police that \$1,171 was unaccounted for after going through all the records. According to Vartanian, 143 coffee mugs at \$5 each and 152 magnets at \$3 each were missing.

Vartanian's complete report is still part of the police investigatory file and has not been released.

"The case is an ongoing investigation and at this point the case is still open," said Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of OU Police Department. No warrants have been issued at this time.

All other parties involved were unavailable for comment.



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was not a good fiscal policy.

"I wrote the proposal to change the academic division and give more money to Academic Affairs. With the new variable-based budget allocation, people in the different departments can take more ownership in where the money is distributed."

In 1996 Academic Affairs received 44 percent of the actual collected course fees amount. Because of the new allocation system, the 1999-2000 amount is up to 52 percent of the estimated \$1.46 million paid by students.

The fees paid are approximately \$50,700 more than last year due in part to an increase in enrollment.

LeMarbe expects the projected 60 percent increase to be in effect by 2007.

Sixty percent is the maximum Academic Affairs is slated to get under current Board policy. The balance has and will continue to go into the University's General Fund account.

"I think the new allocation is very fair. I am delighted to give Academic Affairs more of the money. The old system was not a good one with the increasing enrollment," said Lemarbe.

The money allocated to Academic Affairs is used to pay for upgrading computer labs and purchasing new computer and technology related equipment.

Each academic year, the deans of the College and Schools submit proposals for computer based needs to Gerard Jozwiak, director of academic computing service. Jozwiak reviews each department proposal before making final recommendations to the provost office.

Kathy Haig, assistant to vice provost for academic affairs, is currently in the process of determining how this year's \$682,585 in course fees collected for 1999-2000 will be distributed within Academic

Affairs units.

"The awards have to relate with computer use. All of the money given to Academic Affairs goes right back to the students," said Haig.

Marc Lipman, professor and chair of mathematics and statistics, said, "We use course fee money for general computing support in our department, not for any particular object in any particular course. For example, we use that money to pay for the software licenses on all our Sun workstations, which are used in several courses."

OU is limited to which students can be charged course fees by a state policy which would count course fees as part of tuition if more than 50 percent of students pay the fee.

"That's a real problem in some instances," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, Journalism Program director. "We have students in computer intense upper level journalism classes like Graphics and Design and Reporting with the Internet, yet these students do not pay a course fee for computers. From what I understand, there are more requests than money available to improve and upgrade student computing labs."

Students working in the Kresge computer labs Tuesday night had a few remarks pertaining to the conditions of the labs.

Eric Newton, senior, elementary education said, "They seem to work great for me, I use them all the time."

While Lisa Evans, junior, MIS major said, "These are slow. This is the first time I've been in here since September. Usually I go over to Varner because they are more updated and faster."

Senior, Frederico Lucas, mechanical engineering said, "They're pretty much outdated. Some of them have viruses. I wish they had more screen size, make them bigger."

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also helped out at the event.

The student congress approved \$1,500 to help fund the event, but Student Body President Nick Mitchell opposed charging students an admission fee.

"Everybody came ready to pay a certain amount of money... there was strong opposition from Nick (Mitchell) for students to be paying. I said 'well, if students are not going to pay, then nobody is going

to pay,'" said Sehovic. The admission was advertised as two dollars for students and three dollars for per guest.

Myke Thom, senior, biology, attended and enjoyed the festivities. "It was great and it had a lot of people there. There was a big turnout. I was surprised to see how many people were there. It was really neat to get a feel for all the international students we have here. The food was great and the music was wonderful," he said.

There are 241 international students from 48 different countries at OU. Sehovic said the ISO plans on

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CRIME watch

• MTD Theft

OU police are investigating a theft in March of three business envelopes from a locked safe in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance box office containing receipts totaling \$732. The money was reported missing to police on April 12. The envelopes containing the money were allegedly removed sometime between March 24 and March 27.

• Hamlin theft

A student reported to police he returned to his room early in the morning on April 9 and fell asleep. He left his wallet on his desk. When he woke later he discovered his wallet was missing with his driver's license, social security card and a credit card. He notified police and his credit card company. The stolen credit card was allegedly used at a tattoo parlor in Roseville.

• Dorm fight

OU police were called to break up a fight between two brothers on the fifth floor of East Vandenberg Hall on Friday, April 14. The fight had ended before police arrived. Officers interviewed the two men and a witness separately. Police subsequently arrested one of the men, and he was charged by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office with assault and battery. The man was arraigned in 52-3 District Court. A \$2,500 bond was set by the magistrate and the man was ordered to have no contact with his brother and to stay off campus.

• OUIL Arrest

OU police arrested an Auburn Hills resident for drunk driving and having an open intoxicant in her car. The woman was stopped by OU police on Walton Blvd. just off campus on Saturday, April 15.

Senior competes in forensic nationals

By Lisa Remsing
OF THE OAKLAND POST

While other OU students are busy with the last weeks of the semester, senior Brian Seibert is competing at National Forensics Competition and was named State Champion in After Dinner Speaking.

To compete at state competition, Seibert had to break at regional competition, and had to win at a state-qualifying tournament.

Seibert competed at the national level for the American Forensics Association in early April and has been competing for the past few days at the National Forensics

Association competition at Ohio State University. He qualified to compete in multiple events at both national competitions.

National competition takes place over a five-day period, and events run all day long. More than 1,000 total entries compete at nationals. There are eight major events at national competition,

including Drama, Prose, Poetry and Rhetorical Criticism competitions.

Seibert is a graduating communication major who has competed on OU's Forensics Team for the past two years. He is also a recipient of the Hildum Scholarship, which is given to outstanding communication students. In addition to

this, Seibert was the emcee at former Vice President Dan Quayle's lecture at OU last year, and Al Roker's visit in March, both which were co-sponsored by the Forensics Team.

"Brian is a highly dedicated individual, and it is a delight to see one of my former students doing so well," said Tushar Oza, Special

Lecturer of Communications and member of the Advisory Board for the Forensics Team.

Seibert has been coached to success by Lisa Campbell, Director of Forensics and Debate at OU. Campbell was a former Forensics competitor at OU in the 1980's

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Esposito in person

By Mike Embry
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Borrowing a lyric from ex-Beatle John Lennon, Provost Louis Esposito encouraged faculty and staff to "Imagine" the type of campus OU wants to be.

Last Thursday, the Esposito gave a presentation on the State of Academic Affairs. In his address he discussed 11 topics ranging from progress of the task forces he created and the master plan to the subject of campus diversity and online courses.

According to Esposito, a strong liberal arts core is vital to the success of any university. But he is passionate about implementing new alternative methods of teaching. He discussed off-site courses, and said that he would ensure that their locations are more centralized and accessible for more students.

"It's essential for OU to develop online courses as a service to our students. By next winter, I hope to have at least a dozen courses offered online to the students," said Esposito.

As far as the quality of education goes, Esposito has an 'open communication' policy. The Academic Plan is available on the Web, and he encouraged everyone to visit the site and post personal

comments or questions. He assured the audience that the postings will be read.

Following his presentation, Esposito said he feels that an additional aspect of quality is student involvement. He commented that it

is very important that the student body be interested in what is happening at the administrative levels. Attending lectures by campus officials, forming Student Advisory Boards, or appointing Liaisons from Congress are just a few ways students can be active in the programs on campus.

Regarding the student/teacher evaluation issue, Esposito agrees that the student body should be able to view these evaluations.

As for classes themselves, he does not want to lose the low student-faculty ratio.

In comparing OU to other state universities, he describes an almost "factory-like process" elsewhere involving a hundred sections of one course. While he wants to see more courses offered, he prefers the "small campus environment" that allows

The Esposito file:

Born: August 27, 1941

Residence: Off campus apartment.

Family: His wife and daughter still reside in Boston, Mass.

Hobbies: Attend sporting events, cultural events, take nature walks and wilderness hiking.

Favorite Foods: "I eat anything except lima beans and okra. I especially like pizza. I've never eaten a bad pizza!"

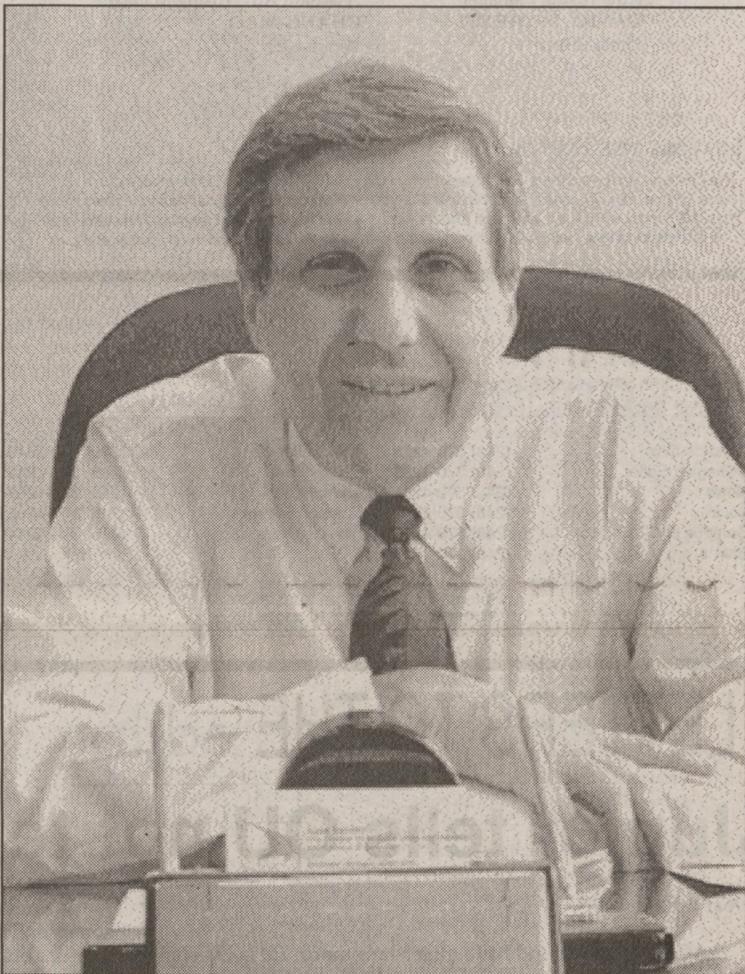
Last Book Read: Mitch Albom's non-fiction, "Tuesdays With Morrie." Most reading tends to be professional

reading - long articles passed on by OU faculty & staff. Ex: Structural Technology

Management Style: "To not micro-manage people, I let them do their jobs... but if (they) screw up enough times, (they'll) have to go. We are here to provide services and support." He reports when he's angry that "I close the door and get angry by myself...I'm a pretty laid back person, easy to get along with."

