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## NEWS edge

• Student Congress is offering 30 open seats at the Keeper of the Dream Banquet on Feb. 14. They are available to all interested students on a first come, first serve basis. Students may sign up at the CSA service window beginning Jan. 23.

• Career Prep Week begins Monday, Jan. 22. For information on the events, contact the Placement and Career Services Office by calling (248) 370-3250.

• African American Celebration Month 2001 continues this week with "Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series and Discussion" from 7-9 p.m. tomorrow in the Oakland Room of the OC. For more information on other events for the celebration, call CSA at 370-2400.

• CSA is hosting the 2nd Annual Winter Carnival and Student & Greek Organization Days today and tomorrow in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. Stop by to check out what the many student organizations have to offer and what they have planned for this semester.

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## Master plan to combine foundations, expanded OC

*Multi-purpose facility  
in the planning stages*

By Beth Murray  
THE OAKLAND POST

In the next couple of decades OU students may be able to attend class, eat, go to a computer lab and play video games under one roof due to a recently unveiled Oakland Center Master Plan.

During the summer, the Bloomfield Hills architectural firm, TMP Associates, created a plan for the expansion and combination of the Oakland Center and the Foundation Halls.

In 1959 the first students of this campus were enrolled into the university. Now, 42 years later with a total enrollment of 14,726 students, the plans for a new and improved complex are in the works.

This is a 20 year plan that at the moment has no secure funding, so the date of breaking ground has not yet been set.

The Master Plan is designed for future years and it could progress in different segments depending on the funding. A possibility of funding that has been



Artwork courtesy of Richard Fekel, Director of the Oakland Center

**MASTER IDEA:** Plans to incorporate the Oakland Center with North and South Foundation Halls may be in the future. Richard Fekel, Director of the Oakland Center said that construction has not been scheduled to begin because of lack of funding. (Above) Computer generated sketches were recently unveiled to show what the plan would ultimately look like.

mentioned is similar to the way the Recreation Center was funded- from student fees. Another hope for funding the project is the Major Capital Campaign which is set to launch soon.

North Foundation is scheduled to be renovated, yet there is no news that South Foundation will be, according to Richard Fekel,

Director of the Oakland Center. The emphasis, right now, is on the Oakland Center. The estimated cost for the Oakland Center is \$20 million.

The increase in enrollment and the growth of the university created a need for a Master Plan and the Board of Trustees is in the process of developing one

for the entire campus.

Fekel hopes that the plan will enhance the architectural presence of the campus.

"It has been really exciting to do the expansion and renovation projects on campus," said Fekel.

The connecting of the OC continues on B2

## OU dorms flunk fire safety tests

By Cara Plowman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A recent undercover investigation of fire safety precautions in the dorms at four area universities revealed that OU may have a few problems.

WDIV Channel Four conducted a four-month long investigation of University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University and OU dorms.

Since the Jan. 19, 2000 fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, the fire safety in university dorms has received a lot of scrutiny.

The Seton Hall fire was ruled to have been arson. The incident killed three students and injured 62 others. The fire spread through the dorm extremely quickly, causing many to think that university dorms are not fire safe.

One common element in nearly every dorm investigated by WDIV was fire doors being propped open. Fire doors help in containing a fire to one area of a building.

"The doors are there to stop a fire from spreading through the building," said Fire Inspector for the Auburn Hills Fire Department Craig Petersen. He added that propped open doors cannot stop fires from spreading.

If a violation is spotted and reported to the Auburn Hills Fire Department, the station will usually give the university 15 to 30 days to fix the problem, depending on the severity of the violation, according to Petersen.

Magnetic systems have been added to the fire doors in Hamlin Hall. The system allows fire doors to be propped open by a magnet within the door. If a fire alarm goes off, the magnets release and the door closes, preventing fires from spreading.

For the most part, OU was found to be pretty safe.

"We always find some violations," said Health and Life Safety Manager Larry Johnson. "We try to catch what we can. I don't think we have a major problem on campus. It's pretty tough to stay on top of everything."

Johnson added that the new buildings on campus are all equipped with sprinkler systems.

"If there is a fire, it's controlled at the earliest possible time," he said.

If you have a concern or violation to report, contact the Risk Management at 370-4196 or Auburn Hills Fire Department at 370-9461.

## Vice president recommended at working session

*Phase one planning for  
apartments under way*

By Cara Plowman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

President Gary Russi presented his recommendation for the new Vice President for University Relations at the Board of Trustees working session last Wednesday.

Susan Goepf's employment would begin Feb. 1 if the BOT's decide to appoint her to the position at their next formal meeting on Jan. 31.

Goepf's projected annual salary of \$136,240 is about \$5,000 more than the salary of former Vice President for University Relations David Disend who left the position making \$127,775.

Goepf will be the third highest paid vice president and will be making about \$10,000 more than Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder.

Goepf's primary job will be to manage fundraising projects for the university.

Also at the meeting, part one of the planning stages of

the construction of student apartments on campus was updated and is well under way with the selection of a design firm being narrowed to three.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Lynne Schaefer brought the Board up to speed on the first stage, which reviews preliminary design services that will ultimately help the Board pick a final design.

The project is estimated to cost between \$19-20 million.

The BOT Investment Advisory Committee will meet today for a closed session at 3 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. for an open meeting in the Auditorium of Elliot Hall.

The committee will discuss the top four construction projects in the near future, including the additions of student apartments, an Education and Human Services Building, an upgrade of the campus electrical system and improvements to parking.

## Net offers alternative to class

By Mike Savage  
THE OAKLAND POST

This semester online courses are being offered for the first time. To many people this may sound like an easy way to take a class and get a good grade but that may not be the case.

"It's a lot more work than the traditional class, for the instructor and the student," said Mark Ludorf, Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives.

Online courses will take more motivation for participants than a usual class since there is no scheduled time for the classes to meet which can make the class more difficult, according to Ludorf, who is teaching PSY 100 online this semester.

"It's not for everyone," Ludorf said.

Richard Stamps, Associate Professor of Anthropology was scheduled to teach an online course this semester, but didn't finish planning the course in time.

"I think it's a great idea and a great concept. I think it provides another option as OU tries to reach out to a variety of students in a variety of situations. My own particular class is not being offered because I didn't get it finished in time to be field tested, which is, again, a good thing that OU is trying to do. They want to be sure that everything is up and running for the classes," said Stamps.

ONLINE continues on B2

### Courses offered online

ACC 200- Intro. to Financial Accounting  
AH 101-Intro. to Western Art II  
CSE 125-Intro. to Computer Use  
ECN 200-Principles of Macroeconomics  
HS 201-Health/Occupational Environment  
MIS 200-Personal Productivity and Information Technology  
NRS 472-Professional Nursing Synthesis  
PS 100-Intro. to American Politics  
PSY 100-Foundations of Contemporary Psychology  
PSY 225-Intro. to Life-Span Development Psychology

## Registrar's office moves SAIL to the internet

By Mike Savage  
THE OAKLAND POST

New technology at OU this semester has allowed students to register using the web. Out of more than 13,500 students who have registered so far, 5,000 used OU's online version of SAIL.

Registering online may make registration more convenient and quicker for students who are used to waiting in line to register or getting

busy signals on the telephone ver-

day seven days a week, during their allotted registration period.

"It helps to be able to see the information being displayed on the screen and the online version of SAIL has query capabilities that make it possible to check to see what sections of classes are still open,"

Shablin said.  
"It was more convenient than calling and trying to get on the line," Jessica Bishop, sophomore, elementary education, said.

So far, Shablin said, student comments have been very positive.

Brian Spurling, junior, theater production, said he thought web registration is convenient but there were some bugs with the program.

REGISTERING continues on B2

Web registration allows students to register online, check their grades, and look at their unofficial transcript.

According to Registrar Steve Shablin one of the main benefits of OU's online SAIL is that it allows students to register at their convenience 24 hours a

sections of classes are still open,"

"It was more convenient than calling and trying to get on the line."

Jessica Bishop sophomore, elementary ed.

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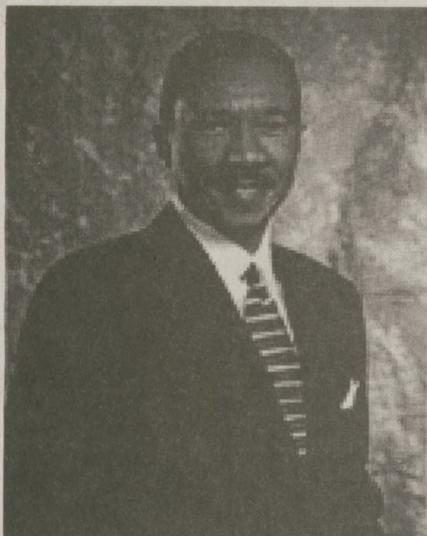
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Oakland University Presents:  
*The 2000-2001 Student Life Lecture Series*

## Kweisi Mfume

President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)



*"The Challenges Ahead for George W. Bush"*

**Friday, January 26, 2001  
3:00 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre**

Tickets are required to attend this lecture and are available at the CSA Service Window.  
Tickets for OU students: FREE through January 25; \$2.00 per student on January 26  
Tickets for OU faculty, staff and OU Alumni Association Members will be \$5.00 per person  
Tickets for the General Public: \$10.00 per person

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Presented with the support of the Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and University Student Congress. For additional information, call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400, or visit Oakland University's web site at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu).

### AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION 2001 JANUARY 15-FEBRUARY 23, 2001

•Monday, January 15- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day: ABS Campus March- 11:30 a.m.-Noon-First Floor Lobby, Vandenberg Hall.

•Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. Keynote Speaker: Nancy Quarles, Michigan House of Representatives, District #36 Southfield. Noon-1:00 p.m.- Pioneer Food Court, OC.

•Candlelight Vigil & Alumni Night 7:00 p.m.-Gold Rooms, OC.

•Thursday, January 18- Saturday, January 20- Prospective Students of Color Weekend.

•Thursday, January 18: Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series & Discussion- 7:00-9:00 p.m.- Oakland Room, OC.

•Friday, January 19: NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council) Dance. This is a closed dance for OU students and prospective students only. No guests are permitted. 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.-Gold Rooms, OC

•Saturday, January 20: Spirituality in Service/Community Service Project: Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac 9:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Fireside Lounge, OC.

•Monday-Friday, January 22-26:

Black Business Week.

•Monday-Friday, January 22-26: The Wonderful World of National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.- Main Hallway, OC.

•Wednesday, January 24: Student Etiquette Dinner- 5:30-8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall. Tickets available at the CSA Service Window, 49 OC.

•Thursday, January 25: Panel Discussion: Diversity in the Workplace. 11:00-12:30 p.m. Fireside Lounge, OC.

•The Diversity Career Fair Noon-3:00 p.m. Oakland Center.

•Legacy & Legend in Media Film Series & Discussion. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Oakland Room, OC.

•Friday, January 26: SLLB Speaker: Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). 3 p.m.- Meadow Brook Theatre.

•Monday-Friday, January 29-February 2: Black Education Week.

•Thursday, February 1: "Love, Marriage and Race Relations in the 1920's. Speaker: Earl Lewis, Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan. Noon-1:30 p.m. Oakland Room, OC.

## CRIME watch

• OU police stopped a car on campus early Saturday morning, for allegedly speeding, occupied by three underage female students who admitted they had been drinking. All three students were given a breathalyzer test and shown to have alcohol in their blood. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Operating a Vehicle While Less than 21 Years of Age and Having Any Bodily Alcohol Content. The two passengers were given Minor in Possession citations and released.

• Early Sunday morning, police stopped a car for speeding in the Vandenberg traffic circle which was occupied by four males who told the officer that they had been drinking at an off campus party. The driver of the vehicle was asked by the officer to perform field sobriety tests and was given a breathalyzer test. He was then arrested by OU police and charged with Operating a Vehicle by a Person Under 21 Years of Age With Any Bodily Alcohol Content. Two of the passengers in the vehicle were issued MIP's and released.

• OU Police responded to a smoke alarm in East Vandenberg Hall at 2:36 a.m. on Sunday. Officers were informed that smoke could be smelled on three floors of the building. Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived and while searching the building found a waste basket that contained what appeared to be burnt papers. This was determined to be the cause of the alarm, and students were allowed back into the building.

