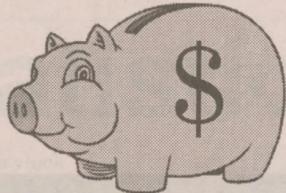


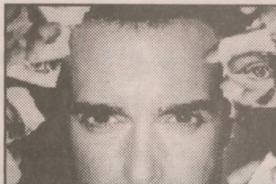


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•The OU Spring Blood Drive will take place from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. April 2-4 in the Gold Rooms of the OC. For more information, call CSA at x2400 or log onto GiveLife.RedCross.org.

•The State of Academic Affairs address will be given by Provost Louis Esposito at noon on Wed., April 4 in room 201 Dodge Hall. All faculty, staff and students are invited.

•Sigma Xi, the research society of OU, will be hosting a public lecture on stem cell research from Dr. Derek Van der Kooy, professor at the University of Toronto. "How to Make a Mammalian Brain" will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in room 201 Dodge Hall and is free to the public.

•Jennifer Granholm, Attorney General of the State of Michigan, will be speaking at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at Meadow Brook Theatre. The lecture is free, and will concentrate on the current issues being handled by the Attorney General's Office. The presentation is sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board.

•Students can get free legal advice from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today, April 2, 11 and 18 in the Meadow Brook room, OC.

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Dickow takes presidential seat

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Unlike the Florida ballot counting process, there were no hanging chads in OU Student Congress' elections. Instead, OUSC's extensive ballot counting process was due to eight pages of write-in candidates.

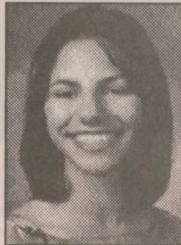
OUSC held student elections last week in



Derek Dickow

which 921 ballots were cast. Derek Dickow and running mate Vesna

Saveski won the contest for Student Body President and Vice President for the 2001-2002 school year with 410 votes. Proposal A was also passed by more than a two to one margin.



Vesna Saveski

The results of the election were announced at 5 p.m. Friday in Fireside Lounge.

Only a handful of people were there to hear the results, and Dickow was not one of them.

"I was at work," Dickow said. "I had basically no choice, because I had been campaigning for four days."

Candidates Kim Langley and Justin Ewald received 350 votes, and Tim Whiting and Cory Heck received 126 votes.

"I was elated when I got the news that I had won," Dickow said. "I thought the other candidates did a good job of campaigning, and it seemed like it was going to be a really tough race."

All 11 OUSC legislators who were on the ballot were elected, as well as write-in candidate Angel

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Votes are in ...

President

Dickow/Saveski... 410
Langley/Ewald... 350
Whiting/Heck... 126

Proposal A

Yes... 636
No... 256

925 people voted overall

Undergraduate files grievance against Math

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The recent controversy surrounding a graduate level math class for engineering students has prompted a student complaint about a professor in one of the general education math classes.

Timothy Metcalfe, junior, business administration and MIS, is enrolled this term in a MTH 122 class taught by associate professor Peter Shi.

Metcalfe, who is still in the class but no longer attending (he's requesting a tuition refund), charges that Shi made racist remarks.

Metcalfe's formal list of grievances details at least 15 complaints that vary from the professor "doesn't wear a watch" to he "personally humiliated me in front of the class."

Metcalfe gave The Post a copy

of his grievance, and Shi agreed to talk to The Post about the allegations.

Shi said that he has read a few of the complaints but hasn't read them all. He added that he did not know who filed the complaint.

Shi said the two primary complaints the student filed accused him of racism and said his teaching created a "hostile environment."

Shi disagrees with these allegations. Metcalfe said he filed the formal grievance because Shi made discriminatory statements about Americans being stupid and Canadians being lazy, among other reasons.

Shi explained the incident described in the grievance letter where Metcalfe says he made racist comments about Americans and

Canadians. Shi said those comments were taken out of context.

After the first exam was handed back, Shi said a student who had received a low grade

MATH continues on A5

"A student is not a consumer. You have to study."

Peter Shi
Associate Professor
Mathematics

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Dr. Drew offers students advice

By Mike Savage
THE OAKLAND POST

If OU students are anything like MTV's "Loveline" fans, they probably have a lot of embarrassing questions they are dying to ask Dr. Drew about menage a trois, sexually transmitted diseases and drug abuse.

They are in luck because Dr. Drew Pinsky, Ph.D is coming to OU to speak to those confused, horny, young ones.

Pinsky plans to give his usual straight answers to youth with not so straight questions on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer food court in the O.C.

Pinsky went to college at Amherst and majored in biology. After graduating in 1980, he earned his medical degree in 1984 from the University of Southern California School of Medicine. Now, he practices privately in Pasadena and co-hosts the "Loveline" show with Adam Corolla. He has a website, www.DrDrew.com, and has recently began co-hosting the daytime TV show, "Women are from Mars, Men are from Venus."

Pinsky is board certified internist and addictionologist.

At the Student Program Board sponsored event he plans to talk about Loveline and how it got to MTV, said Beth Collins, lecture and special events chairperson for SPB. Pinsky is planning to talk about club drugs, a relevant issue at OU, but, "Most of it will be comprised of question and answer," said Collins.

Collins said the SPB organized Friday's program in order to get students interested in on campus events.

The event is free for OU students and faculty and \$5 for any non-OU attendees.

If you really need to know what that rash is you have inexplicably developed, or why your significant other only gets aroused when a monster truck rally is on TV, check out Dr. Drew in the OC and find answers from an expert.

Dr. Drew accomplishments

- "Loveline" on TV and radio for 15 years
- "The Dr. Drew and Adam Book: A Survival Guide to Life and Love," released October 1998
- Former President of Pasadena Medical Society
- Editor of LA County Medical Assoc. magazine
- Medical Director for the Dept. of Chemical Dependency Services at Las Encinas Hospital, Pasadena
- Chief of Services in the Dept. of Medicine
- www.DrDrew.com launched in 1999
- Has a wife and triplets
- His opera training spanned 12 years

New VP planning future

By Rachel Rybicki
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

OU has a new addition. With over 14 years of experience under her belt, Susan Goepf left MSU to assume the position of the Vice President of University Relations and executive director of the OU Foundation on Feb. 1.

"I have worked at MSU for nearly eight years," Goepf said. "I had the opportunity to hire a team and expand the staff... (do) fundraising, alumni relations and public relations."

At MSU, Goepf was the director of external relations for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. There, she worked with a team and helped raise more than \$10 million in private support.

She was also the overseer of alumni relations and fundraising for the MSU extension of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

At OU, Goepf is in charge of overseeing OU's fundraising, the alumni outreach program, general

communication and marketing aspects and the staff of Meadow Brook Hall.

Goepf, who is a certified fundraising executive and has a bachelor of science in sociology with a minor in psychology from CMU, came because she said OU "has a wonderful reputation for quality education, research, and service."

One thing that Goepf hopes to improve is increased support from the community and alumni.

"I am hoping that I can help raise more private support for OU and create a culture where people want to give their time and financial support," Goepf said.

"The support that our alumni and friends provide enable OU to maintain excellence in education, research and service."

Goepf, who wants to provide the university with the best of the best in her field, still resides in Lansing, and plans to move closer to OU soon.

She said she "can't wait to be part of the community here."

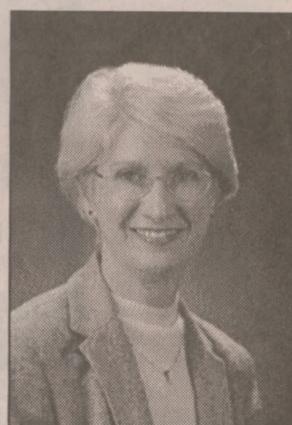


Photo courtesy of Dennis Collins
THE FUTURE OF OU: Vice President of University Relations Susan Goepf came to OU last February from MSU. The Lansing-native plans to move near OU in the near future.

Goepf said higher education was the perfect field for her, for many reasons.

"I feel like I am making a difference in the lives of our next generation of leaders."

Students take day off to visit State capitol

OUSC sponsors annual trip to Lansing

By Lisa Remsing
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 100 OU students, staff, faculty and alumni are traveling to Lansing today to explore state government and legislative affairs at the fifth annual OU Day at the Capitol.

According to Rochelle Black, Director of Government Relations, OU Day was started five years ago because OU is a relatively young university, growing school which needed to gain recognition and to make a presence known in Lansing.

The program will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and includes an interactive program called "Congressional Insight" where

students learn what it's like to work closely with an elected official. A computer program evaluates actions and decisions of the participants and determines whether or not they will be reelected.

The highlight of the day will be a luncheon held in the Capitol building hosted by OU Student Congress. Governor John Engler, legislators, department directors and other members of the executive branch have been invited to the reception, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their interests with government officials.

A variety of activities will take up the afternoon hours, such as

committee meetings, tours of the Capitol building, Michigan Historical Museum and the State Library of Michigan, and observing the Michigan in session.

"OU Day is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning about the legislature and who care about OU," said Black.

Black pointed out that this is a very busy time of year for the legislature, and the higher education bill will be voted on the floor today. Nearly half of OU's funding comes from the state.

The event is being sponsored by OUSC, the Political Science Department, Alumni Relations, Government Relations and the Office of the President.



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CRIME watch

•A female student went to police on March 21 to report an alleged battery. She said that during lunch she was sitting at a table in the food court when a male student sat down at the same table. She allegedly asked him to move and he refused. They exchanged words, and she flipped the table toward him on her way out. She said that the male then punched her in her left eye. Both were separated and taken to the Dean of Student Office.

•Police were called to the P43 parking lot by the Public Service and Safety Building to investigate a traffic crash involving a pedestrian. The driver of the car stated that she observed the person walking between parked cars and thought that she had cleared the front of his vehicle. He drove forward, striking the pedestrian in the left leg and causing her to fall to the ground.

•A female student living in Hill House called police on Thursday to report harassing phone calls that she had been receiving. She reported that an unknown caller had phoned six times that day and did not say anything, then she hangs up on the caller. The police subsequently contacted the female because she was frightened.

•A female student called police on Friday to report an alleged Assault and Battery that occurred at a Delta Sigma Theta pledge activity. She told police that she was on the upper sports fields video taping the new sorority members when another female allegedly grabbed her camera and tried to take it away. During the struggle the complainant was struck in the face with the camera. The suspect said that she had no intent to harm the female, she just wanted her to stop video taping the event.

Statistics reveal Rec profits

By Cindy Blaylock
THE OAKLAND POST

Some OU students disagree with having to pay the \$75 per semester charge for the student Recreation Center, whether they use it or not. Each semester students pay their tuition, and each time a fee is charged for the Rec Center's operations. During the last fiscal year, which for the Center is from July 1 to June 20, the Center's revenue was \$3,328,031. Of that amount \$2,373,102 came from student fees. Expenses for that year were \$3,242,102 leaving \$85,929 as net revenue.