Student Contact: He is "very" open to meeting students. "President are more likely not to turn down student who want to talk. The president is more likely to put off seeing a faculty member than seeing a student." He was able to interact with students when he taught an economics course last fall. As Provost at UMass, Boston he instituted a policy that required all academic administrators to teach. "I think that it's essential that I teach regularly. I have to know the students in order to have an intelligent conversation about curriculum and policy."

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Reena Sibayan/The Oakland Post

STRAIGHT TALK: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Louis Esposito detailed his "State of Academic Affairs" at a noon speech last Thursday. He shared his thoughts on OU, its culture and his position. See his 11 key issues on A6.

Mitchell reflects on term

Outgoing president gets on the job training

STUDENTS FIRST!!



NICK MITCHELL

Well, it looks as if I made it. My term is officially over on the last day of the Winter term, which is April 29th. So barring any major setbacks, I think we'll make it through to the end, which I guess is an accomplishment in and of itself. I can't begin to tell you how much I've learned being your Student Body President this last year. When I think of what I knew coming into this job and what I know going out, it's like comparing day and night. Looking back, there's quite a few things that I would've done

differently, but like they say, hindsight is 20/20. So instead, I'd like to remember the good things that have come out of my administration.

First and foremost, we've reminded the OU community that students are the reason this place exists. When I took over last May, there seemed to be this concept that the University could do as it pleases and then come to students with the proposals after the fact. And while I know we've made progress, much is yet to be accomplished. Just recently, an Enrollment Planning Committee has been formed whose primary purpose is to create a ten year plan for the size of Oakland University's student body. Not one single student was placed on the committee. I approached the Academic Provost Dr. Louis Esposito and he

asked me to relay the message that students can email their thoughts to him at esposito@oakland.edu. So instead of actually participating in the committee, we can email our thoughts. This is a prime example of the administration not taking students seriously around here. I hope Adam has better luck with this venture next year.

One of the things I'm most proud of is the fact that we created a 24 hour computer lab for the students of OU. When I was campaigning last Spring, nobody believed me when I said I could do it. My opponents all agreed that it couldn't be done, but if you walk down the West corridor of Dodge Hall you'll see the reality. I've always complained that there wasn't a 24/7 lab on campus, so finally I decided to do something about it. And as a result, we have a 24 hour computer lab and it has

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Butt-kicking smokers find help at Graham

By Heather Stanco
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Several OU students have expressed a need for more forms of nicotine. They're not looking to add to their intake of nicotine however. Rather, students are expressing a need for more tools that would enable them to quit.

According to nurses at the Graham Health Center on campus, "not that many" students come in and take advantage of the services already there. These services mostly come in the form of brochures, including contact information for support groups, hypnotists and various other off-campus resources. Although some students thought several of these programs might be helpful many felt that they would be more likely to utilize services that were available right on campus.

"If the health center carried Zyban for a lesser cost (to students), I would definitely try it," said student



Heather Stanco/The Oakland Post

PUFF DADDY: Some students smoke to relieve stress.

Nicole Wheeler. She said she would try to quit, but would prefer help right on campus rather than being referred somewhere else.

Senior in communications, Mike Robberson, said he went to the center looking for resources, but did not find what he was looking for. "If the Graham Health Center provided

(nicotine) gum, I would definitely look into it."

Robberson expresses a common desire to quit and a need for help shared by other OU student smokers.

Due to a recent study that indicates a steep increase in the number of college-age smokers in the U.S., it is

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PERSPECTIVES

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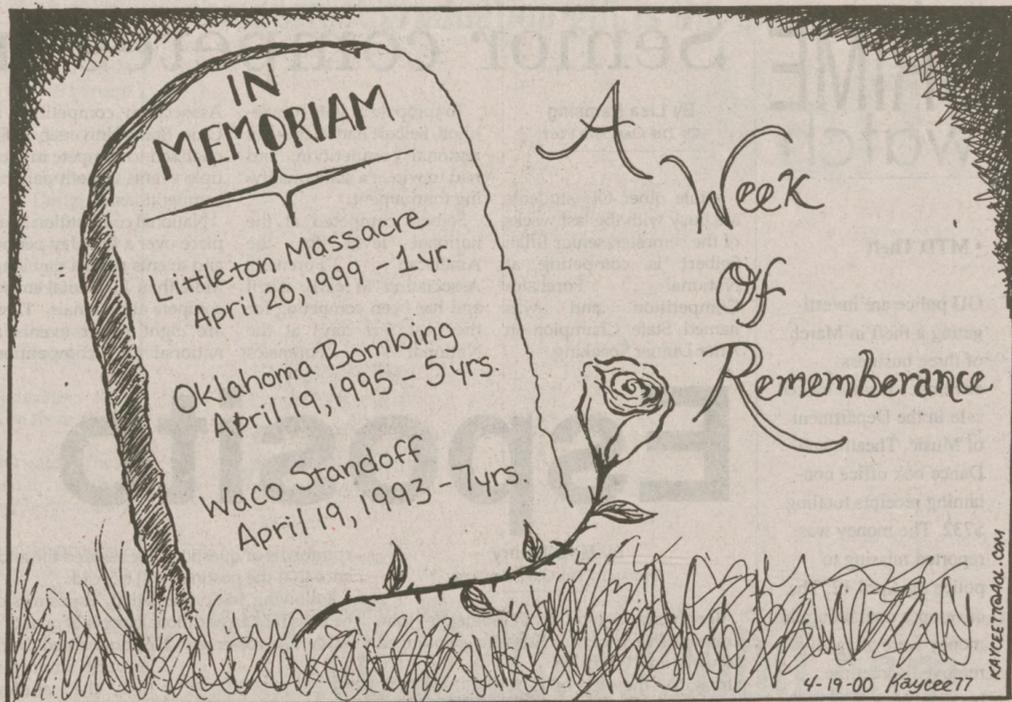
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SETTING IT straight

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EDITOR'S view

Thanks for friends, memories

With the end of the semester comes finals. Finals may represent the end of classes, but they don't represent the end of learning. We all have at least one more lesson to learn from OU - how to say goodbye.

Saying goodbye is one of the hardest things in life to do. For some at OU, goodbye is temporary, because they will return to finish their education, and they will see their friends and favorite professors again.

For others, their goodbyes will be permanent. Graduating seniors will say goodbye to friends and professors, tears will be shed and promises to remain in touch will be made.

Sadly, most of those promises will be broken. After graduation things go pretty fast. There will be jobs and marriage and kids and a million other things to keep people apart. Simply put, life is going to happen.

Saying goodbye represents the loss of a friend and all the love and good times that went into the friendship.

Friendships will turn into memories. These memories will be brought back from time to time, and some will make us laugh, and some will make us cry, but all the good memories will be cherished and held close to our hearts.

If you are able to look back on your college years and remember one special person - a teacher, a friend - it doesn't matter, you have been blessed.

If you have made a special bond with at least one person, then all your years at OU have been a success.

For me, I have a list of many people who I will look back on fondly. Some memories will make me laugh and cry at the same time.

I would like to say goodbye to my friends at The Post. They made a difficult year the most fun and memorable college experience I have ever had. They truly are special group of people.

I want to say goodbye to all my professors. I can honestly say, I never had a bad teacher at OU.

I also want to say goodbye to Mary from Pretzel Logic. She always had a smile ready for everyone.

Finally, I want to say goodbye to you, the readers of The Oakland Post, from me and the rest of the staff. We made mistakes. We made some of you mad. We couldn't always please everyone, but we tried to do a good job for you. And we worked hard to learn and develop our own skills as journalists.

Hopefully, we made you think about your school as well as the world around you.

I have been fortunate enough to have the chance to write a biweekly editorial. It has given me the chance to voice my opinions and speak to the readers. It has been wonderful experience.

My last piece of advice for the readers of The Post is to think about who is special to you and tell those people - before it is your last day and you are forced to say your final - goodbye.

Joe Gray

LETTERS TO THE editor

Junior tells OU not to fear the poop

Dear Editor,

I am an OU junior and have thus heard mournful bellyaching about the geese on campus for three years now. Now, my hometown of ten thousand people may qualify me as a redneck country girl, but I am an educated redneck country girl, make no mistake of that, and I write in defense of the geese. Nick (editor's note: this letter was also sent to Student Body President Nick Mitchell and it responds to a previous Mitchell column), while geese do of course have the ability to draw air into lungs, I AM "irritated and offended" that someone so close to completing his education would pass such a narrow-minded judgment on fellow inhabitants of our fine Earth. I encourage you and everyone else to view our "geese problem" more positively with the following assertions:

- You know all of the stuff that you go to the gym to do? No one used to need gyms because most people worked out enough naturally. Dodging geese piles is a little throwback to the days of de facto exercise - appreciate the little bit of free calorie burning and agility training.

- The grass around here is ugly enough; what would it look like if the geese didn't help? Geese are the ultimate cost and labor effective organic fertilizer. Plus they love to eat bugs and keep the Beer Lake algae population down. What more could you ask for? Geese aid campus beautification without increasing pollution or tuition.

- We have taken their land. Not content to live in modest homes and MTV and Playstation-less lives, our pleasureful excesses build factories and pave out more land, leaving geese to find wetlands wherever they can. If the geese just want to swim in Beer Lake and make less noise than a dorm-room stereo, why on earth should we complain.

- Honestly, where is your sense of adventure? Stepping around piles and occasionally in them is like rainy picnics, car breakdowns and sick days. It's a reminder that the world is bigger than you are and was not created for your sanitized convenience. Geese piles provide the perfect daily reminder of the wonderful complexity of the animal body and the harmony of the ecosystem. It's a touch of the Discovery Channel right in your own path.

So, geese are a harmless and a physical education, maturity and history lesson all in one. Remember your roots, Oakland students. We are a generation weaned on rainforests, oil spills and Freeing Willy. Don't you remember studying solar houses? If I could dodge goose piles in beaded prom shoes and spend hours hosing down the pile before company came and have no traces of bitterness, you can like geese too.

Karen L. Braschayko
Junior
English

(This letter was edited for size)



The Oakland Post's Reader Forum is an anonymous call-in-system that allows readers to voice their opinions on any topic for 20 seconds. To call the FORUM, dial 370-4265

It has been eight months since the opening of the Oakland Center and they still can't get the heat problem fixed. The offices in the basement are always hot. We spent how many millions on the renovations? Why can't they get things working properly?

