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•The Board of Trustees approved a three year contract with the OU police union. Officers will receive a 3.42% increase retroactive to July 1, 1999 for the first year, a 2.52% boost for the second year and 3.0% in the third year.

•Non-represented campus employees will receive approximately a 3% increase after board action. Those effected include, executives, deans, APs, academic administrators and contract employees.

•Departments around campus need work study students to help out with office work. Interested students should go to the Financial Aid office at 161 NFH for more information.

•Some elementary education majors can now get paid for seven days of substitute teaching during their student teaching. Not all school districts have agreed to the plan, though. For more information see Sherrill Karpinnen in 147 O'Dowd.

•Campus Recreation will offer a weekly swim program called Surf 'N' Splash Summer Camp for 11-13 year olds. Campers will learn computer skills and will be able to swim, play soccer and run relay races. The camp is \$295/week, and runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 248-370-3128 for details.

•Construction of the Business and Information Technology building should be completed on schedule on July 1. Move-in is scheduled throughout July. Classes will be held there starting Fall semester 2000.

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## CTs to vote June 27 on MEA

By Michael Savage  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Technical Office Professionals (TOPs), formerly known as the Clerical Technical or CTs, OU's multi-purpose office staff, will vote June 27 on whether to change unions.

At the election, the 260 TOP members will have a choice of whether to continue to be represented by UAW local 1925, to be represented by the Michigan Education Association (MEA), or to belong to no union at all.

The TOPs have been working without a contract since June 30, 1999.

The election had been scheduled for March 10. It was held up by an unfair labor practice (ULP) charge filed against OU by the UAW for not negotiating fairly.

While the ULP was under investigation, the TOPs didn't have the right to hold the election, said David Crim, MEA organizer.

In the middle of May the UAW lifted the charge to make things go smoother, said Susan Russell, president of the TOPs.

"We expect to be better represented by the

MEA," said Betty House, TOP worker in the School of Education and Human Services.

House didn't know when negotiations would start again, but she said she hopes everything gets settled quickly.

"Time changes things and needs, and it's time to make a change. We need someone that has more to do with academics," said Jacqui Sales, another TOP member.

The last offer made by OU to the TOPs proposed a 2.25 percent pay increase for each year of the three-year contract. The offer, made last fall, was decidedly turned

down by union members.

In October, a Michigan Employees Relations Commission (MERC) mediator was brought in to help bring the two parties closer to an agreement, according to records.

The TOPs members took a strike vote and were ready to walk out in mid-November with many workers staying up all night awaiting a call to the picket lines. When no call came and no explanation was provided by the union leadership, members began discussing the possibility of dropping the UAW.

## OU heats up



**AMATEUR FIRE FIGHTERS:** Last Wednesday five fire trucks from Auburn Hills came to OU to teach fire safety. Students showed up to learn about the equipment and knowledge needed to extinguish fires. "Safety Day" was sponsored by OU's Health and Safety Committee.

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Jeremy Barber

## Tuition up 2.95%, fees up slightly

By Lisa Remsing  
NEWS EDITOR

With minimal discussion, the OU Board of Trustees approved during a 90-minute meeting Thursday a tuition and fee increase, and joined eight other Michigan universities with a Senior Citizen Tuition Discount Program. Both will go into effect in the fall.

OU students' tuition bills will be 2.95% higher in the fall. The

student activity fee of \$15 remained the same, but students will pay one dollar more or \$125 for the General Service Fee, two dollars more to \$48 for courses fees and two dollars more for the Rec Center fee to \$77. Graduate students also face a 2.9% tuition increase.

Freshmen and sophomores taking 30 credits over the fall and winter terms will be paying \$4,100 in tuition and fees, upper classmen taking the same number of credits will pay \$4,466.

The tuition and fee increase came as part of the 2001-2002 general fund budget package. The trustees approved a \$106,612,857 budget for fiscal year 2001 and conditionally approved a \$110,646,650 budget for 2002 and \$116,462,795 for 2003.

According to Ted Montgomery, Director of Media Relations, the tuition increase is similar to increases in past years.

"We haven't had too many

terrible student reactions in the past," said Montgomery. "We are still among the most affordable four year universities in the state."

"Tuition goes up every year, but (the increase) isn't bad," said Justin Ewald, junior, communication, "I believe that's less than inflation."

"With the price of gas now days, tuition going up is no big deal," said Chris Wolfs, senior, communication.

**"We are still among the most affordable four year universities in the state."**

Ted Montgomery,  
Director of Media Relations

Students may face bigger increases in the next two years. Recommended increases for the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 academic years are slightly more than 3.2% each year.

Those over the age of 60, however, will find attending classes at OU a real bargain. The newly approved senior citizen tuition discount gives a 50% tuition discount on all credit courses, but not for those seniors seeking degrees. All student fees, such as the Student Activities Fee and the Recreation Center Fee are waived for senior citizens.

A senior enrolling in an upper level four credit course will pay just \$261.10 for the class rather than the \$761.20 that a traditional aged student will pay in tuition and fees. Seniors, however, won't get first crack into crowded classes but will be allowed to sign up only after other students have finished registering.

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## Parking woes linked to enrollment growth

By Scott Anderson  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU students may consider the parking situation to be a problem, but the university has a different perspective.

"We don't have a parking problem, we have a convenient parking problem," said men's basketball coach Greg Kampe, who chairs both the parking committee and a task force on parking.

This does not mean parking is not a concern. With OU in the midst of a 10-year expansion plan, more parking is a necessity, rather than a luxury. With more students come more professors and staff, more parking places are taken.

According to one recent study, OU will have to add approximately 2,200 spaces to handle the increased enrollment in the next ten years.

OU is in the process of hiring a consultant to do a "parking needs assessment," said Kampe.

The search for a consultant is only in the preliminary stages, and no bids have been submitted at this time, he said.

While the search for a consultant is just beginning, Kampe wants to make one thing perfectly clear: the OU community will be kept fully informed on what is going on.

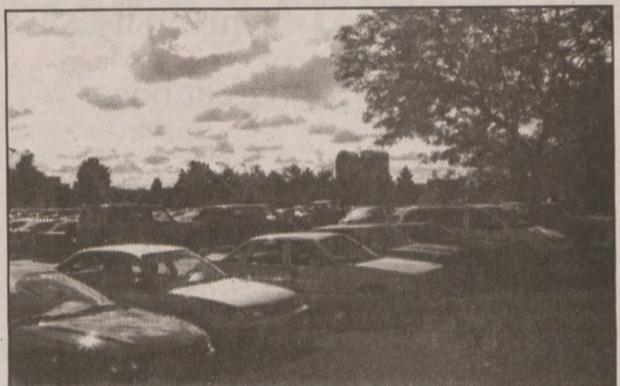
The committee meetings will be open to all who wish to attend. Committee members also plan to

schedule open forums and town hall meetings to report to the community. However, all of these are temporarily on hold until a consulting company is hired.

The consultant will be responsible for looking at the whole parking system and submitting its recommendations to the University. Whether this means a parking structure, parking stickers, gated parking lots, or even the continuation of the current open parking system, only time will tell.

Kampe said, "all the students, faculty, and staff are going to have a chance to voice their opinions."