• Police are investigating a complaint of Suspicious Circumstances in the men's bathroom on the second floor of South Foundation Hall. Two campus employees found two photos in the bathroom printed off from the internet depicting fellatio, which also had possible semen stains on them. A witness gave police a description of a black male who has been seen near the restroom on the second floor. The witness said that the man is usually there around noon and sometimes spends several hours or all day in the area. He has been seen approaching male students, according to the police report.

# NAACP President to visit OU

By Lisa Remsing  
NEWS EDITOR

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Kweisi Mfume, will be speaking at OU on Friday, Jan. 26.

Just six days after the inauguration of George W. Bush, Mfume will appear at OU as part of the African-American Celebration Month 2001.

"We were fortunate to have him speak the week in which the country inaugurates a new president. George W. Bush has said that he would be a unifier, not a divider. This will be Mfume's first major opportunity to address the challenges for the new president as it refers to bringing a divided nation together," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs in the Center for Student Activities.

"There were several reasons to invite Mfume to speak at OU. He is current. He is a dynamic orator. He is the chief executive

of the largest civil rights group in the nation," said Franklin.

According to the NAACP website (www.naacp.org), Mfume has served as the President and CEO of the NAACP since February 20, 1996 and in that time has worked with civil rights, political empowerment, educational excellence, economic development and youth outreach across the country.

Prior to his position with NAACP, Mfume represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District United States Congress and sat on many committees including the Committee on Education, Small Business Committee, and the Banking and Financial Services Committee. Mfume also served two years as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mfume, whose West African name means "conquering sons of kings", has supported both minority and civil rights legislation and helped to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. He co-authored and amended the the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to

include U.S. Citizens working for American companies over seas.

Mfume graduated from Morgan State University in 1976 and later earned a Masters degree in liberal arts from John Hopkins University. Since then, he has received seven honorary doctorate degrees, hundreds of awards, and has written an autobiography entitled "No Free Ride."

"Mfume is a leader. OU students deserve to be exposed to people in leadership positions. Kweisi Mfume has and will make a difference in millions of people's lives," said Franklin.

"I think every great university brings people who make a difference, society leaders, and brilliant minds to campus to motivate and challenge students," said Franklin.

Mfume's visit is sponsored by The Student Life Lecture Board, and will take place at Meadow Brook Theatre at 3:00 p.m. on January 26. Tickets for OU students will be free through January 25, and \$2 on the day of the lecture. OU employees and

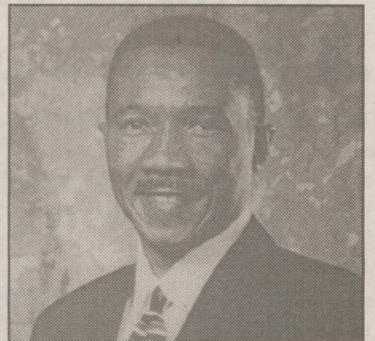
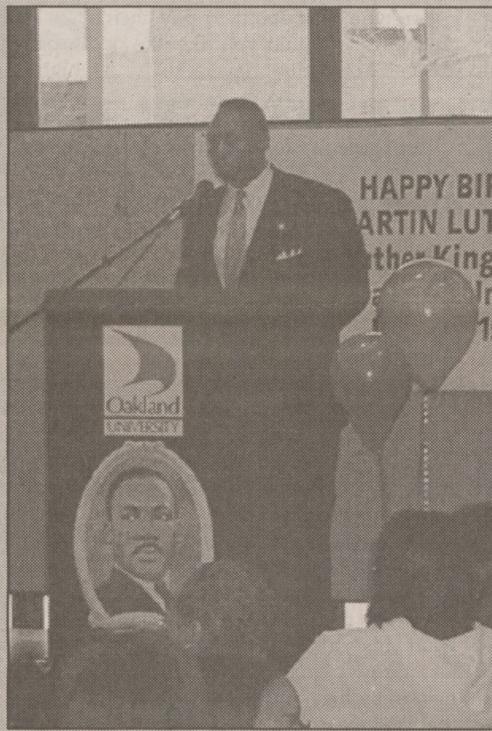


Photo courtesy of The Center for Student Activities. Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO of the NAACP, will be visiting OU on January 26.

alumni will be charged \$5 and the general public will be seated for \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the CSA service window.

The lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone with questions can call CSA at (248) 370-2400.

# March for freedom



Cara Plowman/The Oakland Post

**DAY OF CELEBRATION:** Students may have had the day off from classes on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, but that didn't keep them off campus. Nearly 200 students, faculty, and staff marched across campus, led by the Association of Black Students, in support of Black History Month. After the march, supporters gathered in the Pioneer Food Court for a birthday celebration, featuring Nancy Quarles from the Michigan House of Representatives as the keynote speaker. Glenn McIntosh, Director of the Office of Equity, also spoke at the event. King's birthday celebration kicked off African-American Celebration Month 2001 at OU and is just a preview of what is to come. A month of activities is planned from now until February 23, and can be found at the Center for Student Activities in 49 Oakland Center.

# Blood shortage calls on donors

By Ryan Schooley  
THE OAKLAND POST

A little blood needs to be shed, but the cause is just. It is an on-going struggle to fill hospitals with the blood they need to save lives. It requires everyone to do their part. Monday through Wednesday, January 29-31 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center will be your chance to do yours.

Busy students should know that the whole process of donating only takes about an hour, out of which only 5 to 10 minutes is spent on the table. And in exchange for one pint of blood, donors will receive a juice and a cookie and the satisfaction of knowing that they've just helped save someone's life.

One pint can save three lives, Dan Wallace of the American Red Cross said.

For those who have never done it before, the great fear about giving blood is that it hurts. After all, needles are involved. But realize that our fears are never as great as the realities they represent. It takes courage to overcome those feelings and try it.

Paul Franklin from the Center for Student Activities office remarked, "If you can get someone to give blood for the first time, more than likely, they'll do it again."

Every measure has been taken by the Red Cross and OU Student Activities Board to provide a "comfortable and non-threatening atmosphere," said Wallace.

This year's theme is "It's a Jungle Out There" and anyone who signs up to donate will receive some very cool stuff, like blow up animals, animal rulers, and animal slinkies. Student volunteers and trained nurses will assist donors through the whole process and make sure everyone's experience is a positive one.

Giving blood could actually make blood-donors

healthier. The American Red Cross has published information linking blood donation and cardiovascular health. In two recent studies, some male donors reduced their risk of heart disease by 86%, according to the British Medical Journal.

If students need another incentive to come to the OC on Jan. 29 through 31, just bear in mind that giving blood is one of the only altruistic gestures that one practices on a regular basis in today's society. Consider that by taking an hour's time out of your busy schedule you're helping someone else in the Metro Detroit community live. Carol Furlong points out that "blood can't be manufactured, there's only one way to get it."

Everyone at OU is invited to roll up their sleeves and come join the cause. Those interested in donating should be sure to drink some extra water the day they plan to donate and eat a good meal to insure an optimal physical balance.

To register online to give blood, just go to [www.givelife.redcross.org](http://www.givelife.redcross.org) and type in OUBLOOD to access a personal information sheet. You can sign up for your preferred date and time on Mon.-Wed. Jan.29-31, so it won't interfere with classes, work, etc. Interested donors can also call 248-370-2400. Walk-ins will, of course, be welcome at anytime during the blood drive.

Interested students can find general information on donating blood and the on-going blood shortage at the American Red Cross Website, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

For information about volunteering to help in the blood drive, call the Center for Student Activities and ask for Annie Leftkowitz at 248-370-2400, or e-mail at [arleftkow@oakland.edu](mailto:arleftkow@oakland.edu).

## Tips for Blood Donors

### Day of Donation

- Drink extra water and fluids before donating blood.
- Eat foods containing protein and carbohydrates such as bread and cereal.
- Avoid eating fatty foods.

### Between Donations

- Give your body plenty of iron by eating foods like red meat, fish and broccoli.

## What to Expect When Donating Blood

- You'll be asked for identification.
- Will be given a brief physical exam.
- Must answer questions on your past and present health and lifestyle.
- Actual donation lasts about 10 minutes.

Information provided by American Red Cross

## Editor's View

### Campus safety at an all-time low

The safety of the campus may be at an all-time low this semester.

Ice covers just about every sidewalk. Snow banks in the parking lots are piled high and can obstruct the view of drivers and pedestrians. Last week, the lights between the Oakland Center and the Foundation Halls were out, which created a completely pitch black path for night class students to travel down.

In addition, unplowed parking lots blurred lines, leaving commuters with even fewer spots to park. A few students resorted to double parking, blocking aisles or other illegal options and ultimately received parking tickets.

The parking situation at the beginning of this semester was, by far, worse than in the Fall. But the fight to get to class on time didn't end in the parking lots. Students were further disadvantaged by the horrendous condition of campus sidewalks and streets.

During the entire first week of school, conditions didn't seem to be improving, forcing many to assume that the university considered the problem to be of minimal importance.

For many, the inconvenience was minor. For some, though, it made it nearly impossible to get from one place to another.

The people that were most hindered were those in wheelchairs and on crutches or walkers. Imagine trying to get from class to class in a wheelchair or on crutches. Wheels could get stuck in snow piles and crutches could slip on the icy pathways.

To the university's credit, salt was spread out on most of the walks late in the week. And although it was a little better, it was still not easy to walk on.

The recent increases in temperature have melted much of the snow, but a return to freezing temperatures could make uncleared pathways even worse than they were last week.

Area chiropractors may see an increase of student in need of an adjustment because of slip and fall accidents.

The line starts behind me.

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The only problem with a Distance Learning class is that you never know when the camera will point in your direction.

## Letters to the Editor

### Prof. forced to choose

Dear Editor,

I had interesting discussions with people from the Registrar's and Dean's offices the other day. It seems that there are problems with a couple of requests I had made concerning quality classrooms experiences. Specifically, I asked that I be assigned a classroom that either had tables or full-sized desktops rather than the small writing supports whenever I taught a section of statistics. My intention was to provide a suitable environment for students who struggle to keep a notebook, textbook, calculator and assorted handouts on a piece of pressed wood no larger than a typical mouse pad.

"Fine," they said, "we can do that."

I then requested a room that was equipped with minimal computer technology merely a port into which I could plug in a laptop computer that would display to one or more television screens. There are a number of very fine software products available to assist in teaching statistics today and I sincerely believe that students would benefit greatly by being exposed to these products.

"Fine," they said, "we can do that."

Cool, I thought to myself, things are really improving.

Then the phone call came. "I'm sorry, but you'll have to pick one or the other -- do you want table tops or technology? You cannot have both."

"No," I replied, "this is not an either/or situation. The students need to be able to take notes to do well in the course, and I need to be able to utilize the new technology to assist them in learning this material." I even asked if stomping my feet and pounding the desktop would help to clarify my position.

"That is all well and good, Professor Stewart," they replied, "but you will still need to choose will it be table tops or technology?"

The compromise, if you can call it that, is to have the table tops room and arrange to have the computer equipment delivered to the class-

room each and every day of the semester. After getting away from the situation for a bit I wondered if the new golf course would face similar problems -- Imagine asking a golfer who was about to pay their greens fee: "Would you like tees or greens? You cannot have both."

Robby Stewart

Professor & Chair of Psychology

### Arguments from biophilia

Dear Editor,

As an OU student and a member of the Honors College, I feel concern toward the expansion of the Western Reserve.

As a group, the members of the Honors College course entitled Biophilia have come up with a number of points both positive and negative toward the use of the natural areas here on campus.

After participating in this course, which was designed to promote the innate affinity that human beings have with nature, we have a somewhat valid opinion. Our views are taken from many experts in the field of biology and conservation that we have come across in our studies this semester.

The positive points that we see to preserving more natural areas on campus are:

1. OU will be able to continue to strive for its focus on research and scholarly pursuits and accomplishments from faculty and students in the arts and sciences.

2. It will be able to set a positive example for the rest of the community by taking the first step in the conservation of green spaces, an innovation that OU will be well recognized for in the future.