I think it's terrible that professors give tests and quizzes the week before finals. I thought there were rules that said they couldn't do that.

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Festivals & Shows

• **"THE WORLD OF MARC CHAGALL" EXHIBITION AND SALE**
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• **"DEGREE SHOW"**
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sun. through May 12 at 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is \$5. For information, call 248-645-3323.

• **"FIVE BY TEN"**
8 p.m. Fri., 2 & 8 p.m. Sat. through May 6 at the Hilberly Theatre in Detroit. Short plays by Tennessee Williams. Tickets are \$11-\$18. For information, call 313-577-2960.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

• **"TEARS, LAUGHTER, AND LEMONADE"**
7-7:45 p.m. Wed., April 19 at the Rochester Hills Public Library auditorium. OU English professor Bruce Mann will explore the upcoming Meadowbrook Theatre play, *Crimes of the Heart*.

• **"AN EVENING AT THE OPERA"**
7-8:30 p.m., Wed. May 3 at the Rochester Hills Public Library auditorium. Featured lecturer will be professor Jack DuBois of Wayne State University, discussing *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini.

SPECIAL INTEREST

• **"FESTA ITALIANA"**
3:30 p.m. Sun., May 21 at the San Marino Club at 1685 E. Big Beaver. The Italian Study Group of Troy will be serving an Italian dinner, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

• **"CHAMPIONS ON ICE SUMMER TOUR 2000"**
8 p.m. Sat., April 22 at the Joe Louis Arena. Featuring skaters Michelle Kwan, Oksana Baiul, Dorothy Hamill, Nicole Bobek, Brian Boitano, Todd Eldredge, and many more. Tickets are \$25-\$35. For ticket purchasing information, call 313-983-6606.

Upcoming Million Mom March brings new attention to issue of gun control

800 Michigan mothers heading to nation's capitol for May 14 protest

By Sara Wilbur
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

This Mother's Day the vision of Donna Dees-Thomases Million Mom March will finally become a reality.

Dees-Thomases, a mother of two from New Jersey, organized the march last year after watching the shooting at the Granada Hills day care center in California on television.

Within a week Thomases had created the concept for a mother's march on Washington to urge Congress and other decision-makers to take common sense action to protect children from gun violence.

Mothers outraged by the gun violence that has killed and wounded children are organizing the Million Mom March on May 14th, Mother's Day, to encourage Congress to enact tougher controls on guns.

According to the Million Mom March, their goal is not the ban of guns, but it is about common sense guns laws. They are specifically urging Congress to enact a law requiring that all gun owners be licensed and registered and attend mandatory safety training. Their hope is that this Mother's Day, from all parts of the country, a voice of reason will ring out demanding that Congress take action this session.

Mothers are demanding a variety of precautions they feel would help reduce the number of children killed by handguns each year. Among these demands are the following: "cooling off" periods and extensive background checks on persons who want to purchase weapons intended for killing or injuring humans.

They also want Congress to require all handgun owners to be licensed and be required to register their weapons with the proper authorities. They are asking that gun manufacturers design guns with built in locks as well as with other common sense devices such as loaded chamber indicators and childproofing.

In addition, they hope to limit purchases to one handgun per



CLASPED HANDS: May 14, Mother's Day 2000 will find the "Million Mom March" in Washington, D.C., to promote gun control measures for the safety of their children.

“For too long we have ignored the gun violence epidemic because it was always in somebody else's backyard. We cannot afford to ignore it any longer. Our children's lives are far too precious.”

Donna Dees-Thomases
"Just One of a Million"

month, in the hopes that this will end "straw" purchase transactions where individuals who may legally purchase firearms are hired by gun traffickers to do so.

"I want to help put an end to children killing children. Have your guns but take responsibility. Know where they are and who has them," said Joy Livingston, the state coordinator for Michigan.

Livingston, a day care provider, became involved because she wants to "make legislation aware and convince them to create new laws on gun safety."

Livingston and approximately 800 other Michigan mothers will march on Washington, D.C. this

Mother's day.

For those mothers who can't make it to the march on Washington but would still like to participate, a rally is being held in Lansing. Barbara Love, a mother of two, is organizing this rally with the support of the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence.

Mothers are encouraged to participate and to bring a pair of shoes to symbolize the 1,092 people who were killed by gun violence last year in Michigan.

Just as there are mothers who will be marching for stricter gun control, there are those who will be marching against those mothers. Brass Roots, an organization founded in 1995, was formed to defeat lawmakers who support the anti-gun legislation. "We don't want to disturb their protest, we just want them to respect our Second Amendments rights, just as we respect their First Amendment rights," said Mike Hoban, the executive director of Brass Roots and an OU journalism major who is a staff writer for the Oakland Post.

BrassRoots wants to spread the message that "Guns save lives."

"Some mothers and families

own guns to protect their families," Hoban said. Brass Roots is hoping to fill a bus of 47 women for their march on Washington. Hoban isn't hopeful for a large turnout because it takes place on Mother's Day.

Students at OU are split on the view. "I don't have a problem with people having guns as long as they are educated," said Kristy Theilbar, a single mother of a five year-old girl.

"Children have guns in school because of the way they are brought up. Parents don't want to take responsibility for bringing up their own kids and television has become the babysitter. So what do parents expect?" Theilbar asked.

"Some of their demands are perfectly reasonable, others are not likely to be accepted by the gun-owning community," said Jim Shaw, a senior communication major. "I think collectively they embody a step in the right direction, preserving the American right to gun ownership while emphasizing personal responsibility."

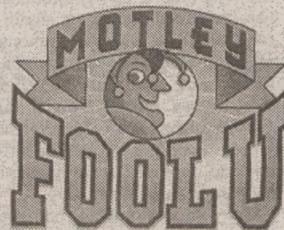
The Million Mom March can be reached at www.millionmom-march.com or 1-888-989-6667. Brass Roots can be contacted at 1-800-555-GUNS.



MARCHING ON: Moms everywhere are preparing for the march on Mother's Day to promote gun control measures.

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"I Wanna Be a Millionaire!"

Q: The game-show greed circuit has Americans whipped up in a frenzy. Isn't there a better way to become a millionaire? — J.C., from the Internet

A: What?! And leave Regis in the lurch — just as Kathie Lee is breaking up with him? We couldn't do that!

Well, actually, with The Reeg expected to make a cool \$20 million next season on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, we don't think he'll miss us all that much.

The truth is, though, there is a better way to make a million than spending your every waking hour studying Trivial Pursuit questions. It may not be as glamorous or as instantly glorifying as winning big money on the tube in front of all your old high school teachers who labeled you an "underachiever." But you stand a lot better chance of becoming a millionaire by investing in stocks over the course of your life than walking away with Regis' big prize.

And we don't mean you need to find the next America Online when it still has a market cap of \$500 million. More important than finding the hot stocks are time and discipline.

The proof is in the numbers. Let's take the simplest way to invest in the stock market — the S&P 500 index fund (which, over the long term, has beaten 90 percent of the mutual funds out there). The average annual return of the market, as measured by the S&P 500, has been about 13 percent (with dividends reinvested) over the past 50 years. So if that trend were to continue and you were to average a 13 percent return on your money, what would it take to become a millionaire?

Well, of course, it depends how much money you have to invest. But here are four ways to pile up a million (and change) by getting average returns in the stock market and taking advantage of the power of compounding:

- Start with \$10,000 and invest \$2,400 more per year for 30 years.
- Start with \$0 and invest \$3,500 per year for 30 years.
- Start with \$0 and invest \$1,000 per year for 40 years.
- Start with \$50,000 and invest \$10,000 per year for 18 years.

If you want to be a millionaire, you can find a path that will take you there. Of course, in this case there is no final answer: Everyone's financial circumstances and investing styles are different. You might gain more on your investments, or less. You might have more or less money to invest. The important thing is to stick to an investment plan.

In all of these examples, time and discipline are more important than how much you start out with, or even how much you invest each year. The real magic of compounding will be working in the later years of your investment. For example, years 25 to 30 will be making you a lot more money than years 10 to 15. So hang on for the long run.

Most of all, fear not. You don't need to marry a millionaire to become a millionaire. If you've got time and a little bit of savings to put away, you'll get there. The sooner you start, though, the sooner that day will come. So get going!

WHAT NOW?

On investing sites like ours (www.Fool.com, remember?) you'll find numerous calculators that enable you to play with some numbers and find out when you might become a millionaire.

SMOKING

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reasonable to believe that the number of smokers on OU's campus is growing as well. According to a 1998 report from the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, smoking among college students has continued to go up significantly in the last five years among all demographic groups. Researchers analyzed 1993 and 1998 survey results from about 15,000 students from 116 different four-year colleges across the country and reported a 28 percent increase in student smoking.

Many students feel that the stress-relieving factor of nicotine may be a culprit in the raise of college-age smoking. Several students reported that stress was among their top reasons to continue smoking, regardless of their

reason for picking up the habit in the first place.

"I can understand (smoking)," said Matt Hoerauf, an OU student majoring in human resource development. "The stress of college life and upcoming exams can cause students to smoke, among other things," he said, although he is not a smoker.

In addition to the factor of stress, several students said they feared quitting because of withdrawal symptoms such as moodiness.

"One of my greatest concerns in quitting is being miserable to be around," said junior journalism major Kelly Farrell. "I tried quitting cold turkey, and not only did it not work, it was a horrible process. Though it's not their responsibility, it would still be great if the University offered something to help students before their addictions get even stronger. I'd jump at the chance to try some-

thing like gum or patches. I just can't afford to try them because if it doesn't work out, I'll have wasted quite a bit of money."

Although the resources at the Graham Health Center may not be ideal, one directory does list several useful programs. Some of the most favored programs listed in Oakland County's Smoking Cessation and Prevention Resource Directory include Nicotine Anonymous meetings, "quit kits," and hypnosis. Nicotine Anonymous meetings are at 7 p.m. on Mondays in Birmingham. For more information call (248) 644-4933. The free "quit kits" from the Michigan Department of Community Health include various aids for the withdrawal process. Call 1-800-537-5666 for more information. For a \$40 fee, smokers can learn hypnosis and relaxation techniques at Cigarette Send-Off

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been very successful. The Fall semester saw an average of roughly 15 students using it between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. So I think the need was definitely there and we met it with great results.