Students who make use of financial aid resources will be paying those loans off for approximately 10 - 20 years after graduation. Loans usually do not have to start to be paid back until six months after graduation and payback schedules vary. When payback begins, the student is charged interest. Included in the loans is that \$75 for the Rec Center.

Many students commute from as far away as Livingston and Kent counties and many work throughout the day and take classes at night. Others only attend classes a few times a week making the center difficult to utilize.

Constructed at a cost of \$37 million the Rec Center's 30-year bond will be paid off in 2026. OU pays approximately \$2.675 million a year towards the debt.

Some students say only those who use the center should pay.

"It's not fair to charge every student when we all don't use it," Tara Paternoster, sociology, said.



RAISING REVENUE: Students pay a fee for the Recreation Center whether they use it or not. Many students disagree with the existing charge.

Paternoster lives in Oxford and says it's difficult for her to use the facilities.

"I'd rather put that money into a health club closer to my home," she said.

While Paternoster disagrees with the charge, she did say the facility was "state of the art."

Kristen Glasgow, psychology, agrees with Paternoster. "I don't like it," she said of the charge.

Glasgow commutes from Warren and does not have the time between working full-time and attending classes.

"I'm only on campus two days out of the week. I have no time to go there," she said.

"It's a very nominal fee," said Greg Jordan, Director of the Rec Center. Jordan pointed out that many programs within the facility such as aerobic classes are offered at no charge to students.

Specialty classes like Yoga and Pilates require a \$15 deposit which is given back to

the student at the end of class, if the student attends all of the sessions.

Other schools such as Michigan State University charge students for individual activities. MSU houses a few athletic centers which it calls the IM Center. An aerobics class comes with a \$50 per semester cost to students. A personal trainer is \$90. Sailing lessons range from \$20 to \$95 for students depending on the time allotment.

Compared to health clubs in the area, the Rec Center provides a reasonable price for health club amenities. A survey of health clubs in the surrounding area finds the average cost of membership at a commercial gym at \$525 a year.

Powerhouse Gym is advertising memberships for \$34 a month, which equals \$136 every four months, or semester.

The Rec Center still beats that at \$75 per semester. Even with Powerhouse's special rate for students at \$299 a year, OU still

comes through with a rate of \$245 a year for four semesters.

Students are not the only ones using the center. Outside groups and organizations pay their way, as well. That outside usage brought in a cash flow which equaled \$43,000 during the last fiscal year.

The use of the center has increased by approximately 21 percent since its opening in fall 1998. The Rec Center houses weight lifting equipment and swimming pools, along with basketball and racquetball courts.

The center also houses a deli for students. According to Jordon, Pic-A-Deli has filled the shoes of Aramark and is doing very well.

The cafe offers a better selection and quality compared to Aramark and the center is very pleased with the operation, Jordan said.

"We've found a winner in Pic-A-Deli," he said.

Student complaints rolled in a semester after Aramark began catering the snack bar operation, which was renamed Courtside Cafe at the time. With a limited menu and operating hours, those complaints increased prompting the new catering service.

Pic-A-Deli operates out of its main location on Walton Blvd, and runs an additional catering service.

The Rec Center received national awards from the Athletic Business Facility of Merit and the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association for outstanding facility design and construction in Dec. 1999 and April 2000.

Annual photo contest shows off OU talent

By Joyce Cook
THE OAKLAND POST

The Center for Student Activities and Student Program Board co-sponsor the Eighteenth Annual Photo Contest at OU.

The photos will be displayed in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center from April 2-4.

Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, came up with the idea for the first contest 18 years ago. He has worked at OU for 20 years.

"I have seen the interest in the contest grow from 30 entries the first year, to the 80-90 entries we expect this year. The contest is open to faculty, staff, and students, allowing all members of the OU society to participate," said Franklin.

Several years ago SPB became a co-sponsor with CSA, said Franklin.

"This has allowed us to increase the prize money awarded. The monetary awards are now up to \$600, split between color, and black and white photos," he said.

The rules have changed over the years. Today's biggest format issue is whether or not to allow digital photos to be entered.

"We are still debating how to allow for digital photos. Our concern is with the possibility of piracy from the Web. That issue will take some time and research to resolve it," said Franklin.

"The contest is a great opportunity for students to display their artistic creativity to the OU community," said Beth Collins, SPB Lecture and Special Events Chairperson.

Rules and entry forms may be picked up at the CSA Office, 49 OC, or outside the SPB Office, 64 OC, and at the 20/20 Info Center. Entry forms, along with your photo, must be turned in to the CSA Office by Friday, March 30 at 5 p.m.

All are encouraged to stop by the Fireside Lounge and check out this year's entries. For more information call CSA at x2400 or SPB at x4295.

SWINGING in style



SEASON OF SWING: The Swing Dance Society and Student Program Board co-sponsored The Spring Swing on Saturday night. The Gold Rooms were transformed into the "Golden Ballroom" and featured a live swing orchestra and professional dance lessons.

Jeremy Barber/The Oakland Post

Voter turnout evidence of strong student voice

I'd like to thank the 71 percent of students who voted "yes" on Proposal A last week. This isn't evidence of an uninterested, apathetic student body that comes to campus only for classes and then drives back home. Instead, it's evidence of a strong voice that's emerging throughout Oakland University for a thriving student life and exciting college experience. Because of this voice, new doors will swing open for all student organizations, giving them more options through increased funding.

Perhaps the most promising aspect of Proposal A's campaign was the fact that Student Congress did not stand alone. It was not a cause that student government

simply decided to pursue and make a "one-man show" of. Dozens of organizations saw a wide range of possibilities, realized the impact of continued growth without resources, and started spreading the word of why they cared about student life. I sat in several classes where random students stood up and started explaining why the proposal was important, urging others to go vote. It was announced at dozens of meetings and many events around campus during the past few weeks. All three presidential candidates advocated Proposal A wherever they went to campaign, and the message res-

onated with voters across the spectrum.

But what about the skeptics? Think that there must have been low voter turnout this year if Proposal A passed? Actually, voter turnout was over 60 percent higher than last year, boasting one of the highest records ever with nearly 1000 student voters. Students were



Adam Kochenderfer

either saving \$6 a semester on their activities fee or receiving a collective \$200,000+ a year for campus events and services. They had to decide if all student organizations should be treated in an equal manner when requesting funds. They had to decide if bringing

nationally renowned speakers to campus should be supported. They had to decide if they wanted to continue the growth of campus events and make Oakland an exciting place to be outside of a classroom. And the students have made their decision. On behalf of the current student body and the ones to come, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and vision for a vibrant student life at Oakland University.

Adam Kochenderfer is Student Body President. He can be reached by calling x4290.

Editor's View

President-elect kicks off term on wrong foot

Apathy infected another area of OU last week while Student Congress held its annual presidential and legislative elections. On a good note, more people took the voting booths than in years past. About 925 people turned out this year, compared to 543 in 2000. In addition, 636 people voted in approval of Proposal A, which increases student organization funding by way of the student activities fee.

The bad news is, the number voters who took the few seconds to fill out a simple ballot represent 6 percent of this campus. That means 94 percent either don't care or couldn't find time, or times the voting "booths" were open were incompatible with their schedules. Voting for night students in the OC was scheduled only on Wednesday until 7 p.m.

In addition to these abysmal statistics, when OUSC announced the winners last Friday, only a handful of people showed up to hear the news. Among them were Congress members and supporters, a few faculty and staff members and most of the candidates who were running for president.

OU's president-elect Derek Dickow did not attend because he said he was working. Since he had spent the past week campaigning and missed classes and work because of this, he said he had no choice but to miss the announcements.

Okay, so no big deal. He had to work, everyone's busy these days, right? Wrong.

Even though Congress announced the results at 5 p.m. Friday, when the last thing on most people's minds is school, all of the candidates should have made an effort to be there. It is only right for all of the candidates to show up. (Even Bush and Gore were always present throughout the interminably long process.)

When Dickow's name was announced as the winner, the crowd looked around for the president elect, but found only his running mate, now vice president, Vesna Saveski.

OU is often regarded as a commuter school, which is a term that is somewhat euphemistic. Let's call it what it is: Apathetic. Most people don't care about anything except finding a parking spot close to their building and not getting stuck in class for even one minute past the posted time.

It's time to wake up OU. If you don't care, who will?

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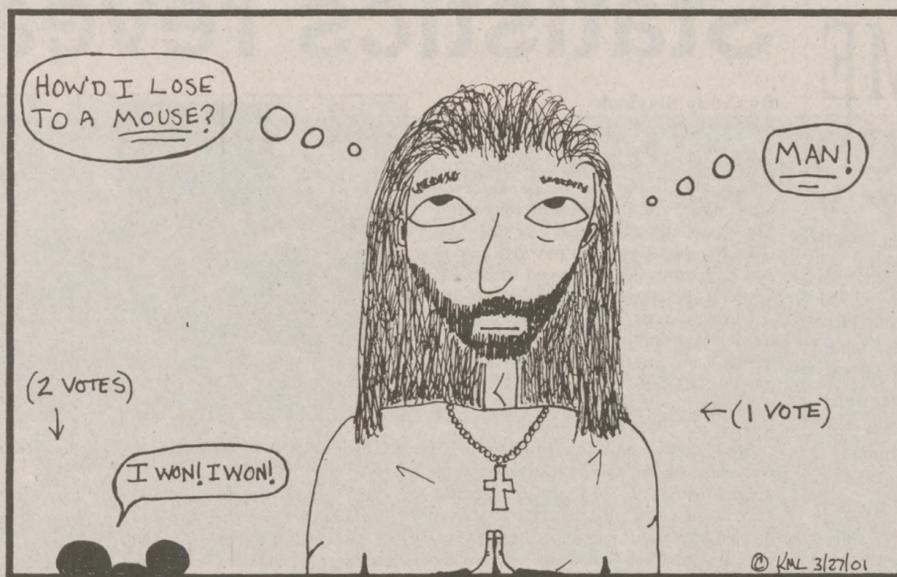
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There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.

- Marshall McLuhan ”



Jesus struggles with his loss in the "Write-In" candidate contest

Letters to the Editor

Student creates bulletin site for math complaints

Dear Editor,

For the past month and a half I've been reading the ongoing views discussed in the Letters to the Editor section about the practices of the math department.

I've experienced some issues myself, and I have been forced to contribute my share of tuition fees by repeating a course. I'm glad to see people discussing this issue in The Oakland Post, and I thank Tracy Minnis for bringing us the story "Legends of the Hall (Jan. 31)" that started the debate.

Perhaps the math department should conduct a meeting to listen to students' views on these topics. Their continual denial that anything is wrong with the math department is a slap in students' faces. To respond against the allegation of being on academic probation, Professor and Chair of the department of mathematics and statistics Marc Lipman states it is the only department at OU to have classes from 011 to 695 (so they have 000-level to 600-level courses).

What does that have to do with not being on probation? That's like saying, "I've got all kinds of produce from A to Z, so I run a good produce stand." While some items on the shelf are spoiled or not quite ripe yet. It's not the variety of classes (or produce) you have. It's the quality of them that counts.