To do this, all students need to do



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CRAMPED CARS: A parking expansion system hopes to alleviate the shortage of spaces. OU plans to add 2,200 new spaces to handle the increasing enrollment.

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## PARKING

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is e-mail their questions, concerns, or comments to [kampe@oakland.edu](mailto:kampe@oakland.edu). A final decision on the contract should be made by September, but this does not mean the parking committee is idol.

So far the committee has contacted other non-urban commuter schools to see how they have handled similar expansion. They have planned the construction of two temporary lots to handle any problems which may come up with the commencement of fall semester.

The OU police are planning to help out in the fall, by assisting students in finding both parking and, if necessary the new lots, which are going to be located south of the Science and Engineering building. In addition, the police will also be handing out parking maps and other useful information to drivers.

By the time the OU task force finishes in 2010, its parking committee, and Greg Kampe himself, hope to "alleviate not only parking problems, but also the perception of parking problem."

## TUITION

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OU is the eighth Michigan public university to offer tuition reduction or waivers for seniors. Four schools waive tuition entirely.

Montgomery said there are many reasons to implement a discount program; many senior citizens are on a fixed income and cannot afford tuition costs. He also said that adding senior students will help to diversify OU's campus and student body and allow students to draw on seniors' experiences in a classroom setting.

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- May 8 - 2:00

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Vandenberg Hall  
- May 24 - 1:10 p.m.

• **BURGLARY BREAKING & ENTERING**  
Home Invasion - Sunset Terrace - back door - May 29 - 1:15 a.m.

• **MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**  
Katke Golf Course - Windows broken out of construction equipment  
- June 5 - 10:30 a.m.

• **LARCENY FROM AUTO**  
Stereo and other items taken  
- June 7 - 12:34 p.m.

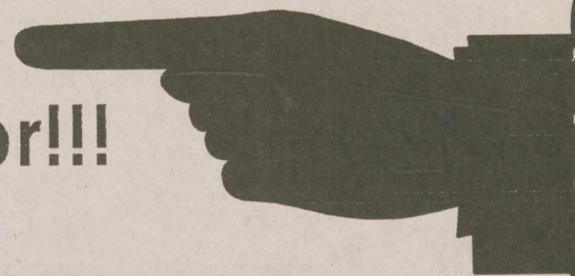
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Stereo and other items taken  
- June 7 - 12:34 p.m.

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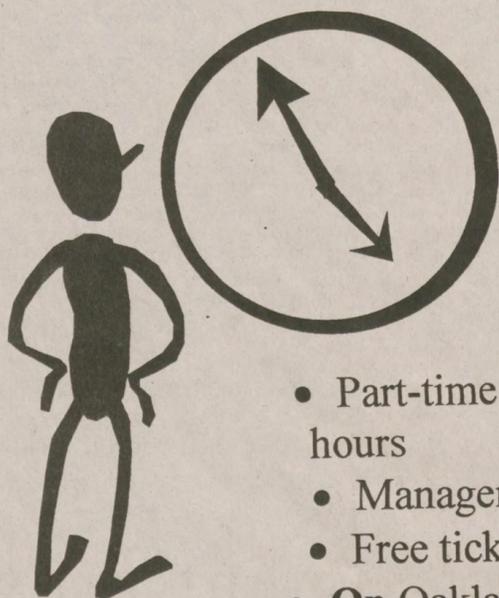
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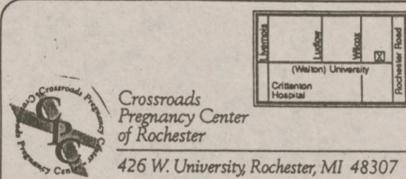
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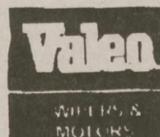
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## Tee times for new golf course available in fall

TEE UP: The new R&S Sharf on campus will be ready for tee times in the fall semester. The Katke golf course is currently open and running through out the summer. Initial controversy over the new course has died down around campus, and the opening will be sometime soon.



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By Jane Arnold  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU is swinging into summer with a brand new 18-hole golf course. The new course is called R&S Sharf, and the construction of the course is now complete.

"The course is in its grow-in phase, where grooming of the course takes place to insure the course is in perfect playing condition," said Bill Rogers, Golf and Managing Director for the Oakland University Golf and Learning Center.

R&S Sharf Golf Course's tentative opening is fall 2000. Although the course is not yet open, play continues on Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

In addition to improving your game, the center has a pro shop that offers a variety of men's and women's golf clothing and accessories.

"The pro shop periodically has specials running on certain items," said Jeff Coble, Head Golf Pro of OU's Golf and Learning Center.

The center is located on the east side of campus, next to John Dodge House. The facilities are open Tuesday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and are available for use to all members, students and OU employees. Full-time students and OU employees are allowed three guests per foursome at a reduced rate. The center also offers a driving range; the cost of a bucket of balls is six dollars. The new golf course will also offer a short game practice area, which should be finished this summer.

Throughout the season, the center also sponsors several events. Included in the upcoming events is the Couples Championship on June 17th.

"These events are open to all OU affiliates," said Kelly Quinn, an employee of the center.

Whether you are a current golfer or an aspiring one, you'll want to check out all that the new OU Golf and Learning Center has to offer.

For more information on OU's golf opportunities, call Katke-Cousins Golf Course at (248) 370-4150.

## Swim lessons offered for kids of all ages

By Denise La Fleur-Weisgerber  
THE OAKLAND POST

What has blue lips, wet bodies, smiles and laughter and lots of water? The newest nightclub look? No, it's the swimming lesson scene at the OU pool located in the Recreation and Athletics Center.

Shivering bodies and knocking kneecaps are a part of Jennifer Unruh's world at the pool. She is currently a junior on campus, head lifeguard and Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor.

With beads of glistening water and a beaming smile, Unruh explains that teaching swimming lessons and life guarding at the pool is not just a job, but it is also a true

passion.

"This is a safe environment for swimming lessons. There is always a lifeguard on deck surveying the pool, being an extra set of eyes, plus the class instructors are always in the pool," Unruh said. The ratio is one swim instructor to 4-5 children, depending on age and ability.

Nicole Cook and Emily Hacker, both swim instructors at the pool, explain about a peanut butter and jelly concept that helps pre-schoolers learn how to float.

"We tell them they are a piece of bread, and the water is the peanut butter and jelly," said Cook.

"This gets them to hold tight onto the kickboard, like they are sticking to it," Hacker said.

Four-year-old Nicholas Keller ran up to his mother, Kim Keller, a senior accounting major at OU, all wet and glowing.

"He thinks it's wonderful," Kim Keller said of the preschool swim class. The best part for Nicholas he said was when the class jumps into the pool one by one.

"The swim lessons here are well organized," Kim Keller said.

The OU Campus Recreation Program offers summer swim classes that start on June 19 and run through June 29. Both morning and evening sessions are available. The cost is \$25 for members and \$60 for non-members. Any questions can be directed to the Aquatic office at 248-370-4532.

## Construction under way



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FINISHING UP: Construction on the new Business building is scheduled to be finished July 1, and staff and equipment move-in will take place throughout the month. Classes will be scheduled in the new building for the fall semester.