And finally, the Elections process this year was probably one of, if not the best that Student Congress has ever done. Last year, I had to fight tooth and nail against roughly 11 charges that restricted me from getting Student Congress off to a smooth start. This year, there were no charges and the next

President has over a month to get things in order. I can't express enough how important it is to have time to prepare for the next year. I think that Adam and Jen will be very successful next year and I'm happy that we were able to help them.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you for letting me be your Student Body President in this my fourth and final year at Oakland. I can't express it enough how important this experience has been for me. I can honestly say that I've enjoyed the job everyday over the past year, and I'll take this with me the rest of my life. For those of you who care, which is probably few and

far between, my next stop is Europe. After spending six weeks bumming around the other side of the globe, I'm off to Law School. Not completely sure where just yet, but nonetheless Law School. I've enjoyed my time here at Oakland immensely and I hope you are satisfied with the job I've done this year. Please believe me when I say that everything I did this year, I did for the students of Oakland University.

To next years Student Congress and the University community as a whole, I have just one request:

KEEP STUDENTS FIRST!!

ESPOSITO

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for a more "personal address."

During his 10 month tenure on campus, Esposito said he has spent much of his time learning about Oakland's culture and getting to know faculty and staff.

He said he likes what he sees and feels that his involvement with the campus' future will help produce a "fertile field" for creating a stronger academic environment.

FORENSICS

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and is now using her experience while working in the marketing and communication industry. She has traveled with Seibert to his competitions.

For more information about OU's Forensics Team, students can call Campbell at (248) 370-4119, or the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism at (248) 370-4120.

STATE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Progress of task forces
 - Help define the specific learning outcomes
 - All task force recommendations will go through University Governance.
- Enrollment planning
 - Will take a look at OU's future and what kind of students, programs and what the feel of the place will be.
- Master Plan
- University Senate
 - OU will operate with the regular senate.
- Reorganization in Academic Affairs Division
 - Adding to Provost office two Assistant Provosts who will be two faculty members to help work with issues
 - Application deadline was March 31, and interviews will be taking place during the next couple of weeks.
- Diversity
 - The university has made significant strides to diversify faculty and students in the last ten years.
- Online Course
 - Essential to develop online course to create alternative choices for students.
- Faculty bargaining
 - Encourages that the bargaining process will go well
 - hopes for July 31 settlement.
- General concept of communication
 - Try to meet with every single department and program to share ideas and see what they have to share.
- Growth, quality and infrastructure
 - Wants to enhance the quality of programs.
- Creativity/Innovation
 - Encourage departments to be creative and innovative.
 - Believes in constant improvement.

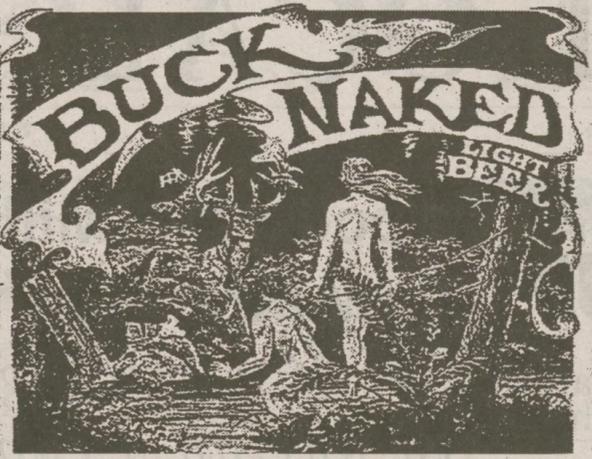
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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE weird

LEAD STORIES

• A group of athletes and administrators of the traditional Turkish sport of oil wrestling (grappling contests made more interesting by heavy applications of olive oil) protested to the government in April when they discovered that an organization of gay men was planning to attend a major tournament in July near the city of Edirne to ogle. (According to a Reuters news service reporter, "Putting a hand down the opponent's trousers to get a better grip is a common tactic.")

Government in Action

• After Ivory Coast's soccer team was eliminated from the African Nations Cup in January, the country's military ruler, Gen. Robert Guei, had the team arrested and put in a military prison for two days. Addressing the players, Guei said, "I asked that you be taken there so you reflect awhile. Next time (if you play badly) you will stay there for military service ... until a sense of civic pride gets into your heads."

• In January, a Philadelphia city-funded community organization published a pamphlet on health and safety tips for prostitutes, which recommended always getting on top, negotiating price before getting into a car, and getting the money in advance. Also in January, a member of the Canadian Parliament released a list of recent pamphlets directly funded by the government, including "How to Communicate With the Dead," "How to Stimulate the G-spot," and "How to Understand and Enjoy an Orgasm."

• Despite many anti-smoking programs sponsored by the U.S. government, a Senate subcommittee found last year that the Department of Housing and Urban Development had spent \$4.2 million since 1996 to help American Indians build discount cigarette stores as part of the federal community block-grant program. (In April 2000, legislation was introduced in the Senate to end the practice.)

The Only Way Out

• A 57-year-old Halifax, England, man, distraught at his wife's death, decapitated himself with his homemade guillotine (December). A 30-year-old man attempting suicide in Rustenberg, South Africa, put a firecracker in his mouth and lit it; the explosion shook his house and mangled his face, but he survived (January).

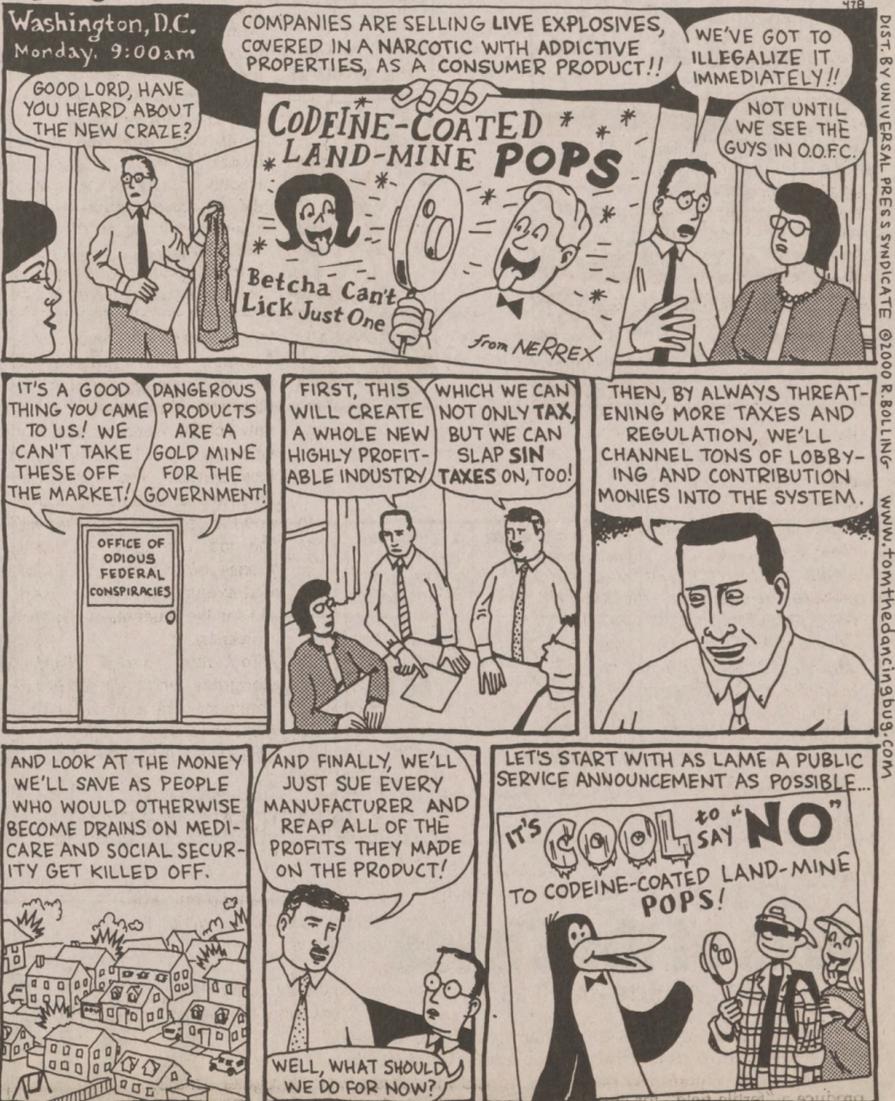
Also, in the Last Month ...

• A man in a wheelchair and wearing a beanie robbed a Wells Fargo Bank, instructing the tellers to fill the beanie with cash (Pleasant Hill, Calif.). A woman won \$171,000 from a jury for slipping on a piece of broccoli in a Grand Union supermarket (Bennington, Vt.). A Washington, D.C., police officer was found guilty of sexual assault, becoming the 16th officer on the force in 15 months to be convicted of a crime. The Ohio liquor control agency banned as offensive the Belgian ale Manneken Pis because its label features a boy urinating. At least two viewers smashed their TV picture tubes trying to kill the high-definition cockroach crawling across the screen as part of a recent Orkin commercial.

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TOM the DANCING BUG

by RUBEN BOLLING



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ON CAMPUS

•SPB presents the Underground Coffeehouse featuring **BUGS BEDDOW BAND** at 8 p.m. on April 22 in the Gold Rooms. Admission, food, beverages and glow sticks are free. There will be a period for open mic.

•The **ALL OUT CAMPUS RAGE** fundraiser for OU's Lacrosse Team, will include special musical guests Panic, Drift Net, Tribal Traktion and Mid-Coast Blaze. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. on April 22 in Dodge Hall, Room 201. Price: \$5 OU students, \$7 non-students.

•The DSO's Kimberly Kaloyanides, Hai Xin Wu, Glenn Mellow and Debra Fayroian of **THE SONNET QUARTET** will present a moving afternoon of music at 3 p.m. on April 30 at the Varner Recital Hall.

CONCERTS

•Local success band, **THE SUICIDE MACHINES** with special guests Anti-Flag, Piffers, and Bumpin' Ugliers will play at 4:30 p.m. on April 22 at The State Theatre, Detroit.

•**TRAIN** speeds into town at 8 p.m. on April 27 for an all ages show at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit.

•An eclectic array of artists, **BLOODHOUND GANG**, Nerfherder, A, Powerface, and Isabel's Gift, will play at 7 p.m. on May 7 at Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac.

•Got Punk? **The PUNK-O-RAMA TOUR** will bring the Dropkick Murphys, Bouncing Souls, Dwarves, and The Distillers to town at 6:30 p.m. on May 18 at Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac.

COMING SOON

•In support of their new CD, "Come on Now Social," **The INDIGO GIRLS** will play at 7:30 p.m. on June 17 at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston.

