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•Today is the last day to donate blood at the OU Spring Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. Those interested can donate from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. For more information contact the Center for Student Activities at x2400 or log onto GiveLife.RedCross.org.

•Sigma Xi, the research society of OU, is sponsoring a public lecture on stem cell research by Dr. Derek Van der Kooy, Professor at University of Toledo. The lecture is at 4 p.m. on April 12 in 201 Dodge Hall.

•Student Life Lecture Board is bringing Jennifer Granholm, Michigan Attorney General, to campus tomorrow. She will be speaking at 3 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre. The lecture is free to all.

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Student dies of heart attack

By Nancy Chapman THE OAKLAND POST

An OU student, Norma McEllen, died of heart failure last Thursday morning after she collapsed in a music class in Varner Hall. McEllen, a performing arts student, 44, of Shelby Township

passed out during her voice training class last week because of persistent heart problems.

OU police department Lieutenant Mel Gilroy and a Crittenton Hospital rescue unit arrived on the scene just after 10 a.m. Thursday to help resuscitate McEllen, who was unconscious

and not breathing. When they arrived, CPR was already being given by a College of Arts and Sciences staff member. McEllen responded to the CPR vomiting.

Kirchner, along with the rescue unit, tried to save McEllen as classmates waited and prayed outside the classroom in the hall.

OUPD cleared students and staff from the hallway to transport the patient to Crittenton Hospital and students were ushered into a conference room and reassured their classmate was in good care.

McEllen's heart stopped again enroute to Crittenton Hospital and she died.

The time of death was recorded at 10:47 a.m.

Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa J. Dragovic said, "An autopsy concluded that Mrs. McEllen died of congestive heart failure resulting from her ongoing

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Capitol trip draws largest group ever

Ninety show up for OU day in Lansing

By Ryan Schooley THE OAKLAND POST

About 90 OU students, alumni and faculty participated in the annual OU Day at the Capitol last Wednesday, making it the largest group to attend the event since its inception in 1996.

Sponsored by the Office of Governmental Relations, Alumni Relations, the Office of the President, and Student Congress, this was the fifth year for the trip.

The day started at 7 a.m. as the group departed from campus to Lansing and lasted until 5 p.m. Students had a full day of activities including a luncheon attended by Michigan Representatives and a visit with Secretary of State Candice Miller.

The morning included a role-

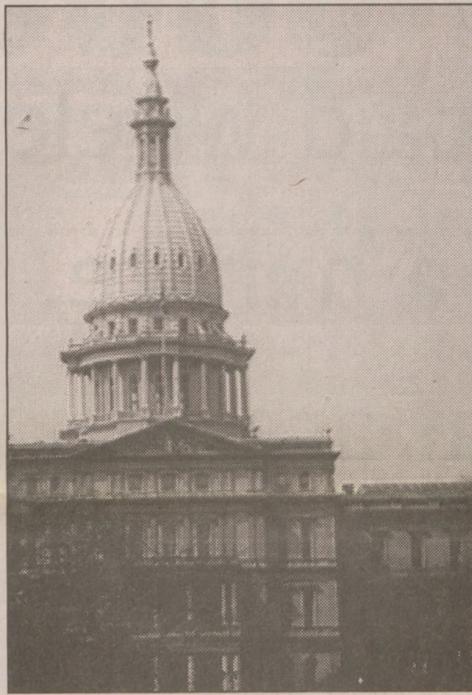
playing game called "Congressional Insight," where students teamed up and created their own governmental policies.

Kimberly Langley, Legislative Affairs Director for Student Congress, explained that participants played the role of a certain representative, like Speaker of the House, and implemented policy decisions.

The policies were then run through a computer program, which evaluated their chances for re-election, the money raised and bills passed.

After that, there was a "luncheon with the representatives that allowed students to discuss issues important to them. If you wanted to meet your representative, you had the opportunity to," Langley said.

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GOING ALL THE WAY UP: The Office of Governmental Relations, Alumni Relations, the President and OUSC sponsored this year's OU Day at the Capitol trip.

Graham testing anxiety disorders

By Lisa Cali MANAGING EDITOR

On Wednesday, April 11, Graham Health Center is holding anxiety screening sessions to provide OU students the opportunity to find out if they suffer from an anxiety disorder. The sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are free to all OU students.

On screening day, students will view a video on anxiety disorders and then answer an optional questionnaire relating to anxiety. Students will then meet with a counselor to privately discuss the results of the questionnaire.

Associate Director of Graham Counseling Center Bela Chopp said that free anxiety screening is important to have on college campuses because of students' high stress levels, especially around finals. There are 23 million people nationwide suffering from anxiety disorders, many who are college-age.

"This type of screening is going on nationally throughout the year. It is an educational program that hopes to raise awareness," Chopp said. "It is so important for people to realize these are legitimate problems and that there is help for those who may need it."

Chopp recognizes social anxiety as the most common anxiety disorder for college students. Social anxiety causes people to have such a tremendous fear of approaching others or attending gatherings that they isolate themselves and stay away from social activities. If severe enough, this type of disorder, along with many others, can lead to depression, Chopp said.

Graham Counseling Center offers students up to six free visits with a counselor, and \$10 per visit after that. In addition, it offers a list of referral options if students choose to seek help off campus.

Anxiety Disorders

Panic
Repeated episodes of intense fear

Obsessive-Compulsive
Recurrent, unwanted and uncontrollable thoughts, behaviors

Post-Traumatic Stress
Persistent symptoms such as depression, and anger experienced after a traumatic event

Generalized Anxiety
Constant, overpowering worrying and tension about life

OUSC revising bylaws for next administration

By Lisa Cali MANAGING EDITOR

Now that OU Student Congress has its elected members for next year, it is making revisions to the bylaws to set a strong foundation for future years.

The suggested changes to the bylaws were presented at Congress' Monday meeting, and legislators will vote on them after the second reading next week.

According to Student Body

President Adam Kochenderfer, OUSC experienced turmoil and witnessed abuse of power in past years, and the revision of certain bylaws is necessary to halt inconsistencies.

"We worked hard this year to improve on past Congress' procedures," Kochenderfer said. "Now it's time to make sure that it's carried on. We need to make Congress more responsible."

Included in the revisions are set procedures for terminating cabinet mem-

bers, mandatory office hours for cabinet members and specific procedures for presenting budgets to the legislature. In addition, Congress wants to make provisions to operate the office during the spring and summer terms if a budget is not passed.

"If we want to be a student government that is on par with other universities, we need to act on setting a foundation," Kochenderfer said.

Also at the meeting, Kochenderfer announced that the Pizza Hut in

Pioneer Food Court will be replaced by Noble Roman's and the transition will begin over the summer. Noble Roman's is planning to be operational by the beginning of the fall 2001 semester.

Student Body President Elect Derek Dickow announced that cabinet applications for the 2001-2002 school year are now available. Anyone who is interested should stop by the OUSC office to pick up an application.

Doctor entertains, advises audience

By Cara Plowman EDITOR IN CHIEF

Top 40 music played as a full crowd in the Pioneer food court waited to see the doctor. Their ailments weren't runny noses or aching backs but, instead, fear of intimacy, broken hearts and mysterious itches.

Just as the "Thong Song" ended a few minutes after 8 p.m., the lights went down and SPB ushered the well-dressed Dr. Drew Pinsky on stage.

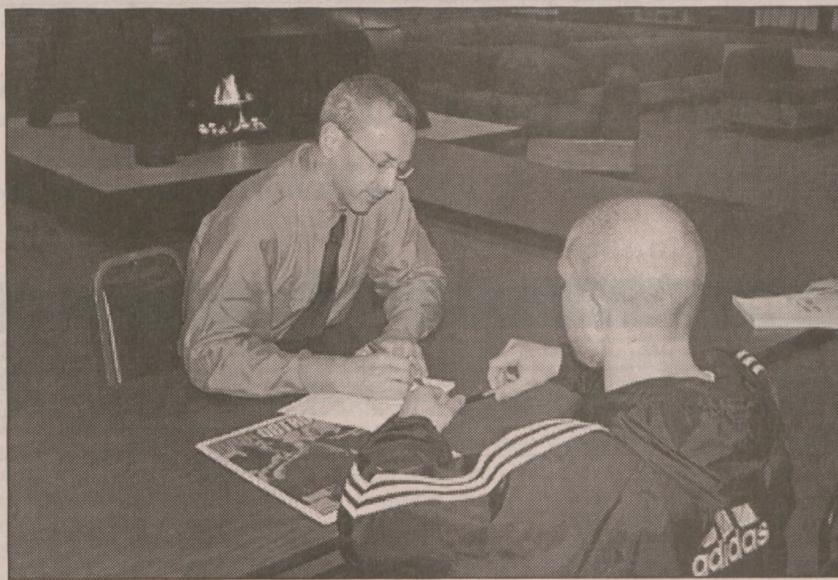
Pinsky impressed students and parents last Friday when his college tour stopped at OU. Pinsky offered advice, answered audience questions and shared stories.

Thirty students had their questions answered by Pinsky. The questions ranged from drugs and eating disorders to penis size and voyeurism. One issue that was brought up a number of times was the recent school shootings.

Co-host of MTV's "Loveline" as well as the co-author of "The Dr. Drew and Adam Book" about love, STDs and other concerns young adults have, Pinsky started out talking about his early days in radio, how he became involved with "Loveline" 15 years ago, and how he met up with his co-host Adam Carolla.

"I lived in a neighborhood in southern California (in 1983) where there was this fledgling radio station

DR. DREW continues on A6



THE DOCTOR IS IN: Dr. Drew Pinsky stopped by OU last week to talk about his experiences being co-host of "Loveline," which is on both TV and the radio.

RHC officers elected, ready to start terms

By Lisa Remsing NEWS EDITOR

The results are in and the 2001-2002 Residence Halls Council officers begin their newly elected positions today.

Matt Badaczewski was elected president with 139 votes, Jennifer Phipps was voted as Secretary with 132 votes, and Ginger Thompson won the seat of Treasurer with a total of 140 votes. The biggest surprise of the election was Elizabeth Alger, a write in candidate who won the vice presidential position over Mike Ginger, the candidate on the ballot, by a vote of 75-73.

RHC elections were held on March 26 and 27 outside of the Vandenberg Dining Hall during meal hours. According to Desmond Van Houten, Residence Halls Council President for 2000-2001, 162 residence halls students voted in the election last week compared to 126 who voted in last year's election.

"I'm happy that the turnout was higher than last year and I hope it continues to grow in the future," said Van Houten.

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CRIME watch

• Police were called to VanWagoner Hall on March 27 to investigate an alleged assault. A female student reported that her ex-boyfriend followed her from the community showers and started to bang on the door of her room. She finally let him in and he began yelling and cursing at her and then pushed her against her dorm room window, causing her to suffer from back and neck pain. The female student threw her ex-boyfriend's stuff at him, including a wine glass that shattered against the wall. She ran to a friend's room where no one was home, so she returned to her room where the male picked up a metal picture frame and threatened to throw it at her. When she tried to call police he kicked the phone so she could not use it.

•A resident of VanWagoner Hall called police on March 26 after she attempted suicide by taking five Tylenol Gels, five prescription pills and two shots of Vodka mixed with orange juice. When police arrived the student's speech was slurred and she complained of a headache. She was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

•Police investigated a reported Retail Fraud from the Pioneer Food Court on Thursday after an employee spotted a woman take a Nacho Supreme from Taco Bell and hide it behind her back as she proceeded to the cash register to purchase a soft drink. When approached by the Aramark Supervisor, she stated that someone had purchased the food earlier for her, and she threw it in the trash. She gave police the name and phone number of the student who allegedly bought the food, and when police called they discovered that no one by that name lived in the room given.

•A female student living in Hamlin Hall called police on Friday to report harassing phone calls from possibly her ex-boyfriend. The caller phoned the female 13 or 14 times, each time just breathing into the phone or asking if an unidentifiable person was there. The female student was advised to keep a record if more calls were received.

Phi Sigma Sigma offered house



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

HOUSEWARMING: The Housing Department has offered Phi Sigma Sigma one of four university owned houses across from campus on Adams Road. Each cottage houses six to ten students.

By Mike Murphy
THE OAKLAND POST

The Department of University Housing has offered Phi Sigma Sigma sorority the option of having some of its members live in a student cottage beginning next Fall.

While the offer hasn't been confirmed or officially announced by University Housing, Phi Sigma Sigma members said it was announced at their weekly meeting last Sunday.

