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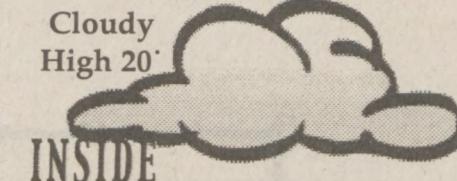
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# NEWS edge

• The Meadow Brook Holiday Walk 2000 will be held at Meadow Brook Hall until Sunday. The tours are given daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The price is \$12.50 for adults, and \$6 for OU student, staff, faculty and alumni with ID.

• Join SPB for its annual Stress Free Zone from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center. Take a break from exams, lectures, and reading to enjoy some time to unwind.

• The Visiting Nurses Association will be giving flu shots from 8 a.m.-noon on Tuesday in the main hall of the Oakland Center. The cost is \$10 and certain insurance plans are accepted. Pneumonia Vaccines will also be offered at a charge of \$25.

This is our last issue of The Oakland Post for this year. Have a great holiday, we'll see you in January!

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## UG catalog scratched

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL EDITOR

After months of waiting and wondering about the status of the 2000-2001 Undergraduate Catalog, it's now confirmed that it will most likely not be printed at all.

Louis Esposito, Provost of Academic Affairs, indicated that "maybe we're so far down the road that we might not want to print the catalog and wait for the next one."

The catalog, usually distributed during freshmen orientations and also during the first week of school, is the responsibility of the Academic Affairs office.

"The fact that it didn't get done should be blamed on the Provost," Esposito said. "I consider this very unfortunate. It's probably one of the most embarrassing administrative moments in my entire career as an academic administrator."

The project fell under the supervision of

Katherine Haig, assistant to the Provost. Both Esposito and Haig confirmed that the catalog is not completed.

Haig said that she is working to finish her work on the catalog, but does not know when it will be finished.

"This is the first time I have done this, and this year the scholarship information was more expanded," she explained.

These final changes impacted the table of contents and therefore, the index page num-

bers had to be adjusted, she said.

She will, however, be leaving OU on Friday to fill the "Confidential Assistant to the Provost" at Wayne State University, and would not comment on the catalog's state after her departure.

Esposito and Haig will meet this morning to discuss the Undergraduate Catalog.

According to Haig, everything except the index has been sent to the printer already.

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## Deans, VPs' salaries up

By Cara Plowman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although President Gary Russi has yet to hear the jingling of a pay raise in his pockets this year, OU deans saw the largest overall increases in salary for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Last year, Russi took home a base pay of \$175,000 as well as a \$20,000 bonus. At the time, the Clerical and Technical staff was in negotiations. Many were angered that the president was receiving such a large raise, because it was more than some of them were taking home.

Russi has yet to receive his raise this year, which has to be approved by the Board of Trustees. His cabinet and the academic deans, however, have seen raises ranging from 3 percent to 8.84 percent.

Of the six academic deans (exclud-

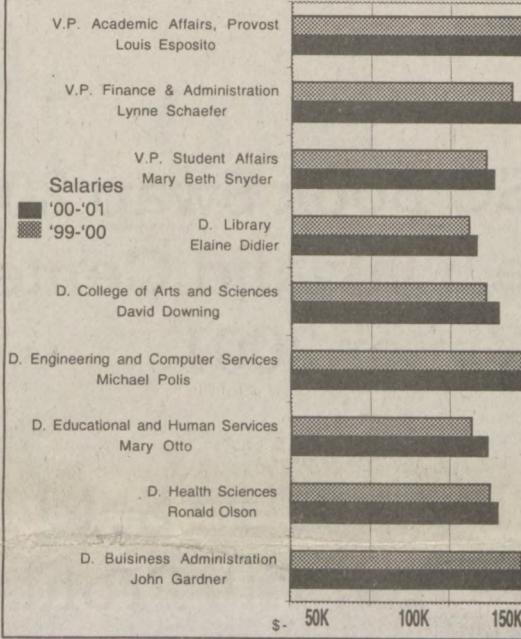
ing the dean of Nursing, which is currently filled by an Interim), Mary Otto, Dean of the School of Educational and Human Services, received the highest raise. Otto's salary last year was \$112,550 and increased 8.84 percent to \$122,500.

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Lynne Schaefer, Vice President for Finance and Administration are the only two female vice presidents. They, along with Otto, the only female academic dean, received the highest percentage pay increases but are still among the lowest paid.

The new Interim Dean of the School of Nursing, Kathleen Emrich received an 11.65 percent raise, but is still making less than the previous dean. Justine Speer, the previous dean of the department, transferred to the faculty staff last year, but left making \$122,300. Emrich will make \$95,000 this year.

Geoffrey Upward replaced David Disend and is the new Acting Vice President for University Relations.

Disend left the position making \$127,775, and Upward will receive \$109,265



## Dorm residents discover their number is up

OU to change resident's phones to '364' by January

By Lisa Remsing  
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 1,500 students will be seeing a change in their phone numbers beginning next semester due to a need for extra extensions all across campus. The new extensions will begin with the exchange 364 and end with an 8000 or 9000 number.

According to Judith Wharry, Telecommunications Manager, OU had to change the prefixes to access other available numbers. The 370 prefix is also used by Ameritech customers in the Auburn Hills and surrounding area. This number is not used exclusively by OU.

"We have run out of direct inward dial numbers. There were no other numbers left in the 370 exchange for us to

draw on," said Wharry.

According to Wharry, it was easier to change the phone numbers in the residence halls because there are fewer numbers than in administrative offices.

"It seemed more reasonable to confine these changes to one area," she said.

The university attempted to make these changes over the summer, but according to Wharry, it could not work the change through with Ameritech, OU's phone service provider. Ameritech has been under fire statewide for service related problems.

The Housing Department phone number will stay the same, as well as the offices in any of the residence halls.

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## GOING the distance



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

**WALKING FOR A CONTRACT:** The Clerical and Technical staff held another protest in response to the universities' stalling to settle contract negotiations. Last week the staff took their lunch break to walk around the center of campus, dressed in black and carried protest signs.

## Varner, budget on BOT agenda

• Meeting at 2 p.m., auditorium of Elliot Hall

By Mike Savage  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Board of Trustees are expected to vote on whether or not to submit the current capital outlay budget to the Michigan Department of Management and the Budget to get funding for its top priorities at its meeting today.

The top priorities listed in the budget call for an addition and renovation to Varner Hall and a new automotive technology facility.

The Varner Hall project would cost an estimated \$50 million and involve the renovation of a significant portion of the existing building and a 215,000 square foot addition.

Varner's renovation would be focused on academic spaces for the performing arts including rehearsal, performance and classroom space.

According to a university

audit report, OU is second last of Michigan's 15 universities in square footage per student.

Enrollments in music, theater and dance have been growing at a rate greater than the overall growth of the university, according to the audit report.

The BOT's second priority, to construct a new automotive technology facility, would cost \$45 million and be approximately 55,000 net square feet.

The new building would provide space for the Schools of Engineering and Computer Sciences, Business and Administration and Health Sciences.

If approved by the state, planning and design for both projects would take an estimated one year and the construction is expected to take two years.

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# ON CAMPUS

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## CRIME watch

• Police responded to a theft in the Oakland Center on Nov. 27. A student told police he put his leather jacket on a chair while he walked around the OC. When he returned two hours later, the jacket was allegedly missing. The value of worth was approximately \$260. Also in the jacket pocket was a set of keys and \$10-15 in cash.

• Police were called on Friday to investigate the theft of a car phone near the residence halls. A man was making a pizza delivery at 2 p.m. and allegedly left his vehicle unlocked in the Hamlin Circle. When he returned a few minutes later, a Motorola cellular phone that was allegedly sitting on his passenger seat was gone. Nothing else was missing, and no damage was done to the car. The estimated value of the phone is \$130.

• Police arrested a VanWagoner student on Nov. 27 for alleged possession of marijuana. Police asked the student if they could search her room and if there was any more marijuana in the room. The student told police there was and handed the police a metal bowl of marijuana. Upon further inspection, police found and confiscated a lamp shaped bong, a small metal pipe and a small metal bowl allegedly containing the drug. The student allegedly proved positive for marijuana.

• Police were called to the Student Organization cubicles in the Oakland Center on Nov. 29 on a alleged Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. A student member of a Catholic Student Organization reported that an unknown person allegedly poured orange pop on office supplies and threw documents, flyers and books in the garbage.

## Prof pioneers cancer research

Ryan Schooley  
THE OAKLAND POST

In early September, the US Food and Drug administration approved the controversial French RU-486 abortion pill for use.

Dr. Virinder K. Moudgil, chairman of the Biological Sciences department, has been interested in the RU-486 pill for the last decade. Its uses as an abortion pill, however, are not the focus of his research.

With help from OU student researchers, Moudgil has helped "pioneer" research into RU-486's use as a treatment for breast cancer. "RU-486 is a multifaceted chemical, abortion is only one (of its uses)," said Moudgil.

RU-486 is an "anti-progesterone," which means that it cuts off the supply of the female hormone progesterone when ingested. Moudgil explained that "progesterone is a hormone made by the ovary and placenta" and is vital in maintaining pregnancy.

"Any molecule blocking it will interfere with pregnancy," he said. Cutting off the supply of progesterone is how RU-486 induces miscarriage.

A similar process takes place in some breast cancers. "One-third of all breast cancers are hormone dependent, and the continuous growth of the cancer depends on progesterone." The anti-progesterone qualities of RU-486 cuts off the supply of hormones feeding the cancer cells.

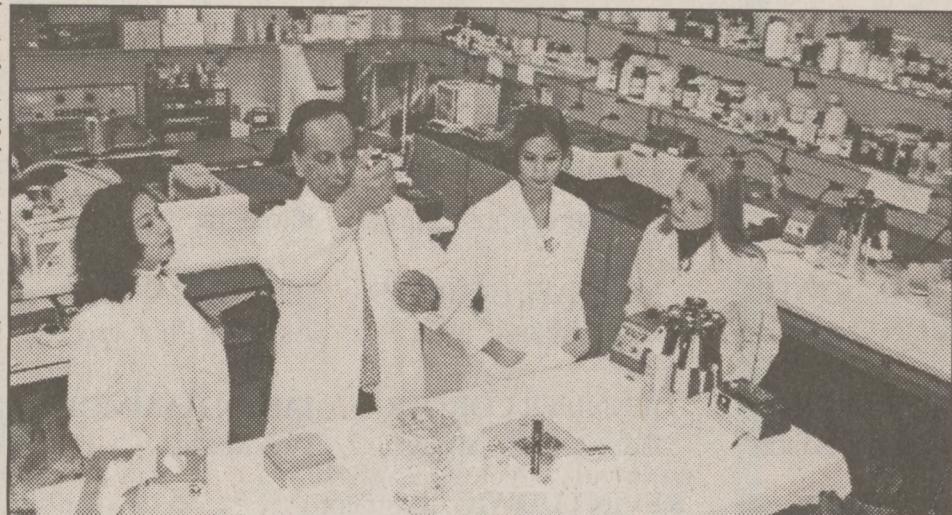
Moudgil's research is exploring this effect in breast cancer cells. Cells taken from cancerous tissue are isolated in a sample and cultivated.

When RU-486 is administered, Moudgil has discovered that "increase of growth is slowed or stopped." Moudgil likened it to the process taking place with Tamoxifen, another breast cancer treatment drug. Tamoxifen blocks the hormone estrogen from reaching cancerous cells in the same way RU-486 blocks progesterone.