3. The ability to save an ecosystem: in the theory of island biogeography developed by Edward O. Wilson, there are indigenous species living in any small, isolated area.

The negative aspects that we see to expanding the development of natural areas are:

1. The commercializing of OU. As

an educational institution, we strive to focus on the value of education. Supporting the plan to develop these areas would give businesses power over the university.

2. With the ever-present threat of urban sprawl, natural land will be a high commodity in the future. Developing on precious natural areas could end up inviting more sprawl on campus.

3. Threats to biodiversity: wildlife, including plants and animals that are native to the area, would be put in danger. Animals forced out of natural habitats become a nuisance to the public if they have no natural land to live on.

I urge the committee and its members to think on an evolutionary time scale and take into account the life processes of all living things for the long run. We can either save the land now, or end up paying for it in the future. We cannot turn back time, or repair damage once it is done.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. I encourage response both in favor or in opposition to the ideas contained in this letter.

Laura E. Chaltry  
Junior, communication

### What Do You Think?

What do you think should be done about the development of OU's natural areas? Do you think OU should expand in order to add learning areas, specialized facilities or other campus necessities? Or, should OU try to maintain and preserve unused land? Call, write or email The Oakland Post.

All letters to the editor must include a name, class rank and field of study or OU 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.

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Too many black youths have been victimized by pushing dope into their veins instead of hope into their brains.

-Jesse Jackson

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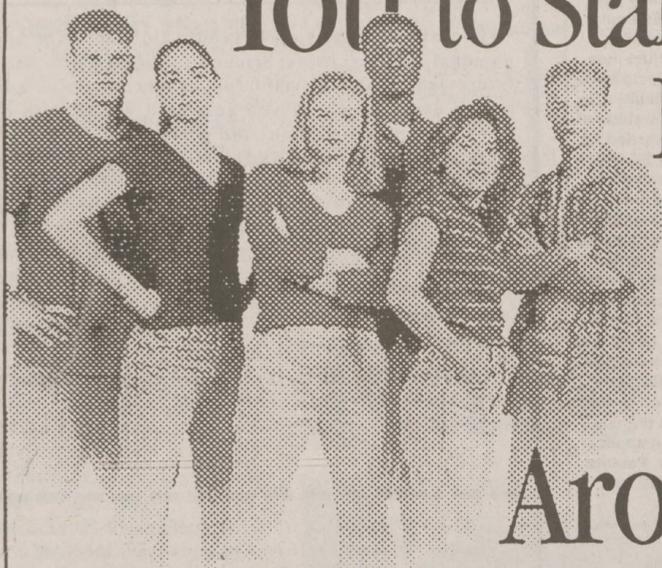
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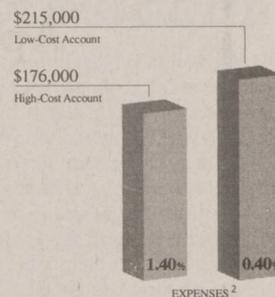
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•Tuesday, January 23, 2001, 12 noon-1 PM-Wellness Room, REC

•Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 12 noon-1 PM-Wellness Room, REC

•Wednesday, January 24, 2001, 5:30-6:30 PM-Wellness Room, REC

•For more information, call 370-3260

Watch for upcoming information regarding the next Campus Recreation Family F.R.E.E. Day to be held February 17th.

### THIS WEEK

•Placement & Career Services presents its Diversity Career Fair on Thursday, January 25, 2001 from 12 noon-3 PM in the Gold Rooms. Over 70 employers will be waiting to talk to you about job opportunities and careers with their organizations!

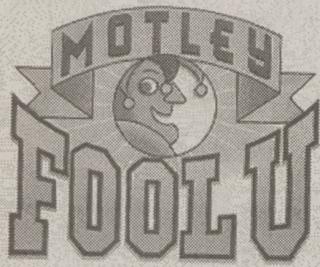
•Intramural Sports Captains Meetings-On January 21st the captains meeting will be held for all intramural sports events. This meeting is mandatory for all team captains

•Campus Recreation News--Fitness and Wellness, W.O.W. Women On Weights. Sign-up for both WOW1 and WOW2 have started. Actual classes will begin the week of January 22nd. Call 370-4911 for sign up.

•Campus-Wide Ultimate Sports & Fitness Challenge-The Ultimate Sports and Fitness Challenge will take place at the Rec Center on Saturday, January 20th for 11 AM-4PM. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams and the top male and female along with runner-ups in both divisions. Stop by the Rec Center or call ext. 4732 for more informations.

•Come learn about the latest way to market yourself to employers through electronic portfolios on Monday, January 22nd from 5-7 PM in Room 127 of the Oakland Center. Placement & Career Services will present a workshop on "How to Create an Electronic Portfolio" and show you ways to make yourself stand out in the job search process.

•Do you love sports and dream about a career in sports industry? Come to a Placement & Career Services panel discussion with Jon Bloom, sports broadcaster from WFDN, Thomas Ford, Athletic Trainer at OU, and professionals career dream a reality. The panel will take place on Wednesday, January 24, 2001 from 12 noon-1 PM in the Fireside Lounge.



## Investing in Health Care

**Q: I'm a registered nurse and a beginning investor, and I would like to invest in the health-care industry. What are some good stocks? Should I go to an investment company, or try my hand at online investing? -- L.M., via the Internet**

**A:** We think the key word in your e-mail is not "nurse," it's "beginner." We would like you to become an experienced investor, and the best way to do that is to take it slow. Jumping into individual stocks before you know what you are doing is more likely to turn you into a former investor, someone who is convinced that investing is dangerous. It really isn't, but you need to do some prep work first.

As superstar preacher Peter Lynch often preached, invest in what you know. If you work in a specific sector, you may be in an excellent position to pluck gems from the pack. You know medical companies. You work with them every day, and you are in a unique situation to spot great new medical products. The next step is learning about company valuation. A great company with a great product may be a great bargain, or it may already be priced so high that it will never be able to make enough money to justify its stock price.

You have to know the difference. That's why you need to learn how to value stocks. Check out some investing books by Peter Lynch, such as *One Up on Wall Street* and *Beating the Street*, and the newly revised edition of *The Motley Fool Investment Guide*.

In the meantime, if you want to get your feet wet and participate in the growth of the health-care industry, you can try an index fund linked to the industry. Check out iShares or the Dow Jones U.S. Healthcare Sector Index Fund as a way to invest in your industry while you learn more about picking individual stocks.

Yes, it's a lot of work to pick good health-care stocks. But you need to start with the basics if you have to ask us, "What are some good stocks?" Read, read, read, and you will start to see good investment possibilities at work every day. Then read, read, read some more and the best ones will become obvious. Until they do, those index funds are the place to be.

**What Now?** Wanna buy a stock that represents a share of an index? Check out iShares, which has more than 50 different index funds that trade like stocks. Each share represents a portfolio of stocks designed to closely track one specific index, like the health-care sector.

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# Writers embrace life in anthology

By Mike Murphy  
THE OAKLAND POST

Eleven Michigan authors will read works from a new poetry and prose anthology, "Beyond the Lines: Writing What You Couldn't Say," in Birmingham this Saturday.

"Beyond the Lines" is a collection of poetry and prose written during a year of writer's workshop meetings.

"This is a unique concept," said Maureen Dunphy, a Special Lecturer in English whose poetry is featured in the book. "The idea of working with a group of writers and having a relatively short time to write brand new work was very different."

Dunphy, who teaches the Fiction Workshop at OU, wrote a collection of 12 poems about issues in her life, ranging from "Onion Shortcake," about her daughter's sixteenth birthday, to "Frost Heave Ahead," about the upheaval of moving a household.

In a review of "Beyond the Lines," Edward Hawthorth Hoepper, professor of English, said, "The stories and poems in this volume use honesty and strength to probe life-changing influences, which themselves cannot be photographed or forgotten. The tragic death of a young child, the intricate relationships that make a family, a brother's passing on — these are the kinds of things that make us

who we are by demanding attention."

Several other authors whose work is featured in "Beyond the Lines" have connection to the OU community.

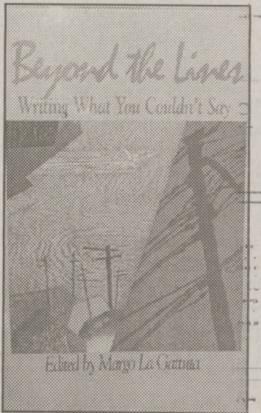
Editor Margo LaGattuta, a local poet, and host of the "Art on the Air" radio show on WPON, earned a B.A. in English from OU in 90s.

Poet Suzanne Zeitman, who earned both an MA in Mathematics (1980) and an MS in Computer Science (1988) from OU, has taught as a TA and as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and as a lecturer in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dunphy, who graduated with a B.A. in English from OU in 1975, teaches as a special lecturer in English, facilitated and served on the panel of judges for the OU's first annual Flash Fiction contest last winter. She's currently helping to plan The Far Field, the writing retreat that OU will be host this spring, May 17 - 20.

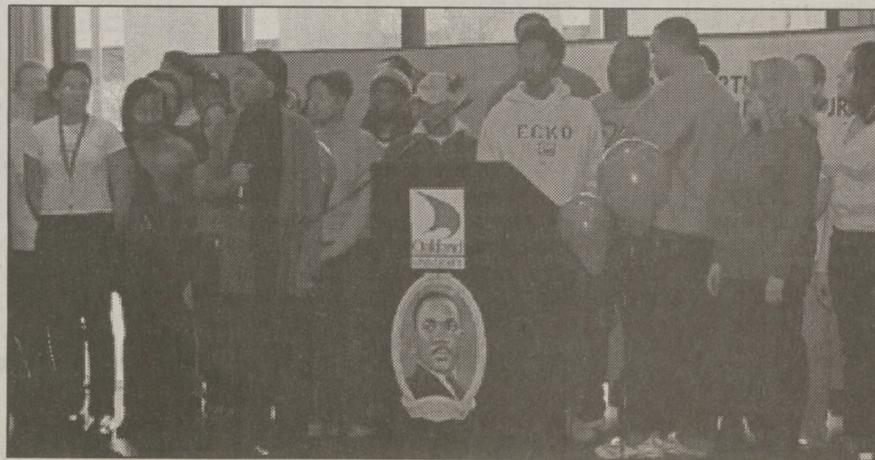
The event will be held at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Saturday at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Featured entertainment includes saxophonist Faruq Z. Bey.

"Beyond the Lines: Writing What You Can't Say" is published by Plain View Press. Copies are available in the OU Bookstore.



Cara Plowman/The Oakland Post  
LIVING LARGE: Local writers tell of their real life experiences.

# Race issue lives on



MARCHING IN MEMORY: Students, faculty and community members gathered in the food court on Monday to kick off African-American Celebration 2001 at OU.

## U-M lawsuit hits federal court

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL EDITOR

Hundreds of affirmative action advocates rallied Monday on the University of Michigan campus remembering the racial tensions that plagued Martin Luther King Jr. 40 years ago.

Dozens more gathered Tuesday morning in front of the U.S. District Court in Detroit, anticipating the opening of the affirmative action lawsuit trial.

The trial, before Judge Bernard Friedman, is the result of a lawsuit filed by Barbara Grutter, a 47 year-old white woman from Plymouth. She alleges that she was not admitted to the law school because of the university's affirmative action policy.

U-M, along with student activists, are defending the policy on the basis that many minorities do not always have the opportunity to attend law school, while many whites do. The affirmative action admissions policy provides some equity for these minority students.

This trial is on the minds of many students throughout Michigan, especially in Oakland County.

More than 5,300 students in the county attend U-M, and many of those are minorities.

The courtroom is not a new scene for U-M. In December of last year, Judge Patrick Duggan ruled the university can, indeed, consider race as it picks its incoming undergraduate students.

He found that the university's affirmative actions admissions program is constitutional, but said that the undergraduate admissions policy used from 1995-98 took race into account illegally. That policy reserved a specific number of spots for minority students.

The law school's admissions policy is different from the undergraduate policy because the law school admissions are up to the discretion of an admissions dean.