To live in the cottage, student organizations must submit a written proposal to Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing and Mary Beth Snyder, the Vice-President of Student Affairs. This year, both Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Pi Fraternity submitted proposals.

Sources within Sigma Pi said that its bid was turned in past the deadline.

The cottages are individual homes which are offered to student organizations as an alternative to normal residence halls housing, said Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing.

The cottage system is located across the street from the

University's Adams Road exit. It consists of four cottages, two of which have been recently renovated and are available to student groups or organizations. Each cottage can house six to ten students.

Students who live in the house will pay the same standard double room housing fee that other residence hall students pay. Utilities are included in the housing cost, and meal plans are optional.

The OU cross country team rented a cottage in that system in 1999 and 2000.

Phi Sigma Sigma's national charter forbids alcohol or drugs in any of its official houses. The cottage won't be an official sorority house, since those houses are funded through alumni donations.

Despite this, Phi Sigma Sigma President Elect Megan Schmidt said that all sorority policies will be observed. The house will also have a House Manager, and a corporation set up through Phi Sigma Sigma alumni to manage finances.

The Department of University Housing will begin offering student apartments in Fall 2002.

Lacrosse team in car accident last weekend

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

OU's club Lacrosse team narrowly escaped serious injury on March 25 when it was involved in a fender bender outside of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The team was headed home in two vans on I-69 after playing Indiana University when apparently icy road conditions caused the car in front of the first van to lose control.

To avoid a collision, the first van swerved and the second van rear ended its own teammates. Coach Dwayne Hicks, who was driving his own car behind the second van, could not stop either and hit the second van, totalling his car. The vans, which were both rented for the trip, were in bad shape. One was undriveable, and the other had all of the windows knocked out.

"Everybody is okay, thank God," said Hicks. "There were a few minor bruises to the team but nothing too serious. The injuries will not keep any of the players from continuing the season."

The team, now ranked number 20 in the nation, is set to play against number three ranked U-M on April 14 and number 12 ranked Colorado on April 20. Both games will be held at OU on the upper fields.

FOCUS on photography



Dan McDuffee/The Oakland Post

PICTURE PERFECT: OU students, staff and faculty took part in the annual photo contest sponsored by Student Program Board and the Center for Student Activities this week. Yesterday judges awarded the best photographers with ribbons and a cash prize. Pictures have been on display in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

Nightingale awards honor top nurses

By Katie Stout
THE OAKLAND POST

The School of Nursing is once again honoring several dedicated nurses with the prestigious Nightingale Awards.

The Nightingale Awards were created in 1989 to honor hard-working, compassionate nurses who excel in their field. The nurses who are chosen for this award objectify the ideals of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale.

Nightingale was known for her dedication to the sick and injured. She believed that nursing should be based on passion, observation, experience, nutrition, and administrative skills. Oakland University's School of Nursing subscribes to these ideals and beliefs.

"Nightingale Awards are unique because they honor imaginative work by nurses practicing in a variety of settings," said Dr. Kathleen Emrich, Interim Dean.

Out of the 111 people that were nominated, only eight

were selected for this distinguished award. The Nightingale Awards are the only awards in Michigan that allow the winners to be chosen by fellow nurses and health care representatives.

The Nightingale Awards benefit Oakland University because supporters contribute money that is applied towards scholarships for nursing education and equipment for the learning resources lab. The awards also provide an everlasting image to senior-level nursing students who strive to be the Nightingales of tomorrow.

Each winner will receive a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale, a Nightingale pin, and \$1000. The winners for this year include Kathleen Ryan, Margaret Nelson, Adeline Laforet, Barbara Harlow, Kathleen Dawson, Wendy Goldberg, Shake Keteftian, and Stephanie Wilson.

Kathleen Dawson, who has been a registered nurse for 28 years, is the Director of Nursing for Shelby Nursing Center. She is being awarded the long-term Nursing Care Award, after being the runner up last year.

"I am very honored to receive this award," said Dawson. Pamela Monreal has known Dawson for 11 years and nominated her boss for the award.

"She is a leader in her profession, and sets an example to all nurses," said Monreal.

Another recipient for the Nightingale Award is Margaret Nelson. Nelson is the Director of Clinical Health Initiatives at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Oakland County. She has been a registered nurse for 21 years and received her master's degree in 1999 from Oakland University.

"I am thrilled to death. I am also very, very honored and excited to receive this award," said Nelson.

The 13th annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing Recognition Dinner will be held during National Nurses week, on May 10 at the Troy Marriott Hotel. The guest speaker will be Representative and Democratic Floor Leader Gilda Jacobs.

Provost shares concern on copyright laws

I am writing this open letter to the OU community because of a growing concern I have regarding the future impact of file-sharing technology on all of us at the university.

Recently, there has been significant media coverage, and controversy, surrounding the use of Napster and other file-sharing programs available on the Internet. These programs are designed to let people easily exchange music, movies, videos, and other files on the Internet. In the final analysis, programs like Napster, Gnutella, iMesh, CuteMX, Scour Exchange, and FreeNetfile are not as harmless

as they might seem. What I would like to do here is point out the serious legal implications of violating copyright laws by sharing certain materials via these programs and the negative impact that these programs can have on network capacity.

It is tempting to conclude that the issues raised here primarily involve our students. However, a number of our staff and faculty may be using the new file-sharing technologies to explore what is available on the constantly developing

Internet. Here's what everyone needs to know about these programs:

Louis Esposito

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

A person who provides or obtains copyrighted material—music, movies, videos, text, etc.— without permission from the rightful owner violates the U.S. Copyright Act and several university policies. While it is true that a number of artists have allowed their creative works to be freely copied, those artists remain very much the exception. It is best to assume that all works are copyright-protected

except those that explicitly state otherwise. Each of us faces liability for damages of up to \$30,000 per infringement of the Copyright law.

Additionally, faculty and staff who use file sharing programs in violation of copyright law to trade files in connection with their duties, would likely result in university liability. If the university is notified by an artist, author, publisher, or law enforcement agency that someone is violating copyright laws, the relevant offices at Oakland will investigate the complaint, and, if appropriate, take

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Editor's View

Trustees need lesson in openness

Until yesterday, OU's Board of Trustees' dirty little secret, its closed meeting held last December, was confined to the campus community.

That all changed when an Oakland Press editorial, took the Board to task.

The editorial stated, "This is our worry: We fund our public universities with taxes and tuition. We send our children there to be educated. We hire their graduates. Now, there is a growing disconnect between universities and the public. Why? Keeping us out of long-term planning discussions seems foolish, if not dangerous to the health of the institutions."

Because of the editorial, the blatant Open Meetings Act violation was made public beyond OU, and the response has been gratifying to The Post. In addition to receiving numerous pats on the back and phone calls, the mayor of Auburn Hills Tom McMillin expressed his interest in the controversy and issued a formal press release to area newspapers in support of keeping meetings open and information public.

McMillin told The Post that the issue should be presented to Attorney General Jennifer Granholm when she speaks at OU 3 p.m., Thursday at Meadow Brook Theatre.

McMillin wrote, "I would hope Attorney General Granholm will not turn a blind eye at what appears to be a blatant violation of Michigan law. I hope the Trustees and the AG realize that the public will not stand for going back to the days of government decisions being made in smoke-filled back rooms. The AG office must launch an investigation and prosecute any violations. The integrity of the University... and quite frankly, her integrity, is on the line."

The Post uncovered the secret meeting in January. Despite an initial denial, after filing a freedom of information demand, the board office admitted a "planning retreat" had occurred. The Post published stories and editorials about the investigation on Feb. 21 and March 7. Universities are supposed to be a place for open, robust debate on a variety of topics. It's a lesson the Trustees need to learn.

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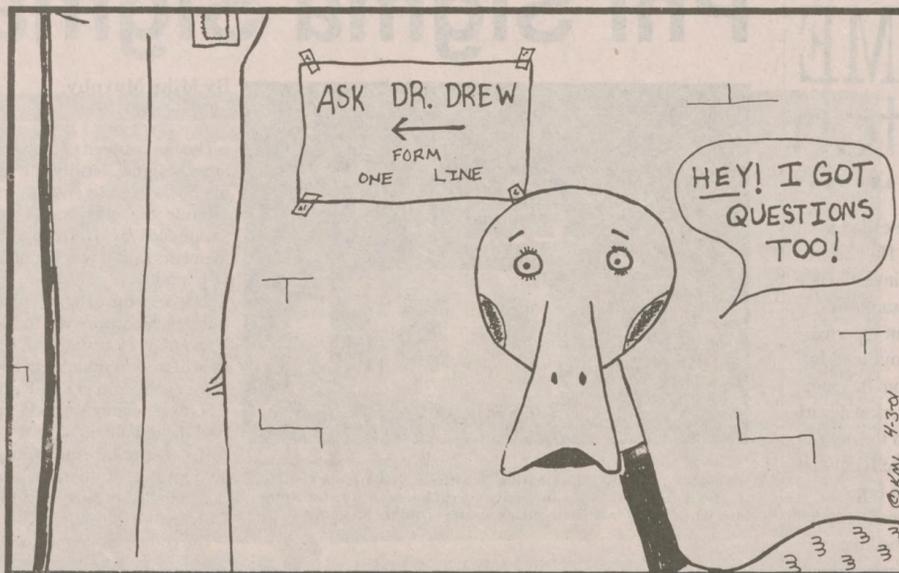
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God bless you for not inviting Adam Carolla.
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Letters to the Editor

Grad liked APM 541, Shi

Dear Editor,
 I am one of those students who took APM541 with Associate Professor Peter Shi in Fall 2000.

I had taken all three prerequisite courses in 1977, more than 23 years ago. Considering this, I began an intensive review of the course materials in August, a month before the semester. I believe, as a college student, I am expected to have the maturity to take responsibility for my own education and prepare myself for the courses I plan to take.

Throughout my undergraduate education as well as my graduate education, I have worked and paid for my tuition and fees out of my very own pocket without financial assistance from any other sources. So, when I register for a course, I do expect to get my money's worth considering that I have worked hard to raise and save every penny which I pay for tuition and fees. I do not expect, then, to spend a third or half of the semester of a course going through a review of the prerequisite material of the course. I pay for a course to learn new materials, not to review materials that I have already learned in previous courses.

Unfortunately, many of the college courses I have taken, I have received half of the education I was promised and half of my tuition has gone to waste.

For the first time in my college education, Professor Shi's course promised to be unlike other courses and it seemed for the first time I was getting the education for which I had paid dearly. However, soon after the course had started, some students began complaining that they did not have proficiency in the course's prerequisites and therefore demanded that Shi "water-down" his lectures and spend time reviewing materials from the course prerequisites. This small group of students refused to take responsibility for their own education and wished to be spoon-fed. It was their responsibility and not the professor's to review the prerequisite material for the course. If they had forgotten the prerequisite material,

they should have been responsible enough to review them before attending the course. College, after all, is not an extension of high school. I also wonder if they even had bothered to seriously learn the material when they were taking those prerequisite courses. Had they done so, I am certain they would have retained much of what they had learned, no matter how many years it had passed since they took those courses. If one should stop driving for a few years, would one completely forget how to drive?

I wish there was a means available for students who are forced to receive a sub-standard college education to file a grievance toward the expulsion of the small percentage of students who refuse to take responsibility for their own education. In the process, they force us to spend our hard-earned tuition money sitting through "watered-down" courses where half the time is spent reviewing materials from previous courses for the sake of that small percentage of irresponsible, immature students. Education is a privilege not a right.

Universities are not market places where upon spending time in classrooms and paying some tuition, degrees are issued quid-pro-quo. One does not "get" or "obtain" an academic degree; one "earns" a degree. We cannot just demand a degree and a passing grade in college.

It is a sad and regrettable state when, in our country, it educational standards have been lowered to meet the poor students' level of effort and skills rather than raising the students' level of knowledge and proficiency to a high academic standard. It is sad and the system works toward appeasing the students rather than educating them.

Seyed Mirmiran
graduate student
mechanical engineering

Dean expounds tolerance

Dear Editor,
 I love the lunch hour activity in the food court! It represents so much of what a university is all about: the sharing of ideas, making

friends, exploring the diversity of the campus, and learning about each other. However, on occasion this idealistic view of campus life is shattered by obscenities, cliques and intolerance of differences. Indeed, a couple of weeks ago, a fight actually started over a student's objection to allowing another student to take an available seat at a table.