Through his 30 years of studying steroid hormones, Moudgil encountered the anti-progesterone drug while on sabbatical in France. His friend and fellow researcher, Dr. Etienne Baulieu, was the very first to synthesize anti-progesterone into RU-486 at the Roussel Uclaf laboratory in France. Moudgil worked with Baulieu in 1984 and it resulted in Moudgil's initial research into RU-486's possibilities.

Upon returning to OU, Moudgil was "one of the first in the country to use (RU-486) in basic research," he said. He wasn't concerned with clinical applications of the drug since OU lacks a medical school, and instead focused on pure research.

This research into the RU-486 breast cancer studies has



DOING RESEARCH: Dr. Moudgil works with students (L-R) Amelita Sanchez, Seema Shah, and Allison Douglass in a biology laboratory. He has been widely recognized for his research on the abortion drug, RU-486.

Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

gained the attention of many. "Clinicians are interested," said Moudgil, and there may be clinical applications of the drug in breast cancer treatment in the near future. But, as Moudgil points out, the research is showing "encouraging results, but we are not there yet, we're still in a very pre-

RU-486 continues on A8

## Battling it out



BATTLE GROUND: SPB hosted Battle of the Bands on Friday, bringing out a crowd of nearly 150 people to the Gold Rooms. Five bands competed for a cash prize total of \$600. First place honors were given to the band Changes which won \$500. Tribal Traktion came in a close second place, winning \$100. Bands were judged by four OU students who looked at many things, including audience reaction. Pictured is Rudderhead Lounge, the final band to perform that evening.

Dan McDuffee/  
The Oakland Post

## Book swap to spread holiday joy

By Tracy Minnis  
MANAGING EDITOR

OUSC plans to bring holiday joy to students and their wallets with their "Book Swap 2000" event. Students can start swinging deals by bringing their books to the OUSC table which will be set up in the OC during December 13-19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The trade itself is a simple 3-step process. The first step involves students bringing in their books during the above time period, setting their own prices on their books, and completing a simple contract.

The second step is the swap itself during the week of Jan. 8-12, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., which takes place in the Fireside

Lounge.

The third step "shows you the money!" If books are sold during the swap, each student will have all of their profits mailed to them in a check from OUSC within about a month.

"The book swap is an excellent program," said Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer. "Students see more money back on their books by cutting out the middle-man, and they deal with less bookstore hassles. I've personally made double the amount back on certain books before."

Students can also swap books online at [www.oakland.edu/ousc](http://www.oakland.edu/ousc). This website contains a link to other universities to offer students an even wider trading field.

This book swap is not the only event that OUSC is sponsoring to aid students in pursuing their educational goals. They currently have twenty \$150 Book Reward Certificates available which they will be awarding to students in scholarship fashion.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must fill out and submit a scholarship application, which includes an essay question. These materials are available at the OUSC office at 62 Oakland Center. Applications must be submitted to Julie Garstecki, OUSC Legislator, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 19, 2001. Students with questions regarding this scholarship should contact Derek Dickow in the OUSC office.

## O come all ye faithless, joyless and cynical

During the holidays, as many people do, I tend to become a bit more reflective about life. I begin to ponder the elements of where we as human beings have been, and where we're going in terms of our beliefs, our standards of living and our philosophies.

Due to the fact that I was adopted by older parents, my outlook on life is usually a bit different from most students. I grew up listening longingly to my parent's stories of the "good old days": Hollywood's golden era, classic music, the American dream, and families who stayed together for better or worse. And even though they suffered hardships in the forms of war and financial difficulty, they

got through those hard times, and it somehow made them stronger.

According to my parents, there was a day when men didn't swear in front of women and most women didn't swear much at all. There was a day when children came home to a parent, not an appliance. There was a day when people interacted, not interned.

There was also a day when going on a date meant talking over dinner, going dancing or to a movie, and a guy walking a girl to the door at the end of the date. My dad used to reminisce about how, in his day, men always held doors and coats

for women, and that actually getting to hold a girl's hand on a date was a big deal. Chivalry on the part of men, he insisted, was the standard and not the exception. I'd smile and secretly wish that, despite the positive advances of equality between the sexes, at least some facets of modern romantic life were still so...well...romantic.

But those days are gone. Instead of the cinematic charisma of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, we have the bedraggled blandness of Brad and Jennifer, and the paltry talents of Paltrow. By the way, has anyone figured out how to detach the hose from her eye sockets

for the duration of just one movie?

Most men don't hold coats, doors or hands anymore. Some don't do it because they fear "feminist" reprisals for such gestures, and some don't do it because it would mean having to put down the remote for 30 seconds. And as for walking a girl to the door at the end of a date, I consider myself lucky if a guy actually stops his car at my door before I get out of it.

Now on this issue of swearing, I fully realize that if men have the right to swear, so should women. My question is, is it really all that attractive for either sex? I quote Fiona Apple from her famous music FAITHLESS continues on A8



Tracy Minnis

# PERSPECTIVES

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Oakland Post welcomes your letters to the editor. All Letters to the Editor must include a name, phone number, class rank and field of study or Oakland University affiliation. Please limit letters to less than 400 words. Letters may be edited. The editor may use discretion in rejecting any letter for publication. Letters become property of The Oakland Post.

## EDITOR'S view

### Our Christmas wish list

This year the staff of The Oakland Post is making it known exactly what they would like for Christmas this year. It's time for OU to give something back to its students.

Here's our list...

•Managing Editor Tracy Minnis would like to be able to buy a coca-cola in the Oakland Center.

•News Editor Lisa Remsing is hoping to get a new student services center in North Foundation Hall (why did they break the ground and not build anything?).

•Local Editor Michael Hoskins wishes he could get a copy of the 2000-2001 Undergraduate Catalog.

•Sports Editor Ramez Khuri would like to see OU get a hockey team (not just a club), as well as a football team.

•Assistant Sports Editor Lisa Cali wishes she could buy a smoothie from Starbuck's in Pioneer Food court on Fridays after 3 p.m.

•Life Editor Sara McDowell wants to be able to listen to WXOU, campus radio, anywhere in Southern Oakland County.

•Assistant Life Editor Rachel Rybicki would love to see the campus a bit cleaner, especially improvements of Beer Lake and all the geese droppings.

•Advertising Manager Jennifer Corder, who also resides on campus, desperately would like to sleep through a night without a false fire alarm going off.

•Assistant Advertising Manager Andrea Porter is hoping Santa will bring her 4.0s on all of her final exams.

•Photography Editor Dan McDuffee wishes he could be guaranteed a parking spot in the Oakland Center lot whenever he wanted one.

•Assistant Photography Editor Jeremy Barber wants the OU Bookstore to buy his books back at face value.

•Editor In Chief Cara Plowman wants, more than anything in the world, for all the election chaos to end and for America to pick a president.

Happy Holidays  
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See you next year

The Oakland Post staff would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday. We'll see you all next year (the REAL millennium).

## LETTERS to the editor

### Ramadan, Muslims holy month, should not be forgotten this holiday season

Dear Editor,

I would like to call the university community's attention to the fact that the Muslim month of fasting, called Ramadan, began last Tuesday and will last through Christmas.

This is the holiest month of the year for Muslims, and those who observe it will abstain from all bodily gratification from sun-up to sun-down every day.

The main purpose of fasting is self-discipline, which is to remind one of the presence of the divine in one's life and seek to discern and follow the will of the Almighty. It is also to remind one that not all share equally in life's material blessings and to encourage awareness of, and solidarity with the less fortunate.

OU has a growing and visible Muslim community as part of its diversity. How

fortunate that significant holy days for all three of the great monotheistic faiths will partially overlap this year!

I hope that that this coincidence will provide an opportunity for mutual understanding.

Peter Bertocci

Professor of Anthropology and International Studies

### Debate over war in Middle East continues; Readers dispute facts, guilt

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to respond to Rania Emara's letter "Columnist disputes claims of letter," (Nov. 1) because I think she misrepresented a lot of my views. She pointed out that I made many mistakes on my letter. On the contrary, I think she is misinformed and distorted some of my views on my previous letter.

First, I referred to her column as an article. She said, "a column by definition is supposed to choose one side of an argument and defend it" as opposed to an article where she said it "should simply state the facts." Webster's New World College Dictionary (1995 edition) defines a column as "a series of feature articles appearing regularly in a newspaper or magazine by a particular writer or about a certain subject". So by definition I am not wrong when I referred to her column as an article.

Jim Hoagland, a two-time Pulitzer prize winner and a Washington Post columnist, criticized BOTH Palestinian Chairman Arafat and Israel Prime Minister Barak for not doing enough to help resolve the Middle East crisis in his Oct. 29 column. He wrote, "There is little point in Barak and Arafat talking to each other or with President Clinton again until they have talked in convincing and clear terms to their own people and changed minds at home."

It is expected that a column is thoughtful and objective in its analysis of an issue instead of being biased. I consider her article biased. She said, "Ninety unarmed Palestinians killed, 1,900 more wounded, while defending themselves desperately with only rocks and stones." The truth is that not all of the casualties were defending themselves with rocks, but rather, some of them were protesting by throwing rocks.

Contrary to what she said I claimed, I neither explicitly nor implicitly claimed that the U.S. government is neutral. I just clearly stated that "I approve our government's initiative for a peace dialogue between Israel Prime Minister Barak and Palestinian Chairman Arafat." Even if do I believe that the U.S. government is still being, her stretching of the meaning of my statement is clearly a misrepresentation. Her explanation on what she meant by 'Israel's neighbors' is ridiculous. Israel is a country. So if you say 'Israel's neighbors,' this refers to countries that border or are close to Israel instead of her definition of specifically only referring to Palestinians. If she is referring to Palestinians when she said 'Israel's neighbors' in her column, she should have used the word 'Palestinian' instead.

I am very disappointed that The Oakland Post published such biased views. I do recognize the importance of encouraging diverse views in an academic institution like OU. However, views that are biased should not be published in the university's newspaper for it undermines its journalistic integrity. I think The Oakland Post is doing a great job for the most part, but I do hope it will do a better job on picking the articles that they will publish in their guest column spot.

Finally, let me point out that even if we disagree whether the U.S. government is doing the right thing or not, we do agree on one important point. That is, the violence in the Middle East should stop because there are innocent Palestinians and Israelis that are being caught in the middle of the violence.

Gregorio Balancio  
junior, computer science

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**Happy Holidays  
From the Student Affairs Staff!**

## UPDATING OU

**Dynamic Students Wanted:** Do you want phenomenal leadership experience this summer? Are you interested in getting paid for embarking on an adventurous experience? If you answered yes to both questions, then you will make the perfect **Orientation Group Leader!** Interested students must attend one of the following information sessions:

- Tuesday, January 23, 2001, 12 noon-1PM, Wellness Room, REC
- Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 12 noon-1PM, Wellness Room, REC
- Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 5:30-6:30 PM, Wellness Room, REC
- For More Information, Call 370-3260.

**Good Luck to All Students on Your Upcoming Final Exams!**

**Campus Recreation News:** Anyone who is eligible to purchase a membership (and OPC Silver Dolphins) can purchase a Track Pass for \$2 a visit, Monday through Friday, 6AM-2:30PM. This Pass allows access to the walking track.

**Break Pass:** Over Christmas break we offer a special Break Pass that allows you to work out at the Rec Center from 12/10/00 through 01/06/01. The Break Pass will cost \$45, and is a perfect workout opportunity for a person that is just home for the holidays. Break passes may be purchased by/for individuals who would be eligible to purchase a full membership.