These guidelines were created in 1992.

"A racially and ethnically diverse student body produces significant educational benefits such that diversity, in the context of higher education, constitutes a compelling government interest," Duggan wrote in his 51-page decision.

According to The Detroit News, there are 365 students in this year's freshman law class. Sixty percent are white, ten percent are African-American, four percent Hispanic and two percent Native American.

## County celebrates MLK, remembers his dreams

By Michael Hoskins  
LOCAL EDITOR

Communities around Michigan and throughout the nation gathered in their local areas on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and the dreams he once envisioned.

These celebrations officially kicked off the African-American Celebration month.

Oakland County offered a variety of events for residents to participate in.

The county's largest event, United We Walk, saw a record number of volunteers in its seventh-year. Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm was the guest speaker, and spoke about making a differ-

ence in the war against racism.

Downtown Pontiac had their own celebrations, as well. The March for Unity drew residents who, led by the Pontiac Central High School Band, walked a mile from the 50th District Court to the school.

Groups of students from OU, MSU, WSU also gathered throughout Michigan to do work for several different charities, including the American Red Cross, Focus: HOPE, Gleaners Food Bank, the Salvation Army, and local soup

kitchens.

In a Detroit News article, Richard Loewenstein, president of Gleaners, said, "It's our community helping those less fortunate. It's a Dr. King dream in reality."

*"After all there is but one race - humanity."  
- George Moore*

## Clinton's legacy tells story of good president

When it comes right down to it, Bill Clinton has been a good president. With only three days left until he leaves office, his legacy has been written, and the pages tell the story of a man who served this country well.

Granted, he did make some mistakes. The name Monica Lewinsky will never be forgotten. And yes, he did stray from the truth at times...but haven't we all? We're all human, and we all make mistakes, but in the end we learn from them and move on. That is, in essence, what Clinton did. He

moved on and continued doing his job as president.

Now it is time for him to move on again. This time, however, he is citizen Bill Clinton; the ordinary man who, by chance, happens to be married to a senator.

Reflecting on his two consecutive terms in office, Clinton should have no trouble finding solace in how his saga played out. He was the first Democrat since FDR to serve two full terms. He oversaw a solid economy with



Michael Hoskins

record-low unemployment rates, skyrocketing stock markets, and the first budget surplus in decades. Not to mention the fact that he provided some hysterical material for Jay Leno's opening lines and SNL skits.

Not bad, eh?

Now, some argue that these wonderful economic times were just waiting around the corner and would have come along no matter who was leading the country. Maybe so. But extending

Clinton credit that he deserves, he did an excellent job in keeping our heads above the water.

Some have different opinions on how he managed his numerous roles as President. While he did have some significant failures, like being impeached, he did a good job, and he leaves the White House behind with an interesting tale to tell.

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## Four Day weather

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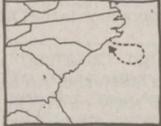
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BY RUBEN BOLLING

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U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON EXPLAINED THE OPERATION --

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WE'RE GONNA LEARN 'EM SOME DEMOCRACY!

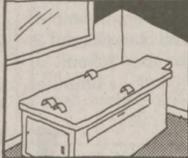
CLAIMS OF ELECTION FRAUD AND IRREGULARITIES SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IN THIS BACKWATER DEMOCRACY...

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**Bizarro** by Dan Piraro

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ELVIS & THE BIG GUY

**Bizarro** by Dan Piraro

The special tonight is the GUILTLESS CHICKEN SALAD. It is made from a chicken who lived a long, happy life in an affluent suburb of San Diego & died quietly in its sleep of natural causes.



**LEX**

I'M THINKING THAT OUR NEW FRESHMEN GET MORE AND MORE OUT OF CONTROL EVERY YEAR.



BLAKE, WHEN WE WERE FRESHMEN, YOU WERE THE MOST NOTORIOUS STUDENT ON CAMPUS! THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, PEANS, HOSPITAL, LOCAL MAGISTRATE... KNEW YOU ON A FIRST NAME BASIS, ALL WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL!



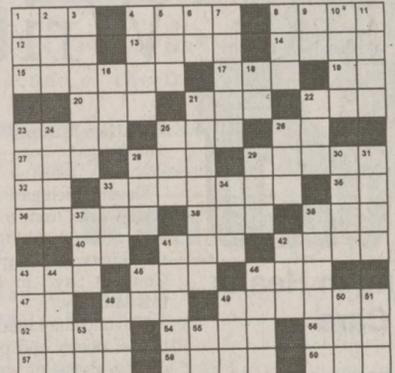
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I'M CONCERNED MY LEGEND MIGHT GET PLUTED.



IT'S SAFELY PRESERVED IN THE COUNTY POLICE BLOTTER.

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- 31 Need
- 33 Bed
- 34 Dorsal
- 37 Squawk
- 39 A bad review (slang)
- 41 Rumba
- 42 Dampen
- 43 Ore vein
- 44 Dry
- 45 Note on musical scale
- 46 Gun
- 49 Sneaky
- 49 Poem
- 50 Small
- 51 Eon
- 53 Announcement (abbr.)
- 55 Overdose (abbr.)

## Damon's signs of the times

This week we all have pretty big egos, in the sense that we have a pretty strong will. There is a conflict as to whether to go after lofty goals or to go after more practical ones, but ideally there will be a balance found by the end of the week. Communicating with others may be difficult, so for the most part people will have to set their person goals on their own.

- Aries** - Talking about your feelings to friends might not be the best idea right now; give yourself some time to organize your thoughts. A romantic relationship has a good chance of moving forward now.
- Taurus** - Your associates might not have your best interests in mind and/or vice versa, so this is the time to evaluate your relationships. A conflict with a partner may become romantic.
- Gemini** - You have the insight to make future plans, so use this time to set yourself up for the future. Aggression, particularly at work, won't resolve the situation.
- Cancer** - Silence may be golden this week, especially considering you may end up saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. Do your best to separate your imagination from reality since you are more sensitive than usual this week.
- Leo** - Take the high road in an argument and you'll come out on top. Work on balancing your belief in yourself with a sense of humility; if your attitude is right, there is a lot that can be accomplished this week.
- Virgo** - Watch how you say and do things this week; you might be a little more edgy than usual. Find something positive to focus on and much work will get done.
- Libra** - Passionate expressions can get positive results this week, though you shouldn't go overboard. A conflict with another person actually relates to something in your past; spending some time in introspection helps.
- Scorpio** - You might be able to get what you want by not doing anything extraordinary; trust in the work you've put into your goals. Spontaneous attractions to others might happen this week, but don't take them too seriously.
- Sagittarius** - Keep your goals modest this week; you'll be surprised how much you get done. Tie up any financial matters that are lingering or they may become a burden.
- Capricorn** - Take some risks if the opportunity feels right. Going along with other people's plans can reap some excellent results. Taking a casual trip or visit this week is an excellent mental break.
- Aquarius** - Finding positive ways to deal with your career challenges is best for all parties involved. You might want to wait to make a major decision until more facts surface; chances are that you don't have enough information.
- Pisces** - People are listening, so let others know where you are coming from, particularly in your personal relationships. Time spent with friends is really valuable right now.

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## Web Girl

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....

**www.PhoneSpell.org**

Just type in your phone number and this site will find different ways to make words using your number! You know, they are always showing those commercials with numbers like 1-800-GRANDMA. More people will call you, guaranteed!

**www.BuddysPizza.com**

Yummy! Before heading out to eat at Buddy's, read their menu, find out more about the history of Buddy's Pizza, get a job there, give feedback, or get a gift certificate. Or, just find out where the nearest store is.

**www.gurl.com**

To find out what guys like in the way of kissing, or to get a free email account @gurl.com, or just check out the boob files (yes, I said boobs) all on this site. Now that ought to peak your interest.

**www.GreatLakesCrossing.com**

Here you go! This is a great way to find out when a store is having a sale or what important events are going on at Great Lakes Crossing (On Baldwin in Auburn Hills). Online you can buy gift certificates for the entire mall. It's too hard to choose, so you don't have to.

**www.TheKnot.com**

Getting married? Like weddings? This site will help you make the decisions about your wedding. Maybe you are standing up at the altar for a friend's wedding. It's a quick, easy and fun way to get what you want out of your wedding. You can even read proposal stories!

If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at

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## LIFE edge

### ON CAMPUS

•SPB'S WINTER OPEN HOUSE will take place at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Jan. 24 in the Gold Rooms. Find out what SPB is all about and how to get involved with the largest student entertainment organization on campus.

•As part of the SPB Open House, **FADE2SHADE** will perform at noon on Jan. 24 in the Gold Rooms. The six-piece group combines eclectic rock, jazz/funk and ethnic rhythm. The band was one of MTV's chosen artists for the Midwest Choose or Lose tour.

•See **TOM HANKS** at 8 p.m. on Jan. 24 in the Gold Rooms as he plays a man with AIDS in the movie "Philadelphia." This event is sponsored by SPB.

### SHOWS

•Catch Ben Stiller in "MEET THE PARENTS" at 9:30 p.m. tonight at the Magic Bag, Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m.

•**MULTI-GRAIN**, The Methadones, Caulfield and Don't Ask will play an all ages show on Jan 19 at The Shelter, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m.

•Punk sensations **FACE TO FACE** will perform with H2O and Snapcase at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. Tickets are on sale now.

### ODD INFO

•On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

•All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.

•A full seven percent of the entire Irish barley crop goes to the production of Guinness beer.

•A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

## The Futility of the War on Drugs

"Traffic" delivers intensity, excitement award nominations

By Anthony Liccardello  
THE OAKLAND POST

"Traffic" merges several different stories, running side by side. And they all deal with the war on drugs.

Director Steven Soderbergh's style of shaking up the sequence of events is seen throughout the film. First the audience meets a Mexican cop (Benicio Del Toro) who is in the thick of things with officials in his country. On the other side of the border, business gets nasty with a San Diego rat (Miguel Ferrer) preparing to testify against a big-time drug lord. The drug lord's pregnant wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones) is unaware of the true source of her family's ritzy lifestyle, and she turns into a jungle cat in a cruel plan to reverse this setback.

Soderbergh's casting is uncanny, drawing out the panther glint of ruthlessness that flashes in Zeta-Jones' dark eyes. Also, Benicio Del Toro's continuous ethical conflict is apparent in his facial expressions, as he struggles mentally with which path to take.

These are just two examples of the strong performances in what turns out to be a superb cast.

The entertainment industry is so obsessed with crime, that some may wonder how this film is different than others. What's new is the overall recognition of failure. Absolutely nothing in the system works in "Traffic" and everybody knows it.

Soderbergh actually operated the mostly hand-held camera himself, a rarity for directors. He serves up this American saga with exhilarating speed, but without losing the psychological aspect.

Soderbergh's idea to exaggerate the colors of the film's



Photo courtesy of USA Films  
DAZE OF DRUGS: A spectacular ensemble cast deals with the outcomes (and lack of incomes) related to drugs in "Traffic."

different segments (icy blue for Michael Douglas's life, humid yellow for Del Toro's ethical journey) serves no assumption of realism except for the artistically suitable kind. The best kind.

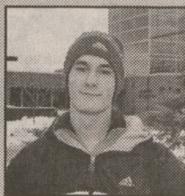
One of the greatest things that can be said about this film is that the character your watching at any given moment seems like the absolute center of the picture. This movie is so intense, that when a character has the stage, it's as if nothing else matters. Whether its a major star like Douglas (Judge Robert Lewis), a crafty lawyer in Dennis Quaid (Arnie Metzger), DEA agents (Luis Guzman) and (Don Cheadle), or troublesome teen (Topher Grace), they captivate your immediate attention.

Soderbergh's other movie credits include "Sex, Lies and Video Tape," "The Limey," "Out of Sight" and last year's hit "Erin Brockovich."

"Traffic" has been nominated for five Golden Globes: Best Picture (Drama), Best Screenplay (Stephen Gaghan), Best Director (Soderbergh), Best Supporting Actor (Benicio Del Toro) and Best Supporting Actress (Catherine Zeta-Jones).