## Kresge to get 'magic' carpet

New carpet project will not disrupt library hours or accessibility for student use

By Christine Cronauer  
THE OAKLAND POST

It will never rip, stain or tear. It kills bacteria on contact. It is 100% recyclable, and it is coming to Kresge Library.

From June 22 through August, Kresge Library will be under construction. The library is going to be re-carpeted, and the difference may surprise you.

The product is called Solenium. Network Integrators, the company that produces the carpet describes its product as being "revolutionary flooring that combines the long life of a hard surface with the

soft comfort of a carpet."

The OU Board of Trustees decided on this revolutionary carpet because it was proven to never rip, stain, tear or fade. It also absorbs liquid and has an anti-bacterial layer that prevents bacteria and dust mites from spreading.

"The company is environmentally friendly. They are actually recycling the library's old carpet. This carpet is also totally recyclable, and for every tree the company uses in making the carpet, they plant another," said Brenda Pierce, Business Manager of Kresge Library.

The library will need

12,000 square yards of carpet to complete the project at an estimated cost of \$875,000.

Pierce said the new carpet is flat and more like a hard surface. Library carts will be able to roll over it with ease.

During the construction, no changes in operating hours are expected.

"We are planning to be running through this whole thing. There may be a day or two that the library will undergo some closures during the week of July 4. There also may be a day or two wait on some books," said Pierce. "The staff will be assisting the students in any way they can."

## Congress makes changes

By Krista Kelch  
THE OAKLAND POST

Student Congress has numerous activities on the agenda for next year.

The implementation of a new mentoring program, designed to recruit freshmen congress members, will be one change to look for in the fall.

Every interested freshman will be paired up with a current legislator. Along with learning the ropes, they will attend meetings and participate with a non-voting status.

For those who are not freshmen, you can get involved by attending the monthly public forums in the Fireside Lounge. There are also a number of positions on the Faculty Senate for interested students.

Student Congress is also starting to put course evaluations on the Student Congress website. Here you will be able to view course evaluations done by previous students. This will enable students to find out the work load and demand of a

professor before taking the class.

Have you ever wanted to sell your books to another student, during another month other than December? Soon there will be an on-line book swap available. The site will be accessible through the Student Congress website, and will be setup similar to Princeton's site. Students can go to [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu), and follow the Student Congress links.

Other activities to watch for during the year are voter registration, the presentation of the agenda to the Board of Trustees, the Aramark planning committee and questions about student activity fees.

You are also encouraged to attend Monday meetings at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC.

If you would like more information about any of these activities, or to voice your opinions you can contact Student Congress at (248) 370-4290.

The office is located at 62 Oakland Center, or you can Email Adam Kochenderfer at [Akochend@oakland.edu](mailto:Akochend@oakland.edu).

## OUSC's new president works at improving student life

Down in the OC basement, OU Student Congress has been quietly taking on a new look during the past two months.

A full executive cabinet has been hired, new legislators have already held four meetings and a host of different projects have begun with students' needs in mind. It all adds up to a student government that holds limitless possibilities in the coming year.

For those who may not know me, my name is Adam Kochenderfer, newly elected Student Body

President. At OUSC it is our goal to improve university life to the best of our ability through representation, services and increased communication.

In doing so, we Adam Kochenderfer hope to put a new excitement back into an organization, capable of giving students the best OU experience possible.

Among the projects we're currently working on is a course evaluations project. Students' feedback on a sampling of courses and professors will be available on the OUSC

website ([www.oakland.edu/ouse](http://www.oakland.edu/ouse)) within the coming weeks. An online book swap is also in development, allowing students to sell

used textbooks directly to other students throughout the year. Scholarship opportunities, free scantrons, campus events and much more will be spread throughout the next year as a service of OUSC.

Our highest hopes for the coming semesters depend completely on you. Your input is essential if OUSC

is going to reach its full potential. Get involved. Seats on the legislature are available, University Senate committees are in great need of student members and all OUSC meetings are open to the public.

If interested, please don't hesitate to call us at 248-370-4290. In the fall, OUSC will begin hosting public forums in the Fireside Lounge, focusing on a variety of issues facing OU.

Committees dealing with the Student Activity Fee, Aramark food service, etc. will also be formed in

the coming months.

Above all, come visit us. The past few weeks have been spent making the OUSC office a student-friendly resource.

A suggestion box will be placed outside, a mentoring program has begun for incoming freshmen and the office is staffed five days a week.

I encourage you to drop by and let us know your concerns.

Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to hearing from you throughout the coming year.

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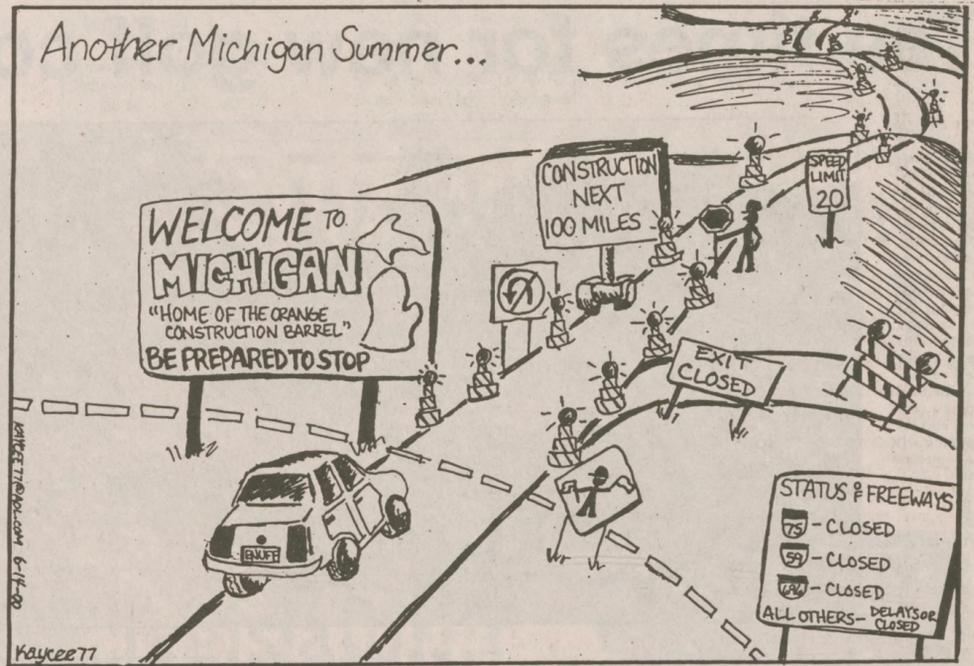
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## EDITOR'S view

### Stars in trouble make front page headlines

One of the biggest stories these days seems to be the gun allegations that the artist Marshall Mathers (Eminem) is facing in Royal Oak. Why is this such a big deal though?

There are people who go to court all the time for illegally carrying a gun, so how has he made the headlines? Well, that question is easily answered: He has prominence, because he is famous.

Everyone knows that the life of a celebrity is an open book. The public is very attentive when it comes to the underground activities of anyone who is in the spotlight. What I want to know is why. Why does the public care?