## THIS WEEK

• Sunday, December 10, 2001, 3:52 PM in the O'rena-Support OU's Intramural Student Athletes, Charity Basketball Game, OU vs. WJLB Radio Stars, \$5/person. This will be an outstanding display of basketball skills and fitness you do not want to miss. OU's intramural student athletes will play the radio stars from WJLB in a charity benefit game with proceeds to benefit the Haven Women's Shelter, WJLB Coats for Kids, and Intramural Sports. There will be several half-time activities with prizes. For more information contact Felecia Bumpus at 248.370.4885.

**The Ultimate Sports Challenge:** has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2001. Sign up at our Campus Recreation table in the Oakland Center or call ext. 4732 for more information.

**Intramural News:** Winter Semester intramural sports schedules will be available at the front desk on December 1st. Check the schedule for deadline dates!

### Rec Center Holiday Hours:

- 12/11-12/14-6 AM-9 PM
- 12-15-6 AM-8 PM
- 12/16-9 AM-8 PM
- 12/17-12 noon-8 PM
- 12/18-12/21-6 AM-9 PM
- 12/22-6 AM-8 PM
- 12/23-12/26-Closed
- 12/27-12/29-12 noon-8 PM
- 12/30-1/02/01-Closed
- 1/3-1/4-6 AM-8 PM
- 1/5-6 AM-9 PM
- 1/6-9 AM-8 PM
- 1/7-12 noon-8 PM

**Graham Health Center:** Graham Health Center wishes you safe and happy holidays. Worried about the weight gain? Remember to eat your Christmas dinner slowly. You will enjoy it, and your brain will know in 20 minutes that your hunger is satisfied. What about those Christmas cookies? Don't eat the dough. Raw eggs may have salmonella in them that can make you very sick. Otherwise, enjoy. Don't forget to pick up all your prescriptions before 5 PM on December 22 because GHC will be closed until January 3, 2001. See you next year!

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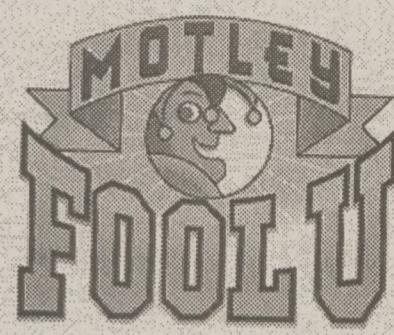


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## Digging Up a Down Payment

**Q. I'm trying to buy my first home, and my IRA is the only account I have enough money in for a down payment. Don't I get some sort of tax break if I use that money? -- B.B., via the Internet**

A. It sounds as if you are thinking about the first-time home buyer's rule that says you don't have to pay a penalty on IRA withdrawals if you use the money for a first-time home purchase. First, we advise you to read the fine print. There you'll see that you're limited to \$10,000 under that exemption. But even if you don't pay the 10 percent penalty, taxes will gut your buying power.

Here's what we mean: The problem is that the money your traditional IRA has never been taxed. When you withdraw it, it becomes taxable income. (This applies to earnings gained in Rth IRAs, too, unless one is withdrawing contributions on which taxes have already been paid, or unless the withdrawal is made after 59.5, when the money can be withdrawn tax-free.)

OK, say you take your maximum of \$10,000. That immediately boosts your taxable income by \$10,000. You don't have to pay the ten percent penalty, as we said before, but if you are in the 28 percent tax bracket and live in a state with a five percent income tax, that's 33 percent of your cash gone right off the top. Gone. Poof. So your \$10,000 withdrawal will net only \$6,700 for your down payment.

If you actually need, say, \$20,000 in cash, you'll need to withdraw almost \$34,000 from your IRA, because 40 percent of your withdrawal will go straight to Uncle Sam and Cousin State (33 percent on all of it, and ten percent on the \$24,000 over the amount that is excluded from the penalty.)

It could be even worse: Anyone in the 36 percent tax bracket could easily lose half of his withdrawal to taxes and penalties. Even if you managed to keep your income (including the IRA distribution) in the 15 percent tax bracket, you're still throwing away a big chunk of change. And we haven't even gotten started on what the money would be worth when you retire!

Do you have other options? How about a very low down payment loan, borrowing the cash from a family member, looking for a lease-purchase deal, or sticking it out as a renter for a few more years while saving like mad?

Home ownership is a laudable goal, but unless your IRA is really overfunded, taking the cash out of it to buy a home is a pretty bad deal. (This applies in spades when it comes to paying off debts.)

### WHAT NOW?

Take a moment to reflect (and do some math). Figure out what that \$10,000 would be worth in 30 years. OK, we'll do the math for you: If you stuck it in an index fund and the market averaged the same annual return for the next 30 years that is has since 1926 (11.3 percent), it would be worth about \$250,000. See? Patience pays.

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# Royal Oak postpones decision on human-rights ordinance

By Helena DiMarzio  
THE OAKLAND POST

Four of seven Royal Oak city council officials decided against voting the controversial Human Rights Ordinance into law, instead opting to leave it to voter choice in the next city-wide election.

The ordinance which would protect people from discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, physical or mental dis-

ability, parental status, educational association, height or weight, was in dispute because of inclusion of sexual orientation.

The Reverend Mike O'Mire of Woodlawn Church said, "The committee should allow the residents to vote on this matter. And I welcome all people, gay and otherwise, to my congregation," said O'Mire whose last statement was met with hissing from the predominantly pro-ordinance crowd.

Meanwhile, Leslie Thompson, president of the Royal Oak

Association of Rights and of Ferndale's Affirmations group approached the committee and told them that the citizens expected them to have the courage to vote on this issue. The issue has been delayed for the last year.

As the evening continued, both sides pointed out their fundamental arguments about the issue.

Pro-ordinance people said that they were not looking for any "special rights", as the opposing side referred to them. "If 'special rights' mean that I

don't want to be fired from my job or lose my home based on who I choose to sleep with, is that wrong?" said Laura Beerschen of Royal Oak. "Is it fair that I have to pay taxes and I am discriminated against?"

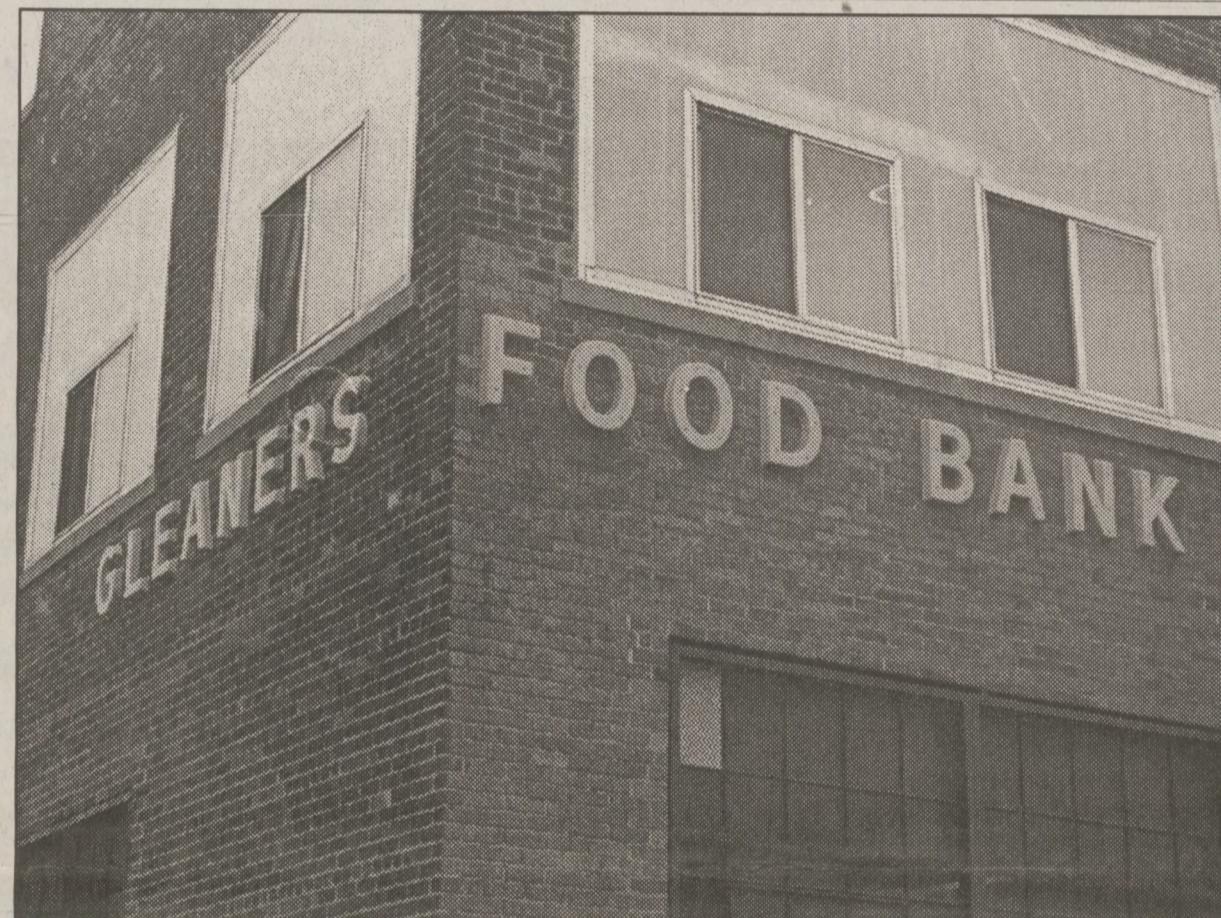
Anti-ordinance groups mainly argued the religious angle of the proposal.

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association's Michigan Branch, argued that such a voting ordinance will only encourage rampant disease spread in homosexual relationships, and the eventual

destruction of the family. "This would force people to advocate a lifestyle that they don't morally agree with," he said. Several residents echoed his concerns.

There were more than one hundred people present, far more than there were seats for, and some even stood out in the hall. They ranged from business owners and religious organizations who felt they were being forced to accept something that was unfair, to the gay and lesbian community and their het-

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit is one example of the numerous food bank operations that are collecting and distributing food to the homeless and low-income families.

## Group feeds hope to hungry

By Jessica Jefferson  
THE OAKLAND POST

December is a hurried month for student. Sometimes, during this busy holiday season finding time to eat is put aside. With so much going on, it's easy to dismiss this luxury. During these times, thousands of Detroiters will go hungry - and not by choice.

Providing food for the hungry is something that many people, including students, cannot or do not take the time to do. Some donate money to churches, or set out some old clothes for Goodwill to pick up. But, there are too many needy families in Metro Detroit, and not nearly enough people who help.

Volunteer Impact is a non-profit Michigan organization that offers the time and the effort in helping

out. It offers volunteer support to various holiday foundations such as Meals on Wheels, Gleaners Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and The Love Light Foundation. As non-profit groups, they accept monetary donations quite graciously. But, the contribution of time is a donation that is in dire need.

This group offers numerous services to those in need during the holiday season. On Dec. 9, Volunteer Impact will be sorting and delivering winter clothes for people in need.

Then, On Dec. 17, Volunteer Impact will be transforming the Haven Shelter of Pontiac into a "mini mall" full of free gifts for mothers to "shop" in. This project will focus specifically on mothers in domestic violence situations who worry about their child's first Christmas away from home.

Other Volunteer Impact events of

December include assisting the Tri-City Elder Care Coalition in the decoration of homes with lights and garland for the elderly of Detroit on Dec. 9, and assisting with the preparation, packaging and delivering of hot meals for the Gleaners Food Bank on Dec. 16.