"Traffic" has already won awards from The Broadcast Film Critics Association Awards, Golden Satellite Awards, Las Vegas Critics Society Awards, Los Angeles Film Critics Society Awards, National Board of Review, National Society of Film Critics Awards, New York Film Critics Circle Awards, San Diego Film Critics Circle Awards and the Toronto Film Critics Association Awards.

## Listen Up: What's in Your CD Player?



Steve Nottingham  
sophomore  
undecided

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Sarah Esper  
1st year graduate  
student  
exercise science

TIM MCGRAW  
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Marcia Zaremberg  
2nd year  
graduate student  
exercise science

MACY GRAY  
On How Life  
Is

## You can quote me on that

To find out what movie each quote is from, visit  
The Oakland Post's website, [www.oakpostonline.com](http://www.oakpostonline.com).

1. "It's got a cop motor, a 440 cubic inch plant, it's got cop tires, cop suspensions, cop shocks. It's a model made before catalytic converters so it'll run good on regular gas."
2. "Because she doesn't look at me like everybody else does and I don't want her to. I don't want her to know."
3. "George Washington was in a cult, and the cult was into aliens man!"
4. "Me? I'm scared of everything! I'm scared of what I saw, I'm scared of what I did, of who I am, and most of all I'm scared of walking out of this room and never feeling the rest of my whole life the way I feel when I'm with you!"
5. "Mikey, why don't you tell that nice girl you love her? 'I love you with all-a my heart, if I don't see-a you again soon, I'm-a gonna die...'"

## Discovering life as castaway

In winter, we here at OU find ourselves snowed in, trapped like rats, bored. Last week, I tried an experiment to discover new ways to keep busy during the cold months.



Mike Murphy

Inspired by the new Tom Hanks vehicle (and Federal Express commercial) "Cast Away," I decided to lock myself in my apartment for four straight days after finals week last month. The phone was on DND, the TV was on and there was no one - no one - on campus. I kept a journal. This is it.

If you're worried you might not get this because you haven't seen "Cast Away," don't worry. I haven't seen it either.

### DAY ONE

10 a.m. - Waking up. These four days are going to be a piece of cake. A quick look in the kitchen shows that food will be a problem. All I have for the next four days is half a can of salsa, some expired milk, stale graham crackers and something in an old Chinese food container that I'm too afraid to explore.

11:20 a.m. - I'm looking through old photos, and putting them into an album. Here's me in a cast, after my tragic dodge ball "accident." The kid that did that to me is probably getting away with murder right now.

1 p.m. - TV. Football. Good.

4 p.m. - The sun is already starting to set.

11 p.m. - I've alphabetized my CD collection, my bookshelf and vacuumed. I even made the bed, which is a semi-annual occurrence. Now what?

1 a.m. - Infomercials. That "America's Funniest Hidden Camera" one is great, but why buy the video? Thinking of buying contour leg pillow. They have a very convincing pitch.

### Day Two

9 a.m. - Feeling shopper's remorse over ordering the contour leg pillow and something called the Juice Amizer. I'm sort of afraid of what it does.

10 a.m. - Bored. I'm hungry. I'm giving those graham crackers a try. The milk, too, unless it smells funny.

11 a.m. - Stomach hurting. I've been poisoned....

4 p.m. - TV is getting old. Watching my fish. They are boring, boring fish.

8 p.m. - I just watched two movies on the Lifetime network, the network for women, "Sins of Silence" and "Mother, May I Sleep with Danger?" (I did not make that up). Seriously, who watches this stuff? Lindsay Wagner and Tori Spelling are in every single one of these things. And I just saw the dad from Family Ties play a rapist. My childhood dreams are all now officially shattered.

11:30 p.m. - While cleaning under the bed, I found a pair of socks that aren't mine, and that I don't recognize. Someone's been here. I live in fear.

3 a.m. - More infomercials. I think I want to learn Tae-Bo just so I can beat the tar out of Billy Blanks. I saw him in "Bloodfist," and I think I can take him.

### Day Three

9 a.m. - Food supplies critical. Something must be done. One of the fish looks weaker than the rest. We may have to sacrifice him for the good of the whole.

10 a.m. - I thought it wouldn't come to this, but I'm about to eat what's in the Chinese food container. I only hope my immune system has prepared me for this.

10:30 a.m. - I can't see. Goblins are chasing me.

Noon - Life has come to a stop. Time has no meaning. Drank some more milk, though poisoned. Cold. So cold.

3 p.m. - Playing tic-tac-toe with myself. Losing. I am a wily opponent.

4 p.m. - Life is a cruel joke. I am cold and lonely.

10:45 p.m. - The cold is intolerable. I cannot feel my toes. I've tried everything. This isn't working. Ah! The kitchen! Matches!

11:00 p.m. - I've done it! Warmth! Heat! Fire! I, HAVE SET MY APARTMENT ON FIRE!

11:05 p.m. - Uh oh.

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three buildings will make North Foundation, South Foundation and the Oakland Center into a complex of services. The seating area by the food court will be expanded and there will at least be one new food service, perhaps more depending on the amount of room.

Over by Starbucks there will also be some more expansion. There will be more seating, which will be surrounded by glass windows, and the east entrance will be enhanced by improved landscape. A banquet hall added to the upstairs as well as new conference rooms, meeting rooms and multi-purpose rooms are all in the plan.

"I think that it looks really good," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs, Center for Student Activities. "I like that it will provide more program space.

We need places for concerts or lectures. The only spot right now is the Gold Rooms."

Where the balcony is, by the Fireside Lounge, there are plans for a stairwell that will bring together the two levels.

There could be a computer lab added downstairs as well as expansions in the Student Organizations office. Downstairs, there are plans for more meeting rooms which may be soundproof.

"Since the University is growing, (the building) will be good for attracting incoming students, as well as enhance the presence of the University," said Lisa Mah, junior, finance.

Perhaps the most significant and most architecturally stunning aspect of the new master plan is a clock tower, called a carillon. This giant clock tower is planned to be placed in between the Oakland Center, O'Dowd Hall and Kresge Library.

**ONLINE**

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"I'm impressed that they're setting high standards in doing this. I don't think it will ever replace the face-to-face class, but it's an alternative, an option and a good thing to have."

The unstructured regiment can create problems, though.

"One potential problem will be if students don't keep up with their assignments," Brian Goslin said, associate professor of exercise science.

Goslin, who is co-teaching health sciences 201 this semester, said that students can do the learning in a time frame that is convenient to them.

"It may be a disadvantage for someone who is not focused and who lacks self discipline," he said.

OU's homepage has a survey that students can take to see if they are the types of people who should be taking one of these new courses. Questions on the survey ask about the

capability of your computer and internet software to participate in the classes. Also, the survey has questions about how independent the student is as a learner and if he or she would be comfortable typing all of the communication, rather than expressing it orally with the teacher and other students.

So far there are 315 people registered for the 10 courses being offered completely online this winter, Ludorf said. They are classes already offered offline by the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Health Sciences and School of Business Administration.

Ludorf said that over time he expects more courses and sections of e-courses to be offered.

Goslin said because classes just started there have not been any student comments yet, but he said he will encourage feedback throughout the course.

Although there have not been any major problems with the new form of class, Ludorf said he expects some problems to occur that have not been anticipated. He said they have anticipated many.

**REGISTERING**

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"It wouldn't let me register for classes I knew I was eligible for," Spurling said. He added that some of his friends had similar problems.

Shablin said online registering has saved counter traffic at O'Dowd but students still call with questions and there are still people in the Registrar's

office to help students with any questions or concerns they may have.

This semester is the first time web registration has been available at OU.

Shablin said, "We envision we will see greater usage on the web."

**LEX**

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

HEY! YOU TOLD ME YOU QUIT SMOKING!

I... UH, DID... EXCEPT FOR WHEN I'M IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS.

BLAKE, WE'RE ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS. WHAT ISN'T A SOCIAL SITUATION?!

OKAY, LOOK: IF I SMOKE 500 MORE PACKS, I CAN EARN NEAT PRIZES.

HMM... HOW MANY PACKS UNTIL YOU CAN EARN THE IRON LUNG?

THAT'S PRIZE-PLATEAU 47... I'LL PROBABLY SAVE UP FOR THE TRANSPLANT, THOUGH...

**LEX**

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

BLAKE, HAVE YOU SEEN MY ORGANIC CHEMISTRY BOOK?

UH... YEAH. I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ SO I BORROWED IT.

COOL! WHERE IS IT?

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WHO SAID THAT? I'LL DO IT!

**POIGNANTLY BRILLIANT SOCIAL COMMENTARY OR POOPY HUMOR**

I'M LOOKIN' OUT FOR NUMBER ONE!

YOU SHOULD WATCH THE SIDEWALK FOR NUMBER TWO!

TOMORROW: POIGNANTLY BRILLIANT SOCIAL COMMENTARY

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Hi, Matt Damon! Liquor?

Liquor?! Why, Ben Affleck, I barely know 'er!

Ho! You always get me with that one!

**HUMOR for the KIDDIES**

Q: What is a ghost's favorite kind of pie?

A: Whatever kind of pie he liked best when he was a person, before he died.

Q: What do cows like to do on a Saturday night?

A: Avoid being butchered for human consumption.

Q: Why did the train like bubble gum so much?

A: It made slightly more bearable its freakish anthropomorphic existence.

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Saturday, January 20, 2001

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For the second year, Oakland University will try to find the best players to represent Oakland University at the ACUI Region 7 Games Tournament to be held this year at Wayne State University Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18. The entry fee is only \$5.00 per person.

Competitions will be held in the following events:

- Billiards - Nine Ball
- Table Tennis
- Chess
- Euchre (2 person teams)

Awards will be given to the two top finishers in each competition. The winner of each event will win the right to represent Oakland University at the ACUI Region 7 Tournament. Bumpers Game Room will pay for entry fees, reimburse for mileage and meals. If an OU participant wins the Regional Tournament, The Oakland Center will assist the winner in getting to the National Championship.

**ENTRY FORM**

Turn in to Bumpers Game Room on Saturday, January 20 from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. along with payment.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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I AM INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- Billiards - Nine Ball \_\_\_\_\_
- Table Tennis \_\_\_\_\_
- Chess \_\_\_\_\_
- Euchre (2 person teams) \_\_\_\_\_ (teammate is \_\_\_\_\_)

Registration will be held from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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# CAREER PREP WEEK

## JANUARY, 2001



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Placement & Career Services Open House, Fireside Lounge, OC  5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. How to Create a Portfolio Workshop, Room 127, OC	12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m. Dress For Success Seminar, Fireside Lounge, OC  5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Behavioral Interviewing Seminar, Room 127, OC	12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. Careers in Professional Sports NOT Requiring an Agent Panel, Fireside Lounge, OC  5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Student Etiquette Dinner, Meadow Brook Hall	11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Diversity in the Workplace Panel, Fireside Lounge, OC  12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Diversity Career Fair, Gold Rooms, OC	9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Mock Interviews, Oakland Room, OC  11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Volkswagen Employer Open House, Fireside Lounge, OC	