•The "Here-I-Go-Again-Druggin'-16-Guys-Around-the-World" Tour with **The BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA** will play at 7:30 p.m. on July 1 at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston.



TINY

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Diet supplements may aid weight loss, but check ingredients before swallowing



GET LOST: "Metabolife" is the leading distributor of dietary supplements. You can purchase a bottle with 90 pills for around \$45. The bottle lasts one to three months, depending on what dosage you choose to take.

By Cara Plowman and Krystal Kaltz
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Burn fat, take inches off any problem areas, develop lean muscle, lose weight... FAST. Many diet plans promise to do all this and so much more. How much care should be taken when selecting a dietary supplement?

There are so many products and ingredients to consider. Some of the major products on the market include "BioSculpt," "Bioform," "Metabolife 356" and "CLA 750."

Leslie Bart, manager of the Metabolife stand at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills, supports the product's success entirely.

"Metabolife" is the best product on the market," said Bart. "It increases your energy level. It increases your metabolism."

The first thing that should be considered before purchasing any diet product is the ingredients. Most stores distribute literature on their products. Make sure you read any pamphlets or brochures you are given and if you have any questions at all, be sure to consult your doctor about them.

Most dietary supplements on the market claim to be "all natural." This doesn't necessarily mean that the product is safe for everyone.

For example, Guarana is simply the natural form of caffeine, and is included in many of these products. Another natural ingredient to watch out for is Ma Huang, which is the herbal form of ephedrine. This herb is a stimulant,

and if used incorrectly, could be dangerous, especially if you have a history of high blood pressure or heart conditions. Because of these ingredients, if you take these products with caffeinated beverages, you may feel jittery or nauseous.

"It does raise the blood pressure a very, very, very small amount," said Bart. She added that it may raise your blood pressure up to two percent in some people.

"BioSculpt" claims to be stimulant free. It includes alo vera and many amino acids in its formula. Their list of ingredients doesn't always address what the components are, but instead, what they do. Remember that there may be other effects that the ingredient can have.

Every person is different. Any type of medication you take could potentially react with a dietary supplement.

"CLA 750" has claimed to "reduce body fat in mice by 50 to 75 percent" (according to "The Why Files" website). It also claims to enhance the immune system, prevent cancer and burn fat. In addition, animal testing turned up very few side effects. It does consistently raise white blood cells. But, there are no long-term study results.

CLA is an element found in large amounts in the fat of meats, dairy products and some vegetable oils. It is now available in pill form as well.

A healthy diet and an exercise program are your safest bet for long-term weight loss. These "get thin quick" products can be tempting, and may jump-start your weight loss, but as with any diet plan, consultation from a doctor should be sought beforehand. Make sure you know what you are putting in your body.

"Fail Safe" sparks worries of nuclear war, end of world

I was living my usual collegiate life, watching TV when I should have been doing homework Sunday night, when I realized: we live in an era where can get from one end of this earth to another in a few hours, and we can microwave the whole thing in the same time.

Last Sunday, CBS aired "Fail Safe," a film about what happens when a mechanical error accidentally triggers a mechanical device to order U.S. planes to drop a nuclear bomb on Moscow. The bombers can't be recalled, because the pilots are trained to respond only to the computer, not to human commands.

It took the horrors of nuclear war and shoved them in your face. It pointed out our culture's obscene over-reliance on technology. It scared the hell out of me. This was

not "Urban Legend" scary, where this week's guest star on "Dawson's Creek" looks to be in more danger of flashing the audience than getting killed while running from a deranged actor. This "scary" had that twinge of reality in it. These bombs exist, we've used them. Mass nuclear exchanges are possible. My father remembers being "scared as hell" during the Cuban Missile Crisis, when he was only a few years older than I am now.

Yes, a nuclear exchange is improbable despite the fact that several nations who don't get along with each other (India and Pakistan, currently fighting) have the capability. And sure, a mechanical malfunction like the one in "Fail Safe" is probably



MIKE MURPHY

impossible.

But when those malfunctions do happen, even at the smallest level, it is catastrophic. Last Saturday morning, I sat down at my computer and started to type. Nothing happened. Our surprise Mid-April snowstorm knocked power out during the night, and my computer had shorted out. I had a research paper to write, a speech to finish, and a project to work on.

We rely on machines and technology so much that our computers have to be fail safe, all the time. We place our lives in the hands of good engineering and manufacturing every time we get in our car, an elevator, a subway train.

We have the technology to map our

own genes. We have the technology to transport subnuclear particles through space. We have the technology to destroy everything we've ever created several times over. Will we?

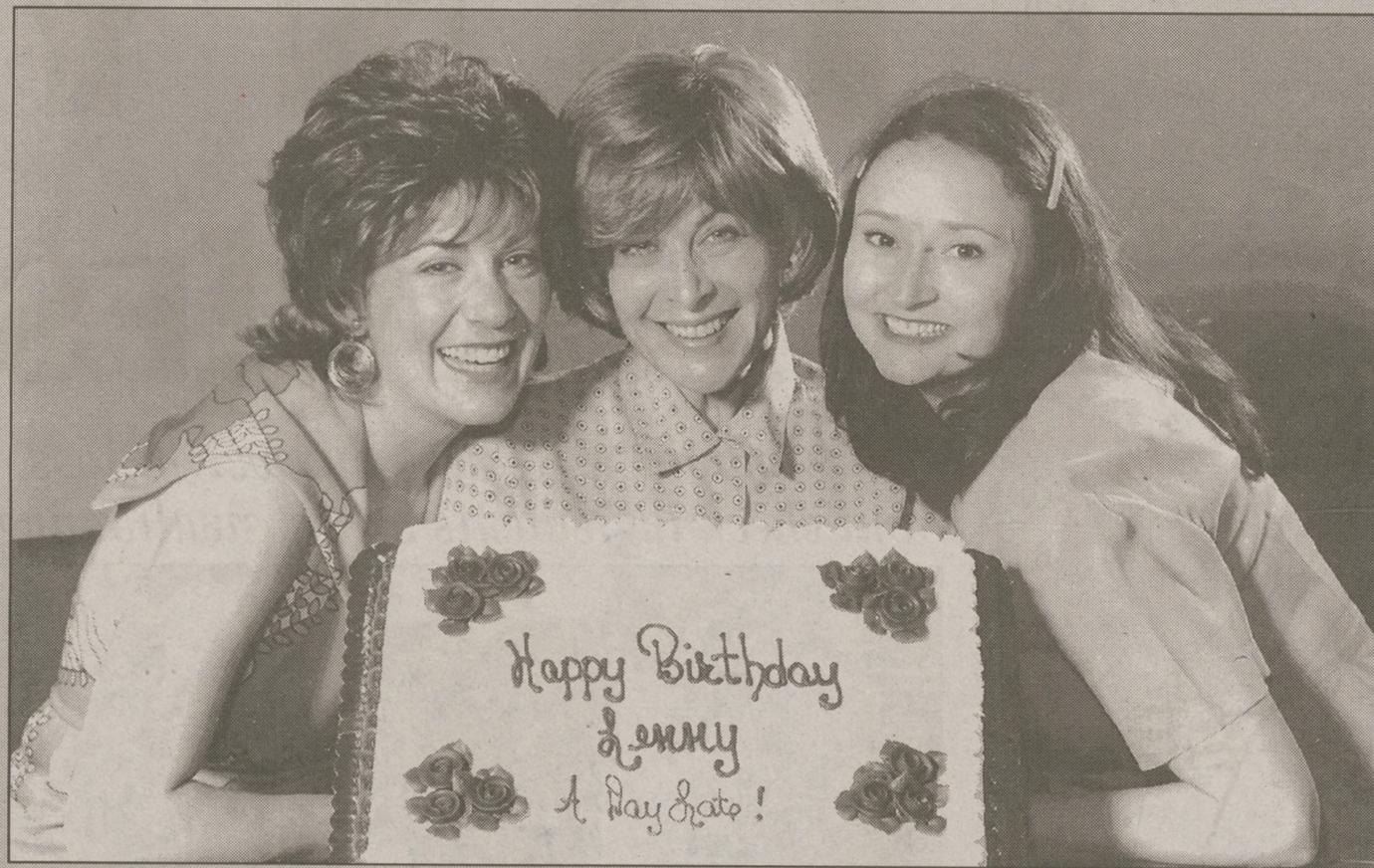
It's been said by scholars that if nuclear proliferation ever occurs - that means we blow everything up, the only remnants of the human race will be our satellites and the American flag placed on the moon by the Apollo astronauts.

There's not much we can do, at least without turning into the Unabomber. Try not to think about it? Pray it never happens?

Or just live our lives and hope. I guess we just get out there and roll the dice.

Mike Murphy is a junior journalism major and columnist for THE OAKLAND POST.

"Crimes of the Heart"



SISTERS: (Left to Right) Meg (Angel Maclean), Lenny (Kate Willinger), and Babe (Lauren Dowden) play sisters who share powerful bonds even though they are very different.

Set in Mississippi, "Crimes of the Heart" tells the story of the three women as they reunite to console their grandfather in his last days.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Beth Henley shows what it's like to have to come to terms with death, 'grown-up' lives and sisterly love.

Meadow Brook Theatre presents this play now through May 14. MBT calls it "a wonderful mixture of both comedy and drama."

"Progressions" shows off OU talent



By Lani Morgan
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The art students of OU got a chance to show their stuff Friday at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. "Progressions," the student and faculty art exhibition, presented by the Oakland Department of Art and Art History, gives students an opportunity to show and explain selected pieces of their work.

This free exhibition, which is showing through May 14, includes various forms of visual arts, such as paintings, collages, and plaster forms.



VISUAL APPEAL: (Left) Brian Croitori, senior, general studies, admires the work of OU students and faculty. (Above) Croitori comes across a plaster sculpture by Holly Scoggins entitled "He wants us to laugh with him, sometimes at him." The exhibit "Progressions" runs in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery now through May 14.

A photograph assemblage by Gabriela Ardelean, who received an Honorable Mention, consists of pictures of letters taken from billboards or signs. Together, the letters spell out "Art is creating something from nothing. It is giving birth to an idea from the mind's womb."

Senior Brandon Curry's oil on canvas painting entitled "Posthumous," read "Feel no shame for what you are" across the top.

"Art allows me to say things that I couldn't say by other means," said Brandon. "It is a form of my self-expression."

In Jen Price's piece "Vine Charcoal," she explores still

life drawings. She experiments with forced perspective and changed proportions.