To help more people voice their opinions, I've set up a website with a discussion board that anyone can use. The web address is www.NLComputers.com/oumath/ and it provides the option of giving your name and email address or posting anonymously. I hope that this discussion board can be used to provide a place for students to express their concerns, and for faculty to see exactly what's on our minds about how to make math at OU a better experience.

I'd also like to respond to the Letter to the Editor by Professor

Robert Stewart (Feb. 21), who discredited a person's views simply on the basis that those views came from an anonymous phone call. Calling it a "half-baked statement" was wrong. While some of the caller's suggestions about the math department were, in my opinion, invalid, calling the letter being printed a "silly joke" seems a bit much. Every person should have a chance to voice their opinions, whether or not they want their name given, and even if some of their claims may not be true in your opinion. That's why they're called opinions.

Aaron Hulett
Sophomore, Computer Engineering

Letter Response: Keeper of the Dream Banquet

Dear Editor,

I find it very difficult to muster much sympathy for faculty members Barry Winkler and Sean Farrell Moran's distaste for the invocation of the words "Jesus Christ" at the Keeper of the Dream Banquet.

One of the most pernicious and dangerous ideas that has taken root in our culture is that Americans have a right to not be offended. Add to this that so many of us have become thin-skinned and fearful of words (for heaven's sake), and we have a recipe for the suppression of legitimate speech.

What is most frightening is that so many college and university communities, which should encourage the completely unfettered flow of ideas and words, have become hotbeds of adherence to political orthodoxy and, thereby, gleefully abet the suppression of free speech.

Here at OU we have the image of allegedly grown men cowering in terror when Christian words are uttered at a public forum.

How silly, how intolerant and how genuinely anti-intellectual we have become. How sad it is.

David Becker
Adjunct Professor
Department of Chemistry

What's in a clone?

Dear Editor,

While surfing, I came across your web site and thought I'd write about a coming world problem that, although mentioned in the mainstream media now and then, is not often seriously debated. That is, the ethical questions arising out of new science, genetic science in particular.

We see here, in my opinion, a clear need for ethical and moral discussion of which all educational and religious organizations should take part. Sooner rather than later, I think. This is an increasingly serious issue and the more we become aware of it, the better.

I see the issue arising now and then in fiction. I happened to read a very interesting fantasy/sci-fi book recently that deals with some of the ethical and religious issues of genetic science. The book is called "Saint Jack and Toad, Third Angel of the Apocalypse" by P. Carraher.

The "Third Angel" of the title refers to the angel in the bible (Revelations) which talks about the "pollution of the waters of life." It's the author's contention in this book that DNA can be thought of as the true "waters of life" and that the current DNA tinkering going on might very well be the pollution the bible warns us about.

It's clear that Religion (with a capital R) will have to fight as never before to instill in society a respect for Nature as God created it and a renewed and enhanced respect for the sanctity of life, for all life. I wonder if Religion is up to the task. I hope so.

I think prayers for the world are needed.

Mary B. Stuart

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PRESIDENT

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Guy. Write-in candidates must have received two percent of the vote to be elected, and Guy surpassed the needed 19 votes with a total of 25 votes.

Proposal A, which will raise the Student Activities Fee by \$6 each fall and winter semester, passed with 636 votes, with 256 people voting against it. The additional money will fund OU's student organizations as well as give the Student Allocations Funding Board extra money needed for next year.

"The fact that students came out to vote yes on Proposal A solidifies the importance of more money coming to the student organizations," Dickow said. "More money equals more activities and more activities equal better student life."

As always, some OU students felt that the candidates on the ballot weren't sufficient and wrote in their choices for the positions. Mickey Mouse won the write in contest for president with two votes, but following close behind were Jesus, Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, Scooby Doo, Bill Cosby, Howard Stern, Pamela Anderson and Sean "Puffy" Combs with one vote each.

Whether students were voting for actual candidates

or fictional ones, the number of ballots cast was almost twice as many as last year's total of 543. Despite the rise, Dickow would like to see more students get involved with elections.

"A goal of mine before I decided to run was to get over 1,000 people to the polls," Dickow said. "We would like to increase the number next year and change the apathetic nature of the students on campus."

Student Body President Adam Kochenderfer agreed that although the numbers are low, things are looking up for future years.

"The higher voter turnout this year was evidence of interest in the issues being discussed," Kochenderfer said. "I think Proposal A drew some people out and having three competitive candidates enlivened the whole process."

Dickow and Saveski have a number of things ahead of them before they begin their term of office next year, but their first priority is picking a cabinet.

"The way I'm going to do that is by surrounding myself with people that are experienced, ambitious and dedicated, in no particular order," Dickow said. "The only way this congress is going to work is for those with initiative to get involved."

MATH

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approached him and asked if Shi was responsible, as well, for the grade. Shi said he then talked to the students for about a half-hour about the cultural differences between Americans and people in different countries.

"There is a cultural difference between different groups," said Shi. "I think a professor's philosophy and thoughts have to influence students. Some students like it. Actually, the majority like it. This particular student didn't like it."

During Shi's lecture on cultural differences, he said he thought Europeans and Asians have more respect for knowledge. He also said that Canadians have grown somewhat lazy and that corporate America doesn't work as hard as it could.

Shi insists that he did not call the students "stupid." The formal complaint states, "Shi personally humiliated me in front of the class when I went up to get my test, and he criticized me for my lack of concentration. I told him learning was a two-way street in response to his untrue criticism, and he raised his voice yelling at me."

Shi said he was trying to teach his students the difference between academia and business.

"You can't expect a good grade without working hard," said Shi. "My motive is to teach them. An academic environment is different from a business environment. A student is not a consumer. You have to study."

He added that OU is not a corporation and that students cannot just pay their tuition and expect a good grade.

In response to the allegations that his teaching style creates a "hostile environment" and that he is racist, Shi said, "My overall teaching approach made stu-

dents think this was a hostile environment. I think it's just the words they cooked up to get the attention of the administration."

The complainant also said that the class was taught unprofessionally, questions weren't answered satisfactorily and lectures were confusing.

Shi responded, "You cannot really please everyone. Some students do not like your teaching. I always plan my lectures. I have taught this class so many times. I don't even bring notes because it's in my head. I have to keep my lectures as close as possible to the textbook."

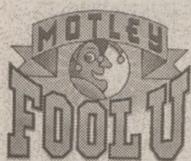
Shi said he was informed of the grievance by the chair of the mathematics department, Marc Lipman, and was told that the department's Grievance Committee would contact him. Until then, Shi said the complaints are just speculations.

Associate Provost Wallis Andersen said that students who wish to file a complaint need to follow the grievance procedures. Each department and school have their own procedure to handle complaints.

The math department's student grievance procedures states that a student must first speak with the instructor about his or her complaint in attempt to resolve it. Metcalfe admitted that he did not feel comfortable around Shi and skipped this step.

The next step in the process, which is taken if the first step does not work, is to take the complaint to the chair of the department (in this case, Marc Lipman). Then, if that doesn't solve the problem, the chair of the department will discuss the problem with a Steering Committee. From there a grievance committee would be created and then its members would make a recommendation.

Andersen added that by skipping steps within the math department's grievance procedure, Metcalfe has drawn out the process and will not see results as quickly.



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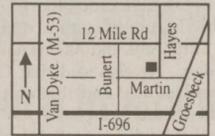
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Judge deems U-M race policy unconstitutional

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

The University of Michigan Law School is famous for making headlines. Tuesday was no exception to the norm. A federal judge ruled that the law school's admissions standards, ones that use race as a factor in judging applicants, is unconstitutional.

In a case that could wind up before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Friedman issued his decision barring the law school from using race, which delivered a heavy blow to affirmative action supporters.

"Whatever solution the law school elects to pursue, it must be race neutral," he wrote in the decision. "An admissions policy that treats any applicants differently from others on account of their race is unfair and unconstitutional."

Colleges across the country will ultimately feel the effect of this decision, especially if it hits the Supreme Court.

Friedman ruled that it was not a "compelling interest" for the school to use race to create a racially diverse student population.

"The higher education community looked to Michigan as the case that would provide the strongest possible defense to race-based admissions," said CEO of the Center for Individual Rights, which brought the suit on behalf of a white woman named Barbara Gutter, who claims she was denied admission to the law school in 1997 because less-qualified minorities get preferential treatment.

In his ruling, Friedman suggested that the law school relax its reliance on undergraduate grade point averages or admissions tests.

Evidence was clear, he stated, that under-represented minority groups average lower GPAs and test scores than whites.

Adopted in 1992, the admissions policy calls for the enrollment of a "critical mass of minority students" to contribute to the diversity of the law school and better prepare students for the global world.

In testimony from the school's former director of admissions, no percentage of minority students was ever officially set, but the level never dropped below 11 percent after the policy was implemented.

"This decision threatens to resegregate higher education and to increase the unfair racist stigma that is faced by minority students," said Miranda Massie, an attorney for the group of U-M student intervenors in the case. "We don't need any institutions in this society to be reserved for white people alone. If this decision is sustained, that would be its impact."

Tuesday's ruling is in direct contrast to another admissions policy ruling at U-M. In December of last year, another federal district judge ruled that an undergraduate policy, which also used race in its admitting procedure, was constitutional.

That decision has been appealed, as well, and both cases are expected to eventually land in the U.S. Supreme Court for a final answer.

An admissions policy that treats any applicant differently from others on account of their race is unfair and unconstitutional

Bernard Friedman
U.S. District Judge

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Tax deadline bears down on students

Web filing offers new, faster pace

By Leslie Winkworth
THE OAKLAND POST

Technology has taken tax filing to the next level by offering e-filing as another way to pay taxes, and the Michigan Department of Treasury is striving to get the word out to colleges and universities that this system is ideal for students.

According to the Michigan Department of Treasury's website, last year, about one million tax payers filed their returns via e-filing and TeleFile.

E-filing allows Michigan citizens to file their individual tax returns by using their computers instead of having their returns prepared and sent through the mail.

The treasury department's website stated that e-filing has many benefits. E-filing is convenient in that citizens can e-file any time of day, seven days a week from their computer.

E-filing is also accurate in that tax preparation software checks the math and makes sure all the numbers are properly crunched.

Tax filers can expect their refund within a week, instead of the usual ten days to two months for paper-prepared returns. Once the returns are accepted, the filer will receive an acceptance message within three days of filing.