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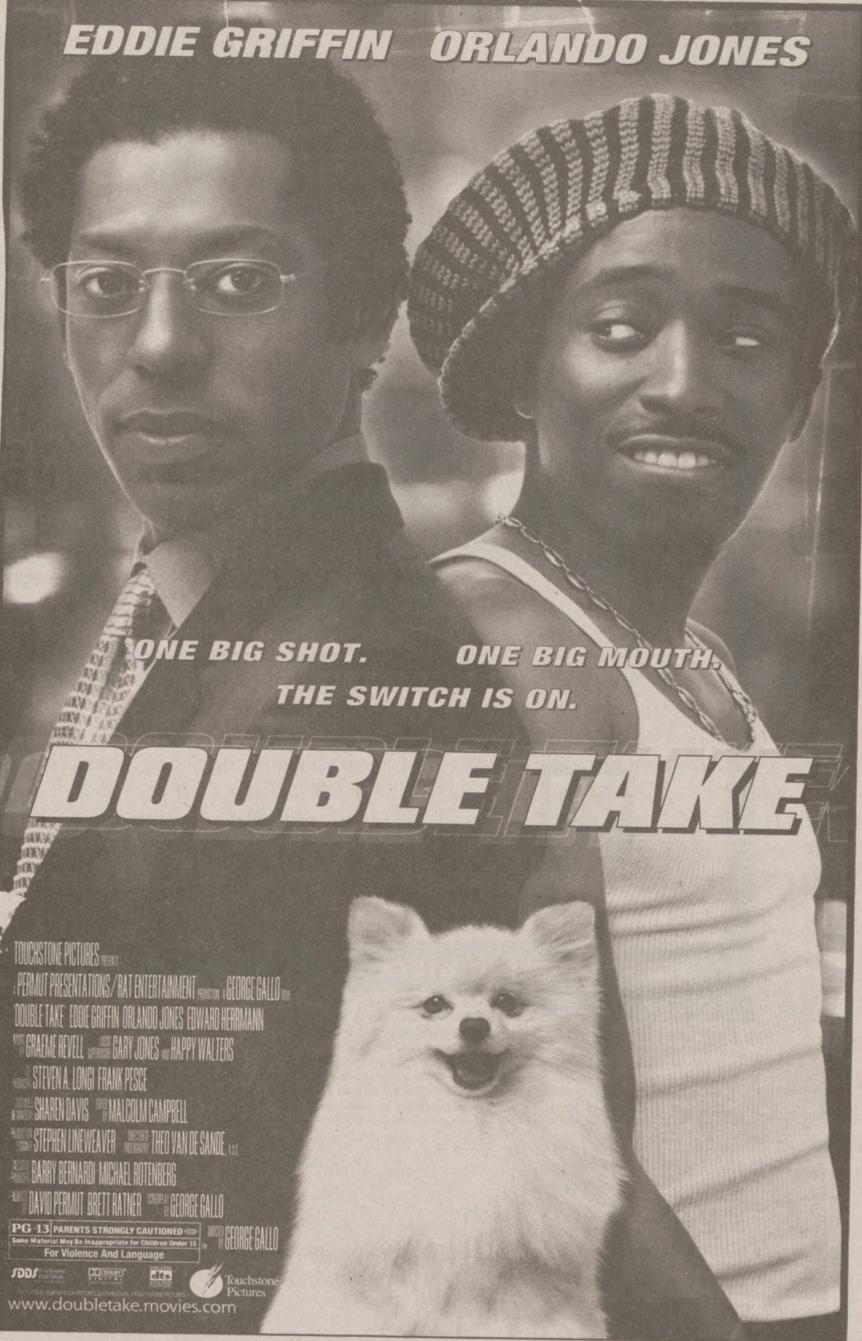
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Oakland	7
Northwood	0
Jan. 13	
Oakland	6
GVSU	3

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

Jan. 12	
Oakland	144
Kenyon	65

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Jan. 12	
Oakland	165
Kenyon	66

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 11	
Southern Utah	77
Oakland	68
Jan. 13	
Oakland	94
IUPUI	89

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 13	
Oakland	90
IUPUI	70
Jan. 15	
Oakland	76
Southern Utah	63

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

•8:30 p.m., Jan. 19 - CMU  
•Time TBA, Jan. 20 - at Ferris

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

•1 p.m., Jan. 20 - at Michigan State

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### SPORTS NEWS

•PROUD PARENT-Black Bears assistant coach Tom Ricketts is a new dad. A healthy Joseph Connor Ricketts was born on January 5 at 2:30 p.m. and was seven pounds, six ounces. Tom looks a little different nowadays, because he told his team that if the Black Bears beat MSU, they could shave his head. The team won 7-6.

# Internet broadcasting wave of future

By Scott Anderson, Jeff Theisen, Nick Nowakowski, & Ramez Khuri  
THE OAKLAND POST

Oakland has done a lot of upgrading in recent years. The campus has had a face lift with new buildings, signs, and recently the website got an overhaul, using the latest technology and innovative ideas.

By logging onto [www.ougrizzlies.com](http://www.ougrizzlies.com) fans can find rosters, schedules, Mid-Con links and more. In fact, OU is the first school to put media guides exclusively on line.

The decision to jump to Division I meant that the OU Athletic Department would need some upgrades as well. These included the O'rena, and more ways for fans to listen to Golden Grizzly athletics that are not just local, but global as well. The internet is the easiest, and least expensive way to do that.

The idea came from OU's desire to upgrade their web technology. As OU President Gary Russi explained it, "We decided to upgrade our ability to interact with the web. We brought in a group of people that is headed by an alum, SV3

media. What we did was, we started talking (with them) about how we could use the internet to get a little more exposure for Oakland. It came around in a discussion 'why don't we do our basketball games.' So, that's how it started."

Just four years ago, the campus radio station, WOUX, as it was then named, was the only way to listen to an OU basketball broadcast. It was from a one speaker output in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Now the radio station WXOU can be heard on 88.3 FM, as well as online at [oakland.edu/WXOU](http://oakland.edu/WXOU).

Another online source for OU athletics can be found on [ougrizzlies.com](http://ougrizzlies.com) where John Bloom from the radio station 1130 AM, the Fan, provides the play-by-play. Just follow the links to the online broadcast. A computer with a sound card and the Real player software, which is available free of charge online, are all that is needed to hear the broadcast.

Bloom is not an expert on the technology, but he is willing to learn. He sees the future of radio in the internet. Most of all he views the broadcasts as learning experiences. He knows enough to get the broadcast up and running, but, as he said, "I'm still not the whiz kid that some of the people I work with at SV3 are. These people do this for a living. I'm

still the jock broadcaster, minus the jock part of course."

A webcast works with Bloom calling the game into his microphone and from there, it goes directly into a portable mixing board. A signal comes out of the board encoded into a laptop equipped with a program called Real producer. The computer sends the signal back to SV3. It is then transformed into an audio signal, and put on the web to any listener logged on.

The decision to go with SV3 Media to put out the broadcasts saved OU thousands of dollars, according to Simon Dover. The contract allows OU to pay for SV3's help not in dollars, but in free advertising. If the games were to be broadcast on the radio there would be per hour fees, and the game would be restricted to a certain time frame. With the games being online, the broadcast can go as long as necessary, with ample time for post-game wrap up.

Currently, men's basketball is the only sport that gets full season coverage, but the occasional women's basketball game is covered. "The university is looking to get the most bang for its buck," said men's basketball coach Greg Kampe.

BROADCASTING continues on B7

## Home streak hits 12, women first in Mid-Con

By Ramez Khuri  
SPORTS EDITOR

Beckie Francis' basketball team has a right to be proud. Not only did the Grizzlies beat two tough Mid-Con opponents during the long weekend, but they have now won 12 straight home games, are first in the Mid-Con with a 5-1 record, and have an overall record of 11-6.

After losing to Oral Roberts on Jan. 8, the Grizzlies seem to have rebounded nicely, beating IUPUI 90-70, and Southern Utah, 76-63.

As usual, the three top scorers, Katie Wolfe, Sarah Judd, and Beth Zeone came up big against IUPUI, but a familiar friend, Jamie Ahlgren showed that she could still play well and contribute to the team.

Ahlgren was the Grizzlies leading scorer three years ago, before she had a knee injury that kept her out of the line up almost two seasons.

Wolfe had 27 points, seven rebounds, and five assists, Judd scored 17 with six rebounds, and four assists, Zeone finished with 11 points, five assists, and five rebounds.

Ahlgren's heroics couldn't have come at a more opportune time. After going down 39-35 at halftime, the Grizzlies needed a jump start. It didn't come right away, as the Jaguars extended their lead to nine just two minutes into the second half, but with 8:28 left in the game OU took its first lead of the night on a three pointer by Ahlgren. That was part of ten straight points that she scored.

After that shot the Grizzlies went on a 34-9 run to take the game.

"Jamie has worked really hard on rehab," said Francis. "She played really well on the road for us, and I told her in practice that I felt very good about her, and she has accepted her role, and it's great when you have that kind of fire power coming off the bench."

Ahlgren, who finished with 12 points in 13 minutes, said "I think in the second half, we turned up our defensive intensity as a team,

and we worked together as a team, and we started talking more, and once that happens, we start playing better. Our two big things that we talked about at halftime were limiting turnovers and playing more intense defense."

When asked about her knee, she said, "I am feeling better as my knee gets more in shape, as that happens the game gets more easier."

Wolfe had a similar view to her coach and teammate. "I think in the first half we struggled offensively, and we weren't getting very good shots, and in the second half everybody was moving around, and Jamie came in and made some three pointers, and everyone was contributing offensively and I think that helped a lot."

Naomi Nickleberry agreed. "We were out of sync in the first half, but then we came back in the second half and played the game that we wanted to play."

In the game against Southern Utah on Monday night, the Grizzlies posted 38 points each half, shot 51.8 percent from the floor, and 50 percent from three point range. All of that equaled a 13 point win.

Wolfe, who scored 17 of her 26 points in the first half, said "I think that our offense is just running real well lately, and tonight I got lucky and had a couple of guards guard me, so I had the height advantage, and we just played well."

Zeone finished the game with 15 points, and eight rebounds, Judd scored 14 along with seven rebounds, and Nickleberry and Ahlgren each had strong games with seven points each.

"It's very important to get this win," said Zeone. "It really has boosted our confidence, especially now that we are number one. They (Southern Utah) were making a lot of shots, especially at the end but offensively we were just really focused, and we were penetrating well, and we were getting to the free throw line a lot, and that's something we have been trying to focus on."

Southern Utah's defense was tight, as they forced OU deep into the shot clock on many



THIS IS MY HOUSE : Naomi Nickleberry hits a jump shot during a game last month. The Grizzlies now have a 12 game winning streak at home and are at the top of the Mid-Con standings with a 5-1 conference record and 11-6 overall.

occasions. The Grizzlies responded by making a series of big shots as the shot clock was running out. That seemed to take the wind out of the Thunderbirds wings.

"They (Southern Utah) were tied in first place, and were on a six game win streak, and we knew that this was one of the taller teams next to Oral Roberts," said Francis. "We worked hard in practice how to defend

taller teams, and we have had some success defending that and I just credit the team, they just play with so much heart and are very coachable. To play a team like this you have to have a lot of concentration and focus, and we kept saying that in the timeouts, 'get a good shot, have discipline, take care of the ball,' and the shots will develop, and they did."

## Cure cabin fever with winter activities

Anyone who is sick of all this snow and is waiting for winter to be over, listen up. I'm sure we all have those friends who keep raving about the wonderful skiing conditions and are actually happy when the forecast calls for a foot of snow.

Well, maybe it's time we listen to them and find something worthwhile to do with all this white stuff.

This is going to be just as hard for me as it will be for all of you, but I think all of us who hate winter should make it our New Year's resolution to enjoy winter activities. After all, there are a lot of things we can do if we really want to.

The most obvious of winter activities are downhill skiing and snowboarding. The main problem with skiing for college kids is that it's

really expensive, especially if you have to rent. Also, for people afraid of heights or breaking bones in their body, downhill skiing or snowboarding might not be a good idea.

For people afraid of the speed but like the feel of skis, cross-country skiing is an option, and will prove to be a great workout in addition.

Many of the state and county parks in the area have cross-country trails that are groomed and in excellent condition this season.

If the only time you can remember having fun in the snow is when you were seven years old, try grabbing some friends and going sledding or tobogganing. As with ski trails,

many parks have sledding hills or toboggan runs that don't have trees in the middle of the hill like your

backyard might. Just be sure not to go sledding on the big hill on campus by the Rec Center because the OUPD will not be happy about that.

Waterford Oaks, which is located on Scott Lake Rd. off of Dixie Hwy. in Waterford has a toboggan

run that I've heard is fun if you avoid the crowd of children on the weekends.

Since we live in the Great Lakes State, ice skating is another good idea, and nobody can say that there's nowhere to go ice skating. If that toe pick on the figure skates trips you up, try hockey skates.

That's what I had to do.

And while the hockey skates are on, maybe try a small game of hockey with your friends. Even if you have no idea what you're doing, it will be a good laugh to see everyone try.

Even if all of these activities seem too strenuous or take too much effort, just having a simple snowball fight or building a snowman will make the snow seem more worthwhile.