Many of us will joke that in small towns there is no such thing as a personal life; your business is well known by everyone on the block. But that is only in small towns, right? I'm sorry to say that isn't true.

This sort of thing happens to celebrities all the time. Past examples include the arrests of Robert Downy Jr. and Scott Weiland, both for alleged drug abuse, or, more recently, Sean "Puffy" Combs for a gun incident.

Why does every paper in the nation have to run these stories? Well, people are more likely to buy those papers. Why does every wrong move a celebrity make front page news?

What's even more bothersome is the fact that a celebrity who breaks the law and is caught in the center of a media scramble actually benefits from the coverage in the end. Often they are let off easier than the average citizen. With little or no consequences to face, the renowned often take advantage of their situation. Many will 'play' the system.

Is this what our founding fathers had in mind when they constructed the law of our land in 1776?

There is so much room for improvement in this country. With so many domestic and foreign problems that we encounter daily in one way or another, this may seem like such a small matter for discussion. But it's just another thing that society needs to think about.

It may be small, but it's a good start.

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## SETTING IT straight

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

## LETTERS to the editor

### OU alumni lose email

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the Oakland University class of 2000 and those graduates yet to come. We, the alumni of years past, would like to share one final lesson with you. As you complete your studies and move on with your lives, you can expect to receive mailings and marketing calls from the Oakland alumni association. These calls will start along the lines of, "Now that your adventure with Oakland University is over, don't you think it would be great to give something back to your alma mater?" The idea is that since the University is "giving" you something of value (i.e. an education and diploma) you should return the favor by continuing to contribute financially to Oakland. However, it is our intention in this letter to point out that under no circumstances should you feel you owe OU anything, because Oakland's Administration certainly doesn't feel that way about you.

Executive Summary:

On 5 April 2000, Linda Oliver (Alumni relations) sent an email to all OU alumni email account holders that effective 30 June 2000, all alumni internet privileges would be cancelled. It may well be the case that the administration has a good reason for ceasing Internet services to their alumni, but they have yet to present one.

The core argument seems to be payment for resources, specifically dial-in. If dial-in costs are truly the reason behind this ill-considered decision (and not a red herring), then OU Computing Services could identify those alumni who use dial-in service and offer them the following choices;

a) pay Merit directly - or via an escrow account through OU  
b) suggest the alum obtain alternate ISP connection services, but maintain their OU mail accounts.

Given the rise of DSL and cable modem availability, and the fact they operate 10-100 times faster than the typical 33 Kbps modem pool service, it seems likely that most alum and OU employees are already in the process of switching away from OU dial-in service. Even if dial-in is used, free providers such as FreeNet can make the internet connection to OU.

An analysis of traffic shows that from 15-24 May, only 15 of 1611 dial in sessions were made by listed alumni. Hence, the Administration argument that alumni accounts place an

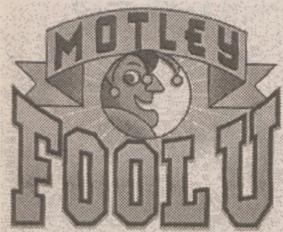
undue burden on resources is shown to be - doubtful. In addition, some of us have suggested that OU is ignoring a potentially lucrative revenue stream and cost effective method of contact with the alumni (via elimination of printing/postage costs for fund drives and newsletters), ala the Michigan State and University of Michigan business models.

At the very least, we would hope the Administration will provide written assurances that all alumni addresses will be preserved, and the mail auto-forwarded to the alum's stated ISP. Verbal statements to this effect notwithstanding, OU computing services have yet to canvass the alumni for their alternative ISP. It would seem that with less than 3 weeks to cut-off (as of June 7) of alumni email, this would be a priority.

The point of having an alumni email address is the stability it affords with regard to contacting business associates, family and classmates. While one's address, phone number, and place of employment may change over the years - one would hope that an email address tied to a university would be a permanent anchor.

To the extent that the OU Administration is willing to cut loose from that anchor, they should realize that they are casting adrift one of the most enduring ties to their alumni. If none of the preceding modest requests are acted on, we the undersigned, formally request removal from any OU Alumni Foundation fund drive contact lists.

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Mary Jo Burchart MS '87  
Dan Cogswell BSCS '92  
Bob Graban MS '94  
Craig Jackson MS '98  
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Paul R. Valko CAS '90  
Tony Wesley '81



## "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.

# Construction drags commute while gas prices skyrocket

By Nancy Killu  
THE OAKLAND POST

Traveling throughout Michigan has gotten more difficult due to the major construction projects scheduled for many key area roadways this summer.

Lane shifts, shutdowns, and reduced speed limits are frustrating for everyone, especially for OU commuters who battle the orange barrels on a daily basis.

"I try to avoid using the freeways as much as possible now," said Bob Schneider, junior, who commutes from St. Clair Shores. "It just takes too long trying to get through the construction."

The recent skyrocketing of gas prices, which now average over two-dollars per gallon, adds to the frustration, as well.

Aws Alli, junior, feels the added inconvenience. "When drivers are forced to take the detours, it usually involves more driving and more money for gas."

Two major freeway projects may cause more traffic back ups for Oakland County residents and drivers.

A \$2.13 million project to resurface 13.5 miles of I-75 between M-59 in Auburn Hills and M-15 in Independence Township began last week and will continue through October.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), four-mile sections of the freeway need to be repaved beginning on the northbound lanes at M-59.

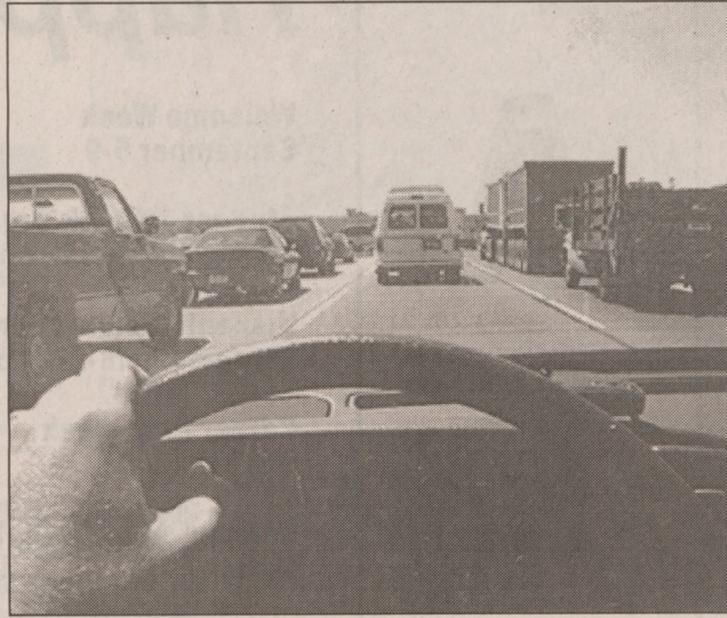
"The roads need to have this work done, but they should spread the projects out so they're not all overlapping each other," said Eric Boehm, sophomore.

Drivers traveling on M-59 during the weekends should be aware that up to two lanes will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday.

For weekend travelers, two lanes will be open to through traffic until noon on Saturdays.

Besides these major highway projects, numerous other roads around OU are under construction, making getting to and from campus a complicated task.