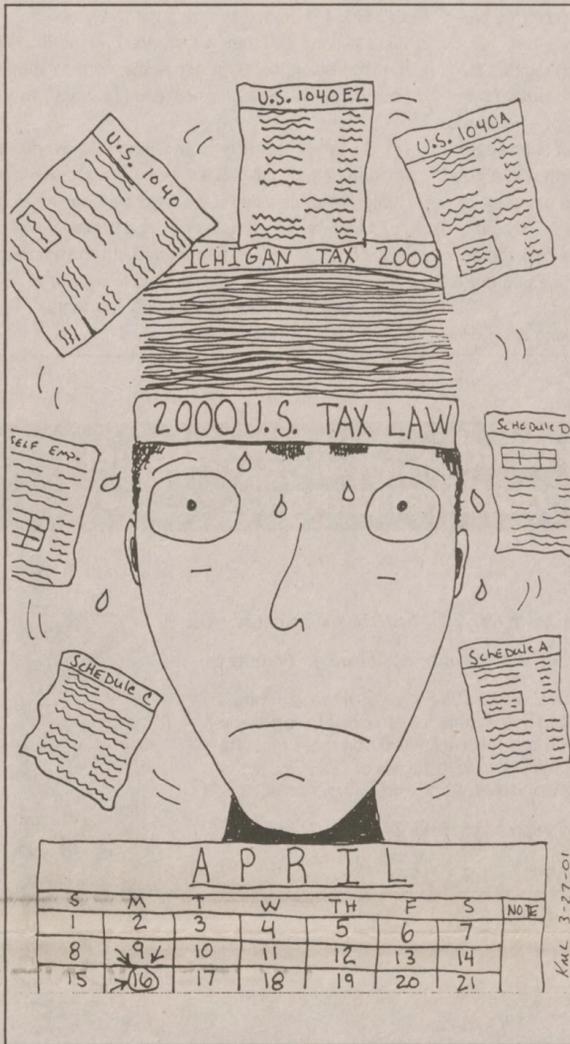
According to the website, the treasury department accepts e-filed returns from full or part year Michigan residents, and nonresidents of Michigan. This is especially important to out-of-state students at colleges since they may not be aware that they can file their tax returns here in Michigan.

The treasury's website describes the two ways to e-file tax returns. One method is to buy tax preparation software and install it on a PC, although a telephone line and modem are needed. When the filer is ready to send their return, they have to dial-up with the software company and transmit the information.

Filers can also connect to a web site that offers tax returns online. Some web sites allow students who grossed less than \$25,000 to download the software for free. Students should be aware that there may be a small fee to file the return through the Internet, ranging in price from \$9 to \$13. The fee can be charged on a credit card or can be taken directly out of the return, depending on the website.

The treasury department's website sites six Internet online tax return filing services as being "acceptable" to file tax returns over the Internet: www.CompleteTax.com, www.TaxCut.com,

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Last minute worries loom over Easter

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

The April 16 deadline for filing state and federal income tax returns is quickly drawing near, and last-minute filers are feeling the heat.

The dreaded 'tax day' falls immediately after Easter this year, sending many students scrambling to find misplaced tax forms instead of enjoying a stress-free holiday.

Filing taxes, though, should be no reason to worry. These days, the process is much quicker and more convenient than it used to be.

More users each year opt to use "TaxCut" or a similar tax program. These programs ask questions about finances and statements, automatically calculate the math and then print out forms to sign and send in. The option to file returns online, commonly known as e-filing, is also offered. Check out www.Taxcut.com for more details.

Students might be eligible to file a 1040EZ form if they earn less than \$25,000 a year, and would only have to use a telephone to file their taxes. The requirements will be on that form.

People filing the "old school" way by pen and paper can find tax forms at most banks, post offices and libraries. Many places on the web have the forms, which can be printed and filled out, and sent in. The best way to find more information is to check online at the IRS (www.IRS.Ustreas.Gov), and the state's treasury department at (www.Treas.State.Mi.Us/).

Applications for an automatic four month extension are available, as well. Form 4868: Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File" must also be postmarked like regular taxes by April 16.

Students cut costs with credits

By Leslie Winkworth
THE OAKLAND POST

College costs seem to skyrocket constantly. Tuition, book and transportation costs, as well as the priceless time devoted to studying and not working all add up and can make students feel like they're sinking in debt, especially if they are paying for their tuition on their own.

The government is helping to ease the financial burden by offering two college tax credits. The Hope Education Credit and The Life-Time Learning Tax Credit give money back to college students.

According to Sara Lynn Charleston, OU's Student Accounts manager, the OU's Student Credit is open to any freshman or sophomore year student who's registered for at least six credit hours. The student can receive up to \$1,500 back in tax returns for their tuition and book costs.

According to Internal Revenue Service's website, students who have been convicted of possessing or distributing controlled substances are not eligible for one year.

The Life-Time Learning Credit targets older students, open to students in their junior year up to graduate school. Students can receive up to 20

percent of the first \$5,000 of tuition costs and college expenses per year, regardless of how many hours they attend school.

Charleston said that students can't collect both tax credits at the same time.

Valeria Bauer, a H&R Block tax preparer, said that there are income limitations on both of these credits, though. To be eligible for either one, the student must make less than \$50,000 a year and has to claim themselves as an independent claim.

If their parents claim them as a dependent, then the parents are eligible. COLLEGE continues on A8

Bush might kill current estate tax repeal

By Cliff Snitgen II
THE OAKLAND POST



When the nation's founding fathers fought in the Revolutionary War more than 200 years ago, a major battle was waged against unjust taxation.

Today, President Bush is waging his own war against taxation with a proposed \$1.6 trillion slash over the next ten years. A major part of this plan, however, may have to be delayed in order to offset a larger break this year, he said in a speech Tuesday at WMU.

The estate tax, which currently makes up 18 percent of the total plan, could be delayed up to two years to counter an economic slowdown, according to Lawrence Lindsey, director of the White House National Economic Council.

Commonly referred to as the 'death tax,' it

is a federally imposed taxation on anyone attempting to pass property or funds on to another party after they die.

The current estate tax has different rates for different price values.

Estates valued up to \$10 million pay taxes on a graduated rate system, which ranges between 18 percent and 55 percent. An exemption is allowed for the first \$650,000 of an estate's value.

Values up to \$21 million are taxed at a rate of 55 percent, plus a five percent surcharge. Exemptions fade as the value increases.

Estates valued at more than \$21 million, they face a tax rate of 55 percent, with no exemption allowed. (All rates are from The Seattle Times)

This pinch is forcing many business owners to cash out early in hopes of avoiding this massive charge. It also affects individuals

who wish to leave something behind for family and friends.

The proposed tax plan has the potential to benefit the nation, but the question remains: Is Mr. Bush sincere in his promises about tax relief?

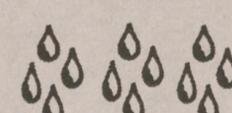
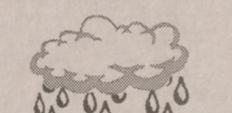
Kathryn Borig, junior, MIS, hopes so. She said that the estate tax is just another way that the government is digging into the pockets of the people.

"As a tax payer, I feel the government takes too much from me. If a person wishes to pass on funds or property as a gift then the federal government should not have the right to take any amount from that personal gift," she said.

The government contends that the tax taken from these gifts goes to government-funded programs that benefit all taxpayers.

Courtesy of www.weather.com

Four Day weather

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Damon's signs of the times

- Aries** - Your desires may come out in an awkward or strange way; have patience and work on expressing yourself clearly to those you love. A surprise change of scenery is for the best.
- Taurus** - Be honest about some past feelings that you haven't dealt with. A loved one may inadvertently hurt you; make sure you get the whole story before you respond.
- Gemini** - A situation may be getting way too intense; put your ego aside and back off if you believe it will help cool things off. A partner may have insight into one of your pressing problems.
- Cancer** - Something related to work is uneven; this week is an excellent time to start getting things back into balance. Listening to a friend is helpful.
- Leo** - Keep your ego in check, especially in regards to love; you may be a bit more sensitive than usual. Time spent away from home can bring all kinds of adventures.
- Virgo** - Intense feelings may be coming out of nowhere; this is a good time to deal with them. Talking with a good friend or partner can help you put things in perspective.
- Libra** - There may be some steps backwards in regards to a goal; trust that things will move forward again shortly. Working with others may be a serious drain, but there are a lot of things you can learn from them.
- Scorpio** - It may be best to hold off on making a big deci-

sion, particularly if you don't have all the info. A romance may be put on the backburner, but for now this is probably best.

Sagittarius - Things will probably go (comparatively) slow this week; appreciate this time of rest. Positive things from the past are benefiting you now, but not in a direct and obvious way.

Capricorn - Challenges with a loved one may hit close to home. Enjoy spending some time by yourself; you may be surprised at the positive things that happen, both to your mood and your mind.

Aquarius - Things are more than likely going faster than you hoped for; use the momentum to move even further. A short trip may result in a long getaway.

Pisces - Your plans for a romance may be too lofty for the time being, but try not to settle, either. A money difficulty may be related to how you feel about your job.

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www.HRBlock.com, www.TurboTax.com, www.PrepareTax.com, and www.TaxSlayer.com.

If a filer wishes to purchase software, there are some tax programs that are better than others.

The web site www.Coverage.Cnet.com rated the five best programs to install for tax preparing based on tools offered, help and instruction within the programs, accuracy of math, help guides, and user friendliness for both simple and complex tax returns.

The best programs, according to the website, are TurboTax or MacInTax. Personal Tax Edge, Kiplinger Tax List, Simply Tax, and Tax Dollars were also given high ratings. The tax software prices range between \$15 and \$50, and can be purchased at any computer software store.

Valeria Bauer, a certified tax

preparer of H&R Block, thinks that e-filing is a good way to file tax returns.

"E-filing cuts down on mailing time. It also speeds up the time of the tax return."

Bauer said that e-filing is good because it guarantees the tax filer that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) accepted the return. Usually, if the IRS finds a mistake in math on the return, they will send it back to the filer to fix the problem, thus taking return time much longer.

"The IRS likes e-filing because it's mathematically correct and there's less mistakes (on the return)," she said. "To be honest, I can't think of a negative thing about e-filing. It's possible that returns may not be transmitted, but it's very rare."

Bauer recommends seeing a tax preparer because most will look for the lowest rates, more credits, and more breaks. H&R Block will pay all penalties and interest if the tax return has errors in it.

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ble for the tax break. But parents can't make more than \$100,000 a year to receive the credit.

According to Bauer, the college or university should send eligible students the 1098-T form and paperwork in January or February. "This lets the student and IRS know that they are eligible for the credit," Bauer said.

She said that if a student thinks they are eligible and have not received a form, then they should check OU's website to make sure the student's address and social security number are correct. If the student still has questions, then they should call the Student Accounts office at (248) 370-2293 or visit the office in 108 North Foundation Hall.

Charleston went on to say that OU is not obligated to give the IRS the student's tuition data. OU only has to verify the student's enrollment and their status in school.

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SHOWS

• **OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY** and Radio 4 will be performing at 8 p.m. tonight at the Magic Stick. Tickets are still available.

• **SHANE MCGOWAN** will be performing at 8 p.m. tomorrow at The Majestic Theatre. Tickets are still available for the show.

• **ALKALINE TRIO** with special guests Sweep The Leg, Johnny and Capture The Flag will perform at 7 p.m. on April 4 at St. Andrew's Hall.

• **BIG DUMB FACE** featuring Wes Borland of Limp Bizkit and special guests El Greco and Airbrush will be taking the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday at St. Andrew's Hall. Tickets are still available. For more information, call 313.962.MELT.