As we approach finals and look forward to the spring and summer break, I hope that everyone will take time to reflect on the campus values of openness, learning, civility, mutual respect and involvement. Instead of letting petty annoyances and minor inconveniences rule our emotions, let's re-commit to preserving these important values in our behavior and speech. When next fall semester comes around, I ask all students to serve as role models for campus life by adhering to the highest standards of civility. Help Oakland University become all it can be. Our potential as a university is unlimited if we all work together to create a 'world class' campus community. Thanks.

David E. Herman, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Letter Response:

Dear Editor,
 God bless David Becker. I have nothing but respect for Mr. Winkler. I have heard him speak in public fora and he has always made sense.

But when there are so many real problems in the world around us, why are we arguing about who gave what invocation at which event?

Unfettered discussion does suggest that he should air his grievances. Perhaps we agnostics should express our displeasure at the affront, or how about we debate the criminal acts of the Catholic church instead?

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action in accordance with university policy.

File-sharing applications such as those named above can generate so much network traffic that they might adversely affect network performance for users who share the same local network. Use of these applications is most widespread among students and could become a problem in the future now that our residence halls have wireless connections. We will be monitoring the network traffic situation as it relates to the use of these file-sharing applications. Users on Oakland's network whose usage hinders network performance and interferes with others trying to use the network for university work will be contacted. Action to maintain network integrity and performance will be taken where necessary. This isn't just a matter of network etiquette. When someone interferes with the ability of others to use network services, it violates Oakland's computing policy.

File-sharing applications typically allow us to set up a computer so that other people can access files one chooses to make available to them. While this might seem like

a nice service, there are serious drawbacks.

When an individual's computer acts as a server, it can burden Oakland's network if it is a popular server that does excessive, high-volume file transfers. Some applications let you choose NOT to be a server, but others (Gnutella) do not. If you simply install the software and do not take the time to read documentation, you might not realize that your computer is a server. Please make sure that you understand what the software involves. Another serious problem in setting up a computer as a server is that you could be opening a security hole for hackers, allowing them access to your entire computer.

While OU has not yet reached the volume of network traffic seen at other schools, we will in the near future. In the meantime, I ask for everyone's cooperation and urge caution in the use of this emerging file-share technology. If you have questions about OU's computer policy, please refer to our computer policies on OU's web site.

Thank you.
Louis Esposito
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(K-ROCK)," said Pinsky. "People I knew were sort of socializing with people that worked at this ("alternative") radio station. And a couple of guys realized they spent an awful lot of their time obsessing about their relationships. They went to their program director and said, 'Hey, what if we did a thing where we opened the phone lines and people call and ask questions about their relationships?'"

Pinsky said the only time slot available for that show to air was from midnight-3 a.m. Monday mornings.

Soon after, the creators of the show realized they couldn't answer all of the questions callers would ask, so they pitched the idea to Pinsky, who was very reluctant at first. At the time, Pinsky said he was in his third year of medical school and didn't have a lot of free time.

The segment of "Loveline" that Pinsky finally conceded to participate in what was initially called "Ask a Surgeon." The format was similar to what "Loveline" is like today: Pinsky takes general and personal questions from people and answers them honestly and without criticism.

After the first night, Pinsky said he was hooked on the show and knew "something very, very important was going on here."

Pinsky also described how he and Carolla got together. Carolla wasn't Dr. Drew's co-host until after the radio show was put on TV.

"(MTV) came to me and said, 'well, who do you want for a co-host?' After all these years of doing radio, I had always just been given a co-

host and told to deal with it," said Pinsky. "I thought about this guy that was doing a morning show character in Los Angeles, this Adam Carolla-guy. I used to time my nursing home round breaks with when he would talk on the radio because I thought he was so clever and interesting."

Pinsky, jokingly, added, "I will never forgive myself for coming up with that solution."

But the MTV show became popular very quickly, in part, because of the unique relationship between Pinsky and Carolla.

Pinsky said, "If you want a dog to take a pill, you can't cram the pill down its throat. You can cram the pill down its throat, but only a few times before he bites you. But, if you wrap that pill in Gainesburger or turkey and hand it to the dog, it's taking the pill down most of the time." Pinsky is the pill to Carolla's meat.

Through his work in the medical field, Pinsky admits that he may have discovered what life is really all about, and how people can be happy.

"Happiness comes, it turns out, in our interpersonal worlds. And again, I'm stating this because I don't think you're going to hear this anywhere else in your culture. I have the opportunity in my professional life to deal with people at the end of life, prematurely, often times, AIDS patients, this kind of thing. And when you are with people that are struggling with trying to make sense of why they're here and what makes life meaningful, essentially all of them will come to the same conclusion: it's the important relationships, the people you love. The important people in your life give you meaning, give you happiness. When people's faces are pushed to the mirror, that's the answer."

CAPITOL

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At the luncheon, Candice Miller stopped by to visit the students and discuss the new university styled license plates and plans for a uniform, state-wide voting system.

The State House of Representatives was in session that afternoon, and the OU group sat in as observers. Also on the day's docket was a debate over higher education funding.

Langley voiced the importance of OU's presence at the Capitol.

She said, "What we were really there to do was lobby, in a sense. We were there to show OU cares and that we want money for our university." She added, "In the

house, we were even introduced: 'Oakland University is here!'"

After the excitement in the capital building, OU's students had a chance to attend a news conference by Governor John Engler about his appointment of Doug Roberts as the new State Treasurer. The students were also able to tour the area around the Capitol for the rest of the afternoon.

Langley commented that the diverse group of students who participated in the free excursion were from all different fields of study.

"Some people who came had never been to the capitol before. They got to see the process first hand, it was an excellent opportunity. Everyone I talked to had a wonderful time, they were glad they went," she said.

Hopefully, Langley added, they'll have even more people take part in this fun and exciting event next year.

LEX

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



RHC

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He also drew a comparison between this election and the recent OU Student Congress election. Approximately 12 percent of residence halls students showed up to vote in the RHC

election compared to only six percent of the total student body who voted in the Congress election. There were also no silly write-in candidates in the RHC election opposed to the OUSC election.

RHC is the government of the residence halls and is located in 423 Hamlin Hall. They can be reached by calling x2998.

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heart problems."

She had received a heart transplant nine years earlier, according to Dragovich.

"I commend all the emergency personnel and particularly the school employee that did a great job in his willingness to contribute to the life saving efforts of Mrs. McEllen," said Gilroy.

McEllen is survived by her husband, Thomas,

a son, 17, and a daughter, 14.

McEllen worked as a medical technician for Health Care Services. In addition, she taught the piano to students in her free time.

Religious services were held at Diener Funeral Home in Utica on Monday. Burial was at Utica Cemetery. Donations in McEllen's memory can be sent to the Music Federation, Matt Gabberty Heart Center, Mt. Clemens, or the Texas Heart Institute.

The family was unavailable for comment at press time.

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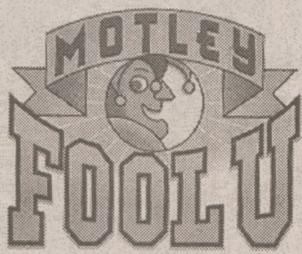
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For further information contact Andrea at caseys32@hotmail.com



Budgeting Made Easy

Q. We're newlyweds and we want to start out right with a budget, but neither of us has ever had a budget, and we aren't very good at writing down expenses. What's the easiest way to budget? --S.J., via email

A. Budgeting has a bad rap. Too many of the people who give budget advice are detail people and/or control freaks. They make you think that if you don't record every taco and pair of panty hose, you're on the road to financial ruin. You don't have to track every penny to have an effective financial plan. The secret is setting priorities. Pay yourself first, then pay your bills, then you can blow what's left with a clear conscience.

You will have to sit down and look at what you're earning and what you owe each month. It helps to write all this down somewhere. If you like computers, a program like Quicken or Microsoft Money can be very helpful, but a pencil and paper will also do the trick.

First, figure out exactly how much money is coming in. Then pay yourself first by putting at least 10% of your pretax earnings into savings. More is better. Now, look at your bills. Write 'em all down. Include estimates for necessities like food, gas, dry cleaning, etc. Subtract your savings and your expenses from your after-tax income. What's left is "discretionary" cash -- money you can spend as you like.

It won't be enough. It never is. Get used to it. If your discretionary cash really isn't enough to cover lunches, clothes, groceries, haircuts, and video rentals, you have two choices. The first is to just go ahead and buy what you need and/or want using credit cards to bridge the gap. This is a surprisingly popular choice, given that it leads to misery, divorce, and embarrassing phone calls from creditors just a few short years down the road.

The second choice is to adjust your expenses. You may have to track your discretionary spending for a few months just to get a handle on it, but if you view that as a temporary fact-finding mission, it's not so bad. Once you see where the money is going, it's easier to decide where to cut.

If you are going to use this somewhat loose budget plan successfully, you have to be rigorous about two things: 1) Know how much discretionary cash you have to spend each week (or month). 2) Don't spend more. People used to eat nothing but beans when the grocery money ran out before the end of the month. People used to save up until they could afford a vacation or a new suit. Despite the best efforts of the credit card industry to convince us that we deserve everything immediately, some people still wait. It still works.

What's next? Next is writing down your income and expenses, of course. Get going!

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Internships build skills needed after college

By Michael Hoskins
LOCAL EDITOR

When Susan Ayotte graduated from OU in 1990, she never dreamed that she would be named "Employee of the Year" for one of the largest marketing and advertising agencies in the Midwest.

Ayotte, a Rochester Hills resident who was honored by Campbell-Ewald this year for her ambitious and dedicated work style, would not have gotten as far as she has without a college internship.

Many students turn to internships to gain on-the-job experience in their area of study, using what they've learned in class to the professional world.

"It's a good way to experiment and find out what you want to do (after graduation)," said Audrey Metro, an assistant director in OU's Placement and Career Services.

Before Campbell-Ewald, Ayotte worked for Carlson Marketing in account management, rising to the top as an account executive.

After earning her master's degree from



CLIMBING THE LADDER: OU graduate Susan Ayotte was named Employee of the Year at Campbell-Ewald, receiving an award from CEO Anthony J. Hopp.

OU in 1998, she joined Campbell-Ewald as a vice-president in the publishing account services department.

"She has exhibited a unique ability to

mentor those less experienced members of her team to help them grow and contribute more and more every day," said Anthony J. Hopp, Chairman and CEO of

Campbell-Ewald. Now, years after her role as an intern, Ayotte uses her leadership skills to help mentor current interns that work in her department.

Many companies assign interns to a supervisor like Ayotte, who then keeps tabs on their work and progress during the semester.

Besides gaining valuable knowledge and experience, networking is another benefit of having an internship. Many students are able to make connections within their field, connections that are able to provide references when the student is searching for a job.

"A college degree does not entitle you to a good job," said Matt Karrantja, Technical Recruiting Specialist for Ford and Visteon at ASG Renaissance. "Experience and being lucky does. If you work hard and bring skills to the table then you will be fine."

The Placement and Career Services at OU offer numerous tools for students to use in building a successful career package.

Career fairs employ job opportunities to students

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since spring is the time when most students finish up college and start looking for jobs, there are a number of career fairs being held in the area.

Even though many areas held job fairs last month, a number of opportunities are still available for procrastinating graduates looking for their dream job.

Two large career fairs will take place during the month of May when www.JobStart.org holds its recruiting day and the Centerpoint Diversity Job Expo comes to the Detroit Marriott Pontiac and Centerpoint.

OU Arts and Science students can attend recruitment seminars all day, May 2 at the University of Detroit-Mercy in the Ward Conference Center. To register visit the Placement and Career Services in 275 Vandenberg Hall West or call x3250 by April 27.

The day will begin with a seminar on job search techniques from noon-1 p.m. For the rest of the day, students will be able to browse for employment opportunities, distribute resumes and

interview. The cost is \$5 ahead of time and \$10 the day of the fair. For more information, student can visit the website www.JobStart.org.

The second fair that promises to be a great chance for students or anyone looking for skilled or unskilled entry level jobs will take place at the Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway. The Centerpoint Diversity Job Expo will have employers from jobs including retail, general office, clerical, secretarial, restaurant, hotel, manufacturing and the service industry. Sponsored by the Oakland County Employment Diversity Council, call 248.648.6020 for more information.