So for the next two months, since all of this snow doesn't seem to be going away, hopefully these activities will cure the winter blues.

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Lisa Cali

## Florida's cold temperatures hinder holiday training

By Lisa Cali  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The weather was rough for the swimming and diving team's annual training trip to Florida, but the difficulties didn't hinder the team's performance this weekend.

Both the men's and the women's teams claimed victories over Kenyon. The men won the meet 144-79, and the women won 165-66.

Head coach Pete Hovland said that despite the poor conditions in Florida, which made it difficult to train, the team expected the win over Kenyon.

"The training was very difficult. They just couldn't warm up," Hovland said. "The kids did a great job though. Their attitudes were wonderful, and they struggled through it the best they could."

The temperatures in Florida were as low as 20 to 30 degrees in the morning, and since training began at 8 a.m., the conditions really took a toll on the physical ability of the swimmers.

Assistant coach Jon Teal agreed with the weather assessment and said that the swimmers he trained "are in the best shapes of their lives."

Leading the way for the Grizzlies on the women's side was Danielle Ward with firsts in the 1650, 500, and 200 freestyle races. Oksana Strelets came in first in the 50 and the 100 freestyle, and Tatyana Korniyenko claimed the 200 individual medley and

the 200 butterfly. Yvonne Lynn placed first in the 200 backstroke, and Shelly Aurit won the 200 breaststroke.

Claiming second place for OU was Tamara Swaby in the 200 butterfly, Veronika Frolova in the 200 breaststroke, and Angela Simetkosky in the 500 freestyle.

On the men's side, Dave Hartzel won both the 200 freestyle and the 200 backstroke. Marc Gray placed first in the 1650 freestyle and second in the 500 freestyle, and Andy Schmit won the 500 freestyle while coming in second in the 1650 freestyle.

Other firsts for the men were Pat Foley in the 200 individual medley, Sean Broadbent in the 100 freestyle, and Mark Quinn in the 200 breaststroke.

Divers Laura Sorley and Devon Cunningham claimed the first two spots in the one and three meter diving, with Sorley winning the three meter and Cunningham winning the one meter. For the men, diver Joe Lebovic won both the one and three meter competitions.

The teams are now beginning to look ahead to the National Independent Conference championship, which will be held at OU Feb. 22-24. The NIC meet is where the swimmers and divers hope to turn out their best times and compete to qualify for the NCAA swim meet.

"We have a couple of relays, one on the women's side and one on the men's side that could make it to



MAKING A SPLASH: Tatyana Korniyenko helped lead the Grizzlies to victory over Kenyon this weekend. Korniyenko is one of the swimmers that assistant coach Jon Teal hopes to send to the NCAA Division I championship at the end of the season.

the Division I Championship," Teal said. "On the men's side, definitely Dave Hartzel and Haitham and on the women's side, Oksana, Tatyana and a few others might be close."

Hovland has begun to focus the swimmers on the NIC championship as well as look at the performances of the teams OU will be competing against at the NIC meet.

"I just want the kids to do the best possible job they can do and have a sense of satisfaction at the end of the year," Teal said.

At this point in the season, Teal said he is pleased with the sense of family surrounding the team and coaching staff, and Hovland likes the fact that everyone contributes in and out of the pool.

"The people that always win events get noticed a lot, but this is a team sport, and we couldn't be doing as well as we're doing if people at all levels weren't contributing," Hovland said.

The women will host Miami on Friday at 4 p.m. Then, both teams will travel to Michigan State on Saturday. The meet begins at 1 p.m.

## Grizzly men lose to Southern Utah, beat IUPUI in Mid-Con action

By Zvonko Blazevski  
THE OAKLAND POST

OU's men's basketball team opened its four game home stand against Mid-Con conference opponents Thursday with a 77-68 loss to the Thunderbirds. OU came back on Saturday with a 94-89 victory over IUPUI to improve to 4-2 in the Mid-Con Conference.

The Golden Grizzlies, 7-10 overall, and the Thunderbirds traded baskets early on, with OU taking a 16-11 lead after Jason Rozycki's three-pointer with 11:33 left in the first half.

But that was the last time OU led.

Southern Utah went on a 15-2 run to lead 25-16 with 8:16, before the Golden Grizzlies battled back to within four at the half, 34-30.

OU made four of 10 free throws in the first half and shot 37 percent from the floor. The Grizzlies, known for their three-point shooting, hit only twice in 12 attempts in the first half, against the Thunderbirds' zone defense.

OU's poor free-throw shooting continued in the second half as the Golden Grizzlies hit only 13 of 24 shots.

OU got to within three several times in the second half, but the Thunderbirds pulled away each time for Southern Utah's 12th victory of the year.

"When you play a team that good at home (Southern Utah beat the University of Utah earlier this year), you have to make free-throws and make plays," said coach Greg Kampe. "We didn't do that. The bottom line was in the first half we should have been ahead, and we missed six free-throws, including a one and one. When the game is on the line, you can't keep giving a good team chances and that is what we did, and they took advantage."

Mike Helms, who had a strong game with 15 points in 15 minutes, said, "I just felt that I had to play the way I know I could play, just step up and try to help my team win, but we couldn't pull it out today, so we have to go back to the drawing board. We were terrible from the free throw line tonight, myself included, but it seemed like a lid was on the basket today while we were on the foul line."

Leading the way for the Golden Grizzlies with 17 points was Rozycki.

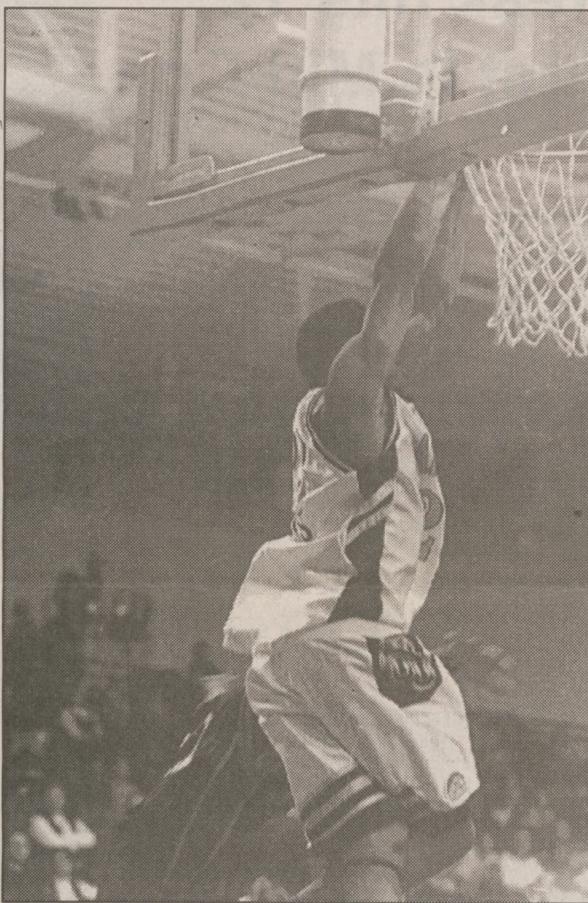
On Saturday, the Golden Grizzlies jumped out to a big lead, and then found themselves hanging on for a 94-89 victory over Mid-Con Conference opponent, IUPUI.

The Golden Grizzlies never trailed as the team ran out to an early 15-6 lead after a Jon Champagne layup at 12:22.

OU extended its lead to 20 at one point before going to the locker room up, 41-24.

In direct contrast to the Southern Utah game, the Golden Grizzlies shot 51 percent in the first half while IUPUI shot 28 percent.

Things continued to go OU's way as the Golden Grizzlies eventually increased its lead to 29 points with 14:57 left, but IUPUI mounted a come-



TEAR DOWN THE RIM: Freshman Mike Helms came up big for his team against IUPUI and Southern Utah with 25 and 15 points. He has been a welcome addition to Greg Kampe's team.

back.

With OU leading by such a large margin, Kampe took out the Golden Grizzlies' starters and put in reserve players.

The Jaguars started hitting their shots in a foul-filled second half after going to a full-court press with less than eight minutes to go.

The Jaguars slowly clawed away at OU's lead. At 5:01, OU led 80-56. With 2:30 left, OU's lead was cut to 15, 85-70. A minute later, the score was 86-79.

By this time, OU's starters were back in to the game. IUPUI started to foul OU hoping that the Golden Grizzlies would miss their free-throws.

IUPUI got within six points, 87-81 with 1:12 left in the game but Mychal Covington hit two free-throws to increase OU's lead to seven.

Helms led Oakland with a double-double, 25 points and 10 rebounds.

"It was a good win for Oakland," said Kampe. "It was a win that we had to have. I was very pleased with the energy we played with, how hard we played, how excited we were, and it looked like we had fun playing basketball again...I never thought that we weren't going to win that basketball game."

## Black Bears chalk up two more victories

By Ramez Khuri  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Black Bears, OU's men's club ice hockey team, continued its winning ways in the quest for nationals with two weekend wins over Northwood and GVSU. The team recorded its first shut out ever over Northwood, 7-0, and beat GVSU by three goals, 6-3. Goalie Jeremy Sarnovsky was credited with the shut out.

The game on Friday night against Northwood was pretty much over with a little more than 14 minutes left in the first period, as the Black Bears were leading 4-0. OU added two more goals in the last 10 minutes of the first period, and one more in the second to wrap up the scoring.

With the departure of the two assistant captains, Steve Jalaba and Rob Popescue, who quit the team for personal reasons, the Black Bears are no worse for wear according to coach Anthony Jalaba.

The team added two new players, who both contributed in the scoring on Friday night. Scott Marlinga had a goal and an assist, and Jim Millard recorded an assist.

As usual, Ron Kolito led the team with two goals, including the game winner, Jeff Acree also had two, and Eric Wojno and Nick Shenduk each finished with one.

"We talked about getting a shut out a couple minutes into the first period," said captain Craig Furstenau, who had an assist in the game. "We actually made an effort and a pledge to the goalie that we wanted to get him a shut out, because he has played so well, and he has worked hard at it so he earned it."

Kolito feels that the team is headed in the right direction. "They (Northwood) seemed like they were a little slow in the first period, I guess from the ride," he said. "They picked it up in the second and third, so it was a good thing we had a good first period, because that game could have been really close instead of 7-0. We are coming together as a team right now, and we are going to miss Steve and Rob, but the rest of the team can play too, and every one of those guys can pick up the slack."

The game on Saturday night was a closer game, but the Black Bears handled it the same, winning 6-3 over GVSU. Sean Zeldes was the goalie for the game. Kolito came up big again with a hat trick, Marlinga and Millard each had a goal a piece, and Wojno also scored for OU.

"I'm very happy with the way we are playing right now," said Jalaba. "If we win our next six games we should definitely go to nationals, if we win five of them, we will still have a good chance, but if we lose two games it's going to make it very difficult."

The team will play Central Michigan at the ONYX on Friday, and travel to Ferris on Saturday.

## Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Women's Basketball		Men's Basketball	
Conference	Overall	Conference	Overall
Oakland	5-1 11-6	Valparaiso	2-1 11-5
Oral Roberts	4-2 9-7	Oakland	4-2 7-10
Southern Utah	4-2 9-8	Oral Roberts	4-2 7-9
IUPUI	3-2 5-11	Southern Utah	4-2 12-4
Western Illinois	3-2 8-8	Youngstown State	4-2 12-7
Chicago State	2-2 4-11	UMKC	3-2 7-10
Youngstown State	2-4 6-11	IUPUI	0-3 4-10
UMKC	1-5 1-15	Western Illinois	0-3 0-14
Valparaiso	0-4 3-13	Chicago State	0-4 3-12

## the Golden Grizzly

KATIE WOLFE

Sophomore Katie Wolfe contributed to both Grizzly victories this week, and will possibly be named Mid-Con athlete of the week. Wolfe had 27 points as well as 5 assists against IUPUI and 26 points against Southern Utah. She also tied her career high of 11 field goals in the Southern Utah game.

-Lisa Cali



## BROADCASTING

continued from B5

"Obviously the flagship sport is men's basketball, and based on the outcome of this, whether we can make any money in advertising, we're going to commit to this maybe three years, and make a decision to see if it's worth it, and if we should expand," he said.