Telegraph and M-24 is another problem road for drivers. Construction is on northbound M-24 between Orchard Lake and



LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE: Left, construction work at the intersection of Squirrel Road and Hamlin roads makes driving difficult. Right, bumper-to-bumper traffic is a common sight on northbound I-75.

Square Lake, between Square Lake and Long Lake, and the intersections of 13 Mile, 14 Mile, Maple, Lone Pine, West Quarten, and Lincoln Roads, with only two lanes open.

Other construction sites include: Eastbound 696 between Van Dyke and Dequindre, the intersection of Squirrel and Hamlin Roads, Squirrel Road between Dutton and Tienken, and Joslyn and Brown Roads near Great Lakes Crossing.

MDOT knows that construction can be inconvenient for drivers, so they have implemented a 24-hour emergency hotline to provide customers with up-to-date construction information. The construction hotline is 1-800-641-MDOT (6368). This hotline also includes information on weekend-only construction and roadwork that may affect travel plans. Information is also available online at [www.mdot.state.mi.us](http://www.mdot.state.mi.us).

The Oakland Post/Jeremy Barber

## As motorists plan their weekend trips, MDOT has a few recommendations:

- Leave early if your plans involve travel on a posted detour route of a construction zone.
- Be ready to slow down as you reach construction areas and observe posted construction zone speed limits.
- Watch carefully for posted detours and lane closures.
- Obey work zone directions, merge as early as possible.
- Pay attention when driving through work zones at night.

## Fireworks light up local skies

By Tina Horanski  
THE OAKLAND POST

Independence Day is just around the bend, and with it a variety of firework displays.

Here is a list of a few local firework shows within a 100-mile range from Rochester Hills.

- **International Freedom Festival**, will take place in downtown Detroit, June 22-July 4. This is the world's largest international border festival with activities that will be held across metro Detroit, in Hart Plaza and in Windsor. For more information call: (313) 923-8259.

- **12th annual Michigan Tastefest**, located in downtown Detroit, June 30 through July 4, featuring over 35 restaurants. For more information call (313) 872-0188.

- **Independence Day Fireworks**, will take place in Ford Lake Park in Ypsilanti, July 3-July 4. Fireworks will be launched over Ford Lake. For more information and directions call: (734) 483-4444.



- **Festival of the Hills**, located in Rochester Hills, will start and end on July 1. Some activities that will take place include a car show, craft show, a vintage baseball game. For more information and directions call: (248) 656-4663.

- **Pontiac Cool Nights**, a new festival held at the Phoenix Center June 30 through July 2, from 4 to 11 p.m. This display will include two nights of fireworks, two stages with live music, and a barbeque Ribfest. For more information call: (248) 334-4600.

- **Bay Rama Fish fly Festival**, will take place in downtown New Baltimore, June 14-June 18. Activities during this five-day festival include: a beverage tent, live music, games, evening stage shows, the fireworks display, and a 90 unit parade. For more information and directions call: (810) 725-2426.

## Benefit organized to fund therapy

*Main Street Billiards, The Alley host live music for leukemia patient Bricker*

By Bridget Pierce  
THE OAKLAND POST

Main Street Billiards and The Alley are holding a fundraising benefit for OU student Monica Bricker.

Approximately one month ago, Bricker, junior, Human Resource Development, was diagnosed with leukemia. The 26-year-old student now spends her days in and out of the hospital. Bricker does have medical insurance, but is unable to work to earn an income.

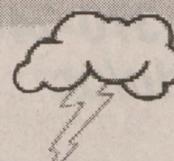
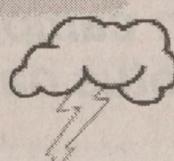
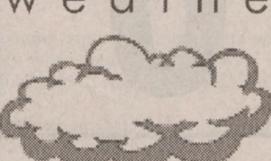
The organizer of the

fundraiser, Linda Latronica, says the proceeds will aid Bricker in paying bills resulting from her illness.

The benefit is being held on June 22 and doors open at 8:30 p.m. Main Street Billiards and The Alley are located at 215 Main in downtown Rochester.

A five-dollar cover will be charged at the door of The Alley and all of the proceeds will go to Bricker. Two local bands will be performing, Northern Lights and Ladies Night. For more information call (810) 739-3164 ext. 21.

# Four Day

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# *What's Going To Be Happening at OU . . .*

**Welcome Week  
September 5-9**

**Student & Greek Organizations Week: OU Down Under  
September 11-15**

**Hispanic Celebration 2000: La Vida Hispana  
September 18-22, October 5**

**Career Prep Week  
September 25-29**

**Campus Week of Dialogue on Racism  
October 2-6**

**Heart Walk  
October 7**

**WOCOU VI: The Six Senses of WOCOU  
October 12-14**

**OU's Second Midnight Madness  
October 13**

**OU Alcohol Awareness Week  
October 15-20**

**OU Fall Blood Drive  
October 23-25**

**OC All-Nighter FunFest  
October 27**

**Meadow Brook Fall Ball  
November 3**

**Cultural Awareness Week  
November 6-10**

**Go OU Golden Grizzlies Weekend  
November 17-19**

**OU Religious Diversity Week  
November 27-December 1**

**December to Remember  
December 4-8**

*Be a part of what's happening on OU's campus during Fall Semester 2000. How to get involved? Need more information? Contact . . .*

*Center for Student Activities Office, 49 Oakland Center, 2400 (on campus), 248-370-2400 (off campus), [www.otus.oakland.edu/oc](http://www.otus.oakland.edu/oc)*

**W**elcome  
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September 5-9, 2000

The Six Senses of  
**WOCOU**  
Weekend of Champions at Oakland University  
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## SPORTS edge

### SPORTS NEWS

•Men's golf coach Dave DeWulf has been named the head women's golf coach. DeWulf has coached the men's team at OU since 1990 and will now head both programs. Former OU golfers and alums, Dr. Jim Beltz and Kevin Valentine, were appointed assistant coach positions by DeWulf.

•The OU athletics department announced that women's swim coach Scott Teeters' contract will not be renewed for the 2000-2001 season. Head men's coach Pete Hovland will temporarily oversee the program.

•OU swimmer Haitham Hassan qualified for the 2000 Summer Olympics and will be swimming for the Egyptian national team. Hassan competed in the Egyptian National Championships to qualify. He will compete in the 200m individual medley, 100m backstroke and 100m butterfly.

•Women's softball coach Steve Ogg announced the signing of outfielder Donna McCoy to a National Letter of Intent. McCoy batted .411 in 27 games at Cuyahoga Falls High School in Ohio, while averaging 2.70 hits per game.

•The athletics department has appointed Heath Senour to the newly created Compliance Coordinator position. Senour, an Oklahoma City native, is a member of the National Association of Athletic Compliance Coordinators and will begin his position on June 26.

## TRIVIA

Which NHL team won the Stanley Cup on Saturday?

- A. Red Wings
- B. Devils
- C. Stars
- D. Thrashers

Devils

# As a splash adventure

## White water rafting: pros, cons of wet rides

By Cindy Blaylock  
THE OAKLAND POST

As summer comes rolling in, many thoughts turn to where to go on vacation. Actually, the more thought-provoking question may be what to do while on vacation.