Throughout the year, Volunteer Impact has donated over 25,000 hours of service to various organizations. During the holiday season, however, the need grows.

Walter Kraft, Chairman of Volunteer Impact said, "We are only as good as our volunteers in providing meaningful assistance and service to our non-profit partners."

Anyone interested in opening their hearts and lending their time to make the season a little warmer, can contact Volunteer Impact at (248) 559-4950, or by email at [volunteerimpact@earthlink.net](mailto:volunteerimpact@earthlink.net).

The group's most recent project was a Thanksgiving food drive, where members boxed food for more than 300 families.

Throughout the entire month of December, there will be many more projects put on by the group, and anyone interested can volunteer.

The group will be participating in the Holiday Basket Program in Pontiac this weekend by wrapping 800 gifts donated by the Detroit Lions at the Howard Dell Community Center.

On Dec. 9, AmeriCorps and other volunteers will be helping children with crafts at the Dinosaur Hill story time with Santa. Then on Dec. 22, they will be volunteering to sort out new items and set up the holiday store at Baldwin Elementary School.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time to AmeriCorps can stop by 156 W. Vandenberg to sign up, or call (248) 370-3213.

## Local charities reach out during Christmas time

Here is a list of organizations in the area that offer help during the holiday season to those in need. Photo Editor Dan McDuffee composed this list.

- Ronald McDonald House (313) 745-5909
- Provides service to hospitalized children at the Detroit Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Michigan.

- Habitat for Humanity (313) 521-6691
- A Christian housing group that builds affordable housing for those in need.

- Focus: HOPE (313) 494-4300
- A Not for Profit group in Detroit that provides technological training and education

- to low-income families.
- Meals On Wheels (313) 222-5308
- An organization that provides meals to homebound elderly.

- CareGivers (313) 964-5070
- Provides home-based services, including counseling, home management.



Courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

## Four Day weather

Thursday



Mostly Cloudy  
High - 31°  
Low - 21°

Friday



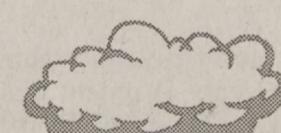
Snow Showers  
High - 33°  
Low - 19°

Saturday



Snow Showers  
High - 30°  
Low - 19°

Sunday



Partly Cloudy  
High - 37°  
Low - 33°

## FAITHLESS

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awards speech: "This world is bulls-t!" Well, I guess we should be grateful; at least she chose not to sing her profound (or profane) philosophy on the state of our world.

My parents witnessed our world during some of its worst states, and I've never heard them once utter Fiona's phraseology. They personally experienced our country at war. My dad served in two of our country's conflicts, and my mother worked as "Rosie the Riveter" when he went off to war. My biggest conflict in life is deciding what I dislike the most: the "merging" of OU and Pepsi or the culinary catastrophes served courtesy of Aramark-up.

Let's face it, as human beings go, we just don't seem to be made out of the same stuff anymore. We ain't got it, if we ever even had it. And don't go rushing off to locate the "it" website, because you won't find one. "It" is courage, strength, style, character and conviction, and you cannot purchase these items on any website. My

parents had them in abundance; but sadly my friends, we in modern society seem to lack them in abundance.

So if all you want for Christmas is "it", how can you find some? Well, "it" is not really all that elusive, we just tend to hide it in rather inaccessible places: Our hearts and souls. You can find "it" by simply seeking out something or someone you care about, and allowing your passion to overtake your doubts. You will find "it" when you realize that "chance" and "fear" are two completely different concepts, and trust is simply positive faith in chance. "But I've been disappointed by people!" you may cry. But before you arrived at such disappointment, you put your faith in trust and love in the first place. And chancing that kind of nobility should be commended by the heart, not reprimanded by the mind.

*Tracy Minnis is a senior communications student and Managing Editor of The Oakland Post.*

## RU-486

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liminary stage," he said.

In the mean time, RU-486 research will remain a focus of Moudgil's research. This research is providing OU students opportunities to work with some of the world's most renowned researchers.

Many students the world over are choosing OU for their undergraduate studies. At larger universities, undergraduates are usually limited to menial tasks and don't take an active role in research until their graduate work. In Moudgil's breast cancer studies, students are included.

"Students are very proud to participate," Moudgil said. "They are

offered opportunities which are unparalleled." At OU, "research is part of education, and the students are co-authors and equal participants. They are trained to become scientists," said Moudgil.

Moudgil's work is important to him and its benefits for breast cancer patients may soon be realized, but this does not take away from his role as a teacher and mentor. "I wish to take the students with me," Moudgil voiced as he stood watching several of his students at work in the lab. And smiling, he added, "that's what it's all about."

## Damon's signs of the times

This week there is a strong current of support for change - assuming that people are willing to move out of their comfort zone. Even for those who don't want things to change there is pressure from more progressive people to adapt. The main lesson this week is realizing that change can be made without burning all the bridges - something that people may regret when they come back to their senses.

**Aries** - With a little bit of effort you can get one of your previous goals back on track. You may be restless this week and be resistant to any constraints - indulge yourself, but try not to back down on your previous commitments.

**Taurus** - You might be more emotionally conservative this week than usual, but use your reflective mood to gain objectivity on the way you express yourself to those you care about. You can communicate what you want clearly now.

**Gemini** - It may be easy to get others to see your way, but make sure you know what you really want to gain out of the situation or you may paint yourself into a corner. This week, express how you feel to someone you care about.

**Cancer** - Make sure that things are fair at your job - a situation may have become lopsided. You are more sensitive about your career this week, so use this time to evaluate where you want to be in the future.

**Leo** - There are plenty of fun things this week, ranging from a love affair to having child-like diversions, so enjoy this time as much as possible. You can get a lot of activities in this week, but avoid going to emotional extremes.

**Virgo** - Conflicts with money and work may expose some past insecurities - don't be afraid to explore them and deal with them. Mental burnout is a possibility, so take it easy on the workload and stress if you can.

**Libra** - Challenges and setbacks may pepper your life - take them in stride and realize that they are happening for a reason. If you give a focused effort towards your goal you will get more support than you thought possible.

**Scorpio** - Get your money in order this week and you'll worry about it less later. You may be getting strong feelings in your gut this week - follow your instinct and things will work out well.

**Sagittarius** - A person you're around may be full of themselves, but they may actually have some insights that you are too blind to see. Watch not to overreact to problems that come your way this week, as they may disappear as quickly as they came.

**Capricorn** - You may have a good idea of what you want, but you might not be able to communicate it clearly to others - follow your gut anyway. Find ways to show your loved ones that you care in your own special way.

**Aquarius** - This is a good time to examine your relationships and make sure you and your loved ones have enough space to grow. If you speak up, people will be surprisingly receptive to your ideas.

**Pisces** - This is a prime time to look at where you are career-wise - try not to take too drastic action before you get a chance to think things through. Work on broadening your scope as opposed to burning your bridges.

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## CATALOG

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The faculty have been told repeatedly that "it's at the printer," and is only delayed.

Esposito, however, confirmed that nothing has been sent out.

Paul Kennedy, a sales representative at Webcom printing, verified this.

"We don't have anything," he said. "We'll print it when we get it. I thought we were going to print it in September."

Louis Esposito said, "I don't know how it got out that way. I expect people were saying things like, 'I'm going to get it to the printer next week,' and then people started believing that (it was sent)."

As a result of the unfinished undergraduate catalog, the University Senate passed a resolution on November 16 that states, "any student matriculating at Oakland University during the 2000-2001 academic

year may elect to use the graduation requirements in the 1999-2000 Undergraduate Catalog for any graduation date on or before the end of the 2006-2007 academic year."

The 2001-2002 Undergraduate Catalog is already being worked on by Susan Awbry, the vice provost for undergraduate education. Esposito said that this version is expected to be completed by May 2001, ready for next year's incoming freshmen class.

Even though this backup plan has been approved, faculty members remain upset over the catalog.

"I don't remember it ever being this late," said Jane Eberwein, professor of English and a member of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction. "It's a disgrace, and a major problem for the university."

"The catalog is a contract with the incoming students," she added. "This is very unfortunate."

With no catalog, the Print Shop has been providing copies to students and faculty of last year's edition, though they are scarce. Five-hundred copies have been ordered and are expected by Dec. 11.

## PHONE

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Even the Hall Directors in each building will keep the same phone numbers, as well as, residents in George T. Matthews Apartments.

There will be no charge for students undergoing the number changes.

"It's not a big deal. Changing phone numbers is not a big problem," said Mirjana Nikolovski,

freshman, undecided and Vittussethe Chhun, freshman, marketing.

Others were not so sanguine.

"Personally, I think it's ridiculous. All of a sudden, out of the blue everything has to change, and we'll have to give everyone we know our new numbers," said residence halls student Lois Flynn, biology.

"There are going to be problems when you change numbers, get-

ting the word out to family members," said Wharry. Students are encouraged to pick up their new numbers as soon as possible.

For students to receive their new number, they must contact the Resident Assistant on their floor.

According to Wharry, the Housing Office has also been supplied with a listing of the changes, and sheets have been provided by Telecommunications to put in all student mailboxes.

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If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at [ajporter@oakland.edu](mailto:ajporter@oakland.edu)

# SPORTS

## SPORTS edge

### SCORE BOARD

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

Dec. 1  
Oakland 12  
Muskegon 2

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Oakland 1st

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Oakland 1st

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 30

Oakland 63

Youngstown State 62

Dec. 2

Oakland 71

Chicago State 56

Dec. 5

Detroit 77

Oakland 56

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 29

Colorado State 78

Oakland 68

Dec. 2

Oakland 73

Chicago State 66

Dec. 4

Oakland 78

Youngstown State 75

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

• 8:30 p.m., Dec. 8 -

MSU

• Time TBA, Dec. 9 -

at Calvin

• Time TBA, Jan. 6 -

at MCHC All-Star Game

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING

• Time TBA, Dec. 26-

Jan. 7 - at Christmas Training Trip

• Time TBA, Jan. 6 -

at Florida Atlantic

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

• 7 p.m., Dec. 9 -

CLEVELAND STATE

• Time TBA, Dec. 11 -

at Cincinnati

• 7 p.m., Dec. 16 -

at Toledo

• 7 p.m., Dec. 22 -

OHIO

• 5 p.m., Dec. 27 -

WRIGHT STATE (at

Palace of Auburn Hills)