Women's basketball coach Beckie Francis is also pleased with the webcasts. "I think it's great, I think fans back home can follow us and it's exciting that we can get a following, and it creates more of an NCAA atmosphere," she said.

Senior Internet Developer Steve Gebrowsky from SV3 is in charge of the OU account. He's the one who makes sure all of the games get on the web. While Bloom sets up the equipment for away games, Gebrowsky comes out to the home games. His job there is to make sure the audio is streaming back to SV3, and from there onto the net. Although he does work behind the scenes, his contribution has not gone unnoticed.

"I was at the U-M game earlier this year and Jason Rozycki's parents personally thanked me and SV3 for being able to listen to their son on

the live internet broadcast in Boyne City," he said.

To get the webcasts started, OU took out a loan for a \$3,650 lap top computer, \$13,000 in professional fees and some other minor things necessary to the webcasts. The loan has to be paid back within a three year time frame with no interest. Bloom earns \$275 per game to do the broadcasts. For travel expenses, he has a budget of \$3,000. To help save on expenses, Kampe allows him to travel with the team whenever possible and even to stay with the team when there is a bed available.

"I trust John," said Kampe. "I try to help him out as much as I can because the better he is, the better the product is, the more people are going to want to listen, the more that's going to help me. It's just a big circle."

This year an attempt was made to upgrade the transmission method to an ISDN line. Due to technical issues, this was not practical. For the rest of this year at least the audio will have to be sent over a phone line using a dial up connection, just like last year.

Last year was the first year that Bloom did the webcast. The game against Michigan State had the highest online audience for the season with 151 listeners at one time. Other games with more than 100 listeners were against

Louisiana State, Ohio State and the highest league game was Valparaiso with 111.

The two people most involved in creating the webcast, Russi and Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing Barry Neuberger both have nothing but good things to say about the inaugural year of webcast.

"We approached it as an experiment, and we felt that it turned out to be a success because people became more aware of our team, they were able to follow our team home and away," said Neuberger.

"It's done real well," said Russi. "I think it will do a lot better this year because people know about it. The people who are the most religious users of it are the parents and close friends of the family."

OU forward Dan Champagne agreed. "I think (the webcasts) are great for us," he said. "Some of the games my mom can't get off work to go to, so she listens to them and last year when I had to sit out I listened to (Bloom), and he does a real good job."

Bloom's whole family lives in California so their only chance to listen to the games are via the webcast. "They're thrilled that they get an opportunity to listen to me," said Bloom. "They've become huge Oakland University fans because of it

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Sign-up at the CSA Service Window

### AT THE CSA SERVICE WINDOW

- ✓ Reservations for:
  - Beauty and the Beast (Musical) (February 25 & March 4)
  - Talulah starring Kathleen Turner (February 18 and March 4)
  - Civil War (March 4) - Phantom of the Opera (variety of dates)
  - Dame Edna (March 20) - David Copperfield (March 25)
- ✓ Tickets for:
  - Kweisi Mfume Lecture (January 26)
  - NSBE's Business Etiquette Dinner (January 24)
- ✓ Sign-up for:
  - OU College Bowl Campus Tournament (January 27)
  - SPB's February 9-11 Ski Trip to Shanty Creek

### 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, Kildare, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, the Dingle Peninsula and much 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".

### Web Page Workshop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Sign-up in CSA for this workshop to assist your organization in developing and maintaining an excellent website. The workshop will help you promote, inform and update others about your organization.

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### Kweisi Mfume: Executive Director of the NAACP

Friday, January 26, 2001 3:00 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Theatre  
Tickets will be required and available at the CSA Service Window.

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## Detroit Film Theatre REELS in the New Year

'Yi Yi (A One and A Two)' opens the 2001 season at the Detroit Film Theatre

By Carl Savich  
THE OAKLAND POST

"Yi Yi (A One and A Two)" is the first film to be commercially released in the U.S. by Taiwanese filmmaker Edward Yang, who wrote and directed the 173 minute Chinese film with English subtitles.

The film focuses on the day-to-day lives of several Taipei families as they wed, come of age, experience crises in their lives, deal with death, and generally get on with their lives.

The film opens the 2001 Season of the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre. This is a superb film that involves the viewer into the details and intricacies of each character's life, beginning with a wedding and ending with a funeral.

The setting is Taipei and Tokyo. The Jian family is the focal point of the story. NJ (Wu Nienjen), who is the head of the family, faces two crises, whether to resume a relationship with Sherry (Ke Suyun) an old acquaintance and how to keep his company financially solvent. His wife Min-Min (Elaine Jin) has to deal with a stroke which hospitalizes her mother. Their daughter Ting-Ting (Kelly Lee) is drawn to Fatty (Yupang Chang). Her brother Yang-Yang (Jonathan Chang) is an 8 year-old struggling with adolescence, school, love, and understanding the world. Yang-Yang obtains a camera and photographs the backs of people's heads because he wants to reveal what people cannot see.

All of the characters deal with their own crises and the stroke of Min-Min's mother, which impacts all of them. Each

character has to come to terms with who he or she is, their relation to life, and finally, to death. The processes by which they do is gripping and their discoveries and shortfalls make this a superb achievement in storytelling.

Director Edward Yang films scenes at medium range, allowing the view to grasp the entire context and milieu of the scene. This distance allows greater judgment, discretion, and discrimination. Usually directors force us to view a specific detail through close-ups and film gimmicks and techniques. Here, the viewer can decide what is important, what is not and is given a larger panorama. This is filmmaking at its best. A film that tells a story by focusing on the people in the story and not on gimmicks and camera tricks.

Yang also wrote the subtitles for the film, which, however, are sometimes difficult to read. This is the only drawback in the film. However, Yang won the Best Director Prize at the 2000 Cannes Film Festival.

Student admission to the Detroit Film Theatre is only \$5.00. It's cheaper than going to the movie theatres and allows you to view more independent and cultural films.



SHUTTERBUG: "Yi Yi (A One and A Two)" opened the 2001 season at the Detroit Film Theatre. Yang-Yang (Jonathan Chang) plays a young boy who obtains a camera and photographs the backs of people's heads because he wants to reveal what people cannot see. The film focuses on the day to day life of several Taipei families. It explores the struggles that the Jian family endures.

Photo courtesy of Detroit Film Theatre

### Detroit Film Theatre 2001

"One Day in September" Jan. 19 - Jan. 21	"Pollock" Feb. 23 - Feb. 25	"Solos" March 30 - April 1
"Place Vendome" Jan. 26 - Jan. 28	"Chunhyang" March 2 - March 4	"Me, You, Them" April 6 - April 8
"The House of Mirth" Feb. 2 - Feb. 4	"Boesman and Lena" March 9 - March 11	"The Widow of St. Pierre" April 13 - April 15
"George Washington" Feb. 9 - Feb. 11	"Faithless" March 16 - March 18	"Nowhere to Hide" April 20 - April 22
"In the Mood for Love" Feb. 16 - Feb. 18	"Ratcatcher" March 23 - March 25	

## 'Lion in Winter' brings pride to OU



By Ryan Schooley  
THE OAKLAND POST

Do you suppose George W. Bush had to fight with Jeb to determine who would succeed their dad in the White House? If the year were 1183 and we lived in Medieval England, the answer to that question would most certainly be yes.

A feuding family worse than any on Jerry Springer are vying for the keys to daddy's throne in the superb play currently at Meadow Brook, "The Lion in Winter."

The play is set at the castle of Henry II in Chinon, France during a period of English expansion onto the continent. Henry's three sons, his wife the Queen and his young mistress all convene here for a less than cordial Christmas in 1183.

Henry's time is waning. He is in the "winter" of his life and the time has come to name one of his sons' heir apparent to the throne. It is either Richard, his oldest; John, his youngest and favorite; or Geoffrey, the overlooked middle child. All of them are more than willing to fight for the title of King of England.

His wife, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, has her favorite in Richard. However, this favoritism may have more to do with the fact Henry doesn't want Richard as king than with motherly love.

Queen Eleanor was imprisoned by Henry ten years prior to this Christmas meeting and their relationship is filled with so much antagonism and hostility that their children are used as a means to get at each other.

To add to the twisted web of quarreling brothers, spouses and family is the fact that

England may soon be in another war with France. King Phillip of France has joined the family at Chinon. What seems a stately visit to discuss policy with Henry turns into a far too personal social call. By the way, Henry's mistress, Alais, is also Phillip's sister and a princess of France.

Though it sounds complex, the play flows so well through the story line that each new twist in this royal feud is marvelously suspenseful, not confusing. By the end of it, English history no longer seems as complicated as it is entertaining.

The story is a proven success. The film received three Academy Awards in 1968 including Best Screenplay. The live stage production is by the same writer, James Goldman, and it's just as magnificent.

Medieval England is truly brought to life with this corps of actors at the helm. King Henry II is played by Henry Woronicz who looks and speaks exactly like a sword-toting feudal lord should.

The actors performing the three sons adhere to their characters' personas well. None of the three are forced to show the depth of character as the King and Queen, but their portrayal is appropriately executed.

Richard is the militarily gifted son, who would rather fight with a sword than with words. Jonathan Hammond, a graduate of the American Repertory Theater at Harvard, is a strong Richard. He is ready to counter any challenge with a shout and brave words, but breaks down when confronted by his mother, Eleanor.

Geoffrey is played by Raymond L. Chapman. He is the intellectually gifted son who holds the favor of neither father nor

mother. Chapman comes across as silently sinister and emotionally abandoned. Though he speaks few words, this character is brought forth marvelously.

John is the son who is both spoiled and immature. The youngest, he is Henry's choice as king. Andrew Glaszek plays the dimwitted John well. He is easy fodder for the rest of his family and is constantly being betrayed. Glaszek runs off the stage at least a dozen times after his character is tormented by his family.

Wayne State University graduate Sara Catheryn Wolf plays Henry's mistress Alais, the French princess. The young King Phillip of France is played by G.R. Johnson.

The most intricate role is that of Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, which is performed by Fontaine Syer. Eleanor has been hurt the worst of anyone, being betrayed and imprisoned by her husband, despised and mistrusted by her children and left truly alone. It would be very easy to sympathize with her.

But this is where Syer works so well. Her dialogue throughout the play gives the impression of loneliness and regret. However, Syer conveys an unspoken selfishness and makes one wonder if Queen Eleanor is truly a victim.

Expect fabulous dialogue and a story that resonates just as true today as it did 800 years ago. This first-class tale of kings and queens and the heinous things people will do for power is running until February 4th at Meadow Brook Theater.

For ticket info, call 377-3300 or go to [www.mbtheatre.com](http://www.mbtheatre.com). The Box Office at Meadow Brook is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

# For Your entertainment

astrology

### Maria Shaw

Relationship expert and astrologer Maria Shaw will present and sign her new book "Heart and Soul," at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Borders in Auburn Hills. Thousands have attended her seminars and lectures held around the country. Her list of clientele include nationally recognized actors, athletes, celebrities and music stars.

toughman

### Toughman Contest

The toughest of the tough will compete in the Original Toughman Contest at 8 p.m. on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 at Cobo Arena. Three one-minute rounds of strength and endurance will pit hometown athletes against each other in the ring. The last man standing on Feb. 3 will be crowned the toughest man. Tickets (\$25, \$20, \$12) are on sale now at Ticketmaster.

club

### Times Square

The latest club around, Times Square Detroit, features "Delicious" Fridays with host Julia and DJ Mike Anthony. Doors open at 10 p.m. Cosmopolitan Saturdays include DJ Paris the Black Fu and DJ Brian Gillespie. For club info, call (313) 961-0232 or visit its website at [www.timessquaredetroit.com](http://www.timessquaredetroit.com). The club is located at 1431 Times Square in Detroit.

theatre

### Vagina Monologues

Direct from New York, the highly acclaimed Vagina Monologues will be taking over the stage from Jan. 24 - Feb. 11 at The Second City Theatre. Benefiting local organizations working to end violence against women, tickets are available at the Second City box office or at all ticketmaster outlets.