There are so many options: lying on the beach, climbing a mountain, taking a cruise, camping under the stars or riding the tallest roller coaster. And while all of these activities are great vacation ideas, there's one that is seldom considered: white water rafting.

Someone lucky enough to have experienced the massive thrill of riding mighty rivers across the country or around the world already knows that river rafting can be the ultimate ride. Those who haven't yet taken the plunge and are looking for the ultimate summer adventure, may want to consider river rafting as a next vacation.

A form of canoeing, white water rafting got its start in the early days of exploration,

when explorers used rafts made of logs lashed together by rope. They used the rivers to haul materials and belongings, and when they came upon white water obstacles, they had to maneuver around them.

Throughout the years, rafting has advanced from being a necessity to a stimulating sport. People began to see rivers not as obstacles but as fun and exhilarating challenges.

Companies all over the world now charter rafts through mild and rough waters from hours to weeks at a time, providing enjoyment for all ages. First timers are offered a short course in safety and maneuvers before even stepping foot in the raft.

Aside from an exciting ride, rafters will find plenty of opportunity to observe beautiful scenery. Whether cascading through the

mountains of Colorado, or cruising the rivers in South America, time spent on the water will be filled with glorious memories of everything from snow-capped mountains to spectacular water falls.

**"I remember seeing big-horned sheep on top of the mountains as we floated down river."**

Doug Ellis  
student

Colorado as a Father's Day present two years ago. "The sights were spectacular," said Ellis. "I remember seeing big-horned sheep on top of the mountains as we floated down-river. It was truly an amazing sight."

Along with being one of the most thrilling rides, river rafting is also one of the most dangerous sports around. Not many people realize how powerful the water can be. The

way ocean waves move with the water differ from waves on a river. A river wave is created when an object such as a rock underneath the water blocks the water's flow. This wave stays in place while the water around the rock keeps moving. When the river water rushes upon an obstacle, the water becomes bubbly creating the term "white" water.

These underwater obstacles create eddies, holes, pins, undercuts and strainers, all of which make river rafting the exciting sport it is. However, these obstacles can also create dangerous situations if the rafter is not prepared to handle them. For example, if the water crashes into an object with enough force a depression on the surface is created. The water surrounding the hole now rushes in to fill it and will take whatever it can down with it, even a rafter. Think of it as a watery black hole.

Learning to maneuver these hurdles takes lots of practice, and it is wise to enroll in safe-

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RIDING THE WAVES: Father and son, Bill and Doug Ellis have fun white water rafting, while their guide mans the oars

## Swanson to play for Mariners

Two other teammates head to minors

By Chad Mack  
THE OAKLAND POST

Grizzly hurler Erick Swanson is going to the major leagues, while two other teammates are moving on to the minors.

Swanson was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 12th round of the draft. Right-handed pitcher Sean Boesch is going to play for the Chillicothe Paints of the minor leagues next season, and catcher Chuck Van Robays will go to the Johnstown Johnnies, also in the minor leagues.

"This is a really exciting time for me right now," Swanson said. "I've got a really big opportunity to go really far in baseball. I would like to thank coaches Avery and Fairman for developing me. It's just an honor to be in such an elite group."

With those three gone, the team will have a tough time trying to finish as strong as it did this season.

OU began the season the hard way, by losing its first six games. The team then stormed back and won 11 of the next 14 to lift its record to one game over .500.

Then the other shoe fell on OU. The Grizzlies went on a horrible stretch winning only one of 14 games. This was the low point of the season for the Grizzlies.

Head coach Mark Avery said, "Once you start losing, it's tough to break it. I give the team a lot of credit for not packing it in."

After the mid-season slump the



The Oakland Post/Bob Knoska

MOVING ON UP: Catcher Chuck Van Robays will be playing for the Johnstown Johnnies next season after a successful stint with the Grizzlies.

Grizzlies came roaring back and won 14 of 21 and finished 2nd in the conference before the final tournament.

"One of the high points of the season was the way that we finished," Avery said,

"Once you start winning it's tough to beat us. Baseball is a streaky sport."

One statistic OU may not get enough credit for is academics. Before Avery arrived the teams cumulative grade point average was 2.1, after the first semester the GPA had jumped up to 2.9.

Avery said, "I'm really proud of what

they've done in the classrooms."

During practices Avery and his staff made sure that the players brought their books and they devote some of their practice time to studying.

Coming back next season will be slugger Rob Brockman, who is recovering from two concussions in a short period of time.

The most improved players on the team were pitcher Justin Robertson, as voted by the team, and Kip Harris, for his play during the final weekend and throughout the Mid-Con tournament.

## Hockey club prepares for Iceland trip

Players looking forward to competing in worldwide tournament this November

By Lisa Cali  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's ice hockey club is excited. They are in the midst of planning a trip to Iceland to compete in a worldwide hockey tournament.

OU's hockey club was one of 10 teams chosen from the U.S. to take part in Iceland's "Fire 'n' Ice Saga" this November. The tournament, which will feature teams from countries including Switzerland, Norway and Canada, is part of Iceland's ongoing Millennium celebration.

The reality of the trip is starting to settle in as the due date for the men's first payment comes near.

With the exception of Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder's contribution of \$1,000, the club has received no financial help from the university. The trip will cost each player \$1,250 each, which includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations and two meals every day.

The club, led by coach Anthony Jalaba and President Kevin Shamoun, has recognized this opportunity as a chance to get OU's name recognized, as well as show the university that hockey has been successful on campus.

"Hopefully, this will push the fact that (OU) should get a varsity hockey team," said former club president Jeremy Sarnovsky.

The hockey club is often mistaken as a varsity team, but unlike varsity sports, is not affiliated with the Athletics Department. The club was formerly considered a student organization under the Center for Student Activities, but was recently switched to the Department of Campus Recreation.

Any excitement brought on by the decision to switch departments, or by the anticipated trip, will soon be put on the back burner as the men begin preparing for the upcoming season.

Off-ice conditioning begins this month and will continue through mid-July, when on-ice practice starts. Try-outs for next season will be held during the second week of the fall semester.

"We are all extremely excited," Sarnovsky said. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us."

Tom the DANCING Bug

by RUBEN BOLLING

## BOB'S GUIDE TO CHORES

PUTTING DISHES IN SINK INTO DISH-WASHER



GOING THROUGH THE PILE OF MAIL AND MAGAZINES



CALLING AUNT, AS INSTRUCTED BY MOTHER



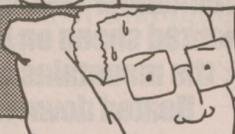
PAYING BILLS AND BALANCING CHECKBOOK



WORK BROUGHT HOME TO DO OVER WEEKEND



CLEANING GREEN GUNK OUT OF BATHTUB



BOB'S ABILITY TO WATCH TV, PRODIGIOUS UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, REACHES UNIMAGINABLE HEIGHTS OF ENDURANCE AND RECEPTIVITY WHEN HE IS CONFRONTED WITH AN UNPLEASANT TASK.