ODD INFO

• The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

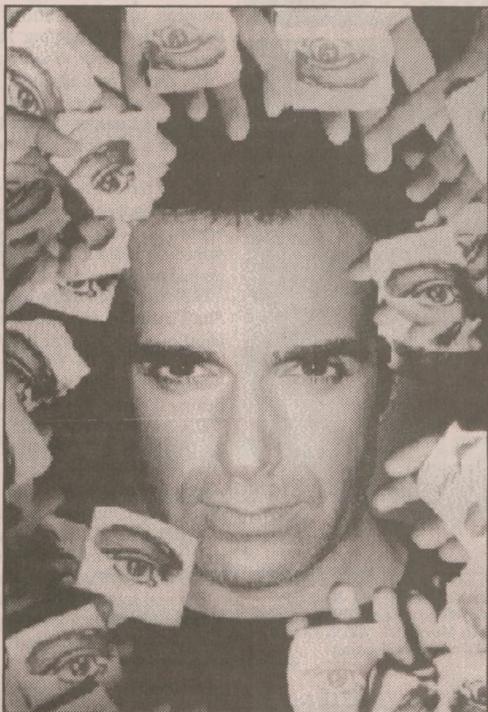
• Hugh "Ward Cleaver" Beaumont was an ordained minister.

• Alexander the Great was epileptic.

• The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

ILLUSIONS

NO HAT TRICK



MAGICALLY DELICIOUS: David Copperfield, master of illusions, took the stage this past weekend during his "Unknown Dimension" tour. At 8 p.m. on April 3, CBS will air a live presentation of "Copperfield, Tornado of Fire," Copperfield's greatest physical challenge.

David Copperfield takes audiences to unknown dimensions

By Rachel Rybicki
A ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Old cheesy parlor tricks are no match for the ambiance of master magician David Copperfield.

Copperfield dazzled his audience this past weekend at the Fox Theatre during his "Unknown Dimension" tour. Known for his illusions and slide of the hand tricks, Copperfield's newest edition to the show was interactive magic.

Copperfield's interactive magic trick with moon cards left skeptics with no room to question.

Each member of the audience was given a deck of eight cards when they came in to take their seats, one of which had the moon on it. After mixing up the cards a couple of times and separating them into piles, each member was asked to sit on their deck of cards.

When the appropriate time came, everyone picked up their cards, and Copperfield picked up his own deck of cards. After "feeling his way through the cards" Copperfield focused on the the moon card, which was the third card in virtually everyone's hand in the audience.

That was nothing compared to what he had up his sleeves, behind his back and in the middle of Hawaii.

While the spectacle does contain the plain old, hum-drum limb cutting segment of the show, Copperfield revives this trick with his stage presence.

From switching two random audience members' panties on stage, pulling a duck out of an empty wooden bucket and creating the life of a goldfish in a small wine glass filled with water, this man seemed unable to stop dazzling audiences with his magic.

Comparable to no other magician, Copperfield has been practicing magic since he was 12 in his hometown Metuchen, New Jersey.

His career really took off when he was asked to be the lead role in Chicago's musical, "The Magic Man," during his first week of college. Copperfield was also teaching a magic class at New York University at the tender age of 16.

Since then, he has taken the stage and traveled all over the world and has been commemorated in various places like the legendary Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum in London.

He has also received the Chevalier of Arts and Letters after being knighted by the French government.

Some of Copperfield's other conquered feats include performing on seven separate occasions for U.S. presidents, publishing two books and being

the only living magician honored and given a star in Hollywood's Boulevard Walk of Fame.

Copperfield also owns the International Museum and Library of the Conjuring Arts -- the worlds largest collection of the history of magic and the allied arts.

It was founded in 1991 and contains 80,000 pieces of equipment which include 15,000 magic books, including some dating back to the 16th century.

Along with the seasoned magic tricks that Copperfield has performed, at 8 p.m. on April 3, CBS will air his most daring challenge yet, "Copperfield, Tornado of Fire." Copperfield will attempt to stand in the center of a tornado of fire with temperatures reaching as high as 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit and with wind speeds up to 140 miles per hour.

This is the equivalent to an F2 tornado and it will be swirling in a public forum in New York City at Pier 49.

After seven years of research, Copperfield has been warned by burn expert Dr. Peter Grossman, that if he is touched slightly by the fire, his chances of survival are slim.

"This is not an illusion," stated Copperfield in a press release. "This is real wind, real fire... it's pretty scary."

Check out CBS on April 3 to see if he is able to survive this challenge.



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox Films
JUST THE TWO OF US: Greg Kinnear and Ashley Judd star in "Someone Like You," which opens in theaters on Friday.

'Someone Like You' provides new theories on men, dating

By Beth Murray
THE OAKLAND POST

Boy and girl meet. They become attracted to one another. They go out a few times and start to see each other a couple of times a week.

They start to devote all of their time and energy in the relationship and things seem absolutely blissful. They say "I love you" and that seals the deal. Nothing can ever go wrong, right?

"Someone Like You" is a romantic comedy that explores that very situation with laughs and tears along the way.

Ashley Judd ("Where the Heart Is," "Double Jeopardy") gives a stunning performance as Jane Goodall, a charismatic television show producer.

Jane's eyes are always open to the prospect of a love interest. Unexpectedly one comes along. Ray (Greg Kinnear of "As Good as it Gets," "Sabrina") the show's executive producer sweeps Judd off her feet.

Ray is the perfect, clean-cut dream with whom Jane has been waiting to cross paths.

As their relationship intensifies, Jane notices similar behavior in men and animals in the company of the opposite sex. She begins to realize that the reason why men start wiggling around as a relationship progresses is because it is in their very nature. As she voices this theory to the world, the storyline continues to become even more funny and outrageous.

Jane's co-worker, Eddie, (Hugh Jackman, "X-Men") plays the field in the dating circuit, yet turns out to be a stabilizer for her as the relationship with Ray progresses.

Jane ends up becoming Eddie's roommate and they help each other through their relationships, past and present. They not only learn to live together with their clashing personalities, they learn more about themselves through each other.

The story line thickens everyday because these three people have to work with each other in the same office.

Marisa Tomei plays Liz, Jane's best friend, who works at a men's magazine and tries to point out to Jane the mere fact that there is an ulterior motive behind every male's actions.

Judd continues to rise in the movie industry and is sure to capture your heart in this fun-loving film about something that was lost, yet someday, if you believe, can be found again.

"Someone Like You" opens the hearts of the audience and proves that even in the worst of times, the unexpected can happen in the most wonderful way.



'Invisible Monsters' reminiscent of 'Fight Club'

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

In the words of the narrator, "Don't expect this to be the kind of story that goes: and then, and then, and then."

Chuck Palahniuk's most recent novel, "Invisible Monsters," is a reflection of a plugged-in, fast-food society whose obsession with image and beauty has left it with a monstrous identity crisis.

It's been described as a "transsexual road movie set to paper," and even that fails to scratch the surface. Let's take a shot at the plot.

The main character used to be a fashion model, until her face was shot off in a drive by shooting. Horribly disfigured and left mute, she hooks up with another fashion model and a transsexual, and they set off on a cross-country journey to steal drugs and find themselves.

It's "Easy Rider" meets "Clueless" with the same dignity and taste seen in "Hannibal."

Written in the style of, and inspired by today's hottest fashion

magazines, Palahniuk's story draws the reader in like a car crash at the side of the road - people know it's not going to be pretty, but they can't NOT look.

Palahniuk's immense talent for up to the second stinging social commentary is not wasted, making "Invisible Monsters" reminiscent of that in his first book, "Fight Club." And there's a whole lot of self-destruction here, too.

Sweetening the bitter pill of the book's philosophy is the narrator's cynic humor, perfectly timed and orchestrated to develop a black comedy. Every joke's got a point, and every point's got a joke.

For example, one passage reads, "No matter how much you think you love somebody, you'll step back when the pool of their blood edges too close."

The humor is uneasy because it's dark and warped, but underneath that, it forces the reader to examine the real value of self identity, outward appearance and social acceptance.

In Kurt Vonnegut's "Mother Night," the narrator said, "You are who you pretend to be." In "Invisible Monsters" that's not the half of it. Nothing, and no one, is anything close to what they seem.

It's not a book for the faint of heart, or stomach, but if a reader is willing to take this ride, it will leave you changed.

Palahniuk's fourth novel, "Choke," will be released this



May. It can now be ordered on www.Amazon.com
"Invisible Monsters: 297 pages, released September 1999, trade paperback, retails for \$13.00 U.S. Published by W.W. Norton & Company."

Novels by Palahniuk

"Fight Club:" Hailed as a contemporary classic by its maybe too loyal legion of fans, this tale of a twentieth-century Spartacus leading an anarchist army of frustrated young workers, was released as a feature film in 1999. The film stars Edward Norton and Brad Pitt. If the movie made you want to get a the fight, the book will land you in jail.

"Survivor:" The last survivor of a religious cult dictates his life story into the cockpit flight recorder on the black box of an airplane that's about to crash into the desert. The concept blows your mind. The book goes beyond that.

Meadow Brook Theatre takes audience on RIDE

'Ride Down Mt. Morgan' takes look at character's psyche

By Ryan Schooley
THE OAKLAND POST

It's not unusual for fictional drama to characterize a middle aged businessman, willful and very successful, as a cheating womanizer. It's done a lot in films, TV and on stage. What those stories don't always do is let the chauvinistic pig explain himself.

"The Ride Down Mt. Morgan" presents a unique twist to the old cliché: man turns fifty, decides he's not going to live forever, so he buys fast cars and cheats on his wife with a younger woman.

This time, he marries the younger woman and stays married to his first wife at the same time.

This attempt at bigamy is pulled off for nine long years by a man named Lyman (David Regal) who uses the excuse of a branch office to commute between his original wife in New York City and his new one upstate.

During one of his commutes, Lyman takes a tumble down snowy Mt. Vernon and ends up hospitalized. It is there that his two wives meet and learn of Lyman's appalling secret.

Lyman convincingly conveys his character to the audience.

First, he must persuade the audience into accepting that his character is capable of maintaining his bigamy for nine years. Secondly, Regal has to present Lyman as an interesting person with an honest love of life and not just some manipulating villain.

In the end, one can almost accept Lyman's argu-

ment in favor of bigamy. Accept, but not approve.

His wives are almost opposites of each other, like two sides of a coin that Lyman can't live without. His first wife, Theo, is played by Wendy Barrie-Wilson and his second wife, Leah, is played by Carey Crim.

Theo is portrayed as a minister's daughter who intellectualizes everything and rarely lets her hair down. Leah is a young, ambitious businesswoman who knows what she wants, but is obviously not as quick-witted as Theo. Lyman really does love them both, but for different reasons.

The action occurs in a series of flashbacks throughout the play, along with a few whimsical fantasy sequences. Along the way, the audience gets to know more about the relationships between Lyman and his two wives.

Viewers also get into the psyche of Lyman and how his mid-life crises stems from his intense fear of death. It is this fear that forces him to take up flying, buy fast cars and marry again.