"I like art anyway, and the drawing class has helped me in designing sets," said Price, who is a senior theatre production major at OU.

Other pieces include a sculpture by student Holly Scoggins that is "about someone who realizes that the only thing they ever had and ever will is themselves."

Gretchen Walker's "State of Womanhood," an oil on canvas painting, received Best of Show at Friday's opening reception.

Gallery hours vary. Call 248-370-3005 for more details.

FUERZA! fiesta 'Fifth of May' on April 19

By Carmen Abrego
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Hola estudiantes! "Fuerza!" OU's Latin American organization, is celebrating "Cinco de Mayo," "The Fifth of May," today. Mexican food and refreshments will be available to all who share in the celebration. The sounds of Mexico will be entertained by a local mariachi band.

"Cinco de Mayo" is an excellent opportunity to continue to celebrate Latino/a heritage at OU. "Fuerza!" is doing a great job of keeping the spirit of Hispanic Heritage alive," according to Gloria A. Sosa, Assistant Director, Office of Equity.

"Cinco de Mayo" is observed particularly by Mexicans living in the Southwest. They have a dinner in the afternoon, and later, they dance until the morning hours. Mexicans everywhere observe the national holiday with parades, festivals, dances and speeches.

"Cinco de Mayo," is one of the great days in Mexican history, and is also celebrated by Mexicans in the United States and in foreign countries.

The day is the anniversary of the battle of Guadalupe, which was fought in 1862 by a Mexican force of about 1,000 against a French force of 6,000. "Cinco de Mayo" celebrates the Mexican victory over the elite forces of France. In 1862, troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated invading French forces of Napoleon III.

"Fuerza!" plans to present "Cinco de Mayo" as a fun, historical and cultural presentation," said Lisa Westfall, graduate, Spanish. Westfall is a member of Fuerza!

Professor of anthropology James W. Dow said, "Having lived in Mexico and having seen little children march with their flags in the 5th of May celebrations, las fiestas patrias, I respect the honesty and heartfelt feelings of Mexican national pride."

Take a break from studying and join in this special celebration today at noon in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center. Que Viva Mexico! Que Viva El Cinco de Mayo!

Loveable Bullock maintains charm in rehab

By Sarah Long
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Looking for a study break? "28 Days" is right up your ally. It's a light-hearted look at the serious issue of chemical rehabilitation.

Even though this topic is not new to the silver screen, "28 Days" attempts to find humor in the midst of a trying time for lead character Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock). She is the party girl who likes to drink and pop pills with her boyfriend Jasper (Dominic West). She becomes the most recent addition to the Serenity Glens Rehabilitation Community, when she ruins her sister's (Elizabeth Perkins) wedding and crashes a limousine into the side of a suburban home.

The film tracks Cummings' journey to the realization that she cannot conquer her chemical addiction alone. She is helped by a wide array of character that make her



stay humorous and memorable. There is the smart-mouth flirt (Mike O' Malley), kind old lady (Diane Ladd), middle-aged man (Reni Santoni) and the teenage drug user (Azura Skye). There is also Melrose Place hunk (Viggo Mortenson), who tries to steal Cummings' heart.

This powerhouse cast will keep you laughing and crying through the entire movie. Keep your ears peeled for humorous twists to the "Twelve-step process" and wacky

chants and songs sung by the residents. The whole cast bonds over a fictitious soap opera called "Santa Cruz" and open their hearts during some hilarious group sessions. O' Malley's character is continuously making wise cracks to lighten up the lectures every evening and Alan Tudyk plays a hypersensitive, hilarious gay man who doesn't think he can make it through 28 days of

rehab without a relationship.

Even with all the humor, there is some drama that takes place while the zany patients are trying to quit. Cummings almost gets thrown out of the program and put in jail when her sister comes to visit the center for Family Week.

Cummings learns that the most important thing in life is to take care of herself and that she can't continue to blame her drunken mother for her problems. The film has catchy flashback scenes of Cummings' and her sister living with their troubled mother.

And if heartache and comedy was not enough for you, there is a romance storyline as well. Cummings is forced to choose between her longtime boyfriend and a new interest in rehab. The couple finds common bonds as they try to survive the rehab scene.

Bullock's character, although screwed up, is as lovable as other Bullock's characters in movies such as "Forces of Nature," "While You Were Sleeping" and "Love Potion No. 9."

student Affairs

UPDATING OU

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 1999-2000 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

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• **The CAREER RESOURCE CENTER**, 154 North Foundation Hall, is forming a discussion group for students with career issues such as major or career indecision, career transitions, and other career-related topics. We will meet for seven weeks each Tuesday beginning May 2. Meeting time will be 5:00 to 6:15 PM. Call or e-mail Cindy Kozak at the CRC for details, (248) 370-3263, or crc@oakland.edu. These sessions are FREE! Registration is required.

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<http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/crc/>. It's loaded with valuable career information to help you learn about yourself, explore majors and careers, make decisions, and set goals.

• **GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER** is offering sale prices on selected services to recognize April as being **National Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month**. Receive the Hepatitis B vaccination at \$30.00 per injection with coupon, 10 condoms for \$1.00 + tax (limit 20), and \$5.00 anonymous HIV testing. Increasing your awareness of STD transmission and reminding you that ABSTINENCE is the only 100% effective method of prevention is also one of GHC's main objectives. Please feel free to contact us by calling ext. 2341 or email health@oakland.edu.

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THIS WEEK

• **April 20th, 3 p.m.** - The Student Services North Foundation Hall Building groundbreaking. Please join us outside between North and South Foundation Halls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Campus Recreation - Scuba classes** begin on April 26th. For anyone needing a scuba review, registration began 3/27, and the class is June 14, 2000.

• **Campus Recreation - Swim lessons** registration for spring/summer will start **May 1st**. Registration will be available at the Welcome Center desk in the Recreation Center. You must pay for the lessons at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please contact Steve at (248) 370-4532.

• **Commencement.** Congratulations to all those students who will graduate at the **May 6th** spring commencement.

• **Fall Convocation.** The annual fall convocation for new students and their parents will be held on Thursday, **September 7th** at 5:30 PM in the arena.

• **Welcome Week 2000** will be Tuesday, September 5th through Saturday, September 9th.

The staff in the Student Affairs Division would like to wish OU students the best of luck on final exams. We also hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

"Thanks for a Great Year!"

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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Congratulations to the award recipients from Student/Greek Organization Award Night!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Pre-Med Society (Med School Open House)
Pride Forum (Film series)

OUTSTANDING DIVERSITY PROGRAM
Indian Student Association (Diwali Festival)

OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS PROGRAM
Apostolic Lighthouse

OUTSTANDING POLITICAL PROGRAM
Greens/University Student Congress/United Fronts

MOST ORIGINAL PUBLICITY
Men's Ice Hockey
Walt Disney World College Program Alumni Association
Italian Club

MOST ORIGINAL PROMOTION
Phi Sigma Sigma (Rochester Christmas Parade)

OUTSTANDING OVERALL PUBLICITY & PROMOTION
WXOU

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD
Student Program Board/Pride Forum (Kate Bornstein)

OUTSTANDING TRADITIONAL EVENT - GREEK
Zeta Phi Beta & Phi Sigma Sigma (Blue & White Ball)

OUTSTANDING TRADITIONAL EVENT - STUDENT ORG
Student Program Board (Murder Mystery)

EXEMPLARY ON-CAMPUS SERVICE (STUDENT ORG)
Golden Key National Honor Society (Bone Marrow Drive)

EXEMPLARY OFF-CAMPUS SERVICE (STUDENT ORG)
Student Association for Teacher Education

MOST ASPIRING NEW ORGANIZATION
Italian Club

OPPORTUNITY AWARD
Society for Human Resource Management
Student Association for Teacher Education
National Society for Black Engineers
Pre-Medical Society
REACH

PERSEVERANCE AWARD
Alpha Kappa Sigma
Men's Ice Hockey
Oakland Post
Pride Forum
WXOU
Feline Rescue League

OU SPIRIT AWARD
Forensics Team
Pep Band
University Student Congress

STUDENT ORG PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
National Society of Black Engineers (Etiquette Dinner)

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR IN A STUDENT ORG - MALE
Doron Elliott (National Society of Black Engineers)
Tim Rooks (Pride Forum)
Brian Spurling (Gaming Guild)

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR IN A STUDENT ORG - FEMALE
Kristen DeRemer (Golden Key National Honor Society)
Heather Regier (American Marketing Association)
Sandra DeRosa (Greens)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
Men's Ice Hockey

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR
Helen Ellison (National Society of Black Engineers)

GREGORY R. MARRS AWARDS FOR GREEK EXCELLENCE

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AWARD
Ronald Newton (Kappa Alpha Psi)
La'Shanda Evans (Delta Sigma Theta)

OUTSTANDING ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM
Phi Sigma Sigma (Alcohol Awareness Night)

OUTSTANDING ALCOHOL-FREE PROGRAM
Phi Sigma Sigma & Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Mardi Gras Party)

OVERALL HIGHEST GPA
Theta Chi - FRATERNITY
Alpha Kappa Alpha - SORORITY

MOST IMPROVED GPA
Theta Chi - FRATERNITY
Alpha Kappa Alpha - SORORITY

EXEMPLARY ON-CAMPUS SERVICE (GREEK)
Kappa Alpha Psi

EXEMPLARY OFF-CAMPUS SERVICE (GREEK)
Alpha Delta Pi

GREEK ORGANIZATION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Greek Gavel (Greek Week)

GREEK PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR
Bob Broderdorf (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) - MALE
Christine Hitchens (Alpha Kappa Sigma) - FEMALE

LIFETIME GREEK ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Andrea Zwolinski (Alpha Delta Pi)

GREEK ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
Phi Sigma Sigma

GREEK ORGANIZATION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR
Alan Scott (Sigma Pi)

THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

Sign up for CSA and Student Organization Events:

- Sign up for Point Pelee Trip (May 5)
- Trip to Stratford (June 9-10)

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- Tickets for "Cabaret" (April 23)
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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

April 12	
Central Michigan	18
Oakland	6
April 15	
Central Michigan	7
Oakland	1
April 16	
Oral Roberts	16
Oakland	8
April 17	
Oral Roberts	9
Oakland	7
April 18	
Oral Roberts	12
Oakland	6
April 19	
Oral Roberts	11
Oakland	5

SOFTBALL

April 12	
Western Michigan	6
Oakland	0
April 14	
Oakland	5
Western Michigan	0
April 15	
IUPUI	9
Oakland	6
April 16	
Oakland	6
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April 17	
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April 18	
Oakland	9
IUPUI	7