MARVEL AT WHAT BOB WILL FIND GENUINELY ENGAGING AS THE WORK HE'S PUTTING OFF BECOMES MORE AND MORE DISAGREEABLE.

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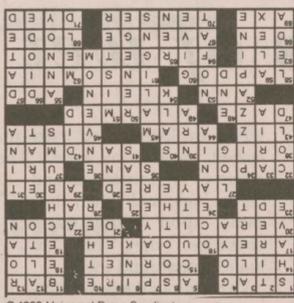
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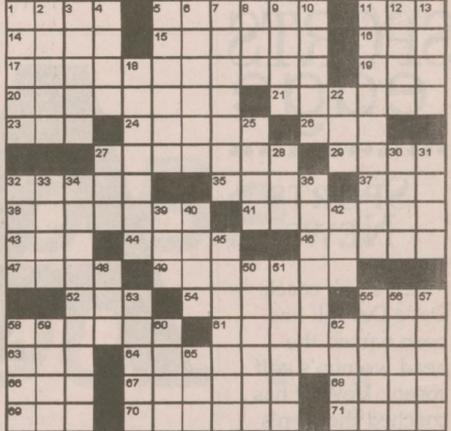
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### LEX

WELL, EVERYBODY'S ASKING IF WE'VE DONE IT YET. I GUESS THIS IS IT, SUMMER!

I'M NERVOUS; MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE ASKED OTHERS TO JOIN IN...

NOT FOR OUR FIRST TIME! OUR FIRST TIME OUGHT TO BE... SPECIAL.

YOU'RE RIGHT, SO... LET'S GET NAKED!

HUH? I THOUGHT WE PUT AN END TO THAT DAMNED STREAKING TRADITION BACK IN THE SEVENTIES!

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# WEBgirl

Web Girl is the coolest web-surfer at THE OAKLAND POST. Check out this space every week as she takes you on a trip through cyberspace, exploring the strangest, funniest and most interesting websites on the Internet. Take it away Web Girl....

Before you go running to the beach, remember that this is Michigan, and weather can change at the drop of a hat. You might want to check out [WeatherByEmail.com](http://WeatherByEmail.com), [Weather.com](http://Weather.com), The Internet Weather report at [www.mids.org/weather](http://www.mids.org/weather), or [AccuWeather.com](http://AccuWeather.com) for up-to-the-minute forecasts.

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## Rafting

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ty courses before jumping on a raft. Knowledge of a craft is also essential; it's best to try different types of rafts to find out which works best.

As for what to wear, a wetsuit is usually the best way to go. It's made of neoprene rubber, and it is usually faced with nylon. These differ from diving wetsuits, so make sure to purchase the right suit for paddling. The wetsuit acts as insulation by allowing a thin layer of water between the suit and the body to help keep warm.

There are also different types of dry-suits out there, which are made of waterproof nylon. They are loose fitting and come with latex rubber gaskets at the neck, wrists and ankles. They're worn over insulated clothing and they keep the water out. Some types of dry-suits need to be cleaned more often because they cause a person to sweat more.

Getting thrown from a boat is quite common with beginners, and the wearing of a helmet could mean the difference between life and death. Again, be sure to try on several brands and make sure the helmet feels snug when strapped on.

Floatation devices are required by U.S. law when river rafting. Make sure it is a Type III

or V Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Other must-have items to have on board are throw-ropes, a knife, whistles and nose-clips.

As for where to go rafting, be sure to check out the reputations of different companies before making reservations. Check with friends, search the net for info and make sure the company is registered with the Better Business Bureau. Find out the variety of class divisions each river offers, what the guide ratio is and if they offer extra guides on the more difficult runs. It's essential for any rafter to feel comfortable and safe with the rafting company.

When traveling out of the country, one must be aware of laws and regulations. Some airlines are known to allow kayak as luggage for a fee, but check with baggage claim before taking it to the airport.

With all the chances for injury and possible death, a person might wonder, "Why even bother with river rafting?" Wendy Moher of Lake Orion said, "Besides being a great workout, rafting makes you feel alive. It's a great way to experience the rush of nature first hand, and I plan on going again this summer."

The Student Program Board at OU is hosting a white water rafting trip to West Virginia on July 29-31. Those interested should stop by CSA or SPB for information packets or call (248) 370-4295.

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Bound for success, Eddie Murphy reprises his role as Professor Sherman Klump in "The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps." The sequel to the 1996 film focuses on the Klump family, all played by Murphy. Starring opposite him is Janet Jackson, last seen on the big screen in 1993, "Poetic Justice."

The film that seems to have the most promise as the summers sleeper hit is Jim Carrey's "Me, Myself, & Irene." Directed by the Farrelly Brothers, best known for the hit, "There's Something about Mary," the film is

sure to have plenty of gross out humor which usually equals high box office totals.

One of the primary reasons that the summer movie season is very successful is because of college students.

"College students make up about 65-75% of our business," estimated Staley.

It is this very reason that many local movie theaters, including the Star Great Lakes Crossing showcase and Showcase Cinemas of Auburn Hills, offer a student discount with school ID.

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THE STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD WANTS YOU TO GO

# WHITE WATER RAFTING



The one and only SPB rafting trip has been planned. We are going to the New River in West Virginia, July 29-July 31. Cost is \$99 for OU students and \$150 per guest for the Adventure Class rapids. We will also be offering World Class rapids at \$125 for OU students and \$180 for a guest. Price includes rafting, camping, transportation, and lunch on day of rafting trip. Sign-up at the CSA Service Window in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

Information packets with details are available at CSA or SPB. Space is still available. Any concerns or questions, please call 248-370-4295.

**\*This trip is open to all OU students!**

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### ON CAMPUS

• **SPB** will host a white water rafting Trip Fri.-Sun., July 29-31 in West Virginia. The cost is \$99. For more information please call the SPB office at 248-370-4295.

• **INTERVARSITY** will be hosting Metro-IV at 7:30 p.m. every Thurs. in the OC. Come for praise and worship, speakers, discussion and socials. For more information call Dave Ruark at 248-371-3731.

### CONCERTS

• **INDIGO GIRLS** will play live Sat., June 17 at Pine Knob. For tickets call 248-645-6666.

• **STEVE MILLER BAND** will play Wed., June 21 at Pine Knob. For tickets call 248-645-6666.

• **MOXY FRUVOUS** with special guest Sarah Harmer will play Tues., June 20 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m.

• **DAVE MASON** will perform live Fri., June 23 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m.

• **THE MAGIC BAG** will be hosting The Ultimate Retro Party Sat., June 24. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call 248-645-6666 for tickets.

### COMING SOON

• **RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS** with special guests **STONE TEMPLE PILOTS** have added a second show at 7:00 p.m. Tues., Aug. 8 at Pine Knob. Call 248-645-6666 for tickets.

• **CREED** with special guests **3 DOORS DOWN** have added a second show at 7:30 p.m. Sat., Aug. 19 at Pine Knob. For tickets please call 248-645-6666.

# May the Force Be with You



A Scream Summer: The newest roller coaster at Cedar Point, the Millennium Force, breaks 10 world records, including the legal speed limit at 92 mph!