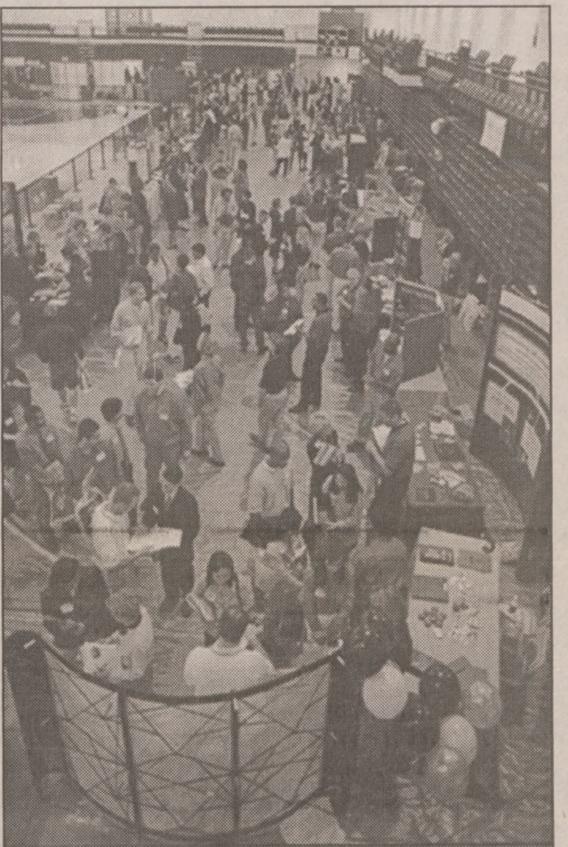
Macomb County will hold its teacher job fair all day this Saturday at the Macomb Community College South Campus in the Convention center. There will be more than 20 public school districts from southeastern Michigan. For more information, visit www.MISD.net/JobFair.

For jobs in the criminal justice field, explore opportunities from law enforcement recruiters and

representatives from more than 30 agencies. The career fair, sponsored by MCC Criminal Justice Department and Career and Employment Services, will be held in the evening on April 10 at Mott Community College in the Ballroom. To inquire further, call 248.762.0250.

The 2001 Detroit area broadcasting career fair, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters' Foundation, will take place from 3-8 p.m. next Wednesday at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield. The fair will give students the opportunity to disseminate their resumes and audition tapes as well as interview with numerous employers in the broadcasting field. Call 1.800.YOUR-MAB, or visit www.SpecsHoward.com for more details.

Students should bring at least 15 copies of a resume and make sure there aren't any errors or misprints. Dress well and be sure to express whether full or part time work is sought. Since most job fairs offer opportunities for on the spot interviews, come prepared.



DAY AT THE FAIR: This job fair at the O'Rena last semester attracted students from OU and other colleges around Michigan to talk with employers.

Transfer students fading on college campuses

By Christine Mobley
THE OAKLAND POST

Looking around, it's undeniable that OU's population is growing.

Mixed into the group of new students on campus are a kaleidoscope of transfer students.

The demographics of OU's transfer student population is an unending circle, changing as the new enrollments of FTIACs, First Time At Any College students, increase.

The majority of transfer students come from community colleges while a small percentage come from other four-year universities.

The exact number of transfers who are attending OU since Fall 2000 are based on the assumption that the students are currently attending OU because they attended orientation. The percentage of transfer students that come from other four-year institutions was only 23 percent in Fall 1996 and has decreased to 18.6 percent for Fall 2000.

Historically, a higher percentage of students have come from MSU than any other school. CMU, WMU, and Wayne State, however, are increasingly repre-

On the Side...

* 52.1 percent of transfers are traditional college age (17-22); and another 12.2 percent are in the extended traditional range of 23-24 years old. 21.3 percent are between 25 and 34, and 14.5 percent are over 35 years old.

* More students (14.3 percent) are from minority ethnic groups, 6.3 percent are African-American students, and this is up from 9.5 percent minority and only 5 percent African-American students in 1996.

* 77 percent of new transfer students come from Michigan community colleges (including 65 percent from Oakland and Macomb community colleges). 23 percent come from four-year schools.

Information is from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

sented in the number of students who are transferring to OU.

The large number of students transferring from MSU may be due to OU's history. When OU was created in 1957, the original intention of its benefactors, Alfred and Matilda Wilson, was for MSU to create an Oakland County campus.

The greatest number of community college transfers come from Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges. The two combined bring in approximately 65 percent of OU's transfer students.

"The largest number of OCC graduates go to Wayne State or Oakland University," said George Cartsonis, Director of College Communication at OCC. "The reason for this is most of our students have family or other ties to the community and when choosing a senior institution they tend to choose one that's local."

Bill Headley, Director of Articulation and Transfer Services at MCC agrees.

"Oakland University is definitely where most students (transfer). With northern Oakland County's growth and (OU's) participation in the Macomb Center's Bachelor's degree program, more transfers are going to Oakland."

A sampling of the top seven sources of transfer students from Michigan community colleges finds that most transfer into the College of Arts and Sciences, possibly to get a more liberal arts education.

While the overall numbers of transfers has increased, the percentages are decreasing. In Fall 1996, the total number

of transfer students was 4,841 making up 44.5 percent of Oakland University's population. In Fall 2000, the total number of transfer students was 5,066 making up 42.2 percent of the population.

"Transfer students are shrinking as a proportion of the total undergraduate population. And that's because freshmen classes are larger," said Laura Schartman, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Overall, transfer students and first-time students have the same basic appearance, only transfers may be slightly older with a more focused educational purpose.

"I got my RN from OCC 20 years ago, and you can't go further there," said Jill Witucki, a junior pursuing her bachelor's degree. "So, I decided to go on and get my degree in nursing (here)."

"I chose OU because of the location really, it's near my job and home," she added.

Jennifer Decker, sophomore, pre-journalism, said, "I returned to school after being on a bopping-around-roller-coaster-what-am-I-doing break of 12 years. I didn't want to live my life always regretting (that) I didn't try to better myself."

Courtesy of www.weather.com

Four Day weather

Thursday	 Scattered Showers High - 60° Low - 42°	Friday	 Scattered Showers High - 64° Low - 47°	Saturday	 Scattered Showers High - 69° Low - 47°	Sunday	 Mostly Cloudy High - 68° Low - 44°
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CLASSIFIEDS

Health Club Attendants Needed:
Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute is looking for people to open or close the Health Club, attend to members' needs with laundering towels, refilling dispensers, and light cleaning. Club operates 7 days a week. We can work around your schedule!! Special bonus-free use of the health club equipment, track and spa!!

Seeking Babysitter for two sweet children four days per week in Troy. Contact 248.828.7718 for more details.

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Seeking Part-time babysitter for adorable 8 month old baby girl. Excellent pay. Very flexible hours. Excellent personal or business references a must. Contact Kimberly at 248.814.6904.

Special Events Assistants Needed:
Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute is looking for energetic people to work as Special Events Assistants at the Gustafson Shotwell Pavillion. Job entails working week nights or weekends, providing security, assistance and clean-up equipment. Special bonus, free us of the health club equipment, track and spa!!

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For apartment in Auburn Hills from end of April/ early May to August 31st (perfect for dorm students needing a place for the summer). Two bedroom/ two bath apartment in Village Park of Auburn Hills. \$372.50 per month, plus half of utilities. Will have one roommate. Call 248.370.4554 for more information.

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Macomb County Teacher Job Fair, Saturday, April 7. Screening for secondary, special ed, voc ed, and other ancillary professional staff 8-11 a.m. Screening for elementary 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 20 public school districts in southeastern Michigan represented. Hosted by the Macomb Intermediate School District, held at the Sports and Expo Center at Macomb Community College South Campus, Warren. Info at www.misd.net/jobfair.

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UPDATING YOU

• **WINNERS CIRCLE-** You're invited to attend the Fourth Annual Winners Circle Reception, Monday, April, 9, 2001, 12 noon-1:30 PM, Fireside lounge, Oakland Center. This reception hosted by the Student Affairs Office and the Center for Student Activities and Leadership will honor all student nominees and recipients of various university awards. The university community is invited to attend this celebration of its students and their accomplishments.

Refreshments will be served.
• This is the last week applications are being accepted for the 2001-2002 Commuter Involvement Awards in the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center. Deadline is Friday, April 6th, 5 Pm. Call 370-3352 for more information.

• The School of Business of Administration and the Department of Campus Recreation present the Surf 'N' Splash Summer Camp. A terrific opportunity for children ages 11-13 to learn computer skills and enjoy some recreational activities all in the same day! Four one-week sessions will begin June 18th. For more information contact 370-3128 or email sbace@oakland.edu.

• Feeling the stress of college life? Have you been experiencing tension or anxiety, phobias, test anxiety, excessive worrying, social anxiety, sleeplessness, poor concentration? Are you interested in learning about anxiety disorders? Take a test that will change your life. Sign up or just come and participate in the Anxiety Disorders Screening Program sponsored by the Counseling Center on April 11th at 10 AM and 1 PM. For more information and registration, contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465.

• **Congratulations** Natasha Vanover, Human Relations Award Recipient. Screening Program sponsored by the Counseling Center on April 11th at 10 AM and 1 PM. For more information and registration, contact the Counseling Center at 370-3465.

• **Spring/Summer/Fall Employment Opportunities-** Flexible hours from early morning until later at night or weekends. Convenience of on campus employment in a fun environment. The Department of Campus Recreation will be recruiting student employees for Spring/Summer and Fall. Watch for recruitment tables in teh OC on April 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11. General information sessions will be held on Monday April 9 at 12 noon-1 PM and 3-4 PM in the Oakland Center. Join the excitement!

• **Friday, April 6, 7-11 PM-International Night** at OU. Come and celebrate cultural diversity at OU in the Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center with international foods and cultural programs. See you there!

• **Friday, April 6, 7 PM-Vandenbergh Cafeteria-RHP and RHC** present Craig Karges performing a fantastic display of illusion, the paranormal and extraordinary phenomena using total audience participation. It's like the Twilight Zone on stage! Craig's college performances have become legendary, and it's no wonder since he's the only person to have won the NACA Campus Entertainer of the Year Award 5 times! He's made over 30 national television appearances on shows like the Tonight show with Jay Leno, Larry King Live, and Hawaiian Islands to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. And now, Oakland University, Craig Karges is here to play with our minds.

THIS WEEK

• **Thursday, April 12, 11 AM-1 PM.** Alcohol Screening/Information tables in the Oakland Center, sponsored by the Graham Counseling Center. Call ext. 3465 for details.
• **Friday, April 20, 7 PM-Vandenbergh Cafeteria-RHP and RHC** wrap up the winter 2001 term with comedian Rick Bronson. He's loud he's obnoxious, and he's absolutely hilarious. Originally from Montreal, Rick is high-energy comedian who now lives in Edmonton. He's entertained audiences in clubs, colleges and universities across North America, and was named 1997 Canadian University Comedian of the Year. Rick's many television appearances include spots on Comedy at Club 54 and CBS's Middyay. Rick insists he's not a jerk in real life, as you'll see in the last FNL.

Oakland University Presents:

The 2000-2001 Student Life Lecture Series

Jennifer Granholm

Attorney General of the State of Michigan



"Michigan Law According to the Attorney General"

Thursday, April 5, 2001

3:00 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre

The lecture is free. Tickets are not required.

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

Presented with the support of the Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and University Student Congress.

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LIFE edge

ON CAMPUS

• Today is the last day of **THE 18TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**. Check out the talent of fellow students and staff in the Fireside Lounge.

• **FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW** will perform tomorrow at noon in Fireside Lounge. Make sure to stop by and see this sensation from Boston.

SHOWS

• **SWEEP THE LEG JOHNNY** will perform at 8 p.m. tonight at St. Andrew's Hall.

• A lecture on **THE IDEAS OF A 4TH WAY SCHOOL** will be presented in a multimedia presentation at 7 p.m. tonight at the Borders Books and Music in Troy.

• **VALENTINE KILLERS** will perform at 8 p.m. on April 6, at the Magic Stick.

• **BIG DUMB FACE** will perform at 8 p.m. on April 6 at St. Andrew's Hall. Tickets are still available.

• **GODSMACK** will light up the stage at 7 p.m. on April 10, at the EMU Convocation Center.

• **AMY RAY** with special guests **The Butchies** will perform at 8 p.m. on April 11 at the Blind Pig.