MEN'S GOLF

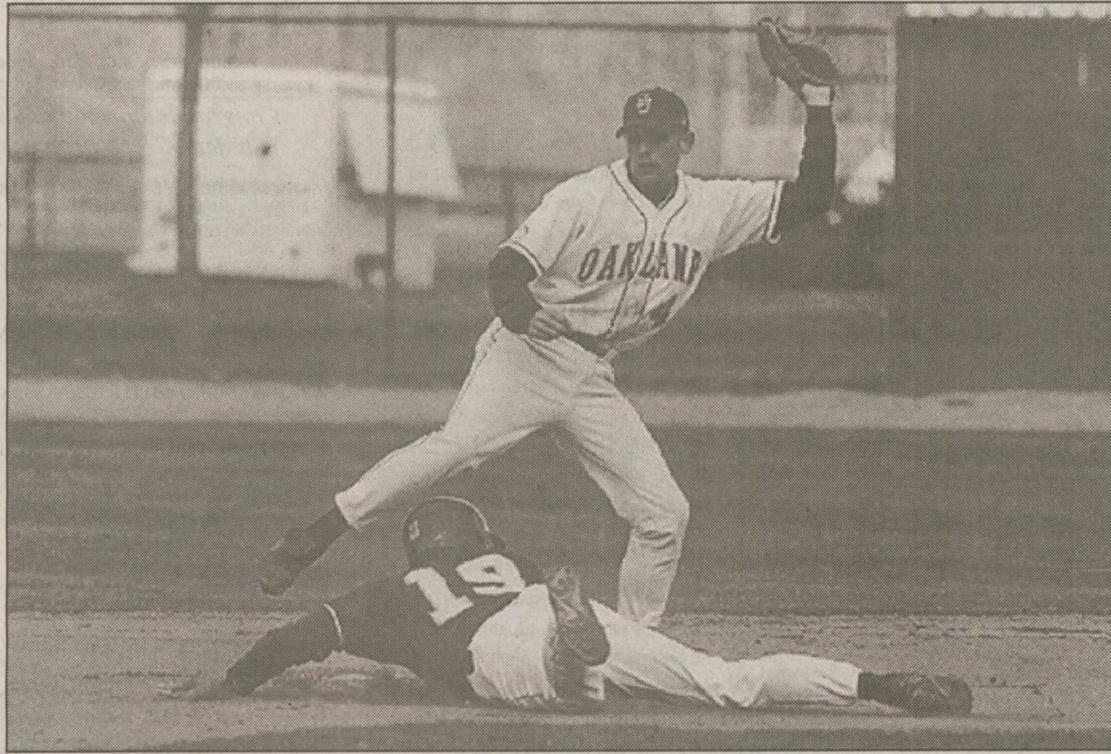
April 15-16
The men placed 7th out of 17 teams at the Ball State Tournament.

April 17
The men placed 7th out of 11 teams at the Dayton tournament.

UPCOMING GAMES

BASEBALL

APRIL 19 - at Central Michigan, 3 p.m.
APRIL 22 - IUPUI, 12 noon (DH)
APRIL 23 - IUPUI, 12 noon (DH)
APRIL 26 - BOWLING GREEN STATE, 3 p.m.
APRIL 29 - at Chicago State, 12 noon (DH)
APRIL 30 - at Chicago State, 12 noon (DH)
MAY 2 - at Michigan, 3 p.m.
MAY 4 - at Notre Dame, 3 p.m.
MAY 5 - at Valparaiso, 12 noon (DH)
MAY 6 - at Valparaiso, 12 noon (DH)
MAY 10 - at Michigan State, 1 p.m.
MAY 12 - SOUTHERN UTAH, 12 noon (DH)



OUTTA HERE: Junior infielder, Erik Crossley tags out Oral Roberts player and crosses over to throw out another competitor. Oral Roberts defeated OU in four games over the weekend. The men host IUPUI on April 22 and 23 on OU's home field. OU will then take on Bowling Green State on home turf on the 26th.

Bob Knoska/
The Oakland Post

Golden Eagles soar over OU

By Chad Mack
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

What started out as a beautiful weekend for baseball quickly took a turn for the worse. Oral Roberts University strutted its stuff as the number one team in the Mid-Con when they faced up with OU. ORU won all four games in a two day double header with OU. On Saturday the Grizzlies fought the heat and the Golden Eagles, and lost to both. Sean Boesch was the starting pitcher for the Grizzlies and lasted until the 6th inning when he was hit for four runs. OU fell behind early, 4-1, then in the bottom of the 4th inning OU rallied. The rally started with Rob

Brockman's solo home run. Casey Caid then followed up with a double that scored a run, and finally, Erik Crossley tied it up at four with an RBI single. However, that was as close as the Grizzlies would get. Ryan Neil of ORU belted a three run homer with two outs against Sean Boesch that extended ORU's lead to 8-4. Brockman tried to put OU back in the game by knocking out a two run homer to bring OU into contention at 8-6. ORU proved to be up for the challenge and in the top of the 6th they blitzed OU for five runs. ORU cruised to a 16-8 victory. In the second game on Saturday, the Grizzlies played possum until the 6th inning when they bombard-

ed ORU with a barrage of runs. OU was down 8-1 in the bottom of the 6th and it wasn't looking good. In the bottom of the 6th inning OU rallied for six runs and trailed by one going in to the final inning. OU looked poised to win the game in the bottom of the 7th inning, but ORU had different plans. ORU tacked on one more run and held OU scoreless to end the game with a 9-7 victory. In the top of the sixth OU got a scare. Brockman collapsed after a routine cut off catch from the outfield. He lay

on the ground for several minutes and looked like he was in agony. As it turns out he had collided with Chuck Van Robays on a pop up and it knocked the wind out of Brockman. After the game Head coach Mark Avery said, "I am proud of these guys. They never quit and they kept battling." Avery added, "We cannot make mistakes against good teams and expect to win. We can't continue to make throwing errors." The men are 12-20 on the season, with a 7 game losing streak heading into a date with Detroit Mercy on the 18th.

"I am proud of these guys. They never quit and they kept battling."

Mark Avery
Head Baseball
Coach

Mother Nature smiles on golfers

By Lisa Cali
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The men's golf team finally had some good weather to play in this weekend. The benefit of playing in good weather helped the team improve its scores and even set a school record. The men traveled to Muncie, IN on Saturday and Sunday to compete in the Ball State Tournament. Facing teams from conferences other than the Mid-Con showed OU a new level of competition. OU placed 7th out of 17 teams. In the first round of the tournament, OU had a team score of 305. The men were enthusiastic about their scores and the nice weather, and it paid off in the second and third rounds. They shot a team score of 294 in the second round and a 288 in the third, which was even par and a new school record. "It was really nice to be able to play in good weather," Head coach Dave DeWulf said. "I was very proud of them. They played with inspira-

tion." Leading the way for OU was Gary Robinson, who shot 78 in the first round, followed by 69 and 70 in the second and third rounds. Tim Dahlberg wasn't far behind with shots of 70, 74 and 73. Robinson and Dahlberg, along with Jason Weldy have consistently been the top three players for OU. In the past, the team had been lacking strong fourth and fifth players, but this weekend was a different story. "Chris King played great this weekend. He had five under par with five holes to go in the third round. He ended up shooting a 72, but that was still a great score," DeWulf said. Nate Snow was another surprise this weekend, shooting 78, 78 and 73. DeWulf was so impressed with King and Snow's performance this weekend that he is planning on using them in the conference meet. OU can only take five men to compete in the conference championship, and DeWulf said that he's probably sticking with his five top men from

this weekend: Robinson, Dahlberg, Weldy, King and Snow. After OU's accomplishments at Ball State, they traveled to Dayton on Monday and found themselves, once again, in cold and rainy weather. The men's scores weren't quite what they were at Ball State, but they still managed to place 7th out of 11 teams. The golfers had good momentum after Ball State, and DeWulf said that they were slightly disappointed with their performance in Dayton, but still have the inspiration they need to do the best they can in the upcoming Mid-Con meet. "Everybody is much more encouraged after this weekend," DeWulf said. "We didn't have much hope that we could win the conference before, but now we think there's a chance. As long as they do the best they can do, that's all I can ask." OU will be preparing this week for the Mid-Con meet, which will be held in Mesquite, NV on April 23-25.

Good, bad and just plain ugly of Grizzly athletics

This is it. Another era of my life is ending, but with the end I take memories of OU with me. Here's my five favorite things about athletics at OU and my five least favorites. Let's start with my favorite. #5 - Transformation from Pioneers to the Golden Grizzlies. The change to Division I athletics is one that brought many changes and new faces to OU. This change will benefit all future OU students and athletes. #4 - The 1999-2000 men's and women's basketball teams. Taking the Mid-Con championship titles was an

impressive move by both of the teams. #3 - The new 'O'rena and rec center. Even if I did have to shell out \$75 dollars a semester for the multi-million dollar facility, it has become a much needed home for the Grizzlies. For those of you who don't remember life without the new facility, be thankful. #2 - The athletes themselves. These students have done the work, paid the time



KELLI PETROVE

and made a name for OU in Division I. National championships and Mid-Con victories have been brought to OU by these students. We could all learn a lot from these athletes. #1 - The coaching staff. The men and women who coach our athletes have a level of dedication that other schools can't even imagine. The coaches are cooperative and loyal. For this I would like to say thank you for all of your help over the years. And now, here it goes. My five least favorite things.

#5 - No football team. No football players. Need I say more. #4 - Advertisements. This school will put up flyers for weeks if a new movie is showing on campus, but where are the posters telling the students when the golf or tennis team play. What's more important? #3 - The attendance at OU athletic events is sad. For those of you who will return next year, SUPPORT THE ATHLETES. Go to a game, cheer loudly and learn to love the Grizzlies. Soon enough it will be over, and the memories will be the only

thing you can take with you. #2 - No track and field team. My favorite sport, and one that can accommodate many student athletes. But again, money for another golf course. How about we build a hotel and shopping mall too. #1 - Golf courses. We have one and another is being built. Why doesn't the golf team play at home? Well, good thing this place is turning into a resort town, that's what the student's need. Kelli Petrove is a senior journalism major and Sports Editor at THE OAKLAND POST.

UPCOMING GAMES

BASEBALL CONT.