Instead of simply labeling Lyman a heartless clod, the play examines the reasons behind his deeds and doesn't let the audience off the hook.

Adding to the action are Lyman's nurse, played by Tracy Copeland, Lyman's lawyer and friend, Tom, who is played by Mark Rademacher and Lyman's adult daughter, Bessie, a role filled by Kelly Komlen.

One should see "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan" simply for the clever use of its set and lighting in performing flashbacks and fantasies.

Physically, the characters are in a hospital, but it's easy to forget that during some of the other sequences.

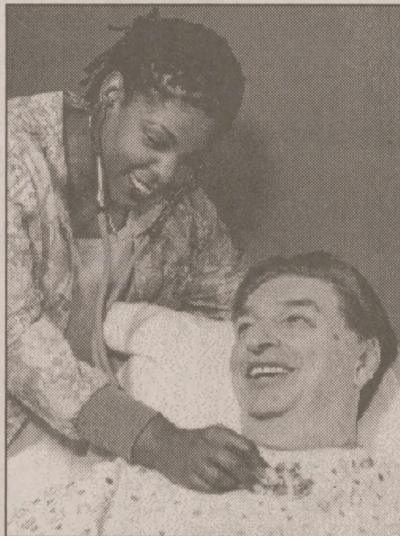


Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre
THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: (top L-R) Carey Crim, David Regal and Wendy Barrie-Wilson star in "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan." (above) Tracy Copeland plays Regal's nurse in the play.

"The Ride Down Mt. Morgan" runs through April 15. Tickets can be purchased at the Meadow Brook Box Office or by calling 248.377.3300. Student tickets are \$5 with student ID.

'Cabaret' gives edgy performances

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

There's a ride at Cedar Point Amusement park in Ohio called the Disaster Transport.

The ride itself? Nothing to write home about. What's scary about it is the cheesy back story. While in line for the ride, monitors and signs on the wall try to make riders believe they're going on a futuristic space train ride... then something goes wrong. And there's no escape, the ride has already started.

The same vibe comes through during a brilliant production of "Cabaret," the latest musical presented by OU's Department of Music Theater and Dance.

The best part of "Cabaret" is that it seems like an innocent musical, at first. Clifford Bradshaw, played by Joseph Baldiga, is a struggling American writer who travels to Berlin in the 1930s to write a novel.

He meets and abruptly falls for an English nightclub singer, Sally Bowles, played by Emily Wilson. His land lady, Fraulein Schneider, (Jessica Elwart) falls in love with a grocer. The plot is risqué by traditional musical standards. There are no threesomes in "Annie."

Just as the audience settles into the story, the wheels come off and Bradshaw's journey becomes not one of self-discovery but of escape. The rise of Nazism occurs in "Cabaret" the same way it did in 1930s Berlin: suddenly and without many people noticing until it was too late.

"Cabaret" won eight Tony awards in 1966. Over time, the film's controversial issues, including nazism, bisexuality and abortion, have become less taboo.

In the 1990s, a revival of "Cabaret" directed by Sam Mendes (who later directed the Oscar-winning "American Beauty") emerged, deepening its sinister tone.

Director Karen Sheridan's interpretation isn't as dark as the revival's, but it's by no means a feel-good romantic comedy. Sheridan's vision is one of immersion, and it works. Joey Bybee is solid as the Master of Ceremonies, a ghostly figure who comments and advances the action.

Wilson and Baldiga are appropriately edgy, and if their rocky romance makes audience members uncomfortable, it's because they're doing a good job.

The real treat in this show is the b-plot, by Jessica Elwart, and Herr Schultz, played by Joe Moultrup. They threaten to steal the show with great chemistry between their brilliant performances.

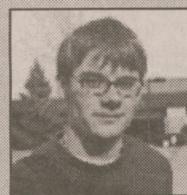
"Cabaret" is a roller coaster, at its best when it's out of control, with no one at the controls. It takes talent, inspiration and guts to pull that feeling off in a theater. This production has all three, and does. It's a ride you'll want to take.

You can quote me on that

To find out what movie each quote is from, visit The Oakland Post's website, www.OakPostOnline.com.

1. "I appreciate this whole seduction thing you've got going on here, but let me give you a tip, I'm a sure thing."
2. "There's no crying in baseball."
3. "Life is nothing if you're not obsessed."
4. "What we've been doing lately is smoking massive amounts of drugs, binging on Entemmann's and listening to old Pink Floyd CDs."
5. "I have wasted thousands and thousands of kisses on you. Kisses that I thought were special because of your lips and your smile and all your color and life. I used to think that was the real you, when you smiled. But now I know you don't mean any of it. You just save it for all your songs. Shame on me for kissing you with my eyes closed so tight."

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'Don't breed or buy, while shelter animals die'

My dog was put to sleep a couple weeks ago. It was truly one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. Judging by the sympathetic "Oh, I'm so sorry" I received from almost everyone I know, most people have lost a pet in their lifetime or realize the amount of pain a person goes through.

We have had two family dogs for about seven years. The youngest dog, Sarah, had to be put up for adoption earlier this month because she was getting to be too much to handle. The older dog, my dog, was just too sick and old to suffer any longer.

While looking for homes for Sarah, I stumbled upon a website for a national animal rescue organization called Adopt A Pet. Immediately, I recognized it to be one of the few shelters that doesn't use euthanasia and instead relies on people to foster the cast away pets until a permanent home can be found.

There are a few other non-profit organizations with similar slogans and mission

statements, but Adopt A Pet is the largest and most widely known.

If a person has a pet they need to put up for adoption, they can call ahead to see if there are any open foster homes. If there isn't anyone who can take your pet, there are usually open adoption days (most likely on Saturday or Sunday) when pets can be shown.

I have visited a few of the Adopt A Pet locations, and I even attended one of its showings.

Most of these adoption places are overloaded with unadoptable or unappreciated pets. Cats and dogs usually fill the makeshift kennels. The shows are held in houses or pet supply stores most of the time.

There are local rescues all over the country and one in Fenton, MI, about a half-hour drive north from OU.

Foster homes and volunteers are limited while adoptable pets are numerous.



Cara Plowman

After I went to a show the first time, I swore that I would open up my home and foster dogs as soon as I could.

Although that probably won't happen for a while, my love of animals, either cute or goofy looking, loved or thrown away, is so strong that I know I want

to help.

It's hard to see all of the different types of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens sitting sadly in their cages, just waiting for someone to take them home.

There are so many kind and generous volunteers dedicating themselves to keeping cats and dogs out of the pound.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

•NAME THAT GRIZZLY: As a freshman this tennis player had an overall singles record of 15-7 for the Golden Grizzlies. She went 13-7 as the number three player and 2-0 as number four, and had OU's best record in Mid-Con competition at 7-1.

CAN YOU NAME HER?

- A. Kristy Sabat
- B. Brittany Maxey
- C. Jennifer Herrera
- D. Theo Nae

B. Brittany Maxey

Softball splits two double headers

Team beats Valparaiso to start Mid-Con season

By Jeff Theisen
THE OAKLAND POST

The goal for OU this season is to defend the home turf at all costs and try to at least split on the road to be in contention for a high seed come tournament time. Two wins over conference foe Valparaiso on Friday, 8-2 and 13-3, started the Mid-Con season perfectly for the Grizzlies. The wins upped OU's overall record to 6-10 and 2-0 in league play, while dropping Valpo to 2-12 and 0-2. The wins were especially nice following two non-conference losses to Western Michigan on Wednesday 2-0 and 9-4 in OU's home opener.

"We need to do well on our home field taking at least three of four and at least split on the road," OU coach Steve Ogg said. "We're trying to get over .500 for the year and finish in the top four of the conference."

The top four qualify for the Mid-Con tournament. The home series was supposed to include two more games against Valpo and two against Grand Valley but they were cancelled due to bad weather.

In the first game against Valpo, Lauren Seffens led the way going 3-3 with two RBI and Jennifer Granger went 3-4 including a triple. Mid-Con batting leader Ericka Burns went 2-4 and scored two runs.

"Jennifer Granger was challenged and put in a lot of work to improve on hitting the ball to the opposite field on the outside pitch," Ogg said. "She has really improved."

Linnea Utecht picked up her second win of the season against no defeats pitching 3.2 innings allowing just two hits and no earned runs. Jaymie Voss pitched the final 3.1 innings allowing just one hit and no earned runs while striking out five.

In the 13-2 win, senior Keri Sedgley had a career day going 4-5 with five RBI and hitting her second home run of the year. Burns chipped in two RBI going 2-4 to help OU cruise to the victory.



QUICK, THROW ME THE BALL! : Tiffany Evans waits patiently for the ball as the opponent beats to second base. The Grizzlies split two doubleheaders, losing to Western Michigan University 2-0 and 9-4, and beating Valparaiso 8-2 and 13-3. OU plays Central Michigan today at 3 p.m. before traveling to Illinois-Chicago and Michigan State on the weekend. The team is now 6-10 overall and in first place in the Mid-Con with a 2-0 record.

"Erica is taking the ball well to the opposite field," Ogg said. "People know about her now and are pitching her away and she is hitting the ball where it is pitched."

Julie Anderson pitched a complete game allowing just two hits and three walks while striking out seven. Anderson also went 2-3 at the plate and added two runs.

Western Michigan got the better of the Golden Grizzlies in

their first game behind the pitching of Leah Seffernick gaining a complete game four hit shutout including nine strikeouts. In the second game the Broncos blew open a 4-3 game at the end of six innings with a five run seventh to sweep the double header and increase their overall record to 5-8.

The Golden Grizzlies next game will be Wednesday at Central Michigan for a double header starting at 3 p.m.

Mid-Con foes Oral Roberts, Western Illinois ace Grizzlies

Tennis team 0-7 after weekend losses

By Eric Noble
THE OAKLAND POST

The OU tennis team fell to 0-7 this weekend after losing to both Oral Roberts 0-6 and Western Illinois 1-5.

It was tough for the Grizzlies to start off the Mid-Con season against Oral Roberts, who is having a strong season and remains undefeated in the conference. Likewise against Western Illinois, who is in a tie for third.

"Playing the number one and two teams to open is always hard," said Jennifer Herrera.

Not to be discouraged as OU is in a tie for fifth. "We are coming from a transition and lots of players are recovering from previous injuries," said Herrera.

Although the Grizzlies were shut out against Oral Roberts they were not discouraged, knowing that it is an individual game for each match, but they try to feed off the energy of one another.

"As a team we get along great and we cheer each other on and just try and keep everyone motivated," said Brittany Maxey.

Although Maxey lost 6-1, 6-1 to Marlena Maciork, she will use this as a learning experience.

"I'm hoping to get better and work hard now that I moved from the third spot to first this year," said Maxey.

Coach Heather Redshaw is disappointed, but optimistic at her team's chances.

"This is a definite rebuilding year. We lost our top two players from last year and have a sophomore as our number one which is tough," she said.