• 2 p.m., Dec. 30 -

at Western Michigan

• 8:05 p.m., Jan. 4 -

at Oral Roberts

• 8 p.m., Jan. 6 -

at UMKC

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• 7 p.m., Dec. 7 -

DETROIT

• Time TBA, Dec. 11 -

at Eastern Michigan

• 2 p.m., Dec. 23 -

at Central Michigan

• 10 p.m., Dec. 29 -

at San Diego

• 8 or 10 p.m., Dec. 30 -

at Masry & Vititoe Tournament

• 7 p.m., Jan. 3 -

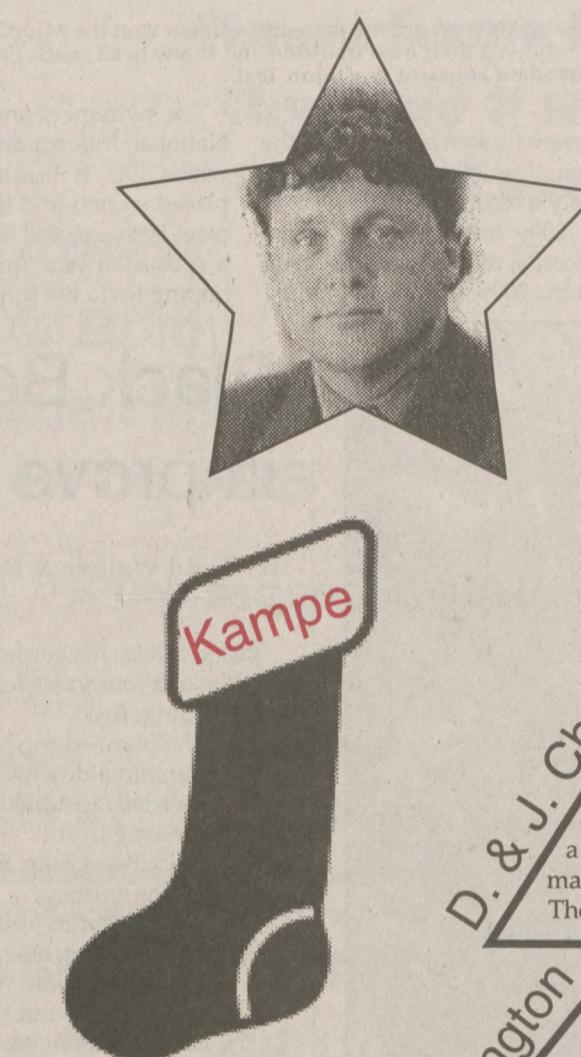
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*Happy Holidays OU Grizzlies*

# Riz hits ... again



By Todd  
Walker &  
Ramez Khuri  
THE OAKLAND POST

O's men's basketball team ended its three game losing streak on Thursday night at the O'rena, as Jason Riz hit another game winning basket with less than two seconds left to give the Grizzlies a 63-62 victory over Youngstown State.

Throughout his college career, Riz has made a habit of making dramatic game-winning baskets for his team. His game-winning shot over Oral Roberts last season gave the Grizzlies the conference championship, and he has at least two other game-winners to his credit.

The win gave Youngstown its first loss of the season, and made the Grizzlies 1-0 in the Mid-Con.

"When he (Riz) got the basketball, it looked to me like he got fouled six times on the play," said coach Greg Kampe. "I don't know how many games Riz has won for us, but he won the championship for us last year, he probably won four games at the buzzer last year, and his freshman year, probably two or three. This is a tough game at this time of the year for us now, we're not playing very well, and they (Youngstown) are a senior laiden team. They came in to steel a game late in November, and they had it stolen until Kelly Williams made the steal and Riz made the basket."

The Grizzlies led for most of the game, until about six minutes left in the second half. The Penguins tied it at 53, and it was a seesaw battle the rest of the way. A layup by Desmond Harrison gave Youngstown a 62-61 lead with :32 seconds left in the game. A missed three by Brad Buddenborg and a :20 second timeout set the stage for Riz's heroics.

Williams stole the inbounds pass and gave it to Riz. The obvious thing in that situation would have been to call a timeout, but instead Riz put his head down and drove.

He flipped a nearly impossible no-looker up in the basket's direction and got nothing but net.

"I just like Riz's mentality," said Dan Champagne. "It seems like we can put a tape together of his game-winners at home. He has no fear, he puts his head down, cradles it like a football, and just goes to the hole. The offense was struggling, and to get that first win in the conference, and to be 1-0 to start the league out, especially against Youngstown, which is a really uppity-up team in our league. It feels good."

Riz was modest when asked about the play. "I try not to make a big deal out of this, it can go either way, and I'm not stupid enough to think that it might not sometimes. I can't tell you what I was thinking, I can't tell you how it feels, it's one of those things where after the season's over it's going to be great. I'll just take it like we won, and after the season's over I'll start thinking about it again."

When asked about why he didn't take a timeout, Riz replied, "I looked at the bench, and I looked at Kampe, and I didn't see him signal it, and I didn't think he would, and a lot of coaches won't because in a scramble situation it's better not to. In that situation the best thing to do is to take it to the basket. I thought I was going to draw a foul, and I did get fouled, I thought, but it turned out good because I made the basket."

Buddenborg finished the game with 16 points, three assists, two rebounds, and two steals. Champagne recorded 14 points and four rebounds, and Covington and Jon Champagne each had eight points. Covington also had seven assists and four rebounds.

Kampe's team took its show on the road on Saturday to play against the Cougars of Chicago State. Once again Riz came up big scoring 25 points and grabbing three rebounds in the Grizzlies' 71-56 victory.

"It's great any time you go on the road and win," said Kampe. "We did a nice job on their seven footer (Darrell Johns), and played a solid game all around."

It was a close game in the first half as OU took a three point lead to halftime. The Grizzlies blew it wide open with about six minutes left in the game to take the 15 point win.

Buddenborg was the second leading scorer with 14 points, five rebounds, and two assists. Covington had a big all-around game with 11 points, seven rebounds, and five assists. Dan Champagne finished with 10 points, and four rebounds, and Williams had a strong outing with eight boards.

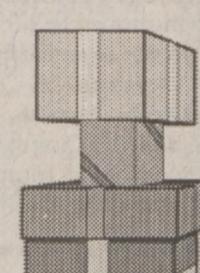
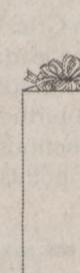
The Grizzlies have now won eight straight Mid-Con games, dating back to last season, and are at .500 overall at 3-3, and 2-0 in the Mid-Con.

OU also played the U-D Titans last night, losing 77-56.

The first half looked bad for the Grizzlies as the Titans were all over the boards, and took a half-time lead of 14 points, 34-20. High scorers for OU were Dan Champagne with eight, and Buddenborg with seven. OU made a run in the second half, cutting it to seven at one point, 43-36, but a technical foul on Kampe, and some big plays by the Titans pretty much sealed the victory for Detroit.

Just like the last game, Riz was the leading scorer with 17 points, Dan Champagne had 16, and Buddenborg finished with 13 and seven rebounds. Covington, though playing with the flu, pulled down six rebounds, and dished out five assists in the loss.

The Grizzlies don't play against another Mid-Con opponent until January 4 against Oral Roberts, but have six games before that including matchups against Cleveland State, Cincinnati, and one against Wright State at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



## Move over Dr. Seuss, make way for a Grizzly holiday

Twas the night before the big game and all through the O'rena, not a Grizzly was stirring, not even Anita; New nets were hung on the rims so high, so Bud and Judd could rip them, "Oh my."

The students were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of last year's Mid-Con championship danced in their heads; And Francis in her suit and Kampe in his tie, had both settled down after kissing Youngstown goodbye.

and the Champagne bro's.

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The ball was tossed up, and three's were made, rebounds pulled down, and even a fade.

The O'rena was rocking, Oh what a sight, as the Grizzlies were growling, and filled U-M with fright.

When it was all over OU had proven, Those who challenge us best get movin'!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS GRIZZLIES!!

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## Swimmers dominate Mid-Con Championship meet

By Lisa Cali  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Not only did the men's and women's swimming and diving team win the Mid-Con Championship meet, but both teams went down in history with the most points scored at the championship meet.

The women finished the meet with a total of 1093 points, while second place Valparaiso had only 675. The men scored a total of 1042 points and Western Illinois finished in second with 593 points.

The Grizzlies achieved many honors in addition to being the highest scoring Mid-Con team. Tamara Swaby and Haiman Hassan were awarded the Female and Male Swimmer of the Year honor, respectively. Shelly Aurit and Sean Broadbent took home the Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year awards, and head coach Pete Hovland won Female Coach of the Year and tied for Male Coach of the Year.

According to Hovland, the coaching honors should go to the entire staff.

"The performance is attributed to the entire staff. Behind every great program, there are great assistants," Hovland said.

For assistant coach Jon Teal, who has been working mainly with the sprinters, this was his first Mid-Con Championship meet.

"I'm getting to know a lot of the kids, and this was a learning experience for them and myself," Teal said.

The coaches and swimmers alike were pleased with the outcome of the meet and the honors that the team earned over the weekend.

"They were satisfied with their accomplishments at this meet," Hovland said. "The success breeds a tremendous amount of confidence for the NIC meet in February."

Out of 40 total events at the meet, OU took first place in 37 of them. In the remaining three events, the women's 1-meter diving and men's 1-meter and 3-meter diving, the Grizzlies placed second.

In two of the men's events, the 200y and 500y freestyle, OU claimed first through sixth place.

"You win championships with talent and depth in freestyle events because they play such a big role in all the different relays," Hovland said. "To have the guys go one through six in the 200 on Friday and then do one through six in the 500, it was very enjoy-



NO GATORADE FOR HOVLAND : After the men and women won the Mid-Con Championship meet this weekend, the swimmers followed their own tradition and threw head coach Pete Hovland into the pool. The Gatorade cooler was dumped on assistant coach Jon Teal.

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able."

Six Mid-Con records were broken by OU over the weekend. For the women, Danielle Ward broke the 1650y and the 500y freestyle records.

The men's 800y and 200y freestyle relay teams both broke Mid-Con records, as well as Hassan in the 100y backstroke and the 200y individual medley.

The swimmers and divers will now focus on the National Independent Conference Championship, which OU is hosting in February. The women placed second and the men placed third at the NIC meet last year, and since both teams have moved up a spot each year for the past three years, they are hoping to do the same this year.

## Judd reaches 1000 point milestone as women go 2-1

By Corinne Spanke  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's women's basketball team is on top of the Mid-Con once again. With two consecutive wins the Golden Grizzlies have started paving the road to another Conference title.

OU continues to hit some bumps here and there, while injuries keep prolonging the team to have its whole squad suited up. Junior Captain Sarah Judd has come back to action after recovering from a knee injury that kept her out at the beginning of the season. She reached a pinacle of her career on Saturday as she surpassed the 1000 point mark en route to the Grizzlies victory against Chicago State. Judd has 1,027 to date and keeps building upon that number to help her team reach success.

"This is a great thing for Sarah" said Coach Beckie Francis. "She has struggled with her injuries and has worked hard to come back and help this team."

The Women have travelled all around the United States and have gained some valuable lessons to get themselves prepared for the Mid-Con season. As most people would look at the Women's schedule as a long road trip with stops to Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, and California, coach Francis is actually looking forward to it.

"A lot of people would look at our schedule and think it is a long road trip. But we look forward to it. We have a lot of our games in state and then we travel to California. It will be a nice getaway, then we have conference games and everyone travels equally as much" said Francis.

Last Wednesday the Grizzlies wound down their trip out west and took a tough loss to Colorado State 78-68. OU led into the half 46-45, but the Rams forwards made some big three point shots to give CSU the momentum and lead. The Grizzlies never fully recovered from the deficit, but played well against an undefeated Colorado State team.

"We came out strong, and pumped to play" said Francis. There was a big crowd and Colorado State is always ranked in the top 25, so we knew that we were going to have to play hard. I think we shocked them with how well we played them."

Beth Zeone led all scored with 15 points and three assists. Freshman Naomi Nickelberry followed with 12 points, while sophomore Katie Wolfe and junior Jamie Ahlgren each scored 10 apiece.