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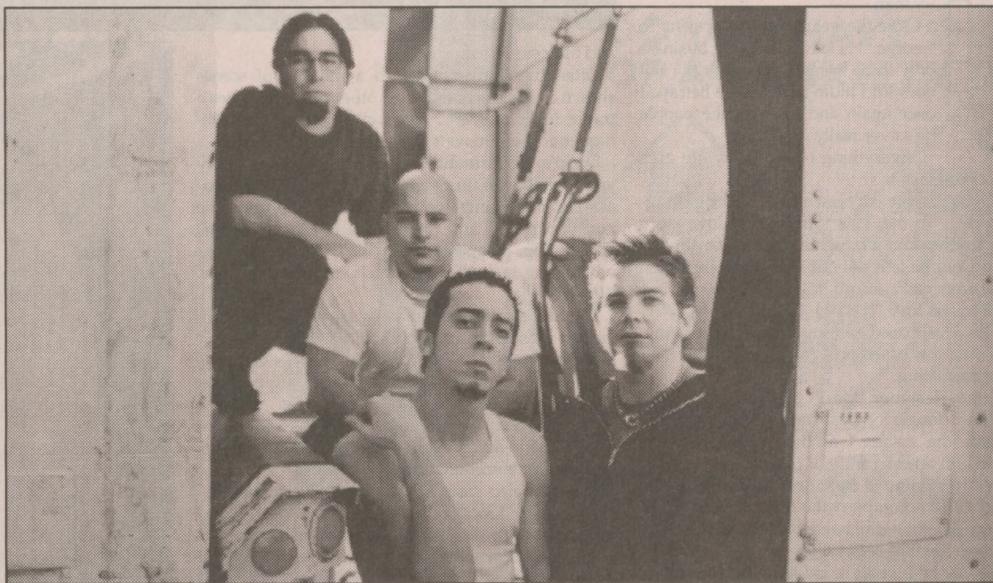
• A lion's roar can be heard from 5 miles away.

• In Los Angeles there are fewer people than there are automobiles.

• The ashes of the average cremated person weighs nine pounds.

• Dartboards are made out of horse-hairs.

Fun & Fantasy with Unloco



(L-R) Victor Escareno, Peter Navarrete, Joey Duenas and Brian Arthur make up Unloco which just released its album "Healing." Photo courtesy of Maverick Recording Company

Metal band shares thoughts on life on the road, future dreams

Rachel Rybicki
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

The groundbreaking band, Unloco dazzled audiences at The Shelter last Wednesday and will continue to with its new album, "Healing."

Last week, The Oakland Post caught up with frontman Joey Duenas to see what he had to say about the band's dreams, influences and life in general. This is what he had to say:

R.R. - What inspired you to get involved with music?

J.D. - I've always been around it, you know. It was like when rock music came into being, like when Prince was out to be so, like when I was so mesmerized by the stuff that this guy was doing. I always wanted to be a part of it in some way, shape or form. I knew I could write, I knew I could hear things in a certain way. The same thing goes for the rest of the band, we all feel the same way.

R.R. - When and how did you first get involved with writing music and performing?

J.D. - I had been playing guitar since I was 12. And then I picked up the Candlebox album, you know their first one off of Maverick Records and the guy's voice just blew me away. I was just mesmerized by what he was saying, the way he was singing, the way his voice was just textured around those lyrics. I just loved it. I started thinking of songs that I would start to write myself.

R.R. - What musicians do you feel have influenced you and your style the most?

J.D. - I'd have to say Led Zeppelin,

Prince, Tool and the Deftones.

R.R. - What category would you say your CD would be listed under?

J.D. - I don't know. There are so many genres out there. I would say that we are just a Metal band.

R.R. - What one band would you want to tour with the most, or who would you want to open up for?

J.D. - I would love to go on the road with Tool or the Deftones. Another band that we would love to play with would be Goldfinger, because those guys have helped us out so much, and they are an awesome band. Any band we get to play with is an honor.

R.R. - What are the best and worst parts about being in a band?

J.D. - I'd have to say that the best part is that you get attention, loathed, and that people treat you really well, and that you get to write and create. It's basically like one big spring break, you get to have fun. Plus, I'm with my brothers, my best friends in the world. The bad thing is that you are always tired, you never ever get enough sleep. And sometimes you play in a town and meet some really cool people that you would love to get to hang out with but you don't get that chance. Plus you have to leave all of your family members behind, and you never get to sleep in your bed and have your own personal space. You have no time to yourself. But one outweighs the other.

R.R. - In one word how would you describe your band and why?

J.D. - Beautiful. Because each one of them represents their own persona and they have their own idea of what this band should be about. With that in mind it makes us real and complicated

“
It's basically like one big spring break. You get to have fun.”

Joey Duenas
Member of Unloco

like that, so I think that it's just really, really beautiful.

R.R. Is there significance behind your band's name? I noticed when I went to your website that you have Spanish on the top of it.

J.D. Well me, Victor and Peter are all Hispanic and Brian is an honorary Hispanic. We thought of bringing out a little Spanish in us, and we thought about Uno or Unoloco, but then we just decided on Unloco. When you kind of think about it, it kind of represents like a lunatic, and when we play live, we are all out, balls out, we just literally kill each other on stage. So I mean the name now fits pretty well.

R.R. - Anything that you felt I left out?

J.D. - I'd like to say on behalf of my brothers who are not here right now, we are looking forward to just hittin' the road and seeing every city, and having a great time. We all say hi.

Train CD blows into music stores

By David Jewell Jr.
THE OAKLAND POST

Train had to wait nearly two years before its last album finally went platinum, but the wait should not be nearly that long this time around.

Train's self-titled CD, released in 1996, was its second album, and it basically flopped.

In 1998 the release of the single "Meet Virginia" helped to gain new fans and turn the album gold.

Don't expect a repeat this time. The first single of the album of the same name, "Drops of Jupiter" has been on the radio for several weeks and continues to climb the charts. The song is in the top 40 on nearly every chart and has been the number one overall song on radio stations for three weeks.

The song "Drops of Jupiter" can be described as an authentic tribute to the power and mystery of love and the effects that it has on people. The song tells of a woman on a journey to find herself and the lover she left behind.

To record this track, Train enlisted the legendary Paul Buckmaster to help with the instrumental backgrounds, and the investment has already paid off with the continued success of its single.

"Drops of Jupiter" is not an album that contains only one good song. It may end up being the only big hit, but the CD boasts eleven well done tracks.

The best thing about the CD is its consistency. It is a disc that is easy to listen to all the way through, a well known trait for a good CD.

"Drops of Jupiter" is not the only track that has gained a fan base.

The track "Hopeless" is re-recorded off an earlier EP in which it managed to gain status as a cult hit. This song may also be topping the charts in no time.

The other songs are all worth listening to, not only for their great melodies, but also for their meaningful lyrics. These end up making a great CD to listen to that only grows on audiences as they listen to it.

Train has always been a group that prefers touring over making albums.

This is something that has been true since its start in 1994.

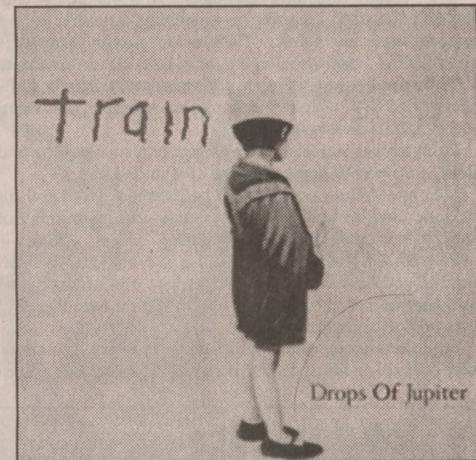
The band started playing in various dingy Los Angeles clubs and have toured almost non-stop since 1998. Its only break was the six weeks it took to record the new album.

The band won't have much rest now that the album is out. Train plans to make several television appearances and will be kicking off a tour in the middle of April.

Currently only dates for the first month have been released and these mostly cover southern and western states so it is unsure when the group will be coming to Michigan.

Based on the strength of its newest album, Train should be able to pull in crowds to its shows, entertain them and leave memorable lyrics in their head.

Train is composed of Pat Monahan, Jimmy Stafford, Rob Hotchkiss, Scott Underwood and Charlie Colin. Check out the band's website at www.Trainline.com.



TRAIN ON THE TRACKS: Train's new CD contains the album-titled track, Hopeless, I Wish You Would, Let it Roll, Get Away, Something More, Whipping Boy, amongst others. Photo courtesy of Sony Records

Sigma Alpha Epsilon wins Province Award

By Lynsey Tenniswood
THE OAKLAND POST

Many people expect stereotypical behavior from fraternities, such as having parties and hazing pledges. Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) is proving that fraternities pride themselves on campus involvement and national recognition, as opposed to "Animal House" food fights.

SAE have not only won the Province award for their chapter this year, but also managed to win the highly competitive Greek Week on OU's campus.

"Greek Week which ran from March 10th-16th, is the sponsorship of Greek life on OU's campus," said Nik Maguire, an active member of SAE for the last four years.

Judged by Jean Ann Miller, the Student Activities Director, Greek week is based on a point scale for participation on events.

"If you win your fraternity gets bragging rights," said Maguire.

SAE, which is a fairly young fraternity with only 10 active members in 1996, was granted national status in March 1998.



ALPHABET SOUP: Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the Province Award and Greek Week on OU's campus. Photo courtesy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

For SAE this makes winning the province award an even bigger accomplishment. The award is given to the fraternity that was the most outstanding of 11 SAE chapters in Michigan and Canada.

Fraternity members pride themselves on their devotion to community service. Some of the activities they participate in includes, United Way, Pontiac Christmas Parade and the Heart Walk.

"Next year we are looking to do something with

Americans and the Rescue Mission where we are hoping to do a soup kitchen around Christmas time," said Adam Mager. Mager, junior, business, has been an active member of SAE for 2 and a half years.

They had a lot to say about the differences between SAE and other fraternities on campus. Maguire mentioned SAE's brotherhood and pride. He claimed that no other fraternity is as proud as they are. Mager added that they are a lot closer than other fraternities on campus.

SAE was formed in 1856 at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. They are the nation's largest fraternity with over 250,000 members and are recognized as the first fraternity of the Deep South.

With such a complex history, SAE's greatest achievement is that it survived a great sectional conflict. When the smoked cleared, only one chapter at Columbian College in Washington D.C. survived and it died soon after.

Some SAE alumni include David Spade from movies such as "Joe Dirt" and "Tommy Boy," author William Faulkner who penned "As I Lay Dying" and "The Sound and the Fury," and former U.S. President William McKinley.

Depp, Cruz give mind blowing performances

By Sara McDowell
LIFE EDITOR

Sort. Boil. Do a line. These are terms associated with doing cocaine, the topic of Ted Demme's new film, "Blow."

Based on a true story, the film delves into the life of George Jung, the American connection to Columbian drug cartels.

"This is an amazing, tragic story, yet it's also exciting and sexy and fun because the backdrop is always sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll," said director of the film, Ted Demme, in a press release regarding the film.

George, played by Johnny Depp ("Chocolat," "Ninth Gate") journeys from poor boy next door to laid back Californian selling pot on the beach to right-hand man of Columbian drug lord Pablo Escobar.

Brought up in a life where his father worked 14 hours a day, seven days a week and his mother always complained about not having enough money, George decided that his life would be different.

Using his entrepreneurial skills to expose eastern college students to the west coast operation of hand-grown marijuana, George enters the world of border crossings, ruthless negotiations, extensive money laundering and betrayal.

After getting caught with 660 lbs. of marijuana, George is sentenced to jail. His cell mate, Diego, (Jordi Molla) teaches him the business of selling cocaine.

George later comments, "Danbury (Correctional Facility) was a crime school. I went in with a bachelors in marijuana and came out with a doctorates in cocaine."

Though running from the cops and breaking

parole, George began to live the high life. He grew accustomed to fancy cars, luxurious homes and made more than 60 million dollars.

George meets Mirtha, played by Penelope Cruz, ("All the Pretty Horses," "Woman on Top") and the two fall in love.

They marry and have a daughter, Kristina, to whom George decides to devote his life.

As she portrays Mirtha, Cruz transforms from a beauty to a beast as she turns into a wild and strung out woman.

Over the years, much happens to George. He leaves the drug business only to be brought down by the FBI goes into hiding only to be betrayed once again and loses all the people he's ever really loved.

"Everything I love in my life goes away," George says.

"I like that the story isn't just about the drug smuggler's world. To me, it is ultimately a love story between a father and a daughter that is heartbreaking," said Demme. "It's about what happens when someone who can't afford to care about anyone finally discovers love."