MAY 13 - SOUTHERN UTAH, 12 noon (DH)
MAY 18-21 - at Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, time TBA each day

MEN'S GOLF

APRIL 19 - at Western Illinois Invitational, time TBA
APRIL 20-21 - at Wright State Invitational, time TBA each day
MAY 6-8 - at Cleveland State Invite (Quail Hollow), time TBA each day

SOFTBALL

APRIL 20 - at Notre Dame, time TBA
APRIL 21 - at Valparaiso, time TBA (DH)
APRIL 22 - at Valparaiso, time TBA (DH)
APRIL 24 - at Dayton, time TBA (DH)
APRIL 26 - at Michigan State, 3:30 p.m. (DH)
MAY 1 - at Detroit, time TBA (DH)
MAY 2 - at Ohio State, time TBA
MAY 5 - SOUTHERN UTAH, time TBA (DH)
MAY 6 - SOUTHERN UTAH, time TBA (DH)
MAY 11-13 - at Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, time TBA each day

TENNIS

APRIL 27-29 - at Mid-Continent Conference Championship, time TBA each day

Sports News

- Women's basketball graduate assistant coaches, Keith Papin and Kristin Donahoe will not be returning to the team next year due to personal financial issues.
- The men's club ice hockey team is one of a select number of teams invited to compete in an international ice hockey tournament in Iceland. Nothing is definite, however, until the University gives its approval.



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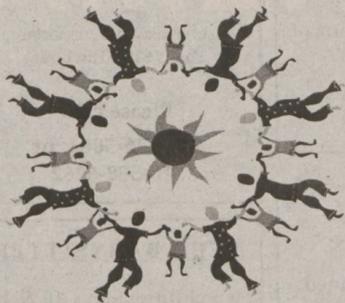


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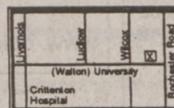


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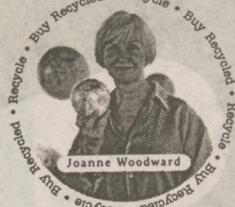
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MxPx and Giftvs reviews

Giftvs booked to play in Pontiac

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Giftvs (pronounced gift-us) is three "lads" with an obsession for rock. As their name states, they are a musical gift: playing for sold out clubs, cutting records and developing a fan following.

Jeremy Lafferty, guitars and vocals, Josh Lafferty, drums, are brothers from Clarkston who met up with Kevin Calcaterra, bass, in sixth grade. The trio started to play rock and was signed by Holland Group recording label in California a year ago. Now, the band continues recording and playing clubs around town.

"We've been (playing) for seven years with the same band," said Jeremy. "I come up with the basic lyrics and rhythms. Lately, with our newer stuff, we've been writing it all together."

The songs they play are split evenly between original and cover songs. Their performances consist of four different sets of varying genres. Included are the "rock and rap" set, the unplugged acoustic set, the showcase set (filled with energy) and finally the jam set (dance/rock).

Lead singer Jeremy has written over 300 songs out of his bedroom using a four-track player. Two of their most popular songs, according to the band, are "Stoned and On My Own," and "Cocaine Lies."

Jeremy said, "They're just party songs." The bands website says that all proceeds from record sales of "Cocaine Lies" are donated to "Remember The Child Foundation," in Saginaw to help prevent the child abuse that stems from cocaine use.

The band members said that they are influenced by new and old rock bands like Led Zeppelin, The Doors and Nirvana. Their sound is similar to Creed, according to Jeremy.

Their first record, "Sturgeon General Warning" was recorded in Eastpointe at "The Disc Ltd." The band also works out of the Recording Institute of Detroit, where Jeremy graduated. In addition, Giftvs performs new songs all the time. They write as many as five songs a

month.

They are gearing up for the release of their second album, which is self-titled. It will include the songs "Funky Funk Song," "Tripping Shrums," and "What She Said." The CD will feature 14 songs, new and previously recorded cuts. If you tune into 103.1 FM and you may just hear a Giftvs song. Or, pick up their CD at Harmony House.

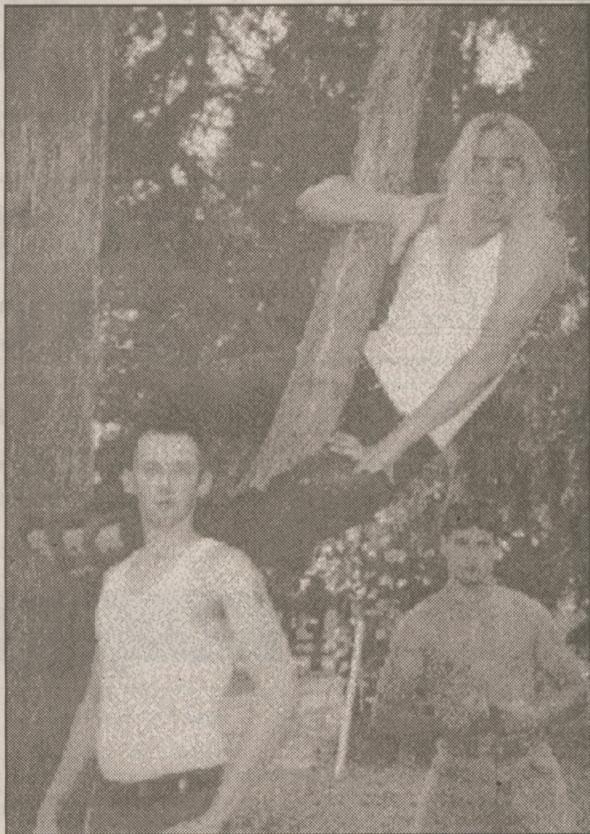
"We're glad to see some local guys like Eminem and Kid Rock break out to the national scene," said Jeremy.

For the complete live experience, the band plays at the Ventura club on Baldwin Rd. in Pontiac May 5-6 and 12-13. The best part about seeing Giftvs live is their "real high energy," according to Josh. "We run around a lot."

Check out www.Giftvs.com for all the band information.



ROCK ABILITY: (Left to Right) Kevin Calcaterra, bass, Jeremy Lafferty, guitar and vocals, and Josh Lafferty, drums, are Giftvs. Its name means "gift" in Latin. "All of our shows are different," said Jeremy Lafferty. "We'll do an acoustic set, a jam set and a showcase with all our originals."



Photos courtesy of Giftvs

Punk bands entertain all ages at sold-out show

By Sara McDowell
OF THE OAKLAND POST

Pink hair, piercings, tattoos, crowd surfers and fans of all ages could be seen at Clutch Cargo's Sunday night as punk band MxPx played a sold out show with special guests, Ghoti Hook and ska sensation The Hippos.

"I thought they were awesome. I'll have to get some of their CDs," said Mike Ortman of William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, after hearing Ghoti Hook's opening set.

Formed in 1991, Ghoti Hook (named after the phonetic spelling of fish, pronounced go-dee) have been featured on various MTV shows, and their music has been used in a Reebok basketball shoe advertisement and a Squir beverage commercial.

The Christian punk band signed with Tooth & Nail Records in 1996 and has released two full-length recordings, "Sumo Surprise," and "Banana Man." The Ghoti Hook line up consists of Joel Bell on vocals and guitar, Christian Ergueta on bass, Jamie Tolosa on bass, Mark Lacasse on guitar, and Adam Neubauer on drums.

As the band expands their sound, pushing the boundaries of the punk rock genre, it continues to offer exciting and hilarious performances. Not only did the drummer put on a dance show at Sunday's

show, but the infectious riffs excited the crowd to mosh and crowd surf.

The band's third album, "Two Years to Never," is produced by Sean O'Dwyer who engineered Blink-182's "Enema of the State." The album is set to be released in May or June.

The second band to play at the show, The Hippos, is a southern California ska band. They have toured with an eclectic array of bands, including Bloodhound

Gang, Goldfinger, and the Aquabats. The creative blend of punk and ska kept the crowd moshing and jumping around. The band's carefree stage presence and humorous antics gave the show a light-hearted quality. The band includes Ariel Rechtshaid as the singer and guitarist, James Bairian on bass, Louis Castle on the trumpet, Danny Rukazsn and Rich Zahniser on trombones, and Kyle Biggs on drums.

Headliner, MxPx, formerly known as Magnified Plaid, which was a tribute to the original guitarist's



GOT PUNK?: MxPx bass player, Tom Wisnewski, takes time out at the 1998 Detroit show to smile with fans Sara McDowell (L) and Dana Laurila (R).

penchant for wearing one particularly loud plaid shirt, was abbreviated to M.P., but in the drummer's handwriting, the periods became the letter "x" and the four-letter title stuck.

The band, consisting of Mike Herrera on guitar, Tom Wisnewski on bass, and Yuri Riley on drums, pound out fast upbeats and intense rhythms that infect music lovers.

"Their music is so powerful and uplifting, the feeling is indescribable, that one must experience it for themselves," said Dana Laurila, senior, nursing, concerning MxPx.

The show was unforgettable, not only because of the music, but also due to a surprise marriage proposal from one fan to his girlfriend.

"There's nothing quite like being sure of what's inside your heart. It's mostly simple but not so easy to know just where to start," are lyrics from MxPx's song "Tomorrow's Another Day." The passion of the melodies and words such as these make it easy to

understand why Sunday night's show was seen by children and adults alike.

Other mature lyrics talk of relationships, leading a moral life in a world of disillusioned chaos, defending your beliefs, and railing against manipulators. One example is: "in my younger years, I used to be so free, but I don't know what's happening to me. We all know by now that time's the enemy, It controls us, tells us where to be."

The band played a showcase in Herrera's parent's garage for Tooth & Nail Records in 1993, and was then signed by the label. The band released their debut album, "Pokinatcha," followed by "Teenage Politics." The highly anticipated "Life in General," grabbed the attention of punk fans across the nation.

Tooth & Nail Records released a collection of b-sides and rarities with "Let it Happen." They also co-released a live record, "At the Show," with MxPx's own label, Rock City. Tooth & Nail will be co-releasing the band's next album, "The Ever Passing Moment," due out on May 16. MxPx is currently signed to A&M Records, a division of Interscope Records.

The band will be a part of the Vans Warped Tour this summer, and the Cornerston Music Festival, held in Bushnell, Illinois. For more information on the group, visit their website at www.mxpx.com.

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Fusian

Local clothing designers, models and DJ Thomas Barnett are gearing up to present an unforgettable party. Fusian, a fashion and music spectacle will be held on April 28 at Royal Oak Music Theater, Royal Oak. The club will be dancing away the nightclub's evening format, in exchange for a format of hosting private bookings and concerts featuring national acts. The changeover should be completed by summer.

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