### Top 5 Reasons to visit Cedar Point

- tallest (310 ft.), fastest (92 mph), and longest drop (300 ft.) on its new coaster, Millennium Force
- 13 other roller coasters to enjoy
- most rides at any amusement park (68)
- sandy beach and water rides
- 2 1/2 hour drive - you can make it there and back on a tank of gas (if your car gets decent mileage)

## Cedar Point rolls out another year of thrills

By Sara McDowell  
LIFE EDITOR

Roller coaster buffs will scream with delight when they hurtle down Millennium Force, the world's tallest coaster, and newest ride at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

Riders will encounter a 300-foot-tall drop and a 169-foot-tall turn that overbanks an impressive 122-degree angle, ride through a tunnel, cross a lagoon, scale a hill that is 182-foot tall and plunge over a small wooded island.

On this island the coaster races into an 87-foot-high turn, zooms into a curve 100 feet into the air and then travels back across the lagoon through a second tunnel. Riders experience "air-time" before rushing into a final 68-foot-tall turn before returning to the station.

"I thought it was just going to be another roller coaster, only bigger. I was pleasantly surprised," said Justin Voytal, MIS/Marketing, sophomore, after riding the new coaster.

The goliath steel roller coaster is the single largest investment Cedar Point has made in its 130 years of operation.

The Millennium Force also has staggering statistics, a monumental 310-foot-tall first hill at a 45-degree incline, speeds of 92 mph, more than 6,595 feet of track and a first drop of 300 feet at an impressive 80-degree angle.

Dubbed a "giga-coaster," for its extreme height, the ride is

the first to break the 300-foot-tall barrier and 10 world records.

Approximately 1,600 riders per hour will experience the Millennium Force this summer as they ride one of the three 36-passenger trains the ride has. If they keep their eyes open, they will also be able to see a large portion of Cedar Point as they experience the 2-minute and 45-second thrill-ride. The layout of the ride covers 13 acres of Cedar Point and is located in the center of the park along the Frontier Trail.

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Compared to other roller coasters, riders of the Millennium Force will be able to see more while on the actual ride, due to the tiered seating (similar to stadium theater). Another innovative perk of the Millennium Force is the use of an elevator cable system, used to carry the trains up the hills, rather than having a traditional lift chain move them. This technology provides a smoother and quicker ride up the hills.

Still worried about safety? The ride has both lap bars and seat belts. Magnetic brakes are used on the ride, offering a unique and updated version of friction brakes, used on all but a few rides throughout the world.

According to the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, odds of being seriously injured on a

ride are 25 million to one. Exactly who regulates the safety of roller coasters? Individual states have their own inspection programs. Cedar Point riders can feel safe-assured as Ohio has a full-time safety inspector.

"Amusement Today," an industry newspaper, has named Cedar Point as the best amusement park in the world for the last two years.

The resort earned the award for rides such as Magnum XL-200, towering at 205 feet tall and cruising at speeds of 72 mph. The Mantis is another ride that turns heads upside down, literally as it makes four upside-down turns.

For those looking for less thrilling rides, Cedar Point has more mild activities to enjoy such as carousels, boat rides, a steam-powered train, song and dance performances and high-dive shows and a sandy curve of Lake Erie beach. The "Summer Spectacular" offers a laser, music and pyrotechnics show which ends the day with a bang. There will also be musical entertainment on the midway proceeding the "Summer Spectacular" beginning in July and running until mid-August.

To avoid the weekend rush, visiting the park on a Monday is always a safe bet.

Visitors (ages 4-59) will pay \$38 for a one day ticket. Discount tickets are available for \$28.75 for AAA members at any AAA location. Area Credit Unions also offer discounted tickets. Take a specially marked Pepsi can with you and receive an additional \$10 off your ticket purchase, through the month of June.

For more information on Cedar Point, visit its website at [www.cedarpoint.com](http://www.cedarpoint.com).

## Summer films sure to be box office hits

By Brian Urreta  
THE OAKLAND POST

Tom Cruise dangling off the side of a cliff, Mel Gibson in a battle for independence and George Clooney riding the wave of his life, it can only mean one thing: the summer movie season is in full swing.

Every summer, the movies that seem to generate the most publicity are the big-budget action films. This year is no different.

The summer movie season began a little early this year with the release of the Roman epic, "Gladiator," starring Australian actor Russell Crowe.

Tom Cruise hopes to smash the \$200 million mark with "Mission: Impossible 2." Cruise hand-picked Hong Kong action director John Woo of "Face/Off" to direct the highly anticipated sequel to the 1996 hit film. What many movie watchers may not know is that Cruise insisted on performing his own stunts in "M:I2," including one where he dangles off the side of a cliff.

Oscar winners Nicolas Cage and Angelina Jolie star in "Gone in 60 Seconds," a remake of the 1974 cult classic of the same name. Cage once again teamed with action producer Jerry Bruckheimer ("The Rock") in the smash-up car chase film. The film which opened Friday, was number one at the box office, earning \$25.5 million.

Another remake hoping to thrive on the



Photo courtesy of Touchstone Pictures  
**SPEEDING INTO THEATERS:** "Gone in 60 Seconds," starring Angelina Jolie (L) and Nicolas Cage, was number one at the box office last weekend.

popularity of the original is "Shaft." In the film, Samuel L. Jackson portrays John Shaft, the urban detective made famous in the 70s. Many may remember "Shaft" from the film's popular theme song. Not to disappoint those fans of the original 1971 film, director John Singleton ("Boyz 'N the Hood") insisted that Issac Hayes return to do the score of the remake.

Based on the previews of a small fishing boat riding a monster wave, George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg are bound to sink the competition this summer with "The Perfect

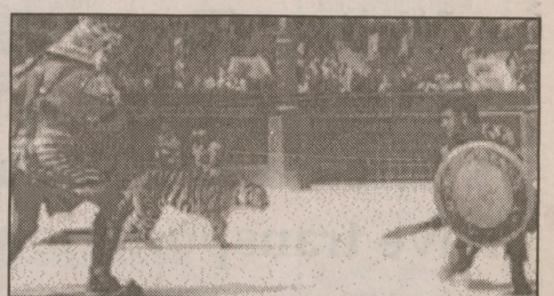


Photo courtesy of DreamWorks Pictures  
**MOVIE WARS:** "Gladiator," the Roman epic starring Russell Crowe, opened the summer movie season.

Storm." Based on the best selling nonfiction book by journalist Sebastian Junger, the film seems ready to woo audiences with breathtaking special effects.

And speaking of printed material transformed to the big screen, the popular Marvel comic book, "X-Men" is intended to have a summer release date. Starring Patrick Stewart and Halle Berry, the film hopes to follow suit of previous film adaptations of comic books.

"We anticipate 'X-Men' to be one of the big hits of the summer," said Jonathon Staley, a

manager at the Star Great Lakes Crossing showcase in Auburn Hills.

Mel Gibson returns to theaters with the Revolutionary War epic, "The Patriot." Gibson teams with director Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day") in a film that delivers brutal war scenes reminiscent to "Saving Private Ryan." Smithsonian experts were brought into the making of the film to ensure its historic accuracy.

Hoping to become this summer's "The Sixth Sense," Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer star in the supernatural thriller, "What Lies Beneath." Making the film all

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