"Blow" is a fast paced exciting ride yet it's moving, too. Knowing it is based on a true story makes it all the more interesting.

Costume designer Mark Bridges, who also worked on "Boogie Nights" and "Blast from the Past," nails the fashions of the 1960s-1980s and makes the film an eye candy of pleasure.

The steady stream of hot musical hits from the 1960s and 1970s accompany the film. The details of fashion, music, changing hair styles and aging characters makes the film believable.

"Blow" may be a Hollywood film, but the scenes shot in Mexico provide an authentic feel to this documentary. The use of rough lighting instead of picture-perfect glossy scenes make the film intriguing



LIVING LARGE: (left) Depp and Jordi Molla (Diego) become partners, friends and millionaires, in the business of exporting drugs. (below) Johnny Depp portrays George Jung, the American connection for Columbian drug lords in the film "Blow" which opens Friday.

Photos courtesy of New Line Cinemas

and almost surreal.

Often the film jumbles up a number of scenes shown in a fast sequence. At other times it freezes a frame for a moment. Both cinematography techniques add excitement to the story.

Depp's performance shows the viewer a shy young man who turns into an ambitious professional. His body language is amazing as he plays the part of Mr. Cool and Collected, and also Mr. Jitters. Calculating, compassionate, mischievous and convincing, his eyes show so much emotion, he draws the viewer in.

The film also uses lesser known actors which provides a sense of realism to the film.

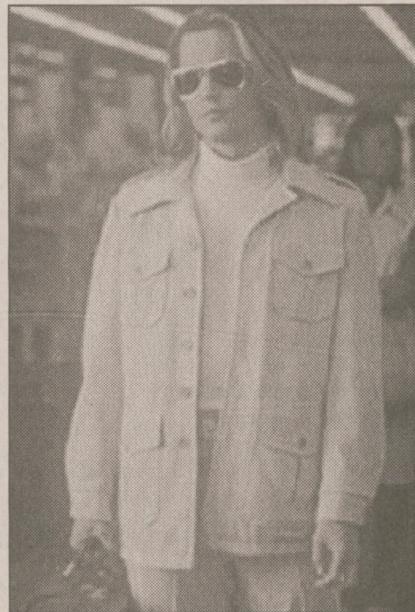
Franka Potente ("Run Lola Run") plays George's girlfriend early in the film. She brings a mix of sex appeal and heartache to the screen.

Paul Reubens (best known as Pee-Wee Herman) adds comic relief as Derek Foreal, George's eccentric California connection.

The film also stars Ray Liotta ("Heartbreakers," "Hannibal," "Good Fellas") as George's father and Rachel Griffiths ("Hilary and Jackie") as his mother.

Liotta's performance is unlike his screen days of tough guys. In "Blow" he portrays a caring and hard working father.

"Blow," rated R, opens in theaters on Friday.



Website launches independence, music, art, comics

By Kristal Byrd
THE OAKLAND POST

Attention all web surfers! Independentmind.com is the website for those who have a talent for creative expression and a wild imagination.

The Independent Mind, a website launched by Edward McElvain last May, is devoted to writing, music, art and comics from independent and amateur artists and authors. The site is built around reader submissions, as well as some solicited content.

"I really believe very strongly in what we're trying to do," said McElvain.

"I don't think there's anyone else out there providing the same kind of content for readers or the same kind of opportunity for new artists."

The website functions essentially like a magazine, with monthly "issues" featuring new writing, artwork, record reviews, mp3s and comics. The previous month's content is archived for those who don't want to miss out on anything.

When the quantity of quality submissions warrants it, the site will go to a twice-monthly update schedule, and eventually update content weekly.

McElvain began the site as a project in a college class and decided to keep it going after the class ended.

Each new month continues to be the most successful for the site. Readership continues to grow and the number of submissions continues to expand.

This month's home page features the artwork of Nicci Brighton of Johannesburg, South Africa. It is a realistic, yet exaggerated pencil drawing of a man staring with squinted eyes and an angry grimace.

An entertaining feature which runs monthly is a comic strip called Far Flung by F.C. Brandt. The comic is a mini



Photo courtesy of Ed McElvain

TICKET TO RIDE: Far Flung, a witty comic by F.C. Brandt is one of the monthly features on Independent Mind's website.

story about the humorous adventures of a turtle, sheep, rabbit and squirrel that escape a farm in a stolen vehicle, only to accidentally "kill" a possum who ends up stalking the other animals, only they don't know it.

Independent Mind is being funded out of McElvain's pocket so he cannot yet afford to advertise for it. Nonetheless, The Independent Mind is establishing a loyal readership through word of mouth and banner ad exchanges.

The fact that the site encompasses many different art forms leads to a more diverse readership, according to McElvain.

"A lot of people who only come to listen to new music, might stay and look at some artwork or read an essay while the mp3s are downloading...or visa versa."

Submissions to the site are judged on their own individual merit, not in relation to the fame or experience of the artist or the rest of their work.

McElvain sees this as a major advantage for the site.

"It's ridiculous to think that new artists aren't as good or valid as established artists... in a lot of cases I think they have more to say because they are still hungry," said McElvain. Visit the website at www.independentmind.com.

Essential DJ



MIX IT UP: British DJ Pete Tong is the host of the U.K.'s most popular dance music radio show, The Essential Selection BBC1. His CD "Essential Mix," released on March 20, features fun house, funky techno and upbeat grooves. Some of the CD's artists include Planet Funk, Cass, Mr. DJ and Trisco. Tong tours at clubs all over the world, owns a production company and works with A&R for London Records. He also oversees the band All Saints and was the musical director of the film "The Beach." His CD of energetic and intense tunes will keep listener's bouncing.

Photo courtesy of London-Sire Records

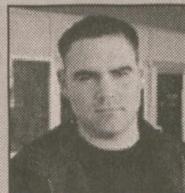
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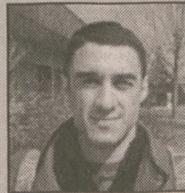
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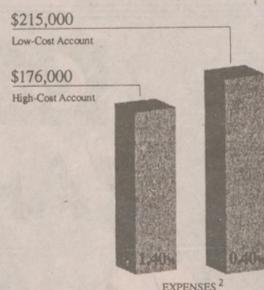
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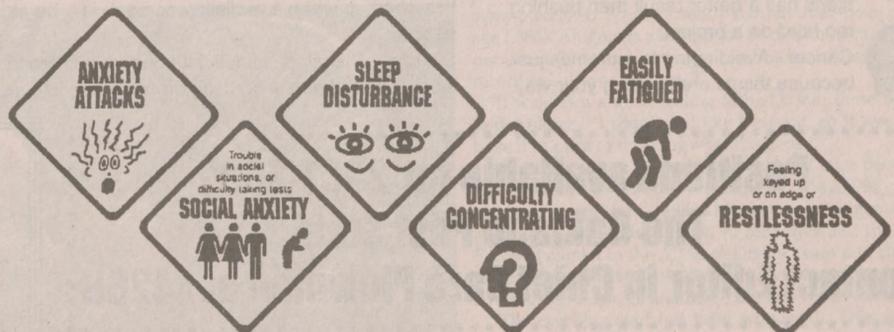
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Aquarius - A friend or a colleague may be able to help you; be open to suggestions. Friends and family right now are probably more important to you than usual, so spend time with them if possi-

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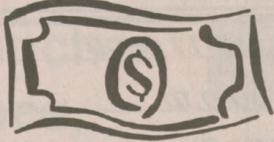
Pisces - You may have been disappointed with a recent failure, but realize that you can now move forward with new knowledge. A big goal sounds appealing; make sure it is attainable.

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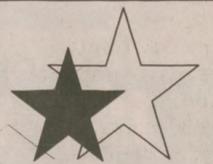
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SPB Lecture: Jennifer Granholm, Attorney General of Michigan
3:00 p.m., Meadow Brook Theatre

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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Exhibit Lounge, OC
✓ Friday Night Live Presents: Craig Karges
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- Noon, April 7 - at IUPUI (DH)
- Noon, April 8 - at IUPUI (DH)
- 3 p.m., April 10 - at Toledo

SOFTBALL

- 2 p.m., April 4 - at Michigan State
- 1:30 p.m., April 6 - at Southern Utah (DH)
- Noon, April 7 - at Southern Utah (DH)
- 3 p.m., April 10 - EASTERN MICHIGAN (DH)

TENNIS

- 10 a.m., April 6 - vs. UMKC (at Southern Utah)
- 10 a.m., April 7 - vs. Chicago State (at Southern Utah)
- 4 p.m., April 7 - at Southern Utah

MEN'S GOLF

- Time TBA, April 6-8 - at Ball State Invitational

WOMEN'S GOLF

- Time TBA, April 8-9 - at Bronco Invitational

Senior leaves her mark on Golden Grizzly basketball

By Corinne Spanke
THE OAKLAND POST

In the middle of the transition to Division I, Jamie Ahlgren emerged as the silent leader for the Golden Grizzlies women's basketball team.

As a player Ahlgren showed signs of greatness in her freshman and sophomore seasons, playing in all 57 games for the Pioneers. In her sophomore season alone, Ahlgren averaged 21.9 points a game, which would prove to be enough to break into the records as the seventh all-time leading scorers in the

schools history.

In her junior year she sat out due to the transformation from D-II to D-I. It was the time when OU decided to mature and take a step in expanding the University. Ahlgren decided with the coaching staff to sit out the year in hopes of a chance of a couple of NCAA births and a run for national contention.

"It was an exciting time to be apart of Oakland basketball," said Ahlgren. "It was hard sitting out a year, but in the end, it all paid off."

Ahlgren would learn that she too would mature as an indi-

vidual. She was spelled with a devastating knee injury that would prove to be costly. Eight games in Ahlgren fell to the floor in an abundance of pain. The major ACL injury forced her to sit out the rest of her junior season.

"It was painful and I never fully recovered," said Ahlgren. "I couldn't sit out another year, I was too eager to play."

After hours upon hours of treatment and rehabilitation Ahlgren set her mind on finishing her career strong and fighting adversity. In her senior season, she broke into the 1000 point career plateau and ranks in the top 15 in five different categories in her career. They include, second in three-point field goals made (192) and three-point field goals attempted (494). She is currently third in three-point percentage (.388). Ahlgren is also tied for thirteenth in career points per game (11.8) and career points. She broke the 1000 point record at Valpo on January 27.

"It was such a good feeling to break into those records," said Ahlgren. "I didn't feel like I played, so it was nice to have it in print to live long after I'm gone."

Ahlgren has laid her legacy here at OU after being a top recruit her senior year out of high school. As a 1996 graduate of Mona Shores high school in Muskegon, Michigan, Ahlgren averaged 27.1 points a game, 10 rebounds and five assists. She was named to the All-State Dream Team and chose OU to play out her destiny. Through some coaching changes, Ahlgren has adjusted and made the best out of her career.

"The coaching staff has been wonderful. This year they brought a lot of laughter and a lot of good times that I never will forget," said Ahlgren.

This year as a senior, Ahlgren took on the role as the silent leader who made key shots and came up with the big plays in urgent situations.

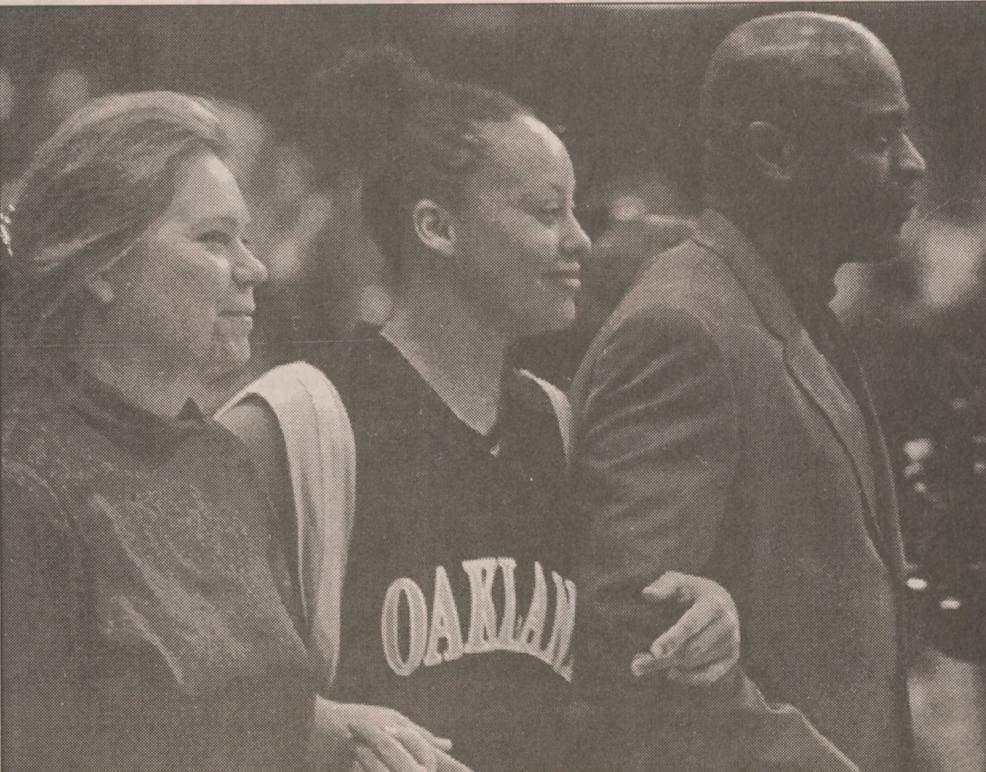
"This year, I was asked to play smarter, play older, and make mature, responsible decisions," said Ahlgren. "I think I did that, and that was partly because the talent was distributed to our other team leaders."