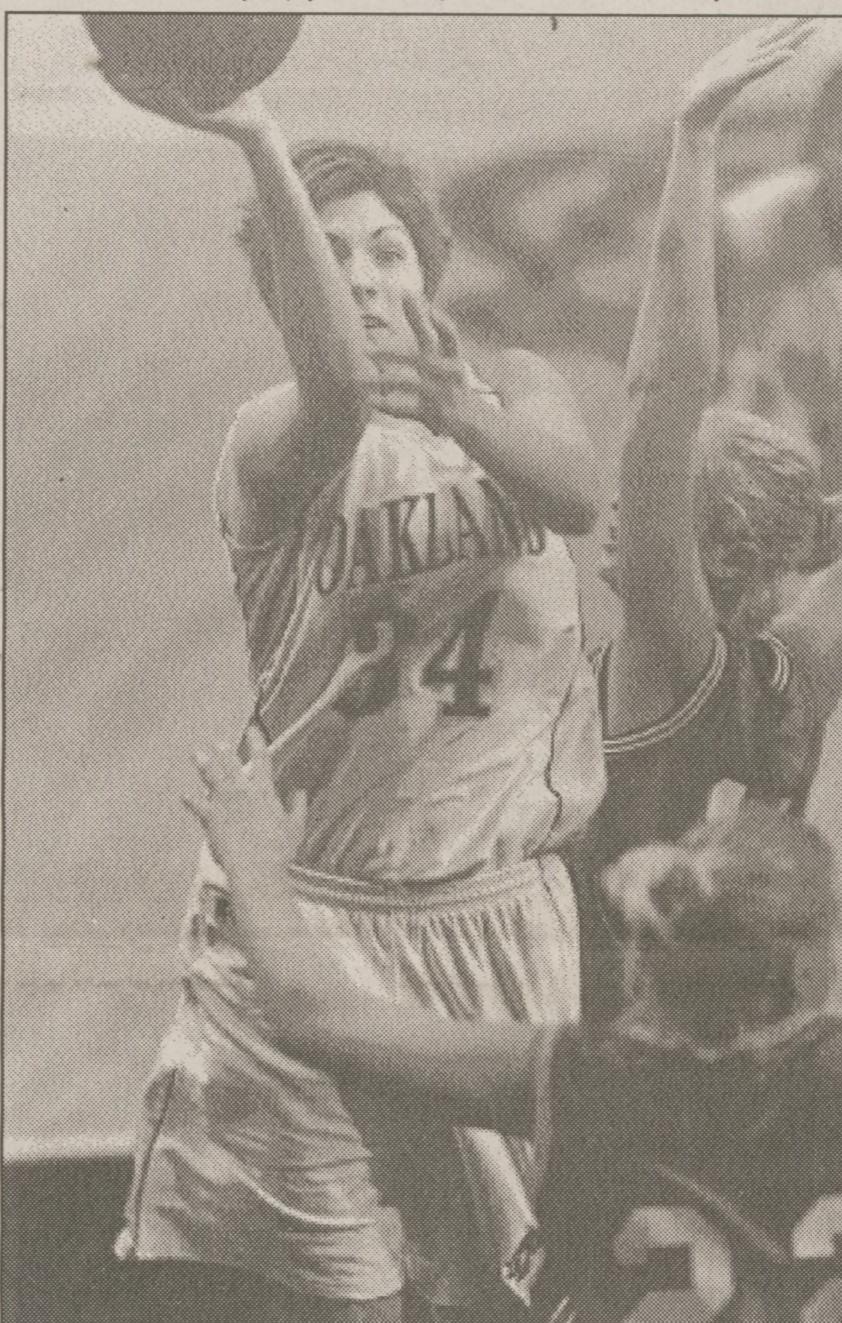
Sophomore Christina Blandford led the Grizzlies on the boards with eight rebounds. Blandford also scored six points.

"The Colorado State game gave us confidence that we could play," said Francis. "The night before, CSU had beat Eastern by 40, so that says something about how well our team did."

OU then travelled to Chicago State to face a much improved cougar team. The Grizzlies proved that they were worthy of the challenge as they put Chicago State in their cage with 73-66 victory.

OU improved to 3-3 overall and 1-0 in the mid-Con. The Golden Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead but the cougars hung around to cut the lead.

Last Season's All-Conference picks led the offensive attack, including Zeone with 16 points, six rebounds, and five assists on her 22nd birthday. Wolfe tallied 14 points to go along with her six assists, and four rebounds in the victory. Judd rounded out the double figure scoring with 11 points to place her among an elite few in the career 1000 point club.



Anything Riz can do, I can do better : Sarah Judd is double teamed, but still nailing the jumper en route to 20 points against Youngstown State on Monday night. Her three pointer won the game for the Grizzlies.

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Chicago State did a great job recruiting," said Francis. "They have a strong backcourt that made us make some mistakes. We played hard and we showed we were a little worn out but we won't use that as an excuse."

Monday set the table for the number one and number two preseas ranked teams in the Mid-Con to go head-to-head. OU prevailed in victory as they edged out Youngstown State 78-75. The Grizzlies will sit atop the Mid-Con for at least a month until they resume conference action against UMKC on January 6th.

With 42 seconds left in the game, Judd hit a long three pointer with seconds ticking away on the shot clock to claim the Grizzlies second conference victory.

"Everyone is talking about Sarah's three point shot and how that won the game for us. But it was her rebounding" stated Francis. "She grabbed the defensive rebound on their end to prevent them from scoring and then made two key offensive rebounds for us at the end. She battled in their and that was what won us that game."

OU scored first and never trailed until the second half with 10:39 remaining as YSU's Nikki Pope made the go ahead lay-up for the Penguins.

OU executed on the boards, outrebounding YSU 45-38. The Golden Grizzlies overcame a season-high 23 turnovers to run away with the win.

## Black Bears improve in Iceland

By Todd Walker & Ramez Khuri  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's club ice hockey team, the Black Bears, were in the middle of a four game losing streak, and needed to stop the bleeding, BAD.

With the planned trip to Iceland looming, and the season going into a downward spiral, the team got exactly what it needed, an added game against Kalamazoo right before the long trip.

The Black Bears won the game 5-1, and gained confidence for the journey.

The tournament in Iceland started with two games in Reykjavik. The first one was against the Ice Pirates, a team based out of New York, which travels and plays in tournaments all around the globe. OU won 7-5.

The next opponent was the Icelandic National Team. Once again, the Black Bears proved that they belonged, winning 6-5, and improving its chance of getting to the championship game.

The next two games were played in Akureyri, and with the new scenery came new outcomes of the games. OU lost the last two games of the tournament, 3-2 and 4-2 against USC and Arizona.

Even though the team didn't win the tournament, a lot of good came out of the trip. "Our team came together and we raised our level of play," said coach Anthony Jalaba. "It was very important for us from a team perspective on the ice and off. We expect to continue and use that progress that we made in Iceland."

OU put that progress to use, as they came home to snap the two game losing streak by crushing the Muskegon Hawks 12-2 on Friday night at the ONYX.

It was a close game early, as OU had a 2-1 lead at the first intermission.

Muskegon came out in the second period all pumped up, and caught the Black Bears off guard as the Hawks scored two straight goals to take a 3-2 lead. However the third goal was nullified by the referee because the net behind OU goalie Dennis Berchuk was moved when it went in.

This seemed to motivate OU, as the Black Bears responded with ten unanswered goals in the second and third periods for the win.

"It was nice to see us put the puck in the net," said Jalaba. "This is a nice win because it is the game before the Michigan State game, which will be the biggest game of the season so far. A victory over them will be very important for us."

Craig Furstenuau, the new captain of the Black Bears, agreed with his coach. "We needed to win this game because we made a lot of progress in Iceland," he said. "If we lost, it would be like taking a step back."

Furstenuau addressed the nullified goal that was scored by Muskegon by calling it a wake up call. "It was a momentum shift," he said. "They could have been up 3-2, but instead we built on that, and we went out there and took care of business."

OU's next game is on Friday against MSU, before they travel to Calvin on Saturday.

## Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball		Men's Basketball	
Conference	Overall	Conference	Overall
Oakland	2-0	2-0	3-4
Oral Roberts	2-0	4-3	UMKC
IUPUI	1-1	1-0	Youngstown State
UMKC	1-1	2-5	1-1
Southern Utah	1-1	1-5	Southern Utah
Valparaiso	0-0	3-5	Valparaiso
Chicago State	0-1	1-4	IUPUI
Western Illinois	0-1	1-6	Western Illinois
Youngstown State	0-2	2-4	Chicago State
	0-2	2-5	Oral Roberts

## the Golden Grizzly

TAMARA SWABY

Junior Tamara Swaby was named Mid-Con Women's Swimmer of the Year this weekend. Returning from an injury last December, she was one of the top scorers at the Mid-Con meet. Tamara earned first place as a member of the 200y and 800y freestyle relay teams, the 200y and 400y medley relay teams, and individually in the 100y and 200y butterfly and the 50y freestyle.