These matches were a little different than what the players were used to since they had been in a dome for winter and these matches were outside.

"We played outside which was a little different than we were used to, but shouldn't have mattered," said Maxey.

Coach Redshaw had nothing but good things to say about the girls.

"It was a long weekend and some of the games were a lot closer than what the scores show."

Theo Nae came away with the only win this weekend as her opponent had to quit due to injury. She was leading the match at the time 5-4.

This is a challenge for both players and coach.

"There is a real transition between high school tennis or even tournaments when you come to the college level," said Redshaw.

Maxey also noticed the difference in the players from last year, saying that this year's players are much "better competition."

Being Redshaw's first year out she is trying to help the players and herself to adjust.

"We're playing stronger every match and soon the pieces will fall into place," said Herrera.



TAKE THAT ORAL ROBERTS AND WESTERN ILLINOIS : Lisa Cross takes a swing at her opponent during a match last year. The Grizzlies lost to Mid-Con foes Oral Roberts and Western Illinois during weekend competition.

Working under siege, positives, negatives

I learned a long time ago that I couldn't please everybody.

That lesson was reinforced a few weeks ago, when someone told me that coverage of OU teams has been a little too negative.

I acknowledged this concern, but I would have to disagree.

My job is to cover sports news, whether it is positive or negative. It's not to make anybody or any team look good or bad.

The way I look at it, if someone ends up looking bad in the newspaper, it's their fault.

This person also brought up the fact that the hockey (club) team was covered on the front page of the paper, and Athletic Department's women's basketball team, was cov-

ered on the front page as well. The only difference was, in this person's view, the hockey headline was positive, and the basketball one was negative.

I would like to point out that the hockey story was not totally positive. It was about two things: the team making it to the end season national tournament and the fact that the captain of the team was not going to play because of a disagreement within the team.

The basketball story was about the team losing the championship game of the Mid-Con tournament.

We didn't put anything in that article that wasn't completely true. In

fact, we published a very positive column about it in the sports section of the same paper, not to mention another long article explaining how the team beat Valparaiso and IUPUI before facing Oral Roberts in the final game.

What were we supposed to do, say the basketball team won? Would that have been positive enough?

Believe me, I would have liked nothing better than to have the headline read, "Grizzlies stomp Eagles," or "OU finally gets Oral Roberts," but that just wasn't in the cards.

In a perfect world, I would write

articles about the hard working teams of OU winning all the time. There would be no need to write about a fight at a bar or a disgruntled former swimming coach. All of my former would be happy and everybody would be happy.

Unfortunately, it's not a perfect world. So when negative topics arise, it's my job to find out what the hell is going on and report on them, no matter who gets mad.

I just hope this column isn't too negative for anybody.

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Ramez Khuri

Men's golf finishes sixth in invitational

Men's golf roster

- Lee Aho
 - Kevin Harris
 - Ian Hodges
 - Chris King
 - Allen Mitchell
 - Eric Noble
 - Chris Pomy
 - Matt Pullen
 - Gary Robinson
 - Nathan Snow
 - Justin Sokol
 - Tony Sorentino
 - Jason Weldy
 - Chris Williams
 - Jason Wojnicki
 - Vinnie Colagiavonni
- Coach Dave Dewulf**

By Corinne Spanke
THE OAKLAND POST

Even the bitter cold couldn't stop the OU men's golf team from competing Monday at Butler for their Spring Invitational.

It was the opening match of the spring season for the Golden Grizzlies, but the weather didn't make playing easy.

One player said he bounced a golf ball on the putting green and it flew over his head. Without the advantage of being in a southern state, the Golden Grizzlies encountered its first taste of competition in the indecisive climate.

The Grizzlies finished sixth after shooting 321. Junior Kevin Harris led the team effort as he finished in a tie for sixteenth after shooting 79.

"Kevin and Gary Robinson are our best golfers. They both are very capable of finishing first in any given tournament" said head coach Dave Dewulf.

The tournament was originally supposed to be 54 holes, but, due to weather, it was shortened to 18 on Monday.

"The guys had a great attitude about play-

ing. They have not even played outside yet, and they did a remarkable job under the circumstances."

The team finished in sixth place while Eastern Illinois (313) captured the tournament. Southeast Missouri State (315), St. Louis (318), IUPUI (319) and

Evansville (320) all finished ahead of the disadvantaged Golden Grizzlies.

"Almost everyone out there had already played outside" said Dewulf. "We did the best job that we could and have to look ahead to the next tournament".

Oakland beat out the other half of competition in Western Illinois (322) finishing seventh, Detroit Mercy (322) placing eighth, Butler (323) in ninth, Loyola Chicago (331) placing tenth, Bradley (332) in eleventh, Robert Morris (335) finishing twelfth and Creighton (343) finishing last in the rankings.

Following Harris for OU individually were senior Gary Robinson and sophomore

Chris King in a tie for nineteenth place with the 18-hole total of 80. Jason Weldy shot a 10-over par 82 (30th) and sophomore Chris Pomy rounded out the Golden Grizzly squad with an 86 (59th).

OU has had to fight the winter blues hitting balls in Mulligan's Golf Dome located off I-75 and taking a spring trip to Orlando to get a few rounds of golf in.

"We went to Florida about a month ago on spring break, but other than that we have been stuck in the dome hitting balls".

OU will compete in four tournaments in the spring season and look to finish first in at least one of them.

"We are capable of winning and doing well," said Dewulf. "We have a very good team, with some great players."

Although they want to do well in every tournament they play in their main goal is to do well in the conference championship. Every match is a step to getting to the highest point of any season. Oral Roberts will host the Mid-Con tournament and is located in Oklahoma which is geographically located in the south.

"We look forward to competing in the Mid-Con tournament. Oral Roberts is the three time defending champion and are at a great advantage because they are a southern state and can get exposure to the outdoors much more than we can."

Grizzlies get first win of season versus Detroit

By Ramez Khuri
THE OAKLAND POST

After losing a heartbreaker to Toledo 13-12 last Wednesday, OU's baseball team was set to play two double headers against Detroit over the weekend.

Plans changed however, as the weather got colder, and the two teams ended up playing one double header yesterday on the Grizzlies home field.

Both teams had identical records of 0-13 going into the games, so something had to give. One was guaranteed to get at least one win, and fortunately for OU, the Grizzlies won the opening game 9-2. Detroit got the second one 5-1, so each team finished the day as they started, with identical records of 1-14.

OU used a 6-1 run advantage in the sixth inning of the first game as fuel for the win. The Grizzlies led 3-1 after five innings of play, before the explosion of runs in the sixth.

"I think everybody stuck to a good game plan on the mound, and in the field and on the plate," said coach Mark Avery. "The guys did a good job and that's why we won. We had no errors. Adam Sokoll threw the ball well, and we had 11 hits and scored nine runs."

Josh Masden had three hits in four at-bats, and scored three runs with one RBI. He also had two assists for the Grizzlies. Matt Gabrielli also had a big game for OU going 2-3 with two runs scored and four RBI, and Chris Kimball, Nick DiPonio, Jeff Hall and Erik Crossley each finished with one run. Kimball also recorded four assists.

The second game was the complete opposite. The Grizzlies were blanked on the scoreboard until the fifth inning when they scored one run, but by that time Detroit had already jumped out to a three run lead. The Titans

scored one in the sixth and one in the seventh to take the game, 5-1.

"We played well in the first game, and we didn't play well in the second game, it's that simple," said Avery. "In the second game we had a couple errors. We didn't throw the ball as well and we only got a couple hits."

"The Toledo game was extremely disappointing because we gave up nine runs on three hits in one inning, and besides that we outplayed them for the rest of the game," said Avery. "We did a great job and then we took a loss."

Then you go back to the Central game where we were up 3-1 in the sixth inning and we didn't win that one, so three out of the last four games we've been in position to win and we haven't done it."

The one Grizzly run was scored by Kip Harris. Michael Trosen went 2-2 in the game, and had the RBI that scored Harris.

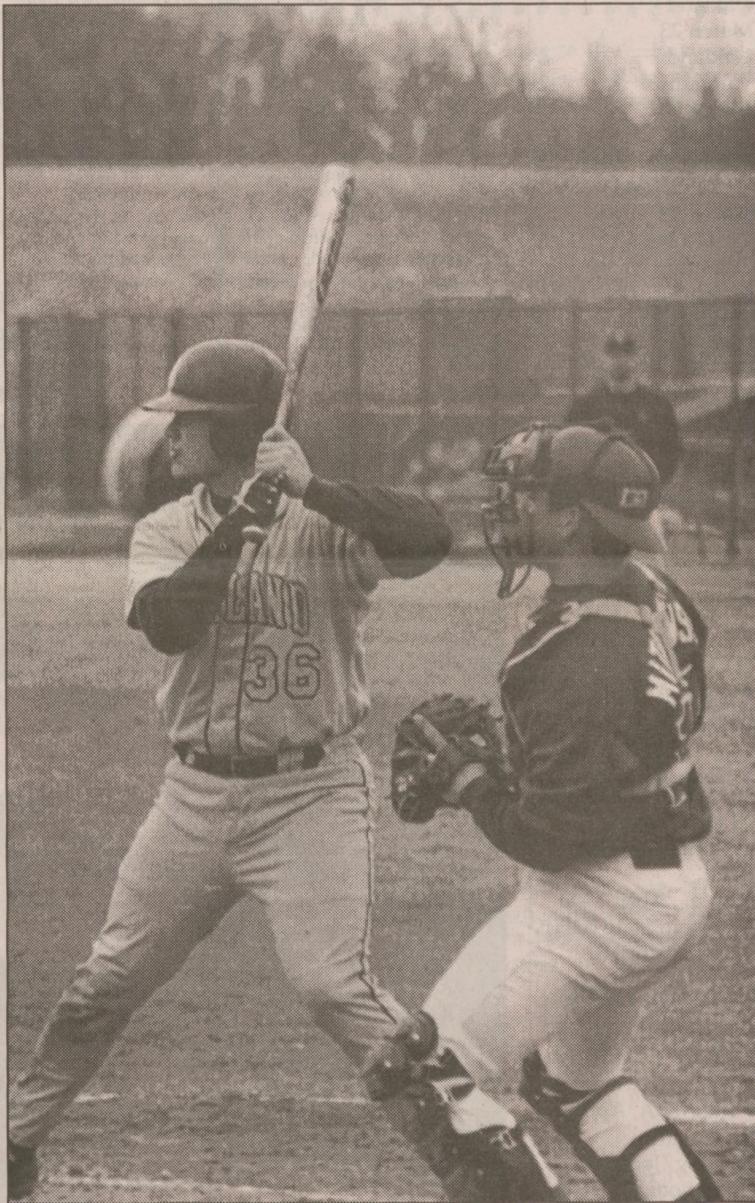
"That win felt good," said Masden. "We've been struggling of late. The whole season we've been struggling, and it just felt great to finally get a win just to get going. It's hard to get loose when you're playing in the cold like this, but we just had to play through it and just get in there and play."