Ahlgren survived these past years not on her own merit but because of the teammates that she had the pleasure to play with.

"This is the best group of girls. We all get along so well," said Ahlgren. "Every year you meet people who you get to know at a deeper level and the friendships that we make are the treasures I will keep forever."

As her basketball career came to a close, her academic career is another chapter that will be over soon as well. In April, Ahlgren will graduate with a degree in management information and a minor in accounting. She too will have to encounter a third knee surgery to heal the injury once again.

"I had an entertaining career. Oakland is a good school, and a lot of fun," said Ahlgren. "I will definitely miss it. I have learned a lot and met some really great people."



PROUD PARENTS: Jamie Ahlgren is recognized for her years at OU at the Grizzlies last home game of the regular season. Pictured from left to right are her mother, Valerie, Jamie and her father Harold. In the four years she played as a Pioneer and Grizzly, Ahlgren broke into the 1000 point career plateau, and ranks in the top 15 in five different categories.

Women swing into season with third place finish

By Lisa Cali
MANAGING EDITOR

Women's Golf Roster

- Connie Apalit
- Jennifer Bishop
- Jocelyn Fekel
- Katherine Kern-Goodvich
- Laura Cunniffe
- Emily Minnich
- Alexis Prusac
- Jenny Quinn
- Tera Van Tiem

The women's golf team has not had any time to practice for its spring season due to the weather. Nevertheless, the team opened the season this weekend at the Grand Valley Spring Invitational by placing third overall.

First place finisher Bowling Green had a score of 650 and Ferris State came in second with a score of 668. The Grizzlies' two-day score of 698 was enough to keep them ahead of Grand Valley, Baldwin Wallace, Chicago State and Ashland.

"We were really pleased with that result, especially because we hadn't been able to practice at all," coach Dave DeWulf said.

Leading the way for OU was Connie Apalit with a tie for third place and a two-round score of 161. Jocelyn Fekel claimed eighth place with a score of 171 and Emily Minnich was close behind with a score of 176.

"Connie played very well, but I think she knows she could have won,"

DeWulf said. "She had a great round the first day and then the weather got cold and windy on the second day. It's difficult to stay on a roll every day."

DeWulf said that he was impressed with Apalit's focus, and that he was equally impressed with the contributions of Fekel and Minnich.

Because of the weather conditions in Michigan and the extremely short spring season, the golfers don't get much practice time, especially prior to the season's opening invitational. This year, the team got absolutely no practice, causing DeWulf to be surprised with the team's third place finish.

"I didn't expect we would do as well as we did," DeWulf said. "I try to go in with no expectations except to simply do the best you can. The best golfers win one out of 50 times so it's something you get used to."

The women also played at the Lady Bulldog/Jaguars Invitational in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

The Lady Bulldog/Jaguars

Invitational is strictly Division I, causing the women to be faced with more challenging players.

In addition to some tough competition, the Grizzlies also experienced some humorous moments while in Indianapolis. As Minnich, who is originally from Indiana and had a sloo of family watching, was on the fifth hole of the course, she hit her ball into the water. In the process of pulling her ball out and placing it on the grass, she lost her footing, and according to DeWulf, "tumbled into the lake."

"Now our goal is to play a tournament without anyone falling into a lake," DeWulf said.

The team is looking ahead to the rest of their season and the possible addition of Kent State transfer student Cheryl Tooshkenig. Tooshkenig was the second ranked player at Kent State and according to DeWulf, will play a key role in OU's competition level.

The golfers will be playing next on April 8-9 at the Bronco Invitational in Portage, MI.

Hats off to coach Ogg, a true role model

In my never ending quest to find role models on this campus worth dedicating a whole column to, I came across coach Steve Ogg's bio in the ougrizzlies.com web site.

In addition to being OU's softball coach, Ogg has accomplished many things that I'll bet not to many people around here know about.

Before he became the Grizzlies head coach, Ogg produced an impressive resume' at Oakland Community College, where he was the head coach there for 12 years.

During his stay, his teams compiled a record of 317-156, won eight league titles, and he was named coach of the year in 1991.

I know his Grizzly team went 18-34-1 last year, but it was his first year in a first year program.

Let's let the man get settled in before we start harping on him to win more games. His record at OCC tells me that he really knows how to win, and we should all be patient.

The softball team is very young. In fact, the oldest two members are juniors, and one of them isn't even playing this season due to illness.

With 10 sophomores and eight freshmen, Ogg has his hands full, but something tells me that there is no better person for the job.

From what I have observed, his players seem to have really taken a liking to him, and him to them.

That's important because if it wasn't

there, it would be a lot harder for him to teach them the fundamentals they need to be successful.



Ramez Khuri

There also seems to be a great amount of respect for him from the players, which is equally as important.

That respect probably comes from his past as well.

From 1990-95, Ogg served as the Associate Athletics Director/Interim Athletics Director at OCC, and has held a full-time job at the Auburn Hills Campus as the Health and Physical Education Facility Manager since 1980.

That just shows all of the dedication he has towards athletics and athletes.

The reason I chose Ogg for this

column is not only because of his accomplishments in his career. I believe that some people on this campus can really learn from him about kindness and being courteous to others.

Most of the people I have spoken to don't really need to learn that lesson, but there are a few who do.

Every time I have ever needed to speak to him, coach Ogg has been nothing but kind to me. Even if he was having a bad day, he would always do his best not to show it.

He is a true role model. I tip my hat to you coach!

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Baseball beats U-M for second win of season

Freshmen pitchers Morenko, Carmosino come up big for Grizzlies

By Ramez Khuri
SPORTS EDITOR

The day after splitting a double header with Detroit last Tuesday, OU's baseball team got its second win of the season at U-M.

The Grizzlies split the double header against the Wolverines, winning 3-2, and losing 3-0.

In the first game, OU did all of its' damage in the first inning, as Josh Masden scored on an RBI single by Kip Harris. Michael Trosen then doubled down the in field line and picked up two RBI, scoring Harris and Nick DiPonio.

The game remained scoreless until the fifth inning when the Wolverines picked up two runs to cut the Grizzlies lead down to one. There was no more scoring after that, and OU won the game. Brad Morenko was the winning pitcher for the Grizzlies.

The second game didn't fair as well for OU. U-M scored one in the first and two in the fifth inning for the shut out. Dominic Carmosino took the loss for the Grizzlies.

"Our two freshmen, Brad Morenko and

Dominic Carmosino threw the ball extremely well," said coach Mark Avery. "Dominic gave up two earned runs and Brad gave up none. That's just a great performance against a great program like Michigan, and we scored enough to win one and we didn't score enough to win the other."

The Grizzlies then traveled to Oral Roberts for two double headers over the weekend.

The first two games were ones that Avery would like to forget, as his team lost 20-1 and 16-1. Scoring for OU was Harris in the first game, and Matt Gabrielli in the second.

"We ran into a typical Oral Roberts situation, but it was cleared up by day two," said Avery. "Our freshmen once again pitched really well on the second day."

OU lost both games of the second double header, 5-1 and 5-4.

Morenko pitched four innings of the first game, giving up five hits and two earned runs. DiPonio scored the one run for OU.

The second game started out well for the black and gold, as OU jumped out to a 4-0

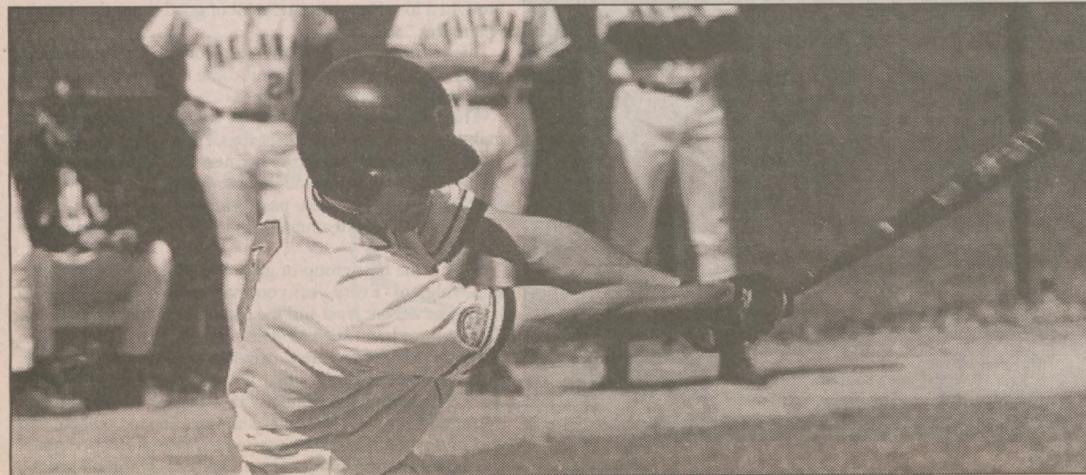
lead in the first inning. That was all of the scoring for the Grizzlies however and the Golden Eagles tied the score at 4 in the second. Oral Roberts took the lead in the third by one run, and that was all they needed for the win.

Carmosino went the whole way for the Grizzlies, giving up five earned runs and five hits.

Scoring for the Grizzlies was Ryan Freiburger, DiPonio, Harris and Casey Caid.

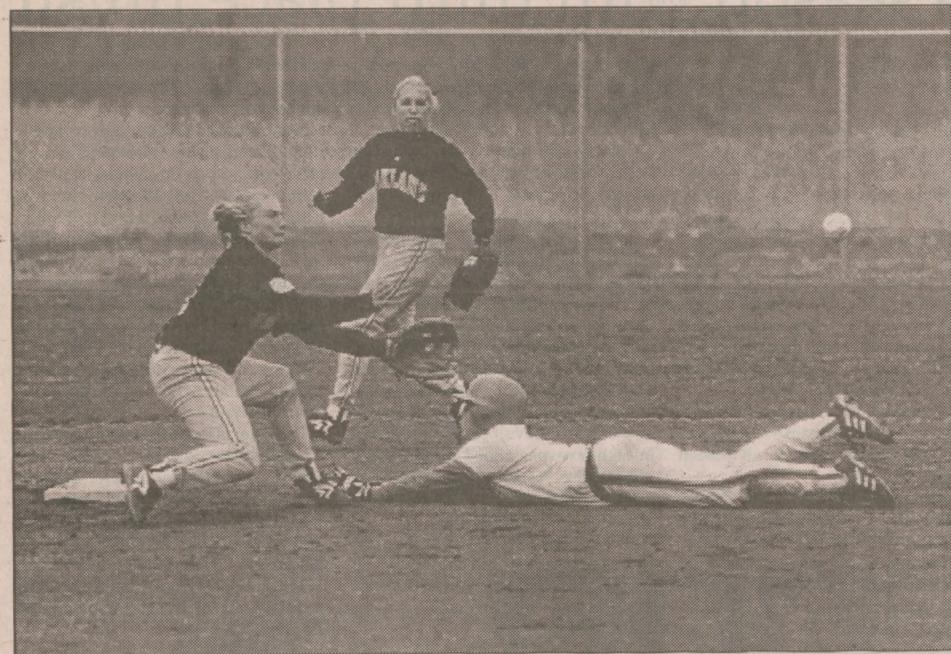
"We have played a lot of tough teams," said Avery. "I think one team we have played against up to this point is under .500. Most of the teams are ten games or more over .500. Most teams that we have played, if you look at their records will be like 20-5, and 19-6. Hopefully we will play as well as we are playing now as we go into our primary schedule where most of the teams aren't under .500, so that should give us an opportunity if we can continue playing as well as we're playing to start winning some ball games."