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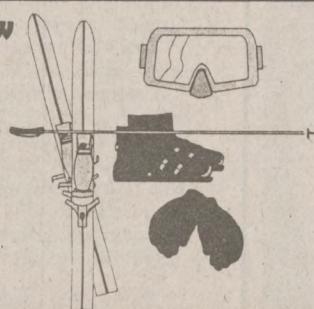
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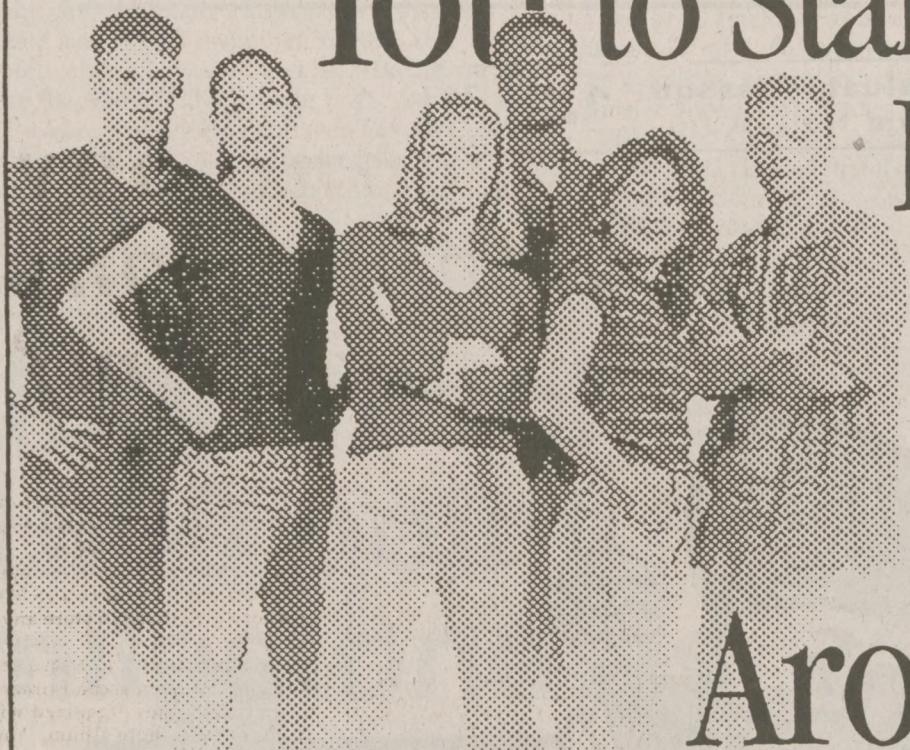
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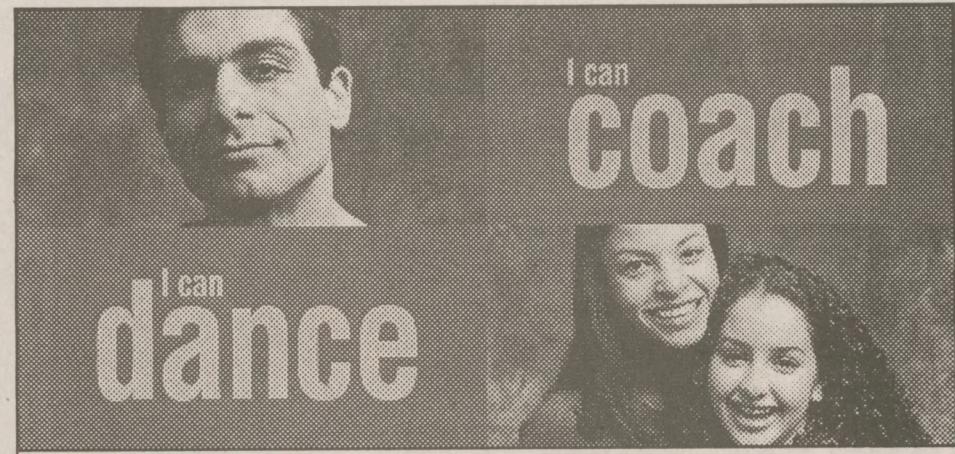
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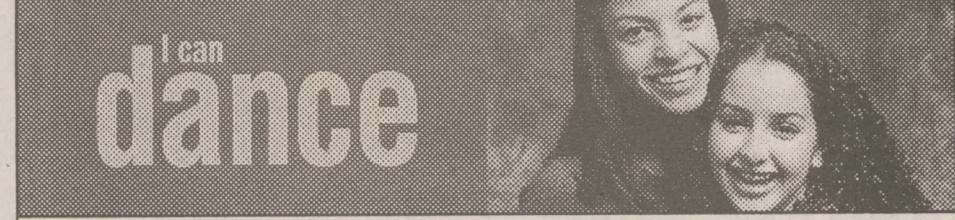
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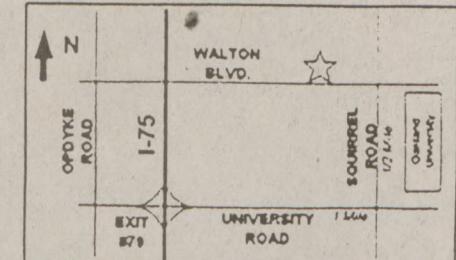
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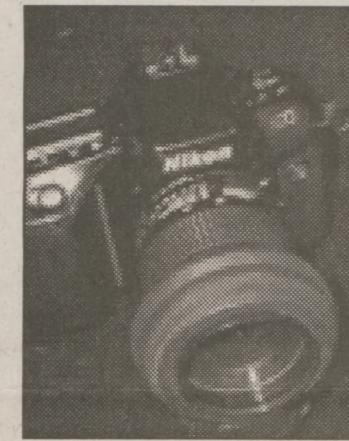
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By Sara McDowell & Rachel Rybicki  
THE OAKLAND POST

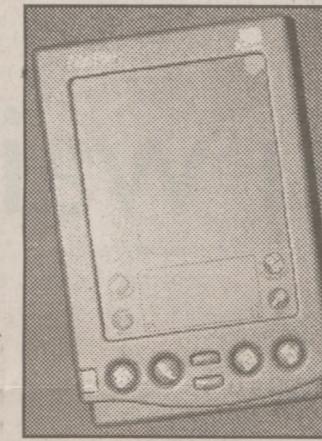
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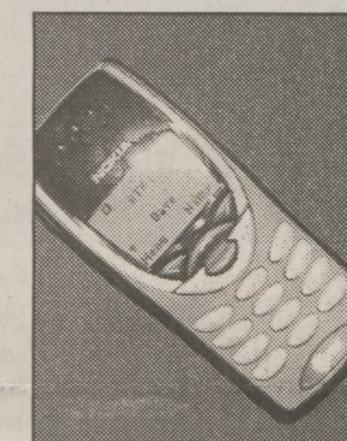


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## OU associate professor plans farewell concert

By Alice Elwert  
THE OAKLAND POST

Associate Professor of music, John Dovaras, who has been teaching and advising at OU for 35 years, is retiring at the end of the semester.

He is presenting his farewell concert, the "38th Annual Yuletide Concert," at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, at Varner Recital Hall.

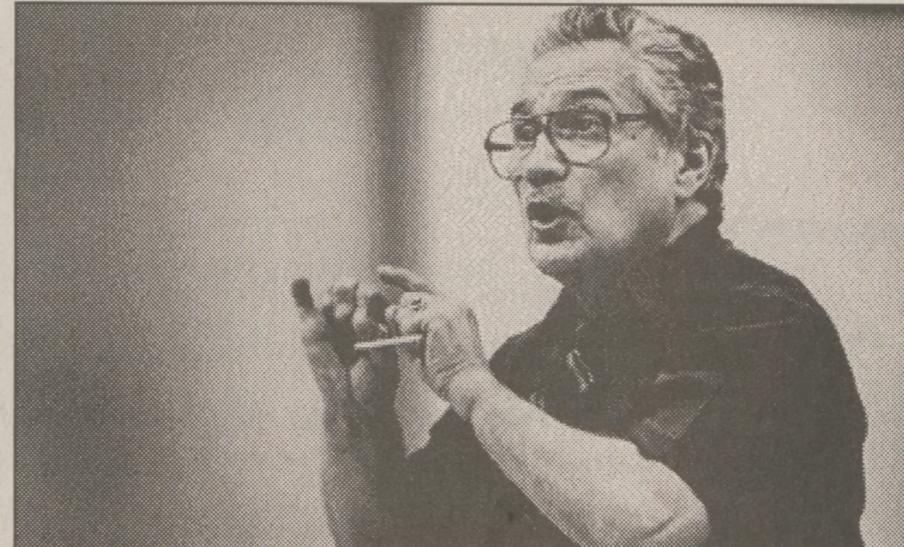
Dovaras directed the University Chorus and the OU Singers for 25 years as well as the OU Community Chorus for 35 years. He has also taught in all the choral music, music theory, specialized music history courses and American Music Theater courses during his tenure at OU.

Dovaras' favorite course to teach was a jazz course. This surprised him because it was so different from the other music he taught.

One of the challenges of Dovaras' career has been his "strong desire to provide young singers with the privilege of singing our major choral masterworks, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Williams and others, enriching their lives with music they have never known," said Dovaras.

A highlight of Dovaras' career includes the 17 European concert tours, in many major cities, including Vienna, Salzburg, Berlin, London, Paris, Madrid and Rome, in which he took high school and college student groups to learn and perform.

Dovaras' enthusiasm and love of teaching and performing come bubbling out as he describes his work. He has conducted many major choral and operatic works, written several books and edited the baroque choral works of Salamone Rossi, a colleague of Monteverdi.



LEADER OF THE PACK: John Dovaras has taught music to OU students for 35 years. He will present his farewell concert on Friday, Dec. 15 at Varner Recital Hall.

Dovaras is currently revising and expanding his latest book, "Great Romantic Opera Choruses by the Second Team," that he describes as "great works by lesser known composers that should be appealing to choruses." Dovaras' retirement plans include finishing his book, taking German and history courses, leading several choral ensembles and traveling as much as possible.

At the "38th Annual Yuletide Concert" Dovaras plans to invite former chorus members on stage to join in singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." He is featuring Donizetti's "Ave Maria," a "Christmas Concerto" by Torelli and a work called the "Hodie" (ho-de-a), by Ralph Vaughn Williams, a unique Christmas cantata, composed in 1954 when Williams was in his 80's.

"The work has the romantic quality of much earlier years of his life, but also is very contemporary in feeling," said Dovaras. There will also be the much-enjoyed "Choral Songfest" when the audience joins the 115-member chorus in familiar Christmas songs.

The chorus is made up of people from all walks of life and the professor especially likes that "people who have sung all their lives sing with the students, mixing the young with the experienced."

Tickets are available through TicketMaster by calling (248) 645-6666 or going online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the Varner Hall Box Office at (248) 370-3013.

Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$10 for general admission and \$8 for seniors and OU employees. Tickets will also be available for one hour prior to the performance.

## Online sites purchase music memorabilia

By Jessica Jefferson  
THE OAKLAND POST

Want Beatles tickets? Or, want to sell them? Yes, this may seem too good to be true, but it's for real.

Ewanted.com has set up a web site to fulfill as many wants as our over-gratified internet souls can have. Such as the posting from the person who wants old ticket stubs from Beatles concerts. From the popular to the obscure, Ewanted has some unique music items for sale and on request.

There are also people selling albums, cassettes, even LPs. Other categories of "wants" on the site include health and beauty, antiques, business and finance.

Similar to Ewanted, Musicopoly.com is another website which also acts as a place for music enthusiasts to search for items or post

their own.

Want to get rid of that Milli Vanilli album that went platinum right before biting the dust? Musicopoly.com has someone who wants it. Specifically designed for the musically inclined, Musicopoly's members have a variety of other specialty music items from soundtracks to actual equipment and instruments. They also have sister sites for other specifics you might be looking for or want to sell, such as Bookopoly.com, and Movieopoly.com.

Ewanted and Musicopoly are almost like a combination between Priceline.com and Ebay.com, because you are dealing directly with the seller and naming your price. Unlike Ebay, these sites are not auction houses. Plus, if you want something the sites don't have, all you have to do is post it on your list and when they do have it, they'll

notify you via email.

If you want to get rid of that *New Kids on the Block* collection that is in your parents basement, simply post it on these sites.

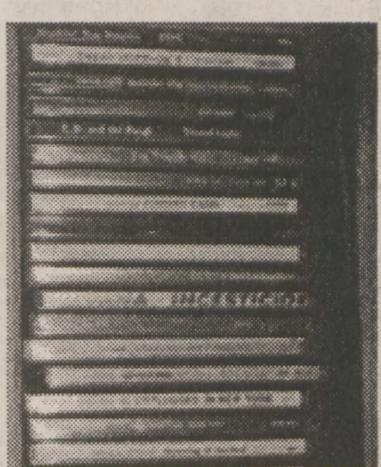
The only noticeable drawback would be for those Napster.com-ers who are hip to the sites where you can download music for free. But, if you are looking for something more specific, more vintage, there is a chance they'll have it at Ewanted or Musicopoly. If not, they'll tell you when they do.

In order to search postings or make your own, all you have to do is register for their free services and the rest is up to you.

You can browse through the seller or the buyer postings just to see what people have and what people want. The search engines allow you to search for specific items or categories.

The best thing about these websites is that

they are easy to surf. You don't have to be a web pro to find your way through these sites and your music memorabilia collection will thank you.



BUYBACK: Some online sites allow patrons to sell old CDs, or look for rare albums, and even LPs.

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## Rights

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erosexual supporters debating their right to equality. Many people who got up to address their concerns and issues to the public were not even residents of the city of Royal Oak.

After all public comment was heard, Commissioners Harrison and Donigan were the first to motion to pass the ordinance. Harrison became very emotional and stated that she could not understand why the community couldn't see these people as being equal to the rest of us. Commissioner Sarnacki followed stating that she agreed that these people deserved protection and moved to pass the ordinance. However, when the table got to Ilene Lanfear, the climate changed.

Lanfear said that she needed a more definite

description of the word "discrimination," citing the one used in the ordinance was ambiguous.

Harrison, becoming visibly angry, re-read the definition to her and suggested that if there were problems that they ought to be cleared up that evening.