"I hit second in the lineup, so it's my job to get on. I felt like I needed to get on base, and let the three, four and five hitters hit me in. We just didn't hit that second game. We were out in front of a lot of pitches and popping balls up. In the first game we were just getting hits and we showed some bunts and drew the third basemen and first basemen in a little bit. And in the second game we didn't show many bunts, so they just kind of stayed back, and we didn't hit the ball too well."

The Grizzlies are set to play another double header today at U-M starting at 2 p.m.

“We played well in the first game and we didn't play well in the second game”

Mark Avery,
Baseball coach



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post
COME ON MATT, BRING ME HOME! : Matt Gabrielli is up to bat in an attempt to score his teammate. The Grizzlies split a doubleheader yesterday against Detroit, winning 9-2 and losing 5-1. OU travels to U-M for another double header today starting at 2 p.m.



Mid-Continent Conference Standings

Baseball		Softball	
Conference	Overall	Conference	Overall
Oral Roberts	0-0	Oakland	2-0
	15-6		6-10
Youngstown State	0-0	Southern Utah	3-1
	7-5		11-20
Valparaiso	0-0	Western Illinois	2-1
	6-8		10-11
IUPUI	0-0	Youngstown State	2-2
	3-13		6-16
Chicago State	0-0	UMKC	3-4
	3-11		7-18
Southern Utah	0-0	IUPUI	1-3
	1-21		13-14
Oakland	0-0	Valparaiso	0-2
	1-14		2-12
Western Illinois	0-0		
	0-16		

the Golden Grizzly

JENNIFER GRANGER

Sophomore Jennifer Granger helped lead the softball team to a doubleheader victory over Valparaiso on Friday. The team beat Valpo 8-2, 13-3 as Granger went 3-4 with an RBI. Despite the team's loss against Western Michigan, she also made a great effort in the game when she hit a double.

-Lisa Cali



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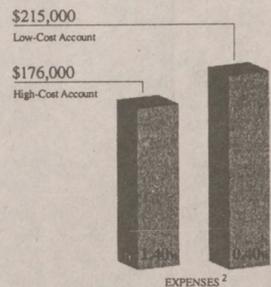
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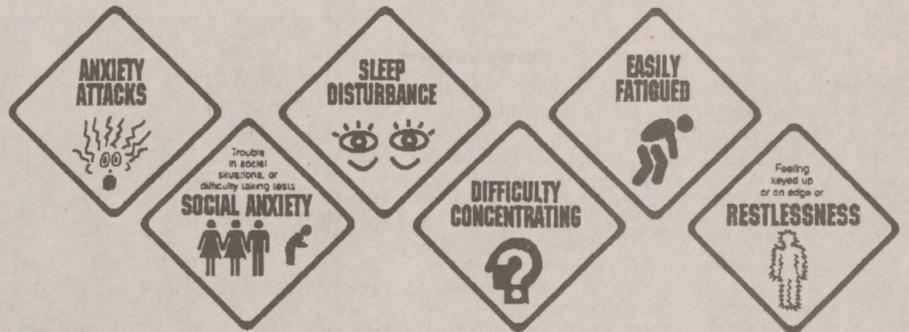
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Dusting off the TOMBS OF UR

Detroit Institute of Arts exhibits items from 4,500 year old grave site

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Modern day Americans are sometimes regarded as ostentatious, greedy and selfish. But if those who lived in Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) around 2600 B.C., we probably would have been pushed aside and looked down on for lackluster appearance and absence of extravagant jewels.

The Detroit Institute of Arts' exhibit, "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," features some of the most beautiful and ancient objects ever excavated. Sir Leonard Woolley unearthed the 1,850 graves in the late 1920s and '30s and unveiled the most exciting excavation since King Tutankhamun's tomb was found in Egypt.

The exhibit mostly displays jewelry and other rare items from the burial site of Queen Puabi, who died when she was about 40 years old.

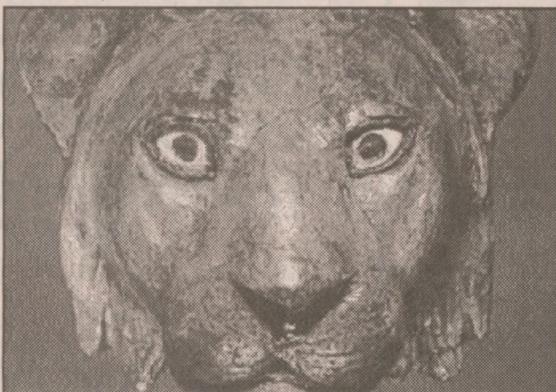
One of the most interesting aspects of this exhibit and Puabi is the fact that she was buried with about 10 of her servants. It is speculated that the practice of burying royalty with their servants was to ensure the Queen passed into the after life safely. The servants were most likely buried alive and probably ingested a poison shortly after the tomb was sealed.

The burial pits do not resemble today's coffins at all. In fact, they were large underground cave-like structures that housed different rooms within them. Sometimes, families would be buried in the same pit.

The DIA website (www.DIA.org) noted that the "burial party," or funeral procession, probably held celebrations and feasted prior to the actual burial. The party in Puabi's death pit was buried with jewelry made of gold, silver, lapis lazuli, turquoise and carnelian. Also buried in the excavation sites were musical instruments, game boards, sculptures, cosmetic containers, harps, lyres and vessels of gold, silver and alabaster.

To ease and insure a royal figure's safe passing into the afterworld, they would be buried with retinues, or a group of attendants, soldiers with war chariots, oxen drawn wagons and handmaidens.

One of the most detailed and extravagant pieces on display at the DIA is a small sculpture of a ram stuck to a thicket. It stands about 12



inches tall and shines from the gold and shells that adorn its back. The details are so miniscule that viewers will have to spend some time examining the piece in order to catch every nuance.

More than 200 objects were found at the excavation site of Ur, which was a city-state in Southern Mesopotamia. Some of the tombs are estimated to have been created 4,500 years ago, at the height of the Sumerian culture. The excavation field at Ur unearthed a field of 1,850 mostly intact graves. A lot of graves in that area were robbed soon after burial. Even more were raided during excavations. Sixteen of the graves most likely belonged to royalty.

Marked as the "cradle of civilization" by many, Sumer is speculated to have been where written language originated. The Sumerians developed complicated trading systems and imported jewels from Indus Valley, or Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and modern Turkey. Royalty was the only class that could afford to be ostentatious and expected their headdresses, necklaces, bracelets and other pieces to be over the top.

One of Puabi's headdresses is on display at the DIA. The piece, which is entirely made of gold, would have only been worn on special



TOMB RAIDER: (L-R) "Silver Head of a Lion" and "Ram Caught in a Thicket" are two of the items that can be seen at the DIA's "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur" exhibit. The exhibit which runs through May 6 displays mostly jewelry and other rare items from the burial site of Queen Puabi.

Photos courtesy of Detroit Institute of Arts

occasions because of its weight, but nonetheless cost a fortune.

While walking through the exhibit, visitors can listen to the audio guide that accompanies the tour. The guide is informative and addresses specific facts known about the Sumerian culture, the tombs of Ur and Queen Puabi.

Even though most visitors elect to follow along with the audio tour, it is definitely not a necessity. The audio guide tends to distract from the beauty of each piece. All of the pieces have information describing their origin on them. Also, check out the DIA website for a quick history lesson before you go.

The DIA will host lectures, workshops and classes that coincide with the exhibit. In addition, visitors can buy a 195 page color catalogue at the museum gift shop.

The DIA exhibit is \$8 and includes admission into the galleries and the audio tour. The exhibit is usually packed with visitors, but there are no time restraints once you're in. It is recommended that viewers read all of the historical posters and information cards within the exhibit so as to get a better understanding of the ancient culture.

'The Heartbreakers' oozes sex, laughs, stellar performances

By Anthony Licardello
THE OAKLAND POST

It is becoming a genuine tradition for film companies to make movies with sexy stars and seductive content. It's also becoming a tradition for the company to believe that males of all ages view the world not with their brain but with the external organ between their legs.

"Heartbreakers" does a convincing job at persuading viewers to agree. If guy audience members can get themselves past the ample amounts of cleavage and sexy dialogue inhabiting this PG-13 rated comedy that contains suggestive material and revealing midriffs, they'll find a clever film underneath.

The film is a mother-daughter story about letting your children grow up. It is disguised as a hilarious comedy about sensuous swindlers who make their own luck. It'll make viewers laugh because of the irony in some of the situations, and it'll make them smile because of its excellent script. "Heartbreakers" is easily one of the funnier comedies of the year.

The film stars Sigourney Weaver ("Aliens") and Jennifer Love-Hewitt ("Can't Hardly Wait," "I Know What You Did Last Summer") as Max and Page, two



conniving con artists who use their good looks to get what they want.

As the movie opens, Max is married to small-time Jersey womanizer Dean Cumanno, (Ray Liotta, "Blow," "Hannibal") but the marriage is short lived when Max shows up at his office the next day only to find her newlywed husband fooling around with an attractive younger woman, her daughter, Page in disguise.

The whole act was a setup for an abrupt and easy divorce settlement, with the two double-dealers coming away from the act with their pockets overloaded with \$3,000 and a really nice car.

Hewitt and Weaver deliver performances that are both sexy and funny. They are also cast well, making a perfect and believable mother-daughter chemistry. There are some funny performances that are strong supporting cast. Gene Hackman ("The Replacements," "The Mexican") makes a fool out of himself with a character that is opposite of anything he has recently played.

The charismatic young actor Jason Lee ("Almost Famous," "Mumford") furnishes a convincing romantic interest (although there is little on screen



DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART: (L-R) Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sigourney Weaver play sexy swindlers in the comedy "The Heartbreakers." The two play mother and daughter in the film which opened Friday.

Photo courtesy of MGM Pictures

chemistry between him and Hewitt).

Anne Bancroft ("The Graduate," "Great Expectations") fits in with the crowd very well.

Director David Mirkin bombed with the 1997 comedy "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion," but here he captures the perfect tone for the comic material. Hearty laughs are frequent and big.

Unlike a lot of films, the best parts aren't just in the trailer. Eventually, however, the film becomes wrapped up in a sappy love story that gets in the way of the comedy somewhat. The movie's tone becomes a little too serious, and I ended up feeling

cheated out of even more wildly entertaining moments.

When it comes to getting tons of laughs out of the audience, the film prospers with no problems. "Heartbreakers" contains enough comic material to grant more than a single viewing. It is one of the better comedies of the year. "Heartbreakers" features just the perfect mix of sinfulness and slapstick, two elements that hundreds of films every year fail to blend properly.

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Due to all of the hype surrounding "Survivor: The Outback," and other reality shows, The Oakland Post has decided to stage its own rendition of Survivor. Based on the premise of being trapped in The Oakland Post, we will be eliminating one staff member each week until our final issue when we will announce the survivor of The Oakland Post. We have recently voted Sara McDowell, Life Editor and Lisa Remsing, News Editor off of "Survivor: The Oakland Post" series. Tune in next week to see who survived week six.

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