The Grizzlies host Central Michigan today at 2 p.m.



LOOK AT THE WIND UP BABY! :Kurt Spyke gets ready to throw a heater (above), while Erik Crossley practices swinging the bat (left).The Grizzlies split a double header at U-M, then lost four in a row to Oral Roberts. OU hosts Central Michigan today at 2p.m.

Softball loses double headers to CMU, Illinois-Chicago



YOUR OUT : Ericka Burns and Bozenna Johnson team up to get the opponent out in a game played last season. The Grizzlies lost two sets of double headers to Central Michigan and Illinois-Chicago, and now face MSU today at 2 p.m.

By Jeff Theisen
THE OAKLAND POST

Wins and losses are not the only indicator of how a team is doing. Learning from the mistakes and using the lessons to be better prepared later in the season is what softball coach Steve Ogg is concerned with. The schedule is loaded with some of the best teams in the nation and University of Illinois-Chicago and Central Michigan are two teams that played in the National tournament last year.

"I want them to see these teams so they won't be in awe of them," Ogg said. "We are trying to schedule the toughest opponents that we can for experience."

OU lost a double header at Central Michigan on Wednesday 2-0 and 5-2. In the first game Chippewa's pitcher Amber Puchalski threw a no hitter while striking out 13 and allowing just one walk. "(Puchalski) is a potential All-American pitcher," Ogg said. "Central is a real good team that made it to the Nationals last year." Jaymie Voss pitched well for OU allowing just four hits and two runs over six innings of work but picked up a tough loss.

"Jaymie is coming along real well," Ogg said. "She has a real good drop pitch at about 62 mph and that is equivalent to about 90-95 mph in baseball."

In the second game, CMU used a four run fourth inning to sweep the double header. Lauren Seffens led OU in the second game

going 3-3 with a double and both of the RBI.

Friday's double header at UIC was a bitter cold and windy day with the wind chill dipping into the teens. The Golden Grizzlies battled back in the seventh inning to tie the game 2-2 on a RBI single by Ericka Burns. The bottom of the seventh, UIC was able to push the winning run across with two outs thwarting a chance at picking up the win in extra innings. Nature played it's part against OU when the wind held up a couple of deep drives by Keri Sedgley and Voss that would have been home runs without the 30 plus mile per hour winds.

The UIC offense took over in the second game jumping out to a quick 3-0 lead and never looking back. OU had trouble hitting Allison Aguilar who allowed just four hits and one run pitching a complete game for UIC.

"UIC was probably the best team that we have played so far," Ogg said. "They hosted the Regionals in the National tournament last year."

The fear for Ogg is that the team might lose confidence playing such high caliber teams but the fact that the team is young and as Ogg states, "A very close team," gives him hope that the lessons learned now, will pay big dividends later.

OU will play non-league games Tuesday at Michigan (DH) and Wednesday for a single game at Michigan State before getting back to Mid-Con action Friday and Saturday at Southern Utah.

Mid-Continent Conference Standings

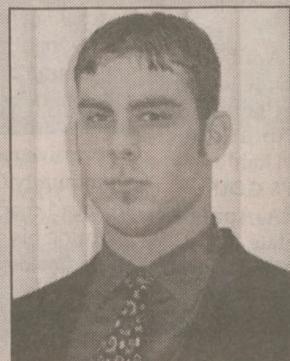
Baseball		Softball	
Conference	Overall	Conference	Overall
Oral Roberts	4-0 19-6	Oakland	2-0 6-16
Southern Utah	4-0 5-22	Southern Utah	7-1 16-21
Valparaiso	3-1 9-11	Western Illinois	6-1 15-11
IUPUI	2-2 6-15	UMKC	7-4 11-20
Western Illinois	2-2 3-18	Youngstown State	2-6 6-20
Youngstown State	1-3 9-9	IUPUI	1-7 13-20
Chicago State	0-4 4-15	Valparaiso	0-6 2-22
Oakland	0-4 2-19		

the Golden Grizzly

BRAD MORENKO

Freshman Pitcher Brad Morenko came up big for his team, as he earned the second win of the Grizzlies season over U-M, 3-2. He pitched the entire game for OU, allowing no earned runs and seven hits. The Grizzlies now face Central Michigan today at 2 p.m. before traveling to IUPUI for two double headers this weekend

-Ramez Khuri



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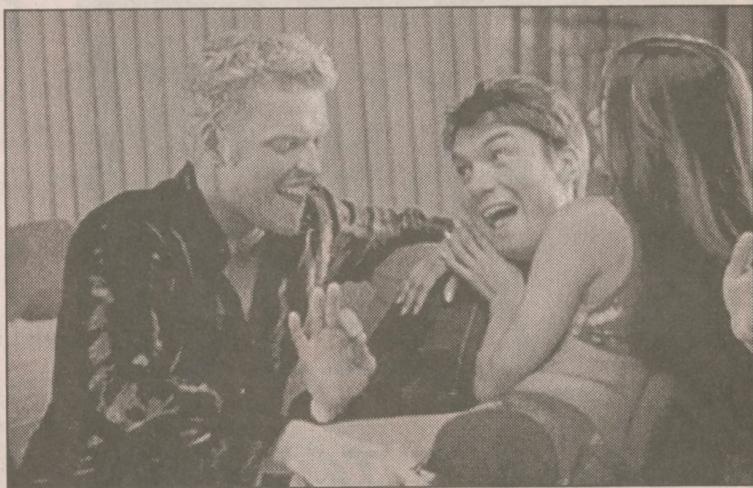


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BOYS WILL BE BOYS: Michael (Jerry O'Connell, center) celebrates at a bachelor party for Kyle (Jake Busey, left). Michael tries to marry off his friend in order to win a bet that will pay off his Vegas casino creditors in the film "Tomcats." The film is now playing in theaters.

O'Connell, Elizabeth, Busey star in 'Tomcats'

By Robert Boulanger
THE OAKLAND POST

If viewers miss movies like "American Pie," "Chasing Amy," "Road Trip," "There's Something About Mary" or have a belief that creativity is no longer needed to make a good motion picture, then "Tomcats" is the movie to see to confirm those beliefs.

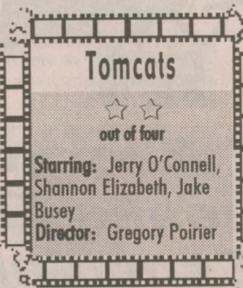
"Tomcats" stars Jerry O'Connell ("Can't Hardly Wait," "Jerry Maguire") as Michael Delaney, a struggling cartoonist who goes overboard impressing a hot redhead, played by Supermodel Amber Smith, at a casino game of craps.

He loses \$51,000 and owes it to the Casino's owner "Carlos the Mobster," played by Bill Maher ("Politically Incorrect"). This is perhaps the weirdest casting pick thus far.

In an amazing twist of fate, so typical for a plot this poor, the amount that he owes just so happens to be the same amount as a kitty produced by Michael and his friends who call themselves the "Tomcats."

Seven years prior the friends pooled money together to purchase a mutual fund and the winner of a bet receives the interest on the fund. The winner is the Tomcat who stays single the longest.

Now, only one person stands in Michael's way: Kyle Brenner (Jake Busey of "Held Up" and "Shasta McNasty") a man who feels he is des-



tinued to sleep with every woman on the face of the earth.

In a lame physical gag scene on a golf course, Michael learns that Jake has one weak spot, a woman he actually thought about marrying, Natalie Parker, (Shannon Elizabeth of "American Pie").

The story goes downhill from there, no longer building a plot but just attempting to make the next scene have some coherence with the scene before it.

Each of these scenes becomes an obviously contrived attempt at making moviegoers laugh. The jokes are almost always re-warmed humor showing next to no sign of creativity. While sitting through many of the failed jokes, viewers will gain an overwhelming sense of déjà vu.

Wasn't the whole comic book guy thing done in Chasing Amy? Wasn't the fat guy falling and screaming done by the late Chris Farley?

Wasn't the Peeping Tom scene done in "There's Something About Mary?"

This is not to say that "Tomcats" won't make people laugh. When a movie continually tries to copy other movies' signature jokes, it can succeed. "Tomcats" often does.

There's a wild chase across a hospital after a testicle, (don't ask), but how this applies to the plot is a mystery. Unfortunately, this scene was

not the standard for the movie and would have been great if just left in a "Saturday Night Live" skit.

The whole movie had a Saturday Night Live feel to it.

This seemed to have made acting difficult because characters had to often take on a new persona to fill the needs of the scene while still trying to play a character true to the rest of the movie. The result ended in producing characters who are flat and irritating.

Poor Jerry O'Connell could be said to have had the hardest time being the main character, having to become different stereotypes of men for each of the movies many scenes.

The actresses weren't faced with this problem since the movie was geared towards men and showed as many suggestive shots of T & A as possible.

What age group and maturity level of men was this geared to? Likely one below the film's R rating.

Ironically enough, even though "Tomcats" was generally geared towards men, it featured as many scenes with men with their shirts off as women in skimpy "I can't afford underwear" outfits. Hey, the movie had to be politically correct!

Overall, the movie succeeded in making people laugh but the ridiculously redundant scenes were too much to bear.

If viewers have nothing better to do one day and are looking for a little laugh, rent this movie when it comes out on VHS or DVD.

Until that time, don't waste the money seeing it in a movie theater charging anything more than a \$1.

Local coffee shop jumps with flavor, fun, energy

By Courtney Bertrand
THE OAKLAND POST

America's drug of choice (coffee, of course!) has finally found a worthy arena at Jumpin Java Cafe.

Just sit back in a mismatched comfy couch, sip on a scrumptious raspberry white chocolate espresso and you will know that you have found coffee house heaven, complete with blue sky-covered ceilings.

Cobalt's own Friday night DJ opened the Lake Orion coffee house in February 2000. Dressed in casual slacks and rainbow-colored Docs, DJ TimmyD smiles lazily when asked his age and says, "We'll leave that part out."

OU student Nadia Kaminski describes Jumpin Java as having "a really good eclectic feel to it."

The staff obviously enjoys the mellow atmosphere. "I came with the place," OU alumni Mindi Wolvin said.

She worked with former owner and friend, Tracey Harris, and decided to stay when a new owner came because she loves the people and the job.

Cafe owner DJ TimmyD designed the cozy place to appeal to everyone. For early risers, Jumpin Java opens at 6 a.m. Monday-Friday offering an all-you-can-eat breakfast for only \$2.99.

The cafe also caters to the artistic community. Tim is an avid supporter of local talent. Every Friday and Saturday night, a band plays. Some groups who have frequented the cafe include: Turbulent, Glowb Trio, The Least of These, Tribal Traktion and Tilt. The bands that play are described as anything from "jazz

to rock to punk."

Tuesday is open mic night and people from all walks of life can be found on stage testing out their musical aspirations.

Upcoming bands include The Outsiders on Saturday, April 7, Bob's Other Brothers on April 13, Brother Lewigi on April 14, Waterford Jazz on April 21, Eight Bit Ninjas on April 27 and LA Dance Troop on April 28.

An independent film night is in the works as well. Tim already has a wall-sized screen in the back of the cafe. He is now in search of artists who would like to view their films. Any interested filmmakers should give him a call.

DJ TimmyD plays trance and house music on Sunday nights if you want to mellow out with a good vibe and cozy atmosphere.

If you're searching for that perfect cup-o'-joe, if you have an ice cream craving that just can't be ignored, or if you just want to hang out in a non-bar atmosphere for a change, Jumpin Java's the place to go.

It's complete with a pool table, a disco ball, board games, a Mr. Do's Wild Ride (kind of like Donkey Kong) and even some Van Gogh prints for sale.

"Hop in your car an drive up here. It's cool!" Tim promises.

Jumpin Java is located 15 minutes from OU's campus at 36 West Flint in Lake Orion. For more information, please call 248.693.4424 or email Jumpinjavacafe@aol.com.



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SPIN BABY: DJ TimmyD, owner of the Jumpin Java Cafe in downtown Lake Orion, spins house and trance music at the cafe on Sunday nights. He can also be found spinning music at the club Cobalt on Friday nights.

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Friday the 13th

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