Ultimately, Lanfear refused to state her position but agreed with Commissioner Kuhn who suggested it be put on a ballot, although he claimed to support the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Webster agreed. Commissioner Donigan piped up stating that the reason Webster didn't want to back the ordinance was because he would not be affected by it due to the fact that he would no longer have his job after this year. At that point, Mayor Cowan stepped in and called her behavior inappropriate. She apologized.

The other commissioner that remained

under scrutiny from Donigan and Harrison was Lanfear. "We can tweak the words, if that's the problem, said Donigan. But you owe it to these people to pass this thing tonight. If we put it to a vote, all it will do is generate hate mail, and the people will read it and believe it, which is unfair." Lanfear wouldn't budge.

Finally, around 11 p.m., Mayor Cowan took his stand, saying that he refused to be swayed by the hot-headed rhetoric coming from either side. He also agreed that the issue should go to a ballot, claiming it would end up there anyway. "This is no ordinary measure," he said. "It's extraordinary."

This ordinance is one that will have long-term, wide-ranging effects and that is why many of those present at the meeting felt that it not only deserves, but requires, public feedback and involvement.



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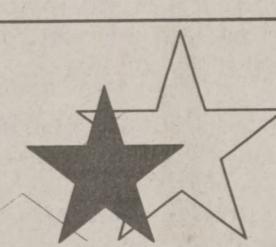
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**December to Remember:**  
Sharing Traditions And Making Some of Our Own!

Hugs for the Holidays: Donate a stuffed animal to be distributed by Pontiac's 4-H club to children in need.

Thursday, December 7

- CSA Holiday Crafts
- SPB presents: Mike and Tim's Totally Stupid Game Show
- Holiday Reception for Student and Greek Organizations
- Muslim Student Association Breaks The Fast
- Women's Basketball: OU vs Rochester College

Friday, December 8

- Akance Dance Troupe: African Dance
- SPB and ABS present: Jabali
- Afrika
- RHC's Ice-Cream On The Bridge

Saturday, December 9

- SPB Underground Coffee House: Open Mic Night

*Good Luck  
On Your Finals  
and  
Enjoy the Holidays!*

*The CSA Office  
wishes you a  
Happy New Year!*

**AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW**

✓ **Reservations for:**

- Les Miserables (December 17 & January 7)
- The Rockettes Christmas Show (December 13, 14, 20 & 21)
- Beauty and the Beast (Musical) (February 25 & March 4)
- Talulah starring Kathleen Turner (February 18 and March 4)
- Civil War (March 4)

✓ **Tickets for:**

- Meadow Brook Ball (February 3)
- SPB's February 9-11 Ski Trip to Shanty Creek (beginning Dec. 7)

**Trip to Ireland: May 2-9, 2001**

We are pleased to announce a trip to Ireland is now available to all Oakland University students, faculty, staff, alumni association members, and their families and friends. The trip will cost only \$1,930 (based on 20 or more participants) and will include round trip air travel, lodging, most meals and tours galore! Trip participants will visit Dublin, Cork, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, the Dingle Peninsula and much more! For additional information, pick up an informational brochure at the CSA Office, 20/20 Information Center, or contact DeWald Travel at (800) 228-0707.

The Oakland Center and The Center for Student Activities now has a web site.  
Click on [www.otus.oakland.edu/oc](http://www.otus.oakland.edu/oc) or go to OU's Homepage and look for the Center for Student Activities under Current Student.

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## Willkommen to Frankenmuth

*Michigan's little Bavaria offers Christmas wonderland*

By Rachel Rybicki  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Welcome to Frankenmuth, or as the Germans would say Willkommen!

With the world's largest Christmas store, Zenders World Famous Chicken Dinners, and a medley of quaint German shops, along with an array of Bed and Breakfast places, Frankenmuth is "Michigan's little Bavaria."

When looking for the perfect Christmas gift, stop by Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. Not only is it the world's largest Christmas store, but it is also open 361 days a year to better meet consumers' needs.

Founded in 1945 by Wally Bronner, Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland has one motto: "Enjoy CHRISTmas, It's HIS Birthday; Enjoy Life, It's HIS Way."

While visiting Bronner's, shoppers can also see over 500 different styles of Nativity scenes from around the world, or take a moment to see its Silent Night Memorial Chapel. It is a replica of the original one in Oberndorf, Austria, a city near Salzburg. According to Bronner's information guide, it was built in 1992 as "a tribute to God and the Christmas

hymn."

The store, covering 27 acres, (over the size of four football fields,) has a friendly European marketplace type atmosphere and is home to over 50,000 different trims, gifts, ornaments and more. This Christmas spectacular has many intriguing displays, including one of over 200 different styles of nutcrackers.

Gift certificates are also available for purchase if it is too hard to decide on the perfect gift.

If you can't find it at Bronner's, there is always the Birch Run Outlet Shopping Center. Shop at stores such as The Gap, Claires, J. Crew and Nike.

There are also a wide variety of bed and breakfast nooks located in town to choose from that would make a lovely gift for anyone looking to get away for a day or weekend.

One, The Street Bed & Breakfast, is just minutes away from downtown Frankenmuth. It features soft and cozy amenities such as flannel linens, down comforters, fresh flowers, a fireplace and a full guest kitchen.

For more information on Frankenmuth or Bronner's, visit their website at [www.frankenmuth.org](http://www.frankenmuth.org).



Rachel Rybicki/The Oakland Post

HE'LL BE COMING DOWN YOUR CHIMNEY TONIGHT: (Above-L) Santa descends from a rope suspended amidst the Christmas trees above passer-bys in Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. Bronner's, founded in 1945, is the world's largest Christmas store. (Above-R) The Bavarian House Gift Shop and Restaurant are guarded by two toy wooden soldiers. It lies in the heart of downtown Frankenmuth and is known for its world famous, "all you care to eat" chicken dinners.

## DIA's new exhibit pulls strings with children

By Courtney Bertrand  
THE OAKLAND POST

The Detroit Institute of Arts pulls all the right strings with the new exhibit "Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry."

It was standing room only on opening day, Sunday November 19, when British puppeteer Sargent Mike Stone raised the curtain on "Punch and Judy."

Stone's puppet show is very audience oriented; encouraging the kids to call out warnings and advice to his ever-troubled Punch.

There's nothing like slapstick humor to get an audience roaring with laughter. Children and adults cheered and laughed as the well-known puppet reacted to turmoil by beating Joey the Clown and The Crocodile over their heads with a bat.

"I loved when Punch pulled the skeleton's head off," six-year-old Dylan laughed.

"I liked when Punch was punching people," LaUnique, seven, piped in.

Punch's is notorious for its comic outbursts and unbridled passions are still found in today's pop culture, from the physical comedy of "The Three Stooges" to the satire of "The Simpsons."

Stone, also the puppeteer hails from Brighton Beach, England where he has performed his "Punch and Judy" show for the past 26 years. The DIA's puppet exhibit allowed Stone a chance to visit America for the first time.

"It's a lot different from all I knew of America before: Hillstreet Blues and ER," Stone says. "I was happy to see that even with all the electronics, kids and adults still like a live show."

Stone said that he has performed his show for so many years because he "loves being able to give some magic to children."

Stone's energetic performance gets the audience enthused and eager to see the rest of the puppet exhibition.

"Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry" traces the changing face of puppetry from 1850 to 1950 with rod puppets, marionettes, hand puppets and shadow puppets. The exhibit includes authentic vintage puppets from the 1800s as well as models that you are welcome to try out.

There are puppets that appeal to everyone. If the persons interests include Shakespeare and Dickens, Dracula and the Devil or even Greta Garbo on roller skates, there are puppets for anyone.

The exhibition, which is free with museum admission, runs through Dec. 31 with Saturday and Sunday matinees and workshops from noon to 4 p.m.

So, if you want to add some magic to child's life or even your own, check out the show. And if you think it's not cool to go to a puppet show, there will be some performances more like Craig Schwartz's ("Being John Malkovich") that'll change your mind. For more information, please call the DIA at (313) 833-7900.

## Soulive's debut album turns up unique, feel good sounds

By Dave Gullo  
THE OAKLAND POST

As a musician and a radio DJ, I am the biggest skeptic of new music that I know of. Not your average consumer, mind you, but a listener on a search for more than what's seen on the pop-culture surface. Hence, I came across the debut release "Turn It Up" from a three-piece band named Soulive.

The band features Alan Evans on drums, Eric Krasno on guitar, and Neal Evans on the Hammond B-3 organ. My first glance at the album gave me a lasting impression, a simple layout showing the musicians at their best (pictured with their instruments), and as I listened to their recording (Velour Recordings, Inc.), it was obvious that's what it's all about.

The music is clean, clear, and virtuous-splattered with intricate improvisations that expound in the language of funk/soul/jazz/groove.

In the spirit of breakbeat masters like Grant Green, Ruben Wilson and Lou Donaldson, Soulive weaves

simple grooves with thoughtful melodies into a groovy, mellow ride across the plane of psychedelia.

How did the band come to create this trip? Alan was a founding member of a band called Moon Boot Lover (which also became graced with the presence of Neal). Alan later played with the Greyboy All-Stars and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe.

Eric came from a group out of Boston named Lettuce, who packed many a house with its unique funk style.

The general atmosphere of this album transports the listener into a live, leftist, speak-easy type of environment. It feels GOOD to listen to AND hear this album! These guys play off of each other in a

way seldom seen around these parts, where groups that sound like Pearl Jam and Hootie rolled into one, seem to sell too many records.

To further top the list of fine attributes, Soulive includes John Scofield (guitar), Sam Kininger (alto sax), and Oteil Burbridge (bass) as guests on this spliff of a record.

Scofield, for those of you who don't know him, IS a master of jazz/funk guitar, that he demonstrates well on his Verve recording "A GoGo," featuring Medeski Martin & Wood.

Oteil had served as a member of Aquarium Rescue Unit for nine years, then joined the Allman Brothers

Band full-time in June of 1997. Some of the tracks were recorded live, and nine out of ten were written by the band, the tenth being Stevie Wonder's "Jesus Children," arranged by Soulive.

This all boils down to one undeniable fact, Soulive has grown its own unique style from the fertile ground of its Funk-Jazz forefathers. They carry on the tradition of on-the-spot expression, by stretching out their abilities like wings over a Van Gogh sky.

Soulive played to a full house last Saturday at Detroit's Majestic Theatre and will be featured at the House of Blues in Chicago this Thursday night, Dec. 7. Anyone for a road trip?

Check out [soulive.com](http://soulive.com) and [velourmusic.com](http://velourmusic.com). In the meantime, I'll be groovin' to this disc, you should too!

Dave Gullo is General Manager of OU's WXOU 88.3 FM and is one of four members of the psychedelic band Metaphysical Jones.

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## Les Miserables

Les Miserables will be performed at the Fisher Theatre at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 17 and January 7. Tickets are \$56.50 for main floor seats, \$41.50 for front balcony, and 21.50 for rear balcony seats. For more information, please call Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

**musical**

## Civil War

Civil War, a musical starring Larry Gatlin, will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 11, at the Masonic Temple. For more information, please call Ticketmaster at 645-6666 to reserve your seats today.

**swingin'**

## Forever Swing

Join all of your friends at the Music Hall Front Mezzanine or main floor at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 23 for a swinging good time. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact CSA at their service window in the basement of the OC.

**rockettes**

## The Rockettes

Come and see The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theatre on Wednesday, Dec 13 and 20, Thursday, Dec. 14 and 21. Call Ticketmaster for more information at 645-6666.

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